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GENERAL MARITIME STRIKE LOOMS THURSDAY

Richardson Will Return To Imperial Valley For Broadcast

C.P. NOMINEE UNDAUNTED BY VIGILANTISM

Link GOP With Mob; "Peace Officers" Violate Oath

BULLETIN

Richardson will apply for a new injunction in Federal Court for another talk on Friday night at 8:30. Names of some of the vigilantes are known and prosecution is being demanded.

KXO wired refusing a talk next Friday. Richardson has wired the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the broadcast.

EL CENTRO—Undaunted by police-inspired vigilantism and the brutal beating at the hands of 250 hoodlums here last Friday night, Esco L. Richardson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 20th District, will



RICHARDSON

return here next Friday night to deliver his campaign speech over radio station KXO, to claim the Communist Party's legal constitutional rights.

Funds have been wired to KXO to reserve Friday, October 30, (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)

Pittsburg Chemical Plant Is Struck

PITTSBURG, Cal.—Discharge of an employe for union activity was answered on Monday with a strike against the Great Western Electro-Chemical Co.

The strike is led by the recently-organized Chemical Workers Union. The plant employs about 325 men.

The union member discharged was Ramon Rebeles, 40 year old Mexican worker. He was subsequently blacklisted by other companies.

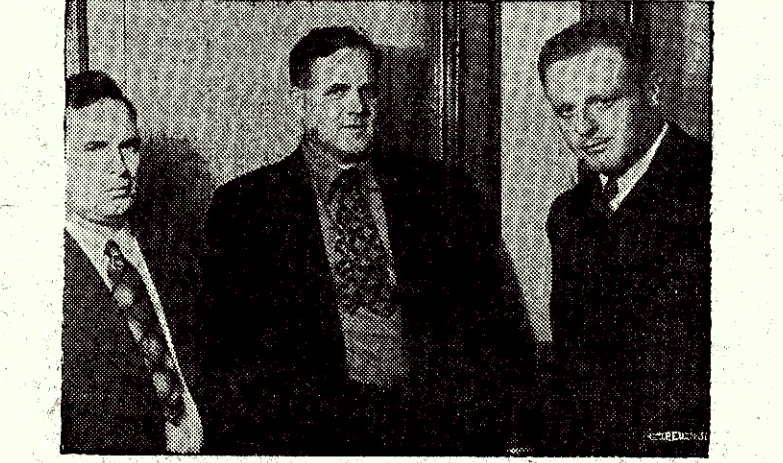
TUNE IN—SCHNEIDERMAN, BLOOR AND BROWDER!

Final rounds in the battle against reactionary and pro-Fascist forces in California and in America will be broadcast over the radio between now and election day, November 3rd, by Communist candidates and Communist leaders.

1. Next Thursday night, October 29th, 7:15 p.m., William Schneiderman, California state secretary of the Communist Party, will speak on "Communist Votes for Democracy and Progress" on a state-wide hookup.

2. Next Friday night, October 30th, 7:45-8 p.m., "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor, leader in labor

LABOR RALLIES TO THEM



A FRAMEUP that may become another Mooney-Billings case is that of Frank Conner, left (member of the Marine Firemen's Union), Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen, and E. G. Ramsay (right), member of the Marine Firemen's Union, Alameda County authorities, in conjunction with shipowners, are attempting to railroad them to long prison terms on a frameup charge in connection with the murder of Engineer Alberts of the S.S. Point Lobos last March.

TAMPA SCRAPS CONSTITUTION

Vigilantes Break Up Meet For Browder

TAMPA, Fla.—American Legion heads and Ku Klux Klansers again made the U. S. Constitution a "scrap of paper" here last Sunday, when using force and violence to break up a peaceful meeting on a vacant lot for a campaign speech by Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate.

Swinging pistol butts, the vigilante mob rushed the platform just as Browder started to speak and heaved it over. Browder and others on the platform were unhurt, but the vigilantes slugged and beat up a dozen or more workers in the audience.

"It is clear the mob is working in collusion with the police," declared Browder later.

Last month, Browder was prevented from speaking here when a legally rented hall was padlocked with police-Ku Klux Klan connivance.

C.P. Holds Final Election Rally

SAN FRANCISCO—An "Eve of the Elections" rally will be held here by the Communist Party next Monday, November 2nd, 7:30 p.m., at Dove Hall, 3541 18th St., between Valencia and Guerrero Sts.

The national broadcast by Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, at 7:45 p.m., will be released over a loud speaker in the hall.

All Communist candidates in San Francisco will be present to meet voters. "Labor Marches," a one-hour sound film, will be screened.

SHAM PACT IS DENOUNCED BY SOVIET UNION

DEMAND SPAIN RIGHT TO BUY ARMS TO FIGHT FASCISM

LONDON—The non-intervention pact in the Spanish civil war has "ceased in practice to exist," declared the Soviet Union in a note last week to the non-intervention conference meeting here.

"Having accepted the agreement on non-intervention," said the note, "the government of the Soviet Union expected this agreement would be fulfilled by all participants, and that in consequence the length of the civil war in Spain, as well as the number of victims, would be reduced."

Fascist Nations Violate Pact. "It has been shown, however, that this agreement is being systematically violated by several participants. The insurgents are being supplied with arms with impunity."

The note demanded that the Spanish government be given the right to purchase arms outside Spain, while participants in the agreement be authorized to sell or not to sell arms to Spain in their own discretion.

FOR DEMOCRACY



THAT SPAIN MAY BE FREE, a farmer from the province of Aragon (top picture), kisses his youngest child farewell as he leaves to join people's militia against fascists.

WANTS SALINAS TERROR SPREAD

GROWER FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY VIGILANTISM

(More Salinas News on Page 2) SALINAS—Salinas and Watsonville strikers do not regret their flat rejection of terms offered by Federal Conciliator Matthewson and State Federation Secretary Vandeleur, terms which allow the shipper-growers to blacklist any strikers they desire to.

The Salinas lettuce season ends in a few weeks, and then the Salinas Valley workers shift their scene of work to the Imperial Valley. The strike may be extended to the Valley.

H. L. Strobel, leader of the Associated Farmers of Salinas, was in El Centro to address Imperial Valley growers. He urged them to "prepare to meet trouble with an organization capable of preventing loss of life and property."

Strobel meant armed vigilantes, similar to those in Salinas. Strikes of Filipino carrot pickers at Chualar and Gonzales were reported. Three Filipino workers were arrested in Soledad, and released on bail.

Reactionary leaders Doss and Shevlin of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union called off a parade scheduled for Sunday here.

HEARST BIGGEST LANDON DONOR

WASHINGTON.—Further proof that the Republican Party is driving toward Fascism behind candidacy of Alf Landon, was established here with the revealing that William Randolph Hearst is the largest single contributor to a Republican campaign jackpot of \$3,161,617.

Hearst gave \$30,000 in three separate \$10,000 contributions, according to a report by the Republican National Committee.

Four persons gave \$25,000, listed under names of Frazier Jelke, C.B. Goodspeed, John A. Roehling, and R. Guggenheim.

WASHINGTON.—How flimsy a support for labor is unqualified endorsement of President Roosevelt for re-election, was proved in the President's own words last week.

Roosevelt bragged that his administration had "dragged private enterprise back out of the pit into which it had fallen in 1933."

Maritime Unions United In North, Govt. Man States

SAN FRANCISCO.—Returning from a survey of the Seattle and Portland maritime situation, Federal Conciliator Marsh stated: "I find the unions there united, but at the same time they are hoping there will be no strike."

BRIDGES TELLS LABOR I.L.A. TO AID SEA UNIONS

"Trade Unionists and People In General Will Understand"

SAN FRANCISCO—In another of his series of clear reports to the San Francisco Central Labor Council, Harry Bridges, speaking as a delegate of the I.L.A. Local 38-79 and as Pacific Coast I.L.A. District President, stated that even although 27 shipping companies had agreed on what amounts to the full I.L.A. demands, the I.L.A. would stand by the sea-going crafts until they received a guarantee of their basic demands.

"We feel that trade unionists and the people in general will understand and sympathize with us in this stand, that we have to stick with the other maritime unions," Bridges said.

Will Stick By Others. Bridges told how the I.L.A. representatives had been called in by Ford of the Grace Lines, the leader of a move which breaks away 70 per cent of the waterfront employers from the shipowners' coast committee.

Ford "presented us with an agreement conceding the I.L.A. a one-year continuation of the present conditions, and in addition a wage increase and preferential employment."

"Although on the surface this is almost what amounts to our full demands, we know that such an agreement would be useless (Cont. on Page 3, Col. 3)

ADMIRAL TOLD UNIONS STAND

SAN FRANCISCO—In stating its position to Rear Admiral Hamlet, representing the Maritime Commission, the unions' Joint Negotiations Committee wrote Hamlet, after listing the basic demands of sea-going unions that:

"Inasmuch as the shippers agreed to pay overtime, there is no reason why they should not agree now to pay it in cash and not in time off."

"If the conditions are accepted by the shipowners on or before October 28, the unions are willing to continue for a reasonable time," the letter added, "to allow the Maritime Commission to make a determination to the is- (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 3)

WPA WORKERS IN SF GAINS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Five of six demands by the Workers Alliance were granted by the WPA here on Monday, and a sixth will be discussed at a coming conference.

The WPA officials promised: 1.—To report workers' demands for more projects and increased employment.

2.—That full recognition will be accorded the Workers' Alliance as representatives of WPA employes.

3.—That there will be no discrimination among workers because of racial differences, and no setting of workers on jobs to which they are unfitted.

4.—That workers will be given the opportunity to make up hours lost because of inclement weather, or because of circumstances beyond their control.

5.—Consideration will be given to a proposal to up wages in the lower brackets to provide a living wage.

A half-hour sit-down strike on an Oakland project was won on Friday.

To Try Meagher, Aide To Landon

SAN FRANCISCO.—Because of his aid for the fascist Alfred M. Landon, the Building Trades Council has summoned Thomas C. Meagher, its former president, for trial.

Meagher is charged with using the name of the Building Trades Council in seeking support for Landon, whose open-shop record has earned him organized labor's hatred.

Meagher made use of his former position in an open letter addressed to organized labor. A Building Trades Council committee will hear charges this Thursday.

State Grange For Chain Store Tax

EUREKA.—The convention of the State Grange, farmers' organization, went on record as endorsing Proposition 22, the chain store tax.

REFERENDUM OVERWHELMING FOR A STRIKE

Postpone Trial of Earl King

ALL GO OUT OCT. 28 UNLESS SEA UNIONS DEMANDS MET

(More Details on Page 2) SAN FRANCISCO—A general strike of all West Coast maritime unions looms for Thursday morning. If it comes, East and Gulf Coast unions will support the Pacific Coast unions.

The strike vote among the unions' membership, shows an overwhelming approval for the calling of a strike by the unions' Joint Negotiations Committee on midnight, October 28, unless the basic demands of the sea-going unions have been met, or guaranteed.

As a typical example, the Sailors Union of the Pacific vote is 95 per cent for a strike, with similar votes by other unions.

The International Longshoremen's Association will stick with the sea-faring unions even though it has won a victory in the offer of 27 shipping companies to grant a one-year continuation of the 1934 award (which includes the hiring hall and 6-hour day), plus preferential hiring and wage increase.

The wage increase demanded by the I.L.A. and conceded by the 27 lines which broke away from the Shipowners Coast Committee, is from the present 95 cents to \$1 an hour, and from the present \$1.40 overtime to \$1.50 an hour.

Refuse Seamen's Basic Demands. E. T. Ford, president of the Grace Line, leads the break-away movement. Joining in the move were the Calman, Isthmian, United Fruit, North German Lloyd, French, Fruness, Hamburg-American, Holland-American, Panama Pacific, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and other lines.

The shipowners' committee refused to grant the basic demands of the seamen's unions, however, for cash overtime for all sea-going unions; the hiring hall; 8-hour day for licensed men and cooks and stewards; pay increases for all sea-going crafts, to be decreed by the Maritime Commission as retroactive to Oct. 1.

The I.L.A. refuses to be split away from the seamen's unions and the licensed groups. While characterizing the 27 shipping lines' offer as embodying virtually all of its demands, the I.L.A., through Harry Bridges, coast president, pointed out that the existence of the I.L.A. depends on the other maritime unions and solidarity with them is essential on its part.

The Maritime Commission this week came into control of \$100,000,000 in ship subsidies, at least 40 per cent of it destined for Pacific shipowners. The Commission's representative, Admiral Hamlet, due to begin on Monday, was delayed.

The Dollar, Matson and American-Hawaiian Lines lead those companies which have not as yet even made the offer conceded by the 27 companies to the I.L.A.

Schneiderman Will Speak At Palo Alto Meeting

PALO ALTO.—William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will speak here at an election rally next Friday, October 30th, 8 p.m., at Union Hall on University Ave.

The meeting is being held under the joint auspices of the Young Communist League and Communist Party election campaign committees here.



# TAXPAYERS PAY FOR RED SQUAD IN ORANGE CO.

### New Body Will Work With Fascists To Halt Unions

SANTA ANA—\$2500 of the Orange County taxpayers' money has been donated by the supervisors for undercover work similar to that of the notorious "Red Squad" of "Red" Mines in Los Angeles.

The money was given to Sheriff Logan Jackson for the setting up of "special investigators." The work of the Sheriff's new department will be directed against "radical activity," which in the Sheriff's dictionary includes all trade union activity. The "investigators" will work with the fascist "Constitution Society," whose office is in the Spurgeon Building.

**Big Growers Behind It**  
Jackson has two detectives working full time, yet he is setting up still further apparatus in the drive on all union activity, especially among the citrus workers. The wealthy growers are behind the move in their attempt to prevent any future repetition of the recent citrus strike. The only dissenting vote to the new step was that of Supervisor N. E. West, who protested vigorously.

# WHERE DID THE \$1,165,000 GO?

OAKLAND.—Out of \$7,000,000 liquor taxes collected last year, some \$1,165,000 "slipped through" fingers of the State Board of Equalization, declared John Hughes, board auditor, last week before the Assembly Audit and Finance Committee investigating liquor graft in California.

Don E. Marshall, former Oakland police chief and recently liquor enforcement chief in San Francisco, was charged by State Liquor Administrator George Stout with ruining a "one-man show" in San Francisco.

Marshall in turn charged Stout with campaigning for liquor control amendment No. 3 on the coming ballot because, he said, Stout wants a commissionership under the new measure at \$8000 yearly salary.

Having heard this testimony the Assembly Committee adjourned last Saturday noon "for an indefinite period" without announcing any plans for rooting out liquor graft.

E. M. Dergsten, former liquor control officer, pleaded guilty last week in Alameda Superior Court to one of five bribery counts against him, and became a State's witness against Michael Connolly, also indicted for bribery in the liquor graft situation.

# Celebrate USSR's 19th Birthday

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nineteen years of Socialist construction in the Soviet Union will be celebrated here on Saturday night, November 7th, at Dreamland Auditorium, with Roy Hudson, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., as guest speaker.

Hudson will speak on "The Achievements of Socialist Construction."

Analysis of the November 3rd presidential elections will also be given.

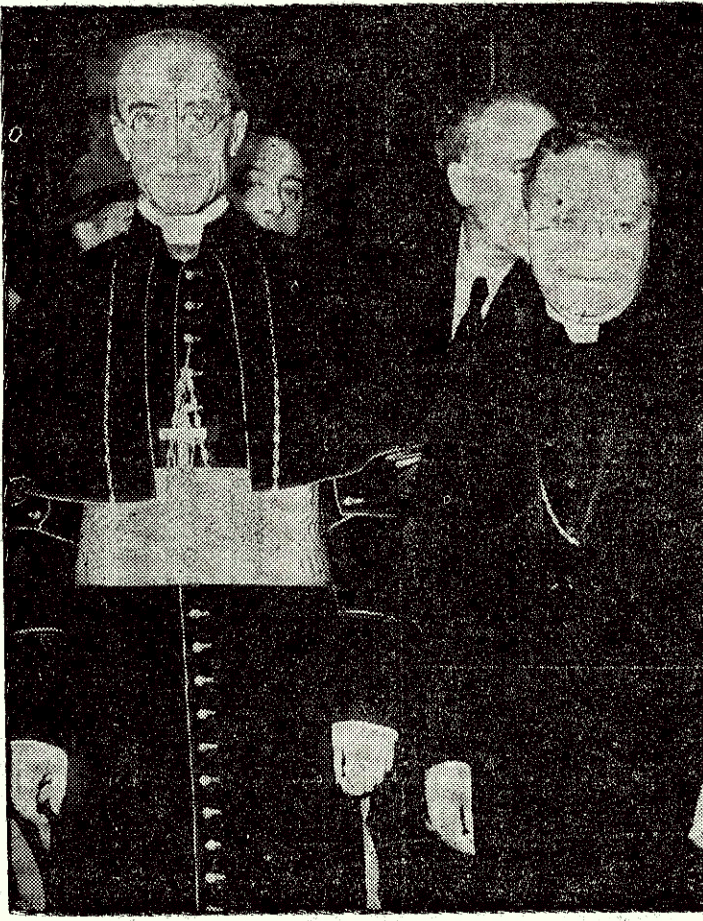
An elaborate entertainment program will be presented, including "Tabloid Reds," a skit by the New Theater Group; Carol Beals, dancer; Peters Wright Dance Group, in "Rich and Poor"; Lenore Peters, in solo dance; Freiheit Chorus.

