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ORGANIZED LABOR'S TASK--FREE THEM!

L STAUNCH E. G. Ramsay, Earl King and Frank Conner, as they leave for San Quentin, to start a five-year-to-life sentence. They amed in the Point Lobos ship murder case; a biased jury heard the case and d judge tried them. Will King, Ramsay and Conner have to serve their sen- though innocent? Not if organized labor exerts enough influence to free Get your organization to pass resolutions for their freedom—send protests to or Merriam and the Prison Board!

SEAMEN AID FLOOD RESCUE

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BAY LABOR TS EMBARGO AINST SPAIN

d Arms Be Sold To Spain To Fight cism; Spain Popular Front Govt. edges Independence to Morocco

AND—The Roosevelt embargo against shipping he legal, democratic Popular Front government of s branded as counter to the democratic and peace of the millions who voted Roosevelt into office nber, in a strong resolution adopted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council at its meeting last Monday night.

The resolution was introduced by the Tunnel Workers.

The resolution commended Rep. Bernard, Farmer-Laborite of Mnnesota, and stated that Bernard's lone vote against the embargo "expresses the true sentiment of millions of progressive Americans against the invasion of Spain by the Fascists of the world."

Copies of the resolution are to be sent President Roosevelt, Congressman Tolan, Congressman Carter, and Senators Johnson and McAdoo, and to the press. A letter is also to be sent Rep. Schneider, of Wisconsin, leader of the Progressive-Farmer Labor bloc in Congress, urging a stand against the embargo and for the right to ship arms to a friendly and democratic government.

MADRID—The Moorish people will be granted self-govern-

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WORKERS AID SPAIN!

Helps Skilled Get to Spain

ANCISCO—California o have wanted to go to help the Popular ernment fight against backed forces of Gen- , are now given that

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33 Holman s Are Freed

FRANCISCO—All but the Lee Holman thugs in last Friday's clash A strikers were released e Michelson on Thurs- he only thug held was Gray, who shot ILA Leary in the head and e car a gun was found.

17 TERRORISTS ADMIT PLOTTING WAR ON U.S.S.R.

Trotzky Told of War Plot With Nazis, Japan in 1937

MOSCOW—Death sentence for the 17 plotters was demanded Thursday by State Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky. After final words by the plotters Friday and Saturday, the judges will take the case, with a verdict expected by Monday.

MOSCOW.—Acting under direct orders of Leon Trotzky, who in turn collaborated with Nazi Germany and Japan, the 17 Trotzkyite terrorists on trial here admitted on the witness stand that they were ready to start sabotage upon break-out of a robber war against the Soviet Union by Germany and Japan this year, 1937.

Both Karl Radek, writer, and Ivan Kniazeff, former Southern Urals railway head, confessed this plot against the Soviet government, in addition to previous crimes of murder, sabotage and wrecking.

Trotzky's and Hitler's Orders

Radek said another defendant, Gregory Piatikoff, brought the war message from Trotzky.

Kniazeff said he gave information on the Soviet railroad system, which he obtained from another defendant, J. L. Livihits, to Japanese secret spies, and admitted that the Trotzkyite "Parallel Center" organized 1500 railroad wrecks in 1934 and 2000 in 1935, on Trotzky's orders. He confessed causing deaths of 63 persons. Three experts testified all 3500 wrecks could have been prevented.

"When I met 'Mr. X' (identified as a Japanese agent, one Hiroshima) later, he reproached me for doing nothing," testified Kniazeff. "He said people had to be trained to commit wrecking in wartime.

"He also told me to burn food trains and in October (believed 1935), 'Mr. X,' told me we might have to poison military trains with bacteria so as to infect the troops."

LEO GALLAGHER IS VINDIICATED!

Nation-wide Protests Compel State Bar to Drop Charge

LOS ANGELES—Leo Gallagher, famous International Labor Defense attorney, was cleared of disbarment charges here last Tuesday by the State Bar Assn. disciplinary committee after a militant nation-wide campaign by outraged citizens drew thousands of protests against the obviously framed-up charges.

