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SAN JOSE VIGILANTES THREATEN FARM LABOR

E. Bay Strike Foes on Spot Men of God Leave a Peace Service for a Military Review BURN FIERY

PROGRESSIVES LEAD COUNCIL AID TO STRIKE

California Cotton, Young Wire, And American Can Strikers Continue Solid in

Struggles

BLAST SPOONER

Labor Council Demands Action Against Brutaliy of Police

OAKLAND.— With the strikes of over 1000 workers in the California Cotton Mills, the L. Latter Defeats Engstrom For A. Young Steel Wire, and the American Can continuing solid Central Council Secretary Spooner, a reactionary, has been put on the spot for attempting to sabotage the strike movement in the East Bay area.

Spooner received a lashing

if it were not a fact that he had Firemen. flatly refused to see a regularly elected committee from the San Pedro Sailors' Union was bankers themselves were present United Textile Workers' Union, elected vice president over C. D. to add their poisonous contribubecause there was a Communist Bentley, San Francisco, Marine tions. in the group sent by the Calif- Engineers, and F. M. Kelley, ornia Cotton strikers. Spooner San Francisco, of the Marine admitted this fact.

SPOONER ON THE SPOT or urging the workers of the Stewards. Young plant to go back to work

with no gains. Spooner was turned down flat when he presented the mayor's letter to the workers. In speaking of the California Cotton Mills strike, he called the strike "unauthorized" and

stated that he would not deal with it as long as it was led by "certain people," meaning Communists and other militant

After Spooner's admission that he refused to see the cotton mill draft amendments and resolutions strikers' elected delegation, a delegate arose and said, "It seems of the membership. that these Communists have been organizing the workers into the A. F. of L., which is the task of of Tuesday afternoon's session our officials. Spooner has ad- was taken up with deliberations mitted that two Communists or- on resolution 44, which containganized this union. It is incon- ed a proposed constitutional ceivable that our secretary amendment providing for the should take a stand in refusing creation of a sub-executive comto deal with this regularly elected committee. If the Commun- dent, vice president, secretary. ists are organizing the workers and four members of the Federinto the A. F. of L. unions this ation's executive board, one from council is going to give them full support and backing."

Incidentally, a motion by a reactionary delegate to close the committee shall meet at a duly the Socialist Party, even though Council meetings to visitors was defeated by 60 to 14, one delegate stating that dealings in the tire Federation. Council should be given the wid-

LITTLE REACTIONARY SUPPORT (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Workers' Shop Raided Again

LOS ANGELES, June 10. -For the second time in two months the International Book Store 244 West 6th street, San Pedro, was broken into by vandals last night and all books removed from shelves and thrown in a heap on the floor.

Investigation of the affair is now under way.

FEDERATION RE-ELECTS WM. FISCHER

President; National Federation Is Favored

SAN PEDRO.-The Second Annual Convention of the Maritime down on the first ballot, the nafrom Paul Heide, militant dele Federation of the Pacific, which tional convention of the Repubgate of the Warehousemen's Un- concluded on Thursday, re-elected lican Party today was busy conwho was beaten up by po- William Fischer as president of the organization, over James under Liberty League auspices. picket line. Heide asked Spooner Engstrom, of the Seattle Marine

H. P. Christofferson, of the Engineers was elected secretary treasurer over Max Behsen, San He read a letter from the may- Francisco, Marine Cooks and

> The convention advocated the fermation of a Maritime and Transportation Federation of America, the national federation gel." to be within the framework of the A. F. of L. and to seek affiliation to it.

The proposed national federation would include all unions in the maritime industry.

The convention, in its closing hours, named a committee to to be submitted to a referendum

RESOLUTION 44

The entire morning and part mittee, to consist of the presimember to be elected by each Council. This executive sub-

shall decide whether the em- tions against war aggressors. ergency warrants such a meeting. The decisions of the exec- erick Steiwer, of Oregon, whose (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

WALL STREET MEN BREWING GOP PLATFORM

Hearst's "Lackey Landon' Gets Presidential Nomination on First Republican Ballot

FIGHT SANCTIONS

Keynoter Steiner Speaks Mind Of Wall Street Against "New Deal"

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, June 12.-Alf "Lackey" Landon was nominated on the first ballot by acclamation last night.

CLEVELAND, June 11.-With Hearst's lackey, Governor Alf Landon, apparently due to win the Republican nomination hands cocting its presidential platform

Not only were the banker-dominated politicians engaging in the platform's brewing, but the

Prominent in the caucuses were B. M. Anderson, of the Chase National Bank; Ogden L. Mills, secretary of the treasury under Hoover, and known official representative of Wall Street; and W. B. Bell, of American Cyanamid Company, Landon's "an-

Planks made known thus far 27th and 28th. included maintenance of "sound money" without mention of the gold standard or of "managed currency," and withdrawal of the President's power to change tion to U.S. entry in the League of Nations or World Court, with more "neutrality" legislation so as to avoid "the danger of being tions;" budget balancing "as quick peal campaign against the Crimdemagogic plank suggested by not only speaking "personally"

AGAINST SANCTIONS

Interesting commentary on this platform was seen in the fact each District Council, such board that the fascist-minded Republicans are taking to the position against sanctions advocated by designated place in the event of for different reasons. The Rean emergency affecting the en- publican stand indicates clearly the unrealistic approach of the Two or more District Councils | Socialists to the question of sanc-

Keynoter was Senator Fred-

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1) ALL SET FOR MARITIME SHEBANG SAT. AND SUN.

AFL Labor Temple Offered for Mass Meet Against C.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12 .-Impetus to tthe organization of the state-wide mobilization on June 27th and 26th for circulation of the petitions to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, was added here today when it was announced that another central labor body of the A. F. of L. has endorsed the campaign.

The Stockton Central Labor Council has not only endorsed the iniative petition campaign, but has offered the use of its temple for an anti-C. S. mass meeting next Saturday night, it was reported by Roy Wilbur, field organizer for the state Con ference for Repeal of the C. S.

A mass campaign for signatures will be carried on in this area of 60,000 voters, declared Wilbur. Meanwhile, through California,

plans for the gigantic mobilization on June 27th and 28th were going forward.

The State Conference today issued a call for donations to a radio fund, so that a state-wide broadcast on the petition campaign may be held just before the mobilization. All funds should be directed to the State Conference at 68 Haight street, San Francisco.

Organizations of all types from trade unions to churcheswere reported to be developing plans for mobilizing circulators at their respective headquarters during the two day drive. Aslikewise being strengthened.

Jack Grane Makes the value of the dollar; opposi- Appeal to Workers

By Jack Crane

I have been asked for a perdragged into war through coop- sonal statement to the people eration in application of sanc- of California on the iniative reas possible," but setting no time inal Syndicalism Act. However, limit for the balancing; vague, as far as I am concerned I am Senator Borah to "curb monop- or even for my fellow workers with me under this pro-capital-

I am speaking for and to all prison do not want any of them

to join us because of this law tion. We know why we are in prison -because we were active in organizing the oppressed and exploited agricultural workers, who were successful in winning improved conditions, and because the ruling class of California is determined to crush, if it can, the organized labor movement.

The campaign to repeal the C. S. Act is not only to free us, it is to free all workers of Calter, American standard of living. vail.

This petition campaign must become a central issue for the mighty people's front against all be futile to expect Roosevelt to types of reaction.

cates Japanese soldiers are hearing the tend military review. same thing. After attending peace services

Workers' Groups Will Attend National Communist

Convention

A quota of 10,000 petition cir. Party has issued invitations to culators out on the streets, in trade unions, workers' fraternal the shops, at the beaches, in front and cultural organizations, and to of theatres, and elsewhere, is liberal groups to send delegates being set as the goal for June to the Ninth National Convention of the Party. The Convention is to be held June 24 to 28, at Manhattan Opera House, New

> Special invitations to these organizations, to attend with their banners, the session at Madison Square Garden, on Sunday evening, June 28, have also been

pecially great in view of the significance of the 1936 election campaign to the toiling masses The deliberations of the Convenoly as one means of aiding the and comrades who are in prison tion are the property of the masses of people, because they will revolve around the methods of opposing, by united action, the the workers and poor farmers growing reaction, and the treand anti-fascists pro-labor peo mendous concentration of the ple in the state. I am speaking most sinister anti-labor pro-fasbecause we who are already in cist forces in the Republican-Hearst-Liberty League combina-

FASCIST TRENDS

The recent Supreme Court decision blotting out minimum wage laws was the culmination of a long series of the dangerous judicial attacks on the rights of the masses of people, the Communist Party points out, and this, combined with the revelations of the murder and terror ifornia from the danger of join- carried out by the fascist Black against oppression and for a bet tioned combination should pre-

At the same time, the Complace effective barriers in the I want to appeal, in particu- path of the Liberty League, bevance of the fascist forces.

For this reason a pre-conven-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Nations of the World Boiling With Internal Conflicts; Except Russia

at the Senoji shrine, these priests, garbed

in gas masks, are leaving the temple to at-

THE NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION MOST DEMOCRATIC ON EARTH

Rightist forces in Spain, in their efforts to disrupt the people's election victory, are pursuing their campaign of assassinations, intrigues, riots and sabotage. Stern government liante activities is foreshadowed sembly district committees are Committee of the Communist action to restrain the reactionary vandals is being exerted. by the threat. Meanwhile, workers are defending themselves in the streets wherever attacked.

> Strikes for higher wages and cisive action. The Nanking govbetter conditions are sweeping ernment can no longer mark the country. General strikes have been called in Malaga and Es- hypocrisy. It must either join the

> In France, hundreds of thousands of workers are striking to and face revolution in China. win the same improvements gained by the one million strikers who won a decisive victory a few days ago. The strikes are mare of political turmoil and orderly and disciplined, and conducted by the most advanced

Workers are calling off strikes and returning to work rapidly, but not until the demands won in the struggle are granted in fact by the employers.

THE WAR MAKERS The situation throughout Ger- ress. many, Italy, Poland and Austria is one in which dictators are the growing economic crisis within their borders overtakes them. Munitions factories are working day and night and armies are being drilled and primed with intensity.

Nations and proclaim his al-REVOLT IN CHINA

In China, indignation and resentment against the dishonest Nanking government and its dictator, Chiang Kai-Shek threatcontrolled regions in defiance of ysis of the constitution. created a situation requiring de- Page 5.)

time behind a smoke screen of Cantonese and oppose the Japanese, or oppose the Cantonese

AMERICAN HYSTERIA

America approaches the presidential elections with a nightdemagogy unmatched in its history. Practical problems of the conventions of agricultural work-The Ninth Communist Party strike strategy in which work- nation pass unrecognized while ers are to be held, out of which Convention's importance is es- ers occupy the factories, strike the political medicine men of a coordinating council will be on the job, and remain on the the nation lift their voices in a set up, it was announced by premisis until the strike is set- pandemonium of howling in the Sam White, secretary of the Fedname of "Americanism." (See eration of Agricultural, Cannery other columns for news.)

> stands as the only orderly coun- Stockton conference last weektry of the earth. No unemploy- end. ment; steadily improving conditions; smooth and rapid prog-

The workers of the U. S. S. R. to give their support for this. are now in the process of adoptconducting feverish negotiations ing a new and improved constito form a war alliance before tution which will unquestionably nor was any plan announced to be the most democratic in the place responsibility for the orworld. Class antagonisms having been liquidated, economic insecurity done away with, race hatreds dissolved. As the only Council as well as the agriculturtruly united people of the earth, It is predicted Mussolini will the Soviets will have a constituwithdraw from the League of tion which, in the words of Stalin "reflects a real freedom of liance with the other fascist pow- personality, the freedom and ers at the next Geneva session. wide possibility of a healthy, Garrison, of Lodi, chairman of

ber of society." Among the new features of the new constitution, which has not yet been released for publicaens to express itself in revolu- tion, are the secret ballot, election tion. Demands of the people for of higher officials by broad elecarmed resistance against Japan tions rather than through the have become more than Chiang pyramiding structure of smaller can suppress. The spectacular committees, and equal represennorthward toward the Japanese Worker will carry detailed anal-

CROSSES IN

White Announces Organizing Campaign Will Start For Agricultural Workers

PLANS VAGUE

Progressive Proposals Would Pick Points of Concentration

SAN JOSE.—Three fiery crosses casting their sinister glare over the hills in this valley on Wednesday were intended by viglantes as a warning to the agricultural workers who begin work on the apricot harvest in about a

weék or so. People in the vicinity where the crosses were burned are reported as too terrorized to report on what they know about the threat by the vigilantes to the

agricultural workers. It is significant that the threat comes immediately following the California Conference of Agricultural workers held in Stocks ton last Saturday and Sunday, at which rank and file delegates from agricultural unions displayed a sentiment showing determination for an organization

campaign throughout the state. VIGILANTE REVIVAL SEEN The crosses were so placed that they cast their glare over the towns of Evergreen, Berryessa and Milpitas, important orchard areas. A definite revival of vig-

Sheriff Lyle showed his solidarity with the vigilantes, when he said he would "invite troublemakers right out again," meaning union organizers or militant

agricultural workers. A vigilante committee has been in existence here since two years ago, when over a score of militant agricultural workers and their leaders were kidnaped and beaten and then taken over the county line.

ANNOUNCE ORGANIZATION PLANS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Section and Packing Workers of Califor-Meanwhile, the Soviet Union nia, which was organized at the

> An A. F. of L. charter will be asked shortly after, said White, and other unions will be asked

> White announced no definite dates for the section conventions, ganization drive on any special group, such as a state committee representing every Labor al unions. No concentration points were announced in which the or-

ganization drive is to be started. White issued a statement attacking the statement of Walter creative life for each honest mem the Central Valley Council of the State Chamber of Commerce, to the effect that agricultural workers are not underpaid.

Work to Free Simpson

SEATTLE.—The Seattle branches of the Sailors Union and demonstration of 200,000 Can- tation for peasants and workers. of the Marine Firemen have set tonese troops who are marching Ensuing issues of the Western up a committee to work for the release of Lawrence Simpson, American seaman held in a Nathe Nanking government, has (More International News on zi camp in Germany since last

in the formal opening.

bang" nights! That's when maritime labor's new Recreation Center will be formally opened, Maritime Federation convention

and Sunday are the big "She-

Northern delegates on their ditions in general. them by local Maritime Feder- of dance music furnished by 15 cents extra for reserved seats. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

file candidate for district secre-

tary of the I. L. A, Harry Bridges accepted the inand Harry Bridges, together with vitation to be present in a telethe delegates returning from the gram to local headquarters and Saturday and Sunday nights, on toiling people, leading toward a munist Party points out, it would held in San Pedro will be at big crowd at Dreamland not only will prevail.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Saturday ation members. Among the two bands—Joe Mandel's and

Advance sale of tickets indicates a banner throng for both will have something to tell the both of which a carnival spirit

Dreamland Auditorum to help on what happened at the San The proceeds go to the newly Pedro conventions but about con- constructed Union Recreational lar, to the Musicians' Union, of cause he has abandoned posiway home will stop over and There will be plenty of the furnishings and equipment. Ad- New York City until I left with a hearty send-off is promised right sort of entertainment, lots mission is only 20 cents, with a withdrawal card. And I want

Northern bunch will be Matt Phil Shapiro's, and vaudeville ing us in prison if they dare to Legion showing that conditions acts will occupy the center of the organize for a militant fight would prevail if the above-men-

Center at 32 Clay street, for which I was once a member in tion after position before the ad-

East or West, God is always on "our"

side. And this picture from Japan indi-

ARE LEADERS OF STRUGGLE

Composition of Delegates to State Convention Reveals Role of the Party In Calif.

The composition of the 152 delegates to the California State Convention of the Communist Party U. S. A. is an indication of the role of the Party in the mass struggles of the workers and farmers of California. It is also the best answer to the Hearst red-baiting propaganda that Communists are professional agitators who are imported from Moscow to disturb the happy and contented American people.

Of the 94 regular and 58 fraternal delegates to the convention the overwhelming majority were native-born Americans: of the regular delegates, 73 out of 94; of the fraternal, 39 out of 58. There were 9 Negro delegates, 3 Mexican Workers, I Chinese, and 3 Japanese; also 22 women and 16 youth delegates. Fifty of the regular delegates were industrial workers; 9 agricultural workers and farmers; 23 were professional and office workers Thirty-one of the fraternal delegates were industrial workers, 5 agricultural workers and farmers; 20 professional and office

Fifty of the regular delegates were members of trade unions; 20 of the fraternal delegates were members of trade unions. There were 14 maritime workers, 10 needle trades, 15 building trades, 8 railroad transportation, 3 oil nine from metal trades and steel and the balance from rubber, electrical, aircraft, and miscellaneous industries.

The former political affiliations of the delegates before join ing the Communist Party were as follows: Democrats, 18; Republicans, 8; Socialist, 20; Epics, 2; IWW, 5; and 7 who had been both Reublicans and Democrats Five were active in Townsend organizations, four in the Epics. 2 in Coughlin clubs, 8 in church organizations, and 18 in unem ployed organizations.