An exhibit in the Dreamland lobby will feature Soviet wares, books, art, etc.

LOS ANGELES.—Nineteenth anniversary of the USSR will be celebrated here at a mass meeting at the T.V.G. Hall, 936 West Washington Boulevard, on Sunday, November 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be M. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit.

# TO PUT DAMPER ON COUGHLIN?



**SENTIMENT AGAINST fascist Father Coughlin is growing so great among Catholic people of America, who know about persecution of Catholics by Hitler, that reports persist that recent arrival of Pope's secretary of state, Cardinal Pacelli (above left) may be connected with putting the damper on Coughlin's political activities.**

# WHITWASH OF OBISPO FASCIST KILLERS BEGUN

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—While the Western Worker's systematic exposure of Silver Legion activities in this country swings along, violent death in connection with the appearance of Black Legion threats has forced the sheriff's office to investigate the possibility of these being other fascist gangs in this area.

Sheriff Haskins' probe into the nature and extent of local fascist hoodlum activities resulted from the recent finding of the body of Milton Edward Zylitz, school janitor, in the victim's quarters at the Fremont school.

Zylitz had met death from gunshot wounds, and a shotgun lay across a nearby chair, in what may have been a suicide arrangement. Threatening notes signed "Black Legion" were found among the worker's effects.

The San Luis Obispo "Daily Telegram" reported that "finding of the notes launched a floor of speculation as to whether there is a Black Legion organization in this country, and led to extensive investigation of the case to determine whether it was murder or suicide."

Charles W. Teach, city superintendent of schools, and Sidney Stote, school janitor, had received similar notes.

**Whitewash Begins**  
A handwriting "expert" from the Los Angeles county sheriff's office who has been drawn into the case, expressed the opinion that the janitor wrote the Black Legion threats to himself. Such an opinion expressed by this sheriff's "expert" will surprise no one familiar with the benevolent attitude held by Los Angeles county authorities toward fascist terrorist bands in general.

It is not known whether this "expert" believes that Teach and Stote also wrote the Black Legion notes received by them.

The workers and small farmers of San Luis Obispo county, in fact all decent minded citizens, have their eyes open as a result of publicity being given Silver Shirt plotters in this region, and they will not tolerate whitewashing of any fascist-vigilante klan, silver or black.

# S.F. Organizes In Membership Drive

SAN FRANCISCO.—Organizing for the final drive to achieve their quotas for November 7th in the Browder-Ford Membership Drive, unit and section leaders of the Communist Party met for discussion last Wednesday night at 121 Haight Street.

Stirring competition is developing on a socialist basis among sections, units and individual comrades.

Following are the quotas up to November 7th, first part of the drive, and results by sections thus far:

Quota	Recruited	P. c.
23rd Ass. Dist.	30	80.0
Waterfront	63	79.3
20th Ass. Dist.	50	60.0
Fillmore	40	60.0
Professional	45	57.7
Golden Gate	25	56.0
Totals	253	66.4

# Hamlet Is Told Unions' Stand

(Continued From Page One)

Denying statements of the Waterfront Employers Association, the unions declared: "We have never asked that they negotiate with the Maritime Federation. We have never issued an ultimatum. At your request we gave you the minimum terms under which the unions could continue to work beyond October 28."

The letter continued: "The offer of the 26 major shipping lines, including all foreign ship operators and representing a big majority of shipowners, to grant longshoremen and checkers a renewal of their present agreement plus increased wages and preference of employment, should clearly convince the commission that a minority group, headed by T. G. Plant, of the American-Hawaiian lines desire a tieup in the maritime industry, regardless of what may result.

"When we also consider that the foreign steamship lines mentioned cannot count on any part of the hundred million subsidy to meet the extra operating expense occasioned by this latest offer, and that those steamship lines most determined there shall not be a peaceful settlement except on their own terms, expect to receive subsidies that will take care of all the extra cost occasioned by the fundamental demands of the sea-faring unions, we can ascribe no other motive for their attitude than to undermine and destroy our unions. This, all of the unions are firmly determined shall not happen.

"As we have continuously assured you, we are keeping ourselves open and in readiness to cooperate with you and the Maritime Commission."

The letter was signed by the American Radio Telegraphers' Association, International Longshoremen's Association, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Masters, Mates and Pilots, Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers' Association and Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

# Warehousemen In Strike Ballot

SAN FRANCISCO.—A strike referendum has been called of all members of Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44.

The referendum is for the purpose of empowering the union strategy committee to call a strike any time after Oct. 28. Commercial, grocery, grain and other warehouse employers have steadily refused to meet demands of the union for wage increases.

# Strikers Solid At Montgomery-Ward Store, Stockton

STOCKTON.—Pickets continue to patrol the struck Montgomery Ward store here. The newly organized Clerks Union is leading the strike.

Strikebreakers have been imported from other cities. The store was closed down for a day.

Pickets were withdrawn from J. C. Penney, when it was learned that a woman clerk laid off was let go because she had been temporarily hired.

# ALARMED BY ACTIONS OF DOSS, SF LABOR COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF CAL. AFL EXECUTIVE

### Vandeleur Opposes It But Resolution Is Adopted Unanimously; I.L.A. 38-79 Votes \$1000 To Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO.—Alarmed by the treacherous actions of Secretary Doss and President Shevlin of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday night unanimously adopted a resolution, calling on the State Federation of Labor to call a special session of its executive committee on Salinas.

Identical resolutions were introduced by Machinists Local 68, the Marine Firemen, and the Warehousemen.

The resolution of the Machinists was read, and adoption moved just after a communication from I.L.A. local 38-79 announced that the local had voted to donate \$1000 to the strike, in \$100 weekly installments. The I.L.A. letter pointed out, however, that there were reports that some of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers officials were not conducting themselves in a proper manner, and asked for investigation of this.

**An Emergency Situation**  
The resolution pointed out that attempts were being made to force a settlement on the Salinas strikers calling for local preference, rather than preferential hiring, and that it was essential that the Executive Board of the State Federation hold an emergency meeting to work out a program leading to a satisfactory settlement of the strike.

Edward Vandeleur, president of the Labor Council and secretary of the State Federation, opposed the resolution. His arguments were lame. He seemed to apologize for the actions of the Salinas union officials, Doss and Shevlin, stating that mistakes had been made because the "Salinas people" were not experienced. Vandeleur stated the "citizens were the ones really hurt." He showed far more sympathy for the Salinas merchants than for the strikers.

"The real kick down there," said Vandeleur, "is that the strikebreakers, whose wages amount to \$25,000 a day, are not spending it in Salinas."

Vandeleur was bitter because meetings of both the Salinas and Watsonville strikers had flatly rejected his and Federal Mediator Matthewson's settlement terms, which leave the strikers as Vandeleur admitted, back where they were before Sept. 4, when the strike started. The demand for preferential hiring, which the strikers consider the key to the existence of their union, is left out, and preference for local workers is substituted.

Vandeleur said he had investigated and found that Doss uses no liquor, Henry Schmidt, president of I.L.A. local 38-79, informed Vandeleur that an I.L.A. investigating committee had seen Mickey Shevlin, with a jug of booze in his hands, on the streets of Salinas.

Ed Dillon of the Machinists was the first to speak for the resolution. Fred West and Cowan who represent the State Federation in agriculture, spoke for the resolution. West and Cowan told how Doss and Shevlin had the leaders of the Filipino field workers thrown out of the Labor Temple, even though the Joint Strike Council had signed an agreement to work close with the Filipinos, give them an office in the Labor Temple and grant them full representation on the Joint Council along with the Fruit and Vegetable Workers, Teamsters and Boxmakers.

The men who did this were gouged with liquor, West said, and two were armed with axes.

The State Federation should denounce and repudiate this action, and quickly, West and Cowan said.

When Vandeleur told bitterly how the Salinas strikers refused to even take a vote on the miserable terms proposed, and the Watsonville strikers defeated the proposals by 241 to 20, Delegate Goldblatt of the Warehousemen said the strikers were to be congratulated for scorning such terms, which grant the shipper-growers the right to reject any members of the union who showed "radical" tendencies (meaning progressive leaders), and in fact, the right to blacklist any union members they want to.

# Move For Municipal Buses In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Long weary with poor street car service and failure of authorities to compel street car officials to abolish one-man cars and to install safety devices, the Municipal Bus League is attempting to get under way a movement to create a municipal bus system, which would be determined in the April elections.

LOS ANGELES.—For fighting against Trotskyism within the ranks of the Socialist Party, Stevens Gough was expelled from the Socialist Party here last Sunday.

Gough had been city organizer of the Socialist Party here.

# Socialist Expelled For Fighting Trotskyism

LOS ANGELES.—With a munificent gesture October 22, the City Council here voted a blanket wage restoration of 5 per cent to 5000 city employes, bringing them back to the comparatively moderate remuneration received before the "depression cut" went into effect.

# AID FOR KING UNDER GUISE OF PROTECTING PUBLIC BEACHES, PROPOSITION FOUR IS STEAL BY OIL BARONS

### 1500 At Big Meet Hear Bridges

OAKLAND.—A well-attended mass meeting, under the auspices of the King, Ramsay, Connor Defense was held here last Friday night, at the Oakland Auditorium.

Over fifteen hundred trade unionists, among them members of practically every union in the Bay area, showed by their enthusiastic reception of the speakers that organized labor is solidly behind the Defense Committee and determined to smash the attempt of the ship-owners and industrial Association to frame Earl King, Ernest Ramsay and Frank Connor on a fake murder charge.

William Spooner, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council presided as chairman.

# OVERWHELMING VOTE TO STRIKE

### ILA 2900 To 20; SUP 97% For Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—The unions' joint negotiations committee was authorized to call a strike Oct. 28, by a vote of 2900 to 20 in the I.L.A.; six to one among the engineers vote favoring a strike was 97 per cent among the sailors. The Masters, Mates and Pilots were about four to one for a strike.

The Joint Negotiations Committee, repeating the unions' intention to prevent clash by every reasonable means, nevertheless reiterated that the strike would be called midnight, Oct. 28 unless the sea-going unions' basic demands are granted. The wire follows:

"Acknowledging your telegrams October 24 and 26. Yesterday Admiral Hamlet informed representatives maritime unions he was not here to handle present maritime crisis and his official duties are confined to full investigation merchant marine.

"This in answer to unions' request that hearings beginning this morning concentrate on unions' fundamental issues, protection of which would prevent strike October 28.

"At commission's request unions agreed to extensions beyond September 30, again to October 26, believing commission would act to prevent tieup. This last minute information from your representative that commission is not interested in present crisis after misleading unions into belief they were has resulted in wasting much time unions could otherwise spend negotiating with those ship owners who have demonstrated they did not wish tieup by their offering to grant full demands to some maritime unions.

"Your representative here abruptly adjourned hearings this morning, denying either party right to make statements.

"The actions of commission appear to us to coincide with wishes of ship owners, who apparently desire a tieup regardless of ultimate results.

"Admiral Hamlet definitely notified maritime unions his investigation will be national in scope and may consume from six months to one year, which would require unions to continue under present coolie wages and conditions.

"This same program advocated by shipowners. Unions are disturbed at such a prejudiced attitude on the part of commission which should be impartial.

"We further call attention to fact that shipowners who desire avoid tieup represent large majority West Coast shipping operators and are mainly nonsubsidized operators. Minority group forcing tieup are depending heavily on subsidies they hope to obtain from commission.

"Justice of our position is recognized by the offer of majority group of operators.

"Unless fundamental issues are agreed to by October 28 for all maritime unions, strike will take place midnight on that date.

"Public and labor generally understand and is sympathetic to cause of unions attempting to correct conditions that are un-American, and to that end indicate will support us.

"Present returns of strike vote indicate 95 per cent in favor, but unions will continue cooperating with Department of Labor officials to use every effort toward peaceful settlement by direct negotiations.

(Signed) "F. M. KELLEY, Secretary Joint Maritime Unions Negotiating Committee."

# UNITY BIG TASK AT AFL MEET

WASHINGTON.—As the American Federation of Labor convention approaches, progressive forces in the A.F.L. are moving their utmost to bring about unity around a program of organizing the millions of unorganized in steel, automobiles, rubber, textiles, agriculture and other first-line industries.

The convention takes place in Tampa, starting Nov. 16.

The A.F.L. Executive Council session just adjourned here took no action on reinstatement of the 10 suspended CIO unions preliminary to a conference with the CIO leaders on adjustment of dispute around industrial organization.

CIO leaders again stated their anxiety for unity, and their readiness to meet with the Executive Council's committee, but with reinstatement as an essential condition.

Hundreds of delegates already elected to the convention from all parts of the country stand instructed to fight for reinstatement and seating of CIO delegates.

# L.A. City Council Finally Restores Employees Cut

SAN FRANCISCO.—John O'Connell, Labor Council President, John Shoemaker of I.L.A. local 38-79 and Fred West were the first nominees of the Central Labor Council here for A.F.L. convention delegate.

SANTA BARBARA.—Proposition No. 4, to be voted on election day, is one of the cleverest attempts by big corporations to put over an outright steal of public property.

Made to appear as a measure to "protect the beaches," it is nothing less than an attempt by the big oil companies to get the huge oil deposits at Huntington Beach by the payment of 14 and two-sevenths per cent.

An analysis of Proposition No. 4 by Thomas M. Storke in the Santa Barbara Times exposes the projected steal in the following words:

"Proposition No. 4, pertaining to tideland oil drilling, is one of the most dangerous measures, to seashore cities and the state as a whole, which will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

"Said bluntly and frankly, No. 4 is the same old wolf, this time dressed up in the glossy wool of an innocent lamb. Read casually it appears worthy enough. Seemingly it would do no more than provide California with some extra and needed revenue for the development of its state parks.

"But put under the microscope of truth, it is dangerous, it is vicious, and it will be disastrous. It is no more than a measure promoted by the oil companies to get their hands on beach lands—beach lands that soon will be polluted by oil, desecrated by forests of derricks and which will return but a pittance to the state for the oil that is extracted therefrom.

"No. 4 has been defeated a dozen ways by the people of California, but this time it has been sugar-coated with approval of the State Park Commission and is being advanced as a civic measure! Instead, it will permit the destruction of the very beach lands its promoters would have the people believe it would save.

"All unfortunately, a great many citizens have indorsed the measure, not realizing what it actually will make possible. Santa Barbara, and every city and county which possesses beach lands, should vote it down, all interior California should, in its defeat."

The adoption of Proposition No. 4 would set the precedent for the grabbing of public beaches, and in the interior of the state, of public lands like parks, forests, etc., by big corporations. California voters should vote it down.

# How Unit 2 Went Over the Top

SAN FRANCISCO.—A challenge to other Communist Party units throughout California was made here by Unit 2, Miss Section, which went over its quota for the election campaign on October 18th.

"Unit 2 is just an average Party unit," says the organizer. "How were we able to make the quota first? We planned it out on paper. Each comrade was asked personally if he would volunteer his day's pay, how much it would be, and when he would turn it in—also, how much he could collect from sympathizers. In this way, the quota didn't seem unobtainable.

"Every week we had a personal check-up, comrade by comrade, on results. The money came in pretty good; and we were leading the Mission. The encouragement kept up interest, and carried us over the lull.

"When we passed \$50, we put on a spur for the last \$10 to win the honor of being the first unit in the city to make goal."

sheriff to restrain his feelings." Ware is known to be closely associated with wealthy growers and shippers.

In San Bernardino, Presiding Judge Charles R. Barnard of the Fourth District Court of Appeals, also denied an injunction.

Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorneys, sought the injunction for the Communist Party.

**Professionals Protest**  
Returning to San Diego, Richardson spoke by invitation to the Inter-Professional Association on his experiences with lawyer vigilantes, and was warmly applauded. The organization voted to send resolutions of protest to Governor Merriam, Attorney General Webb, and Imperial Valley officials.

Another injunction against the vigilantes and officials will be sought in federal court in Los Angeles to protect Richardson in his broadcast in El Centro next Friday night.

**Rank Perjury**  
Federal Judge McCormick denied the injunction when the so-called "law enforcement" authorities swore under oath that they would protect Communist speakers exactly as they would any other law-abiding citizens.

Each officer testified their departments could be relied upon to prevent vigilantism, and Oswald said he left instructions with his El Centro police to prevent violence against Richardson.

Sheriff Ware admitted on the witness stand he recently wired the Terre Haute, Ind., police chief, congratulating him for his illegal "vagrancy" arrest of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, to prevent a radio speech, and declaring he used the same policy to keep Communists out of Imperial County.

**Sheriff and Growers**  
Referring to this, Judge McCormick said: "Probably discretion should have prompted the



LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

Washington, D. C., as you probably know, is afflicted during Congressional sessions with a peculiar and low form of animal life known as "lobbyists."

They're the boys that round up votes for bills that the big banking, utilities and industrial interests want adopted. They're the boys who grease the slides in the Senate and House to get these bills over.

Lots of Congressmen like lobbyists, and they don't mind the "grease." Richard J. Welch, incumbent in the 5th District, San Francisco, must be one of the Congressmen who like lobbyists. If he didn't like them, why did he vote the way he did on the lobbyists' bill?

Protected Lobbyists . . .

This bill required the registration of lobbyists and listing of the sources of their income, their expenditures, the names of their employers, and also all persons attempting for pay or other consideration to influence government contracts.

A vote for the bill expressed opposition to lobby activities of the big industrialists and financiers.