Truth of Charges Established

The charges against Gallagher were based on statements he made in a letter to lawyers

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10 Released After Picketing Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO.—Ten workers who picketed the German consulate demanding a stoppage of Nazi invasion of Spain and aid to the Spanish Fascists were released when charges against them were dismissed on motion of the prosecution.

Release constitutes a virtual admission of their right to picket and a recognition of the general resentment against Fascist war-provoking acts.

With no authority, however, police and prosecution refused to return the banners used by the picketers. The International Labor Defense is pressing the demand that they be returned.

er $200 A Year Per Patient in Honda

ws" Doesn't Get Indignant Over That

FRANCISCO.—The "lib- Scripps - Howard News indignant, in what is ed a subtly sarcastic way r day, over the fact that Sun, a Chinese, spent years before his death ek in Laguna Honda. It that Ah Sin Sun was ad- in 1901, suffering from arterio-sclerosis. He was then 50 years old.

In its indignation at the fact, the "liberal" News lost sight of the ironic fact that the total cost to the city in Ah Sin Sun's 36 years at the home was $7000 —less than $200 a year, indicating the treatment given those at the home.

STRIKE ENDED, SEAMEN SPEED TO AID RESCUE

Rank and File East Coast ISU Members Answer Call of Louisville Mayor; Over 1,000,000 Homeless, 500 Dead

NEW YORK—Their gallant three-months strike ended, over 200 East Coast seamen have answered the call of Mayor Miller of Louisville, for experienced boatmen in flood rescue work.

The large group of rank and file ISU members are reported as already in Louisville, battling the flood waters.

Two radio telegraphers, ARTA members, were included in the group. Most of the volunteers left only with the clothes they wore; they do not expect payment.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The known dead in the Kentucky flood areas had risen to 200 by Thursday, with 133 of them in Louisville alone.

At least 12 prisoners in the Frankfort penitentiary are known to have been trapped and drowned.

Pneumonia and influenza are widespread in this state.

Over 1,000,000 were homeless in the entire Ohio and Mississippi River flood regions by Thursday. Over 500 were reported dead. Flood centers are under martial law. Both banks of the Mississippi, from Cairo, Ill. to the Louisiana delta have been ordered evacuated.

MILLION TO ASK F. D. OK YOUTH ACT

NEW YORK.—Delegates of the American Youth Congress plan to present Pres. Roosevelt with 1,000,000 signatures Feb. 20 requesting the passage of the American Youth Act.

It would provide aid and vocational training for unemployed youth between the ages of 16 and 25.

ALL BAY GEN'L MOTORS PLANTS SHUT BY STRIKE

CIO Hold First S. F. Meet In Steel Drive

SAN FRANCISCO.—The CIO and Steel Workers' Organizing Committee was holding its first mass meeting for steel workers of South San Francisco, at Fraternal Hall, Friday night, Jan. 29. Patrick J. Lydon and Wm. Dalrymple, CIO organizers, spoke.

OAKLAND.—The strike of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO affiliate, has forced the closing of all General Motors plants in the Bay Area.

Frank Slaby, local UAW president, said the closing was the direct result of the strike called here. Oakland thus falls in line with the workers of General Motors in Flint and throughout the nation.

Chief demand is for collective bargaining rights.

The union sought this week through the Superior Court an injunction restraining police from interfering with picket lines.

CAL. ELECTS TO JOBLESS PARLEY

Conference In L. A., In S. F., and Other Cities

WASHINGTON — Slashing of WPA rolls by 600,000 additional persons to 1,600,000 by June, 1937, is planned by the administration, Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, told the House committee on appropriations according to his secret testimony just made public.

Regional conferences in Los Angeles and San Francisco Sunday will elect delegates to the national conference of the Workers' Alliance in Washington, the date of which has been postponed to the last part of February,

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500 Celery Field Workers Strike!

SAN DIEGO.—Five hundred San Diego County celery workers walked out of the fields and set up picket lines at 11:00 a.m. today, in response to the strike call issued by the three agricultural unions here, namely Mexican, and Filipino; provoked by the employers' having broken off negotiations in which the unions based their demands upon union recognition, 40c minimum wage, and the eight hour day with time and a half for overtime.