The big majority of the delegates were comrades active in the lower Party organizations (sections, sub-sections, and units) and in mass organizations, fighting for militant and progressive policies in the unions, for the united front against war and fascism, for a Farmer-Labor Par

Wall St. Builds G.O.P. Platform

(Continued From Page 1) speech was described by Borah as "sturdy." Certainly he spoke the mind of Wall Street, with what demagogy he could muster to disguise its fascist intentions.

Without stating his known position against income taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations, Steiwer attacked taxation as a "seizure of purchasing power" which supports "a vast bureaucracy, billets bureaucrats on every family and curtails the ability of that family to provide for itself."

the minimum legislation of the and re-echoed the slogans of Roosevelt administration, now chiefly voided by the Supreme Court, was bitterly attacked, as

expected. NOTHING FOR JOBLESS

The disgracefully inadequate appropriations for unemployment relief were fired at by Steiwer, who charged that the administration "is equipped with a monstrous, reckless propaganda machine, operating with taxpayers' waste-basket, money to advance its own ends." In addition to the speech by

Steiwer, ex-President Hoover

Regulation of industry, even also advanced the same "line," of the A. F. of L. described as "looking a little ragged from recent encounters with John L Lewis," fought Allen's plank despite the fact that the openshoppers are taking the recent League for more than a year. Supreme Court decision against New York's minimum wage law as a signal for an onslaught on wages for women and children. Green also proposed an amend-

WAGES "SURRENDER" Even President William Green

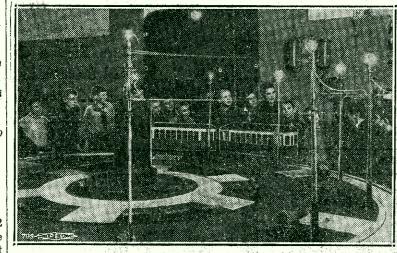
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SEEING IS believing—and learning—say Soviet edu cation leaders, so they installed a miniature trolley line at the new Palace of Pioneers in Kharkov. Note the children's rapt attention as their teacher explains the principles of electricity and locomotion.

SECTION QUOTAS FOR BUNDLES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTED

Suggested Control Task for Second Two Months of Circulation Drive June 1 to August 1

NOTE: As regards subscriptions, these quotas are based on the performance of the sections during the first two months of the drive. The bundle quotas are practically unchanged from the quotas accepted by the sections for the first period, and which were not attained.

It must be remembered that these quotas are for additional papers over and above the present circulation within the various sections. For instance, if a section sells the number of subs indicated by the quota at the same time a nearly equal number of present subscribers are lost; the last subs must be deducted from the subs sent in to obtain the actual number achieved by the A. F. of L. State Federation would be towards the quota goal. The quota for bundles is also for a NET GAIN.

During the next two months there will be a weekly report of the standing of the sections published in the Western Worker.

178.70	Subscription Quota	Bundle Quota	
Section	(Net gain in sub list)	(Net gain in bundle)	Tota
Los Angeles	s 300	400	700
San Francisc	o 100	380	480
East Bay	30	200	230
San Diego	. 20		70
San Bernard	ino10 ,	50 and 5	460
San Mateo	20	30 ~ ○	50
Contra Costa	20	25	45
Sonoma	28	13	23
San Jose	6	15	21
Monterey	. 6	25	31
Sacramento	10	25	35
Stockton	5	15	20
Eureka	6	25	31
Fort Bragg	10	10.	20
Merced	5	10	15
Fresno	6	15	21
Tulare	5	20	25
Bakersfield	5	15	20
Santa Barbai	ra 10	15	25
TOTAL	502	1240	1000
TOTALS	582	1340	1922

Control Task on Advertising, to be Achieved August 1st San Francisco Section, \$100 per mo.; East Bay Section, \$25 per mo.; Los Angeles Section, \$100 per mo.; San Diego,

Each other section is to obtain \$3.50 per month in ad vertising or its equivalent in donations from sympathetic busi-

"save the Constitution" and "the American system over the New Deal," which have been advanced by the fascist Liberty

A proposal by William Allen White, Kansas horn-tooter for Landon, for a plank advocating a constitutional amendment to permit state minimum wage laws, appeared headed for the

FEDERATION KEEPS

ment requiring a two-thirds vote

of the Supreme Court-6 to 3-

to void any state or federal law,

but the politicians howled him

down. The retention of its au-

tocratic powers by the Supreme

(Continued from Page 1) utive sub-committee are to be referred to the Executive Committee or to the District Councils, whichever has jurisdiction under other articles of the constitution, for their disposition.

WORKING CLASS!

What the Stockton Agricultural Conference Did and What It Could Have Done

workers was taken in the California Confer- to take the floor. ence of Agricultural Workers held in Stock- This was because a small group of the sponton on June 6 and 7. But the step was a bit soring committee dominated the Conference in too timid.

in fiery terms of their slavery and of the need paign, as submitted by Delegate Diner and in 250,000 agricultural workers of the state were shoved aside.

from any militant program of action.

and onto agricultural jobs at much lower scales, cils in the cotton and beet area in this.

And there was Edward Vandeleur, secreon the Conference.

port for organization of the agricultural workers eration would be forced to work closely. no be taken as a slander aimed at the militant n struggles of the agricultural workers in the past which brought about such gains as these workers have made. It was a direct contrast with the spirit displayed by such a delegate as Minsolas, one of the Los Angeles strikers.

The organization plans coming out of the conference represent a step forward insofar as they declare for an ultimate object of getting all agricultural unions into the A. F. of L.; 5 inasmuch as they include all unions, A. F. of L. and indepedent, in the coordaniting council.

A step forward was also made in the resolution of the Wages and Hours Committee,

unions, at which application for an international workers. charter is to be made; but no date for such a convention was set.

the agricultural workers' conditions; even though immedite organization campaign on the basis state their side of the picture, a large number cultural workers.

A step forward toward organization of the of rank and file delegates from central labor AWAY FROM more than 250,000 California agricultural councils and trade unions were not permitted

an absolutely undemocratic manner. Certain The 200 or so in attendance presented an Socialists and unprogressive A. F. of L. of interesting picture. There were workers from ficials indulged in machine-rolling and the rethe sheds and the fields, including Filipino, sult was that proposals which would mean an Mexican and Japanese workers. They spoke immediate down-to-business organization camto fight it fearlessly. When they spoke, the the letter of Pat Chambers were completely

No further research and investigation is There were present, too, representatives of needed to prove that the conditions of the agrithe growers, who professed their love for their cultural workers are the worst in America. employees, provided their profits do not suffer. What is needed, and it must be stated sharply, graft and chicanery by placing matters affecting police conduct They were there to sway the Conference away what the Conference should have decided upon, is an immediate, well-planned organiza-There were present also and quite vociferous, tion campaign. This was the sentiment of the sleek government representatives, such as Mr. delegates from the agricultural unions and from Edwin Cooley of the WPA, who, in the slick- other union bodies, and had their opinion been the conduct of the police force, est manner, assured the delegates that the WPA given fullest consideration, the Conference would was willing to assist the agricultural workers, have selected concentration points to start with Board of Supervisors in order to but who was made to look pretty miserable out delay the organization campaign—such as get it placed on either the Auwhen the agricultural workers' questions came the two major permanent crops of the state, thick and fast regarding specific incidents of cotton and beets, and steps would have been WPA workers being forced off WPA jobs taken to closely involve the central labor coun-

Such a progressive proposal would have tary of the State Federation of Labor, whose been adopted as the setting up of a state com-"conservative influence" has been hailed with mittee, in addition to the council decided on, so much glee in the capitalist press comment upon which all Central Labor bodies would be represented and which would be the main or-Vandeleur told the Conference that any sup- ganizing committee, with which the State Fed-

The Conference proposed an appeal for conditional on "orderly procedure." Such a funds to finance the organizing drive, but this to demanding his dismissal. It statement could only mean that Vandeleur and essential aspect of the campaign needs to be other reactionary labor officials have stepped more specifically worked out than the Conferinto the agricultural situation only to make sure ence proposed, in the direction of calling on all delegates attend the June 18 that no struggles occur for decent wages, and unions to take up the question of a voluntary better conditions. Such a statement could only assessment for the organization fund, to be handled through the central labor councils, and to go directly to the field organizers.

> The questions of low initiation fees and dues, the only basis on which the poverty-stricken agricultural workers can join a union, must also be made an important consideration in the organization drive, as must also the question of a practical transfer system from local to local.

The agricultural workers of California have a fighting tradition. They want to organize, same soup kitchen. The Califor- Farmer-Labor Party, to sweep they want to be part of the main stream of the organized labor movement, the A. F. of L.

But they want their union to be a union with putting the Conference on record for a \$3 a day a policy of struggle, democratically controlled minimum for field workers, based on an 8-hour by the rank and file, on an industrial basis, day, with time and a half for overtime, and a taking into one organization every worker in \$65 monthly minimum for permanent agricul- any phase of agricultural work. Attempts by tural labor—such as on dairy and fruit farms. reactionary labor leaders to prevent organiza-The Conference called for a national con- tion on such a basis will only result in little or vention of agricultural, cannery and packing no organization at all among the agricultural the company union. The strikers

Even though such important questions as sharpest in the Young plant, those mentioned above received scanty or no Even though well-dressed and evidently well- attention at the Conference, it is not yet too to-do women were given much time to speak late for the Executive Committee chosen at the of conducting research and investigation into Conference to buckle down to the real job of an growers representatives were given the floor to winch would answer the needs of the agri-

UNIONS INVITED TO COMMUNIST MEETING MASS

DELEGATES FROM SHOP UNIONS

(Continued From Page 1) tion campaign for participation in the sessions of the masses in the shops, factories and unions, and fraternal organizations is called for.

The Communist Party approaches its convention under conditions entirely different from Court, will obviously be a plank those of any other Party, befor the Republican campaigners, cause it is the only Party not faced with dissension in its ranks. The Democratic Party has had WILLIAM FISCHER "right," while the Republican Party is being harrassed by certain elements critical of its moves in the direction of fascism. The recent Socialist Party

While the progress toward unity building an effective Farmer- facturing plant here ended on has not been sufficient to make Labor Party as a bulwark against June 10 when the strikers acpossible the placing of a nation- reaction and fascism, and as a cepted provisions of a 15-day REGISTER COMMUNIST TO al Farmer-Labor ticket in the means of realizing some of the truce and returned to work. BUILD UNITY OF THE field in 1936, there are splendid most pressing immediate needs possibilities for local, municipal of the masses.

elements bolt.

Postal Heads' Aid to Brazil Murderers of Barron to Be Exposed

The stoolpigeon role played by two U.S. postmasters in the Bay area, in the brutal murder of Victor Barron by Brazilian fascists will be exposed and attacked here next Wednesday night, June 16th, at a mass meeting at numerous defections from the 68 Haight street, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

Mrs. Edna Hill, mother of the

congressional and legislative vicconvention saw the "Old Guard" tories in many localities that will

murdered boy will be the leading speaker and will tell of the activities of Postmaster William H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, and Postmaster Ford Samuel, of Alameda.

Leo Gallagher, famed labor attorney, now acting for Mrs. Hill, will also speak on the Barron murder case, and for a broad campaign to free Luis Prestes. idolized leader of the Brazilian toilers, now in danger of his life in a brazil prison, and to free Arthur Ewart, refugee from the Hitler terror and former Communist member of the Reichstag, who is faced with deportation to Germany.

Bert Leech, organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism, and others will also speak.

Admission will be free.

STOCKTON .-- A week's walkout of 200 employees in the Lestrengthen the movement for Tourneau road machinery manu-

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT IS SCHEME

SAN FRANCISCO.—Shaking in their boots because they fear the investigation of police graft may "go too far," the ruling class of San Francisco and their tools in the local administration have seized upon an "out" to clamp down on

The "out" is to be a "legal" proposal to "stamp graft from the police department through the medium of sweeping investigating powers," as a blind for the indignant people of San Francisco who demand a complete investigation and purge of the rampant graft and grafters.

This was indicated clearly when it was announced that a lice commission, on their own charter amendment may be plac- motion and without filing of any ed before the voters which would "solve" the problem of police more power in the hands of the police commission!

Theodore J. Roche, police commission president, who is responsible, with his fellow commissioners and Mayor Rossi, for power to conduct an open, pubis to introduce this charter amendment this week before the gust or the November ballots. "The proposed amendment," said Roche, "would give the po-

East Bay Strike

(Continued From Page 1) After hearing of the brutal attack made by the volice on Paul Heide and Green in the L. A. Young picket line last week a motion was made and carried an open, above-board investigato appoint a committee of 5 to demand that Capt. Thorwald Brown of the Eastern station be tion with politicians and induscalled on the carpet, with a view was also unged that this matter be taken up at the City Council and that the Central Council session of the City Council for this purpose.

When a motion was made by a reactionary delegate that Spooner be backed by the Council in refusing to meet the California cotton strikers delegation, a storm of opposition resulted and tthe motion was tabled. An appeal be taken from the chair's decision allowing tabling of this motion was also whipped decis-

Both the Young and American Can plants have been struck by strike groups are sharing the press forward to organize a nia Cotton Mills strikers are al out all the politician-henchmen o being served meals own strike kitchen.

In connection with the strike of the California Cotton workers, the Auto Fabrics plant workers have also gone out.

The Young Co. has offered to take back its workers, and to raise wages for the next three months, but not to grant union recognition, offering instead another vote in September to choose between the Federal Union and

The police attacks have been where Captain Brown has ar bitrarily announced that he will permit only 12 pickets in the line, on the side of the street opposite the plant.

The hearing of the three strik ers-Glenn Bentzin, Frank Per ry and Manuel Rodriguez, arrested May 25, has been post poned from June 10 to June 25 and workers are urged to fill Judge Kennedy's courtroom in City Hall at 9 a. m. on that date. The three were framed up on robbery charges when they helped take scab springs off an Oakland city truck which was attempting to run the scabgoods out of the plant through the picket line.

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Jack Crane Appeal

(Continued from Page 1) to appeal to all agricultural workers, from whose ranks we were snatched into prison.

Put the C. S. Act repeal on the ballot, and then wipe it off the statute books! Not only for myself and my Comrades, but for all liberty-loving people of Cal-

OAKLAND, June 10 .- The campaign to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act will be featured on the regular broadcast of the East Bay Labor Journal this Friday evening at 8:15, it was announced here this week in the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

complaint, power to initiate and conduct investigations of a 11 or discipline."

BOARD HAS POWER

According to the city charter, the Board of Supervisors has the lic investigation of this incredibly corrupt police department at any time it sees fit!

What Roche's proposal would amount to-increased power of the police to continue their racketeering-was thoroughly explained by Lawrence Ross, San Francisco section organizer of he Communist Party and candidate for Congress in the 5th (South of Market) District.

"In accordance with an amendment to the city charter, adopted last year," said Ross, "the Board of Supervisors has the power to remove the entire police commission and to conduct tion of the graft in the police department, as well as its connectrialists in San Francisco.

"The workers and middle-class people of San Francisco must insist on the investigation being carried out in such a manner without any further delay.

"San Francisco peliticians have bragged that in this city there are no gangsters, such as there are in Chicago and New York. It is a matter of common knowledge throughout the city that in San Francisco, the police are

SHOWS NEED OF LABOR PARTY

"This graft scandal emphatically points out the necessity for the workers and the trade union the same Federal Local. The two movement of San Francisco to Chamber of Commerce, to purge thoroughly the government of such rats, and to place in office workers who will represent the people of San Francisco."

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MARBER HURLS

Mayor Shaw's Brother Accused of Attempting to "Swing" Job Appointment in Los Angeles

member, charged Joseph Shaw, brother and secretary to Mayor I. Shaw, with offering her

the election of a new board of education business manager.

The bribery charge was hurled by Mrs. Clark in an argument the motion introduced by and business manager and to C P., U. S. A., James Ford,

ing the City Hall bunch, is out seceretary of the C. P. of France; to get political control of the Hernan Lobarde, secretary of the school system," shouted Mrs. C. P., Mexico; Secretary Diaz of Clark, jumping to her feet.

She had herself been apbusiness manager. Dalton snapped: "Well, who

Mrs. Clark turned defiantly

rd him and in a loud voice .red, "Joe Shaw."

LONG FOR GRAFT

Continuing, Mrs. Clark said: "This motion (Dalton's) is the culmination of months' of stringpulling. This is the first time had an honest and efficient ad-

She then launched upon a searing denunciation of the "city hall bunch" and "various groups that helped to elect us" for their own political and financial gain.

Clark did say that he was "at

MOTION LOST

The speech of the militant board member resulted in Dal-Dalton's was the solitary af-

firmative vote.

ceived by Mrs. Clark, she charg- greetings from California State business, a good job for her son, its leading fighters. Convention Grant, financial and other and felt and missed your presence in her re-election campaign, and and is looking forward to your finally, enough money for her to early return to the front ranks." enter the Congressional race.

The men and business groups who backed William Record, former business manager, were the ones who offered money to sends you warmest comardely finance a campaign for her election to Congress she stated.