Well, 264 Congressmen, among them Richard J. Welch, voted against the bill to 77 for it.

It won't strain your brain muscles to figure out why they voted the bill down.

Vote for Ross . . .

Welch also voted against impeaching Judge Halsted L. Ritter, when a vote for impeachment was a vote against judicial graft recurrent in receivership proceedings. Incidentally, Ritter was removed from office by the Senate and also by the House, which voted 181 to 146 for impeachment.

These two votes strip Welch of any pretense he may have of representing the people. But voters have a chance to toss him out of office. His only opponent is Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate in the 5th District, who is 100 percent capable of representing the people of San Francisco.

No Choice For People . . .

In the 43rd Assembly District, one C. Don Field "represents" the people in Sacramento. At 46, so says C. Don Field, he is the State Federation of Labor exposes Field as casting 13 reactionary votes to only three progressive votes, with three measures unvoted upon.

For example, Field voted against publication of salaries of officials of the big utilities corporations, against public development of state-owned oil lands, against reducing the sales tax rate from 3 to 1.99 percent, against exempting drugs from the sales tax, against fixing old age pensions at \$50 per month, for the boodle bills in connection with the San Francisco Bay bridge.

Elect Sherwood . . .

This 43rd Assembly District includes the area around Glenview, an area of working people, not of wealthy capitalists. Yet this C. Don Field votes in Sacramento exactly as though anyone owning less than a million dollars was barred from living in the 43rd Assembly District.

The people of this district certainly need someone in the Assembly halls in Sacramento who will represent their interests, and not the interests of Harry Chandler, Hearst, the bankers, and the other big open-shoppers. William E. Sherwood, the Communist nominee, has proved by a long record of struggle on behalf of better conditions for the working people, that he would do a bang-up job of representing this district.

The Communist Party platform, which could be accepted by a broad Farmer-Labor Party, is just what the doctor ordered working people and middle-class people.

Sherwood fighting for the Communist platform in Sacramento, would make history for the people of the 43rd District and would make concrete gains for the people.

QUIT LEMKE PARTY

ALBANY, N. Y. — Because many of their candidates quit, the Fascist Lemke Union Party had to file a new list of candidates with replacements for those who left the party.

URGES S.P. TO UNITE AGAINST LONDON GANG

Browder In Warning Against Poison of Trotskyites

READING, Pa.—Appeal to the Socialists to unify their forces against the menacing danger of reaction and Fascism as expressed in the Hearst-DuPont-backed Republican campaign, was made here by Earl Browder, Communist presidential nominee, in a recent radio speech.

"At this time, when the need of unity is greatest, the Socialist Party, nationally and locally has come into a head-on collision with the progressives and the labor movement generally," declared Browder.

Doesn't Reckon Danger

The Socialist Party underestimates the Fascist danger, he said, "and in the name of militant Norman Thomas has won praise from the reactionaries for whitewashing Landon on his anti-labor policy."

Saying the Socialists took a progressive step in fighting anti-Socialist "Old Guard" elements, Browder added: "But it was far from progressive for the leaders of the Socialist Party to refuse a united front with the Communists."

Warns Against Trotskyites

"We warned the Socialist Party leaders that in taking in Trotskyites, plotters and assassins of working class leaders, they were swallowing deadly poison. Now it is obvious that all over the country the Socialist Party is sick, that it is a prisoner of the Trotskyites."

"Socialist friends, if you wish to protect the name of Socialism from the stigma of assassination, then join with us in driving the Trotskyites out of the ranks of the working class."

Browder had just previously spoken to 2000 persons, chiefly coal miners, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who had cheered loudly when he urged them to pile up a big Communist vote and prepare to build a Farmer-Labor Party.

All Lettuce Called "Hot" In C. Costa

MARTINEZ.—The Contra Costa unions realize that the most effective support they can give the Salinas strike is by a boycott of "hot" lettuce. They passed a resolution to this effect in the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

"Whereas the strike or lock-out of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union in the Salinas-Watsonville district is in progress and

"Whereas the growers and shippers through the connivance and aid of regularly constituted public officials have been enabled to have conveyed to open market lettuce cut and harvested under unfair conditions and

"Whereas there is apparently no lettuce prepared and delivered to the open market under fair conditions anywhere within the state and

"Whereas after due investigation we are convinced that our action will not affect the small farmer as in the future it will protect his market price, therefore be it

"Resolved that we place all lettuce on the 'We Don't Patronize' list and

"Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the California State Federation of Labor and to the A.F.L. asking for their immediate action."

This resolution was further backed up by a large sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union.

Willie and Marion Pair Up For Landon

WASHINGTON.—The inseparable pair won't be separated even on a donation list to the pro-Fascist Republican Party campaign. William Randolph Hearst and Marion Davies are listed one after the other on the list of \$1000 contributors, as of one week.

Adoption of Anti-Labor Act Shows Labor Party Need

LOS ANGELES — Bringing sharply to the attention of organizing labor the necessity of organizing a Labor Party for municipal elections next spring, another anti-labor ordinance was adopted by the City Council here last week, authorizing Police Chief Davis to send local cops outside the city limits on the flimsy excuse of "training purposes."

The ordinance would permit labor-hater Davis to send detachments of his police army outside Los Angeles for strike-breaking duty, or to resume his infamous "border blockade" against transient and unemployed workers to keep them out of the state.

The ordinance was adopted by a 10-to-2 vote of the City Council, with Parley Parker Christensen and Will Kindig, both elected as Epic, opposing it.

Bridges Tells ILA Stand At Council

(Continued From Page One)

and we cannot accept it unless the other maritime unions have the guarantee that the two basic demands of each is granted," Bridges said.

He stated the possibility that the other crafts may have to strike on midnight, Oct. 28, and under such circumstances the I. L.A. must stick by them.

"The existence of the I.L.A.," said Bridges, "depends on the existence of the other maritime unions. If the shipowners think we'll break away from these unions they're mistaken."

Bridges told of the justice of the seamen's demands for the hiring hall, 8-hour day and cash payment of overtime. He told of 10-12 and 16-hour watches at sea.

If these basic demands are not granted or guaranteed by Oct. 28, the unions will find the I.L.A. with them.

"That is the sentiment of the entire I.L.A.," he said. "It is from sheer self-preservation that we feel thus. Our policy has been to prevent any trouble, but the shipowners don't seem to want to give any consideration to the demands of the sea-going unions."

"We believe that when we need the help of the Labor Council it will be forthcoming." Delegate Stern of the Maritime Firemen stated that the strike vote of that union indicated a practically 100 per cent sentiment for a strike on Oct. 28 if basic demands are not met.

Wires have been sent the union on the Gulf and East Coast and solidarity assured for the West Coast. "The Firemen will move as a national union next Wednesday if cash overtime and the hiring hall are not granted," he said.

Delegate O'Grady of the Masters, Mates and Pilots expressed appreciation of the I.L.A. stand and stated that the maritime unions' solidarity was the best argument for industrial organization.

Steel Worker Dies When Derrick Falls On Gate Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO—A steel worker on the Golden Gate Bridge, Kermit Moore, was crushed by a collapsing derrick and killed on Wednesday.

Miles Green, working near Moore, was brushed off the span's main deck by the falling boom, and was saved by a safety net.

On the Bay bridge 22 workers were killed before a net was installed. They could have been saved had there been a net as was placed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

KMTR CENSORS EMMA CUTLER RADIO SPEECH

CP Candidate's Talk Cut By Station Officials

LOS ANGELES—Although the sole purpose, supposedly, for radio speech censorship is to strike out libel, station officials at KMTR last week censored parts of a speech by Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress, 13th District, parts which could not be termed libelous by any stretch of the imagination.

Cut out were such passages as this:

"We shall be very glad to discuss your problems with you and tell you more about the Communist Party if you will write or call at our office at 224 So. Spring St., Rm. 409, Los Angeles."

"Now is the time to join with us in our struggles against big business, war profiteers, misery, degradation and poverty of the toiling people, and for a better world—a world of Socialism."

Truth Is Censored

Another section deleted was in reference to the clothes, food and other necessities that lie rotting in storehouses while people are starving, as follows:

"Have you thought why this condition exists? It exists because we live under a system of private ownership and profit by the few who control the wealth of our nation, while millions of workers throughout our land create the wealth and profit for the few."

This topsy-turvy condition with its contradictions can only be corrected by a new system of society, a system of Socialism such as has been established in the Soviet Union, where 170,000,000 people are profiting by their toil, where there is no unemployment, where education, culture, leisure and real social security are being enjoyed by the people."

Advertising Labor Meet Is "Crime"

LOS ANGELES — For the "crime" of advertising a mass meeting to protest against police and vigilante terror in Salinas, four workers and a school boy were jailed here last week on charges of distributing handbills at an anti-Nazi meeting in the Shrine Auditorium, where, ironically, more than 7000 persons were protesting Fascist influences in the United States.

The Police lyingly stated they made the arrests because the workers were distributing "Communist" literature. The school boy was released to appear in Juvenile Court, and the four workers pleaded not guilty to violation of the handbill ordinance.

Bail was set at \$50 each and they were released to appear for trial November 7th, 9:30 a. m. in Municipal Court, Division 7, when the International Labor Defense posted bonds.

The workers were Rose Zalon, Rey Selman, Morris Zeavin and Esther Jacobs.

Los Angeles Labor To Hear of Boss Terror In Salinas

LOS ANGELES—Terror in Salinas will be explained here October 28 by some of the strikers themselves in a mass meeting to be held at the Music Arts Hall, 233 So. Broadway.

The meeting, held under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, will have as outstanding speakers, Anna Damon, Acting National Secretary of the I.L.D., and Elaine Black, Secretary, District 13, I.L.D.

Constitution Still "Scrap of Paper" In Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—"I hope the Constitution may eventually be enforced in Terra Haute," declared Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, following the second flagrant denial of his constitutional rights to speak on his election campaign here.

Several weeks ago Browder was arrested as he stepped from the train here, and was prevented from speaking over the radio by Police Chief Yates and the mayor.

Use Vigilantes

Last Tuesday Browder returned here to speak at a memorial memorial for Eugene Debs, and to speak over the radio.

This time city officials and the banker-industrialists back of them used vigilante terror, without a cop in sight. A gang of hoodlums prevented Browder from gaining entrance to station WBOV, and forced calling off of the Debs memorial meeting.

Police Chief Yates revealed who was back of the vigilanteism by saying "a mob might try to ride Browder out of town on a rail."

McNutt Does Nothing

Governor Paul V. McNutt, in Indianapolis did nothing but issue a statement that the vigilante terror was "disgraceful on both sides!"

McNutt said he would send state police to Terre Haute if "any responsible person" asked for such action. He agreed Browder's arrest had been a violation of constitutional rights, but did not say he would do anything about it.

Browder wired President Roosevelt, saying, "Mobs are taking charge in Indiana and there is no chance for redress."

The vigilantes injured an Associated Press photographer, Hartford Larrison, secretary of the Workers' Alliance of Indiana, and Esther Ripple, of Terre Haute.

Bar Radio Speech

Radio station officials refused to allow Sylvia Penner, of Indianapolis, to read Browder's speech over the air.

"I wouldn't dare let you go on the air," said the station manager. "That crowd outside would tear you to pieces."

Superior Judge Albert Owens refused to grant an injunction to prevent police interference with Browder's scheduled speech.

Expect C.P. Votes In 46 States

NEW YORK.—Votes for Earl Browder for President will be recorded in 46 states, predicted the National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party.

To date, the Party has an official place on the ballot in 32 states, with Illinois and Tennessee still uncertain. The federal and U.S. Supreme Courts have been asked to place the Party on the ballot in Illinois, where it was ruled out after the full signature quota had been filed.

Write-in campaigns will be conducted in all states where the Party is not on the ballot, except in Mississippi and Nevada where it is expected that it will be impossible to cast Communist votes.

In 1932 the Communist Party was on the ballot in 32 states with write-in campaigns in only five others.

C.P. Urges 'No' Vote On Proposition No. 1

SAN FRANCISCO—The Communist Party urges all voters to vote "No" on Proposition No. 1 on the San Francisco County ballot on November 3rd, a measure which would, in effect, give superior judges life terms in their \$10,000-a-year jobs.

The proposition is also opposed by the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council here.

HOW TO VOTE ON PROPOSALS NOVEMBER 3

Recommendations of Communist Party In Elections

The Communist Party recommends the following votes on propositions appearing on the November 3rd ballot. Clip this and take it to the polls with you:

Proposition No. 1 (San Francisco)—In effect, giving superior judges life jobs—Vote No.

Proposition No. 2—To repeal state income tax law—Vote No.

Proposition No. 3—For liquor control commission—Vote No.

Proposition No. 4—To lease tidelands for oil well drilling to owners of adjoining lands—Vote No.

Proposition No. 5—To create \$5,000,000 bond issue for Pacific Exposition—Vote No.

Proposition No. 6—For use of city land, buildings and streets for Pacific Exposition—Vote No.

Proposition No. 7—For county and municipal service system—No recommendation.

Proposition No. 8—Giving legislature rite to order cancellation of voters' registration—Vote No.

Proposition No. 9—For local option on liquor—Vote No.

Proposition No. 10—Relates to motor vehicle fuel taxes—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 11—For teachers' tenure law—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 12—For appellate court of criminal appeals—Vote No.

Proposition No. 13—Relating to state agencies condemning land—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 14—Consolidation of cities and counties—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 15—Relating to assessment districts—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 16—Transfer of state money from one fund to another—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 17—Relative to tax collection methods—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 18—Referendum on tax of 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine—Vote No.

Proposition No. 19—Increase appropriations for printing and clerical work for legislature—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 20—Permit giving away publicly owned museums, art galleries—Vote No.

Proposition No. 21—Separate prison board for females—no recommendation.

Proposition No. 22—Chain store tax—Vote Yes.

Proposition No. 23—Change Railroad Commission's name to Public Service Commission—Vote No.

Proposition No. 24—Simplifies procedure for city or county charters—Vote Yes.

Vote 'No' Against Edmunds For State Supreme Court

A ringing "No" vote against Douglas L. Edmunds for State Supreme Court on November 3, was urged by the Communist Party.

Very reactionary, Edmunds owns considerable property and his record indicates pro-capitalist and anti-labor sympathies.

During trial in Los Angeles of the manslaughter case against Busby Berkeley, movie big-shot, Judge Burnell received threatening letters saying he would be taken out of the criminal department unless his rulings stopped going against Berkeley. A short time later Burnell was removed, and Presiding Judge Edmunds was the only man able so to remove.

FOR PRESIDENT



EARL BROWDER (See article in next column.)

GIVE TO FIGHT ON WALL ST.

Vital Days Between Now and Nov. 3

The day between now and November 3rd are crucial for the people of California, and of the whole nation, in the fight against the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon gang of would-be Hitlers.

The Morgans, Rockefellers and DuPonts are shelling out millions of dollars in an attempt to put over their Fascist program.

Chief enemy of Wall St., the Communist Party needs funds for its election campaign to close with a sweeping drive against reaction. The Communist election campaign is the campaign of all progressive and labor forces against reaction, and for building a united Farmer-Labor Party to smash reaction.

Donate today! Support your own fight!

...Before election day rolls around, donate a day's pay or what you can afford, and send it to 121 Haight St., San Francisco; County Campaign Headquarters, 230 South Spring St., Los Angeles; or any Communist Party headquarters.

AFL Council Report Omits Labor Party

WASHINGTON.—Issuing its report which caused Carpenters President Hutcherson to resign, the A.F.L. Executive Council compared the labor records of Roosevelt and Landon, and left the inference that it favored Roosevelt.

Hutcherson, Landon's labor dividing chief, quit the Council in order to avoid signing the report. The report omits Landon's record as governor, when Landon committed the worst of his anti-labor acts, such as sending the National Guard against the striking lead miners.

The report did not contain specific recommendations. It repeated the old A.F.L. line of "stand faithfully by our friends, oppose our enemies whether they be candidates for President, Congress or other offices."

This means A.F.L. members are to back both Republicans and Democrats. The Farmer-Labor Party question was completely ignored, even though Labor's non-Partisan League has formed a Labor Party in New York.

Fascist "Putsch" Tries To Cancel Peru Elections

LIMA, Peru—Beaten in the popular elections, Peruvian Fascists took the road of violence last week when troops of La Polvora barracks fired on a civilian assemblage, called to protest delay in enforcing the results of the ballot.

It was also reported that a battle occurred near the Santa Rosa power house, on the city's outskirts.

Previously the government denied a report in La Paz, Bolivia, newspaper, that a post-election uprising had broken out in Peru and that street fighting had occurred in Lima because the reactionaries in power refused to respect the election.

Legion Head Makes Vigilante Threat In Redwood City

REDWOOD CITY — Vigilante action against a Communist Party election rally scheduled in the Fire Hall here next Thursday, October 29th, was threatened last Wednesday by Major H. W. Edmonds, commander of the local American Legion post.

"If the post wants to take action, we shall certainly do so at once," threatened Edmonds.

The City Council has granted the Communist Party permission to use the hall.

DEMOCRACY OR FASCISM REAL ISSUE OF 1936

Vote Communist For Building Farmer-Labor Party

Written for Federated Press

By EARL BROWDER

Communist Candidate for President.

The fundamental issue of 1936, as the Communist Party sees it, is whether Hearst and the reactionaries in the Liberty League will be able to drag the United States down the bloody road to Fascism, or whether there is still enough vitality in American democratic institutions to beat back the sinister threats of Wall Street and their hand-picked puppet, Landon.