The striking unions are the Union of Laborers and Field Workers of San Diego County, The Agricultural Industrial Workers Union of America, San Diego County, The Filipino Federated Workers Union of California, San Diego County. The unions voted unanimously in favor of strike ten days ago and have been waiting only for the call from the joint strike committee.

Phoenix Officials Adopt Plan to Oust Transient Workers

PHOENIX, Ariz.—A program for the deportation of transient workers has been adopted by Phoenix officials.

Chief of Police Morrison recently deported 200 after burning their poor shacks, destroying their stoves and cooking utinsils.

The Workers' Press Drive

OUR ROLE IN BUILDING UNITY CAN BE SAFEGUARDED BY DRIVE

THE Farmer-Labor Party movement is taking root in California. The People's Conference for Progressive Legislation is an important step in the direction of cementing the unity of all labor and progressive forces.

In Alameda County labor is 100 per cent behind the proposed labor slate for the municipal elections.

In Los Angeles an important bloc of progressive trade unions is rallying the support of the people for a slate to fight the incumbents and candidates blessed by Harry Chandler's "Times."

Every Communist in the state can well be proud of the role played by the Western Worker in awakening labor to the need for independent political action. But only a beginning has been made; much more needs to be done, and that in opposition to a powerful group of industrialists and financiers.

The Western Worker will continue to play an increasingly effective role in this important work of building the Farmer-Labor Party—but we must have a guarantee of continued publication for 1937; we must raise that $12,000 we set as our minimum goal, by March 1st! The various sections have been doing better work lately, but not enough.

We appeal to every county and section committee, every branch and unit, every Communist in California: look ahead into months to come; see the many opportunities facing our Party and the Western Worker to unify the people against reaction—and work as you've never worked before to put the Western Worker drive over the top with a bang!

BACK PEOPLE'S LOBBY STRIKE-BREAKER BILL

A.C.L.U. Sabotaged Anti-Vigilantism Bill of Parley

SAN FRANCISCO.—"The importation of the Holman gang into San Francisco to commit acts of violence and terrorism against the waterfront workers, who have conducted themselves peacefully throughout more than 90 days of strike, cannot be too sharply condemned by all honest people," declared A. F. Gaynor, speaking for the Northern California Executive Committee of the California People's Legislative Conference.

"The People's Legislative Conference fortunately has secured introduction of a bill in the State Legislature which would outlaw such gangs by providing strict penalties for transportation of strikebreakers across county lines.

"I urge all possible pressure on the assemblymen and state senators to get this bill adopted into law."

No, Calif. Leaders Meet Sunday

Gaynor issued this statement to a Western Worker representative.

The Northern California Executive Committee of the Conference will meet next Sunday January 31, in the Oakland Labor Temple to set up permanent organization.

All bills prepared by the Conference, which met with statewide representation in Sacramento January 16-17, have been introduced into the Legislature, reported Leigh Athearn, secretary, with the exception of five blocked out under Lieut. Gov. Hatfield's "skeleton bill" ruling the bill against vigilantism, and the bill giving certain rights and privileges to labor and political

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URGE BACKING SIROVICH BILL

Blast Press Reports That 700 Seamen Took Book

(All organizations and individuals are urged to call on the Congressmen in their districts to back the Sirovich bills to amend the Copeland Act, eliminating the anti-union features.)

SAN FRANCISCO—Press reports, evidently inspired by shipowners and claiming that 700 maritime workers had applied for Copeland continuous discharge books here this week, are branded as false by seamen's union members.

Pledge Adhered to

The latter state only a handful of licensed officers, and non-union seamen on tankers have applied for the books. The pledge by over 15,000 West Coast seamen not to accept the book is being firmly adhered to.

