

# State Convention at Sacramento Thursday Maps Communist Election Drive

Existence of the Communist Party as a legal, political party, will be asserted in Sacramento on Thursday, September 17, at the second biennial convention of the Party in accordance with state election laws. The convention will be held in the State Capitol Building,

starting at 10 a. m., as will the conventions of the Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Progressive and other political parties in California. Slanders of Hearst and other Fascist-minded reactionaries that the Communist Party is a "subversive, conspiratory organization"

will be completely blasted at the convention, which will establish the Communist Party as an above-board, legal, political party which does not hide its revolutionary aims. Twenty-two presidential electors for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist candidates, will be named, and plans will be

worked out to carry on the election campaign between now and the November elections. Delegates will come from all over the state, including all Communist candidates, one delegate from each Congressional District and state office, and leading Party members.

### Anti-Picketing Laws Are A Constant Threat To Labor; Smash Them!

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# FILIPINO FIELD LABOR AIDS SALINAS STRIKE

## Nat'l ILA Conference Thurs.

### ALL COASTS TO DISCUSS AGREEMENTS

#### Ryan In Emphatic Wire To Pacific Shipowners

SAN FRANCISCO—A national conference of International Longshoremen Assn. district heads has been called by Pres. Joseph P. Ryan, for Thursday, in New York.

Representatives from the Pacific Coast, East Coast, Gulf, and Great Lakes are to talk over the national situation regarding agreements.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council here last Friday night, Harry Bridges, Pacific I.L.A. president, reported all indications are that the I.L.A. Pacific Coast referendum will be overwhelmingly against accepting arbitration of such basic issues as hiring halls, 6-hour day, overtime, etc.

Results of the balloting will be announced in Seattle on Sept. 18.

"We don't think it necessary to rehash (in arbitration) all that was gained in 1934," he said. "We believe our International will support us."

"If trouble breaks," continued Bridges, "it won't be a case of just the West Coast unions. It will be something extending to (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 2)

### A Stoppage For Simpson in N.W.

SEATTLE.—A ten-minute strike by Seattle longshoremen last Thursday, against the German freighter Schwaben, was the latest demonstration for the release of Lawrence Simpson, American seaman held in a Nazi concentration camp.

Simpson was kidnapped in April, 1935, by fascist secret police, from the American S.S. Manhattan, in Hamburg harbor. Members of the Marine Firemen, Sailors and Marine Cooks Union picketed the docks, demanding Simpson's release.

"It's most essential that we protest Simpson's imprisonment," said James Engstrom, Seattle Marine Firemen's business agent. "We can't get cooperation from Secretary of Commerce Roper nor from Secretary of State Hull, in forcing Simpson's release. Now it's logical that we use all our resources to force action on the matter."

### Sta. Maria Beet Workers Strike

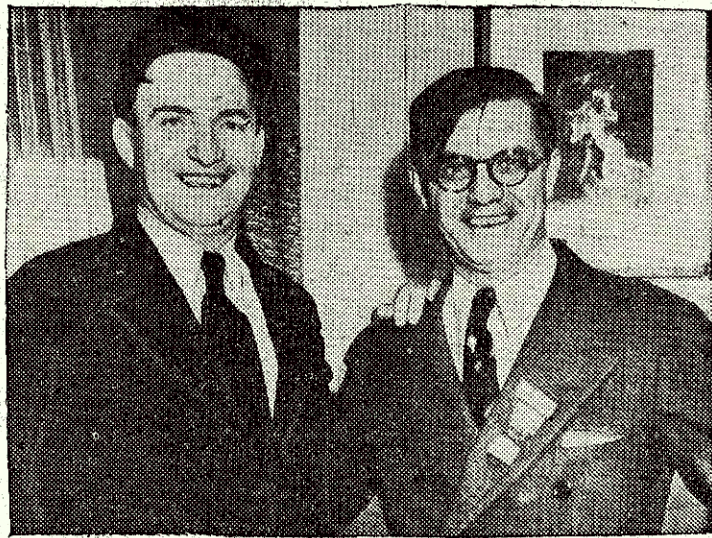
SANTA MARIA.—Beet toppers, members of the Filipino and Mexican Laborers Unions, are on strike in Santa Maria Valley, demanding a 20% wage increase.

Harvesting in the Valley is at standstill. The toppers were not satisfied with a 10% increase offered by the growers. They stated this would still leave them far below the starvation level.

### SOVIET INDUSTRY GAINS

MOSCOW.—The output of Soviet industry for the first seven months of 1936 is 33.6 per cent greater than for the same period in 1935.

### FASCISTS-LIBERTY LEAGUE STOOGES



TWO FASCIST STOOGES for the Fascist Hearst-Liberty League-Landon combination. At left, Gerald K. Smith, lieutenant of the late Huey P. Long, who campaigns for Lemke, a Landon stooge. He boasts of his plan to form a huge army of storm troopers. With him Gov. Talmadge of Georgia, Fascist, who was defeated last week in the Democratic primaries for Senator in Georgia. Talmadge made storm troopers out of national guardsmen, armed them with blackjacks, and had them break up anti-Talmadge meetings.

### WORKERS ARE UNITING SPAIN FOR REPUBLIC

#### Spanish C.P. Leader Gives Objectives

By G. MARION

MADRID—(By Cable)—"The Communist Party is participating in the People's Front government on condition that slogans laid down by the party for achieving a democratic revolution are carried out," declared Antonio Mije, member of the Communist Party Political Bureau, in an exclusive interview.

"The proletariat is the principal fighting force in Spain today. It unites every democratic force in the country against Fascism and reaction in the civil war into which the enemies of the people have plunged the country.

"Tremendous changes, especially in rural areas, are sweeping the country. These changes have a direct relation to the successful prosecution of the war.

Intend To Win  
"We intend to master the uprising and the first steps will (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 4)

### Police Tear-Gas L.A. Meeting

LOS ANGELES.—Under "shoot to kill" orders, Los Angeles Police Department carried on its terror campaign to abolish free speech here last Saturday night, using tear-gas bombs in an attempt to disperse 3000 people who demonstrated for over two hours.

As the Communist Party attempted to hold a peaceful election street meeting in the free speech zone at Breed and Brooklyn Streets, 13th Congressional District, police brutally charged the crowd, slugging and arresting six workers. One worker was slugged into unconsciousness.

After the arrests, 600 workers and citizens picketed Holtenbeck Police Station, and were bombed (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 1)

### KING, CIO, FLP UP AT CALIF. AFL MEETING

#### 600 Delegates, 100 More Than 1935, In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO.—Harry Bridges announced that I.L.A. Local 28-79 will support a resolution at the State Federation convention, demanding reinstatement of the 10 suspended C.I.O. unions.

Secretary Buzzell of the Los Angeles Labor Council said he would present a resolution demanding investigation of the part played by state highway police in strikes. Fred West of San Francisco spoke of a similar resolution.

The convention unanimously elected a committee of three to protest against highway police brutality in the Salinas strike. Governor Merriam declined to comment. A resolution was introduced against vigilante terror.

SACRAMENTO.—Six hundred delegates from every part of the state assembled here Monday for the opening of the 37th annual convention of the California Federation of Labor.

The huge growth of organized labor in the past year was shown (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

### Ford Tours State Next Month!

Another famed Communist, leader in the fight for the rights of the Negro people, and Communist candidate for Vice-President of the United States, will tour California for the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party.

James W. Ford will open his California tour on October 7th at Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco, and will speak the following night at Municipal Auditorium Theater, Oakland.

Reactionary forces in Los Angeles are striving to prevent Ford from speaking to the Negro people, workers and small farmers in Southern California. Dates in Los Angeles County will be October 9th, 10th and 11th, but no hall has yet been secured. White Sox Ball Park, in the heart of the Negro district, has been denied the Communist Party.

On October 13th, Ford will speak in San Diego.

### A CRAFT UNION PROTESTS

NEW YORK.—Carpenters Local 2163 has gone on record against suspension of the unions affiliated with the C.I.O.

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### IN EAST BAY LABOR DAY PARADE



### Severe Defeat For Vandeleur on Eve of State AFL Meet, On King Case Issue

### Desperate Attempt to Prevent Passage of Resolution To Probe Spies Is Overwhelmingly Licked

OAKLAND.—Defense counsel on Monday filed a motion with Superior Judge Tyrrel to quash grand jury indictments in the Point Lobos frameup case. The demurrer challenged jurisdiction of the court.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The next conference of the King-Ramsay-Conner-Defense Committee will be held in the convention hall of the San Francisco Labor Temple on September 26.

SAN FRANCISCO.—On the eve of the opening of the State Redaction convention at Sacramento, reactionary Edward Vandeleur received one of the severest defeats of his career, at the hands of the Central Labor Council last Friday night.

### SCHNEIDERMAN ON RADIO HITS U. S. FASCISTS

### "They'd Like To Forget Certain Parts of The Constitution"

SAN FRANCISCO.—"The only guarantee for the defeat of Fascism is the building of a Farmer-Labor Party," William Schneiderman, California State Secretary of the Communist Party, told his listeners over radio stations KPO and KFI on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Reminding his hearers that Thursday is Constitution Day, Schneiderman stated "It might be well to remind the gentlemen who run the Republican Party and the Liberty League of certain sections of the Federal Constitution." (Cont. on Page 3, Col. 6)

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## 4000 Solid As Govt. Forces Aid in Terror

### Tear Gas Attack, Barb-Wire Fences, Armed Thugs Fail To Over-raw As Picketing Grows

SALINAS.—Tear gas attacks, the completion of high barbed-wire fences, reports of strikebreakers heading this way under armed protection, and other indications point to the fact that the Growers-Shippers association is preparing to provoke a reign of bloody terror in the struck Salinas Valley lettuce area.

Leaders of 2000 Filipino field workers, not members of the A. F. L., announced that the Filipinos will not cut lettuce in the Salinas-Watsonville area until the strike of 4000 members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union is settled.

At dawn Monday Filipino workers at the H. P. Garin ranch refused to pick carrots. Ten carloads of strikebreakers have been sent to this ranch.

All crops beside lettuce, grown by the Grower-Shipper Association, have been placed on the unfair list by the Salinas Central Labor Council.

Mass picketing continues strong at every shed.

Picketing has been increasingly heavy and spirited. The Union has leased the dance hall at Poodle Dog Inn, maintaining headquarters there. Hundreds of young girls and men pickets are there, and between picketing they dance and sing. Pickets dispatched from the hall work in three eight-hour shifts. Some pickets are mounted on motorcycles and act as contact men between picket groups and strike headquarters.

Union headquarters received word that several busloads of strikebreakers were on their way in from Los Angeles. The strikers (Cont. on Page 3, Col. 2)

### Convention Step Toward Unity

LOS ANGELES.—What promises to be another mighty step toward a Farmer-Labor Party in California, will be the state-wide convention called by the California State Continuation Committee for United Political Action, to be held at Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake Street, this Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th.

The convention follows the May 10th Conference which was called by the End Poverty League.

Large delegations from farmers' organizations, Townsend Clubs, and other labor and progressive groups are expected to attend, as well as from trade unions.

The convention will assemble at 9 a. m. for registration of delegates. In the afternoon, committees will be elected for candidates, resolutions, platform, organization and finance. Caucuses will convene representing trade unions, farm and agricultural groups, church, fraternal and social security, professional, unemployed and cooperative, youth, independent merchants.

Discussion of reports of all committees, adoption of platform, resolutions, and organizational recommendations, will take place Sunday.

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### SOME SALINAS HIGHLIGHTS

#### Union Wants Liquor Sale Banned

The 2500 Filipino workers in the lettuce fields decided not to pick until the strike is settled, despite the Grower-Shipper Association's announcement of a 5 cent an hour wage increase for field labor, which was an attempt to get the Filipinos to scab.

The Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union, anxious to prevent provocation by strikebreaking thugs, asked that the sale of liquor be banned in the strike area. The state authorities evidently want the thugs to provoke violence. The State Board of Equalization refused to close liquor stores.

After union building trades workers refused to erect the high barricades around sheds for protection of scabs, special deputy sheriffs had to be used to do the dirty work.

Officials, including chief deputy sheriffs, took part in the gas bomb practice here. Tear and nauseating bombs were used. Ignatius McCarthy, San Francisco representative of gas bomb manufacturers, gave the instructions.

The Union continues to help independent farmers, not affiliated with the Grower-Shipper Association, to get their crops to the San Francisco and other local markets. This strengthens the bond between small farmers and workers.

#### Case of Sam Diner

The State Executive Committee of the Communist Party has expelled Sam Diner from the Party for conduct unbecoming a Communist in a trade union, until such time as he has proven himself worthy of the confidence and trust of his union and membership in the Party. Diner was recently removed as Business Agent by the San Francisco Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

A Communist in a union who does not conduct himself in his relations with employers and workers in a manner above suspicion of irresponsibility, is not worthy of membership in the Communist Party until he has gained the full confidence of the workers in his integrity and loyalty to their interests.

State Executive Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.



# LOS ANGELES LABOR PLANS FOR JOINT CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHARP ATTACKS OF OPEN SHOPPERS

### Buzzell Shows Danger; Injunction Suits Among New Attacks; Five-Point Proposal

LOS ANGELES—A tentative plan of coordinated action of all labor against the attacks of the open shop Merchants and Manufacturers Association was outlined by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, of the Central Labor Council, at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Labor Temple of Business Agents and officers of many local unions.

## SPAIN FUND IS OVER THE TOP

### Calif. Communist Party Jumps Quota Up To \$1000

Away over the top of the original quota of \$500 for the heroic people of Spain in their fight against Fascism, went the Communist Party of California last week.

With \$678.51 already received for Labor's Red Cross for Spain, the State Executive Committee of the C.P. immediately raised the quota to \$1000.

The C.P. of California reports: previously acknowledged, \$422.05; C.B., \$3.50; F.R.C., \$3.50; San Diego, \$2.50; S. Green, \$2; A. Friend, \$2; A. Friend, \$5; Los Angeles Young Communist League, \$50; Los Angeles County C.P., \$169.66; Unit 100, \$18.30.

HOLLYWOOD.—Gathering at a symposium on "Spain's Fight for Freedom" under auspices of the Hollywood Discussion Group, more than 1000 persons donated more than \$1000 to be sent to Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

### Mass Meeting

REDWOOD CITY.—Support for the Spanish government against Fascism will be rallied here Thursday evening, September 17th, 8 p.m., Foresters' Hall under the newly formed Peninsula branch of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Speakers include Bert Leach, state organizer of the League; Pete Garcia, a maritime worker; Dr. Giuseppe Faci, famed Italian radio commentator.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Fifty dollars for Labor's Red Cross for Spain has been contributed by the Freidenker Society of German-speaking people.

### Fund Reaches \$61,000

NEW YORK.—Labor's Red Cross for Spain fund has reached \$61,000 in America, reported D. Dubinsky, treasurer. Contributions may be sent to Dubinsky at 3 West 16th St., New York City.

## Police Tear-Gas L.A. Meeting In 13th Cong. District

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with tear gas from the second floor. Ten cars of police and "Red Squad" officers smashed the picket line with clubs.

"Legal" Terror Released on \$100 bail, furnished by the International Labor Defense, were Jim Dell, Malone Freeman, Edward McDowell and James Carter. They were charged with "unlawful assembly," and will come up for trial in Judge Taplin's night court, Lincoln Heights Jail.

Al Lewis and Bill Berland were held without bail for juvenile court.

Although Mayor Shaw had promised no meetings would be broken up so long as ordinances were not violated, Communist election campaign speakers found a dozen police occupying the free speech zone.

John Leech, county organizer, informed the sergeant in charge that the Communist Party intended to use its legal right to hold the meeting.

"There'll be no speeches here tonight," yelled the sergeant. "We got our orders and we're the law." Turning to his squad, he said: "Shoot the sons of bitches if they start to talk."

Immediately mass singing broke out in the "Star Spangled Banner," "International" and "America."

Police answered with tear gas bombs. Workers stifled some with wet burlap sacks. Viciously swinging blackjacks, the police then charged.

A petition filed on behalf of John Leech by Attorney Leo Gallagher, demanding an injunction against the police to prevent them from interfering with the meeting, was refused Friday by Judge Reuben Schmidt when he sustained the city attorney's demer.

## PICKET LEADER



SAM JAYE, Communist candidate in the 29th assembly district, San Francisco, who was arrested four times in one day recently for his activity on the Woolworth picket line, where the workers demand a decent wage and union recognition. He is a leader of Culinary Local 110, and received the most votes of his local for delegate to the State Federation of Labor Convention, now going on in Sacramento.

## Schmidt Elected 38-79 President

SAN FRANCISCO.—Henry Schmidt, Chairman of the Publicity Committee of Local 38-79 of the International Longshoremen's Association, has been elected president of the local, filling the post vacated when Harry Bridges was elected Pacific Coast District President of the I.L.A.

Schmidt received 1679 votes, against 977 for Henry Schimpf, his opponent.

Schmidt assumed his responsibility as Chairman of the Publicity Committee during the 1934 strike, and has held it since.

Schmidt's work, along with the rest of his committee, has proven an effective factor in mobilizing uptown trade union support and mass public sympathy for the longshoremen when they were attacked by the shipowners. Splendid work was done by the committee last April, when the shipowners repudiated the agreement and declared a lockout.

Ivan F. Cox was elected financial officer of offices of vice-president, secretary, and recording secretary.

## Canners In Coast Federation

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195 of this city is to be the newest recruit to the forces of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

A progressive program was outlined and nominations for officers were held. Nominated for president of the local were George Woolf of the Ship Scalers Union, I.L.A. 38-100, Jack Beroia and Fred West. Elections will be held beginning Tuesday, September 15th.

There are, at the present time, 1689 dues paying members in the union which was organized this year.

Mary Sandoval, secretary to the Bargemen's and Scalers' Unions was elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union recently.

## N.Y. I.L.A. Demands Pay Boost In New Agreement

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NEW YORK.—In reviewing contracts expiring Sept. 30, the International Longshoremen's Association here will demand pay increases from 35 cents to \$1 an hour for regular work. An increase from \$1.35 to \$1.50 an hour will be demanded for overtime.

## Landon Snowed Under In Richfield Straw Ballot

Roosevelt continued to hand Hearst's candidate, Alf Landon, a whipping in the straw poll being conducted by the Richfield Oil Company.

On results announced Sunday, September 13th, Roosevelt polled 33,442 votes to 14,669 for Landon in California, Washington and Oregon. In California the President led by 20,661 to 7544.

Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, has polled 1491 votes in California thus far, or 4.7 percent of the total vote cast. Norman Thomas, Socialist, has polled 187 votes, and Fascist Father Coughlin's candidate, Lemke, 1867 votes.

Get your ballot at a Richfield station, and mark the "X" for Browder!