This fundamental issue cuts across every development of the election struggle, foreign as well as domestic. The program of Hearst and the Liberty League is towards war and Fascism, towards throwing the weight of the United States on the side of Hitler and the other war-makers.

Thus, peace as well as freedom is at stake in 1936. That is why the Communist Party declares that Landon, the candidate of the Liberty League and Hearst, threatens the peace, freedom and security of the American people. That is why it declares that democracy or Fascism, progress or reaction, is the central issue in the elections this year.

Tories On Offensive

The reactionaries are on the offensive in every phase of life. In the steel industry we have a specific example of how the Tories of '36 seek to keep the workers in economic and political serfdom and reduce them to a coolie standard of life.

The steel trust has made a declaration of war, not only against the steel workers, but against the democratic rights of the entire American people.

It is no accidental slip that the anti-labor platform of the steel trust repeats in identical language the open shop declaration of the Republican Party platform. A vote for Landon is a vote against the great organizing drives now taking place in steel and other industries. Any one like Norman Thomas who helps Landon whitewash his anti-labor stand is injuring the cause of labor and earning the cheers of the Liberty League.

Threaten "Putsch"

During this campaign the reactionaries have not only resorted to every form of deception in order to stampede the workers and farmers behind Landon, but they have repeatedly made threats to cancel the results of the election by violence if necessary. Father Coughlin, the political Siamese twin of Hearst, is but the latest to threaten bullets if the reactionaries cannot win by stuffing the ballot boxes.

This clearly exposes the reactionaries as the advocates of force and violence against democracy and liberty. Against the tyranny of Wall Street, the Communist Party calls on all progressives to unite in a Farmer-Labor Party which will be an American People's Front against reaction, Fascism and war. Only this independent organization of the people will defeat the Fascist-minded men of Wall Street and bring a measure of security and liberty to America.

Roosevelt and the Democratic Party are no bulwark against the rising tide of reaction. He has hedged and retreated before; only the mightiest pressure of the people, through independent organization, will force the administration to grant concessions to labor and the farmers.

Vote Communist

A vote for the Communist Party is a step which will accelerate the development of the Farmer-Labor Party, the party of the people against Wall Street.

A vote for the Communist Party will speed up the day when the American people will make that necessary choice of the socialist path as the one way out of capitalist poverty and misery, to true abundance, happiness and freedom for all.

Industrialists Will Get Lower Water Rates, Not People

SAN FRANCISCO.—Water rate reductions are to be considered by the Public Utilities Commission at a public hearing on November 16th here, but not for the benefit of the people.

The hearing is to cut rates for big industries, on the theory that factories will locate here. The Commission is reported planning to cut rates to the level of Los Angeles rates, while leaving domestic consumers at the same rate, or with a very slight reduction.

Join the Communist Party! Fight for liberty to clear the path to Socialism! APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Name Address City State Occupation Sex Age Mail application to Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, or to Communist Party, 224 South Spring Street, Room 409, Los Angeles.

New Communist Dues System Jan. 1st

With issuance of new membership books for 1937, a new dues system for Communist Party members will go into effect, calling for dues payments on a monthly instead of a weekly basis and reducing amount of dues by about 50 percent.

Those now paying \$1 a month will pay 50 cents a month; others who have paid \$1, \$2 or \$3, will pay only \$1 a month. Dues denominations have also been reduced from six to three—where they now are two cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per week, the new system calls for only 10 cents, 50 cents and \$1 per month.

Solidarity Stamps

The monthly International Solidarity stamps will also be changed to one's month's dues, to be paid at the end of every three months. The International Solidarity fund is kept separately and goes 100 per cent for

international solidarity with the Communist Parties of such countries as Germany, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Ireland, and others that need our fraternal help.

Reduction of the dues denominations will temporarily reduce the Party's income, which will rise to the present level only, and if the Party's membership is increased. We must double our membership. Every member should bring in at least one new recruit into the Party.

Recruiting of new members should be easier among those workers who until now have



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## French Fascists Prepare

RUMORS of a possible Fascist putsch against the French Popular Front Government some time this year may not be altogether without foundation. Colonel de la Roque, the would-be Hitler of Spain, is not asleep. The French Social Party (the name assumed by de la Roque's Croix de Feu after the latter had been banned by the French Government) is active on many fronts. One of the most serious developments is the activity of the officers of the French Army in French Morocco. This colony is the breeding place and chief recruiting station for the "leadership" in the threatened attack upon the French Republic, just as Spanish Morocco served the Spanish Fascists.

Despite the belated removal of Governor Peyrou, known to be friendly to the forces of Fascism in France, officers in the French Army have openly developed their treasonable activity to the point of actually assisting the recruiting of Moorish troops for eventual use against France.

The Croix de Feu, illegal in France, has in Morocco acquired complete control of the police force.

Officers of the French Army in Morocco take no pains to conceal their intentions of imitating the Spanish Franco. These same officers greet Nazi agents who parade freely about Morocco, with the "Heil Hitler" salute, as do local leaders of the Croix de Feu.

Certain French and German financial interests, working in close co-operation, are pouring money into the colony with which to bribe the Moorish population, which besides not clear understanding the issues, is in a state of semi-starvation, and therefore susceptible to bribery.

When these developments are viewed in conjunction with the outbreaks of provocative violence on the part of the de la Roque followers in France itself, and the continuous shipments of arms to certain French buyers from Switzerland, it is evident the French Fascists are seriously considering a putsch.

Besides a searching investigation by the Blum Government into developments in Morocco and a clean-up of Fascist plots and plotters there, the most effective action that could be taken by France now is the repudiation of the sham "non-intervention" pact in Spain, and the open shipment of arms and ammunition to the Spanish People's Front government—just as Hitler and Mussolini are shipping war material secretly to the Spanish Fascists.

A victory for the Spanish Republican forces would go far to crush the aggressive plans of de la Roque and his followers in France.

Sub-machine guns in large quantities—such as are used by mobsters in America—have been shipped by private arms companies in this country to the French Fascists.

## Tax Evasion Methods

COMPANY executives and the attorneys and counsellors of the big capitalists are now busy figuring methods of dodging the new federal tax on undistributed earnings—a direct tax on accumulated profits. Some of the methods already in use or considered acceptable are: paying out more dividends to stockholders; paying more for maintenance, depreciation and repairs, as the railroads are doing; eliminating patent values; spending more for advertising; paying larger bonuses to executives; and buying insurance from regular insurance companies instead of maintaining their own reserves for it.

The suggestion has been made that another good way to avoid this tax would be to pay more in wages to the workers. But with all the other methods available it is obvious that this hint will neither be followed nor welcomed. Workers will get increased wages only by organizing and fighting for them.

## Co. Guilty in Death Of 2 Alaska Miners

JUNEAU, Alaska—Two gold miners killed in the Alaska-Juneau Co. pit cave in last Sunday have been identified as Henry Halvorsen of Tacoma and Harold Sadler of Taft, Cal. Company neglect in allowing weak shoring is blamed by miners.

## 1000 L.A. Heating Workers On Strike

LOS ANGELES—About 1000 workers in the heating industry answered the call to strike here. The Independent Heating Workers Union of Southern California asks a 40-hour week and 20 per cent wage increases.

## Nazi Vs. Catholic Tension Continues

MUNICH, Germany.—Despite Nazi leaders' statements to the contrary, there is no sign of lessening tension between the Nazi Party and the Catholic Church here. The church holds firmly to its position in education of youth, while the Nazis claim the exclusive right in propagandizing the youngsters.

## Coughlin Hurts Catholic People

FATHER COUGHLIN is more and more openly following the example of Hitler. In his weekly organ, "Social Justice," Coughlin lavishly praises the "heroism" of the brutal Fascist forces defending the Alcazar.

The article describes the defense as "a triumph of courage that demands admiration of a thoughtless world," and goes on to state that the issue in Spain is being fought between Communism and the Church. "Here," he says, "are two forces diametrically opposed; one preaching hatred (Communism) and one preaching love (church and Fascism)."

We suggest that Father Coughlin ask the Catholics of Germany about the "love sermons" preached by German Fascism—sermons which are driven home at the point of the whip and bludgeon, in jails and concentration camps. We would like to have some of the Catholic workers active with Communists and Socialists in the underground movement in Germany describe to Father Coughlin the horror Fascism has brought the Catholic people in Germany.

Coughlin is following the example of Hitler also by more and more open attacks upon the Jews. He must be careful about how this is carried out, must feel his way along cautiously in order to be able to retreat—so he makes his anti-semitism by drawing a distinction between supposed "good" Jews and "bad" Jews. In the October 12th issue of "Social Justice" the attack becomes more open, with a headline in heavy black type across one page reading "THE JEWS ARE TRYING TO STOP IT." This refers to the circulation of "Social Justice."

Catholic workers in the United States must be aroused to the menace of Fascism, and be brought into the movement to build a Farmers-Labor Party. Coughlin speaks not for the Catholic people, but for the reactionary, labor-hating "select group" in Wall Street.

## Expose the Industrial Spy!

RECENT hearings before the LaFollette Senate Committee which exposed the widespread use of labor spies and professional strike-breaking agencies revealed that many of the most powerful industrial concerns in California make regular use of spies.

Workers are always eager to know whether the companies they work for use undercover operatives against them. Here are some of the California firms which employ the stool-pigeon system:

American Can Co., American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, Bethlehem Steel Corporation (and its shipyard subsidiaries), the Borden Company, the telephone companies, all of which are part of the Bell system, Cudahy Packing Company, the Edison Company, Ford Motor Co., General Electric Co., General Motors, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Goodrich Co., Grace Steamship Company, Montgomery Ward Co., Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Postal Telegraph and Western Union, Remington Rand Inc., Sinclair Oil Corporations, Swift & Co., Union Pacific R. R., United Fruit Co., United Railways Co. (San Francisco), U. S. Steel and subsidiaries, Western Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric and Yellow Cab Co.

The list is far from complete—but is all that is available at present.

The light of unfavorable publicity has been thrown on these firms, but it is still far from a glare. The struggle against the company spy must be sharpened if the evil is to be curbed at all. We urge workers who know of the activities of such spies to write to the LaFollette Committee—and to send us a copy of the material for publication.

## THE NAZIS SUPPORT A FEL LOW-FASCIST

### German-American Landon!



## Die Bewegung marschiert!

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NAZIS IN AMERICA have been ordered by Hitler to cast their votes for Alfred M. Landon. The Nazi paper "Deutscher Weckruf" (Published in New York) says Landon stands closest to the fascist ideas of Adolf Hitler. The open shop, wage cuts, cutting relief off, these are a few of the principles of both Landon and Hitler. Landon's chief backers are Wall Street, the fascist Liberty League, and William Randolph Hearst, a close associate of Hitler.

## Guard Against Compulsory Arbitration Law in Maritime

By NAT NAVIS  
 Maritime workers were quick to react to the dangers lurking behind the Copeland Act, particularly in its continuous discharge book feature.

It can be expected that they will be equally on the alert to squelch another bright idea being spawned in brains that are very fertile with clever, very clever ways and means of rendering trade unions ineffective. This time it is a plan for compulsory arbitration in the maritime industry.

The San Francisco News, which likes to be called a "liberal" paper, put out the first feelers for the scheme of a Federal Maritime Mediation Law, with an accompanying Federal Mediation Board, in one of its issues during the week of Oct. 5.

It spoke editorially of the crisis on the West Coast waterfront, and said: "If the same deadlock between workers and employers had occurred in the railroad industry, there would have been no fear of a stoppage and no community jitters, damaging to all business and hard on everybody's nerves."

"That is because the land carriers and their employes have set up, with the co-operation of the Federal Government, a satisfactory and smoothly functioning machinery to mediate such disputes."

The "News" went on to suggest, gingerly, "Why not for shipping too?"

About a week later, C. W. Moffitt, acting chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers in San Francisco, grabbed the torch, and recommended for the maritime industry the creation of a board for the maritime industry, similar to the U. S. Railway Mediation Board, created 15 years ago, after a nation-wide strike of railway shophmen, which the Brotherhood chiefs declared "out-law."

The strongest selling-point Moffitt found for such a board was that under the railroad set-up, there have been "no strikes of any importance since 1922."

On October 15, Max Stern, the Washington political correspondent of the San Francisco "News" wrote that: "To backfire against recurring outbreaks of labor trouble on the seaways and waterfronts of America, Congress will be urged at its next session to set up a permanent mediation system, similar to the successful one operating for the past decade under the Railway Labor Act of 1926."

By some strange chance, Stern reported that those who would push for such a Mediation Law and Board at the coming Congressional session find as the strongest selling-point exactly what Moffitt found.

## AS WE SEE IT

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

### The Waterfront Situation

IF A PACIFIC COAST general strike takes place on Thursday, it will not be because the unions haven't exhausted every possibility for a peaceful settlement. First, through lengthy negotiations; secondly, by twice agreeing to a truce; thirdly, by giving every opportunity to government representatives, even when their jurisdiction is doubtful, to step in to the picture. The overwhelming strike vote now taken by the unions to back up their basic demands shows that the maritime workers understand the issues involved—it is not only the immediate economic gains, but what is at stake is the existence of the unions and the principle of solidarity by which the Maritime Federation was built. That is why every union whittled down its demands to two fundamental issues, making all the more clear that the unions were willing to make every reasonable concession, but the shipowners are intent on going through with their union-wrecking program.

This is brought out all the more by the split in the shipowners' ranks, with only a few large companies like the Matson, Dollar, and American-Hawaiian lines holding out for a "showdown." Step by step the employers were forced to retreat. First, they abandoned for the moment the threat of a lockout. Secondly, they withdrew some of their most ridiculous demands. But even now they have refused to give guarantees that they will live up to and respect the 1934 award on the union hiring-hall. The unions have taken the position that when all the shipowners give guarantees on fundamental issues to all the maritime unions, and not before then, would they consider rescinding their strike action. Otherwise a general maritime strike on the Pacific Coast looms Thursday, with possible widespread sympathetic strike action on the Atlantic Coast to back it up.

### Seeds of Fascism

A whole series of Fascist-like outrages have happened throughout the country which clearly shows the danger America faces from the reactionary camp. Terra Haute and Tampa and Imperial Valley; Salinas and Santa Rosa. Vigilantism is not a spontaneous mob action by "100 per cent Americans." It is organized by powerful reactionary interests, who send paid hirelings and politically-backward people who allow themselves to be used as dupes by the banker-employer interests. The leader of the Santa Rosa tar and feather mob was not an "indignant farmer," but the secretary of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, and a banker; they did not leave this job to any underlings. The mobs that did their dirty work in Terra Haute and Tampa to prevent Earl Browder from speaking, and in Imperial Valley to stop a radio speech of a Communist Congressional candidate, were organized and incited by the "law and order" forces of Big Business, doing what the police authorities would have liked to do officially, but who are restrained somewhat by such "legal technicalities" as the law and the Constitution. What small local mobs are doing now, with complete freedom and impunity, will be done on a mass scale nationally, against every labor and liberal organization, if the reactionary Fascist forces have their way and proceed to trample on democracy and the Constitution and everything else that stands in their bloody path.

If you love liberty, organize mass protests against these outrages, but also speed the organization of the American People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party.

### This Is What You Call "Irony"

SANTA MONICA. — Police Chief James E. Davis, who has his uniformed thugs club and tear-gas citizens exercising their constitutional rights, and who sponsored the famous "border blockade" against transient and unemployed workers to keep them out of California, was elected president of the "Peace Officers' Association of California" here.

of the plan until some time after the election. The railroad workers fought long and bitterly for a pension law, and when it was finally passed, the U. S. Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional. The railroad workers can do nothing about it, because of the National Mediation Law and Board.

Under such a law and board for the maritime industry, the shipowners could abolish the hiring halls, and the maritime workers would be called on, under pain of violating a federal law, to hire out from the pier-heads or anything the shipowners pleased, until many, many months, and even years of compulsory arbitration and investigation had gone by.

Many basic conditions of the railroad workers were taken away in exactly this way under the National Railway Act and its Board. There were many cases of strike votes on the railroads in recent years—the Mobile and the three main New England roads, to name a few only this year.

Workers on the Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad struck two weeks ago. Believe it or not, these workers first took their strike vote a little over two years ago. Two years ago, Harvey Couch, notorious union-hating railroad magnate first began to take away their union conditions, violate union agreements—and since that time, until finally desperation forced them to strike, the L and A workers had to stand for it, because the Federal Railway Mediation Act calls for shilly-shallying and compulsory arbitration.

Pacific Coast maritime workers can well imagine what would have happened to them under a similar set-up. The movement for a Federal Maritime Mediation Act and a Federal Maritime Mediation Board, patterned after those in the railroad industry must be attacked sharply by the maritime unions. It would spell, as no other law could spell more effectively, crippling of the maritime unions.

### Green, Lewis Back Workers' Alliance

WASHINGTON. — Support of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, of the demands of the Workers' Alliance for increased wages on WPA projects is claimed by the Alliance.

In a letter to the Alliance Green wrote, "It is my earnest purpose and desire to accord to you and those associated with you the support of the A.F.L., if the efforts you are putting forth to lift the wage level for WPA workers."

Lewis wrote, "The United Mine Workers of America, as a labor union, is greatly concerned with the welfare of the unemployed workers of the United States. We are in sympathy with your endeavors to raise the wage and living standards of WPA workers."