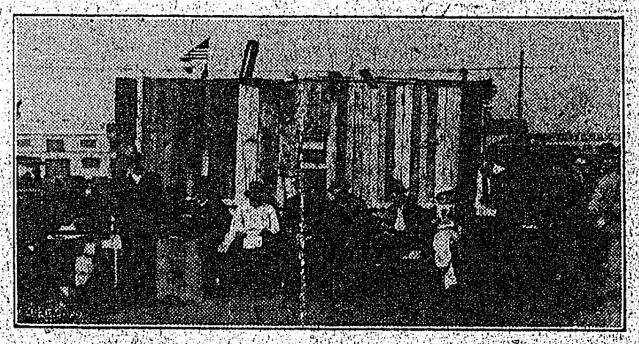
Reports from Washington quote Secretary of Commerce Roper as staitng that Joseph B. Weaver, director of the Bureau of Navigation, will resign soon, (most likely to accept a shipping company position). Weaver was instrumental in forcing through the Copeland Act.

Referee Upholds Conviction of Tom Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO—Upholding the conviction of Tom Mooney, Referee Shaw on Thursday recommended to the State Supreme Court that a writ of habeas be denied Tom Mooney. The State Court is expected to follow the recommendation, after which the case goes to the U. S. Supreme Court.

ALL SET FOR REFERENDUM OF ALL UNIONS!

Jurisdiction Issue, Checkers and Clerks Questions Agreed On; ILA In Big Victory In Employers' Concession of 6-Hr. Day



PICKET SHACKS on the San Francisco waterfront. Freezing weather didn't daunt these maritime strike pickets.

RANK & FILE TO REMEMBER WHO DISRUPT UNITY

An Editorial

The disgraceful spectacle of the Seamen's meeting held last Wednesday at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, called by Harry Lundeberg and J. E. Ferguson, will long be remembered by all those who hold the unity and welfare of the Maritime Federation at heart. At a critical moment of the strike, when the fight against the shipowners and the Copeland "Fink" Book should weld the strikers' ranks more solidly than ever.

Lundeberg and Ferguson (not the rank and file of the Sailors' and the Marine Firemen) were responsible for barring a delegation representing the Joint Strike Committee, headed by Harry Bridges, and also the Copeland Committee of the Maritime Unions, from the hall, although the purpose of the meeting was announced as being to discuss the Copeland Bill. It is not strange that the Examiner and Call-Bulletin, Hearst sheets, gloated, as the shipowners must have gloated, at the news, praying for a split in the Maritime Federation.

The arbitrary manner in which the Seamen's meeting was conducted, and the barring of the Joint Committee leadership from the hall, as well as of the licensed groups (radio operators, mates, and engineers) and members of other maritime unions, so disgusted and angered the rank and file that they "voted with their feet," the majority walking out of the meeting, including Marine Cooks and Stewards, Firemen and Sailors. The turmoil created was the direct result of the tactics of Lundeberg and Ferguson, who have been carrying on a red-baiting

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SAN FRANCISCO.—The way was cleared for waterfront peace late Thursday night, when the ILA and the shipowners arrived at a tentative agreement. The Coast Policy Committee had previously decided that when the ILA reached a tentative agreement, all striking unions would begin taking a referendum vote. (All other unions had already reached tentative agreements or were about to reach tentative agrements.)

Agreement was reached between the International Longshoremen's Assn. and the shipowners late Thursday night on the question of jurisdiction of work on steam schooners, and on demands of the cargo checkers and clerks affiliated with the ILA.

Together with the fact that the shipowners have conceded the 6-hour day to the ILA, this means that a tentative agreement has been reached with the ILA.

The agreement reached on the question of jurisdiction was that the men return to work on the basis of the 1934 award. Disputes on this question will be referred to the joint labor relations committee of union and shipowner representatives.

Checkers and clerks get a hiring hall, preferential employment and guarantee that wages and hours will be negotiated on their return to work.

The ILA wins a big victory in the 6-hour day (between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.) at 95 cents an hour, with $1.40 overtime after 3 p.m. Employers had insisted on a virtual 8-hour day, with relief gangs at straight time after 3 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO—Danger of prolonging the Pacific Coast maritime strike against the shipowners to one against the government was voted down here, where more than nine thousand members of the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation voted overwhelmingly in Dreamland Auditorium to refer a proposed resolution calling for immediate and concerted action against the Copeland (fink book) Bill to the Coast Joint Policy Committee for consideration and recommendation.