Accusing Dalton of being "overly concerned with politics," Mrs. Clark declared that he was taking too little interest in the constructive work of the board

Mrs. Clark, together with Geo-

rge W. McDill, opposed a resolution offered by Edward W. Hauck, providing that all noncertified school employees be placed in the civil service merit list next Monday. Her reason for tion, she said, was that it give Louis B Travers, director of personnel, a lifetime

A motion by her that Travers be immediately dismissed failed of passage by a tie vote.

L. A. School Board 'Comes Out of Hole'

LOS ANGELES, June 5 .-There will be no more "star chamber" sessions of the Los Angeles city board of education, in which all business formerly was transacted in advance of the routine voting at the open

ing unanimously, the school board member's recently approv-Mrs. Margaret L. Clark and the utmost were Mrs. Gertrude ulous."

SCHOOL BOARD International Greetings Sent by Communist Party State Committee

Greetings of militant solidarity to the Communist Parties BRIBE CLARGE of Mexico and the Philippine Islands, to class war prisoners throughout the United States and the world, and to national throughout the United States and the world, and to national leaders of the Communist Party, were addressed by the newly elected California State Committee of the Comunist Party last Emma Cutler, C. P. Candidate

The California State Committee was elected at the state convention of the Party in San Francisco on Tune 6th and 7th last LOS ANGELES, June 9.- A cisco on June 6th and 7th last political bombshell was hurled with Anita Whitney, nationally into the meeting of the Los An-known working class leader, as geles school board today, when state chairman and William Mrs. Margaret I. Clark, a board Schneiderman as state organizer

Warmest proletarian greetings were cabled by the committee to Ernst Thaelmann, heroic leadse in an attempt to "swing" er of the Communist Party of Germany, who has been imprisoned for three years by the Nazi

butchers. Honary chairmen elected by the committee are William Z. John Dalton, board member to Foster, national chairman, Earl separate the offices of architect Browder, general secretary of the give the incumbent, A. S. Ni- famed Negro Communist; Louise

becker, Jr., his choice of the two Todd, class war prisoner in Tehachapi Women's prison of Cal-"This bunch of hoboes, includ- ifornia; Maurice Thorez, general the C. P., Spain; Ernst Thaelmann, Georgi Dimtroff, general proached, she said, by one city secretary of the Communist Inofficial with various proposi-ternational; Okana of the Comtions to support Shaw's man for munist Party of Japan; and Luis Prestes, heroic leader of the Brazilian masses and member of the E. C. C. I., now imprisoned by the Brazil fascists.

> TEXT OF GREETINGS Greetings, signed by Anita Whitney and William Schneider man, are as follows:

To William Z. Foster and Earl Browder: "The California State Convention of Party sends warm that the Board of Education has comradely greetings to the leaders and the foremost fighters for ministration; and a lot of people the building of United People's long for the old days of easy Front of American masses. Workcontracts and political manipulers of West Coast becoming increasingly aware of leadership gven by the Party and its Central Committee in struggles of working class."

To the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, Pat Chambers, Albert Although refusing to mention Hougardy, Jack Crane, Martin the same of the aspirant to the Wilson, Nora Conklin, and Caroef business manager line Decker: "California State whose election Joe Shaw had Convention of Party sends warmassertedly tried to obtain, Mrs. est greetings to you, and has pledged to continue campaign for present an employe of the board your release and repeal of Criminal Syndicalism Law. Recent steps toward A. F. of L. organi- drive. zation drive among agriculture The 1st District includes the you are imprisoned has borne fruit and will go forward."

To Louise Todd, Tehachapi Among the bribery offers re- Prison: "Warmest comradely ed, were: financial backing in Convention of Party to one of

GREET MOONEY

To Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings: "California State Convention Communist Party greetings. Your fight has been an inspiration to all of us as it has to the entire labor movement. We will not cease our efforts until infamous frame-up against you has been defeated and you are returned to the ranks of American working class."

To J. B. McNamara, oldest political prisoner in the world, Folsom Prison: "California State Convention Communist Party sends you its warmest fraternal greetings as outstanding fighter in labor's cause. Your unceasing courage has served as great inspiration to us and to all militant workers. We shall continue the fight until you and all class war prisoners are returned to the ranks of the labor movement for which you gave your free-

Greetings were also wired to the Modesto Boys in San Quentin Prison, the victims of the in-

famous Standard Oil frame-up. H. Rounsavelle and John F. Dal-

Dalton is president of the local International Typographical Un-

"LABOR" OFFICIAL UNFAIR

SACRAMENTO, June 5.-State Labor Commissioner Edward I. ed a new system of conducting Nolan has been charged as being a petition in one afternoon. all business in open meetings unfair ir rating civil service em- All circulators are urged to George W. McDill led the fight a resolution of the Sacramento offices of the Southern Califorto end the star chamber ses- Federated Trades Council. Nolan nia Councils for Constitutional sions. Resisting the change to answered the charges as "ridic- Rights, 618-620 American Bank Subscribe NOW to the new eight-

Communist Party

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9. Vernon D. Healy, who led agricultural workers' struggles for better conditions and against rigilante terror in Santa Rosa will be the Communist candidate for Congress in the 1st District, it was announced here today by the Communist Party State Campaign Committee.

Running for state senator in 1934 in Sonoma County, Healy received 1134 votes, compared to 23,312 for Herbert W. Slater, Republican Democrat candidate.

OPPOSES REACTIONARIES

Incumbent in the 1st Congressional District is Clarence F. Lea, another Democrat-Republican, who is running for re-elec-Attorney Quackenbush, lawyer for the Farmers' Union, s also running for office in this district, and is a member of the American Legion.

Van Matre, who "endorsed" the Townsend plan in his early campaign maneuvers, is being openly backed for this Congressional seat by the Diamond Match Company, Pacific Gas & strike and picket; against all Electric Corporation, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Because of his working class activities among the agricultural workers of Sonoma County, Healy was severely beaten by vigilantes near Santa Rosa last August 1.

BRUTAL TERROR

The terrorists attacked a workers' meeting, and followed this assault a few weeks later by the infamous tar-and-feather vigilante action against four Sonoma County workers and farmers.

A vigorous campaign against vigilante terror and reaction in the 1st Congressional District, and for the basic demands of the workers, small farmers, agri-California Conference of Agri- cultural workers, will be carried cultural Workers has taken first on by Healy in this election

following counties; Butte, Colusa Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake Marin, Mendocino, Sonoma, Sutter, and Yuba.

Black Legion Exerts the repal of the Criminal Syndi-Bad Influence; Boys calism Act, old age and jobless insurance? Will you again work Imitate It As Joke for a Farmer-Labor Party? This

ng the vicious effect that the give it to them. infamous Black Legion is having on impressionable youth, a will do everything in their pow-California "Black Legion" of ju er to build a powerful Farmernior college students staged a Labor Party. raid as a prank here last night.

Dressed in black sheets, 15 students swooped down on Robert Reed, 20, Modesto Junior panion, Audrey Guernsey, 20,

After police unsuccessfully tried to solve the situation, the 15 students trooped into the police station, saying, "We're it. We're the Black Legion. We took some boarding house sheets, dyed hired a truck. We were just hav-

Los Angeles "Cop" Says C.S. Statute

LOS ANGELES, June 5. -It's LOUSY!!!

That's the way one Los An geles "cop" described the antihe thought of the vicious law.

"The law should be repealed," emphatically declared the cop-

The campaign to secure sufficient signatures to place the repeal of the C. S. law on the ballot is being vigorously pushed | Hearst, who owns much Mexican in Southern California. A professional worker yesterday filled

ployees of his own department, in send in filled petitions to the to rally forces against this ene-Building, 129 West 2nd street.

BRAND KRAMER

In 13th Cong. District, Issues Militant Statement

By Irving S. Kreitzberg LOS ANGELES .- "Congress man Kramer is the traitorous Benedict Arnold of our commun-

Ticket in Sonoma With these scathing words, Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th District, scored the author of the infamous Kramer Bill, which would do to the workers nationally what the Criminal Syndicalism Act of California inflicts on workers who organize in this

"Kramer has betrayed the workers who elected him and broken his pre-election promis es," declared Miss Cutler.

"He double-crossed the Epics who endorsed him on the assumption that he would serve n the interests of the people. Kramer's record in Congress, his sponsorship of the fascist Russel-Kramer Bill, his anti-labor and reactionary actions speak for

"Kramer serves not the broad masses of the people but Wall Street, Hearst, and the open shoppers!"

Based upon the immediate needs and demands of the workers, Miss Cutler's platform includes planks for the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill, the right of labor to organize, reactionary legislation curbing rights of the people, against war and fascism, for old-age pensions to be financed by taxing the rich, for trade union prevailing wages on all relief and works projects, for the Marcantonio Relief and Works Standard Bill, for the American Youth Act, for the rights of the Negro people and of other racial minorities, and for the building of a farmer-Labor Party.

CHALLENGE TO EPICS

Her statement also challenges the position of Parley Parker Christensen, 1920 presidential candidate on the Farmer-Labor Ticket and present Epic City Councilman, who is opposing Kramer on the Democratic tic-

"We say to Mr. Christensen," states Miss Cutler, "will you listhe people? What will you do about labor and civil rights? What is your platform? What is your stand on unemployment, is what the people want, this is MODESTO, June 9.— Indicat- what they need-and we must

"The Communist candidates

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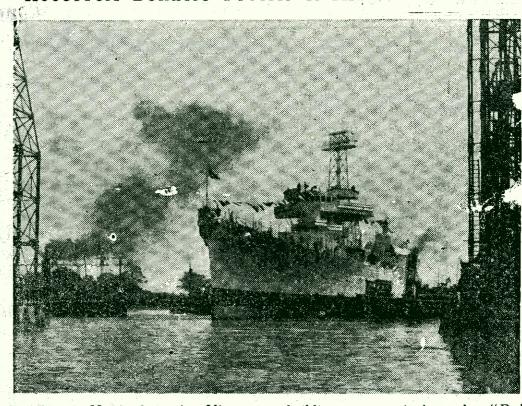
"A vote for the Communist Party will mean a step toward College student, who struck back the Farmer-Labor Party, a step with both fists, while his com- closer to what the French and Spanish people have been able tc accomplish—a united people's front against hunger, war and fascism. It will mean a militant, determined fight for a fuller and happier life."

Not only in the anti-labor, anti-people Kramer Sedition Bill them black, cut eye holes and did the incumbent congressman show his Wall Street colors-on April 9th, 1935, he introduced the motion to, in effect, kill the Mc-Swain War Profits Bill, in the interests of the Duponts, Morgan, and the other war profiteers. Should Be Repealed He also voted to repeal the Income Tax Publicity Law. Kramer's vote went to a bill allowng the use of National Guard officers in states other than their own in "periods of emergency," labor Criminal Syndicalism Act or in strikebreaking. The huge when asked by a worker what appropriations bill for the army, the navy and the organized reserves, a war measure, had his approval. And this representative of imperialist reaction also introduced a bill to buy Lower California from Mexico, a pres sure measure in the interests of

> The Communist Campaign Committee in the 13th District is carrying on a broad campaign my of the people.

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Roosevelt Donates Profits to Armament Makers



For Peace? Here's the cruiser Vincennes, one of the eight planned similar 10,-000 tons warships, just after being launched at the Fore river yards, Quincy, Mass. The government's largest peacetime navy building program is just what "Dr." J. P. Morgan and associates ordered to make more profits and to prepare for another

Funds Urgently Needed for C.P. **Election Drive**

Urgency of immediate raising of funds for the state elections campaign of the Communist Party was stressed here this week by George Maurer, state campaign manager.

To carry the campaign through successfully to the November elections, \$4000 must be raised, stated Maurer, of which \$500 is needed immediately.

Contributions received thus far are accredited in this issue of the Western Worker on Page 6. Further contributions will be listed in succeeding issues, as they are received in the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

Corporation Tool **Gets Appointment To Federal Bench**

PHOENIX, Arizona - In all farmer, labor, and progressive organizations in Arizona, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ap pointed David Ling, notorious Phelps-Dodge judge in Bisbee, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Federal District

Judge C. Jacobs here. So anxious were Roosevelt and Senator Ashurst to rush through Ling's appointment that the usual department of justice "investigation" of a prospective federal judge appointee had no bearing in the appointment of the corporate puppet. Although a "G" man was assigned to make the routine check on Ling's previous legal record, the President did not wait to receive the report which woud have netional investigation.

Even the Associated Press took a little shot at the arbitrary appointment of Ling by stating that he was selected in the face of hundreds of militant protests of organized labor.

Judge Ling is alleged to have admitted that no organizations, excepting Phelps-Dodge Corporation, supported him for his

Arizona labor unions and farmers' organizations based their opposition to a copper company lawer as federal judge on the fact that under the Wagner Lawould be the final arbitrator in an anti-labor federal judiciary would defend corporation interests in matter involving capital

All Peace Time Navy Appropriation Bills

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Largest in the peace-time history of the country, the \$526,546,532 naval appropriation bill has been signed by President Roosevelt. Previously the President had

igned a \$572,446,844 War Department Supply Bill, providing \$383,104,859 for purely military and especially unemployed fam- lived here with her husband for out a program of united action purposes in the 1937 fiscal year. | ilies.

Syndicalism Law Repeal Must Be Made a Central Political Issue!

This question can and must be made one of the central political issues of the 1936 election campaign in all state, congressional, and local elections. From every honest pro-labor candidate, who fights against reaction, to the pot-bellied politician who fawns at the tables of the rich,

Those candidates who try to sit on the fence, and never take a clean-cut stand on any decisive working class issue, will have to quit mumbling in their political beards and show, once and for all, which side they are fighting on.

The necessity of presenting repeal of the C. S. Law in such an above-board manner, cannot be over-estimated. But first, the forces of the people must unite to get the repeal initiative on the ballot!

to the repeal petitions. All trade unions, Epic Clubs, Utopian groups, Townsend Clubs, churches, Socialist Party, Communist Party, and other pro-labor and anti-fascist organizations should take immediate organizational steps to speed up the tempo of the signature collecting. Organize broad committees of circulators in the organizations, in the shops, on the streets, house-to-house, and in every other conceivable manner.

The Communist Party is mobilizing all possible forces for this people's movement against reactionary, antilabor legislation, and is making the repeal of the C.S. Law a central plank in its 1936 election platform. For a 100 per cent American fight against the Tory fascists, support the Comunist Party candidates and the Communist Party platform in the elections.

REGISTER COMMUNIST OR CHANGE YOUR REGISTRATION TO COMMUNIST! JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY! FOR A UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT AGAINST HUN-GER, WAR, AND REACTION! COLLECT C.

Price Brings New Workers Hardship

SAN FRANCISCO. - The lighest price in nine years for potatoes one of the food staples upon which workers are forced to depend, is reported being received by San Francisco retailers. The reason given is "an acute shortage" through out the coun-

Three weks ago commission bor Disputes Bill such a judge merchants were getting \$1 per hundred pounds, and now the all labor disputes. Consequently, price is \$4. Consumers are now being forced to pay \$4.50 per 100 pounds.

jumqed from \$1 a hundred weight tively set as trial date. to \$7 in the Northwest Potato F. D. Signs Biggest prices in Seattle are reported higher than at any time within the past ten years

Shafter whites are grown in 20 cents an hour to 35 and 40 Soviet Union in San Francisco. 40 cents an hour.

For or against the Criminal Syndicalism Law repeal?

—all will have to take a stand on this paramount question.

About a month remains in which to collect signatures

S. REPEAL SIGNATURES!

the report which would have necessitated several weeks' addi-Freed on Bail LOS ANGELES, June 6. -

Arrested Monday at Shafter and charged with vagrancy, Louis Bradley, militant leader of the potato diggers, was released on \$500 bail furnished yesterday by the International Labor Defense Bradley has been active in organizing the potato workers n the lower San Joaquin Valley. After striking for a week, the workers won wage increases from

When arrested, Bradley refused to plead guilty in return for a suspended sentence. He declared his innocence and demanded a California Shafter whites jury trial. June 8th was tenta-

Wife of Soviet Vice Consul Buried Here

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6. Shafter, the scene of a strike of Funeral services were held here potatoe diggers about 10 days today for Mrs. Serafima Ivanovago. The diggers had to fight na Aliavdin, 29, wife of Nikolay hard for an increase from 25 to V. Aliavdin, vice consul for the

Mrs. Aliavdin had two surgical The rise in potato prices brings operations in the past two months table Workers' and Farmers' ungreat hardship to working class, and died last Thursday. She had ions, will plan a meeting to map

PARTY TO RUN **12 CANDIDATES** FOR CONGRESS

San Diego Unemployed Leader, McLauchlan of Orange County on C. P. Ticket

Communist Party candidates will contest Congressional seats in 12 out of 20 districts in California, with further candidates expected in additional districts, according to announcement by George Maurer, state campaign man-

In San Diego, E. L. Richardson, chairman of the Central Council of the Unemployed Workers Protective Union, will campaign in the 20th Congressional District, opposing George Burnham, Republican incumbent. This District comprises San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Charles McLaughlin, leader in the Orange County agricultural areas, will be the Communist candidate for the 19th Congressional District, comprising Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Incumbent is Sam L. Collins a hybrid Republican-Democrat.