# SEVERE DEFEAT FOR VANDELEUR IN COUNCIL ON CALLING THE LA FOLLETTE COMMITTEE TO S. F.

### Even Own Followers Vote Over His Head For Concurrence In Resolution Urging La Follette Com. To Probe Spies

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to the framed-up prisoners, and a second asking that bail be set. These resolutions were introduced by the Marine Firemen. A Firemen's resolution put the Labor Council on record as asking the La Follette Committee, investigating labor spies, to come to San Francisco to investigate the use of spies against unions here, especially in the maritime unions.

Vandeleur stated that there was another resolution on this question, awaiting consideration of the executive committee two weeks from now, and that therefore the present resolution should not be considered.

Delegates Insist On Passage. Council secretary O'Connell, loyal but rather dull-witted henchman of Vandeleur, stated that unless any special evidence was given of stools, no senatorial committee would come to San Francisco.

Delegato Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers was the first to insist on passage of the resolution at the Council meeting.

Delegato Simpson, of the Marine Firemen, assured the delegates that the King-Ramsey-Connery Defense Committee had abundant proof of stool-pigeon activities in the unions. "I don't see why we should turn this resolution down or defer it," he said. "Now is the time we need help. If this body doesn't support the resolution, then every one here should have a guilty conscience."

O'Connell again revealed his ox-like stupidity, when he said that stool pigeons "are nothing new. They'll go on, brother, after you and I are both dead." O'Connell's Do-Nothing Attitude. Such a defeatist and do-nothing attitude did not suit the maritime and other delegates. Harry Bridges, of I.L.A. Local 38-79, insisted on action on the resolution, and when Vandeleur shouted that the resolution "doesn't mean a thing," Delegate Bentley of the Masters, Mates and Pilots replied that "it does mean something," asking concretely that the La Follette Committee come to San Francisco to investigate spying activities in the unions.

Delegato Ferguson of the Marine Firemen told Vandeleur that "this resolution may not mean a thing to you, but it means a lot to our brothers in Alameda County prison."

O'Connell, bent on handing the Council a laugh at his own expense, asked where the La Follette Committee would go if it came here. Delegato Simpson replied, "Send them to the Marine Firemen's Defense Committee, we'll give them plenty of proof to work on."

Delegato Sanders moved the adoption of the resolution, and it was eagerly seconded. On a yes-and-no vote, there were only one or two feeble "noes."

That Vandeleur felt this as a severe defeat, in view of the fact that even many machine followers voted for the resolution, was evidenced by the weakness of his usually blustering voice for the rest of the evening.

## Workers Unite Spain For Republic

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be reorganization of the People's Army and solving the land problem. Land and credit for peasants and agricultural workers will be won by transferring the wealth of Fascist financiers and distribution of the estates of the great landlords.

"We will destroy the economic and political power of the clergy by restoring freedom of worship. All clerical conspiracies against the Republic whereby the churches became Fascist forces will be crushed."

"Minimum for wages and maximum for work hours will be enacted, raising the standard of living of all workers. Insurance against sickness and old age will be introduced."

"In Spanish Morocco complete democratization of the regime will be accorded to the colonial peoples. Full rights will be given to Catalonia, Galicia and the Basque provinces.

"The slogan today is all power and authority to the People's Front government."

"VIEW WITH AMAZEMENT" COLUMBUS, O.—"We view with amazement the actions of the A.F.L. Executive Council in its efforts to prevent the success of the great C.I.O. organizing campaign," says the United Garment Workers Local 245.

## Not All Sunshine



THIS "ORANGE QUEEN" is pretty, no denying that. But the Orange County citrus workers, recently on strike, can tell you hair-raising stories about murdering terror which lies beneath all the "sunshine" and "smiles" you see above. Nevertheless, the agricultural workers go on building their union organization.

## King, C.I.O., F.L.P. Up At A.F.L. Meet

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by the fact that 100 more delegates were at this convention than at last year's.

The convention will continue all week. Representatives from the King-Ramsey-Connery Defense Committee were in Sacramento this week where they will bring the facts of the latest shipowner frame-up before delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention.

King Resolutions. This action was taken following a conference of the defense committee held here Sunday.

Three resolutions will be presented to the Convention. One will ask the State A.F.L. to support the defense committee in its fight to smash the frame-up. A second will seek an investigation of labor spy activities on the Pacific Coast waterfront through action by the La Follette Senate Committee.

The third resolution will ask the State Federation to protest to Attorney General U. S. Webb against the illegal and unethical conduct of District Attorney Warren of Alameda County.

The defense committee points out that Warren caused Earl King, E. G. Ramsey and F. J. Conner to be held incommunicado at the time of their arrest; that Warren attempted to blacken the reputation of organized labor by declaring through the newspapers that the killing of Engineer Alberts aboard the freighter P. Lobos in March was the "work of the leaders of the organized labor movement"; and that Warren has attempted, through the newspapers, to spread the conviction that the accused men already have been convicted.

While State Federation Secretary Vandeleur indicated he will try to steer the convention clear of the C.I.O. question, including the suspension of 10 unions by the Executive Council, so many locals and Central Labor Bodies in California have protested the suspension that the issue is expected to be one of the paramount questions to come up.

Progressives will fight for endorsement of the Farmer-Labor Party, and steps by organized labor toward forming such a party.

Concrete steps to halt vigilantism will be a main object of the progressive delegates.

Vandeleur's report will call for endorsement of Roosevelt, strengthening of the State Unemployment Insurance Act, and opposition to proposed county control of relief administration.

Progressives will fight hard for concrete steps and support to organize California's 250,000 agricultural workers.

It is reported that Southern California delegates will oppose R. L. Ennis of Sacramento for president of the State Federation.

The fight for the six hour day, five day week will be stressed at the convention. Almost 300 of the delegates have come from San Francisco, the best organized city in the state.

CANADA LABOR FOR SPAIN MONTREAL.—Unanimous support for the Spanish government in its fight against foreign Fascists, who are "aiding and abetting" the Spanish Fascists "in their criminal intent to bring about destruction of democratic institutions," was voted here by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

# LEMKE, IN CAL. TALKS, DODGES ON LONDON AID

### Ducks Charge He Is Stooze for G.O.P. Candidate

William Lemke, puppet presidential candidate on fascist Coughlin's Union Party ticket, told audiences in Los Angeles and San Francisco Friday and Saturday nights what he considered logical reasons for asking for the votes of Townsend-Coughlin-Smith followers.

Before 8,000 in Los Angeles and about 2500 in San Francisco Lemke denounced both Landon and Roosevelt as the "Gold Dust Twins."

However the nature of his campaign arguments came out more clearly with his dismissal of Landon after about two minutes of disapproval and no analysis whatsoever. He devoted virtually his entire speech to attacking Roosevelt, leaving out of the picture the reactionary forces that are supporting Landon.

Dodges Charge on Landon. Lemke dodged the charge that his campaign is calculated to elect Landon, by posing the charge that he would defeat Roosevelt. "What better thing could I do than that?" he thundered at his San Francisco audience. The same general line was taken in Los Angeles.

Both audiences were predominantly old people, followers of Dr. Francis Townsend.

In a purely demagogic appeal, Lemke attacked the "international bankers," elaborating his proposed inflationary measures. Lemke did not endorse any local politicians as he did William Hale Thompson, candidate for governor of Illinois, who last week spoke before 2500 swastika-bedecked cheering Nazis.

While he made a plea for Townsend votes he was silent about the \$200 a month demand of the Townsend plan, simply declaring for a "fair amount" without even saying who would decide what was "fair."

In his San Francisco meeting Lemke had only about two minutes to devote to his trade union policy, which was even more vague than Landon's, making no attack whatsoever on the forces of reaction that are defaming the trade unions.

Red-Baiting Frenzy. A frenzy of red-baiting against "international communism" was indulged in by Roscoe B. Carpenter, who introduced Lemke in San Francisco. Carpenter's diatribe was an attempt to answer a Communist campaign leaflet distributed to the audience and headed "A vote for Lemke is a vote for Landon." Not being able to answer the statement of campaign issues in the leaflet, he could only falsely denounce Communism as a movement to deny religious freedom. He finished with the same false propaganda put out by Hearst, that the Communists are supporting Roosevelt, and tried to imply that the Roosevelt regime is communistic.

E. A. Margett, state Townsend organizer, spoke at both meetings trying to swing the Townsend followers behind Lemke.

## Labor Board Proves Hearst P-I Was In Interstate Commerce

SEATTLE.—Questioning of the Post-Intelligencer's city editor, Oliver S. Morris, by the National Labor Relations Board proved that the Hearst paper, struck by the Guild, was engaged in interstate commerce.

Proof of this was sought in order to upset the Hearst claim that the Labor Relations Board could not interfere in the strike on the grounds that the paper engaged in intra-state commerce only.

Morris said that reporters were sent out to other states on assignments. Morris said also that he believed the Sunday supplement was shipped in from California.

Davis Plan to Send L.A. Police to Other Cities Hits Snag

LOS ANGELES.—Police Davis proposed ordinance assigning members of the Los Angeles Police Department to cities throughout the country struck a snag when the City Council delayed adoption of the proposal until October 5.

Fearful of the hidden powers in the measure which the little "Hitler" might use to establish a "Border Patrol" such as was set up at the state borders last winter caused the Council to delay consideration of the proposed legislation.

# 'Mother' Bloor In Appeal For Unity

SAN FRANCISCO.—Appeal for the formation of a United Front and a Farmer-Labor Party ran through the speech of Mother Bloor here Friday night in Dovre Hall.

Calling upon trade unionists of San Francisco to recognize the necessity of collaborating with the farmers, she declared, "You've got to think about the farmers or the Fascists will plant their seeds in the farms of California and in the milk sheds."

She routed traditional complaints that farmers are unwilling to organize, relating outstanding examples of discipline by middle-west farmers striking for decent living conditions against foreclosures.

Mother Bloor lauded tendencies within the Socialist Party to work actively for the Farmer-Labor Party and united front in spite of the opposition of the national leadership, giving as an example the Tennessee Party, whose candidate for governor, Kate Stockton, is campaigning for a Farmer-Labor Party with Communist Party support.

Mother Bloor was introduced by Anita Whitney, Communist congressional candidate in the 4th district. Other speakers were Lawrence Ross, 5th congressional district candidate; and Archie Brown, 22nd Assembly District candidate.

## Black Legion Now In San Berdoo

SAN BERNARDINO.—The Black Legion is organizing here and threatening violence against the labor movement, progressives recently exposed Black Legion and their leaders.

E. H. Flowers, well known labor leader, was approached by Black Legionnaires, he said, and was told that labor leaders "are not wanted in San Francisco."

"They should be tarred and feathered," said the would-be terrorists. "And while we are fixing up these 'reds' we are going to take that guy Viles on a 'feather party' also."

Richard W. Viles is a member of the editorial staff of 'The Inquirer, weekly newspaper, which activities here.

"This is only an attempt to halt my activities along 'give' lines and if these hoodlums are of the opinion that they will chase me out of town with veiled threats they are wrong," said Viles. "I have never run before and I won't start now."

The Black Legion activities are believed instigated by employer interests to smash an organizational drive now going on in the labor movement.

## Banquet Welcomes Spector to S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Leader of the first lettuce and melon strike in California, comparable to the present struggles around Salinas, Frank Spector will be given a welcoming banquet as the new Communist Party County Organizer here on Sunday, September 20th, at 121 Haight St., 6 p.m.

Spector has a long history of leadership in working class struggles. In 1928-29, he was organizer of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, during the period when the groundwork was laid for broadening Communist influence among rubber workers, furniture workers and agricultural workers.

In 1930, during the historic lettuce and melon strikes in Imperial Valley, Spector was arrested and convicted under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act, along with other union organizers, Carl Sklar, Tsuji Horuchi, Lawrence Emery, Os Ericson and others.

Each sentenced from 3 to 42 years, a mass campaign against the frame-up convictions resulted in the workers serving but an average of two years. Spector was released after serving one year.

Admission to the banquet, labor are urged to attend featuring a French-cooked dinner, is 50 cents. All friends of Spector are invited.

"RECONSIDER ACTION" WASHINGTON, D. C.—Local 11, United Garment Workers Union urges the A.F.L. to reconsider its action in suspending the 10 C.I.O. unions.

## SOVIET EDUCATION

MOSCOW.—The Soviet Union spent 20.4 billion rubles for popular education during the first three years of the second five-year plan.

## TOLEDO DYERS STRIKE

TOLEDO.—Union cleaners and dyers went on strike here for a wage increase and for improved working conditions.



LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Even with the example of murderous Spanish Fascism trying to overthrow democracy, displayed on the front page of every newspaper in the country, Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate for President, says in effect, "Fascism is not a serious menace today."

It is hard to believe, but Thomas gave exactly that line in his Manhattan Opera House speech in New York last week. Said Thomas: Hearst is no Fascist, Landon has "gone contrary to Hearst" and "conceivably a Landon victory might put iron into labor's blood and rally workers to a real labor party."

Not Iron . . .

Progressive forces of the organized labor movement, as well as the Communist Party, may well gasp in amazement at this expression from a man who calls himself a Socialist.

Labor knows full well that a Landon victory will not put "iron into labor's blood." Labor knows that instead of "iron," they will get lead—what the Chicago gangsters used to call "lead poisoning."

In other words, the labor movement can expect inauguration of the worst kind of terror and oppression if the Hearst-Liberty-League candidate gets elected.

Hearst and Hitler . . .

Thomas says Hearst is not a Fascist.

Hearst, who openly cooperates with both Hitler and Mussolini! Hearst, who is on the payroll of Hitler to furnish pro-Nazi propaganda to the United States! Hearst, whose anti-labor, vigilante-inciting record smells to high heaven!

Thomas says Landon has "gone contrary to Hearst."

Even capitalist press commentators stated that Landon's mild and meaningless statement on education meant no break with the Fascist publisher.

Strange Bedfellows . . .

Strangely enough, this attitude of Thomas finds approbation from Mark Sullivan, Republican warhorse and commentator for the New York Herald-Tribune. Sullivan praised Thomas as a man "possessing exceptional exactness of mind," and as one who "is clearheaded in his vision of America's situation and of the forces now loose in the world."

Wrote Sullivan:

"But charging Governor Landon with Fascism is just nonsense. Candidate Thomas, of the Socialist Party, who does not approve of Landon, nevertheless absolves him of Fascism. 'It is,' says Mr. Thomas, 'with an incidental jeer, absurdly and dangerously misleading to call this modest conservative a Fascist.'"

Thor and Labor . . .

The Socialist nominee attacked outright the forces in the labor movement who have organized the American Labor Party in New York State, and minimized the great progressive upswing in organized labor ranks which brought it about.

He built his whole case on an attempt to blow down the dangerous developments toward Fascism and to insist that Socialists could support a Farmer-Labor Party only if it met a number of conditions set by Thomas.

These "conditions" included, in effect, the insistence that such a party must be regarded as an enlarged Socialist Party with Socialism as its aim, barring anti-Fascists who are not yet anti-capitalists! This, when only a small minority of the American people are ready to fight for Socialism!

Delight Landon Supporters . . .

Thomas' present position—underestimation of the Fascist danger, a head-on collision with the progressive section of the labor movement, outright distortion of the Communist position—delights the hearts of the Landon supporters. His "Socialism-Capitalism" approach to the situation plays right into their Fascist hands. The Liberty League gang know that a Farmer-Labor Party is the only thing that can stop their Fascist designs.

Our attitude toward the Socialist program was well expressed by Comrade Browder's speech at the Coney Island Velodrome on August 27th.

"We say a few words to our comrades . . . I wonder. 'We have to tell you as clearly and sharply as we can, that when you continue and then develop this head-on collision with the progressive labor movement in America, you are ruining the future of the Socialist Party. And you are committing the name of Socialism!'"

U.S. WORKERS FOLLOW SPAIN ANTI-FASCISTS

Fight Fascism With People's Chest Donations!

The workers and farmers of Spain are fighting on the barricades and in the trenches against Fascism.

Comparable to these heroic fighters are the workers and farmers in this country who are fighting Fascism in California and in America by raising funds for the People's Chest Against Reaction, for the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party.

Has Right to Brag!

Fort Bragg can really brag in his respect. Four workers—Mike Rossi, A. Eklund, G. Daubaneck, and H. A. Korb—have become Shock Brigaders by each selling a \$5 coupon book. They will receive Shock Brigaders' Certificates and books autographed by the Communist presidential ticket, Earl Browder and James W. Ford.

In the Southland, E. M. Wallis and H. S. Hoyt, both of Santa Barbara, became Shock Brigaders by selling out coupon books.

New members of the San Francisco Shock Brigade are Shradler, Zakheim, Ginsberg.

San Francisco donations are from Mrs. Petersen, \$1.75; Cohn family, \$1; S. Friedman, \$10; A. Kroll, \$2; Renolds, 23rd Assembly District, \$2.50; Spartacus Club, \$5.

East Bay Pushes Drive

The Central Oakland Branch of the Communist Party raised \$32.40 on coupon books for the People's Chest. The East Oakland Section brought in \$4.20.

Payment of \$160 funds raised at the Los Angeles meeting for "Mother" Bloor, has been received by the State Campaign Committee.

Let's hear more from Los Angeles! What about San Diego, Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Monterey?

The State Campaign Committee urges that donations be sent to 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; County Campaign Committee, 230 Spring Street, Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

Every donor of \$1 or more, or of a day's pay, will receive a handsomely engraved Endorser's Certificate.

4000 Solid In Salinas Strike

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ers will be ready to receive them. The state, city and county governments immediately threw their full weight behind the shippers and growers against the strikers.

A large force of deputies and Salinas police surrounded the Salinas Ice Co., which, it is believed, will be the first to attempt to pack and ship scab lettuce.

An ordinance is already in effect in Watsonville. Filipino leaders at Sacramento assured President Shelvin, of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, that they would cooperate with the strikers. Teamsters and Boxmakers are with the lettuce.

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors was to meet Monday, it is reported, to pass an anti-picketing ordinance. Such tube workers 100 per cent in this strike.

Motor caravans of strikebreakers were shipped into the Garin ranch under protection of State Highway police, armed with riot guns and tear gas. Three caravans of Mexicans drove on down the highway without entering the ranch.

A break in the ranks of the growers and shippers came Sunday when the Tracy-Waldron sheds signed with the union. Preferential hiring, main union demand, was among the demands granted.