### IT IS NOT TO LATE to ENROLL in the PROGRESSIVE Labor School

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# YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

(Continuing the series on the health and illness of factory workers written jointly with Dr. Z. Klein.)  
**Dyes, Chemicals, Industrial Poisons Cause Much Injury to the Skin**

**T**HERE are 122 industrial activities in which "skin diseases" develop. In the year 1934, six states recorded 4,500 skin injuries which prevented the victims from returning to work. Schwartz of the United States Health Service believes that "more than 1% of the workers engaged in basic industries are annually affected by dermatitis (inflammation of the skin). New chemicals, new dyes, new synthetic poisons are being used which affect the laborers who come in contact with them. Only three states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Ohio, have attempted to approach this subject and institute reforms.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

The hands of the working man or woman will often reveal his or her trade. These hands, which produce all of life's essentials, are subject to industrial skin diseases. Continuous contact with heat, perspiration, alkalis, acids, hard brushes, naphtha, sharp particles, will cause tenderness and sensitive skin condition. Boils develop from lubricant oils. These lubricant oils are also responsible for dermatitis (inflammation of the skin). Baker's dermatitis or itch is due to flour dust and chemicals found in the flour which clogs up the pores of the hands. Workers employed in the following industries will be subject to skin diseases of the hands: dyes, alkalis, acids, liquids, turpentine, flour, sugar, wooddust, calcium, and lime.

### Anthrax Is a Dread Skin Disease Affecting Wood Sorters

**W**HILE we are writing about industrial skin diseases, we must say something about Anthrax. Although this disease affects mostly animals—horses and cattle, it would be well to consider it. The anthrax germ remains on skins, hides, wool, and horsehair, and wool sorters often get the disease. These bacteria are fatal if they enter through the mouth, causing gangrene of the lungs. Every year hundreds of workers die from the dreaded industrial disease, anthrax. A great number of workers are affected with external anthrax and suffer for many years.

This dreaded disease can be prevented through scientific disinfection of hides and hair to destroy the spores (reproductive germs), washing facilities, cleanliness, working gloves, educational scientific preventative measures. But all these measures are costly and private production for profit has no use for such things.

### Dampness, Heavy Lifting, Long Hours Preval in the Canning Industry

**T**HE canning and preserving industry employs over 75,000 workers, of which number half are women, and 10,000 are children under 16 years of age. This work is done under decidedly unfavorable conditions; exposure to dampness, heavy lifting, long hours of work (81 hours at the present time) are only some of the attendant evils. As a result, the workers contract rheumatism, catarrhal infection, sore hands, cut fingers, and in the preservation of the fruit, the workers are subjected to the fumes of the sulphur, as well as to lead and acid fumes. In California, the canneries receive their seasonal beatings at the hands of vigilantes, thugs, for daring to ask a few more cents a day for such backbreaking labor.

# Women on the March

BY MARY GARFIELD

**"S**OMEbody WANTS TO KNOW"—so all over town the news stands put the question: "What would Jesus do in the present crisis, if he were alive today?"

Why, he'd join the Communist party, that being the logical first step anyone could take today who wants to find a way out of the crisis.

Then he'd recruit Mary and Martha, and get the thing started. Now these two gals worked differently, according to the narrator. One was a sort of a dreamer, and the other was a hard working, practical soul, who seems to have been eternally at her housekeeping.

In our party we have a place for every Mary and Martha. Mary can dream her dreams and tell Martha about them, and Martha can make them come true. Martha could never have thought of the things that Mary thinks of, and Mary could never keep house like Martha.

One thing both Mary and Martha can do, and that is recruit women into the Communist Party. They will work differently, but for the same goal, because they both believe the same thing. Mary will approach our Negro women, and win them over through her understanding and her gentleness. She will then take time to observe them closely. She will "feel" her way with them, and she can recruit them and bring them into our party where they belong, for their own advancement and security.

This is an assignment, Mary; go to it. Martha, as for you, where do you want to work? You're so competent, Martha, you'll have to watch yourself a little to keep from stepping on toes, and defeating your own purpose. Your house is swept, your table set, your bed is made, you're out to get

### ONE NEW MEMBER A DAY FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

If they don't sign up, you're mad at them and you won't speak to them for another week. Bad going, Martha, gad going.

**N**OW IN BETWEEN Mary and Martha there is another maiden fair whose name is Adaptability. She's got a big territory to cover. The professional people, the doctors, the nurses, the teachers, the youth. She must meet and talk to, and recruit.

"Adaptability" takes the Communist platform along, and refreshes herself by the roadside from this life-giving document. She knows that we are just folks, along with other folks, trying to get a message across to them that they want to hear.

She says to the professionals: "Come join with us, and cast off the old despair at the crushing of Academic freedom. You have almost given up hoping to teach the truth, now, haven't you? We will show you how we propose to have free speech. Within our walls you may teach to thousands of our people those things they thirst to know. Join with us, help us, and we will again have free speech, a free radio, and a free press.

To the medical men and women, she says: Humanity lies bleeding and sick. You wish to heal and cannot. There is an open door, come through it. Join the Communist Party, and we'll get to work together. You can work in dignity and security. These are your sick and wounded. Warp and woof of a mighty country.

To you, about to vote for the first time: **VOTE COMMUNIST! MARY, MARTHA AND ADAPTABILITY**, this is your assignment: Bring in Youth before it stands mired and lost in the filth of the politics of both Democratic and Republican parties.

# VOICES OF LABOR

San Francisco. **E**DITOR: Reading the Western Worker the other day I saw the letter by "A Student" complaining about the "malicious persecution" of stool pigeons' children by factory workers' children.

The answer to "A Student" by the writer of that particular story was both fitting and proper. The facts speak for themselves.

There is a fink boss on the waterfront by the name of Ben Ohm who scabbed all during the '34 strike on the Admiral docks. After the strike he became a walking boss down the Dollar Dock under "Long Emil," another fink. The I.L.A. has no jurisdiction over walking bosses.

Well, "Big Ben" has had a tough time of it and is still having quite a struggle. He has had to move two times already and he owned a beautiful home, too, because Ben has a couple of children; bright children they are, too, and all the kids in the neighborhood and in the schools would scream and yell, "Your Daddy is a scab!" all day long. The other kids made life so miserable for Ben's children that the family had to move, like I say, twice already.

The last time he moved across the bay. What has happened over there I don't know.

If all those kids and their mothers and fathers were Communists, say, what a big Party it must be, but I don't think so. Those kids were just sons and daughters of good trade unionists with their natural hatred for finks.

So the moral of this story is "Don't scab and then the kids won't be able to shout at your children: 'Your daddy is a scab!'"

In conclusion, I want to say that even though I am not a Communist I'm voting for Browder. I want a free, happy and prosperous America.

A STEVEDORE.

# RIPTIDES

BY D. L. SAUNDERS

**"T**HE UNIONS ain't in the Navy—yet." That's what Harry Bridges said the other day. There's a lot to that, Naw—we haven't got anything against the Navy guys. We think they're getting a pretty lousy deal. But—as seamen who have bumped around this very small world quite a bit, we've seen plenty of what it means to be "in the Navy"—any Navy.

Young kids—fresh from Arkansas, Texas, from lower East Side New York. You see them on Market Street in a uniform a couple of sizes too big across the stern for them, and a salty roll.

We, a couple of very, very cynical minded seamen as far as the word "patriotism" is concerned, were scooping up a few beers in a "job" hangout.

There was a young "boot" navy guy sipping a beer alongside of us. Looked like one beer too many had washed some of the "salt" out of him. A strand of rope colored hair was drooping in his beard.

I judged him "Where are you from?"

"Texas" he answered with a heavy attempt to act "salty."

"Ah—leave the 'salty stuff' for the dames. We're sailors—real sailors. We've rung more salt water out of our socks than you've ever traveled on!" my sidekick piped up impatiently.

I popped him with a hearty boot in the shins. "How long ya been in the Navy?"

The answer was a little more civil this time. "Six months."

"Wanta see the world—huh?" my sidekick jeered.

He got another swift boot on the same shin. "What did you join up for?" I ordered three beers and looked at my partner expectantly. He reached down

for some change.

"I graduated high school couldn't get a job. My old man ain't worked since the depression. My sister's trying to get through college. So I figured I might as well see what the world is like." The kid reached for a fresh beer.

"Do you send any money home?" I asked.

"Hell—on the money I make. I have to send home for money. Not that I get it anyhow. I was gonna join the CCC but according to the recruiting officer who signed me up there's a future for me in the navy—come to think of it he didn't tell me how many trips around the world I would have to make before I found it," he added. The kid was beginning to learn fast.

"It looks like I'm stuck for four years. I wouldn't mind so much. But they are always harping about war—about the Russians and the Japs. What the hell do I want to fight them for. I never seen them in my life. Teaching me how to stick a bayonet into a guy's guts—so it won't be stuck there. And if it does get stuck they tell me to fire the gun. They say that helps to get the bayonet out in a hurry."

Even my hardboiled sidekick began to thaw out a bit to the kid. "Well — you can't quit. They'd slap you in the brig for a long stretch. And there's no chance for you fellows to raise a beef for better wages—or grub. On second thought maybe ya' might just as well be in jail."

"We're told not to mix with you guys on account of we might get into trouble—they didn't say what kind. We're just simply told to keep away from the merchant marine seamen."

"Maybe they're scared you guys might get ideas in your heads—you know—about strikes—voting—organizing," my part-

# Accident, Maybe, But Anyway . . .

This story appeared in "The Family Circle," give-away publication of the Safeway Stores. It had been clipped from other publication to fill space. In another place the magazine urged you to vote against the chain store tax, but this got in:

"A mysterious stranger had appeared away back in a valley in the Ozarks and was occupying a lonely hut, keeping to himself and talking to no one. "Naturally, he became the object of intense curiosity and suspicion.

"On Saturday night, when the natives gathered round the stove in the corner store, the mysterious stranger was the subject of conversation.

"I'll tell you what I think," said one. "I think he's a hoss thief. We better watch our stock."

"Said a second, 'I believe he maybe kilt somebody back whar he come from an' he's hidin' out."

"A third had another opinion: 'I'm afeared he's a cop, an' maybe he's spyin' on us.'"

"But the fourth speaker had still another idea. 'I bin watchin' him and checkin' up on him,' he said, 'and I'll tell you what I think. I think he's a commu-

nist."

"Oh, no," they all cried at once. "He can't be that bad!"

"I ain't so sure 'bout that," declared the fourth, with much confidence. "The durned scoundrel can read."

ner scoffed.

"Say we're not even allowed to use the word 'strike' in our ship's paper. Just what is all this trouble going on right now on the waterfront?" the kid asked suddenly.

We told him plenty. "Boy you guys certainly couldn't pull any action like that in the navy—no matter how tough it is. Hell they'd only make it tougher for you," the kid confided.

# SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

**S**UPPOSE one morning you received the following communication in the mail:

Dear Sir: We hereby notify you that you are forbidden to attend the X—Theatre where the play X—is now being staged. This performance is extremely displeasing to William Randolph Hearst, Henry Ford, Irene du Pont and J. Pierpont Morgan. Therefore you will not be permitted to see it. Yours very truly, The Wall Street Censorship Bureau.

You would be sore as hell. You could declare that this is a free country and no stuffed-shirt millionaire had a right to dictate to you what theatrical performances you would see or wouldn't see.

Well and good. Then why are you not sore right now? This situation ALREADY DOES EXIST.

When Sinclair Lewis, a Nobel Prize winner and one of America's outstanding novelists, wrote "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE," the book almost immediately became a best seller. That is what the American public thought of it.

Hollywood studios were preparing to make a movie of it. But the unseen forces of Hollywood censorship, which Mr. Hearst wields so deftly, stepped into the picture and prevented the film from being made.

Soon after that, the Federal Theaters (WPA) selected a dramatized version of the novel as one of its productions. Hearst is blazing with rage.

Under the "mysterious" by-line of Harold Lord Varney, the Hearst papers are decrying the play as a "Communist" activity of the Roosevelt government.

Ridiculous as this tirade is, it is no laughing matter. The Federal Theater represents an opportunity for the public to enjoy theatrical performances free from the censorship of private interests. It is financed by the public and SHOULD be controlled by the public. The fact of the matter is, however, that public control is very vague and slipshod. The real control is vested in the hands of the government administrators and the public has very little to say about it.

Only last week, the Chicago Federal Theater was prevented from putting on "Hymn to the Rising Sun," a one-act play by Paul Green, who is a Pulitzer Prize winner and one of America's foremost playwrights. Federal authorities clamped down on it at the last minute and there is no doubt but what they were influenced by reactionary interests similar to Mr. Hearst.

**C**ENSORSHIP in America is not a future danger but a present evil. Every attempt at censorship should receive your immediate protest. In fact, you'd better write to Washington and tell them exactly what you think of Hearst's effort to interfere.

# Browder's Arrest Denounced From All Over America

**ALABAMA**  
"Mr. Roosevelt . . . should regard it as a privilege to denounce the mayor and chief of police of Terre Haute for . . . dumping on the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States in denying a citizen the right to speak his mind on public matters. . . ."  
—Dothan Eagle.

**ARIZONA**  
"We hope, of course, that this kind of thing is the exception in the United States."  
—Tucson Star.

**CALIFORNIA**  
"The naive explanation of the mayor of Terre Haute that Browder was arrested because both Mr. Landon and Mr. Roosevelt had declared Communism contrary to American principles, causes millions of Americans to smile."  
—Sacramento Union.

"Well, well, the impertinence! Browder thought he lived in a country where he could roam about as he pleased. Yates had another idea. . . . There are questions I'd enjoy asking the chief: 'Does your authority give you the impression that you own Terre Haute? Are there people who have a right to feel they control a whole community and can keep out those whose opinions they don't agree with?'"  
—John D. Barry in "Ways of the World" column, San Francisco News.

"That was a particularly asinine performance of the Terre Haute chief of police in arresting Earl Browder for vagrancy, to keep him from making a political speech."  
—Browder Sunday Herald.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
"The 'chief constable' of Terre Haute and perhaps the mayor of that city . . . do not represent the intelligence of America."  
—Washington Star.

**FLORIDA**  
"Every American should know that the Communist Party has a constitutional right on the general election ballot."  
—Daytona Beach News-Journal.

**IDAHO**  
"Browder was not a 'vagrant' under Indiana law. He was, therefore, denied his privileged status as an American citizen to freedom of speech."  
—Moscow Star-Mirror.

"It is one of the tenets of Americanism to allow free speech. . . . and let the people decide whether they want much or little of it."  
—Blackfoot Bulletin.

" . . . as a candidate for the presidency, Mr. Browder has the right to say his say. . . ."  
—Caldwell News-Tribune.

" . . . another sample of idocy . . . the arrest of the Communist candidate was . . . high-handed, illegal. . . ."  
—Boise Statesman.

**ILLINOIS**  
" . . . the last word in reactionary stupidity. . . . The idea of arresting a presidential candidate for 'vagrancy' because he attempts to make a public address is, to say the least, idiotic. . . . he has a constitutional right to free speech."  
—Peoria Journal.

**INDIANA**  
"Jailing the Constitution"

that many of these zealots never read this sacred Constitution or they might have discovered the Bill of Rights. . . ."  
—Grand Junction Sentinel.

" . . . Browder spoke in Greeley. He appeared to be anything but a rabble rouser. . . . No system that forbids the discussion of other systems can feel in its heart very secure."  
—The Greeley Tribune.

**CONNECTICUT**  
"The arrest of the Communist presidential candidate . . . is a flagrant violation of one of the fundamental tenets of American democracy. . . ."  
—Des Moines Register.

" . . . the arrest of Browder . . . violated the constitutional right of free speech."  
—Mt. Pleasant News.

" . . . the unspontaneous and un-American persecution of Candidate Browder at Terre Haute by local officials and Legionnaires."  
—Des Moines Register.

"This is one-man government with a vengeance. . . . If the statements which have been flooding the Democratic and Republican ethers recently about freedom of speech are more than ether itself . . . wouldn't it be a good thing if both Mr. Landon and Mr. Roosevelt, acting jointly, would protest this affront to Article I of the Bill of Rights attached to the Constitution of the United States."  
—Des Moines Register.

"This country must not permit its chiefs of police to be the umpires of free speech. . . . Browder has as much right to speak as any other person in the country."  
—Boone News-Republican.

" . . . a plain violation of the constitutional guaranty of freedom of speech. . . . If the Communist Party leaders have any thoughts or information to contribute to the nations knowledge they should be heard."  
—Kansas City Kansan.

**KANSAS**  
"Here is a police chief who boldly declares his intention to act in a manner 'abridging freedom of speech' which is specifically forbidden in the constitution."  
—Madisonville Messenger.

"Earl Browder is as much entitled to free speech as any major party candidate."  
—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

**MONTANA**  
"The arrest is contrary to the right of free speech, for it is plainly indicated that the purpose of the detention was to prevent the delivery of an address

Germany."  
—Opelonsas Herald.

**MAINE**  
"The arrest of Candidate Earl Browder at Terre Haute merely to prevent his speaking at a political rally is an act that can only be strongly condemned as un-American, un-democratic and unjust."  
—Portland Press-Merald.

**MARYLAND**  
" . . . what Messrs. Roosevelt and Landon think of it is extremely important. How pleasant it would be if both of them should rise up this very day and denounce this assertion that the Constitution is null and void in Terre Haute, Indiana."  
—Baltimore Sun.