Last fall McLaughlin was arrested on charges of violation of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, but the charges were dropped by police and the wealthy growers, when a strong mass pressure campaign developed in Orange County. He lives in Santa Ana. In the 8th Congressional Dis-

rict, including Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, the Communist Party nominee will be Edward J. Patterson of Lomita Park. Incumbent John J. McGrath was unopposed at the last election, gaining the Democratic, Republican and Progressive nominations.

Other Congressional candidates on the Communist ticket include Vernon Healy in the 1st District; Anita Whitney, famed working class leader, in the 4th District, San Francisco; Lawrence Ross, San Francisco organizer of the C P., in the 5th District; Lloyd Harris, of Contra Costa County, in the 6th District; Emma Cutler in the 13th District, Los Anopposing labor-hating Charles W. Kramer, incumbent; Harold J. Ashe, 14th District, Los Angeles; J. Thorme, Los Angeles secretary of the C. P., 16th District; and John Leech, Los Angeles section organizer, in the 17th District.

Tucson Unions to **Own Labor Temple**

TUSCON, Arizona, June 6. -Organized as a non-profit organization with the privilege of selling \$25,000 worth of stock, the Tucson Labor Temple association has filed articles of incorporation with the state cor-

poration commission. The Tucson union organizations have decided to buy a home for themselves instead of renting as has been the custom for the past

J. J. Fitzpatrick has been chosen as president of the corporation, and J. J. Durkin, editor of the Southwestern Labor Record, was selected as secretary. Both men hold similar positions in the Tucson Central Trades

MAY USE FARM LABEL AS WELL AS UNION LABEL

PHOENIX, Ariz, June 6. -Possibilities of an alliance where by the union label and a farm union label could be used in an 25 and 30 cents to 35 and 40 allied fashion on produce grown by members of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union, were discussed by delegates to the Phoenix Central Labor council in a recent meeting.

The workers engaged in the processing of produce have already adopted their label and have secured contracts with shippers in Yuma district whereby they will place their emblem on crates and on the doors of union

No definite plans have been made as yet, but it is expected that both organizations in question, the Arizona Fruit and Vege-

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Independent Political Action Will Aid Labor's Economic Struggles

The minority resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party, submitted to the convention of the Maritime Federation, by Delegate Rathborne of the American Radio Telegraphists, was lost by 14 votes. It called on all affiliated unions and District Councils to assume leadership in organizing local trade union committees to sponsor the formation of local Farmer-Labor parties, and to work for the endorsement and sponsorship of local Farmer-Labor parties by other trade union locals and bodies.

The arguments at the Convention against support even for local Farmer-Labor parties were able to influence the Convention to defeat the minority resolution, and it therefore must be assumed that such arguments can and do influence large numbers of workers throughout the country. It is our intention, therefore, to deal with some of these anti-Labor Party arguments from issue to issue, so that workers can see the fallacy of such arguments.

Our first job, said Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors' Union, in arguing against the Farmer-Labor Party, is to organize all the 36 million unorganized before we start organizing political parties. Organizing the Farmer-Labor Party will bring fascism more quickly, said Lundberg, because "as soon as the workers start monkeying with politics" they will lessen their vigilance on the economic field. Economic action, Lundberg's typical syndicalist argument ran, is the only effective force and takes the workers away from effective concentration on economic action. All you need, said Lundberg, is to take over the plants.

Those who make such arguments know that labor is by no means "free from politics" under the set-up. They know that such arguments leave the bosses' political parties a free field in putting through anti-labor laws, leave the courts uncurbed in their issuance of anti-labor injunctions and nullifying of the slightest gains made in economic struggles; leave the capitalist politicians in office free to use police and troops against strikers.

The truth is that if the working class should continue to allow the old parties to go on controlling Congress, the legislatures, and the courts, then indeed is the workers' vigilance lessened on the economic field.

If labor's own men are in Congress, then laws protecting the gains made through economic struggle will be enacted. If Farmer-Labor judges sit on the benches, then no anti-union injunctions will be issued. If there are real representatives of labor serving as governors and mayors, then neither police nor national guardsmen will be sent against labor, but will be forced to protect labor on the picket line, and the organization of the 36,000,000 unorganized can go ahead so much

That the Farmer-Labor Party would bring fascism quicker is an argument made all the more ridiculous by what has happened in France, where even the bourgeois press admits that the People's Front, of which the Farmer-Labor Party is the American form, has been the sole factor thus far halting the seizure of power by the fascists.

East Bay Strikers Versus Spooner and the Bosses

The workers in Oakland who have struck the California Cotton Mills, the and the American Can Co. plant, are, despite their newness to strike struggle, displaying splendid solidarity, disci- fornia.

pline and determination. In spite of surface appearances, the odds are in their favor.

Against them they have not only the bosses but also the police and a few reactionary labor officials in fairly high position. Police have attacked their picket lines, clubbed and jailed a number of them. The East Bay Chevrolet plant has threatened to order its seat springs from the Young Company's Eastern plant, the Young Company has threatened to close its Oakland plant completely. The strikers called their bluff.

Oakland City Manager Hassler drew up a letter to the Young strikers urging them to return to work under the old conditions pending negotiations, with the understanding that the minimum wage would be 50 cents an hour. Labor Council Sec. Spooner presented it to the strikers and they voted it down overwhelmingly.

They want abolition of piece-work and recognition of their union. They don't want any fancy arbitration maneuvers.

The California Cotton Mill strikers sent their committee to confer with Mr. Spooner. He declined to meet with it so long as the two Communists, Sonia Baltrum and Miles Humphries, were on it. Mr. Spooner insists on concentrating on his own pet peevethe Red Scare—and to heck with the strikers' elected representatives.

This isn't the first time Mr. Spooner has refused to meet with a committee from a new East Bay union for any reason he had handy.

Meanwhile the strikers maintain splendid solidarity and certainly merit -and need-the support of the other East Bay unions.

A delegate at the last Central Labor Council meeting gave Spooner a proper answer. He said, concerning Spooner's red-baiting, "If the Communists are organizing the workers into the A. F. of L. unions this council is going to give them full support and backing."

Altogether, it would appear that these new unions have more than a good chance of winning.

Deportation of Ewerts From Brazil to Germany Means Their Deaths

The unwarranted arrest and brutal torture of Arthur Ewert and his wife by the Brazilian authorities is now to be climaxed by the callous delivery of these refugees from Nazy Germany into the hands of the fascist execu-

Formerly a Reichstag deputy, Ewert sought asylum in Brazil together with his wife, Elsie, a wellknown writer. In the reign of terror that followed the ill-fated November uprising the Ewerts were arrested and have been imprisoned in Rio de Janeiro ever since. According to affidavits in the possession of the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, Elsie Ewert testifies that she was taken to the cell of her husband, who was held powerless while guards tore his wife's clothes off and beat her with belts and rubber hoses, and twisted her breasts until she fainted. Both were beaten and burned with cigarrettes and live electric wires, left without food for long periods, and were not permitted to sleep. Their lives were saved only because of the active work of a visiting American attorney.

Delegations in various cities have already visited the Brazilian Consulates to protest against the imprisonment, torture and scheduled deportation of the Ewerts; demanding their L. A. Young Spring Company plant right to seek asylum in a country of their own choosing. Similar protests should be organized throughout Cali-

Frighten the Corner Where You Are



For the workers, "Pie in the sky when you die;" for the millionaires, strawberry short-cake all year long in the lap of Wall Street. That is the Liberty League philosophy these young people are portraying in one of the floats in New York's United

Youth Day parade on May 30. Capitalism may be heaven on earth for Hearst, duPont and Morgan, but it's a hell of an arrangement in the eyes of American

Farmer-Labor Party Must Be Built on Basis of Broadest Unity

Speech of Earl Browder at First Session of Farmer-Labor Party Conference, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, May 30, 1936

and face a deeper crisis.

Friends:

This Conference is a most promising beginning to get together the scattered forces of workers, farmers, and middle classes for independent political action. Never was this more needed. The latest Supreme Court decision invalidating the Guffey Act is a challenge that can be met only by an all-inclusive national Farmer-Labor Party drive to put its representatives into Congress. Revelations of the Black Legion in Detroit show how deep the fascist poison is being driven among the people. These trends have their source, their guiding spirit, their financial stimulus, in the Liberty League and Hearst. This was revealed by the LaFollette senatorial investigation into the denials of civil rights.

All the most reactionary forces are now gathering around the Republican Party, determined to fully impose their power on the country. It is impossible for us to believe that Roosevelt will halt this trend toward reaction and fascism in America; he is retreating before reaction and his own party, especially in the South, is itself too deeply reactionary. Only a Farmer-Labor Party can rally the progressive forces of the country, halt the trends toward fascism, and preserve American democratic liberties.

Pledge Communist Support

I speak for the Communists and their associates in pledging full and loyal support to this effort. We are but a small group here. But throughout the country we influence an important and growing movement, which brings to the Farmer-Labor Party energetic and steadfast support. We know that some persons have stayed away from this Conference, stating as their reason that their demand for our exclusion was not adopted. Some who are here may also be influenced by Hearst's anti-red campaign, and may be afraid or association with us. Permit me a few frank words on this question.

Since Al Smith and Hearst declared that even the New Deal stands for the red flag and revolution, it seemed that we Communists should have become almost respectable. The campaign against Roosevelt has as little justification in fact as the campaign against us; he is certainly not communistic. These are the slogans of reaction, designed to confuse, divide and defeat the working population. If we want victory against reaction, then we must not look for excuses to divide,

but rather for all possible ways to Communists and American Traditions

It is true we Communists are revolutionists. That is our right, guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence. In this we follow the hallowed American tradition, associated with such names as Washington, Jefferson, Tom Paine, and Lincoln. We differ from our forefathers in this respect, only in this—that we come 160 years later,

We help build the Farmer-Labor Party. We know it is not a revolutionary party. We do not propose to give it a program of revolution, now or later. We do not ask it to adopt communist principles. We ask only that it shall not adopt the Hearst anti-red campagin, which harms the broadest progressive movement more than it does the Communists, and that it allow the Communists to help build the

We know that America, while its people are not ready to fight for socialism, is fully ripe for a Farmer-Labor Party. Such a party will not bring socialism, but it will greatly lessen the pains of a later transition to socialism. That is why we can wholeheartedly and fully support the Farmer-Labor Party, even though its program should contain only immediate demands, without abandoning our Communist opinions. We do not want to push its program to the left.

Not Terrorists

Let me briefly repudiate some of the most serious charges made against us. Some say that we 'advocate violence,' that we are conspirators and terrorists, that we are against democracy. That is not true. It is as from from correct as if those charges were made against Washington and Lincoln. We know too well how much the toilers suffer from reactionary violence, When, however, we say that we are not pacifists nor non-resisters, we are in the best tradition of Americanism. Since when have Americans been pacifists? We support and fight for the democratic rights of the masses. We want to see them used to the utmost, to gain everything possible by them. We would subscribe to such a declaration against violence which would not be a pacifist repudiation of America's birth as an independent nation or of the great Lincoln.

Don't Seek Control

It has been charged that we seek control of the Farmer-Labor Party. If true, that would be a great stupidity on our part. Control is the last thing we need or seek. A mass-movement should have no such fears. We will for some time be a small minority, though a useful one. Even if we grow much stronger we will not want or seek control. We want only such influence in the Farmer-Labor Party councils that can be exerted through the democratic process of convincing arguments, with loyal and energetic work.

We want to join all others in building a broad popular movement, of workers, farmers, and middle classes, to protect and advance their own inter-

Can this Conference proceed with its work, with a few Communists in its midst, with confidence that it is on the correct path to success? Yes, it can, if it recalls the recent events in France and Spain, where the people's front, including the Communists, saved those countries from the Hilter system. It can, if it looks over the country and sees, in city after city, in the trade unions, among the unemployed, the youth, the students, the Negroes, among the local Farmer-Labor Parties -everywhere, the most successful movements are those which have full unity, which exclude only enemies, which rally all forces against the real enemy-Wall Street and its agents.

At the proper time I want to make some suggestions toward the program discussion. Now it is sufficient to urge this Conference to adopt the basis of a broad unity, and to fulfill the expectations of a great movement rising throughout America, by deciding to call an all-inclusive National Farmer-Labor Party Convention. Such a Convention can establish this year, in all respects except a presidential ticket, that National Farmer-Labor Party which we need so much. If we begin now, then by 1940 it can become one of the two first parties in the land.

Amendment to Give Power To Regulate Industry Urged

WASHINGTON, D. C .- A constitutional amendment to give Congress power to make laws and to regulate agriculture, commerce, industry and labor, was proposed by Senator Henry F. Ashurst of Arizona, chairman of the Senate juriciary committee.

The proposal is aimed at the Supreme Court, which has nullified all New Deal legislation containing any concessions to

As the result of public protest, reception plans formulated by militaristic. groups for the Nazi cruiser Emden were cancelled.

Political Horizons

By Harry Carlisle

People who are accustomed to draw exact lines in old party political affairs as a matter of convenience must be astonished at the various maneuvers in the Democratic and Republican camps in recent weeks, indicating that "black" and "white" often merges into a muddy grey and bearing out the Marxian analysis of the two party system as a capitalist political sub-c vision of labor. This is particularly true when we remember the strategy of building a coalition (fusion) of Repuiblican-Democratic forces used in places like New York during almost every election to defeat the growing strength of Communist and Socialist parties.

A recent front page editorial in the New York Herald-Tribune, a leading Republican organ, declares in favor of nominating a "Democrat of national reputation" for the vice presidency on the Republican ticket.

This is a typical piece of political strategy used to cut across old party lines and draw support from the opposition. The Herald-Tribune points out that the move will aid in "serving" not only the Republican Party "but of the millions of Democrats who distrust the Roosevelt administration.'

The same need for political sailtrimming explains the attempts made to give the Republican Party a "liberal" face by proposing to incorporate a compromise "States Rights" measure to curb the power of the Supreme Court on the question of social-economic legislation.

The coalition move is strongly backed by Hearst through his newspaper "front" Paul Block, who reprints one of his own editorials as an advertisement in the Ne York Times, praising the Herald-Tribt stand and calling for a "true Jefferson ian Democrat" to be nominated for the

vice presidency on the Republican ticket. Such a happening is by no means a foregone conclusion, but it indicates Hearst's tactics in seeking a new "in" after being defeated in the battle for control of the California delegation. At the same time it indicates the cool acceptance by capitalist politicians of the basic similarity in the two old parties.

On the other hand the Roosevelt camp, without well defined strategy as yet, is holding a finger in the wind. Roosevelt will undoubtedly pay special attention to California with its large block of convention votes. And a commentator points that it is possible that because of Goyernor Lehman's decision to withdraw. (with the hand of the American Liberty League by no means invisible), Roosevelt may turn to Owen D. Young for support in the Empire state, bringing the influence of General Motors and other finance-capital groups into Roosevelt

However it works out, the bankers stand to win. They have fingers in both pies. They will fight for a clean-cut reactionary program (necessarily disguised by popular planks) but will gladly accept the compromise victory of the Democrats. Owen D. Young is an astute representative of his class. Whether or not he plays a public role by running for office or actively supporting Roosevelt, he will play an important private role in determining policies during the next four

Republican demogogy is the order of the day, and Hearst with his powerf press is beginning to reflect this turn every locality. Note how he has seized upon the wide-spread opposition to oneman street cars and is attempting to capitalize upon it by sucking it into Republican channels. They will also possibly soft-pedal attacks on Roosevelt's compromise program, while applying pressure behind the scenes.

We must meet this astute maneuvering with full appreciation of its meaning, taking immediate hold of all vital issues in the lives of the people of California and incorporating them in our drive for a united front, anti-capitalist political program. To the extent that we succeed in arousing mass activity along these lines we will take the wind out of the sails of the Republican-American Liber League sails, force Roosevelt to at lea tacitly accept a partial progressive program, elect a strong bloc of progressives and Farmer-Labor Party representatives which will bring pressure on Roosevelt by militantly voicing the real needs of the people in Congress and in the Assembly chambers, and at the same time lay the basis for the National Farmer-Labor Party.

French Unions Organize **Commissariat of Action WORKERS ARE READY** TO DEFEND GAINS

By PIERRE VAN PAASEN Federated Press.

PARIS .- (FP) -- That the spectacular strikes of more than 1,000,000 French workers have brought magnificent gains and spurred enrollment into the organized labor movement of hundreds of thousands of the hitherto unorganized is a matter of careful planning rather than of fortunate chance.

While correspondents of the American business-controlled press emphasized the picturesque aspects of the occupation of factories and department stores, they neglected the sober thought and disciplined strategy that helped to assure victory. An example of the sort of preparation that works hand in hand with strikers' militancy is seen in the "commissariat of action," composed of trade union leaders. It provides the liaison between the People's Front government of Leon Blum and working class organiza-

CLEAR-CUT DEMANDS

The trade unions refused to let their leaders accept portofolios in the Blum cabinet, but they did vote to support the government on three conditions. They want immediate cessation of the export of war materials to Germany by the French steel and munitions trusts, nationalization of the armament industry, and a levy on capital to furnish the money required for a vast program of public works to absorb unemployment.