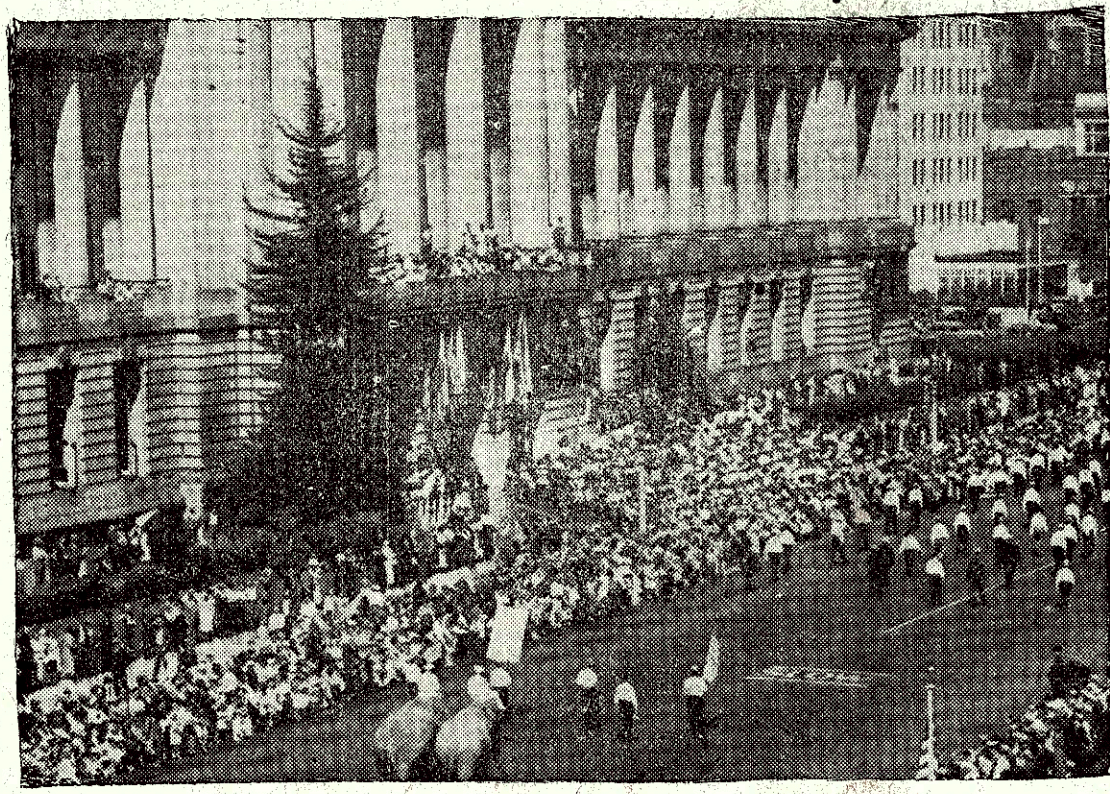
Shortly after midnight Sunday, picket lines were increased, as growers announced their threat to start picketing and shipping with strikebreakers.

Union bodies in the East are being contacted, so that any lettuce which may be shipped out of this area will be declared unfair.

Filipinos Scorn Repatriation Act

WASHINGTON.—Less than 200 of the 5000 Filipino workers in New York have taken advantage of the "free ride" offered in the Congressional Act for repatriation of Filipinos. The Act is in reality a veiled deportation plan.

THE OAKLAND UNIONS MARCH ON LABOR DAY



DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AGAINST FASCISM! SUPPORT 1936 COMMUNIST PLATFORM!

(Editorial)

"Because it has more than its share of reactionary forces," said Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, when he toured the state, "California has prematurely been called a Fascist state."

Our state is not Fascist NOW, but these same forces are definitely on their way in a drive toward Fascism.

In many cities and counties, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of California are just "scraps of paper" to the governmental officials and their vigilante assistants.

Constitution Violated

In Fresno the Communist Party is denied freedom of speech by a county ordinance; a radio station refuses to allow a Communist to speak for our election campaign; striking workers have been terrorized and beaten.

Five workers are still in state prisons for the "crime" of organizing agricultural workers to improve their miserable conditions, under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Unconstitutional anti-picketing ordinances deprive workers of their inalienable rights to organize, strike and picket. Workers have been terrorized and beaten by vigilante terrorists and Black Legionnaires.

Free Tom Mooney!

Tom Mooney, life-long champion of labor, is still imprisoned in the most obvious frame-up ever committed against the organized labor movement.

Two-fisted defender of the constitutional rights of the people and of its own legal existence as a political party, the Communist Party is carrying this struggle to even greater heights in the 1936 election campaign, as witness the 6th Plank of our Platform:

"Defend and Extend Democratic Rights and Civil Liberties! Curb the supreme Court!"

The protection of civil rights also includes the fight against the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court who nullified every bit of social legislation, inadequate as it was, that was put into law

by the Roosevelt "New Deal." We demand a Constitutional Amendment to put an end to the dictatorial and usurped powers of the Supreme Court and that Congress immediately reassert its constitutional powers to enact social and labor legislation.

Defend Labor's Rights!

We champion unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly. We champion unreservedly the rights of labor to organize, strike and picket. We call for unity of the people to safeguard these traditional liberties.

The Communist program calls for federal and state legislation to establish labor's full right to collective bargaining, which will outlaw company unions, spy and stool-pigeon systems, vigilantism, and all other coercion by employers.

Prosecute Bosses!

We demand heavy penalties and imprisonment for employers guilty of discharging workers for union or political activities.

We demand the release of Tom Mooney, J. B. McNamara, the Sacramento victims of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, Angelo Herndon, the Scottsboro Boys, and all other political prisoners. The traditional American right of asylum for political refugees must be re-established—no more deportations of foreign-born workers! Prohibit anti-Semitic propaganda by law!

The other two planks of our 1936 program will be discussed in the following two issues of the Western Worker. Order copies of the complete 8-point platform mat one cent each from 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

This is the people's platform! Fight for it! Vote the straight Communist ticket!

S.P. Organizer Quits In Protest

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the resignation of Stevens Gaugh as City Organizer Socialist Party, Los Angeles.

"Comradely yours, 'STEVENS GAUGH.'"

Los Angeles, Calif.

Sept. 3rd, 1936.

To Socialist Party, Los Angeles. From Stevens Gaugh:

All my life I have been that Under-Dog who was first driven out onto the highways in childhood, ignorant of the laws of man, nature, and the universe, and beginning there in the University of Hardship and Struggle I had to learn from the bitter, cruel lessons of experience.

The environment, the circumstances and conditions are the only guides and teachers. Hunger, cold, and destitution upon the streets and highways, driven in like cattle to slaughter from town to town, hounded, beaten, and jailed by the forces of the law, branded as no-goods and bums, slaving in the agricultural fields and shops or office, homeless, and destitute men, women and children living by camp fires, under tarps and in boxes in the Hoovervilles and Rooseveltbergs by the city dumps. I, and my family are one of them, the Under-Dogs, continually, unmercifully abused, insulted, injured, down-trodden, oppressed, persecuted, and exploited upon the trash heap of humanity.

We learned from our cruel, and unjust, inhuman, and bitter lessons of experience, and our circumstances and conditions. We learned by going ahead trying to live, trying to do, and by making many mistakes—and condemnation for making those mistakes. We have even followed a bourgeois idealism only to suffer a bitter illusion

when our homes, our business, and our families were swept away in the deluge of social disorder and economic chaos. We learn by doing, trying, and going on—and from our bitter, cruel lessons. That is the way we Under-Dogs learn.

We do not learn much, but what little we do know is not forgotten. Our environment, our circumstances and conditions give us a theory, and without it we would never think. "It is the theory that conditions determine ideas," that social existence determines our consciousness. This theory enables us to quickly identify those things we have experienced and known in our lives.

We only have to see the Under-Dogs condemned for their mistakes. We only have to hear accusations made against the Under-Dogs without a hearing of the accused. We only need to listen to the judgment without all the facts to judge from. We know envy, malice, and hatred when we see it in the speaker, instead of logic and reason, and mercy and justice. Sarcasm, insults and abuse we all know well. Persecution and injustice is our common lot. Lies and false accusations, we know them all.

We have seen the flaring eyes and wild enthusiasm of fanatics bend on lynching us because we do not agree with them, or because we make mistakes—fanatics who can think of nothing else but hanging us to a tree. All these things we know by sight. All these things we have experienced before.

Our struggles, our hardships and bitter cruel lessons enable us to know what is going on in the Socialist Party, Los Angeles, where it seems that followers of Trotsky rule by majority. Experiences and observations here renew to our minds all the bitter cruelty, persecution, and injustice of our past lives. Here again we see and hear exactly what we have described in foregoing paragraphs. Here we

see the underdogs, the lowest strata of capitalist society, the workers and farmers, the proletariat organized in the Communist Party accused without a hearing and condemnation without a hearing of all the facts, and here are the same unfounded lies and falsehoods that we have known so well. It is all there with its sarcasms, insults, and abuses, all its injustice, persecution and cruelty, and there is the gay, glory-eyed fanatic filled with malice, envy and hatred bent upon one thing only, the destruction of those underdogs, those workers and farmers who are organized into the Communist Party.

I protest all this, despite it, and to the purpose I cannot agree. I do not think that the Communist Party must first be abolished before Capitalism. I never can believe in fighting other workers' organizations without compromise, and without mercy, and without reason and common sense.

I refuse to direct these attacks as an organizer, and hereby resign, as an organizer.

STEVENS GAUGH.

(See next issue of Western Worker for Stevens Gaugh's expose of how Trotskyites are wrecking the S.P. branch in Los Angeles.)

Demand Labor's Prisoners Have Special Status

NEW YORK.—The nation-wide drive to win support for legislation establishing a special status for labor and political prisoners has been spurred on by reports of ill-treatment accorded two labor prisoners in Moundsville, W. Va.

Discriminations and constant abuse of Ernest Mullins and Charles Beck, union coal miners serving life sentences in Moundsville penitentiary are revealed.

SCHNEIDERMAN LINKS RADIO TALK WITH CONSTITUTION DAY, HITS MENACE OF FASCISM

Republican-Liberty League Combination Would Like To Forget Certain Parts Of Constitution, He Says

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stitution they would like to "crap and forget." The radio address follows: Friends:

You will hear many speeches next Thursday, which is Constitution Day, about "preserving the Constitution." Under cover of his cry, the interests of wealth and privilege in this election campaign seek to justify their program which is directed against the interests of the people and the rights of labor.

The slogan of the big employers of industry and agriculture to "defend the Constitution" means to leave them free to continue reaping huge profits at the expense of the worker and the small farmer; to void all social and labor legislation, no matter how weak and inadequate it may be; to proclaim the open-shop and declare war on the trade unions, for the purpose of cutting wages, lengthening hours, and swelling unemployment through speed-up efficiency measures.

This is the program of the Republican Party and its candidates for state and national office, representing the most reactionary forces in our country.

Their conception of the Constitution is that it should protect the right of the exploiter to exploit, while denying to labor the right to organize; to protect the right of the bankers to borrow billions, while denying to the unemployed any form of unemployment relief and social security; to protect the monopolies in maintaining high prices for the necessities of life, while denying to the working farmer any security against bankruptcy, foreclosure and eviction.

Since Governor Merriam has declared this to be Constitution Week, it might be well for the people of California to remind the gentlemen who run the Republican Party and the so-called American Liberty League, of certain sections of the Federal Constitution and the State Constitution which they would like to scrap and forget, and which is being violated daily in our state and throughout the nation.

Have these self-appointed defenders of the Constitution ever heard of the Bill of Rights, contained in the first ten amendments to the Federal Constitution? The first amendment guarantees the right of free speech, free assembly. So does the Constitution of the State of California.

And yet we have anti-picketing ordinances and a Criminal Syndicalism Law, supposedly to protect "law and order," but actually to deny the rights of labor to organize and strike for improved conditions.

The same forces that cry the loudest about "law and order" and the so-called "red menace" are responsible for sponsoring lawless violence against the labor movement in the form of vigilante terrorism and intimidation of workers.

Sometimes it is done under the cover of enforcing anti-labor legislation, more often it is not, as in the Santa Rosa tar-and-feather case, which took a year to bring to trial, and the more recent Orange County vigilante strike-breaking action.

Threat to Labor

The secretary of the State Federation of Labor, Mr. Vandeleur, recently declared in a Labor Day speech that vigilante constitutes a threat to all of Organized Labor and its rights. The 1935 convention of the State Federation of Labor condemned and resolved to combat it.

All friends of labor are looking to its 1936 convention, now in session in Sacramento, to adopt an effective program for the repeal of all anti-labor legislation, outlawing of vigilante strike-breaking, and the defense of civil liberties. The election platform of the Communist Party is pledged to support such a program in the next session of the Legislature and Congress.

Although we are a legal political party, with 34 candidates for State and Congressional office, and our presidential candidates, Browder and Ford, on the California ballot, there are cities where the rights of free speech and assembly are denied us and illegally interfered with.

In Fresno, the Communist candidate for Congress, Carl Patterson, is denied the right to speak at open-air election rallies in the public park, where all other candidates speak regularly, because the Board of Supervisors has decreed it so. In Los Angeles, election rallies of the Communist Party have been broken up, the most recent one with tear-gas thrown by the

police. These are only the most flagrant examples.

The usual excuse given to justify this violation of democratic rights, is the oft-repeated charge that Communists advocate "force and violence," and are responsible for fomenting strikes and disturbances. This "red herring" is trotted out by the open-shop interests and the advocates of Fascism in order to create a "red menace" which does not exist.

The Communist Party declares that it does NOT advocate or condone the use of force and violence; on the contrary this is the method used by the enemies of labor, by provocateurs sent into the workers' ranks, by strikebreakers and vigilantes.

The Communist Party is not interested in strikes for their own sake. We know full well how costly strikes are for the workers, and their families.

In the present waterfront situation, we hope, as do all friends of labor, that the threat of a strike or lockout will be averted through negotiations and a peaceful settlement, which will take into consideration the just demands of the maritime unions.

But we joint with all Organized Labor in defending the right of a trade union to strike as a last resort, when all other means of gaining recognition for their grievances fail. Anyone who reads our press, the Western Worker, knows that this has always been the true position of the Communist Party.

The forces of reaction, however, spread this false propaganda in order to create a "red scare," and further their Fascist aims. Congressman Kramer is sponsoring Hitler legislation such as the Anti-Sedition Bill, the kind of bill that Thomas Jefferson denounced in his day as a menace to the liberties of the people. In this election campaign, when the main issue before the people is to choose between democracy or Fascism, the Republican Party's favorite war-cry is to accuse even President Roosevelt, and his Administration, of being Communist, and Colonel Knox, the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, in a Labor Day speech, has gone so far as to accuse the President of "fomenting labor strife," because he has sometimes yielded to mass pressure for progressive social and labor legislation.

For Democracy, Against Fascism. The Communist Party stands on the side of democracy against Fascism. But we do not believe that Roosevelt and the Democratic Party are a barrier to the threat of Fascist reaction, because they have yielded too often to the demands of the reactionary forces.

The only guarantee for the defeat of Fascism and the defense of democracy in America is the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, which will rally all the labor and progressive forces for

independent political action. In the absence of such a party, the Communist Party has entered the election with its own candidate and platform, in order to advance the movement for a Farmer-Labor party. Our election platform is based on demands which a Farmer-Labor party could realize through a labor-progressive bloc in the Legislature and in Congress:

1. Enactment of a state bill for unemployment, old age, and social insurance, along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill, in place of the present "unemployment reserves" act, which taxes the workers and does not insure the unemployed.

2. Defense of labor and Civil Rights, and repeal of all anti-labor legislation. Equal rights for the Negro people, and against any form of discrimination because of race, color, or nationality.

3. For the repeal of the sales tax. For the revision of the state income tax law to relieve small incomes and increase the tax on high incomes. For the exemption from taxes for the working farmer and the small homeowner. For increased taxation of public utility corporations.

4. For a minimum-wage law guaranteeing a decent standard of living to industrial and agricultural workers. For the six-hour day and five-day week in industry, without reduction in weekly earnings.

5. The state and Federal government to open the idle factories to supply jobs for the unemployed, and start slum-clearance, housing, irrigation and reclamation projects. All public works projects to pay the prevailing union wage-scale.

6. Drastic reduction of public utility rates. No public power projects to be turned over to private corporations to operate. Prohibition of the use of one-man street cars.

This in brief is the state election platform of the Communist Party. A vote for Communist candidates is a vote for these demands and for a Farmer-Labor Party. It is a vote against reaction, against the Tory bloc in Congress personified by Kramer and Kahn, against Landon and Knox and all they stand for. Let us challenge the modern Tories, the so-called defenders of the Constitution, in the spirit of Jefferson and Lincoln, and dedicate Constitution Day to the defense of civil liberties and the rights of labor, and build an American People's Front to defeat Fascism and assure a free, happy, and prosperous America.

Negro Swaps Landon Sunflower For C.P. Button

CHICAGO.—"I want a Browder-Ford button instead," said a Negro lawyer wearing a Landon sunflower, after hearing a Communist election speech at 31st and Prairie Sts. here recently.

Offering the sunflower to the chairman in exchange for a Communist button, he said: "I am a Republican, but I see the only salvation for the Negro people is the Communist Party."

Street meetings are held at this corner every Saturday night, Browder-Ford buttons is not uncommon. The unusual thing about this occurrence, Party workers say, is that it was a well-known lawyer who made the swap.

Browder-Ford Membership Drive

"For a Free, Happy and Prosperous America!" September 7th—November 7th

In a response to the Open Letter on Recruiting, addressed by the State Committee of the Communist Party, members of the San Francisco Committee pledged each to recruit two Party members by November 7th.

We are glad to see this initiative and think that similar steps should be taken by every leading Party member and Party committee throughout the state. Challenges should be thrown at each other in a true spirit of Socialist competition.

What are our Los Angeles, East Bay and all other comrades going to do about this?

If the Open Letter has not reached you, get in touch with your unit or county organizer and secure a copy without delay.

(Note—Each week, the Western Worker will carry in this box the latest news on recruiting and the standing of counties and individual Party members during the Recruiting Drive.)

—State Organizational Department.

Starts Friday Matinee Sept. 18 GRAND INTERNATIONAL THEATRE 730 South Grand Ave. Los Angeles, Calif. Matinee Daily, 2:15—Twice nightly, 7 and 9 Sunday continuous from 1:00 AMKINO presents "GYPSIES" The true story of the Nomads! The most stirring spectacle ever brought to the screen—starring ALEXANDER GRANACH and LALA CHERNAYA Gypsy Music and Songs Russian Dialogue English Titles



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**When Democracy "Hurts Too Much"**

VERY interesting are the statements made by Roger Babson, political and economic commentator and advisor, in a special letter sent to his clients dated August 31st. The subject of the letter is the Spanish situation. Babson declares:

"We say to the Communists and other radicals, 'you must not resort to direct action. If you want to change the economic system do so legally through the ballot.' . . . then what did our conservative friends in Spain do? They said 'To h— with democracy, let's start a revolution! Furthermore, our conservative friends in France are seriously considering the same step since they lost the last election . . . we conservatives respect it (democracy) only so long as it benefits us, or at least, does 'not hurt us too much.'"