Dollar Line Holds Chinese Prisoners

Starved, No Warm Housing on Struck Ships

SAN FRANCISCO.—About 350 Chinese seamen are being held actual prisoners aboard strike-bound Dollar Line ships here. Hundreds more are being held in practically every American port.

They have not been permitted to land, because the Dollar Line has refused to post the necessary bond for each man.

The Chinese seamen are underfed and without warm housing, the Chinese Seamen's Union said in charges laid before Federal Shipping Commissioner Daly in New York.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OVER 7000 ORGANIZED JOBLESS MAP PLANS AT MEET IN L. A.

Big Struggle Ahead Against Threatened Layoffs on WPA, and For Adequate Appropriations for Relief

LOS ANGELES—Representatives for more than 7000 organized unemployed workers, under the auspices of the Workers' Alliance, met here January 24 in a country-wide conference for the purpose of drafting re-organizational plans, electing a permanent executive committee and to protest against the proposed slashing of the relief budget.

The conference declared unanimously in favor of protesting to Congress and President Roosevelt against the utterly inadequate sum of $650,000,000 already approved by Roosevelt.

Mass Lay-off Threat

Speakers pointed out that if this sum comprises the new budget it will mean that mass lay-offs will take effect almost immediately, with the result that thousands upon thousands of workers and their families will be driven into starvation.

The Workers' Alliance demands that not less than $1,040,000,000 be appropriated to continue the work relief program. And Alliance officials state that anything short of $280,000,000 a month expended for carrying on this work will cause inestimable misery throughout the country.

Protests against stifling discussion on the question of reducing the relief budget are being sent John O'Connor, chairman of the House Rules Committee, and Speaker Bankhead.

In laying out a three-month plan of work, the conference prepared for the fight to force Congress a bill for a permanent works and relief program.

National Conference

Plans are under way, which were formed by conferences held all over the country, to elect delegates to a National Conference for the purpose of dealing with unemployment and relief needs. This conference is to be held in Washington, D. C., late in February or early in March, and will be attended by large trade union and farm organizations as well as unemployed workers.

Pat Calahan, long known as a leader of the unemployed, was elected to the Organizing Committee of the Workers' Alliance; B. Daniels as president of a permanent Executive Committee, and Mrs. Brown as vice-president.

Midst Icy Weather in Orange Groves

ONE OF THE 16,000 men tending heaters in Southern California citrus orchards as the coldest weather in 15 years sets in. Wages? As low as the growers chose to make them. Organization is the answer.

SUPPRESSION, PERJURY IN MOONEY CASE

Attorney Davis Files Findings With Shaw, State's Referee

SAN FRANCISCO—Frame-up, suppression of important evidence, and perjury are charged against every one of the principal state witnesses, the district attorney and against police, in 25 proposed findings of fact, summarized from 14,000 pages of testimony on the Mooney case filed with Referee A. E. Shaw by Attorney George T. Davis, to be transmitted to the state Supreme Court.

The 14,000 pages of testimony from which the findings were abstracted were taken in the 13 months' hearing (recently ended), on Tom Mooney's application for a writ of habeas corpus.

Perjured Witnesses

Analyzing the findings, Davis asked the court to find:

"That Frank C. Oxman, John McDonald and Nellie and Sadie Edeau were in the employ of the district attorney's office during the original trial whose testimony referred to Mooney. That these four perjured witnesses not only testified falsely but actually perjured themselves.

"That Earle M. Ficket, district attorney, his assistants and certain members of the Police Department, knew these witnesses testified falsely, and actively conspired to produce false testimony against Mooney.

"That Mr. Fickert, his assistants and certain police officers suppressed and destroyed evidence which would have been favorable to Mooney had such evidence been known.

"That Mr. Fickert had and destroyed a detective's report covering Mooney's activities for three weeks before the bombing; on the day of the bombing, July 22, and for three days after the bombing until he was arrested, July 27. That this destroyed report showed Mooney was on the roof of the Elks Building, a mile away from Steuart and Market streets, where the bomb exploded."