The "commissariat of action" is to keep the government informed day by day of the desires and aspirations of organized labor. The Fascist press in France calls the new commissariat a camouflaged Soviet and tries to frighten the employers with daily-repeated predictions of raping, massacres, financial chaos, churches aflame and other disasters. The Fascists still hope to see right-wing liberals secede from the People's Front and come over into the ranks of re-

FASCISTS STILL ACTIVE To prevent dissolution by the Blum

forming themselves into fraternal organizations. They are opening soup kitchens and engage in other charitable work, but proceed with recruiting and drilling in a clandestine manner. Fascist spies are to be installed in every department block and every street in order to note details of the life of People's Front militants, anti-Fascist intellectuals and radicals. In giving this order, Col. Count Casimir de Rosque, the commander-in-chief of the Croix de Feu (fiery Cross), the largest Fascist league, declared: "Everything must be ready for the day when the People's Front government collapses inevitably in an orgy of corruption and chaos . . . We must know where to find the responsible anti-Fascists in order to deal with them individually and swiftly

in their own homes." The fact that Leon Bium is a Jew has given the Fascist an opportunity to try a new and hitherto (in France) neglected method of propaganda. The trick that worked so well in Germany in befuddling the minds of the lower middle classes is now to be tried in France. The Jews of the world, from Wall Street to the Kremlin, are said to be behind Blum for no other reason but to ruin France by pushing her into an early war with Germany. Vituperation heaped on the heads of the Jews in the French Fascist press these days is unimaginable in its vileness and sillines.

SHOWDOWN INEVITABLE

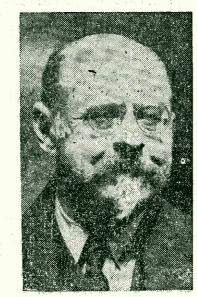
Working class leaders of France do nto consider that Fascism has been finally beaten by the recent victory of the People's Front at the polls. They consider that the Fascist leagues must be dissolved, the more since the Croix de Feu is acquiring new members at the rate of 30,000 a week. Of course new adherents to the Socialist and Comunist parties are coming in even faster. Nevertheless some disquietude remains.

Several Socialist municipalties are organizing a workers' militia and are installing sirens on the roofs of the city halls to call the workers out in the event of an attempted Fascist putch. The Republican Guard has asked the Blum government to clean out the Fascist sympathizers from its officer corps. The minister of war has warned officers that at the least sign of disobedience or hesitation to obey the orders of the People's Front government, they will be dismissed from the army and tried for treason. Another body that will get a thorough cleaning out is the Surete Nationale or political police, for many years the most bitter red-baiting organization in the country.

Leon Blum has scrupulously refrained from alarming the upper middle classes by saying that no law-abiding citizen need fear the coming of a People's Front government. But he has said at the same time: "We will tolerate no interference with public liberty. We are peaceful men, averse to violence and bloodshed, but our Fascist opponents must know that we have the power to strike and strike hard. We will not hesitate to use that power if they provoke us."

"It is becoming more apparent each day that capitalism, as we know it, is doomed."-U. S. Sen. Elmer A. Bensno of

Couldn't Do It



Emile Vandervelde, Belgian Socialist leader, whose failure to form a cabinet resulted in King Leopold's calling back Van Zeeland, the previous Premier. Although Socialists were the largest single party in the Chamber, the forces of reaction were in the majority. Refusal of Socialist leaders to join a united front with Communists in the elections resulted in a split working class which gave the fascists the upper hand.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

ROME, Italy.—Mussolini has just named his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, for the post of foreign minister. Rumor is that Ciano is being trained by Il Duce to succeed him as dictator when he dies. The yong Count previously held the post of minister of propaganda. During the Ethiopia war, he commanded the notorius "Desperate" squadron of bombing planes.

JAPANESE TRAINING SHIPS YOKOSUKA, Japan.—Two Japanese naval training ships carrying 1500 cadets and 25,000 quarts of beer, sailed from here for San Francisco. The cadets are for Davey Jones locker in the coming war. The beer is to be served to visitors in foreign

Spies Hound American Delegation in Balkans

ROOMS RAIDED, NOTES SEIZED

Note: This is an eye-witness account of conditions in the Balkans by an American whose family have been missionaries there for three generations and who is thoroughly acquainted with the significance of events.

By EDWARD HASKELL Federated Press,

BUCHAREST .- (FP) - Spies and police overrun the Balkans, shadowing and hounding foreign observers, but subjecting their own people to machingun fire, trial or horrible torture when the voice of protest over miserable living cnoditions are heard.

Yet Balkan governments fear the judgment of world opinion, as was revealed by the diligence with which our American and Canadian delegation to the Balkans was shadowed and the anxiety of police to seize notes taken by members of the delegation, relating to economic conditions and proceedings at trials of political prisoners.

As president of the Federation of Bulgarian-Macedonian Workers' Education Clubs, U. S. A., I have been in a position to gather ample details of these conditions, but names, dates and places cannot be recorded at the present time because of the danger of involving informants in police reprisals. Responsible officials admit in a general and partial way that these conditions exesit, but claim they are unable to control the police. All liberal and humane Americans should protest such conditions.

I attended the all-day trial of several young people at Sliven, Bulgaria, accused of being members of an illegal society. That night at midnight my room was invaded by police, who ordered me to return to Sofia. Early next morning secret service men commanded me to surrender all notes taken at the court hearings. A defesne attorney, who was in possesion of the notes, was arrested and questioned, and I was shadowed throughout my trip. I had been previously visited by an agent of the ministry of the interior and assured that every convenience would be afforded my in carrying out the mission of the delegation.

Could Do It



Mme. Irene Joliot-Curie who may be named under-secretary of state in the new People's Front Cabinet of France. She is the daughter of the discoverer of radium and was awarded the Nobel prize in chemistry several years ago. In France Socialists and Communists joined hands and defeated the fascist forces with a united working class. Their triumphant victory contrasts with the Belgian failure, where unity was not achieved.

Mexican Workers 'Paro' Calles Loses Title Confiscation of Loot

MEXICO CITY, June 2.- The Confederation of Mexican Workers has decided to call a national "paro" or stoppage of work on June 18th in protest against the decision of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration which broke the strike of the railway workers. The stoppage will be of one hour's duration and will be participated in by workers in every part of Mexico. It is reported that certain sections of the Confederation are in favor of adopting a more drastic measure than that of a work-stoppage and are urging a general strike.

BIRDS OF PREY

The Austrian government is negotiating with British firms for the purchase of 150 military planes costing 900 thousand pound sterling.

GRIP ON CHINA; DOMINATES MONEY TRIUMPHS OVER BRITAIN AND JAPAN THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF CHINA IN STRUGGLE FOR UPPER HAND IN By far the most important development in the Orient in recent months, from the American point of view, was the deal put over by Secretary of the Treasurer Morgenthau whereby Chinese currency

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TIGHTENS

will be "pegged" to the American dollar. The significance of this move is as

great as the Japanese mobilizations in the North China provinces, or the recent demands of the Cantonese army for a war of resistance against Japanese invasion. Indeed, this currency maneuver is one of the prime factors in back of the movements of troops and the rumbling of war. It represents an aggressive victory of American imperialism in a threecornered struggle with Great Britain an Japan. Only this struggle was fought in the field of financial bargaining rather than by the bayonet.

EVENTUALLY WAR

Where the bayonet comes in is the fact that no imperialist nation can count a gain a gain unless their armed forces are prepared to back up their financial dealings.

"Pegged to the American dollar," means that Chinese currency will be guaranteed, not by deposits of gold or silver in the national treasury, but by American dollars. Consequently the value of Chinese money will fluctuate in exact relation to American money.

It is necessary in capitalist economy that the currency of a nation be "pegged" to some standard of more or less permanent value. Otherwise a unit of money will fluctuate in value so rapidly that you could not tell from morning to morning what it was worth.

BOUNCING SILVER

The common standard of exchange throughout the capitalist world is gold. The Chinese standard was silver. When America, Britain and Japan began their heated struggle for domination of Chinese markets they bled the nation of its silver so rapidly that China had difficulty clinging to enough of it to back up her currency. By their competitive buying and selling, the imperialist nations shot the price of silver up and down so rapidly that China found her monetary system "pegged" to the tail of a kite. She was forced off the silver standard and had to make shift as best she could with a "managed" currency, worth as much on the international money market as united cigar coupons.

Japan wanted Chinese currency "pegged" to her yen.

Britain wanted Chinese currency "pegged" to her pound sterling. America wanted Chinese currency "pegged" to her dollar.

America won out.

The prospect of China accepting the Japanese yen peacefully was out of the question. Japan relied upon her bayonets to put over the deal,

UPS AND DOWNS

When Britain began earnestly buying up silver, America went into silver buying with both hands and shot the price up to a peak of 81 cents. When Britain began negotiations with China for "pegging" to the pound, America withdrew from the silver market and shot the price down to 49 1-4 cents.

This caused suspension of the British silver market for the first time since 1914 and created serious monetary disruptions throughout the world.

The untold misery which this caused throughout China is intestimable. Chinese workers and small merchants paid for the silver battle in blood, hunger and suffering as genuinely as if the struggle were waged on the field of battle. Each imperialist nation paraded its maneuvers under the banner of "lending China a helping hand."

The capitalist press of America hailed the Morgenthau deal under the heading: "U. S. AGAIN AIDS CHINA."

FORCED ACCEPTANCE

China had virtually no alternative but to sell her silver to America for dollars and use this foreign money as her national standard.

It means that American imperialism, far from intending to withdraw from the critical Chinese situation which sooner or later will mean war, has plunged her arm in up to the elbow.

American imperialist maneuvers are backed by the dollar and the dollar is supposed to be backed by gold in the treasury. Theoretically, this is true. In reality, it is backed by the blood that flows in the veins of every working man, oman and child in America.

Imperialist nations never gain a business advantage abroad but what it must be backed up by the blood of the people. No matter how clever the capitalists of a nation might be, they canot gain any advantage beyond which the armies of that nation can conquer and hold.

Sooner or later, you are going to be asked to put on a uniform and gas mask, shoulder a rifle, and back up Mr.

Morgenthau's clever piece of business.

IN WHOSE INTEREST?

They will tell you that your fight is in the interests of the Chinese people.

American financial interests are active in China for only one reason: they can get more out of the country than they put in. They can get more than they give. They can yield a higher profit out of the exploitation of the Chinese than by investments at home.

They do not build factories and railroads in China for the convenience or betterment of China. They build them because every dollar they spend in China brings them back 10 dollars. It is a slot machine with the odds in their favor and 400 million people sweating and starving to keep up the pay-off.

LACK OF UNITY IN BELGIUM RESULTS IN FASCIST GAINS

Socialist Leader Unable To Form New Cabinet; King Leopold .Calls Old Premier Back

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—Recent elections have resulted in a virtual victory for reactionaries and a tremendous increase in the danger of fascism. Failure of the Socialist leaders to unite with the Communists in a People's Front gave the advantage to the new Rexist fascist party which scored the most outstanding gains.

Although Socialists lost three seats in the balloting, they came through as the largest single party in the chamber owing to the fact that the previous biggest party, the Catholics, lost so heavily to the Rexists. Nevertheless, the reactionaries were in the majority and Emile Vandervelde, Socialist leaders, was unable to form a cabinet. As a result, King Leopold has restored the former Premier Van Zeeland.

Although the Communist Party tripled its representation as a result of the elections, they scored but hine seats compared with 21 seats won by the Rexists.

The only province in which the Socialists gained ground was in Limburg, the only province in which Communists and Socialists united on a common plat-

A PROFESSOR LOOKS AT SOVIET LIFE for all of these conflicts is removed,

(By a Professor in a California Junior College now spending a leave of absence in the Soviet Union.)

[Released by the American Friends of the Soviet Union.]

PART II.

An inspector in a mohorka (a sort of tobacco) plant in Eletz has worked in that plant for over 40 years. Before the revolution he was a foreman and received 100 rubles a month, which was a good salary then. He said he lived quite well. Now he receives 200 rubles a month pension as he is over 50 years old and receives about the same amount as salary, since he continues to work. He says he likes it much better now because he knows that he will be taken care of when he is sick and that his family will be taken care of if he dies. "And then, too," he said, "I know for whom I am

working now."

A woman working in this same plant began to work there when she was 13 years old for 15 kopecks a day. She said that many of the girls had to resort to prostitution in order to earn a living, and they were usually fired by the owner as soon as they lost favor with him. There was no machinery in the plant and the dust was so thick that one could see only a few feet. Now the entire plant is mechanized and ventilating shafts draw off virtually all the dust. This woman is now 42 years old and will be retired in eight years on a pension based on her full salary.

ASSURED VACATIONS

Workers are not allowed to work over seven hours a day, except in cases of emergency. Vacations range from two weeks to six weeks, depending on what sort of work they do. During vacation, they receive full pay based usually on their average earnings for the three months preceding the vacation. Every worker is insured against health, accident and death by his trade union without cost to the

An office worker was absent from work for three months last summer. He received two-thirds of his average earnings for the first 15 days and 100 per cent for the rest of the time. A locomotive worker in the upper Donbas told me that he had been earning 1000 rubles a month, but that once when he was sick he had received 1500 rubles a month during his illness because the trade union felt that his expenses would be more while he

The only worker I found who doesn't like it in the Soviet Union was a Serbian who had worked for many years in America. He is a heavy drinker and came here with rheumatism. The cold climate caused his rheumatism to get worse and he has been unable to work for about a year. During this time he has received 560 rubles a month pen-

sion, and his wife earns over 600 as a doctor. Too, when one gets into some parts of the Soviet Union the woods are full of rest homes and curing places for workers, and when I say workers, I mean everyone. Whether one is an actor, or teaches, or is a street cleaner, or is an engineer, one is a worker.

MEDICAL CARE

On one of my trips out of Moscow, my wife was ill. She had a doctor twice and had tests at the polyclinic. Yesterday I had such a bad cold that I also had to visit the polyclinic. All of this cost us nothing. Also, on one trip a friend of mine who was traveling with me, ate so much at the various farms and factories which we visited that we felt he should have a doctor. There was no charge. A young man studying on a Social Science Research scholarship was taken sick with scarlet fever in January and was kept in a hospital for more than a month without a cent charge.

But real democracy goes deeper than economic security and opportunity, deeper than social insurance and medical attention. It must do more than abolish economic contradictions. It must eliminate the conflict between races and sexes. Women are permitted and encouraged to do every sort of work except what is considered too heavy for them. Women are barbers, tractor and truck drivers, engineers, doctors, ditch

diggers, Red Army Women, aviators, marksmen, etc. They can run the nation-and do a good job of it.

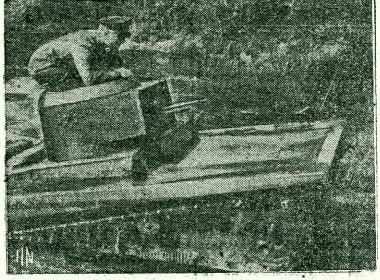
Little girls are taught wood and metal work and little boys are taught to sew. In fact, it is a law that all school children must learn to work-it is an honor to work, a dishonor not to work. Women cannot be dismissed from their work for any cause whatsoever while they are prengant, and they receive a vacation of from two to four months before and after childbirth with full pay. So one doesn't find many women marrying here for a livelihood, and there are very few prostitutes, those few being mostly in Moscow. The women here are a pretty independent lot.

RACIAL UNITY

Before the revolution, the czarist government used to stir up hatred among nationalities. Nothing was lower than a Buryat-Mongolian. Jewish pogroms were common. The Tartars hated the Russians. The Cossacks were hated by everyone except the nobility and the priests, etc. Last night at one of the great theaters at a performance of Sadko, I noticed in the audience the leathery faces of Buryat-Mongolians who are being received as guests of the government, of Caucasians wearing their silver swords, tight coats and bushy caps, Uzbeks in their brightlycolored robes. One no longer sees or hears about racial animosities.

Apparently when the economic basis

The New Soviet "Fish Tank"



Able to navigate rivers and lakes like a boat or roll over the countryside as a tank, this new type of Soviet armored car is being manufactured by the hundreds to strengthen border defenses both in Siberia and along the European border. The powerful Soviet defense army is causing Hitler to think twice before launching too recklessly upon his proposed conquest of the Soviet Rather, they all see the need for cooperation, and that is why the Soviet Union is succeeding in solving economic and social problems which fascist countries like Germany and Italy cannot solve.

there is not much left to fight about.

ELECTION METHODS

The method of governmental representation also makes for democracy. There are no political parties in the Soviet Union as we Americans know them. No one runs for office or makes , any speeches for himself. Rather the people choose representatives through their various organizations. E. g., the housewives of a city are allowed so many representatives in the City Soviet, the streetcar workers, a steel plant, the house workers' union, a bread factory, a group of school teachers, a collective farm, the barbers, and bathhouse attendants, etc., each has one or more representatives to be elected to the City Soviet. Each organization meets separately and elects its allotted number of representatives by popular vote.

The representatives may or may not be communists. In all of the City Soviets which I have examined, the majority of the members were not communists. An organization may recall its representatives to the City Soviet at any time for any reason. While in Magnitoforsk, I found that the manager of the City Soviet had misused the city's funds. He and 38 members of the City Soviet had been immediately recalled by their respective organizations and replaced by newly elected members.