At least Mr. Babson is brutally frank, even if only to a limited and select audience. In this country, at the present time, the conservatives of the Liberty League and their Republican presidential ticket are finding that democracy begins to "hurt too much."

The drive for super-profits at the expense of the working class and the people generally can be maintained only by robbing the people of their democratic rights, by seizing control of the government apparatus for the purpose of putting their Fascist measures into effect.

When democracy begins to hurt too much, Liberty League puppets like Gerald Smith sound the call for American storm troops; Black Legions, Knights of the White Camelia and other Fascist organizations are secretly organized and supported by Wall Street financiers; Lemke dances to stings pulled by du Pont, Morgan and Mellon in order to help elect Landon so that Hearst's Fascist policies can be made the policies of the administration.

The Communist Party scores a direct hit with its warning that the issues in 1936 is between Fascism and Democracy. None knows it better than these same reactionary elements who are behind the Landon-Knox ticket, while with tongue in cheek they sanctimoniously spout phrases about "defending the Constitution" and "the menace of Communism to democracy!"

The Fascist-minded elements of this country, like their friends in Spain, declare "to h— with democracy."

For defense of democracy, for the defeat of Fascism, all progressives must unite in a broad people's front based on the trade unions—a Farmer-Labor Party.

The platform of the Communist Party in 1936 is such as could be adopted by a Farmer-Labor Party in the struggle of the broadest masses against the Fascist danger. Mass support for the Communist candidates is one of the most effective means of ensuring the defeat of Landon, the most dangerous enemy to the liberties and democracy of the American people—of laying the basis for a Farmer-Labor Party which will defeat Fascism in America.

**Organize Aircraft Workers**

NEED for organization is acute among the tens of thousands of aircraft workers in the various Southern California airplane equipment plants. Pay is low—and the weak attempts that have been made by some of the workers to organize have been resisted by the employers by an elaborate spy system in some instances, and in the large Douglas Aircraft plant by the existence of a company union.

Only lately have steps been taken by the Machinists Union in San Diego to organize the Consolidated Aircraft workers.

Contrast the open shop conditions in these plants with the enormous profits being made by aircraft equipment manufacturers.

The war preparations drive of the United States army and navy has already almost tripled the profits of the principal aviation manufacturers—with the largest profits from war orders still to come.

In the first half of 1936, the combined net profits of the largest five aviation manufacturers were \$1,846,095, compared with \$696,146 in the first half of 1935, an increase of 165 per cent. These are Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, Curtiss-Wright Corporation,

Consolidated Aircraft and Boeing Airplane Company. While not all of these are in California, there are several other plants in the state, such as Lockheed, Ryan and North American.

All of these plants have large orders to fill, either for the American armed forces, or for foreign countries. All are running at full capacity.

Profits of all of these corporations are rapidly rising. What about wages? How about working conditions?

Unions in other areas should follow the example set by the Machinists in San Diego—and take steps to help these workers organize.

**Toward a State Farmer-Labor Party!**

THE STATEWIDE convention called by the California State Continuations Committee for United Political Action at Los Angeles for next Saturday and Sunday has the opportunity of making a significant contribution to the task of unifying the progressive forces in California and laying the basis for a State Farmer-Labor Party.

While undoubtedly no organized basis yet exists for the actual launching of such a Party, this Convention can so guide its proceedings that out of it will emerge a working body whose chief aim is to reach all labor, farmers' and other progressive organizations and crystallize the sentiment already existing for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The main aim of the Conference should be to devise a working plan for reaching the trade unions in the state and enlisting them as the actual basis of a State Farmer-Labor Party. Without such a firm basis the Farmer-Labor Party cannot adequately express the will of the working masses.

The conference should not concern itself with the endorsement of any candidates running for office in these elections. This can be left to the various district organizations, wherever a proper basis for such endorsement exists. All attention should be concentrated on the job of emerging from the conference with an organizational committee, in the form of a Continuations Committee, flexible enough, and armed with the proper political perspective, to take fullest advantage of all opportunities, as they present themselves, to build a Farmer-Labor Party in California. A party which will be a significant factor, and even a decisive factor in the 1937 municipal elections and the 1938 state elections.

All progressive organizations are urged to support the Conference for United Political Action September 19th and 20th.

**Profits for Fascism**

FUND RAISERS for the Liberty League and the Republican Party must have been cheered at the report of profits of their main sponsors, the owners of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. It had net profits of \$36,107,371 for the first six months of this year, compared with \$19,220,009 reported for the first half of last year. The company has already this year voted two "extra" dividends in addition to regular quarterly dividends on its common stock.

**Condemn Firing Of Aged**

LOS ANGELES.—The firing of aged men and women from the WPA and SERA was hit in a resolution passed unanimously by the Co-ordinating Committee for American Standards of Living at its last meeting.

The resolution demanded that "immediate provision be made for the proper care and sustenance for all persons so dismissed."

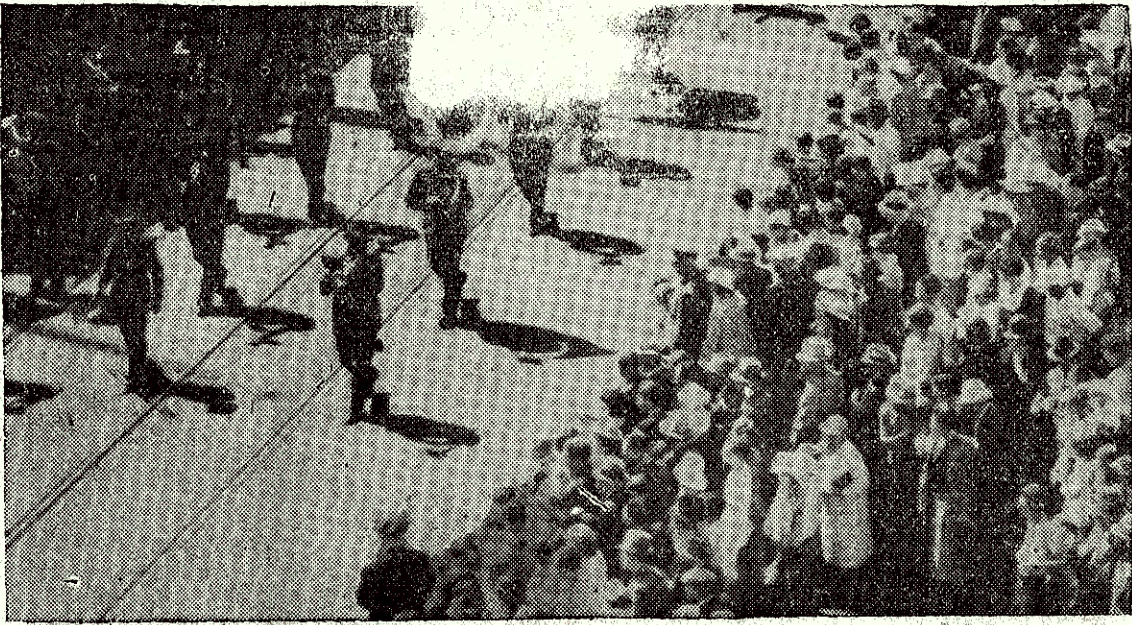
John G. Wenk, chairman, and Catherine Eldridge, secretary, declared that a committee including liberal and progressive assemblymen and congressmen would personally present the resolution to the proper officials.

**Capitalist Plans War Plant**

LOS ANGELES.—Falling into the arms of a delegation of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, Vincent Bendix, capitalist, arrived in the city last Friday to view the finish of his personally-sponsored transcontinental air derby at the National Air Races and to announce that he plans to build a factory here representing an investment of more than \$1,000,000.

A confab with the Chamber of Commerce was indicated when Bendix stated that he would "have more of an announcement to make the first of the week."

**THOUSANDS CHEER S. F. LABOR DAY MARCHEHS**



**Behind the King Frameup**

By B. G.

THE events of the last week on the San Francisco waterfront connected with the murder frame-up of several members of the Firemen's Union, is a topic of conversation among broad sections of the working population not only on the West Coast, but throughout the entire country. Tens of thousands of trade unionists, acquainted with the methods of the open-shoppers, see through all the ballyhoo in the capitalist press another one of the well-planned frame-ups of the shipowners carefully engineered with the assistance of paid stool-pigeons.

But there are still quite a large number who want to know what this case is all about. Many wonder why the prosecution is attempting to draw in the usual "red herring" by the assertions that the murder is a "Communist inspired plot" and by the attempt to frame Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, and candidate for congress in San Francisco. Many wonder what connection this case has with the issues facing organized labor. These questions, therefore, still need clearing up—and the workers cannot get these facts from the capitalist press.

**Supported by Labor**

American labor has looked with pride on the San Francisco waterfront, greeting its militancy and solidarity which won improved conditions for the waterfront workers. On every occasion when the Shipowners with their Hearstian campaigns of "Communist agitators" and "troublemakers" attempted to smash the maritime unions, labor stood staunchly behind the waterfront workers.

Ever since the General Strike of 1934 the shipowners have with different methods, not fearing to use stool-pigeon and vigilante terror methods, attempted to destroy the unity established on the San Francisco waterfront. Every one of their efforts was defeated by the disciplined and unified ranks of the maritime unions. No one can forget the events of only a few months ago when the shipowners plan to inaugurate an open-shop drive (actually locking out the I.L.A.) was prevented by the timely exposure of their contemplated plot and the support of the organized labor movement.

Now again, in the midst of the negotiations of the new awards, the shipowners are up to their old tricks. This time however with the aid of the legal machinery—the courts to perpetrate a frame-up which is so akin to the famous Mooney case that even the San Francisco Chronicle, rabid reactionary newspaper, in woful tones pleads that the "business class" and the "working class" do not transform this case into "another Mooney or McNamara class-feeling imbroglio."

**Tongue In Cheek**

District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda county—rushed to print with a statement asserting that the "basis of the plot was communistic."

Warren makes a serious bid for public sympathy by his "apparent friendliness" and "concern" for the honest workers. He does this with his tongue in his cheek, however, when he adds: "This case is not a case against union labor but rather one against certain murderous and racketeering individuals who have, through similar tactics, forced themselves into a position of power among a group of honest workers."

This is in the true Hearst spirit. Hearst has at all times labeled every honest progressive element, worker or professional, who dares to fight for elementary rights not only "troublemakers," but people who condone "individual terrorism."

Warren, whose kinship to Hearst, maybe explained by the fact that he is chairman of the Republican machine in Alameda county, attempts to dull the vigilance of honest workers in California as to the real questions involved in this frame-up by

those wornout hysterical accusations of "Communist plot."

But Warren is not alone. The Hearst Examiner with its usual play for sensationalism and vilification has been carrying screaming headlines on the "Communist machinations" on the waterfront and is busy slinging mud at the rank and file leadership of the maritime unions. The San Francisco News, forgetting its professed stand of "fair play" chastises the longshoremen who went on record against the frame-up with the vicious intimidation "whether individual terrorism is approved or condoned by the organization for which the committee (I.L.A. publicity committee) professes to speak."

**Cover for Frame-up**

What is the reason for this attack upon militant organized labor and against the Communist Party? What is behind it? It is first of all a frantic effort on the part of the prosecution, acting for the shipowners, to cover up the monstrous character of this frame-up against union men. Through such propaganda they hope to influence members of organized labor and general public sympathy from expressing its solidarity for the men who are being so grossly framed up by "confessions" which smack of the good old stool-pigeon tactics.

Above all, to cover up their real purpose of breaking the maritime unions, they attempt to create the opinion that this is not a case against union labor "but a handful of individuals" "tainted with Communism." To back this up Warren eulogizes the stooges in the Firemen's Union—the "conservative and law abiding element" who gave assistance to "clear up" this case.

At no time before in the history of the San Francisco labor movement, was there such a need of organized solidarity, moral and financial support by the entire organized labor movement, to expose this crass attack against the workers by the shipowners. This is a case against union labor, despite all of Warren's statements to the contrary.

It is a case first of all against the militant rank and file unions of the waterfront aimed to split their ranks as the only means by which the shipowners hope to bring back the fink hiring halls, the long wages, long hours and inhuman torturous speedup which characterized the waterfront in the period prior to the general strike. But not only is this directed against the maritime unions.

**Used As Wedge**

Any successful drive the shipowners with the support of all the open-shop reactionary forces can make on the waterfront, will be used as a wedge to transform San Francisco into an open-shop center, so long sought by the bankers, industrialists and shipowners.

But the shipowners have a second trick in the bag. If they cannot succeed in breaking the unions, they must at least (they argue among themselves) discredit the rank and file leadership and put in their place men with whom they can deal more effectively.

This is at the basis of Warren's accusation of "murderous and racketeering individuals." In this manner they hope to convince the workers that the militant leadership in the maritime unions duly elected by the overwhelming majority of the rank and file, are not really carrying through the rank and file policies which are subject to the wishes of the membership, but are maintaining their leadership by intimidation and force.

Not a single honest worker in either the maritime or shore unions will accept this slimy insinuation. Force and violence, known in the language of union men as "beef squad methods" are not the tactics of progressive unionists and never have been. Leadership in progressive unions should be maintained only by a complete trust between the membership and leadership—that is why we rather hope for a settlement

only in militant rank and file unions do we find such confidence and loyalty of the membership to their leaders and such steadfastness on the part of the leaders in defending the interests of their membership.

**Beef Squads**

Beef squad methods are not new on the waterfront. The maritime workers have been acquainted with them for many many years. But who employed such tactics? Beef squads have been repeatedly used by the shipowners, and by their stooges in the unions (those "conservative and law abiding individuals" so heralded by Warren) against the maritime workers and their leaders.

Who was guilty of force and violence during the general strike if not the shipowners and their agents who with bestial brutality maimed and murdered militant strikers, smashed headquarters of the Communist Party, intimidated honest workers and were responsible for "riots" attributed by Hearst to the strikers.

Look at the threats against Bridges, Henry Schmidt and Melnikow during the recent I.L.A. negotiations with the shipowners. What was this, if not an attempt at intimidation? And what about Guidera's little story so proudly admitted that he threatened King "if he would Rank and file leaders of the maritime unions" as well as of not cut out his radical activities" (meaning of course, his refusal to "sell out" the membership of his union). What are these but methods of intimidation—shall we say force and violence.

Acts of Provocateurs hundreds of progressive unions throughout the country have always warned their membership against the use of "beef squad" methods. They have time and time again gone on record against "individual terrorism" (San Francisco News take note).

They have constantly warned the membership that those who suggest such acts are provocateurs—paid agents of the bosses—sent in to disorganize and disintegrate working class discipline and solidarity. It is men like Guidera—the stool-pigeon (who with honeyed words attempted to win favor and wriggle his way into the Communist Party) who foster such methods. Mr. Warren cannot get away with this accusation. The thunderous voice of organized labor is being raised against him in the dozens of resolutions unanimously adopted by union after union protesting against the frame-up.

And the Communists. Who are they? Communists are workers, from the shops and docks, actively working night and day to build up their unions. Communists know that the only way the workers can defeat the attacks upon their standards of living, upon their elementary rights to organize, picket and strike—is through powerful militant organization which solidifies and unifies the workers.

If the Communists can be accused of any crime—it is the crime that they have always been and are today in the forefront of every fight to improve the living conditions of the workers.

Hearst has vociferously attacked the Communists as "disrupters" and "troublemakers" in an attempt to isolate the Communists from the broad sections of the American workers. Warren tries to give the same impression. In answer to these attacks, Earl Browder, General Secretary of our Party, replied in his famous San Francisco speech.

**Hope For Settlement**

"The employers are trying to picture the Communists and all militant workers as 'troublemakers' who want strikers. This is false. The Communist Party is not interested in fomenting strikes for strikes' sake. We know too well the heavy cost of strikes to the workers, to irresponsible and to the detriment of the workers. We are not hoping for a complete trust between the membership and leadership—that is why we rather hope for a settlement

**AS WE SEE IT**

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

THE Nazi Party Congress in Nuremberg shows the Fascist butchers at their worst. The whole world was shocked to a realization, if they were not convinced before, that Hitler and his lieutenants are plunging forward to a new adventure that can only lead to a World War.

The frothing-at-the-mouth speeches of Hitler and others breathed with hatred not only of the Soviet Union and Communism, but also of democracy.

It was a threat to the democratic nations like France, Great Britain and the United States to line up with the Nazis against the Soviet Union, or war would be declared on them too.

Hitler's Hypocrisy Hitler's maneuver is to try and break the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact, by trying to assure the world that he is not opposed to peace with the rest of the world, only with "Bolshevist Russia."

Unfortunately for him, there isn't a diplomat or government anywhere, unless it be another Fascist one, that believes or trusts his word. It is becoming more and more clear that the sword-rattlers of Germany, Italy, and Japan will stop at nothing to achieve their aims of conquest; Manchuria, Ethiopia, and Spain are warnings of what is coming.

In the face of Hitler's latest speech to young Nazis, that his aim is to attack and seize the territory of Soviet Russia, is it not clear that the Soviet peace policy which has been such a powerful factor against the Fascist warmongers, would be impotent if it were not backed up by effective measures of defense of Soviet territory?

**The Stone-Wall**

The only thing that has held back the attack of Germany and Japan thus far has been the powerful Red Army which guards Soviet borders with a vigilant eye.

This has strengthened the hand of Soviet diplomacy, in its tireless efforts to build up a power-

which will take into full account the just demands of the workers. We stand always and unalterably however for the right of the workers to strike as a last resort, when all other means of establishing their just demands have failed.

Communists will not and cannot give up this right that is a fundamental right of the workers. That is why the Communists are so bitterly hated by the shipowners, industrialists and bankers of our country.

We warn the workers not to give up their right which alone guarantees them the possibility of wresting concessions from the employers, when other methods have failed. The maritime workers have learned this. They have learned that in militant organizations and solidarity there lies a tremendous strength which can beat back the offensive of the employers. That is why the shipowners so determinedly attempted to smash the maritime unions. And as to force and violence. One look at Spain should prove to the workers who stands for force and violence. Against the democratically elected government, the reactionary fascist forces, with the help of the Hitler and Mussolini, have taken up arms.

**Forced Violence**

And in the United States, not we the Communists but the employers have been guilty of force and violence. Look at the Southern lynch terror, at the murderous treatment of workers in strikes, at the vicious thug and spy system in the factories. Again we want to cite the words of the greatest authority on Communism in the United States, Comrade Browder, our Presidential candidate in the 1936 elections:

"The Communist Party is not a conspirative organization, it is an open revolutionary party, continuing the traditions of 1776 and 1861; it is the only organization that is really entitled by its program and work to designate itself as 'sons and daughters of the American revolution.' Communists are not anarchists, not terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and defends its legality. Prohibition of advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party; it is properly applied only to the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, and other fascist groupings, and to the strike-breaking agencies and the open-shop employers who use them against the working class, who are responsible for the terrible toll of violence which shames our country."