Warehousemen's Union Scores New Series of Triumphs in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO—The Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 38-44, continues its successful march of organizing the unorganized.

The Union has just signed an agreement with five hide houses (Bissinger, Sumner, Struven, California Calfskin and Zackaramsky), granting 70 cents an hour for warehousemen, 80 cents for graders, a 40-hour week, a week's pay with vacation, closed shop, and seniority rights. About 50 are affected.

Coffee Houses

Hills Bros. Coffee Co. has signed an agreement, granting 75 cents an hour for warehousemen, 90 cents for weighers and roasters, $1.05 for foremen, a 40-hour week, week's vacation with pay, closed shop, seniority rights, and overtime on Saturdays. The same agreement will probably be granted by the rest of the coffee concerns, affecting about 300 workers.

In Heyward a meeting was held by 150 employees of the Morton Salt Co., who are considering joining the union.

Status of Drug Strike

The strike against the drug house continues, the men having voted down a counter-proposal by the employers. The men are sticking by their demands of $5 a day minimum, preferential employment, and reinstatement of six dismissed men.

Owens-Illinois Glass Co. has been given until next Monday to come to an agreement, or be tied up. The union demands 75 cents an hour and a 40-hour week, and no discrimination against Local 38-44 men when the new plant opens in Oakland.

The Glass Containers Corp. has already signed up.

The Union now has 2500 book members in San Francisco, 1000 in Oakland and 350 in Crockett. Its membership has tripled in a year.

CANNERS W BIG GAINS MONTE

10-Day Strike Wage Conces

MONTEREY — The strike of sardine canners of the Canners Union (AFL), ended last night with signing of ment. Over 1500 wo

The contract provid

1—Recognition of th Workers' Union as th bargaining agency fo membership.

2—Grant of wage concessions demanded strike was called.

3—Guarantees preve elimination against un bers in employment.

With the settlement Canners' strike, fishers won their strike last y turned to work. These of the Deep Sea and Pa Fishermen's Union ha to deliver fish while th workers were out.

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Urge Backing for Bill on Scabbing

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A.C.L.U. Sabotages Anti-Vigilante Bill

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On the Anti-Picket Repeal Front

SAN FRANCISCO—No one was amazed when Colonel Walter E. Garrison announced Wednesday that the vigilante-Associated Farmers' Assn. of California had resolved to oppose any measures in the legislature aimed at anti-picketing laws.

The announcement merely served to spur labor's determination to get the San Francisco anti-picket law repealed in the March 9 special elections. It had the same effect in Oakland, where organized labor is conducting a similar campaign to repeal an anti-picketing law.

Suspect Holman In New Thug Attack

SAN FRANCISCO — Morris Fishman, member of Miscellaneous Employees Union, AFL, and Culinary Alliance and of Local 4 of the Workers' Alliance, was kidnapped from Shirley Temple's day night on Hayes Street between Van Ness and Franklin.

Fishman's wrists were three plugs-ugliss using brass knuckles, then jumped out of a car driven by a fourth. Both his eyes were badly injured. At the emergency hospital later, four stitches were made to close a cut over his left eye, two more to close another on his head above the left eye. His face and head suffered numerous bruises and cuts and he was kicked and slugged on the body and legs. His glasses were broken.

Fishman recognized one of the assailants as having been seen outside the Italian Workers' headquarters on Howard Street. The attack was an immediate sequel to an assault by a Hearst Examiner reporter on Fishman in the Orpheum Theater. Fishman had told the Examiner seller he didn't want Hearst's publications, and the news vender attempted to slug him and was restrained by a policeman.

Conference on Anti-Nazi Boycott Sat.

SAN FRANCISCO—A conference and public meeting on the boycott of Nazi-made goods will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 8 p. m. in Scottish Rite Auditorium. The conference and meetings are under auspices of the Boycott Committee, United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

FLEEING FLOOD, L.A. TRANSIENTS IN DIREST NEED

Come From Drought and Flood Areas; Little Aid

LOS ANGELES—Hundreds of men, women and children, driven by weather, floods, and the effects of last summer's drought in the middle west, have been pouring across the state line into Los Angeles in the past few weeks.