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
"This incident was more than a forcible prevention of a speech by a recognized candidate for the presidency. . . . The Terre Haute method is that of the self-appointed dictator."  
—Christian Science Monitor (Boston).

" . . . the police chief of Terre Haute was willing, in the face of civil if not criminal liability, to order the arrest of Earl Browder on a fake charge in order to prevent him from making a speech in behalf of his doctrine!"  
—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

**MICHIGAN**  
"The habit of arresting presidential candidates on trumped-up charges is not one to be encouraged in Indiana police chiefs or any other authority."  
—Detroit News.

"Browder . . . is neither a vagrant nor an outlaw. . . . The only illegal thing that happened after his arrival in town was his arrest and detention incommunicado."  
—Detroit Free Press.

**MINNESOTA**  
" . . . The Terre Haute episode . . . denied an individual the right of free speech. The police power of local government also lent itself to this abridgement of a fundamental right by arresting Mr. Browder on a ridiculous charge."  
—Minneapolis Evening Tribune.

**MISSOURI**  
"Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, was denied his constitutional rights in Indiana."  
—St. Louis Star Times.

"Earl Browder is as much entitled to free speech as any major party candidate."  
—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

"This is a dangerous precedent, for if we are to begin using the law against our political enemies this country will soon be similar to Europe. . . . Mussolini in Italy used that argument and later Hitler pulled the same time-worn charge from his bag of political tricks for use in

by the candidate for the presidency on the Communist ticket."  
—Miles City Star.

**NEBRASKA**  
" . . . the arrest of Browder sets an unwise precedent . . . unjustified arrest becomes a weapon of national politics."  
—Falls City Journal.

**NEW JERSEY**  
"Mr. Browder . . . was arrested and lodged in jail on violation of his constitutional rights as a citizen. The behavior of the Terre Haute officials was tyrannical and un-American."  
—Newark Ledger.

**NEW YORK**  
"The arrest of Earl Browder . . . is a national scandal. . . . If Americanism means anything, if the current outcry by conservatives about 'preserving the Constitution' is sincere, there should be a nation-wide protest over this arrest."  
—New York Post.

" . . . he (Chief of Police Yates of Terre Haute) lightly made himself superior to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as, presumably, the fundamental law of Indiana. . . . the Communists . . . have complied with the law, have been recognized as a legitimate party, and have a place on the official ballot assigned to them. . . . they are as much entitled to hold public meetings and make addresses as are Democrats and Republicans. . . . It is to be hoped that few of us are ready to submit meekly to the haughty rule of even so majestic an official as the Chief of Police of Terre Haute, Ind."  
—New York Times.

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
" . . . orderly processes of democratic government are themselves done a great disservice by so despotic a proceeding as the arrest on vagrancy charges in Terre Haute, Indiana, of Earl Browder, the Communist candidate for President."  
—Asheville Citizen.

**OHIO**  
" . . . the Bill of Rights guarantees Earl Browder's right to speak anywhere in the forty-eight states he chooses. . . . The advocacy of Communism has not yet become a punishable crime in the United States. Chief Yates' tactics are those of a Hitler and deserve to be named as such."  
—Akron Beacon-Journal.

**OKLAHOMA**  
"There is something wrong with the Americanism of public officials when they attempt to deprive even a Communist of the right to free speech. . . . This is the right for which Thomas Jefferson fought. Acts of officials who are becoming less and less hesitant about trampling upon the constitutions

of both state and nation, are acts of dictatorship."  
—Oklahoma City Oklahoman.

**OREGON**  
"Nobody is much shocked any more at repression of minorities in Germany, Italy. . . . But when it happens over here we ought to be shocked. It's the Communists this time, so it doesn't matter? Well, the next time it may be the Republicans or Democrats if the thing is permitted to go on."  
—Baker Democrat Herald.

" . . . at Terre Haute an upstart chief of police has arrested Communist Nominee Browder . . . the publicity-seeking of a Main Street dictator."  
—Portland Oregonian.

"First prize for silliness in the campaign season goes unquestionably to Terre Haute, Ind."  
—Eugene Register-Guard.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
" . . . any weapon that may be used against Browder can be used against some other candidate—say a candidate for the projected Labor Party in 1940. . . . The guarantee of free speech . . . ought to be bigger than Browder or any chief of police, who doesn't know that freedom of speech means nothing if it doesn't also extend to the Communists."  
—Columbia Record.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
"Efforts to prevent speeches by Earl Browder . . . are not in accord with the American traditions of free speech."  
—Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

"The Terre Haute arrest therefore was manifestly in glaring violation of the American guaranteed right to free speech."  
—Watertown Public Opinion.

**TEXAS**  
"Stupid and un-American is the policy of officialdom anywhere in preventing Earl Browder . . . from speaking. It is not merely people who are on your side of a public question who have a right to say their say. . . . Dallas, upon one occasion, drummed Communists (or supposed Communists) out of town. We are not better than Terre Haute or Tampa. We ought to learn the Bill of Rights and preserve it."  
—Dallas Journal.

"Let us hope that officials in other cities will have better judgment than the chief of police at Terre Haute. Let Browder talk all he wants to."  
—El Paso Times.

"It is not an offense to hold radical views."  
—Dallas News.

**VERMONT**  
"The story of the imprisonment (Cont. on Page 6, Col. 2)



# SPAIN PRIEST IS DELEGATE TO AMERICA

## Madrid Will Not Fall To Fascists, Says Delegation

NEW YORK—Three spokesmen for the Spanish people, including a Catholic priest, arrived here last week bringing a message from the democratic Republic of Spain in its fight against Fascism.

"We have come to the United States to present this democratic people with the facts behind the present armed Fascist attack of the legitimate government of Spain, and to urge the support of the American people in the cause of justice and freedom," stated Isabel de Palencia, who has represented Spain on several occasions before the League of Nations, and who is president of the "Pro-Infancia Obrera" (For the Workers' Children) in Spain.

Her two companions on the unofficial diplomatic mission to the American people are Marcelino Domingo, president of the left Republican Party, and the Rev. Lus Salcedo, a Spanish priest.

"It is not true that the entire Catholic church of my country is supporting the Fascist rebels," declared Rev. Salcedo.

"There is a section of my church, the bishops and the upper hierarchy, who are supporting the rebels against my people. They stand for a reversion to church domination in the affairs of the state."

"There are, on the other hand, loyal adherents to the legitimate government, Catholic priests and leaders, who are cultured, literate, and advocates of freedom."

Why Some Priests Killed  
"Is it true that Loyalists have executed priests and burned churches?" a reporter asked Father Salcedo.

"Those of my church who have been killed in the fighting, were killed as any other enemy of the Spanish people, either with rifles in their hands or were found storing guns and ammunition for the Fascists in their homes," replied the priest.

"Once a person, whatever his profession or calling, takes arms against his own people he becomes an enemy and is naturally treated as such."

Asked the attitude of the Spanish government on the "neutrality" policies of other countries toward the civil war in Spain, Madame Palencia replied: "Our government respects the rights of other governments. However, we feel that France has in this instance made a mistake."

Nazis Aid  
"Another question was: 'Had not the Fascist governments of Germany and Italy intervened by sending arms and supplies to Franco and Mola, chiefly through Portugal, how long, in your opinion, would the Spanish Fascists have been able to hold out?'"

"We are absolutely certain that the rebellion against the legitimate Popular Front government would have been defeated in a few weeks time," replied Madame Palencia. "There is no question in the minds of the Spanish people on that score."

Another inquiry was: "In the event of the fall of Madrid, and further, should the Fascists defeat the loyalists, what would be the fate of the Spanish people? Would the Fascists exterminate many?"

"Madrid Will Not Fall!"  
Answering for the delegation, Madame Palencia said, grimly: "First—Madrid will not fall. The world has no conception of the morale, the determination and the fighting ability of the masses in Madrid."

"If however, Madrid should fall, there is still the biggest part of Spain in the hands of the Loyalists. The seat of the government would be transferred elsewhere—and the war against the Fascists would continue."

"Lastly, if such a thing as a complete Fascist victory of arms was possible—the Fascists would not exterminate any of the Spanish people—for there would be none left to exterminate. They would have died to a man, woman and child before a Fascist victory were possible!"

## Oil Companies Get What They Want

KINGMAN, Ariz.—Six major oil companies got what they wanted in Superior Court when Judge Speakman dismissed price-fixing charges against them.

## How Americans Can Aid Spain

1. Demand that the U.S. State Department lift the embargo on arms and munitions against the legal, recognized government of Spain.
2. Establish a working class blockade against Fascist Portugal which is supplying the Spanish Fascists with arms; railroad and maritime workers should declare arms bound for Portugal to be "hot cargo."
3. Protest to German and Italian embassies and consulates the arms and munitions being given the Spanish Fascists for use against the government and people of Spain.

## How To Aid Spain Republic Beat Back Fascists

What can American workers and friends of democracy do to aid the heroic defenders of Spain against the Fascists?

The Communist Party, U.S.A., calls upon all working people to support the Soviet Union's attempts to break foreign aid from Germany and Italy through Portugal, by demanding a blockade against Portugal.

By closing the door to arms against the democratic government of Spain, the blockade against the legal, recognized government of Spain can also be halted.

The Communist Party also calls upon American seamen, longshoremen and railroad men to spot shipments consigned to Portugal and enforce their own sanctions against aid to the Spanish Fascists.

Funds for guns, bullets, food, clothing, medical supplies to the defenders of Spanish democracy and world peace, should be rushed. Funds received by the Communist Party of California, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, will be forwarded.

## The Arrest Of Browder

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at Terre Haute is deeply shocking. The suppression of the views of minority parties was the road to power for Hitler and Mussolini."

—Rutland Herald.

VIRGINIA  
"The recent arrest of Earl Browder was (in) restraint of the right of free speech."

—Times Dispatch.

"Browder is entitled to a hearing."

—Newport News Press.

WASHINGTON

"The nation-wide campaign of red-baiting has gone pretty far when it results in the jailing of the legitimate presidential candidate of the Communist Party on trumped-up charges of vagrancy."

"This is America, a free country. We can't keep it free . . . by jailing presidential candidates just because we don't like their political views."

—Spokane Press.

"We are supposed to have free speech in this country. Browder had a right to talk."

—Aberdeen World.

WEST VIRGINIA

"To us his (Mayor Beecher of Terre Haute) is a startling concept of the right of free speech. We have always believed the right of free speech means nothing more or less than the right of any American citizen to go anywhere in the United States and expound any doctrine that pleases his fancy."

—Raleigh Register.

WISCONSIN

"When a Chief of Police can make the law to suit his purpose or twist it to please prejudice, there isn't any law."

"If the Chief can stop Browder he can stop Roosevelt and Landon."

—Green Bay Press Gazette.

" . . . the Capital Times contends that the arrest of Browder is a dangerous precedent. If the time ever arrives in the United States when a man can be arrested because of his convictions and beliefs . . . then the Constitution is nothing but a scrap of paper."

"You can rest assured that if the Browder incident at Terre Haute is ignored and condoned, that suppression of free speech will become more widespread."

—Madison Capital Times.

WYOMING

"This high-handed action violated the right of free speech."

—Cheyenne State Tribune

GARAGE MEN WIN

NEW YORK—A strike of 4000 garage workers, union members, ended in a guarantee of a \$20-\$22 weekly minimum wage.

# FIGHT GOES ON FOR UNITY IN LABOR IN G.B.

## English Communists Lead Drive For United Ranks

LONDON—The tide toward unity of the English masses against Fascism is growing even though leaders of the British trade unions and the British Labor Party may have thought that refusal of Communist Party affiliation at the Labor Party Conference on October 7th.

Under the heading "Unity WILL Be Achieved," the London Daily Worker, Communist Party organ, analyzed the conference decision and the future tasks of the adherents of the United Front in England, as follows:

"It is of the greatest historical significance that at the Labor Party Conference one-quarter of the total vote was cast for affiliation of the Communist Party to the Labor Party."

"Roughly the same vote has been given for all the vital issues that have so far come before the conference: Spain rearmament and unity."

Serious Decision

"Of even greater importance is the fact that every vote for unity was a vote given after careful discussion in branches and annual conferences, indicating that this was no scratch vote, no wangled vote by general secretaries manipulating bloc votes, but one reflecting the serious decision of the most thoughtful and active workers in the labor movement."

"In all the main issues before the Edinburgh Conference the minority vote has been cast as a real expression of rank and file opinion, representing the very section upon whom the chief daily work of the Labor movement falls in the localities and factories."

"The battle for unity has not been lost at Edinburgh. New powerful allies have been won. They represent the potential army that will soon sweep away the existing barriers and opponents of unity."

Fight for Unity Goes On

"They will now begin to force united action in the trade unions and working class localities represented by these votes."

"The Communist Party again advances the slogan of the unity of the labor movement."

"Unity in mass action against the National government, for the defense of peace and democracy, for practical help for Spain, for the ending of the Means Test and support for the Hunger Marchers and for the strengthening of the whole movement towards Socialism."

"If all those who stand for unity will fight along these lines, then the basis for working class unity will be built up and broadened out, unifying a wider People's Front movement against Fascism and war."

Demonstrating Unity

"The working class of London last Monday gave an example of how this unity is already being achieved in the fight against Hitler's ally, Mosley."

"The Communist Party did not launch its campaign for affiliation as some temporary tactic, a maneuver of expediency, but as a cause in which it seriously believes—the historical duty of the working class movement to close its ranks."

"That victory will come all the speedier if every worker with the cause of unity at heart joins the ranks of the Communist Party and helps to strengthen the only working class party in Britain which makes the achievement of unity its supreme political task."

## Protest Kidnaping Of Gelders In Alabama

SANTA MONICA—The American Committee of the Santa Monica Cultural League, M. C. Harrison, secretary, sent the following telegram to Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama.

"We look to you and hold you responsible for apprehension, conviction and punishment of the persons who perpetrated the kidnaping and maltreatment of Joseph Gelders. Our organization is devoted to the furtherance of patriotic, cultural and civil ideals, and as such we condemn this vicious and cowardly crime."

The Ku Klux Klan kidnaped Gelders.

## MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SPAIN

NEW YORK—Funds to make a second shipment of medical supplies to the Spanish people, were called for by the International Labor Defense, following shipment of the first supplies last Saturday aboard the S. S. Lafayette.

## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH MEN AGAINST FASCISM



THESE YOUNG GIRLS don't stay at home and cook while Spanish fascists threaten the end of democracy. They're right up there in the front lines. Photo shows Spanish working class girls behind stone barriers during a battle near Huesca, on the Aaragon front. Great numbers of girls shouldered rifles and went to the front in the life-and-death struggle against fascism.

## World Issues In Review

# Landon Promises U. S. Support to Fascist Nations

## Evasive Indianapolis Speech Also Favors Use of Marines In Latin America Despite "Neutrality" Talk

Wall Street and its chief war-maker, of San Simeon, Calif., will not have their man Alf Landon speak directly and openly in favor of aligning America with the Fascist forces against democracy, any more than they will have him say directly in so many words that he is for the open shop in industry.

But just as surely as Mr. Landon favors the open shop in private practice and public policy, so he wants to help the butcher Mussolini and the forces of Fascism inside and outside of the United States.

He made this clear Saturday night in Indianapolis. He also made it clear that he would not hesitate to send marines into South America again to carry out the aims of his imperialistic backers.

The Landon Version of "Neutrality"

Landon said first that he was for "neutrality" and for the use of "mediation" and "arbitration" in the settlement of international disputes. The Roosevelt government's course during the Mussolini campaign of blood and plunder in Ethiopia has demonstrated that "neutrality" is a way of assisting the aggressor by denying the means of defense to the unarmed, attacked nation.

But this disguised and limited help is not enough for Landon. He said in Indianapolis that Roosevelt . . . attempted to put the United States in the forefront of the sanctionist powers against Italy. His action made it probable that if war had come we would have been involved."

Roosevelt did no such thing. If he had done so, he would have aided democracy and peace instead of the Fascist aggressor. He would have helped to keep America out of war by helping to keep war out of the world.

Then what could Landon's "neutrality" mean? Simply this: "Give the Fascist aggressor a free reign. Let American munitions manufacturers reap a profit and at the same time strike heavy blows against democracy. This is the plain meaning of what Landon said in the weaseling vagueness typical of Fascism."

The Wall Street Program In Latin America

Now recall what the Liberty Leaguers want from Latin America. Landon is their man to help get it. They want to drive down American wages to be able to compete better with Japan for South American markets. They want more concessions in Latin America. Their man Landon is speaking:

"We have been accused of imperialism because from time to time we have landed troops in Latin America. The accusation is not true. Nevertheless, I am glad our troops are now all at home."

The accusation is true, unless imperialism is properly defined as "Wall Street Benevolence."

Why are the troops at home? Only because Wall Street is at present managing by diplomacy, by corrupt and subservient national governments, and by American-trained constabularies to keep the Latin American masses in check.

So Mr. Landon is "glad," but if his statement means anything it is an outright promise to back Wall Street again by American armed forces. And it certainly was not written into Landon's speech for nothing. It is a "go ahead" order for Wall Street to tighten its deathly grip on the throats of poverty-stricken masses at home and abroad. And again it has the typical vagueness of a Fascist speech.