These are some of the issues behind all the propaganda of the press. These are some of the issues we want to clarify among the workers to make possible a powerful movement against this new attempted frame-up of trade unionists and the Communist Party.

When Trotskyite propaganda talks against the Franco-Soviet pact and the Soviet Union's policy of using the League of Nations machinery to mobilize the peace forces, it is playing into the hands of the Fascists and their policy of attempting to isolate the Soviet Union so as to weaken and destroy it.

Trotskyite Influence in S. P. Unfortunately, some of the leaders of the Socialist Party have contracted a violent fever of Trotskyism, and have fallen for this poisonous propaganda.

When Trotskyite influence can get the Socialist Party to violently attack the Soviet Union, they are helping to strengthen the Fascist war lards in Europe, and the would-be Fascists in America; it is time that all honest Socialists aroused themselves to save their party from destruction, by repudiating such a policy and ousting the Trotskyite disrupters from their ranks.

The Socialist Party, by its sectarian ostrich-like policy on the question of war and Fascism and its effect on American politics, has already isolated itself from the progressive sections of the labor movement.

If it continues along this path, instead of joining a united front to defeat Fascism, the Trotskyites will destroy the Socialist Party as a factor in the labor movement.

How far the Socialist leaders are from gauging the sentiments of the American people on the question of war, can be judged by the recent poll taken by the magazine "Review of Reviews" among a middle-class clientele on the question: Which side would you support in the event of a war between Germany and the Soviet Union. The poll showed a two-to-one vote in favor of the Soviet Union.

**Labor Defense In Drive For Aid Of Spain**

LOS ANGELES.—Mustering all its forces, District 14 of the International Labor Defense, "the Red Cross of the Labor Movement," is organizing a drive to aid the Spanish workers' and peasants' struggle against Fascism.

A series of meetings are being arranged and a conference will be called in the near future to aid the drive.

Contributions so far include \$100 from the Deep Sea Purse and Seine Fishermen's Union of San Pedro and \$25 from the crew of the ship, "Excellent."

Those wishing to contribute to aid the Spanish workers may send it to the I.L.D., 121 1/2 South Broadway, Los Angeles. Money raised locally will be turned over to the national I.L.D. offices, to go to the official Labor's Red Cross for Spain fund, started by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

**Anger Against GOP Sends \$1 to C.P. Election Drive**

"Kindly note enclosed" idea for funds by Wall Street Republican-Hearst candidate, Landon. Note the elaborate certificate they offer for \$1 apiece. Looks as if the whole correspondence and the certificate will cost the Republican Party more than \$1.

"The whole scheme made me so angry that I sat down immediately to write you about it and to send you the dollar."

This letter was received from Pasadena by the State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, together with the dollar. Let's hear from thousands more who get angry when they received a sample G.O.P. certificate!

**NATIONAL DROUTH CONFERENCE**

CIOUTH CITY, Ia.—A national drouth conference to demand drouth relief and crop insurance has been called by the Farm Holiday Association. It will be held here Sept. 29-30.



# U. S. ENTERS WORLD-WIDE NAVAL RACE

### Greatest Armaments Race In History January 1st

WASHINGTON—"Very reluctantly" the United States has entered the world "Big Navy Race" by informing Great Britain that this country has decided to keep in service some 40,000 tons of over-age destroyers.

These destroyers are in excess of the total tonnage permitted by the London Naval Treaty of 1930.

Proof of this assertion by the American delegate is the announcement last week by Secretary of the Navy Swanson that this year's naval maneuvers will again be held in the Pacific, around the so-called "vital triangle"—Alaska, Hawaii and Panama.

Also, surveys for fortification of the Aleutian Islands near Alaska are reported to be in progress, while great re-fortification is going on in Hawaii, increasing facilities for aviation and the Navy.

### Handicaps In Race

The naval lineup between the Big Three—U. S., Great Britain and Japan—on January 1st will be approximately as follows: The U. S. will have 981,925 tons of warships; Britain, 1,128,970 tons; and Japan, 706,286 tons.

America is now building additional warships totaling 247,750 tons—three aircraft carriers, two heavy cruisers, 10 light cruisers, 17 submarines and 38 destroyers. Japan is building 87,167 tons and Britain 158,990 tons. All of this is within the London treaty.

### Grave War Menace

January 1st is expected to let the lid off in the greatest armaments race in the history of the world, fraught with grave dangers to world peace.

Particularly menacing to peace is the rivalry between Japan and the United States in the Pacific.

At the recent Pacific Relations Institute meeting in Yosemite, California, an American delegate said the main reason for maintaining a big U. S. Navy was economic rivalry with Japan.

### Workers Donate For Labor Prisoners

LOS ANGELES—The Labor Day parade in Los Angeles not only showed the strength of organized labor but also provided financial assistance to those workers who are now imprisoned due to past activities.

The International Labor Defense raised \$180 for the relief of labor's prisoners by selling flowers to marchers and bystanders.

## WAR PLOTTER



ADMIRAL HORTHY Co-planner with Hitler is the Regent of Hungary, who recently proposed an anti-Soviet alliance of Fascist countries.

## USSR READY FOR DEFENSE

### Enemies Are Warned That Red Army Is Prepared

MINSK, U.S.S.R.—The Soviet Union "has been ready for resistance for a long time," declared K. Voroshilov, Commissar of National Defense, in an address to troops of the Red Army, just beginning annual maneuvers.

Voroshilov warned enemies of the Soviet Union that the Red Army was prepared to defend the land of Socialism. He also revealed that the western border of the U.S.S.R. is defended by a line of subterranean defense fortresses, against any invasion by the German Nazis.

Their request is to be organized into a separate unit for defense of the Soviet Union, the Cossacks appeared for the first time as an official cavalry unit of the Red Army.

### GREEN MEETS WATERLOO?

WATERLOO, Ia.—The Waterloo Central Labor Council has endorsed the Iowa State Federation's protest against suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

### ENDORSES THE C.I.O.

SHENANDOAH, Pa.—The Central Labor Union of this important mining center has endorsed the C.I.O. and its activities in organizing the unorganized.

### "ALARMED AT SPLIT"

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis.—The Labor Council here declares itself "alarmed at the prospect of a split in the A.F.L.," and protests the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

## JOINT ACTION OF PEOPLES AGAINST WAR

### World Congress New Mark In Fight For Peace

BRUSSELS—"There is no other way out but the joint action of the peoples to fight war. The American people must choose between collective security and collective death."

Thus emphatically did Harry F. Ward, member of the American delegation, outline the fight for peace at the final session of the World Peace Congress here on September 7th.

### Up to People

"The governments have not fulfilled their duty—it is up to the people to save peace," said Lord Lytton, British Conservative.

Marcel Cachin, French Communist leader, declared: "This Congress transcends by far all previous peace manifestations. We are here to take concrete measures against the concrete danger of war."

"War is not unavoidable. We desire and hope that the organizations represented here, will remain united after this Congress in joint actions for peace. In the interest of world peace, we swear unitedly to conduct a decisive fight against war."

### Unity Achievement

"A passive struggle for peace is no longer sufficient," stated Louis de Broekere, president of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International. "The important achievement of this Congress is the unification of all mass organizations desiring peace."

The main resolution, presented by S. Grumbach, French Socialist leader, presented a four-point program which was adopted by the Congress: (1) Organization of a Universal Peace Day; (2) Creation of a World Peace Badge; (3) Exchange of prominent peace advocates between different countries; (4) Organization of national peace congresses in every country.

At the conclusion of the Congress a peace celebration was held at Brussels Stadium. Ten thousand workers greeted the Spanish delegation, headed by Dolores Ibaruri (La Pasionaria), of the Communist Party.

## Soviet Union Builds 5000 Airplanes Every Year

PARIS—The Soviet Union's aviation industry is reflecting the march of Socialism and its defense against Fascism.

The U.S.S.R. is manufacturing 5000 airplanes a year, said Louis Breguet, French builder, on his return here from Russia with a French technical mission.

"Factories in the Soviet Union are producing 20 times more airplanes, motors and accessories than France," he said. "One factory employing 25,000 workers is turning out daily four bombers capable of 248 miles an hour."

### DON'T WANT A SPLIT

CROOKSVILLE, O.—The Perry County Labor Council calls for all efforts to keep the A.F.L. intact and to prevent any split in its ranks.

## WORLD YOUTH MEET OPENS PEACE FIGHT

### Broad United Front Formed Against War-Makers

GENEVA—"Youth of the world, embark upon a Youth Crusade for Peace!"

With these stirring words, the World Youth Congress concluded its appeal adopted at its closing session on September 7th here.

After discussion, the proposals were unanimously adopted. "It is not enough to be for peace," declared Congress President Colin in his concluding speech. "We must be active in its defense. When you have returned home, resist the temptation to think only of your own security."

"Collective security alone means world peace!"

### Pacific Conference

A Pacific Youth Conference to strengthen the fight for peace in countries bordering the Pacific Ocean will be called in the near future, it was decided by the Congress.

Complete agreement of all youth organizations represented, on the principle of collective security and the need for developing the League of Nations into a strong safeguard of collective security, was shown in the reports of the Congress commissions.

A report to the effect that there is no obstacle to prevent the youth of the world from forming a broad united front in defense of peace, was unanimously concurred in.

Formation of a permanent World Youth Committee, to function as an advisory body to the League of Nations, was proposed, with two representatives from every national committee and one from each international organization.

## Who Is Spain's New Premier

MADRID.—For 60 years, since he was seven years old, Spain's new Premier, Francisco Largo Caballero, has worked for a living.

Playing an important part in the revolt of 1917, he was sentenced to life imprisonment by the courts of King Alfonso. After establishment of the republic in April, 1931, he accepted the portfolio of Minister of Labor and later that of Public Works.

October, 1934, found him on the side of the militant Socialists, for which he spent 13 months in prison. At his trial in October, 1935, he was acquitted of the charge against him, so flimsy was the evidence.

Since 1934, Caballero has consistently moved to the left and now heads the left-wing of the Socialist Party. He is also general secretary of the General Confederation of Workers.

### C.I.O. ENDORSED BY RUBBER WORKERS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Local 25 United Rubber Workers has adopted a resolution that calls for lifting the suspension order against the C.I.O. unions.

## DEFENDERS OF WORLD PEACE



JOSEPH STALIN (left) and K. VOROSHILOV, Commissar for National Defense, are shown here conferring on the danger to world peace and to the Soviet Union from the Fascist war-makers of Germany and the Fascist-imperialists of Japan.

## FASCISTS BACK LONDON DRIVE

### Sen. Wheeler Warns Against Danger Of Fascism

WASHINGTON—Warning against the Fascist tactics being used in the Alf Landon campaign, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana Progressive, stated that "liberty, as we know it, is non-existent in Europe," upon his recent return from Europe.

In an interview printed in "Labor," railroad workers' newspaper, Wheeler stated:

### Fascist Terror

"Men fear to speak, to write, to confer with their fellows in Fascist countries. Spies are everywhere, and the prison, or perhaps the firing squad, awaits those who refuse to conform."

"Don't deceive yourself in the thought, 'it cannot happen here.' The same interests which imposed Fascism in Europe are raising vast 'slush funds' to influence this presidential election and bring about the defeat of President Roosevelt."

"They are using the same tactics which proved so effective in Europe. They are raising false issues, so as to divide the farmers and the industrial workers. Their motto is 'Divide and conquer.'"

### Reaction Behind Landon

"All the 'predatory interests' are massed behind the candidacy of Governor Landon. They know they can't win except by splitting the opposition, and they will hesitate at nothing to attain that objective."

"False prophets are abroad in the land, seeking to mislead the people and eventually to betray them into the hands of their exploiters. We must not permit Fascism to attain a foothold in America."

### MILLMEN WRITE PROTEST TO GREEN

GREAT FALLS—Suspension of the C.I.O. by the A.F.L. council displays "an attitude of autocracy entirely out of place in the great labor movement of America," declares Millmen's Union 16 in a letter to William Green.

## Tiff Separates Adolph And "Putzy"

NUREMBERG, Germany.—A tiff caused Hitler to demote Dr. Ernst F. S. (Putzy) Hanfstaengl from his old job as Nazi foreign press chief, according to rumors here at the Nazi Party's annual convention.

Another story said Hanfstaengl has been in official disfavor because of "private affairs." Apparently "Putzy" wasn't true to Adolph.

## Fascists Forced To Free Arab Leader

### TETUAN, Spanish Morocco.

Growing anti-Fascist sentiment among the Moroccan people caused General Franco to release Abd-el Alek Tores, leader of the Arab National Party, from imprisonment at Ceuta.

The people also forced reinstatement of Tores as director of Mohammedan sacred places in Spanish Morocco. He had been imprisoned for five weeks.

Mass demonstrations against the Fascist militarists by the Arab people have been held throughout Spanish Morocco for several weeks.

## MASS MEETING FOR SPAIN

### OAKLAND.

"Who are the Fascists in Spain and does America want Fascism?" will be the subject of a symposium under auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism here next Wednesday, September 16th, 8 p.m., at Jenny Lind Hall.

Organizations wishing to donate to the Red Cross for Spain should send delegates with instructions.

East Bay organizations are also urged to elect delegates to a conference on October 2nd, called by the People's Committee Against Hearst of the American League. For further information, telephone headquarters in San Francisco, Douglas 9545; in East Bay, Thorn 6865.

# Caballero States Aims Of People's Front Government

### New People's Army Being Created Under Unified Command In Spain For One Aim: To Destroy Fascism

MADRID—Creation of a new People's Army under unified command, as all differences of opinion among the anti-Fascist parties have been set aside for the sake of crushing Fascism, is the goal toward which the new People's Front government is rapidly moving, Francisco Largo Caballero, Spain's new Socialist Premier, told Michael Koltzov, Soviet journalist.

## DEMOCRACY IS SPAIN'S FIGHT

### La Pasionaria Makes Appeal For Arms For Her Govt.

PARIS—"Spanish democracy is fighting for world democracy," declared Dolores Ibaruri, famed Spanish Communist deputy to Parliament, better known as La Pasionaria, in a press interview here.

"If it is victorious it will be the triumph of international democracy against international Fascism; and if it is defeated, democracy the world over will suffer an irreparable blow."

### Truth About Spain

La Pasionaria is spokesman for a Spanish delegation here to inform the world of the true facts behind the rebellion and to appeal to world democracy and republicanism in behalf of the Spanish government.

She characterized the declaration of neutrality in the Spanish civil war as "incompatible with international law and really a sanction against the legitimate Spanish government."

Charging that Fascist nations were aiding the Fascist counter-revolution in Spain, La Pasionaria declared: "Without arms, we cannot beat the enemy, who are armed to the teeth and receiving aid from abroad."

### Duty As a Woman

For herself, she stated: "It is my duty as a woman and as the wife of a miner to defend with every power at my disposal the rights of the people and particularly of the working people. My husband is at the front and I've heard nothing from him since the war started."

"There is nothing outstanding in my own life. I have been a miner's wife for the last 30 years. I suffered persecution. I have been in jail. I am fighting, not just for Spain but for the world against Fascism."

### DISCUSSION MEET

LOS ANGELES—"The Technical Man in Economic Life" will be discussed by R. M. Schindler, Ordean Rockey and William Busick, at an open meeting of the local chapter of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians at 8 p.m., Monday, September 14th, at the Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street.

"You ask about neutrality. But no neutrality has been guaranteed! Some states—you know very well whom I mean—some states, just as before, are undisturbed about sending new units of airplanes, arms and instructors to the rebels, thus making more difficult and drawing out this terrible and bloody war."

Characteristic of the new government and military leadership was the decision to raise the siege of Palma in Majorca, occupied by the Fascists. The siege was protracted and took more than 6000 well-armed fighters with artillery, machine guns and airplanes away from participation in the main operations.

The order of the new government was carried through, not only without opposition by the commander of this group, but was loyally received in Catalonia, which led operations in the Balearic Islands. The government troops from Majorca have already joined the central fighting forces.

### MOVIES IN MADRID

Latest reports are that movie houses in Madrid have kept open despite the civil war.

### GUILD DEFENDS EXTRAS

The Screen Actors' Guild is filing suit against Columbia for an extra who, having been given dialogue to speak, received only \$7.50 for the day's work instead of the \$25 minimum recognized by all producers for speaking bits. If the Guild wins this test case there are many other studios due for suits. It begins to look as though the Guild is going to fight for real trade unionism in Hollywood.

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# "French Front For Preservation of Peace"

By J. BERLIOZ

PARIS—It is becoming increasingly clear that the Spanish people, ranged behind their regular government, have been fighting not only against a mutiny of Spanish generals and rebels, but against a foreign interventionist campaign set in motion by the now allied Fascist leaders of Italy and Germany, which is directed against France at one of the most critical points of its security, as well as against Britain at a vital point of its imperialist connections.

The Francos and the Moias are nothing but the instruments of international Fascism and, above all, of Hitlerism.

It is now known that confidential agents of Hitler were guests of Franco in the Canary Isles, and that the offices of Mannesmann and Co. in Spanish Morocco were nests of spies and corrupters.

### Fascists Intervene

Rome and Berlin have directly intervened in the conflict by sending arms, planes, military instructors and money; the Nazi colony in Majorca directed the uprising in this much coveted island; the cruiser "Deutschland" prevented the government fleet from bombarding Ceuta; the danger of a German demonstration before Barcelona is only put off for the moment.

### France Threatened

After the Rhine coup the security of France is more threatened than ever before. Did not

the "Westfalsche Zeitung" cynically write that it was necessary to prevent France from making a connection via Spain to North Africa. If the rebellion fomented by the Fascists should succeed, France would have a new frontier to guard. Paul Faure, secretary of the Socialist Party and a minister, expressed this as follows: "An anti-French government would rule in Spain, and European Fascism would undoubtedly be able to pursue with more insolent and provocative power its dream of world hegemony."

The victory of Fascism in Spain means world war. The Spanish revolt is at the same time an attack on France and a threat to peace; it is Hitler's intervention in the affairs of Europe, in order to confuse them beyond all hope of recovery.

### Defend Peace!

De Broekere, president of the Labor and Socialist International, showed himself to be clearheaded when he sounded the alarm cry: "The attitude taken by the Fascist powers constitutes a veritable aggression. . . We have reached a decisive moment for the maintenance of peace. . . Now or never!"

The attitude of the French government was obviously inspired by fear of giving the Fascists the least pretext for making yet more open acts of aggression. But its prudence seems to have carried it remarkably

far. (Neutrality pacts, barring arms for the legal Spanish government.—Ed.)

### Correct Advice

It is unfortunate that some people still do not understand that the new attacks of Fascism are always called forth by the weakness with which the previous ones have been received, and that "L'Information" is right in giving this advice: "In face of the premeditated intentions of creating disorder, the most abject servility would be of no use."