Because southern California authorities have adopted a hostile attitude toward these needy workers and farmers, jails are full. Private charity agencies claim to be taxed far beyond their limits

Appeal for Program

The Los Angeles County citizens' relief committee has appealed to State and Federal officials, demanding establishment of "some kind of program" for the transients

The Travelers Aid Society reports hobo jungles filling outlying sections, and cheap all-night shows filled with homeless boys, seeking shelter

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration transient service was abandoned in 1935

It is feared police may demand another blockade against the transients

POLICE MURDER

Whitewashed by Jury

BRUTAL BEATING

SAN FRANCISCO—Coroner's jury has whitewashed the murder of Milton Elliot, 21-year old garage attendant, by San Francisco police, on Jan. 16.

Elliot's death, the jury found, was "due to excusable homicide by police officers while in performance of their duty."

Young Elliot's stepfather, who witnessed the police beating, thinks otherwise.

Attacked When Down

The beating took place at the garage of Joseph Bond, the stepfather. Bond and Elliot were having a dispute. Police officer Joseph Healy struck Elliot three times with his night-stick and then struck him again after he had fallen, Elliot died two days later in a hospital.

Elliot had been suffering from influenza and was down on the floor before he was beaten up by the police.

Bond denied his stepson had been "intoxicated", as police charged. Witnesses agreed Elliot was drinking a delirious state as if from an illness. Another officer Leland asked Bond at the hearing this week, "why didn't you call the police? He had been sick," Bond replied:

"I didn't have a chance to with Healy there. Before I knew what was happening they had struck him down."

MODESTO BOYS THANK THE I.L.D. FOR AID TO THEM

Fitzgerald and Reuel Stanfield Write

LOS ANGELES. — From the Modesto frame-up prisoners in San Quentin prison, letters by Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney, express gratitude and appreciation of the constant fight waged by the ILD for the guarantee of civil rights and liberties for workers.

Thanks For ILD

Robert J. Fitzgerald writes to Johnson, "I wish at this late period to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you for your untiring efforts in behalf of this expose. This expose does not only verify our insistence of innocence but also absolves labor of the assortment of terror in order to gain its objectives. . . . It also proves to what length corporate hate and greed is capable of, in collaboration with corrupt public officials will go in order to send innocent workers to prison."

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And Reuel Stanfield, another of the Modesto frame-up victims, writes:

"I know that your aim in life is not for self glory, but only to help the fellow beings. That unselfish willingness to turn this information over to others, instead of keeping it for your personal gains, only proves who the workers may trust.

"Well, brother, by that I could tell every worker of the world of yours and International Labor Defense's worthy efforts to help us workers."

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Copies were dropped on Fascist lines by government planes.

The proclamation urged ish soldiers to come over government lines as a sign of greater independence in oco.

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Mass Picket Threat In Demand for Relief Made

LOS ANGELES—Alarmed at prospects of an encampment of 800 East Coast seamen on their door steps, members of the Los Angeles Citizen's Relief Committee made a feeble gesture to secure aid for transient unemployed.

Urging the Federal Government to provide money for the thousands of transients in Los Angeles County, the committee adopted a resolution which read in part:

"Estimates made by those most closely in touch with the situation indicate there are approximately 3000 single men now in the county without means of support, and for whom no provision has been made for shelter and food."

The threat of mass picket lines in front of their building arose when Peter J. Innes, head of the East Coast seamen on strike in San Pedro, appeared before the Relief Committee and demanded aid for the men who, he said, would be on the streets in a day or two.

The committee definitely refused aid and Innes declared that "you'll have 800 men on your door-steps by Friday." At present Innes is awaiting an answer from State Attorney General Webb as to what requirements the seamen must meet to be residents of California.

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Call Women's Meet On Marine Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—On February 1st, ILA Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 is calling a Women's Conference at Scottish Rite Temple, 4 Page St., at 8 p.m.