## Socialist Stand On Spain Is Disappointment

PARIS—Failure of Friedrich Adler, secretary of the Second (Labor and Socialist) International to reply favorably to a plea for immediate action to aid the Spanish Republic forces, was called a "sore disappointment" by Marcel Cachin and Maurice Thorez, French Communist leaders who made the request.

Adler referred the letter of Cochin and Thorez to Chairman Louis de Broekere, for action on the latter's return from the British Labor Party conference, and only hinted that action might be favorable.

"Adler's letter was a sore disappointment to us," wrote Cachin and Thorez in L'Humanite, French Communist newspaper.

Vital Necessity

"We are still convinced that the present serious situation in which our Spanish comrades find themselves makes this meeting of the international workers' organization a vital necessity. We affirm the vital necessity of the meeting which we requested."

"Our pressure should be easier to understand, since the valiant actions of the Soviet Union has caused great relief in all the parties of the Second International, as the 'Daily Herald,' a Socialist daily, has declared."

"It seems to us that under these new conditions the united action of the two labor internationals in favor of the Spanish republicans becomes an even more vital necessity."

## Ethiopians Give Hot Fight to Fascists

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—Mussolini's "empire" in Ethiopia has yet to be conquered. An Ethiopian regiment under Bedjaz Abai gave an Italian division under General Geloso a stiff five-hour battle this last week at Mount Giabassere.

## Knock, knock! Who is there? Ann — Ann who?

Annual Ball of the International Workers Order at the TRIANON BALL ROOM 1268 SUTTER STREET SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Admission 35 Cents RCA Radio Given Away

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## ELECTION RALLY and ENTERTAINMENT

Speakers— LAWRENCE ROSS EDITOR—WESTERN WORKER RICHARD LUDLOW COMMUNIST CANDIDATE, 18th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ENTERTAINMENT and SKIT SECURITY HALL October 30th, 7:30 p. m. 3138 Grove Street, Berkeley. Admission 15 Cents.

# HAIL MOVE TO GRANT ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PHILIPPINES AN AMNESTY

## 12 Communists and Scores of Trade Union Leaders May Get Freedom on November 15th If Amnesty Bill Adopted

MANILA.—Announcement by President Manuel Quezon of his intention to grant amnesty to all political prisoners and exiles in the Philippines on November 15th, anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth, was greeted by the International Labor Defense, U.S.A., in a letter from Anna Damon, acting national secretary, to Quezon.

Quezon is embodying such a recommendation, it is reported, in a message he will send the National Assembly, which alone, under the Philippine Constitution, has the power to grant an amnesty.

Among the hundreds of political prisoners in jail, or banished to remote provinces, are 12 Communist leaders sentenced to long terms in the famous sedition trial of December, 1933.

Two members of the Seamen's Union, leaders of the 1933 May Day demonstration, are serving terms of infinite imprisonment for "resisting arrest." Unionists in Prison Convicted on charges ranging from sedition to murder, for participating in strikes since April 22, 1933, 21 men are serving terms from four years to life. This group includes four Manila taxi drivers framed on murder charges in 1934, whose death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment after the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review their cases.

Reactionary forces are fighting desperately to prevent passage of the amnesty bill, reports the People's Defense here.

The International Labor Defense is urging trade unions and their leaders, as well as other liberals and progressives, to send letters to President Quezon supporting this progressive move for amnesty of political prisoners.

Banquet and Dance NOVEMBER 1st 779 VALLEJO STREET Banquet Starts 6:30 Dance Starts 8:30 Sharp. Admission 35c. Children under 12 free. Auspices South Slav. Club.

## Mexico General Will Not Break Strike

NEW LAREDO, Mexico.—Governor Canseco's order commanding 5000 striking school teachers to return to classrooms, will not be enforced by General Jose Cavazos, head of the military zone in the state of Tamaulipas, it was reported here. The teachers have not been paid for a month and a half, and are protesting discharge of a number of teachers.

# HUGE! FESTIVAL ANNIVERSARY Socialist Construction In Soviet Russia

GUEST SPEAKER ROY HUDSON of New York Member Central Committee Communist Party, U. S. A., and National Maritime Leader

"ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM AND ANALYSIS OF ELECTION RETURNS" DREAMLAND SAT. NOV. 7TH Magnificent Floor Show Contest of Talent Soviet Exhibition Admission 25c Auspices: S. F. County Committee Communist Party

## WIND UP RALLY for the COMMUNIST ELECTION CAMPAIGN

DOVRE HALL, NOVEMBER 2 3541 EIGHTEENTH STREET Hear: BROWDER'S BROADCAST HIS FINAL CAMPAIGN MESSAGE See: LABOR ON THE MARCH Dramatic Movie Program: "WHO GETS YOUR VOTE" "MILLIONS OF US" "TRUTH ABOUT SPAIN" "BLACK LEGION" "BROWDER SPEAKS" MEET ALL THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATES



# COTTON MILL CHISELING ON ITS PROMISES

## Workers May Act To Retain Gains of The Strike

OAKLAND—Already the California Cotton Mills, recently forced to grant better conditions and a wage increase to its workers because of a militant strike, is starting reprisals. Although the agreement reached guaranteed no discrimination, the company has started a campaign of firing workers.

They have taken some of the older men and put them at impossibly hard work, forcing them to quit or firing them for "incompetence." One worker who had to lay off for a period because of sickness was put to work on the incinerator. Other workers have been laid-off for various reasons—but these are the more militant union men and women.

**Union Fights Back**  
Friday night the union voted to demand that the company abide by the agreement, or else it would take action.

Many of the workers in this mill have worked here twenty to twenty-five years, the women stopping only long enough to give birth to children. In one house a child of six was found taking care of a child of four and a creeping baby. Father and mother work in the mill, each making about fifteen dollars a week, and from two in the afternoon to ten at night these tiny children are alone except when a neighbor, herself overworked, comes in occasionally to look at them.

**Mills Breed Tuberculosis**  
The cotton mills in Oakland are of old fashioned construction, the machinery is old, but the employers try to get the same speed-up out of the workers as is done in the big eastern mills. Tuberculosis is common among the women. The air is full of lint and, for the sake of the product, a humidifier is used that keeps the air moist. It would take sixty-five cents a day more to steam if the windows were open—so they are kept closed, and there is no ventilation.

Through a militant four-months' strike, and in spite of little support from the central labor body, they gained recognition of the union, a ten cent an hour raise, elimination of free overtime. The workers in the mills are determined to maintain these gains, and will not tolerate the attacks being made on the union of the company.

**Gains for Bag Workers**  
The union is successfully organizing the workers in the California Bag Company in San Francisco. Here the girls have been underpaid from two and a half to four and a half cents below the state minimum. With the introduction of the N.R.A., they protested to the Labor Board, but nothing was done. Now that they are rapidly organizing into the United Textile Workers union, they have been able to get action from the Labor Commissioner, who instructed the company to pay the girls the state minimum and back pay. The company locked them out, but has been forced to take them back and has agreed to pay the state minimum.

# Teamsters and Butchers Strike Chain Stores

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN DIEGO—The Western States Groceries Company, Wall Street controlled corporation operating Pay'n Takit, Safeway and MacLary stores and markets, refuses to deal with its employees belonging to the Meat Cutters' and Teamsters' unions. Previously the company had agreed to recognize the unions as soon as they could show a membership of 55 per cent. At the present time 65 per cent of the men concerned belong to the unions and they have been compelled to go on strike as the only alternative to gain their demands.

At the meeting Saturday, October 17, the County Council of the Workers Alliance passed a resolution that members would not patronize any of the above stores until the company had settled fairly with the unions.

# Book Prizes for Correspondents!

Next issue we will announce the winner of the first of the new series. The winning article will be selected from worker correspondence on this page for this issue and the previous issue.

Hereafter, in every issue bearing the date of Monday, we will announce the winner of the previous week's contest.

Look through Page 7 of this issue and last. Which story, marked "by a worker correspondent," do you think should win? Then read next issue and see which the editors pick.

Every time you send a story to the worker correspondence editor of the Western Worker, write your name and post office address. You may be the winner, and we want to know where to send the book. We still have a copy of "Fatherland," won by a farm woman in Bonny Doon, Calif., but we don't know how to address it. All names and addresses are treated confidentially.

The next prize will be "Under Fire," the famed novel by Henri Barbusse.

Read the next issue of the Western Worker to see who wins it. In the meanwhile, write a story for this page and win a book yourself.

# Plan Articles On Insurance, I.W.O.

Starting with next issue, bearing the date of Monday, Nov. 2, the Western Worker will print a series of three articles by Philip Gardner, national field organizer of the International Workers' Order.

The first article will deal with and the racket that is practiced by the regular insurance companies in hoodwinking millions annually out of the American people.

The second, a week later, will deal with the International Workers' Order and its relationship and service to the labor movement and working and middle classes as a whole. The third, the following week, will deal with the I.W.O. in the California scene, including its present activities and its objectives accompanying the present membership drive.

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# MODEL UNIONIST



WHEN WASHINGTON models tired of receiving a pair of silk stockings for a day's work, pretty Peggy deMoll (of the Washington deMolls) organized them into the League of Models to demand \$10 for eight hours.

# WPA To Dismiss For Illness

LOS ANGELES. — In another desperate effort of W.P.A. administrators to throw out larger numbers of the men and women whose sole dependence is the scant wages paid, W.P.A. officials caused to be announced on projects an ultimatum which threw consternation into the ranks of these workers.

It was to the effect that no more re-work orders would be issued to anyone after an absence of more than one day in the two weeks work period. This means that an absence of two days or more in the work period means final dismissal, for any cause whatsoever.

Previous to this ruling an absence of more than two days caused dismissal, but with the privilege of re-instatement by making a trip to the main office where a new work order could be obtained by waiting all the way from a week to ten days, during which time the pay was cut off.

Under the new ruling many workers will stick to their jobs even if they are half sick, rather than be absent and lose the job. That this ruling is one of the most drastic and cruel of all the restrictive rules under which the workers have chafed, was evidenced by the murmurs of disappointment and fear for the future heard on the works after the announcement.

Thus, during an illness or death in the family, at a time when funds are most needed, a heavy penalty was paid in deprivation of the work privilege for a considerable period, often a week or more after the unfortunate worker was able to go back to work.

# Gov't Food Rots; Responsibility on Official of WPA

By a Worker Correspondent.  
SAN DIEGO—Fred Barnes, supervisor of San Diego WPA Food Conservation Project No. 2535, a tier-through negligence or deliberate intent, has permitted fruit and vegetables intended for the unemployed to rot. There is also evidence to indicate that he has WPA employees keeping his personal car in repair as well as the private automobiles of other favorites.

Two hundred sacks of potatoes purchased March 3rd with government funds were stacked in the warehouse and not issued until March 24th. By that time 80 per cent had rotted and were dumped. 100 crates of lettuce rotted in April. Ten tons of oranges bought with government money were also allowed to rot.

Such negligence should meet with the approval of those dealers who have always opposed the giving of food to the unemployed and who covet the nickel or dime they think some poor worker may have in his possession.

The constant repetition of cases similar to those already named; his lack of sympathy with the Food Conservation Department of which he has charge, and the misuses of Federal funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the relief of suffering caused by unemployment prove conclusively that Fred Barnes is not competent to handle the work of the project and the San Diego Council of the Workers Alliance of California demand his immediate discharge.

# No Peace For Alaska Cannery; They Have To Fight Again For Food

(The continued story of the Alaska Cannery Expedition of 1936.)

By An Alaska Cannery.

Everything ran fairly well for a week or so. Then butter began to appear in smaller quantities. The milk was getting thinner, about four to one. The fruit was being taken from us. When asked for an explanation of this, the delegates told us the government fish inspector, who pronounced the food unfit for human consumption. All this took place while we were at work.

We were told at dinner time what happened. A roar of protest went up. We decided to hold a meeting to thrash this out once and for all. We could not strike, since we wanted to hold to the agreement.

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By a Worker Correspondent.

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All the facilities of the Union Recreation Center Gymnasium will be made available free to contestants. Names of contestants are coming in now. What is important now is that alert brothers in every union actually see that their locals send snappy fighters to enroll now and get in training. Prizes will be given. Real clean boxing under the auspices of labor is under way. Let's go! Everybody help with a big hand.

# NEW L. A. UNIONS

LOS ANGELES—Carpenters 1125 (shinglers), Municipal Laborers 944, Retail Shoe Salesmen 406, are among new unions recently formed in Los Angeles as the organized labor movement continues its fast growth.

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# Shevlin, Drunk, Threatens Apple Workers

By a Worker Correspondent  
WATSONVILLE — Determined on a "rule and ruin" policy, Mike Shevlin, president of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, and a few of his henchmen prevented the announcement at the Apple Workers' Union meeting Oct. 20th of a Citizens' Protest meeting against the dictatorship of the Grower-Shopper Association in this area.

In the recent election only one vote for the Apple Workers was cast for Shevlin, so he came to inform the Apple Workers they are not a union. He conveniently forgot that he and A. S. Doss, equally reactionary secretary of the F. & V. W. U., accepted dues and initiation fees from the Apple Workers, instructing them several months ago to organize their local. Shevlin was not only drunk with power but very drunk with bum liquor.

# Dictatorship of U.S. Capital Still Exists in Philippines

MANILA, P. I.—Claiming they had discovered a secret munitions factory in the outskirts of Manila, Philippine army officials launched a drive against the Sakdalista, a nationalist revolutionary party.

Several alleged members of the Sakdalista Party were arrested on charge of arson and were being held for trial.

In May, 1935, the Sakdalistas attempted an uprising against the military dictatorship of Wall Street.

# WHERE TO GO

## Los Angeles

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# EPICS & AFGE BAND AGAINST SILVER SHIRTS

## Joint Meeting Hears Leech Speak On Fascists

ATSCADERO—The heat is being put on the Silver Shirts As a result of the tough shakeup being given these lovers of the "Hitler Clan" currently in the Western Worker.

After Mr. Leech's analysis of the Fascist menace to American workers, Mr. Froud, chairman of the meeting and member of the A.F.G.E., announced, "I am going to read something that concerns all of us. It may offend some people, and I first want to ask if there are any Silver Shirts in the house. I hope there are."

Mr. Proud then read the Western Worker account of the Silver Shirts' claims that the A.F.G.E. is a bunch of "Rotten Reds" who should be run out of town, that the "Jew Reds and Epics" should be whipped in concentration camps, etc.

Mr. Proud's declaration, substantially, that no organization supporting such despicable plans should be tolerated in Atascadero, was earnestly applauded.

What definite action is planned to stamp out this local outcropping of barbarism was not publicly announced, but the two labor groups are one in their determination to preserve workers' democratic rights and to rid this town of labor-hating Fascist bands.

After the reading of the Western Worker story, Mrs. Lightbody, Silver Shirt propagandist, and a director of the Atascadero Trading Association, arose defiantly and declared that she knew A.T.A. Manager O. F. Ashbury to be one of the Silver Shirts and that Mr. Ashbury was one of the town's "finest citizens."

It will be recalled that the Atascadero Trading Association is a co-operative which was organized by impoverished fruit and poultry producers, the leadership of which is captured by the Silver Shirts. These leaders, while administering the spending of \$76,000 of Rural Resettlement Administration funds, denounce Administrator Rexford Fugwell as a "Jew Communist."

# Won't Openly Admit

What her hearers thought about the matter can be imagined. However, Mrs. Lightbody was not able to face this group of honest workers and admit herself to be a Silver Shirt agitator. In fact, she tried desperately to cleanse herself of the stigma of Silver Shirt affiliation or sympathy. She denied everything except that Ashbury was a "Silver Shirt and a Gentleman."

Meanwhile there were Fascist sympathizers in the crowd, and these, after adjournment, moved from group to group, attempting to discredit the Fascist expose on the grounds that the Western Worker is a Communist paper and by attempting to misdirect the workers' attention from the local Fascist problem by finding typographical errors in the story.

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# Thanksgiving Dance, Druids Auditorium, Saturday, November 21. Conference for Repeal of C. S. Act. Please keep this date open.



# Compulsory Arbitration Idea for Maritime Unions Is Menace

## IT HAS MEANT LOWERING OF CONDITIONS

### Railroad Workers Handed Wage Cuts And Layoffs

WASHINGTON—A new danger to the maritime unions has to be stepped on, and quick, at that.

Advocates of a maritime mediation and adjustment board, patterned exactly after the ill-famed Federal Railway Mediation Board, are reported as planning to introduce measures in the next session of Congress for setting up such a board.

Advocates of the mediation board for the maritime industry point out its advantages—for the shipowners. "Amazing record for industrial peace in the rail transportation industry since these mechanisms were set up—not one major strike since 1922," is the way one advocate puts it.

One suggestion is that the railroad set-up be expanded to include the maritime industry. Under this set-up railroad workers had to take two major wage cuts, without a chance of fighting back, since 1929. In addition, since the law went into effect, over a million railroad workers have been laid off and nothing done about it.

The Federal Railway Mediation Board is a compulsory arbitration board, which means it is a virtual crime to strike without all sorts of finagling lasting anywhere from six months to several years.

## "Eat 'Em Alive" Neary Is Mum

LOS ANGELES — J. Stuart "Eat 'em Alive" Neary general counsel for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, was far from the belligerent master mind he usually effects when he appeared before the National Labor Relations Board last week in behalf of the American Potash and Chemical Company of Trona as twenty-four employees testified they had been fired for union activity, which was aimed at improving the miserable working conditions and raising wages in what is known all over California as the worst place to work in the state.