Nevertheless, the unhappy events in Spain have opened many eyes which wished to remain obstinately closed. The idea that Fascism means war has advanced among Socialist circles.

### Dangerous Moves

At bottom, there still remain, even among some members of the People's Front, some illusions about Hitler and his pacifist poses. Hence this engaging in a diplomatic adventure profitable to aggressors alone through following advice of the "Temps," to carry on negotiations in a spirit of full mutual confidence between Paris, London, Rome and Berlin, whereas it must at least be regarded as a sign of naivety not to cherish some suspicion of a government which has systematically broken its pledged word.

### According as events in Spain develop, the better are those in France revealed who do not

speak French any more and have lost all national feeling. Their whole preoccupation is to provide alibis for Fascism and their accusations against the French government of having aided Madrid, which were completely baseless, have been reproduced on the front pages of the Berlin papers. In seeking to justify them, they are provoking a veritable Fascist war of reprisal against France.

Today, when the question of the liberty and security of France is singularly acute, "it is time," as the recent manifesto of the Communist Party of France said, "to put a stop to the activities of Hitler's agents."

"It is time for the whole nation, up in arms, trembling with rage and indignation at these foreign agents, the helpers of treason, to show its will for peace and its force of decision to the seekers of military adventure."

For this reason the Communist Party, in a striking speech of its general secretary Thorez, has issued the slogan of a French Front against the enemy within and without, for the defense of the republic and the security of the country, and in particular for the preservation of peace.

The unity already achieved in the People's Front must be extended still further; the internal and external dangers, incidentally of similar nature, demand

this without delay. It must include all those who undoubtedly do not think the same on numerous political questions, but who all wish to prevent the Hitlerites of Germany, Spain and France from plunging France and Europe into the abyss.

This slogan has led to some rallies against the C.P.F., but was not that the case also when we first spoke of the People's Front, without our being in any way disturbed by it? These jokes often come from disguised pro-Nazis, sometimes also from pseudo-pacifists who dare to proclaim "Sooner slavery than war!"

But the C.P.F. will receive support from all those who believe in independence and in the future of the country and of the world, by the hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen who at the magnificent meetings and demonstrations cry out: "Planes for Spain!" because they cannot imagine the reason for the blockade imposed on the government of Spain which is fighting to defend humanity!

By the Parisian metal workers who are making collections to offer planes to this government because they know that these planes are a means of vanquishing the instigators of world war. By all those who do not wish agents of Hitler to provoke to see the traitors in France who order and civil war as in Spain, or at least divide the country so that it may be more easily become the prey of their master.



# Taxpayers Forced to Pay \$25,000 for Orange Co. Strike

## STATE POLICE LIVE ROYALLY; GUARDS HIRED

### Confusion Spread To Betray Workers

By a Worker Correspondent.  
SANTA ANA—It cost the taxpayers more than \$25,000 to crush the orange pickers' strike. This disclosure was made here in a survey published by the Santa Ana Independent. Here before we had thought that the growers were lavish spenders and that they preferred to spend big money for hired thugs and strikebreakers rather than allow the pickers to become organized and perhaps get a few cent more.

**Public Pays**  
Of course this is true. But it is now clear that a very large share of the money was paid by John Public, not by the orange growers. This means that the grocery man and the milk man and the dry goods merchant were taxed heavily to break the strike and are rewarded by lower purchasing power of those of whom they have to depend for a living.

The Independent cites figures from actual payments on warrants. Some of the items: \$5,230.20 to put the state police in the best hotels and to feed them and to furnish two packs of cigars at every meal. These were the boys who were the growers' best scab herders. The grower got the benefit. They should have paid the bill.

**Hired Thugs Paid**  
Then there were Sheriff Loga Jackson's "guards," which is fancy language for hired thugs or the growers. The taxpayer, however, are now surprised to find that they did the hiring, to the tune of \$9,450.52. The growers also needed riot guns, etc. for their guards and the taxpayers paid \$2,117.48 for these. Then the "justice" court and the trucking of arrested pickers cost \$67.05. This totals \$16,895.25 paid by Orange County taxpayers directly for the specific purpose of the strike. In addition 20 to 40 state police receiving \$225 per month worked exclusively on the strike as did numerous Orange County deputies. Taking into consideration court costs in Orange County and elsewhere, the newspaper conservatively sets the direct cost to taxpayers at \$25,000.

**Confuses Issue Purposely**  
The Independent uses the figures to argue against another possible strike in the vegetable fields. In this talk about settling the current dispute, however, the Independent helps to throw up a smoke screen to prevent the workers from getting decent conditions. The growers put out the story that the workers were willing to settle for the old wage of 25c per hour provided Stuart Strathman, head of the Placencia Chamber of Commerce, resigns from the board of arbitrators as a representative of the growers.

**Noble Gesture**  
With this rumor going the rounds, Strathman magnanimously agreed. The Independent "urges" him to agree, saying that this is the only issue. If the workers had made such an acceptance of 25c per hour, no arbitration board would be necessary. The object of this type of publicity in the Orange County papers is to falsely put the workers in a position where their demands will seem to the public as a repudiation of agreement.

Further confusion is being spread among the Mexican workers by Lucas Lucio, Mexican consular representative, to whom the statement that the workers would agree to 25c per hour was attributed. Lucas denied making such a statement, but goes on to oppose "instruction of radicals from outside of the county," which only means in practice the discrediting of any militant move.

**Living Costs Advance**  
However, Lucas does make the statement that "The cost of living has advanced at least 20 per cent, and the price of most vegetables has risen and there is no reason why workers should not benefit by this rise of prices, especially since the cost of living has risen also."

A survey of the citrus working conditions shows that many of the packing houses have actually raised wages to a straight 7c per box from 5 1/2c plus 1/2c bonus. Obviously this money is being paid out in fear of organization, but the packers have not been forced to live up to their promises to hire back strikers. Many of them have gone north to work in the grapes.

## Soviet Friends In Yuma Boost F.S.U. Magazine

By a Worker Correspondent  
YUMA, Ariz.—The American Friends of the Soviet Union held their regular meeting in Yuma Valley Sunday, September 6th. Three local members made reports on the new constitution of the Soviet Union, the Soviet Peace Policy and the work of the F.S.U., respectively.

Money was donated to subscribe to "Soviet Russia Today" for the Yuma Carnegie Library and the Yuma Union High School library. The executive committee is instructed to arrange to have the magazine accepted by the libraries. If necessary, we will appeal to all friends of the Soviet Union as well as friends of honest information to insist that the libraries accept them.

## Youthful Picket Endures Terror; Refuses to Scab

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN LEANDRO.—After facing strike-breaking cops, gunfire, assault charges and a jury of his "peers," Peter Pakros, 21, of 1513 Orchard Ave., picketed at the Caterpillar Tractor plant where the machinists' strike is at a crucial stage, is still free, till picketing—and entitled to sk "What next?"

All in all, Pakros has been arrested four times thus far in the strike, and has been tried once—but somehow this "treatment" fails to take.

**Intimidated In Home**  
Once he was arrested at his home by Chief of Police Joe Peralta, taken to the police station, and quizzed as to why he led his job. Pakros responded eagerly, telling of pitifully low wages and bad working conditions. Peralta asked the boy if he would go back to work or a certain sum, nearly double what he had been getting.

Pakros shook his head. "I wouldn't scab," he said.  
**Crocodile Tears**  
"Now that puts me in a hell of a spot," complained the police chief. He spread a paper before the boy's eyes. "Look here, they've given me this for you to sign, saying you'll go back to work for this raise they're offering. What am I going to do?"

Pakros reiterated, "I won't scab," and finally Peralta had him sign a statement to that effect on the back of the paper and let him go.

Two days later, as he assembled with other pickets in front of the plant at 7 a.m., a foreman, named Tishbein approached him.  
**Threatened With Gun**  
After an exchange of pleasantries Tishbein pulled an automatic pistol. The boy gave ground slowly, while five other pickets watched breathlessly. Pakros backed up to a rock pile, gathered up some of this handy ammunition, and let fly. Tishbein broke and ran under the shower of missiles, then turned after a few feet and fired one shot.

Officer Brown ran from across the street, to be met by pickets demanding the arrest of Tishbein.

**Defends Illegal Gun-Toten**  
"He had a perfect right to shoot at you," was Brown's report. "You'd better get out of here or you'll all get full of lead."  
Instead of arresting the foreman, he ordered him to go back into the plant. Pakros started on the police station to demand a warrant for Tishbein's arrest, but en route was taken into custody himself and charged with assault. He pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial, which was held before Judge A. W. Bruner.

**Aquitted by Jury**  
In response to the evidence and arguments mustered by Clarence Rust, defense attorney, the best the deputy district attorney could do was to declare without corroboration that the shot Tishbein fired was a blank—and to argue to the jury that "All this man had to defend himself with was a gun."  
Judge Bruner's instructions were impartial, and the jury of local business men took only 20 minutes to find Pakros not guilty.

**"GIVE AND TAKE"**  
CLEVELAND, O.—In a resolution calling for a "give and take spirit" on the question of craft and industrial unionism, Painters Local 807 urges that the C.I.O. question be referred to the A.F.L. annual convention.

## SOVIET PRODUCTION CLIMBING



SOVIET WORKERS are watching the bulletin board which shows figures on production in Soviet industry. With the Second Five-Year-Plan on its last lap and production ahead of schedule, they follow the figures closely.

## LOCAL GRANGE IS SABOTAGED FROM WITHIN

### Leaders Driving Out Membership

By a Farmer

BONNY DOON, Calif.—As a former member of the Woodbridge Grange, I am sending in some information just received from a sister member of the organization.

When we joined the Grange last fall the membership was close to 100 and it has dropped off to about 20 today. Two factions in the organization seem to be about evenly divided. One is fairly progressive. The other is out and our reactionary.

**Red-Baiting Disruption**  
The continual Fascist cry of "Socialism and Communism" has caused the organization to dwindle off because it never does anything to help the farmers when all that is taking place is a fight against Communists. The leader is a man named Schmidt who seems to be very sympathetic to the Nazis. Some of the other officers are progressive or liberal.

Several of these officers attended the agricultural workers' conference held in Stockton a couple of months ago, and the result was that Mrs. Addie Benedict, who is the lecturer of the Grange, brought two union speakers to talk to the Grange on organization of the agricultural workers.

**\$3 Per Day "Ridiculous"**  
It almost turned out to be a free-for-all. Col. Garrison was there and he told how ridiculous it was even to think of letting the workers organize and that the \$3 wage scale was out of the question. Between him and Schmidt they tried to keep the unionists from speaking.

Mrs. Benedict demanded that their side be heard, and the majority voted to hear them. Since then the progressives have asked the Fascist minded Schmidt to resign, but he refused, so the membership is steadily dwindling.

**Continual Sabotage**  
The big growers and the farmers representing the Fascists groups are the underlying cause of this friction. They are boring from within to break up the Grange and they have done a pretty good job of it so far.

For the last two years every time a bazaar was given to raise funds the wrong date has been published in the local papers. Consequently the attendance at these affairs was small. The secretary couldn't figure out why the paper made such errors, but the truth is plain to most of us that someone paid them to do this.

Whoever was responsible for this is no doubt responsible also for keeping Schmidt at his post even after he was requested to resign.

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## Attempted Race Riot Fails When White Workers Defend Negroes Against Attack by Foreman; Trial Coming

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND.—With sticks and stones flying through the air, a short lived attempt on the part of foremen on a WPA project to create a race riot was brought to an end by the solidarity of the white and black workers against the bosses.

The trouble started when two colored men, James Henderson and Clifford Dupree, were told to report to the foreman. The men layed down their shovels and ran to catch up with Mr. Baker, the foreman, as he went to the timekeeper's tent and upon reaching him asked "Did you want to see us?"

**Insulting Names**  
With this Baker turned upon them saying: "You G— D— niggers never do any work, you're fired," and took a swing at one of the men. The colored man beat him to the punch and knocked the foreman down, whereupon another foreman started to throw rocks and the material clerk picked up a two-by-four and started to attack Henderson and Dupree.

At this juncture about a dozen men jumped up out of the ditch and went to the defense of the two attacked colored workers. They soon took all the fight out of the attackers and the "riot" stopped right there.

**Cops Arrest Victims**  
In the meantime a cop was called and Henderson and Dupree were arrested. Later they were released on bail secured through their friends.

After the trouble had subsided the city foreman, this being a sewer job, raged up and down the ditch shouting that "Hereafter I am going to run this job and I will fire any G— D— S— B— that I want to, and no one is going to stop me."

The two men will have their trials in Judge Kennedy's court at the City Hall Friday, Sept. 11th, and arrangements are being made to have them defended.

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## THE LOWLY OF THE EARTH

By An Agricultural Worker

We are the lowly of the earth; We've been enslaved and robbed from birth, Enthralled and kept in ignorance Through capitalistic influence; Our minds with bourgeois thoughts imbued, And communism misconstrued, 'Till we believe it quite all right That Labor keep the parasite.

How we must love the millionaire, So fat and sleek and debonaire; We moil and toil in much and grime, Submitting to his every crime; Make obeisance when he mobs us, Kiss the pudgy hand that robs us, Then grovel 'till we bruise our snout, For a contaminated handout.

Yet lowly as we are from birth, The most despised of all the earth, We've come to realize the few Have always robbed us of our due, Yet our strength is gaining daily Through the Power of unity. We'll organize and carry on, Until our victory is won, —L.C.G.

## Beauty Operators Pay Tribute

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—I am a part time operator in a well-known chain beauty shop.

I was told bluntly on pay day to contribute fifty cents toward a gift for some executive of the chain who is going on a vacation.

When I objected, saying I did not know the person and hadn't known there was such a person I was told "That doesn't matter. Lots of you don't, but you pay anyhow."

Well, to make a long story short, I didn't have much to say about the matter. It had already been deducted from my week's pay, which wasn't much as I'd worked only two days in the past week.

If you print this letter, please do not print my name. I'd lose my job and rotten as it is, still I need it.

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## Berkeley Speeds Garbage Crew; Reaps Big Profits

By a Worker Correspondent

BERKELEY.—The Berkeley Garbage Department is coining money at the expense of the workers and the department has been turned into one of the worst slave driving outfits in the East Bay region.

About four years ago the workers were told that they must take a temporary pay cut in the interest of economy. The temporary cut is still in effect in spite of the fact that the department made a clear profit of \$2,000 last year.

**Only 32 Employed**  
This profit was made in spite of the fact that there are only 32 men employed in the collection of the city garbage. Previous to 1932 a crew, comprising two helpers and the driver were required to collect two loads per day and never work over eight hours per day. They were given two weeks vacation each year with pay. Then they were given a pay cut and the vacation was also taken away from them.

**Intense Speedup**  
Now the same crew is required to pick up three loads of garbage per day. They must call on 492 houses per day and often are forced to work as long as eleven hours. They do not get any holidays off and when they asked to be let off for Labor Day this request was curtly refused and the men forced to work under threat of losing their job.

The boss is the only one that has received a raise and he already receives \$40.00 per month as expenses for running his private car.

**Will Send Delegates To L.A. Conference**  
By a Worker Correspondent  
SANTA BARBARA.—The Workers' Alliance here, as well as other progressive groups in Santa Barbara, is expected to send delegates to the Conference for Political Action scheduled to convene in Los Angeles Sept. 19 and 20.

**AGAINST SUSPENSION**  
MANSFIELD, O.—The Mansfield Trades Council has called for the dropping of charges against the C.I.O., pending the working out of an agreement.

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## Stool Pigeons Used By Stockton Bosses

By a Worker Correspondent

STOCKTON.—When we started to organize the cannery workers here in Stockton the first move of the bosses was to get their stool pigeon to work finding out who was putting out leaflets.

He managed to get two women put on the spot and fired. I wonder where the stool will work when the workers get organized. I wonder if he will have the guts to try to come into the ranks of organized labor.

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I'll not spill lead into some poor working stiff,  
Like me,  
And leave him sprawling—  
His blood oozing into the mud of a desolate  
field.  
I won't push my knife into some kid's guts;  
Some son of a mother and dad  
Who sweat honest sweat for their daily bread.  
Buddy, I'll use my head.  
If and when I take up a gun again,  
I'll know the enemy well.  
He's got a peculiar smell  
That reminds me of greenbacks  
And the big, soft leather chairs  
In the conference rooms of the "Liberty  
League."  
Buddy,  
I think I'll point my gun that way.  
What dya say?

Listen Buddy:—

Can't you just hear 'em again?  
The drums thumping  
And the thick soles marching!  
The headlines screaming:  
"GET YOUR GUN"  
"ON THE RUN"  
"MAKE THE WORLD SAFE."  
Make the world safe?  
Jesus Christ, Buddy,  
Let's make the world safe  
Once and for all!

If they give me a gun again,  
I'll grab it, and hold it tight.  
Sure, I'll fight!  
I'll fight that smell I began to smell  
In that Argonne hell in '17.  
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For OUR battered lives and OUR wasted  
years.

We slaughtered the wrong men in those days,  
Buddy;  
But listen!  
If and when they give us guns again,  
Let's point them the other way.  
What do you say?

—MICHAEL MANN.

# VOICES OF LABOR

**Voice From Yuma**  
Yuma, Ariz.  
Editor: In the last issue you asked readers to criticize your papers.

Our main objection is that the paper does not offer much encouragement to out-of-state correspondents. Why not make a sure enough "Western" instead of a "California" Worker? Of course I realize that most of the readers are Californians, but we in Arizona have no paper for workers. You could put local San Francisco news in one section, Los Angeles in another, etc. Then you could put news of national or international importance in another section so we could tell just what we are getting into.

I think the regular columns are just fine. Especially Dr. Bissell's and Marjorie Crane's.  
—V. B.

### Praise for "Mother" Bloor

We print below a letter written by a worker and printed in the San Francisco News of Tuesday, Sept. 8:

Editor: This morning I picked up a printed card on my front porch which announced that "Mother" Bloor will speak in the East Bay on Sept. 10 and 12 and in San Francisco on Sept. 11.

I am not a Communist, but as a union man I could not help feeling a thrill of admiration for this 73-year-old woman who for 45 years has been in the thick of labor struggles, and who once spoke to a group of striking steel workers with the gun of a deputy sheriff pressed against her back the entire time.

Every working man and woman, regardless of political opinion, should feel respect and gratitude for "Mother" Bloor, who has directed her life to their interests, facing arrest and death hundreds of times to better their conditions.—Patrick Stevens.

**Helps Campaign**  
Wilton, Calif.

Editor: I forward money order for \$1 for radio funds for the Communist Party campaign. I ask you to send me a type-written letter—what is a Communist, what is the duty of a Communist under the capitalist system, what is the duty of a Communist in the Soviet Union at present, and what is Communism economically and socially in the Soviet Union after the present period.