The members of the City Soviet are not paid, as they continue to perform their regular work in factory, farm or home; the work they do as members of the City Soviet is a part of their social service. If they quit work, they can no longer represent that organization. This automatically prevents the development of a group of politicians who are not productive and creative members of

DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT

Democracy finds its expression in many other ways. In one of the large lathe factories which I visited I inquired from a member of the trade union factory committee about the quality of the management. He said that the management was now very efficient and had the full support of the workers. He said, however, that last year the manager was a very fine man, but was not capable of directing such a large plant. As a result, the plant did not work efficiently, and therefore, the workers did not receive satisfactory wages. Labor turnover was great. At last the workers asked that he be replaced. This was done immediately.

(Continued in next issue.)

REPORT REACTIONARIES WANT TO SPLIT SAN JOSE GOUNGIL

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A reportais going around that certain reactionary elements are behind a move to split the San Jose Building Trades Central Labor Council and that a petition is being circulated among the building trade unions for the purpose of bringing about such a split.

The only apparent reason seen for such a campaign is that the progressives are in the majority and have succeeded in enacting progressive measures on the Council. The Council secretary, Volkers, is a reactionary.

Victimize Jobless

LOS ANGELES .- Caught in

the pinch of political skulldug-

gery were hundreds of thou-

liquidate the State Emergency

Led by Emily Wooley, dicta-

agencies in Los Angeles, San

Francisco and Alameda counties

That the unemployed will be

the victims of this political bat-

take any SERA clients until the

State legislature accepts the "em-

ployables" as a state responsibil-

According to Sacramento re-

ports, Merriam plans to establish

new department of Public Wel-

fare embracing all state-operat-

ed relief agencies. New political

appointments will replace the

present SERA bureaucrats under

OPEN

FORUM

I am a new subscriber to the

Western Worker and would like

to make a suggestion. Heretofore I have read your paper and

have obtained a general idea of

what the object of the Commun-

ist Party. However, there are

many doubts left in my mind,

I would suggest that in each

edition you have some person

prepare a series of small columns

explaining in detail the above.

Also agout some part of the or-

ganization, its base, object, and

People with prejudice in re-

gards to Communism begin to

realize that the Party is really

their idea, in a slightly varied

form, and whatever doubts they

may have are brushed aside by

the question and answer column.

Senate for No Ban

Yours sincerely,

the new set-up, it is reported.

continue to operate

Among the visitors to the last? regular session of the Council were Edward Vandeleur, Secretray of the State Federation of Labor, and besides him the international organizer of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

ORGANIZE UNORGANIZED Vandeluer addressed the session, telling of the organization sands of unemployed in Califorof the Alaska Cannery Workers. nia, as a result of the determina-He also touched on the 30 hour tion of Governor Merriam to week, and the necessity of organizing the unorganized was Relief Administration and turn emphasized. He warned the dele- the relief back to county welgates against future attacks on fare agencies, and the equal deorganized labor but was very termination of SERA bureaucrats vague about who was to do the to fight for their own personal

The secretary blasted an action already voted by the Countrol of the so-called California cil whereby three laundries were | Social Service, high officials are placed on the "we don't pat reported to be attempting to ronize list." The reason for the maintain their own jobs-not the blast was that in these laundries, relief standards of the joblessalthough they are on the unfair by having the present state list, the workers were to continue working.

This situation has been discussed for over a year by all San Jose labor officials and the Laundry Workers International presi- the was indicated by the statedent. Finally, after months of ment of Rex Thompson, supertrying to get a contract for the intendent of charities here, that workers, the Laundry Workers Los Angeles County will not Union voted as above.

SUPPORT PLEDGED

Vandeleur said such a procedure was wrong and that the workres should be pulled out. It was explained that the local could not finance a strike and Vandeleur pledged financial aid and moral support of the San Francisso Labor Council.

Business agent Anderson then asked that the Council action be rescinded under the new circumstances, and that a plan of action be worked out. The action was unanimously rescinded and a committee composed of Secretray Volkers, Anderson and Vandeleur elected to devise a plan of action.

Old Age Pensions Still at \$25 Level

LOS ANGELES. - Despite the decision of the State Legislature at its present special session to increase old-age pensions to \$35 per month, the aged in Los Angeles County are still receiving the old miserable ration of \$25 per month, even though the increased budget would still be inadequate.

"We have not been authorized by the state department of Social welfare to increase the pensions," was the excuse given by Superintendent of Charities, Rex Thomson.

Charges of Speaking Without Permit Are Dismissed by Court

LOS ANGELES, June 5. -Charges against Herschel Alex ander, Negro youth leader, were ander, Negro youth leader, were dismissed yesterday in Judge On Shipping Arms the daughter left town. We never believed him guilty, but the po-Harold B. Landreth's court. Alexander was arrested on April 6th at an anti-war demonstration at 43rd Street and Central Avenue, after the meeting had been forcibly smashed by the Los Angeles "Red" Squad.

Jack Johnson, young white worker, also arrested with Alexander, had been dismissed on May 12th at which time the jury had disagreed on charges against Alexander.

Alexander and Johnson were charged with speaking without a permit and displaying a ban-

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Oh, For a Dog's Life!



Pampering is for dogs, not for starving humans, believes the "upper crust" of Chicago, as witness this new \$100,000 dog home built by the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society. This dog gets a luxurious shower bath, while unemployed are lucky to have any plumbing sanitation watsoever. This dog gets fine meat, while a recent survey showed that the desperately hungry jobless are buying large quantities of cheap dog food, at three or more cans for 25 cents.

Socialist Minister Arrested for Fighting Anti-Union Army Officers

By a Worker Correspondent.

GLASGOW, Mont.—Because he distributed circulars gro leader of the unemployed, also spoke at the election rally. for a mass meeting to protest anti-labor conditions in army barracks, and declaring a boycott of the Great Falls, Mont., Official Wants to Tribune for refusing to publish facts on the barracks, Rev. H. P. Perkins, a Socialist, was arrested for "agitating on the

His wife, Mrs. Clara Mae Perkins, sent the following letter to President Roosevelt:

"I read recently that through? Secretary Ickes you had expressed sympathy with the minority Workers Donate group in Palestine, and consequently I am laying before you a case of persecution of a minority group by the officials of Fort Peck Dam.

AGITATING

"The facts are these: my husband, a clergyman of the Episco-'agitating on the project' by a Fort Peck policeman. He had been handing out circulars like the enclosed:

"We learned today that a petition for his removal from his job is being circulated in Glasgow and will be submitted to Bishop H. H. H. Fox of the Diocese of Montana. He is accused of being a Communist, of drinking beer in a beer parlor with his wife, of associating with a man with a prison record, and of having his house searched by the police.

"He is a member of the Socialist Party. Norman Thomas himself will vouch for that fact. We did drink beer a couple of times, but what of it?

"The man with a prison record is a man who was accused of raping his 12-year-old step-daughter. He was released for lack of evidence when his wife and lice evidently did. While he was in jail, he was offered a job as stool-pigeon at the dam.

POLICE FRAME-UP

"Our house was searched for his wife. Her story was that she was forced to sign a blank sheet of paper, and the police cooked up the charge. She wept on our shoulders for two days and then disappeared. Then the police that no license for the export of searched our house for her. We arms should be issued "unless honestly did not know where the government of the country she was nor how she left town, to which such arms are to be though we—as well as the police -knew that she did not want to prosecute her husband. They had threatened to take her child away if she did not prosecute,

and me if we had not been act-There are such recommenda- ive in organizing the federal un- graphs when I mentioned mintions in the report as clauses ion at the dam and in a cam- ority. I am appealing to you to is setting a fast pace here for designed to prevent the floating paign to make the barracks op use your influence to protect circulators to repeal the Criminal

> in "free' America-to say that a Army. town for believing that American

For C.S. Campaign

as follows:

restaurant, \$2; Fresno clerk, \$1. in "relief barracks." 50; a friend, Fresno, 50 cents; F. Pasadena, \$1; a friend, San Francisco, \$10; a friend, San Francisco, \$5; four friends, San Francisco, \$4.

Funds from Fresno, Modesto, and Turlock were contributed Carl Patterson is the Communist candidate for Congress.

workers ought to have the right to live where they wish and the right to organize themselves into unions; so they cook up charges which sound mightily like those against our Lord, that He associated with publicans and sinners, was a wine bibber and a glutton.

NOT JUST PERSONAL

"This is not a personal matter. It is just our job. We have been the only ones who dared defy the Fort Peck administration and speak up at meetings. The men on the job know that they will be fired if they become active. It has been done.

The removal of the Perkinses from the scene will allow the administration to continue its "The man had been active in the little gadfly bites which we dress of grievances.

"I was wrong in my first para-"The authorities do not dare— the Hitler tactics of the U. S. fighter against reaction has al-

> "Sincerely yours, "Clara Mae Perkins."

ROSSER LEADS FIGHT AGAINST IM-CROWISM

Communist Candidate Launches Campaign for Assembly In 62nd District In South

LOS ANGELES, June 11. ers present at an election rally dered for trying to organize. and dance, held in the Dunbar Hotel on Central avenue last week-end, to support the Communist election platform.

Rosser vigorously denounced racial discrimination, and raised the demand for jobs and the right to live, and for the immediate abolition of abuses that drive young girls into prostitution every year.

Specific causes of flagrant discrimination in the 62nd District high schools were cited by Ros-

"Although Negro and white students are equal in number," stated Rosser, "flagrant discrimination exists to the extent that Negro children are not permit ted to change clothes in the pupils. These disgraceful conditions can only be abolished by united protest.

"But discrimination is carried beyond the school room. It carinto factories and stores and everywhere else the Negro people seek employment."

Herschel Alexander, young Ne-

Regiment Jobless

LOS ANGELES .- County Au in every department of life. ditor Payne, in a report filed with the board of Supervisors, against various local Liberals, the workers alone will rule the advocated regimentation in feed- including Dr. Walter John Shering and housing of single men, man, pastor of the First Methodat an even lower scale than now ist Church, and L. E. Claypool,

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.— a day for each man in privately tion. The State Election Campaign operated lodging and eating to serve three meals for the Martinez worker, \$1.50; Fresno price now paid private establish his public utterances. County farmer, \$3; Fresno car- ments for two, and at the same penter, \$2; railroad worker, -1; time paid all operating expenses

a friend, Fresno, \$3; Fresno bak-, Payne's report also suggests er, \$1; two Modesto workers, 75 that a similar plan be carried cents; Communist unit Modesto, out in county-owned dormitor a friend, Turlock, \$11; Fresno ies, thus forcing the men to live

Fresno culinary worker, \$1; J. Judge Plays Leading Role in "Drama" of Law's 'Impartiality'

LOS ANGELES. - Another impartiality of the law" story for campaign expenses in the was re-enacted here recently for 9th Congressional District, where the "education" of the masses, when Justice William C. Doran of the State Appellate Court was arrested for speeding on the Roosevelt highway in the ritzy Malibu Beach district.

"No officer can arrest me, stormed Doran, "I know every body in the sheriff's office." But he was arrested, just to show that "big shot" politicians are equal before the traffic laws, if not before other statutes.

Bonuses Not to Aid Convicts Materially

SAN QUENTIN PRISON. -Eight hundred convicts here will receive \$500,000 in soldier bonuses, but they won't spend much of it. Warden Court Smith announced that convicts cannot use their bonuses for attorneys' fees, autos, homes of relatives by permised with high praise for Woodrow organizing a federal union at have been able to give it. It will sion of the State Prison Board. rass Steinmetz and his support during the course of the Muni- has been ordered off the porterence with the rigts of workers doled out in small sums by the and waiters against the Golden

HE'S 76 YEARS YOUNG!

VALEJO, Cal., June 9.-Charles M. Sherman, 75 years young, the rights of 8000 men against Syndicalism Act. This valiant ready filled six full petitions, or "just begun."

San Diego Is Battle Ground for Fight Against Vicious Reaction

By Crawford Durl.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—This borderland city has beome in recent months the center of an increasingly sharp conflict between liberals, progressives and radicals on one side, and smug and vicious reactionaries on the other.

Hundreds, including church people, are beginning to take sides, mostly supporting the fight against reaction.

Negro Attorney Is

LOS ANGELES, June 6.

Stressing the need for a united

front among all liberals, progres-

sives and radicals, Hugh Mac-

beth, well-known Negro attorney

pian Society in Southern Califor-

Open Forum, 230 South Spring

Pointing out the necessity as

well as the vast possibilities of

the United Front, Macbeth ex-

plained the situation developing

in the Methodist Episcopal

"More and more, liberalism is

developing in the church," he

said. "Whereas, before, there was

scarcely any social consciousness

as to the needs of the great mas-

ses of the people, there is now

coming into being the realization

for the necessity for political

action. These social needs expres-

best be used in building the

"The day to day struggles of

the workers must go on if la-

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street, here last night.

For United Front

The set-to really began more than two years gao when the Deputy State Labor Commission-San Diego committee of the Am- er and the other is membership Launching his campaign as Com- erican Civil Liberties Union, on the County Civil Service munist candidate for assembly joined the state organization in Commission. It was Gue who man in the 62nd District, Lou defending the workers of the bullied a city official into build-Rosser, Negro youth leader, call- Imperial Valley when they were ing a road at public expense ed on 450 Negro and white work | being jailed and beaten and mur across private property to the home of Gue's mother-in-law and is still using the road.

ORGANIZED ACTION

Inspired by Valley vigilantism, ocal red-baiters, headed by the "patriotic" Hammar Club, began every sort of an onslaught on local progressive forces. This included sneering at Epics, denouncing all liberals as "reds," and forming a branch of the fascistic "League Against Commun-

The Civil Liberties Union be gram and instituted a suit again gan to organize a defense pro and general counsel for the Utost the Board of Education to obtain use of school buildings for nia, spoke to a well-filled audipublic meetings to discuss social torium at the Cultural Center and economic problems.

Use of the schools was denied and a long trial of the case took locker room used by the white place before Superior Judge Arthur L. Mundo, a professional legionnaire.

The school board won the first round and for lack of funds the case was not appealed. The board, however, modified its attitude somewhat, due to mass sentiment, and local liberals have since been permitted to speak in the schools.

RED-BAITER SQUELCHED

But that did not end the general controversy. Edward Good sed through political action can man, deputy district attorney who defended the Board of Education United Front." in the suit, conceived the idea that he had been divinely called

He has issued so many attacks said. Eventually, I hope that mobile. columnist on the Sun-that the According to Payne, the county District Attorney, Thomas Whe now pays \$1 a week for lodg- lan, had to reprimand his deputy ing and 34 cents for two meals and shift hom to another posi-

Goodman hasn't been the only digging into WPA funds of other Committee of the Communist houses. He contends a recent red-baiter. He has merely made sections of the country, suspen-Party today listed contributions survey shows that a restaurant the most noise. Major T. C. Mac sion of Los Angeles county WPA automobile the law forbids them pal church, was arrested for of workers toward the campaign operated by the County Depart- auley, Chamber of Commerce, activities was temporarily avoid a license to use. Total contributions, total ment of Rehabilitation, covering manager, is probably even more ed today by Washington works ing \$50.25 thus far, are itemized a period of one year, managed obnoxious and asinine than Good progress administration officials. man, for he is more spiteful in ceive \$1,400,000 to tide over the local office until June 21 at

"INVESTIGATION"

It was blustering Maj. Macauley who took action to procure an investigation of Prof. Harry C. Steinmetz of the State College here. Steinmetz had been removed as President of the Federated Trades and Labor Council by Joe Casey. Pacific Coast organizer for the American Federation of Labor, act ing under orders from President William Green.

No sooner had that happened than Macaulay, who for political reasons, is an ardent member of the American Legion started to work to get Steinmetz outsed at State College. Macaulay showed up at Post No. 6 one night with several of his cohorts, one of whom attended regularly. He moved that the State Board of Education be asked to investigate Steinmetz. Just 26 members out of a total of 450 were present, and the motion was car-

Steinmetz was investigated and exonorated, of course. But Macaulay continues his red-baiting.

DISRUPTERS

When the Labor Council was disrupted, the two arch-disrupters, Stanley Gue and Ed Dowell, both of whom had been discredited and were disgruntled, worked together with the Chamber of Commerce and the banks to complete the wrecking. There was a strike on at the radios, or luxuries, and may only time. This strike, it is now exploitation unhindered, without be used against mortgages on known, was called by leaders of a reactionary group to embar-Wilson, even though Senator Nye, the dam. Since his release he tllow them to continue their in Otherwise the money will be ers. It was a strike of the cooks Lion restaurant and the racial issue was the chief one raised an issue which Steinmetz opposed raising. The union opposed Chiiese cooks.

The strike was lost. The labor novement was hurt.

Neither Stanley Gue nor Ed Dowell have done any kind of common or skilled labor for 420 signatures, and says he has 20 years. Gue holds two jobs here, contrary to law. One is

TYPO WORKERS REACTIONARIES

Five Red-Baiters Removed by Rank and File from Jobs In the Stockton Local Union

STOCKTON .- Five red-baiting reactionary officials of the Stockton Typographical Union got the skids in a surprise move by the rank and file last week.