In the face of damning evidence of the company's anti-labor attitude, representatives sat silent, refusing to take the witness stand, claiming that the Labor Board lacked jurisdiction.

O. M. Simpson, assistant manager of the Trona plant, refused to take the stand and answer whether or not the company hired professional labor spies to report activities of union men. Nor would he say that it was true the Potash company fired all employees, on the first pretext offered who were members or even sympathizers of the Borax and Potash Workers' Union.

Neary, in his softest and most fawning tones, had the impudence to ask for a dismissal of the complaint. And he was just as softly denied the motion.

No decision of the local board is anticipated until the Supreme Court rules (or misrules) on the constitutionality of the Wagner Act.

## Fire Fighters Seek Pension

RICHMOND, Cal.—An old-age retirement pension plan is being sought by Fire Fighters Union No. 188. The fire laddies have the support of organized labor in general.

The plan proposed involves paying half the regular wage to a fireman who has been in the service 30 years and has reached the age of 60, when he shall be eligible to retire.

The pension would be optional to the fireman eligible, but obligatory on the part of the city when the fireman eligible demands it.

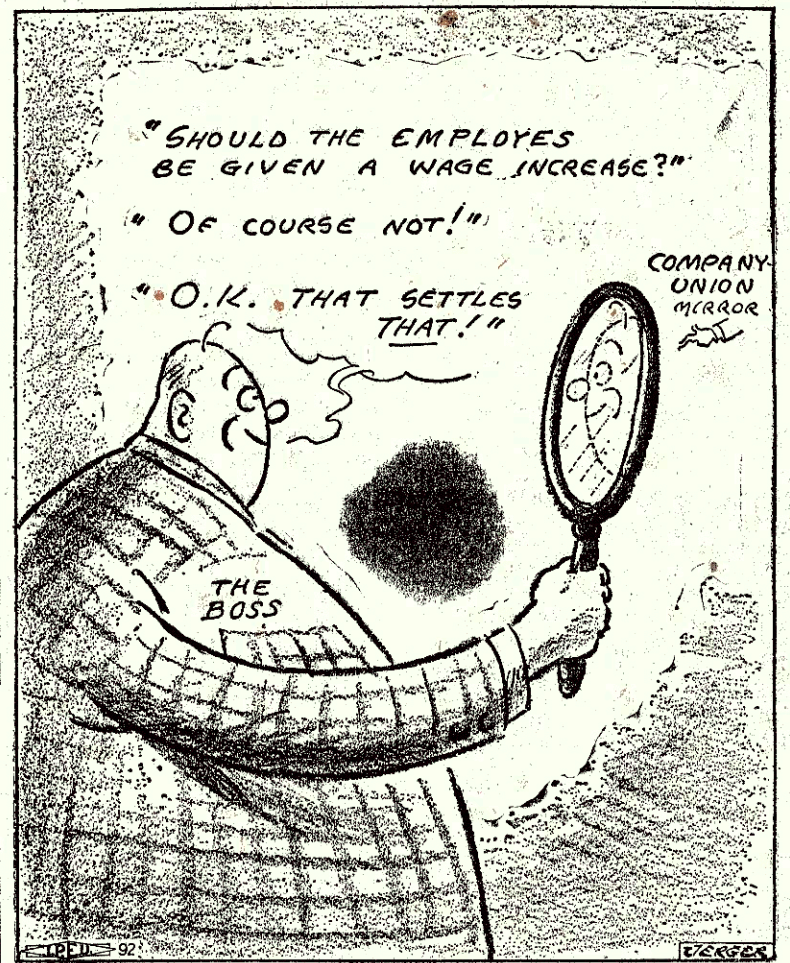
## CO UNION LICKED

WASHINGTON—The U. S. District Court here refused to grant the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad a petition for an injunction restraining the holding of an election of its employees.

## EUREKA PICKETS SOLID

EUREKA—Picketing of the Eureka Inn, continues by the Cooks and Waiters Union, which as refused to compromise; its demand for full union recognition.

## HOW COMPANY UNIONISM WORKS



## "Point of Order" (A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

THE spirit of Adolph Hitler is to be found flitting over most of the big factories in America.

It seems that the open shop corporations don't care what presidential candidate their employees vote for, so long as it's Alf Landon.

Working with the Republican National Committee, the National Association of Manufacturers has begun a fear-and-coercion campaign in the last few weeks of the elections.

In hundreds of industrial establishments employees are finding in their weekly pay envelopes notices "urging" them to vote for Landon.

Employees are supposed to get the idea. If they don't obey, then the next notice in the pay envelope will be that "your services are no longer required."

Republican leaders in Western Pennsylvania steel towns have checked the registration lists. When they find a worker who isn't registered Republican, they notify the employer, urging that steps be taken to "convert" him to Landon.

Communists are thus shown to be correct when they point out what Landon and his Hearst-Liberty League backers represent—the ideas of Hitler transplanted to American soil.

And the Communist Party is proven correct in pointing out the need for a Farmer-Labor Party, a People's Front to stem the fascist menace, and to put organized labor's own men in office so that democratic rights will be protected.

## Now Everything's Clear

Reporting for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce delegation which visited the Maritime Commission in Washington, W. P. Fuller Jr. said:

"We can assure you that we represented at no time either part of the controversy on the waterfront."

We are glad the junior Mr. Fuller said that, because otherwise the inhabitants of Norwalk (state hospital for the insane) might have thought the delegation represented the maritime unions.

## Trying To Slip Over a Fast One

Some open shoppers, and in addition one California official of a railroad brotherhood, suddenly got keen on the idea of an exact duplicate of the Federal Railway Mediation Board for the maritime industry. The Railroad Mediation Board was shown up in the Western Worker as a compulsory arbitration body, which practically makes it a crime to strike for better conditions, wages or hours.

Now the Salinas strike gives the San Diego Sun the idea of an Agricultural Mediation Board, along the same lines as the railway set-up. Proposals like this must put organized labor on its guard. To allow such compulsory arbitration plans to be slipped over would mean the beginning of the end for organized labor. The Railway Mediation Board was one of those Hitler ideas that beat Hitler by ten years.

## But He Can't Take It

Mrs. Glad Luckenbach, seeking a divorce and \$1000 a week from Lewis Luckenbach, shipowner, says his cruelty included his showing her cartoons from Esquire and the New Yorker. One depicted a young wife embracing a handsome man on a couch, while her husband stood by and said, "Why waste the young man's time, Glad? You know I'll never give you a divorce."

The laugh was on Gladys. But we wonder if shipowner Luckenbach can take it as well as dish it out. For instance, if someone were to show him a cartoon the Western Worker printed a few weeks ago on the shipowners.

## "Sportsmanship"

They may be "sportsmen" on the polo field, or on the golf course, but the big open shoppers don't really begin to know the meaning of the word. They're damned sore losers.

The Radio Corporation of America, in Camden, N.J., had agreed to negotiate with the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, if the union won an election in the plant. The election was held, and out of the 3163 ballots cast, the United got 3016. Only 51 voted for the company union.

Do you think the RCA stuck to its agreement? Can an elephant fly? The RCA reneged and claimed that most of the union voters boycotted the election, and therefore RCA could not recognize the victory for the United. And that's your capitalist.

## IGNORES MUCH CIO AND CALIF.

### AFL Council Is Mum Will Organize In Oil F.L.P. LEFT OUT LEWIS ASSURES

WASHINGTON—The A. F. of L. Executive Council's report on presidential candidates confined itself to comparing the records of Roosevelt and Garner, with those of Landon and Knox.

While the report made no definite recommendation, the record was worded in such a way that the inference was that the A. F. of L. members are urged to vote for Roosevelt.

An amazing thing is that neither Landon's record while governor of Kansas, nor his record as an open-shop oil operator are listed.

The record of John N. Garner, Roosevelt's running mate, shows him as having voted unfavorably on 16 measures favored by the A. F. of L., and favorably on 11.

The long alliance of Col. Knox with Hearst is also ignored. The question of a Farmer-Labor Party is ignored too, even though leaders like Gorman of the United Textile Workers have come out for such a party, and Labor's Non-Partisan League has formed a Labor Party in New York.

## Fish Cannery Out For Wage Rise

SAN PEDRO.—Wage increases of 25 per cent and better working conditions were demands to nine fish canneries of San Pedro and Wilmington by Fish and Cannery Workers Union, local 2147, here October 19.

The demands of the union if granted by the canneries will take effect October 31, when present agreements expire.

Over 3000 workers are employed by the canneries, the majority of whom are union members.

## Marine Engineers In Three Polls

NEW YORK—Two union representative elections demanded by the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association have been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

The votes will be taken among engine-room employees of the Black Diamond Steamship Corp., running coastwise and also out of New York to European ports, and Swayne and Hoyt, a Pacific Coast line with 17 sea-going ships.

A third election is now in progress among Lykes S. S. Co. engine room employees.

The MEBA considers itself sure to win out in all three polls. 45 out of the 60 Swayne engineers are MEBA members.

## N.Y. Dockers Visit Marine Board

WASHINGTON.—Representing nearly 1000 longshoremen employed by the United Fruit Co., five longshoremen presented to the newly formed Maritime Commission here demands, that ship subsidies to the United Fruit Co. lines be held up until the employees are given the right to organize.

Officials of the commission contended they had no right to withhold subsidies to the United Fruit Co. because of labor disputes with longshoremen, their jurisdiction applying only to seamen.

## Huge Furniture Co. Brought To Time By Coast Union

PORTLAND, Ore.—The second largest furniture plant on the West Coast—the B. F. Johns Co. of Portland, has been brought to time by the Furniture Workers Union. Local 1482 has a union shop agreement in the bag; 500 workers are covered by it.

Up in Tacoma 500 workers in the Gregory, Carman, Harmon and Northwest Chair factories have been on strike for the last few months. The Veal Furniture plant in Albany, Ore. is also shut tight by a strike.

## UNIONISTS HEAR HILL

STOCKTON — The union butchers and union painters here recently heard Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress, 3rd District, speak on his campaign, and received him very well.

## SCABS GET THE RAZZBERRY



STRIKERS IN BERSHIRE Knitting Mills, Reading, Pa., give scabs a grand razzing while state police stand present, itching to club the strikers.

## C.I.O. MEETS ON NOV. 9TH

### Big Organization Drives On Agenda

WASHINGTON—Members of the Committee for Industrial Organization will hold a joint meeting with the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee in Pittsburgh on November 9 and 10, John L. Lewis, chairman of the C.I.O., announced here.

According to the announcement, "special consideration will be given to advancing the union organization campaigns in the steel, rubber and automobile industries" and regional representatives of the S.W.O.C. will give the C.I.O. members first hand reports on the progress of the steel drive.

On A.F.L. Convention It is assumed that the C.I.O. members will also decide at the meeting whether to send delegates to the Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor and whether to discuss peace terms with a committee from the A.F.L. council.

The meeting will take place following the presidential election, it is noted, and members of the C.I.O. will be freed of their political activities and can devote their full attention to the organizing drives now pending.

## No Terror Stops Royal Co. Pickets

LOS ANGELES. — Stupidly fleeing to Vernon to escape labor trouble, but continuing to pay the same low wages as they did in Los Angeles and insisting on maintaining the same miserable working conditions, the Royal Dress Shop is still being picketed by militant workers who went on strike Sept. 8.

An injunction was granted October 15 by Superior Judge Ruben Schmidt, who is fast gaining renown as a labor-hater. The injunction restrains the workers from picketing any place in Vernon, which is for all practical purposes a company town.

Ridiculous Charges The injunction charges absurdly that the workers have threatened to kidnap the children of the scabs, with attempts to maim or kill, with intimidation and literally scores of other ridiculous charges, 50 pages in all.

Striking police bring the scabs to work in police cars and then spend the rest of the day, aided by what are believed to be company thugs, intimidating the workers on the picket line.

On October 15 girls were man-handled until their arms were black and blue by plain clothes men (perhaps company thugs) who refused to show badges or any other proof of authority.

## The CIO Drive In Steel Is Booming

CHICAGO.—Four new locals were chartered by the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in the past week. They are at Acme Steel, Riverdale, Ill.; Chicago Casket Co., Chicago; Continental Steel, Kokomo, Ind.; St. Louis Car Co., St. Louis.

Orders at Caterpillar Tractor in Peoria, Ill. by the boss are to vote for Landon and wear the sunflower.

## NO WELCOME FOR SCABS

### Wives of La. Rail Strikers Say This

SHREVEPORT, La.—Locomotives, cars and other equipment are being wrecked by scabs employed by the strikebound Louisiana and Arkansas railroad, it has been found by the four transportation brotherhoods who are seeking to enforce their contracts.

Not only are the strikebreakers, mostly gunmen from New Orleans, putting their own lives in danger by their incompetent train handling, but endangering passengers and other neutrals. In addition women's committees of the strikers' wives are making it hot for them personally.

At Winfield the women made it plain to the scabs that they were not welcome in the town. At Vidalia a water hose washed the scabs out of the bunk-houses provided by the road.

One union man who scabbed, V. F. Culbertson, is again on strike after an army of women waited on him in his caboose. He was so thoroughly convinced that he wired his resolve to quit to the company.

Traffic has dwindled to next to nothing as shippers sympathize with the men's side. The brotherhoods are merely demanding that the company pay the same wages and observe the same conditions as all the other roads in the country, under agreements signed by the company as a party.

Brotherhoods on strike are the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors. It is suspected that the L. & A. was picked by the major roads as a test case to break down the brotherhoods' hold. The L. & A. is controlled by Harvey Couch, utility and financial dictator of Arkansas, former Reconstruction Finance Corp. board member and boss of U. S. Sen. Joe Robinson, Democratic leader in the Senate.

## 'Tanker' The Scab-Herder Runs Away

SEASIDE — Exposed by the "Commonwealth News," and the screws put on his sort by organized labor, "Tanker" Smith, scab-herder, has had to skip town.

Smith, ex-con, set up company with the shipowners and began to do a rushing business in garnering scabs for the shippers.

Smith has gone to Tacoma, where he approached the police and offered to obtain stool-pigeons and scabs at bargain rates. The Tacoma I.L.A. local reveals this.

## "WE DON'T PATRONIZE"—IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—The following firms have been placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of the California State Federation of Labor and the Long Beach Central Labor Council.

The members of Organized Labor and their many friends are urged to withhold patronage until they display some friendship to the Organized Labor movement.

## A DEN OF SCAB HERDING FOUND IN S. FRANCISCO

### A Gent Named Otts Is Chief Herder There

(Reprinted From Maritime Worker.)

Will the shipowners use scab if and when they force a lock out on the waterfront? They say they won't.

But they lie! And this week the Maritime Worker throws that lie back in their faces.

A Maritime Worker reported, learning the address of a scab-herder in San Francisco, a couple of weeks ago conducted his own investigation. The results of his little "trip" out to the wanky residential district beyond the Twin Peaks Tunnel were: erewith print, in his own words:

In the Den "I took the street car through the Twin Peaks Tunnel. The address, I had learned, was 199 San Alesea Street, out in the high class residential district of the city.

"I found the place all right. It was an immense white, stucco mansion, surrounded by shrubbery with a sunken garden in the rear. I rang the doorbell, and waited.

"The guy's name was supposed to be William J. Otts.

"He answered the doorbell and turned out to be a stinky-eyed, suspicious sort of a guy. "I hear there's going to be some work on the docks pretty soon," I said. "How's chances for a job?"

"He asked me how I happened to hear of his place and I told him that I had heard down town that he might be in the market for a few husky guys one of these days. He told me he couldn't discuss the matter with me if I didn't bring references. But he went right on talking just the same.

Who Otts Is "He told me he was Secret. of the California Detective Association and that he had had lots of experience in this business. He said he was working in sort of partnership with Cecil Hitchcock of the Lowry Building at 14th and Franklin Streets in Oakland. He boasted of the men he had put to work during a strike at one of the Oakland Dry Docks last year.

"Finally we got down to business. He told me that he would pay \$5 per day for strong guys with plenty of guts. Board and room was thrown in if the business got 'tough.' Otherwise it was meals and transportation from your home.

"He told me I'd have to 'put in long hours,' but that 'work would be easy.'

"He said that right now, he didn't know 'how things were coming out' but that 'we are preparing a list of men who we can trust and who have plenty of guts.'

"After that he got kind of close mouthed and I left. As I went out I noticed a couple of guns hanging on the walls and a flock of stuffed animals' heads over the fire-place and all around the place.

"I never went back to get the job. "I just couldn't see myself parading up and down the docks as a wet-nurse for a bunch of lousy scabs!"

## TEXTILE UNION DEMANDS

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—A nation wide 20 per cent wage increase and a 40-hour week will be demanded by the United Textile Workers Union, announced union president McMahan.

## BIG AUTO UNION DRIVE

DETROIT—An intensive campaign for an industry-wide United Automobile Workers Union will be waged starting in November, union president Homer Martin announced.

- Chamness (Richmaid) Dairy Co.
- American Potash and Chemical Co., Trona, California.
- Strand Theatre.
- Iowa Barber Shop.
- American Magazine.
- Women's Home Companion.
- Standard Oil Company.
- Wilshire Oil Company.
- Economy Gasoline.
- Interstate Baking Company.
- Langendorf Bakeries.
- Banner Evaporated Milk.
- Morrel Packing Company.
- California Milling Company and products.