The reason I ask this is we have political and educational meetings every first and third Tuesday, and the 15th of September, the chairman said they are going to discuss what is a Communist and what is Communism?

## Engels' Opinions On America In New Biography

AMERICA is developing with colossal energy—an energy which is manifested even in the insane exaggerations of their protective tariff system; and one of these days that energy and these principles will produce a change which will astonish the whole world. If the Americans once begin, with all their energy and virulence, we in Europe shall look like children.

Thus Friedrich Engels, co-founder with Karl Marx of the modern socialist movement, viewed the prospects for a cooperative commonwealth in the United States.

**Biography by Gustav Mayer**  
The story of his life and his opinions on the subject and many others are set down in Friedrich Engels, a Biography, by Gustav Mayer, translated from the German—the first full-length biography of Engels to

## HOLLYWOOD Resume

By LOUIS NORDEN  
STORIES... Only 40% of all stories purchased by major studios finally reach the screen, according to a statement this week by the head of Paramount's editorial board. Not only are American patriotic subjects offensive in England, MGM now declares, but Irving Thalberg asserts that the life of George Washington is a controversial subject. Recall the Hays' forecast of the great picture of the future: "Fancies built around the lives of insects."... Film rights to Fannie Hurst's new novel, "Great Laughter," were sold this week before publication to MGM for \$100,000... S. K. Lauren is now working on the adaptation. Paul Robeson's next picture for Gainsborough of England is "King Solomon's Mines" in which he is costarred with Roland Young and John Loder. William Cameron Menzies ("Things To Come") is to direct "Fire Over England" from a script by the anti-Nazi, Erich Pommer, a story of rebellion aboard a British troopship... Charles G. Booth, author of the original story of "The General Died At Dawn," has just sold another original, "Caviar For His Excellency" to Paramount...

SCIENCE... Two complete motion picture newsreels were this week televised a distance of 3 1/2 miles over Stations KJH (for sound) and W6XAO (for vision). The image received was of unusual clarity. Witnessing the demonstrations were representatives of the two American Institutes of Radio and Electrical Engineers.

FOREIGN... The Reichsfilmkammer, Nazi body in charge of the regulation of motion pictures, this week arbitrarily ordered a cut in film salaries of top directors and stars, in some cases up to 75%. Though the first cut hit only the big-salaried employees, their importance to the cut and their importance to the fast-dwindling German industry, will throw the wage cut to the backs of all small salaried employees. The reason for the bad state of the German industry is twofold. Heretofore, 40% of the cost of German pictures was returned from the foreign market. Today but 10% is received from this source, due to the boycott and the poor quality of Nazi pictures. In addition, the domestic market has fallen, theater receipts having dropped 65%. Thus Hitler proceeds to tighten the belts of German film workers.

PERSONALITIES... Kurt Bois, outstanding German actor banished by Hitler, is now being starred in New York in the WPA Federal Theater Project show, "Help Yourself," at the Adelphi Theater. Bois was revered abroad. He fled to America after Hitler's advent, got a job in a John Golden flop. After a year's layoff, Bois went on WPA at a salary of \$23.88 weekly. Says Bois: "It's better than being in Germany."... When "The General Died At Dawn" was previewed, Lewis Milestone and Clifford Odets jointly took the usual page in the Daily Variety to advertise their thanks to the film's producer. When the Hollywood Reporter ran its advertising sections on the picture, Odets' name was missing from the page. He had refused to advertise in the Reporter, following the example set by Dudley Nichols, remembering the bias shown by that paper during the provoked controversy within the Screen Writers' Guild... True to her word Marlene Dietrich did not return to Germany on her vacation. She has been the house guest of Max Reinhardt at his castle, Leopoldskron, near Salzburg...

appear in English (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, \$3.50). "The American working classes are coming, but they must come in their own way like the English," Engels in 1890 told Herman Schlueter, German Social-Democratic exile who had gone to the U.S. "They won't let theory be moved down their throats, but they will soon be shoved up against it by their own experience and their own blunders and the results of them... and then, all right. Independent nations go their own way, and the English and their kindfolk are the most independent of all."

**Versatility of Engels**  
The volume is a highly readable account of the life, times and thoughts of Friedrich Engels, a man of extraordinary vigor and talents, who helped build the socialist movement in Germany and many other countries, foresaw the general outlines of the coming World War, mastered 20 languages, was an expert military strategist, made notable contributions to science and philosophy, and jointly with Marx, whose labors he self-sacrificingly made possible, elaborated theories of economics and working class destiny that were to shake the world.—F.P.

**Upheld Immigrants**  
He viewed the aristocratic attitude of native-born Americans towards immigrants as an impediment to a unified labor movement, but regarded it as inevitable that the workers would at first share the prejudices of the bourgeoisie. Engels, the author says, always held that socialist ideas would not spread to the Anglo-Saxon majority "until America's economic situation (and therefore its social conditions) had approximately much more nearly to conditions obtaining in Eu-

## STARRING IN "GYPSIES" FILM



LALA CHERNAYA (Soviet Romen Theater is one of the stars of the Soviet Film Masterpiece, "Gypsies," opening exclusive Los Angeles engagement Friday, September 18, at the Grand International Theater, 630 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Latest Soviet Newsreels will also be shown.

## RIP TIDES . . . . By LeMae

IT WAS in the cold, dirty and wet toilet of the huge, Steel Trust, company union controlled, shipyard. Two fellows had speared in past the foreman to grab a smoke.

On the cold steel wall hung one of the leaflets issued by the Party, exposing the new attempt of the shipowners to smash the maritime unions by framing Earl King. "Goddam Communist b—ds," the first of the two cursed as he spied the leaflet. He snatched it from the bulkhead and tossed it towards the drain. "Hey—what the hell's the idea?" his smoking partner, a well known red-baiter, demanded. A challenge was in his voice as he rescued the innocent leaflet from the brink of the drain. "We don't want any damn Communist propaganda around here—and there ain't nobody going to stick any up while I'm around here," a vigilante note was scrawled in answer to his partner's challenge. A knotted bronzed fist suddenly shot out. It caught the embryo-vigilante square on the chin and sent him splashing face first into the drain.

"I ain't no damn Communist either, but by Ch—t, they're fighting against this frame-up and—well, they gotta right to free speech," the ex-red-baiter plastered the leaflet back on the wall, and stalked off of the washroom, with a cigarette hanging defiantly from his lips. The vigilante-minded one followed him out, tenderly carressing a lump on his jaw. Five o'clock—knock-off time—scores of workers rushed in to wash up—the leaflet was still plastered on the wall.

THIS one is really choice, but one must have a brief picture of the present background on the waterfront, so— A small minority who are at present in leading positions in some of the locals on the front, have taken what they term a "no politics in the union" stand. "No politics in the union" stand has taken an active and direct part in the interests of the rank and file maritime workers—the Communist Party. Even Hearst admits this fact.

However this small minority group has opposed real rank and file principles without, in all probability, being aware of it. Several interesting, if not dangerous developments have resulted. For one thing, their anti-political stand in practice means only one thing—an anti-Party stand. To this position, of course, have immediately rallied the al-

ropes." But "with unshakable optimism he held to his conviction that in time the setbacks would cease and there would come a period of steady progress toward a nationwide socialist movement in the U.S.A."

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CHICAGO—"It is altogether too bad," says a Chicago Tribune editorial, "that rail riding and tar and feathers are no longer in fashion." The Tribune harbors a vigilante organization in its building.

## ACCENT ON YOUTH

A CORRESPONDENT in Camp Leaf, California's show CCC, sent down a copy of the camp's mimeographed newspaper, "Cat Tracks." Most of this issue is concerned with the forest fires, but there are a couple of jewels significant in showing some of the less publicized functions of the camp. It happened that the need of extra supplies for firefighting emptied a couple of the retail stores in Weed.

The Weed newspaper wrote subsequently: "And yet, after raids like this from our model camp of CCC workers bringing hundreds of dollars to our town each week, we have a few saps who say they are not needed and should be abandoned." The camps are not considered as a method of meeting the problem of a generation of unemployed youth. Nothing is said about the way in which the CCC fails to adequately meet the task of giving the 3 million unemployed young people jobs in industry, vocational training and education. Rather, the value of the camps is discussed in terms of the dollars a week they bring to the local merchants in Weed!

The message of the camp commander shows a second way in which the camps are useful to others besides the boys themselves. "The fire season is with us in full force. The men have been on the fire line of every major brush and timber fire during most of this month. It has taken courage to stick with it, and although undermanned, co. 919 has come through with flying colors."

The men are dissatisfied. Writes one in poetic complaint: "When this term is served and done, you won't find me among the million and one to be awakened in the night and another fire sent to fight!"

To discourage such disloyalty the commander continues: "Although there are difficulties in the CCC there is still great uncertainty on the outside. I do not wish any man to stay who honestly wants to make a try of it on the outside. . . . Records show, however, that few men going off have found and held their jobs. With conditions as they are, I recommend that those who plan to leave at the end of the period consider their move carefully."

This advice is reinforced by a big cartoon showing the heavy-booted foot of a CCC worker about to step down on a plank with two huge spikes sticking up out of it. Says the caption: "Watch your step." There used to be days when the timber owners and the government had to pay good wages to firefighters. Now they can send CCC boys at \$25 a month! CCC, for whom?

## "Private Hicks" To Be Played In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—"Private Hicks," Albert Maltz's play which opens Friday night, September 18, at the Pine St. Playhouse, 1609 Pine St., is particularly timely in view of current labor struggles and the present organizational drive in the steel industry.

Private Hicks, the main character in the play is the son of a worker, and like millions of other boys from the working class belongs to the National Guard. "Protect Property" When the National Guard is used to "protect property" during a strike Private Hicks begins to realize that the militia is an instrument in the hands of one class to be used against the majority of the people. By simply taking sections of the American scene, Maltz has been able to give us "Black Pit," "Peace On Earth," and "Private Hicks." Commercial theatres seldom touch such plays, giving as their reason that there is no audience for them. The New Theatre League has proved the contrary.

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## People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

THE INTEREST in the Soviet law prohibiting abortions in most cases, which was passed on June 27, last, continues undiminished. Here is the opinion of a doctor of veterinary medicine:

Dear Doctor Bissell: Although I am not qualified to give you an opinion in regards to abortions being detrimental to the normal woman, I do think that the Soviet Union is making a mistake in fostering such a law, as I believe it is an infringement on the real liberty of womankind. I believe that there should have the opportunity of determining whether a conception, should be allowed to develop into an off-spring. I also believe that Louis Fischer as he wrote in his two reports in "The Nation" that the abolition of legal abortions without cause will lead to conditions as we have them in this country, illegal abortions for those with either the money or pull.

Soviet Russia is having one of the biggest population growths in the world, and I am sure that its young citizens will have families which will enable the country to go on in its building program and that there will also be plenty of man-power for war defense. As their standards of living go higher and higher, more nurseries are built, more floor space for a family to grow in, and greater maternal benefits are realized, the families will naturally grow in size; not to the old number of seven or more children, but probably four or five. I am basing this prediction on how my own friends talk in this country. Most of them would like to have two children but no more, because of economic reasons. If we had no economics to deal with here, I believe that our families of our younger generation would be four or five. The limitation on the number of children is because of economic earnings now and in the future and too much work for a young mother. A Soviet system here would eliminate that.

More power to you and the Western Worker.

## Deliver Us From Some Of Our Friends

COMMENT—An old saying goes: "We can take care of our enemies, but deliver us from our friends!" This proverb applies very well to Louis Fischer and his articles on the law in the "Nation." From time to time, some "friend" or other offers "friendly" advice to the Communists or the Soviet Union through a liberal or capitalist publication. So the Fascists and interventionists rub their hands in glee and say: "We told you so! Even their friends agree with us, that the Soviet Union is a lousy place!" Louis Fischer even goes so far as to insinuate that the methods and motives of the Soviet Union in increasing the population are the same as those of the Nazis. The new Russian law provides 2000 roubles a year for each child beyond the sixth that a family brings into the world, and 5000 roubles a year for each child beyond the eleventh. This money is paid directly to the families.

## Confuses the Purposes of the Nazis' Pittance and Soviet Aid

Taking advantage of the average person's unfamiliarity with the exchange rates, Fischer writes: "Had the Kremlin accepted this suggestion (to start payments with the fifth child—F.E.B.), it would have been following in the footsteps of the Nazis who recently decreed a ten-mark monthly grant for every fifth and additional child born into a family which earns 185 marks a month or less." Of course Mr. Fischer, who does little else but travel, doesn't know that 10 marks a month or 120 marks a year, correspond to 60 roubles a year, or about 1-30th of the Russian bonus, and that the Nazis offer this magnificent sum only to families with less than \$50 a month income.

As a matter of fact, the motives of the Soviet Union in encouraging increase of the population are exactly opposite to those of the Nazis. Everyone knows that the Nazis are driving headlong toward war and need the increased population for cannon fodder. On the other hand, the Soviet Union has demonstrated times without number its desire to maintain peace in the world. It needs the increased population to supply workers for factories, collective farms, and laboratories, of which there is a tremendous shortage. But, of course, Mr. Fischer, our "friend," doesn't mention this difference.

## Fischer's Examples Show Unreliability Of His Articles On The Subject

Most of Fischer's two articles are just as unreliable as these examples, including his opinion that illegal abortions will flourish. "Exactly what happens in any other country," as he expresses it. He forgets the "little" difference that little or no social assistance is given to mother and child in other countries, whereas the Soviet government spends enormous sums for this purpose. And few working-class women resort to illegal abortions, if they are not forced to this measure by economic circumstances.

Dr. Fredrich Wolf, the famous and courageous physician, who did more than any other person toward forcing the repeal of the anti-abortion law in pre-Hitler Germany, writes an article on the subject in the "Communist International" for August, 1936. He states that he hasn't given up his viewpoint, for which he courageously went to prison in Germany that under Capitalism, with its degrading poverty, the anti-abortion law is vicious and criminal. However, in his opinion, an anti-abortion law is entirely justified in present-day Soviet Russia, with its prosperity and social-security for all. And we may rest assured that the opinion of this brave fighter has a great deal more value than those of all the pseudo-"friends" of the Soviet Union, who are so shocked at the Russian law, but never do anything effective toward removing the similar law, at home. I am not referring here to the doctor who wrote the above letter, who did not know at the time that the Russian law had been passed after widespread discussion.

## Film Leaders Oppose Nazism

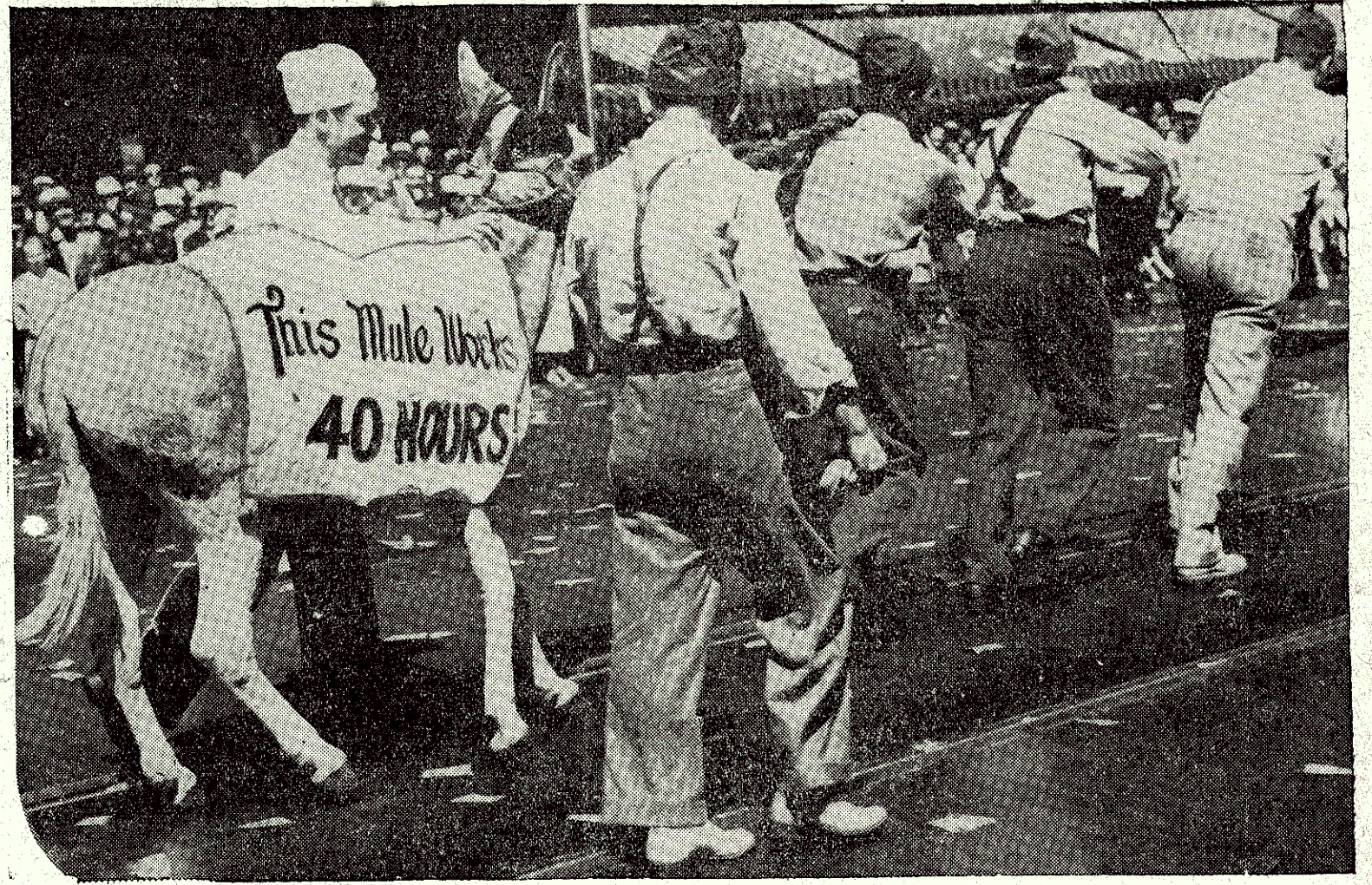
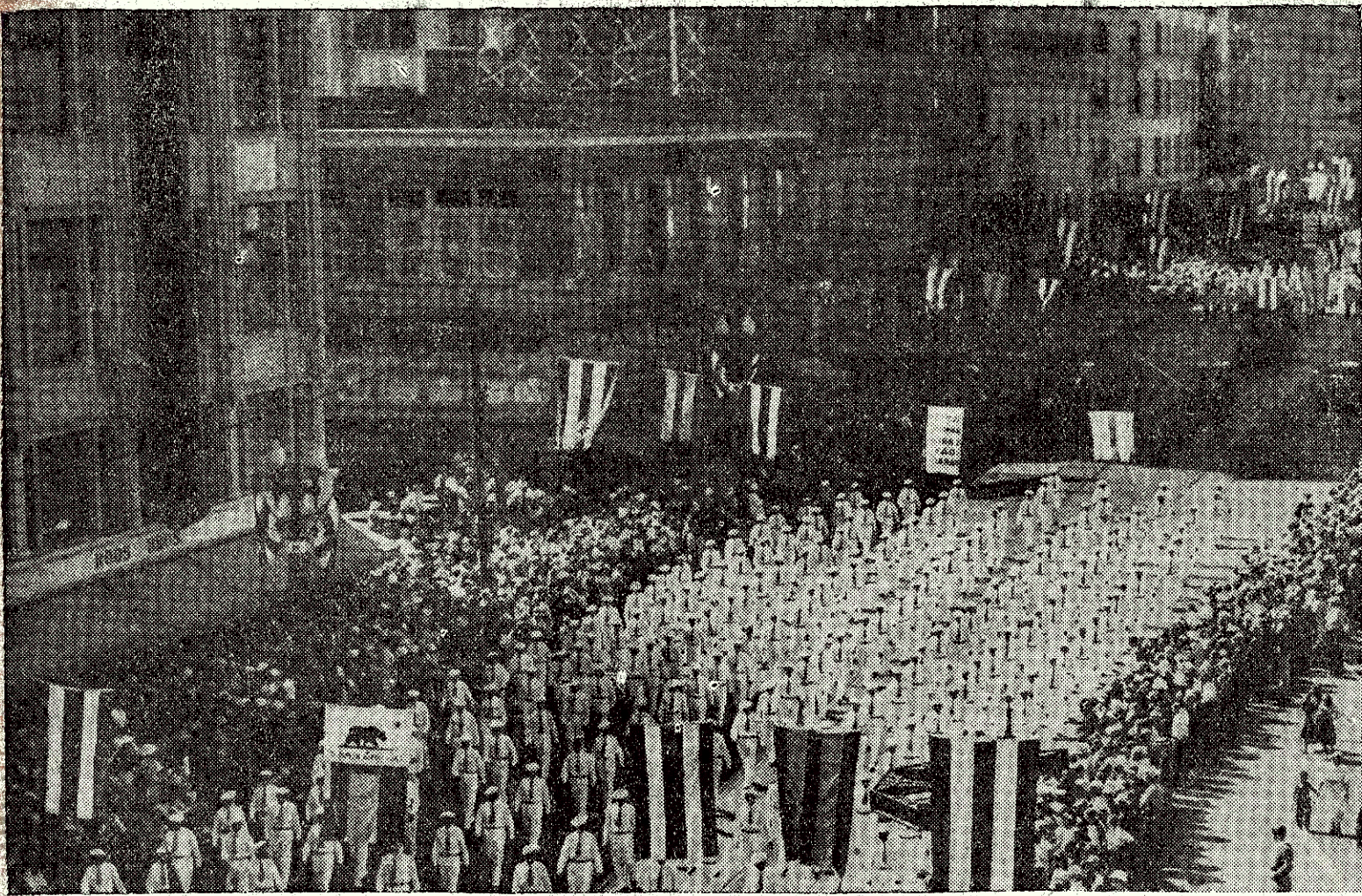
HOLLYWOOD.—At a closed meeting held at the Hollywood Athletic Club, the Hollywood League Against Nazism considered plans to increase the scope of their work. The speakers included Gloria Stuart, Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd, Florence Eldridge and Judge Isaac Pacht. The League is sponsored by such prominent people as Eddie Cantor, Dorothy Parker, Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell and Ernst Lubitsch and many others.