Mercer, Schroeder and three of their stooges were the ones who got the gate as officials. Mercer, ex-president of the Central Labor Council, was removed because he couldn't or wouldn't explain just how he spent \$60 sent from the International to arry out some work.

When Mercer was presdent of the Labor Council he was also a member of the Executive Board of the Chamber of Commerce. He was chief red-baiter in the Council and opponent of rank and file movements in the unions.

Mercer, Schroeder and the three stooges were always warning the union against Communism and the rank and file. The membership of the Typo Union, however, have found out who their real enemies are in the la bor movement.

Taxes Deprive Use Of Autos to Poor

By a Worker Correspondent. LOS ANGELES.- No more autos for toilers. California has recently enacted a law compelling an over taxed people to pay old personal property taxes.

The law is so constructed that the poor who are unable to pay these taxes cannot get a license for an automobile, and therefore, to attack "subversive activities" bor wishes to free itself from without a license, are deprived war, porvrty and hunger," he of their right to use an auto-

> Only the wealthy who can pay their taxes are to be permitted this right.

> The old family cars of many workers and their families, now sit in the back yards of their homes because they could not pay back personal property taxes without a job which would enable them to do so. They paid their hard earned wages for an

Automobiles for poor farmers and workers are getting to be a thing of the past in the U. S. A. The taxes have at last got 'em, and there will be more which time it is hoped additional taxes, and more taxes taking not only cars, but the bread out of the farmers' and workers' mouths-if we don't do something about it.

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of arms be confined to recognized

The recommendations concludtions Committee's investigations ject when he was looking for to organize and peacefully to prison administration. some months ago, showed that a job. No reason was given him. petition the government for re-Wilson falsified and lied in bring- These charges would not have ing the country into the World been made against my husband

been accorded.'

of loans in the U.S. by belli- tional. gerent nations, but the above recommendations are sufficient to insure the continued shipment preacher ought to be run out of of armsto aggressor nations.

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

CELLULOID SUCCESS

Movie fans are being introduced to a new, featured character actor. The name of John Carradine is appearing in the bought and paid for publicity columns of the daily papers. Press agents are industriously inventing anecdotes about the new actor to build him up in the

public eye. He played the villain role in "Shark Island," and, from the steady build up or oublicity, we can expect to see his

quite frequently in major screen parts from now on. Well and good! He can act. But the fact never did him very much good up to now.

The real story of Carradine is not being featured by the publicity writers. One reason is that it illustrates so clearly waht a damned fool place Hollywood is. Carradine's real name is Peter Richmond. At least that is the name he was

known by for years up and down Hollywood boulevard. And he is as familiar to Holywood residents as the hydrants or telegraph poles. His tall, lank figure, striding with an air of practised majesty up and down the long lane of tea rooms and brassiere shops walked a persistent patrol for seven years at least.

Visitors mistook him for a movie actor. And that was the part he was playing for a sidewalk audience. And that was what he intended to be.

He wore out the latches of a dozen studios and exhausted the patience of a hundred casting directors. He wanted a

It is doubtful if he ever slept.

Early morning or late at night, he was always on hand. At breakfast, you would see him extolling his abilities in the ears of a doubtful waitress. At noon he would be reciting Shakespeare in the beer parlors. At midnight or 3 a. m., he would be telling off-color stories to the taxi drivers in an all-night dairy lunch, imitating all voices and embellishing his tales with gestures.

On Sunday he sang Latin hymns in the

He knew evxeryobdy and what they were. He knew us for Bolsheviks. Seeing us in a restaurant, he would stride over shouting: "Workers of the world unite." He always asked us what day the revolution was coming off so he could stay te that morning. And he would say, let you boys do all the work and

then I'll jump on the gravy train." He didn't mean any offense. He was only trying to be funny. He didn't know anything about politics and didn't care.

He wanted to be a movie actor. The thing is, he could act. Why wouldn't Hollywood give him a chance? Studios were supposed to be scouring the world for talent and here was a man sitting

on their doorstep perfectly adaptable to their purposes. The story goes that he migrated from

England where he got his start with a Shakespearean company.

Hollywood accepted him as an entertaining freak and let him ring the doorbell for seven years before they condescended to open up.

Hollywood likes to display talent like some rare orchid they searched for in the jungles or a pearl they got their hands on after splitting open ten thousand oysters. They cultivate this idea among the masses, stirring millions with inferiority complexes and causing mobs to trample each other in efforts to get a look at a movie star hastening from a limousine.

The fact is that John Carradine is only one of thousands, and Hollywood has enough talent on its relief rolls to supply stars for a hundreds years. All they have to do is reach out and grab one, trun their publicity machine loose, and they have a star.

The acting profession is not an easy one. I don't mean to minimize its art. But the thing is, talent exists in great abundance and only a few get their chance—like seven year Carradine. And in order to get that chance, they are ound through a mill of stupidity and indering and string pulling.

Retail food prices for the two weeks ending April 7 this year were 32 per cent above their level when Roosevelt entered the White House. Retail meat prices are 40 per cent above the level of three years ago.

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When the Wasps Ain't A Short Story **Organized**

Market and Center streets, the skidway. the slave market for farm workers of the upper San Joaquin Valley, 4:45 a. m.

Last night they might have been called bums. Many drunk. Drinking on the curb. Bottles of wine charged with dynamite. Bought in the drug stores; bought in the liquor stores.

Now, at 4:45 a.m. they no longer look like bums. They are sober. They are workers. One thousand men, two thou-

Huge trucks with trailers pull into the Skidway. They're after men for the beets. Two bits an hour. Smaller trucks for cherry pickers. Two bits a bucket.

One truck offers 27 cents a bucket for pickers. There is a rush. Fifty men climb aboard. The trucker only needs 20. He picks his crew. The other climb down.

Another boss has difficulty getting a crew. He walks among the men, coaxing. Oother trucks are filling up at the same wage, but this boss, the guy with the checkered overalls has his troubles. "Royal Anns," he says. "Good picking." He looks around, waiting for the rush. "Some fellows made four bucks yesterday," he says.

"You and who else?" the workers say. "I wouldn't horse you," says the boss. The men laugh. They know this guy.

They know a lot of the guys, but this guy He begins to whine. He has two small

trucks to fill. He wants 60 pickers. A woman drives one truck. She wears white pants. She and the guy with the checkered overalls work together.

"Picking is good," says the woman in the white pants ,urging the men to climb on the truck.

"But the pay ain't," say the men. She is embarrassed before all these

workers: Negroes, Filipinos, Mexicans, Slavs and Americans, young and old. She stands at the foot of the truck looking downcast. The boss with the checkered overalls becomes nervous. It is getting late. It is already 5:45 a. m.

A dozen trucks are out, two dozen. More loading out every minute. A thousand, 1200 men have gone to the fields. Like cattle they were jammed into the trucks and jolted into the richness of the California agricultural fields to work for 25 cents an hour, two bits a bucket for

The checkered overall boss has two trucks. A few workers have climbed aboard, a few on his truck and a few on the woman's. But he wants more.

The men stand on the trucks or stand on the street holding 15 cents paper bag lunches in their hands. The ones with 15 cents hold paper bag lunches. Many do not. They'll work that day but they won't eat lunch. It's all right when you get used to it. Hunger's all right if you're used to it.

Failing in his mass appeal the boss begins to single out individuals. "We've moved on to the Royal Anns. Stripping the top half of the trees. A good man can make four bucks.'

"They're as high as pine trees," says a worker. "You got to reach them with

The boss begins to whine. He's losing money. For every bucket a worker picks this boss, a labor contractor, gets ten cents. Ten cents on every bucket picked, on the worker's work. He's wasting time, wasting money.

"I'll admit," he whines, willing to humble himself for the sake of the dime a bucket. "I'll admit the pickers didn't do so well last week. I'll admit the cherries were rotten and not so thick. They couldn't make much. That's true. But things are different now. So don't hold the past against me."

"Boost the price to 35 cents a bucket?" say the workers.

The boss almost cries.

More men have climbed aboard. The woman in the white pants pulls out with almost a load. A guy got to eat.

A worker says, "why can't we stick together and hold out for decent pay?" Another says: "You won't stick. These stiffs won't stick."

By Anonymous

"The heck we won't." Up and down the Skidway there is talk of organization. Every morning there is talk. In the fields there is talk.

The lettuce tramps are organized; 2000 of them in the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. They won wage demands in Salinas, in Watsonville, in Santa Maria and even under the guns of vigiliantes in the Imperials.

If the lettuce tramps can do it, so can the other stiffs. That's the way they-'re talking.

But you can't organize stiffs. Always someone comes back to that.

"Give us a chance and you'll see," "Who'll do it? The A. F. of L. don't

"The Reds?"

want us."

"We don't want the Reds." "We don't want no politics."

"You want more than two bits an hour? You want to put in 13 and 14 hours and get paid for nine? You want to get paid for the four or five hours you put in on the road; in the truck getting the bones jolted out of you?"

"Nuts on this A. F. of L. stuff, and this Red stuff. We want to get organized, but we got to have somebody to show us how.'

The hay bailers organized, got a charter in Stockton, but one big shots in the A. F. of L. told them not to take in any field workers.

The growers don't want the field workers organized. There's nearly 300,000 field workers in California. There's a union. Sure, the growers don't want it, and the shippers and bankers who tell the growers what to think, they don't want it. Even the suggestion gets them nervous and they begin fingering machine guns.

The A. F. of L. had Paul Scharrenberg in charge of organization in the agricultural fields for 20 years. He did a swell job for the bosses. He did not organize a single local.

A worker says, "The hay balers are stiffs just like us. They blame well better take us in. It's farming ain't it? We're farm hands ain't we? If they ever pull the pin on a job over chow or wages you'll see what will happen. A thousand stiffs will walk all over them to take their jobs."

"Well, where is this union? Where does it meet?"

"It's A. F. of L. They don't want us." "The top guys, maybe. But let's talk to the stiffs. We'll go up there in a body. The'll take us all right."

The checkered overall guy had pulled out. Truck after truck had gone, with beet hoers. Even the H. P. Garin company filled up with 200 carrot hands. The Skidway's pretty empty.

...It is 6:30. A stiff, wined up and weaving: "Yesterday I hoed beets in the peat land. Get away, you stumble bums; I'm a stinging, buzzing wasp."

Workers dread the peat lands of the delta. Rich productive land, it was for the soil until now the land is light as a feather with dry vegetable matter and centuries a lush jungle of quick growing weeds. The weeds decayed, fertilizing sharp as spinltered shingles when swirled in black clouds by the constant delta winds. It penetrates overalls and leather coats, eats into the eyes and nose and lungs. The toughest hide never becomes immune to the peat itch.

"I'm a wasp," shouts the 6:30 wino. "I'm a whole hive of stinging bees. See me scratch."

Then it is 8 a. m. The truck gangs have gone. A few workers remain. Jobs begin to appear on the employment boards. Six men to hoe potatoes, 171/2 cents an hour. Hay hand, \$30 and board. Three cherry pickers, two bits a bucket.

You pay \$1 for the job, also trans-

Plenty jobs this month in Stockton, next month, then through the winter, nothing. Jobs paying less than bare subsistence now, and for the months of unemployment, nothing.

"We got to organize," the men say. "We got to do it right now."

DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN!

CHAPTER X. Felt real salty this morning. Sitting on number five splicing a line. Had an audience of five Chinese youngsters, two missionaries, and the mate. The mate left

after I gave him a tough look. Missionary number one looked like a new hand just off on his first mission. Guess he felt full of that spirit of friendliness to all because he started to fondle one of the kids. "What's your name?"

"I ain't got no name," was the impudent answer. The other four brats chortled. I caught a gleam of humor in the eye of missionary number two.

"Put down that knife or I il have the bo'sun string you to the yard," I growled real tough like at one kid who had picked up my knife and was preparing to carve fancy designs on Mister Dollar's brand new tarpaulin.

He dropped the knife hastily and then smiled a real mischievous smile.

"I guess children are the same the world over," missionary number one muttered inanely.

"Hey-mister-can you do that?" for no reason at all one of them asked the new missionary and pointed towards one of the A. B.s greasing down the rigging

in a bo'sun's chair. I looked deliberately at the missionaries' snow white hands and grinned out loud as I pictured them being dipped into a can of graphite grease.

Missionary number one decided to take a stroll along the deck.

The second missionary seemed to have a better head I asked him what part of China he was

headed for-in fact I put a barb on it. The exact question was, "What part of Standard Oil China are you bound for?"

"South," he answered good naturedly. "Standard Oil does a little business there. I'm going back after a brief vacation. This will be my eleventh year out in

The town he mentioned is about 2000 miles straight south from Soviet China. A fishing port.

"What's the economic situation like there?" I asked just to get him talking. "Very bad. But it's like that all through China. We are pretty much cut off from the rest of the world. We used to see an occasional white man-Standard Oil representative. The company is gradually replacing white men with local Chinese agents Cheaper."

"Who heads the village?"

"They are all fishermen and the oldest one amongst them acts as the leader. What he says goes. They live from one catch to the next."

"How about bandits?" I was trying to lead up to the situation in Soviet China and his opinion of it.

"We have plenty of trouble with

"Where do they come from?" "Most of them are just youngsters who have deserted the regular army. They joined the army for want of something better. Once in it there is no leaving. Only by desertion. If they are caught it means death. As a result they simply

desert with their guns and turn bandit." "It wouldn't be so bad if the bandits only robbed the rich," the missionary continued as my mouth drop opened at this, "but they also rob the poor people." I was getting impatient. "Then what is

the ultimate solution of things?" "I'm sure I don't know. There is trouble ahead unless something is done for the people."

"What is Standard Oil doing to help out?" I asked with deliberate sarcasm. He ignored this question. I tried again. "They are doing things in Central China -aren't they?"

It was getting too hot for the missionary. He looked at me kind of funny, mumbled "I'll see you again," and walked

I got his look later. He sat down in the same deck chair on which I had stuck a copy of the Western Worker. Guess he tumbled.

We have a junior engineer on here who is apparently itching for trouble. He doesn't like the idea of the sailors intruding on the engine room gang's section of the ship. Tried to order four of

the deck gang away from there. They just looked at him and laughed, when he whined, "You fellows haven't any business in this part of the ship."

It's the same junior who is sore 'cause the oilers and wipers won't "sir" him.

"I used to have to sir everybody before I got my license. I don't see why they shouldn't sir me now," he was heard to moan at the chow table.

"That guy is gonna be famous some day," young Freel promised with conviction, "famous as the biggest company man on the Pacific."

We're having continued dirty weather. The messroom overhand is leaking now. So badly that only a few of us can eat at a time. The old man is pushing her right into them though-"the mail must go through—to hell with the crew."

The foc'sles are nice and damp-swell place to catch pneumonia, or T. B. or something.

Too bad Scharrenberg couldn't be shanghaied on one of these trips. (To be continued)

FACTS AND FIGURES

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE?

The American Liberty League was organized in August, 1934, "to sustain and defend the fundamental principles embodied in the Constitution of the United States," to combat radicalism, and "to preserve the ownership and lawful use of property, when acquired."

That the Liberty League was organized to maintain the profits and privileges of big business at the expense of the liberties of labor, is shown by the list of its national executive committee and national advisory council, and by its statements against labor and in defense of company unions. On its national executive committee are Sewell L. Avery, president and chairman of the Morgandominated Montgomery Ward & Co.; John W. Davis, lawyer for J. P. Morgan & Co.; Irenee duPont, vice chairman of the board of E. E. duPont de Nemours & Co.; Grayson M. P. Murphy, treasurer of the League, a director of Morgan's Guaranty Trust Co.; and other bankers and big industrials. Former chairman of the Democratic National Committee John J. Raskob is also connected with the leading bodies of the Liberty League.,

anti-labor program: 1) attacks trade unions and favors company unions; 2) opposes the 30-hour work week hill as "an unwarranted attempt to control production in violation of constitutional principles;" 3) has attacked payment of war veterans' bonus as extravagant expenditure; 4) opposes the Social Security Act, because of the "burdensome taxes imposed upon industry for unemployment insurance and old-age pensions;" 5) opposes federal expenditures for unemployment relief or work relief.

On January 30, 1936, John J. Raskob made public a letter sent out on personal stationary, appealing for mass membership in the League: "as a property owner. stockholder and director in several corporations, I hope you will not think me presumptuous in calling on you and your friends to unite with others in issuing a clarion call . . . to join the American Liberty League . . . which is doing everything possible to root out the vicious radical elements that threaten the destruction of our government."

The League is clearly an association of big business, organized to protect the wealth and power of the richest men in the country. This "liberty" league, although at present representing mainly reactionary Republican interests, may very well grow into a party of "national unity," leading the open fascist forces drawn from the most reactionary elements of both Democratic and Republican parties.

The above was extracted from Labor Fact Book III prepared by the Labor Research Association which is just off the press.

The outstanding points in the League's

by Magin

The John Smiths

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THROUGH!

AND BARNEY JENSEN WAS CHAIRMAN BLIAS SNOOP REPORTS TO THE BOSS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE UNION THAT ISN'T RIGHT-15 YEARS!