## Prepare Defense For Tom Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO.—Defense counsel for Tom Mooney are preparing their final arguments over the 15,000-page record of the year-long habeas corpus hearings recently finished in San Francisco. Date for the oral arguments, which will probably take place in January, 1937, will be set Nov. 2, while Referee A. E. Shaw estimates that he will need six months—at \$50 a day—to review the transcript and submit his findings of fact.



ORGANIZED LABOR REVEALS ITS GREAT STRENGTH ON LABOR DAY—SCENES FROM THE PARADE IN OAKLAND, WHERE 40,000 MARCHED



LABOR IN N. W. PLEDGES HELP TO EARL KING

Seattle Labor, N. W. Maritime Fed. Hit Frameup

SEATTLE—Up here in the Northwest, organized labor realizes that the attempt to frame up Earl King, Marine Firemen's Secretary, on the Point Lobos murder charge, is a blow aimed at all organized labor. The Central Labor Council unanimously agreed that the King case must not be allowed to become another Mooney frame-up, and to support the fight against the frame-up. King was former Seattle Marine Firemen's business agent, and is well known here as a militant and honest leader. The Washington District Council, Maritime Federation, has unanimously gone on record pledging fullest support in the fight to free Earl King. Indirectly, the national shipowners, and more directly, the Pacific Coast Chamber of Commerce, are pressing the charges against Brother King. James Engstrom, Marine Firemen's business agent and Maritime Federation district council secretary said Wednesday. "It's a frame-up," he continued, "an attempt to split the unity of our organizations by using the red-scare to discredit all union officials."

L.A. Furriers Fighting On

LOS ANGELES.—In spite of the retail fur bosses' imported thugs, the Fur Workers' Union are maintaining their mass picket lines, while going into the sixth week of their strike for better conditions and union recognition. Hoodlums brought here from Colorado and elsewhere have been attempting to intimidate the pickets, but have so far been unsuccessful. The efforts of Willard George and others to break the picket line with imported gangs is doomed to failure, the militant fur workers declared. Striking not only at their unscrupulous employers, but at the whole vicious clique of anti-labor organizations in Los Angeles is the International Fur Workers' Union, Local 87.

L.A. Upholsterers Ask Wage Raise

LOS ANGELES.—At a recent special meeting, Upholsterers Union 15, affiliate of the A.F.L., submitted demands to the manufacturers for a wage increase and better working conditions.

BROWN TELLS GUILD GAINS

WASHINGTON—Settlement of the American Newspaper Guild's strike on Hearst's Wisconsin News in Milwaukee was "a compromise with a strong tinge of victory," Heywood Brown, A. N.G. president said here. He spoke before the National Press Club here, reciting the history and activities of the newspapermen's trade union. "Newspaper men and women have more stake in the news than the people who own them," he declared, pointing out that publishers may buy and sell newspapers but that reporters and sub-editors usually spend the better part of their lives on a paper. He posed the "freedom of the press" cry of the publisher against a demand from newsmen for integrity in the news. He lauded the A.N.G. as contributing greatly to the education of four or five thousand newspapermen in labor problems.

Redlands Paper Urges Terror Against Labor

REDLANDS.—The Redlands "Facts," local paper, has come out in an editorial, for a campaign of terror against efforts of agricultural workers to organize. It cites with approval the American Legion terror in Imperial Valley and the police terror recently in Orange County, urging similar murderous action here. "It will not be a time for pussyfooting when the Reds (meaning union organizers) come up here," the editorial concludes, "broadly hinting at vigilante action against unionism."

Selby Smeltersmen Ask Recognition

SELBY.—Four hundred workers in the Selby smelter of the American Smelting and Refining Co. have voted to demand recognition of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union. According to the union members, 90% of the workers in the plant are in the Selby Local, and the union is therefore entitled to recognition. According to Judge Christensen of San Pablo, speaking for the union, the company indicated it prefers to negotiate with its employees as "an unorganized group" rather than a union. The company has offered a 5-cents an hour wage increase, but the union seeks a minimum of \$5 a day. The present wage for laborers is \$4.28 per day. Further negotiations were attempted with the company last Tuesday in San Francisco. A special union meeting is planned to consider action.

L.A. Barbers Union Drive Gaining

LOS ANGELES.—The Barbers Union of Los Angeles announced last week that its membership drive was meeting with considerable encouragement. It has placed three new shop cards and has recruited 30 new members.

Kern Machinists Join Council

BAKERSFIELD.—The Machinists Union has affiliated with the Kern County Central Labor Council. Its five delegates to the Council were obligated recently.

TEACHERS AND SPAIN MEXICO CITY—The Mexican Federation of Teachers has asked teachers throughout Mexico to contribute one peso each to a fund to aid the Spanish government's fight against Fascism.

RIGHTS DENIED TO WORKERS IN E. BAY STRIKE

Police Wink At All Acts Of Terror In Oakland

OAKLAND.—Rights supposed to belong to American citizens are denied to workers who live near the California Cotton Mills in East Oakland. Several workers live right across the street from the mills, where a strike has been in progress more than three months. They have friends and relatives among the strikers. Officials of the Textile Workers union declare that scabs going into the cotton mills have been in the habit of making obscene motions to girl pickets. The children in the neighborhood notice these motions and ask questions. Residents complained to the police. The police made no effort to protect the families of workers. Strange that soon thereafter some of the windows in the workers' homes were broken. The police are always on duty around the plant, protecting the management. They did not see the windows broken, of course. When an injury is done to strikers or their sympathizers, the police are well-eyed.

Still Picket At Tracy Sugar Co.

TRACY.—The Sugar Workers Union is still maintaining a good picket line around the big Holly Sugar plant here, struck by the union. The strike was called when the management refused to recognize and deal with the union, for an agreement on wages, hours and conditions.

Extras Unemployed; Films Use 'Dummies'

Though more than 13,000 extras are making the starvation wage of \$8.00 a week or less, studios continue to ignore the problem. Last week, for example, Paramount had "Rose Bowl" in production, a new college football picture planned for Fall release. A section of a football field and grandstand was built on the back lot. While two football teams battled on the field, 250 extras and 250 dummies furnished by the property department filled the grandstand. The extras were told to help make the dummies look real by giving them some animation every time the extra moved. Dummies and cardboard cutouts are one of the studios' methods of saving money on production by starving 13,000 extras in Hollywood. But organized extras can refuse to work in scenes where such dummies and cutouts are used. Thus would studios be forcibly stopped from their starvation program directed against human beings for higher profits. This is the issue of the day for the Junior Screen Actors' Guild. Its 3,000 members demand that it find ways and means of helping them earn a living slightly higher than the \$8.00 or less they now earn weekly. Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

Brewers, Meeting In SF, Report 100,000 Members

SAN FRANCISCO.—An industrial union, sympathetic though not yet affiliated with the C.I.O., the International Brewery Workers now reports a membership of 100,000. Its 26th convention will open in San Francisco on Sept. 14. In San Francisco the union has reached agreements with the Peerless Yeast Co. and Standard Brands, Inc.

Lake County Fruit Sub-Local Formed

LAKEPORT.—A Lake County Sub-local of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union of California has been formed for this district. This followed meetings in Kelseyville and Lakeport. A membership of 84 had been enrolled in Lake County to start with. D. Dessert, of San Jose, financial secretary of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 18211, presided at both meetings. Officers elected here were M. O. Sween president; Irving Kelling, financial secretary; and Mrs. Therauld, recording secretary.

Fight On S. Jose Open Shop Grows

SAN JOSE.—The Santa Clara Labor Council has granted the request of Cleaners, Dyers and Drivers Local 18301 that a citation be sent nine cleaning and dyeing plants, to show why they should not be placed on the unfair list. "One Percent" Watson

Five out of 14 plants have full union crews. Union cards were taken away from all plants in May when they refused to negotiate with the union. In this case Santa Clara County labor again runs into "One Percent" Watson, who is secretary of the Cooperative Dyers and Cleaners Assn. Watson, as secretary of the Cooperative Laundry Owners Assn. provoked the strike of 500 laundry workers by counselling an open-shop policy, and as secretary of the Bakery Owners Assn. is bucking organized labor in that industry. The boss groups pay him 1 percent of their profits. He was brought from the East to break the labor movement here.

Chief Davis Plans Another "Putsch"

LOS ANGELES.—Forces were at work today, inspired by Police Chief Davis and carried out by the police commission, to empower Davis to assign members of his department to other cities throughout the country on the pretext of pursuing fugitives from justice and to study new crime detection methods. Davis' plan was presented to the City Council in the form of an ordinance which would authorize the exchange of personnel between the Los Angeles and other cities. Remembering the infamous "Border Patrol" the council refused to vote on the matter today, putting it over for a week so that it might be investigated.

L. A. LABOR TO MEET BIG BOSS THREAT OF WAR

Lay Plans As M & M Girds for Open Shop Drive

LOS ANGELES.—All over the country news has seeped that there is a move under way by the employers to smash the unions in Los Angeles. As a consequence, the rats and finks have been crawling into town by the hundreds. Rats Crawl In Ten or twelve new detective agencies have opened offices. In their advertisements they state that while they do not supply strikebreakers, they do supply "armed guards" in any quantity. That the move of employers to band together in an anti-union move is actually under way, is borne out by meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and other anti-labor groups. Secretary Buzzell of the Central Labor Council reported that at a recent luncheon Haskins, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, mentioned to him in the same vein that he would speak of a football game, that the war in Los Angeles between capital and labor was on to a finish. "Let the best men win," he added. The workers who heard Buzzell's report were in thorough accord with Haskins' last statement. Using the Whip A move on the part of employers to whip into line any of their numbers who are friendly to labor is manifested in what is called an "Employers' Materials Permit."

That is, a recalcitrant employer may be denied a permit to buy raw materials if he does not follow the dictates of the union-breaking organizations. And chief among these dictates will be the iron rule to employ non-union men in union shops, and make the unions like it. The Los Angeles Central Labor Council is flooded with picket line injunctions, the result of the M and M influence. Fred R. Fysh, released from an executive position with the General Motors Corporation to become general manager of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, gave out a carefully worded statement which disclosed

es that the M. and M. is laying plans for a ruthless fight to kill union labor in Los Angeles. Fysh declared that he was setting out "whole heartedly" to accomplish the new plans of the M. and M. He said the plans of labor to make Los Angeles a closed shop city were to be carried out by coercion, intimidation and lawlessness. The Central Labor Council called a special meeting for Wednesday evening, Sept. 9, to devise ways and means to defend union labor against the onslaught of the most reactionary group of employers in America.

ACTION AGAINST "P-I" UPHELD

SEATTLE.—Following the report of A.F.L. representative Watson, William Green sustained the Central Labor Council's placing of the Hearst Post-Intelligence, struck by the Newspaper Guild, on the unfair list. Watson reported that he had conferred with representatives of all organizations concerned. He found the following facts to be true: 1—Two members of the A.N.G. were fired for union activities. 2—The A.N.G. appealed to the P-I representatives through the Washington state federation of labor, Seattle Central labor council, and National Labor Relations Board for reinstatement of these discharged members without avail. 3—The A.N.G. placed the P-I on its unfair list and asked the central labor council to do like-

Mass Picketing Hits L.A. Open Shoppers Hard

LOS ANGELES.—Open shoppers are trying to strike a new blow against the attempts to make this a union city. The Bakers Marketing Association, which includes a dozen of the largest bakeries here, has asked the Superior Court for an injunction against the Central Labor Council, the Joint Boycott Committee (which conducts mass picketing), Secretary Buzzell of both organizations, and the Bakery Workers International. The association complained of a "conspiracy to unionize many shops" and that picket lines are before many shops in order to organize them.

200 Carpenters In Pittsburg To Sign

PITTSBURG, Cal.—The over 200 carpenters here, mainly unorganized but eager to unionize, will have a special sub-local of Local 2046. One general contractor has agreed immediately to sign up with the union. It is believed that once the large factories are organized, the individual contractors will get into line.

S.F. Bill Posters Sign Big Outfit

SAN FRANCISCO.—For the first time in 13 years the Bill Posters and Billers, Local 44, has concluded a 100% union agreement with Foster and Kleiser, leading billboard concern, according to a report of the union's delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council. Wages are increased to \$1 per hour.

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Result Of Lockout In Studio Of Union Labor

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles local of the Culinary Workers' Union will demand an A.F.L. boycott of all RKO-Radio pictures at the October meeting of the executive council of the Federation. Four months ago, studio executives locked out union cooks and waiters, cut salaries in the studio commissary. Promptly all studio labor backed the culinary workers, issued a leaflet calling for a boycott of the restaurant. Set Support The Screen Actors' Guild, IATSE, IBEW, studio drivers and other unions issued and stuck to boycott orders. The union workers are still locked out. The local Central Labor Council has supported the local sympathy, boycott. The national film boycott is needed to show the strength of union labor against a lockout. The same appeal should be made to the C.I.O. All but 39 theaters affiliated with the Independent Theater Owners' Association of Southern California have signed union-contracts. This week, officials of the Projectionists Local 150, IATSE, went into conference with the owners to sign up these houses. When this is accomplished, action will then be taken against the same number of houses not affiliated with the owners' organization. "Our youth has a great and clear object—to build Communism," said Pravda, Communist Party organ. "That object forges a powerful, unconquerable Stalinist youth. To the glorious youth belongs the future and it will be able, if it should be necessary to defend its fatherland—the fatherland of Socialism. "It will succeed under leadership of the Bolshevik Party in carrying the fighting banner of Lenin and Stalin to a full victory of Communism in the whole world." The Young Communist League announced that membership in Communist-Socialist united youth organization in Spain has grown from 38,000 last March to 200,000; the French section of the Young Communist International now had 75,000 members; Czechoslovakia 25,000 members.

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Culinary Unions For 1929 Scale Return

SAN FRANCISCO.—Shop meetings of culinary workers throughout San Francisco are being held to determine the sentiment for demanding a restoration of the 1929 wage scale, reported Hugo Ernst, culinary union leader, to the San Francisco Labor Council. Sentiment in meetings held to date is strong for making the demand, Ernst said.

New Officers Of Butchers Fed.

SAN FRANCISCO.—New officers of the Western Federation of Butchers of California include Milton Maxwell, reelected as president; Henderson, Brugge Schmidt of San Francisco; Selmi, Oakland; Donnelly, San Mateo; Schwanke, Fresno; Moorhead, San Jose, among the vice-presidents.

Youth Celebrate In Soviet Union

MOSCOW.—Hundreds of thousands of Soviet youth paraded here on September 1st to celebrate International Youth Day. Banners waving overhead read: "Long Live the Red Army," "Fascism Is Preparing for War Against the Soviet Union," "We Will Answer Blow for Blow," "Incendiaries of War," "Fight for Peace and Socialism."

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Filipinos To Lose Sea Jobs Under New Marine Act

WASHINGTON.—Officials here state that many Filipinos will lose their jobs when the labor section of the new Merchant Marine Act goes into effect Sept. 27. The act provides that all crew members be American citizens. Many union members have been under the illusion that such a measure would aid the seaman, but it is actually intended to play off one nationality against another. WHITE GUARD'S WIDOW CARRIES ON Mrs. Wrangel, widow of the late White Guardist of Russia, has been posing for anti-red newsreels at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, according to Louella's daughter Harriet.