JOHN SMITH BROUGHT THE ORGANIZER

TRY TO GET AN OFFICE IN THIS UNION. MAKE A GOOD FELLOW OF YOURSELF - BUY THE MEN DRINKS! . HERE'S \$20 91





The stated purpose of the resolution is to "investigate the violations of civil mendation for legislation to the Senate."

that the approprition is too small and that it will not be possible to open hearings until January, 1937, because the limited amount of money granted makes it necessary to "borrow" personnel from other departments.

ready gone underground, and destroyed their records, to duck the investigation.

tion and labor committee will conduct the investigation, with Senator Black of

for some time and as I have a problem that confronts me I am writing you for some advice. I shall expect good old Marxian logic. For a short biography of my case:

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M.D.

HEREDITARY SYPHILIS

Being a reader of the Western Worker

Dear Doctor:

Father was of Scotch-Irish descent, my mother Swedish; my past illness-pneumonia at one and one-half years, measles and whooping cough at about 9 years, pneumonia again at about 12 and again I was in —, working as an aprentice in an establishment where I came in con-

tact with a great deal of potasium bicromate and knew of others who were susceptible to bicromate poisoning. My eyes started to go bad and then I went to the -, eye, nose and throat hospital (names and places I omit for protection of the writer of this letter .: F. E. B.). I was sent to the -- health department where they took a Wasserman and found syphilis. I had never had sexual intercourse and never had anything to indicate that my blood was that way. I later heard from an old photoengraver that if one had latent syphilis, potassium bicromate would bring it out. Have you ever heard of it?

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EN DULLA

I continued to work and treated my eyes with atropine prescribed by the eye hospital and took one course of Salvarsan and mercury treatment at the clinic. Tests still showing four-plus, I left and went to - and came back five months later and took another Wasserman and still showed four-plus. I quit the treatment for my eyes and the trouble apparently left them. This was all over 10 years ago.

The reason I didn't continue the treatment started in --- was at the clinic I met other youngsters of 12 and 14 who had been taking treatment for many years, with apparently little change.

I have done quite a bit of reading and have come to the conclusion that I could not pass on the disease by inheritance, but that any offspring I might have are apt to show it through a deformity, either mental or physical. Of late I have heard a great deal of the Kettering heat treatment for certain cases such as locomotor ataxia.

My mother and brother have just been placed in a hospital for mental cases.

I waited 12 years for something to show on me and then got married about ___ ago to a woman about my age who had been married before and who had had two mis-carriages and who wr not likely to have any children by r I didn't tell her anything of ha syphilis, as I would not know, mys. I had not worked with bicromate year

Do you know if any treatment is successful at my age for my type of disease? I use very little alcohol as I have heard that it stirs up the germs. I have a hunch, but am not sure, that alcohol had something to do with my brother's present plight.

I told a doctor at the --- eye, ear, nose and throat hospital that I would jump off a bridge if I had the nerve, and he said not to worry, that one out of three are in the same boat I'm in but don't know it. I have since read that it is about one out of 10. If and when any insanity or locomotor ataxia creeps up on me, can you recommend any institution that would like to cut me up and look me over for what they might learn that might help others?

A Reader.

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I will answer this letter in the next issue.-F. E. B.

Senate Votes Probe of Anti-Labor Espionage

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Aninvestigation of civil liberties violations, including the terroristic activities of large industrial corporations, is provided for in the La Follette resolution passed in the closing hours of the Senate's sessions. The passage of the resolution came

after hearings had revealed a wide net of anti-labor espionage in the country. The resolution calls for apropriation of \$15,000 and gives the committee power to subpoena witnesses.

rights, including freedom of speech, assembly, and press, and to report recom-The weaknesses of the resolution are

This gives the big industrial corporations a chance to reorganize their spy systems and anti-labor methods so that they will appear in a new and disguised form. It is learned that many of the industrial espionage agencies have al-

A subcommittee of the Senate educa-Alabama most likely in charge.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

By Ella Winter

About a year ago, Lincoln Steffens met Leslie T. White, a young detective who had just quit his highly paid job as an expert attached to the District Attorney's office in Los Angeles. After hearing this man's story of his ten years' experiences Steffens urged him to write a book, telling all. He did so and East. it will be published in August. by Harcourt, Brace and Company under the title, ME, DETEC-TIVE. The title comes from White's reaction to Steffens' suggestion: "What . . . you mean I ought to write a book about me, detective? ? ? ? An expert in detective technique-fingerprinting, manhandling, photography, listening in, raiding, gangbusting, ambushing, trailing -Mr. White brings in technical details only to explain the background of his work in many fa mous cases. His book is a narative that covers the highspots of recent California history; tong wars, the Doheny murder mystery, the St. Francis dam disaster, red-baiting on the Coast, the Jake Lingle case, and dozens of others.

Harcourt, Brace and Company has just signed a contract with John R. Tunis and the book is NOT about sports. Entitled was from the conservatives." College Worth While?, it is a literary candid camera study of 500 men who were graduated from Harvard in the Class of tween Roy Howard of the Scrip-1911. An intensely personal study ps-Howard newspapers and Rutells many surprising facts about pert Hughes, the basis of a unithe relation of higher education ted front of employers was estabto the individual's general wel- lished against all guilds, newspafare in later years—what effects | per as well as screen writers. "college" has had on these fac Howard congratulated the guildtors in the lives of 500 men splitters on their actions, asked earning power, family life, reli- for details for publication in gious belief, spare-time activit his papers. In Hollywood, it is of occupation, success, happiness, publisher is attempting to line outlook on life.

THE IMAGINARY SOUTH

BUTCHER BIRD, By Reuben Davis (Little, Brown & Co.) \$2.50 to William Randolph Hearst. Reviewed by Sally Fry

An unimportant novel about "high hippity gal" cinnamonolored Sophronia Dove and a Screen Writers Guild accusation Negro named Manboy, set in that no competitive market exthe Caney Brake plantation, ists for writers. Hollywood prowhere a Negro earns \$500 a sea- ducers dominate Broadway play son for his cotton crop, there is production, have a large internothing about BUTCHER BIRD est in radio and are buying more the railway men's strike by the editorial writing to members comto make it an outstanding book, and more into book publishing: Cardenas government. There is no story about the still, the producers objected that struggles of tthe Negro men and the Hollywood writers were be- Federal Conciliation and Arbitra ing and controversial opionion

South; but there's so much more They have thus admitted their going on down there than is domination of play-production. even hinted at here.

HAPHAZARD EXPERIENCE

The Way of a Transgressor An Autobiography By Negley Farson (.... Harcourt Brace & Co). Literary Guild-1936. Price \$3.00 Reviewed By Greta Gill

in the beginning of this book, than wait for a plan of organiand oddly enough, when you zational amalgamation to be D.C. Court Upholds When he says "owners retain finish it you realize that it is worked out. still missing. But, out of the While the producers have been chaotic beginning, a pattern is temporarily victorious in Hollyshaped clearly and definitely as woord, the battle front has shiftit proceeds. There is never any ed to New York, and proceeds indication of working toward a on the basis of the terms of play- 000 power program was upheld propaganda dictated by the emset goal or following precon- production. This struggle promis- in a decision by the District of ployers. ceived plans of existence. Ex- es to be one of the longest and Columbia Supreme Court disperiences of widely different na- fiercest in American labor his- missing an injunction suit against expression or dictatorship, is tures are accepted and built up- tory, although, for a while at 10 municipal electric plants in on. No convictions are formedno conclusions drawn. The expolite realms of intellectuality periences are merely presented where it started. -but they are vital experiences, most of them.

In Russia during the World War, the author, in trying to procure war orders for America comes in contact with all the intrigue graft and bribery that existed. It is a very clear pic ture of what goes on behind the scenes, so to speak. Later on there is the contrasting picture of the Russian Revolution and in between and after these two events the most unusual and incongrous adventures take place.

The book is well written with large amounts of humor interspersed with experiences of a more serious nature. The events move swiftly, in keeping with the rapid tempo of changes taking place today.

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

Movie Producers and Publishers in Joint Drive Against Writer Unions

NEWSPAPER GUILD AND SCREEN WRITERS' GUILD ATTACKED

By John R. Chaplin,

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—In the current assault on writers, the producers made two major objections to the Screen Writers' Guild: first they objected to the amalgamation of screen writers to the Authors' League because it amounted to a "united front" of all creative writers; second, they objected on the grounds that screen writers would no longer be independent, but dominated by dramatics and novelists from the

Recent actions of the producers AAA DRAMA IS have given the lie to both of MUTILATED BY these objections, inasmuch as the producers have proceeded to do exactly what they forbade the

Having organized Screen Playwrights, Inc., with some 60-odd memebrs (out of more-than 1,000 organized scenarists), the producers propose to recognize this company union of writers-after it has darwn up a code of practice agreeable to them. Rupert Hughes, John Lee Mahin William Slavens McUutt, Grover Jones and several others have taken the lead in this company union, outstanding feature of which is that members shall be admitted only by a 75 per cent vote of a board of directors made up of 11 conmission, this is intended to "keep any other faction from getting in the Communist Party. and taking the organization away

AGAINST ALL GUILDS In an exchange of wires beies, relations with women, kinds felt that the famous "liberal" up with the producers in this fight, in the hope of getting a finger into the movie pie, which up to now had belonged entirely

On the score of Broadway Hollywood relations, the producers have substantiated the and women, here on the Point ing dominated by eastern interwhere playing the slot machine ests. Now, in view of the victory at the company store run by the of the Dramatists Guild, which "kind white boss," and gettin' forced Broadway managers to religion, and hoein' cotton is sign its new code for play-producabout all they do. The book is tion, Hollywood producers have amusing in spots, a picturesque announced they would finance no sketch of a small section of the plays subject to this new code.

> SPLIT IS HARMFUL The split engineered by the producers has nevertheless crip-

pled the Screen Writers Guild, which will eventually go out of forced the railroad strike to ter-Screen Writers Guild of the Aumembers have joined the Auth-There is no line of direction ors League as individuals rather

least, it may remain within the four states.

BLOW AGAINST REACTION! here.

Fed. Theater Heads in L. A Censor Living Newspaper To Please Legion

TIMID TOADIES

LOS ANGELES, Calif .- The Federal Theater project here wil put on a censored version of "AAA Plowed Under," the living newspaper play which scored such a sensation in New York

No "sensation" is expected a the Los Angeles presentation which opens at the Hollywood Playhouse, July 13. Timid "piecards" in the local administraservatives. By their own ad- tion have carefully eliminated all mention of Earl Browder and

The un-mutilated version of he play includes a scene in which a character representing Earl Browder, General Secre tary of the Communist Party of the U.S. A., makes a speech Most of the New York publicity on the drama resulted out of the "stink" raised by American Legion big shots over the fact

The American public likes to ake its literature and drama straight and has no love for censorship. It is considered that the local project eliminated a large part of their potential audience along with the Browder

General Strike Is Planned in Mexico

MEXICO CITY. - One-hour

tion Board last month

The National Council of the Confederation voted to call the protest general strike, and issued izations, as well as other sections of the population, to join the movement to protect the right to strike.

This action by the Confederation is not considered as signifying a break with the Cardenas

City Power Plans

Works Administration \$200,000,

interests who brought the suit est opinions of news writers. It stated that he will carry the case becomes a matter of whether stated that he will carry the case they shall write the news as they REGISTER COMMUNIST AS at once to the Court of Appeals see it or as the employers want

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Not Plowed Under



Not vet, anyhow. Miss Edith Bradshae of Omar, W. Va., was judged America's "prettiest farmerette" in a contest held at the California Pacific Exposition at San Diego on Farm Bureau Day. She is demonstrating that it is not always an unhappy fate to "be the goat."

Scripps-Howard Newspaper Magnate Voices Stand Against Closed Shop ployer's son

SAYS NEWSPAPER GUILD TRYING TO ESTABLISH A SOVIET

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Because organization of screen writers into a union is a similar project to the Newspaper Guild, in which news writers are organizing, Roy W. Howard, of the throughout. Scripps-Howard newspaper chain evoked a lively interest in the current Hollywood unionism dispute. Operator of newspapers which pretend to liberalism and pro-labor policies, rectly esteemed it to be too-hope-Howard displays his true colors in the series of telegrams he lessly lousy to release. Why they recently sent to Rupert Hughes, one of the writers who sponsored a fink company union to oppose the Screen Writers'

colicy would create writers of collective bargaining. Soviet," said the publisher. 'Think important public under- ghes telegrams appeared in "Var stand implications—this attempt lety," a local Hollywood publica--hogtie and standardize creation. nation-wide general strike will tive writing. Newspaper Guild be the answer of the Confedera also attempting-effect editorial tion of Mexican Workers on June workers' closed shop. Would re-18th to the recent smashing of strict all reporting and even mitted to closed shop trade un-The strike was outlawed by the ionism, thus eliminating dissentcom all newspapers.

"Net effect would be Guild dictatorship of American press on parity with Communist, Fascist or Nazi unilateral press dican appeal to all workers' organ tatorships abroad. Difference—be here Guild would dictate policies-owners retain responsibility and foot bills."

WHOSE DICTATORSHIP?

Thus Howard evades the issue that writers are organizing government, but a move against in unions to protect their ecothe Right forces whose pressure nomic interests and lays all emphasis on imaginary restrictions existence, to be replaced by the minate. The Confederation re to freedom of expression. Plainpresented 94 per cent of organi-ly, what he implies is that unthors League. Close to 200 guild zed labor, or more than 500,000 ion newspapermen would refuse to write distorted and slanderous accounts of union struggles. responsibility and foot bills," it is clear that he is referring to WASHINGTON, D. C.— The loss of advertising should his constitutionality of the Public newspapers refrain from publishing anti-union and closed shop

> The issue which he disguises as a struggle between freedom of really only a struggle between The attorney for the utilities employer dictation and the honit interpreted.

PROPAGANDA ANGLE

Howard then proceeds to instruct Hughes to pretend in his article (the telegram is asking for a news article) that he approves of the principle of unionism but opposes the actions of certain individuals. He states:

"In effort focus attention on manner in which power-seeking individuals—perverting basically sound Guild Idea-."

When Dudley Nichols, a member of the Screen Writers' Guild protested to Howard and told him that he should publish the Guild side of the question, Howard replied in a telegram which stated in part:

"You are in error regarding Scripps-Howard attitude towards Newspaper Guild. We are com-

"Screen Guild's closed shop pletely sympathetic to principle than the ordinary.

Exposure of the Howard-Hu-

British film. A carefully done historical film worth seeing. (Now playing at the Clay Intérnational in San Francisco.-PENSION MIMOSAS

I MARRIED A DOCTOR

PEG OF OLD DRURY

in it to make it fit to see.

French film. A "love problem' story. But well enough done to be worth seeinng

TILL WE MEET AGAIN A spy melodrama with Herbert Marshall and Gertrude Michael. Very ordinary and hum-drum. FURY

A rumor has gotten around sholt that this is an anti-labor picture That is wrong. It is an excellent 'expose of lynch hysteria. Exceptionally good and worth

TROUBLE FOR TWO

Robert Montgomery in a piece of nonsense about a playboy from long-haired bombers. PRIVATE NUMBER A stupid story about a lady's

maid secretly married to her em-THE KING STEPS OUT The splendid voice of Grace

Moore wasted in a silly and thoroughly unentertaining flop. THE CASE AGAINST MRS. AMES Supposed to be a serious dra-

ma, but the audience giggled FRANKIE AND JOHNNIE This picture was completed a long time ago. Producers cor-

changed their minds at this late IT'S LOVE AGAIN A musical show that is better

RECOMMENDED LIST THE MOON'S OUR HOME THE EX-MRS. BRADFORD

The Movie Guide

Why waste your money and your leisure time on movies that are hopeless flops? Always consult the Western Worker guide before attending a picture. Neither our brief reviews nor our checklist are intended as penetrating political analysis of the pictures. They will enable you to avoid the worst and pick out the best.

-Satire on American millionaire's hobbies.

Film version of Sinclair Lewis' "THREE WOMEN" - Soviet novel "Main Street." Nothing exceptional but enough good parts "WE ARE FROM KRON-

STADT"-Soviet film. MODERN TIMES, Charli Chaplin's latest THE STORY OF LOUIS

PASTEUR, starring Paul Muni THESE THREE, with Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bonita Granville.

THE MILKY WAY, with Harold Lloyd.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN; exceptionally good. Don't THE COUNTRY DOCTOR;

fine performance by Jean Her-THE BOHEMIAN GIRL; with

Laurel and Hardy. Good comedy MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY; good sea picture.

SKIP IT LIST (Not worth seeing)

GIVE US THIS NIGHTcrown prince rescuing a throne | Jan Kiepura in a sickly musical HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES - A poor mystery melodrama.

ROAD GANG-A sloppy imita-

tion of better films. LE BON HEUR-A French brainstorm.

DON'T BET ON LOVE-Ray ing lunacy. THE WALKING DEAD-A

iorror flop. TIMES SQUARE PLAYBOY -Warren Williams in a time

AMATEUR GENTLEMEN Silly. A waste of time and money

CAPTAIN JANUARY- Shirley 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.

After you have read your copy of the Western Worker, pass it p.m. Admission ten cents. "THE GHOST GOES WEST" on

WHERE TO GO

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