It is an open meeting to which all women who are interested in the following are cordially invited to attend and discuss:

1. The issues involved in the Maritime strike. The Auxiliary believes are of vital importance to every woman who is entering upon the struggle, upon the outcome of that of her husband for a livelihood.

2. What the San Francisco women can do to aid the strikers and their families who have had to suffer many hardships as a result of the shipowners' determination to prolong the strike. Among other things, upon the matter of collecting warm clothing for the pickets and their families will be discussed.

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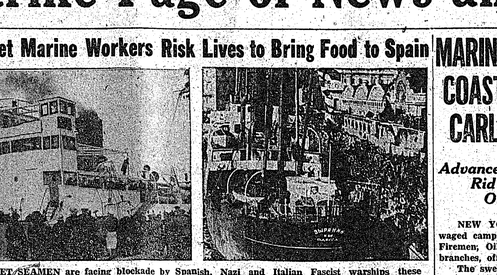
Soviet Marine Workers Risk Lives to Bring Food to Spain



SOVIET SEAMEN are facing blockade by Spanish, Nazi and Italian Fascist warships these days, to bring food to the people of Spain who are so heroically battling the Spanish Fascists, who are aided by Mussolini and Hitler. One Soviet merchant ship was sunk with all hands on board; many others have been illegally seized by Fascists. At left, Soviet freighter leaves Odessa laden with food for Spanish people. At right, a Soviet freighter arrives and is welcomed at Barcelona.

A SEAMAN DESCRIBES VISIT TO SOVIET UNION PORT

Great Gains Make by Longshoremen

Real Wages Gained Continually

A seaman, recently returned from Archangelsk, Soviet Union port, a town which he has visited repeatedly in former years, gives his expressions in an interview which is reprinted in essential parts.

"Anyone coming to Archangelsk again after shorter or longer intervals is struck by the rapid development of this town. Formerly a lumber town with about 70,000 inhabitants, Archangelsk is on the way to becoming a modern city and has already a population of 278,000. Seamen who visited Archangelsk under the Czarist regime still remember that the dockers in that port were seasonal workers from Siberia who, at best, lived in barracks. But only a few were favored thus. The most of them had no dwelling place whatever and slept off the ships, in the holds and on deck.

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LEGISLATURE INVESTIGATES MODESTO SOON

Starts About February First; Result of Pressure

SACRAMENTO.—A State Assembly investigation of the Modesto Standard Oil frameup of eight maritime union men will start about February 1, it was announced today.

The Assembly voted the investigation, 46 to 26, after Standard Oil lobbyists had made vain attempts to kill the measure.

Cleary Tries to Halt It

District Attorney Leslie Cleary of Stanislaus County, accused of suborning perjury that doomed the eight innocent men to prison, himself appeared before the assembly in an effort to prevent the probe.

A committee of five, probably headed by Assemblyman Jack Tenney of Inglewood, who introduced the resolution, is expected to start hearings early in February.

The investigation comes as the result of a confession by James Scrudder, chief prosecution witness, that the defendants were framed—that he lied at the Modesto trial in 1935 and was told to lie by Cleary.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, John O'Connell, secretary of the State Industrial Union Council and other prominent labor officials joined the fight in the Assembly to get the probe.

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Advance Another Big Step In Move to Rid International Seamen's Union Of Reactionary Strikebreakers

NEW YORK—Advancing another big step in their bitterly waged campaign to rid the ISU, of corrupt officials, the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders, one of the three constituent branches, officially expelled its entire former leadership.

The sweeping action was taken at a membership meeting of the M. F. O. W. at its New York headquarters, 215 Tenth Ave. The union has jurisdiction over all ports along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

Those expelled were Oscar Carlson, former secretary, ousted from office during union elections last June; Nils Anderson, former chairman; Ernest Mikland, former treasurer; John Barry, Patrick Keane, and James H. Brown, the latter three former trustees.

Guilty of Strikebreaking

Carlson was found guilty of recruiting "finks" from Cleveland, Ohio, and bringing them East to replace striking seamen.

All former officers were charged with having failed to fulfill their duties and of having connived in court to the regular elections of last June, instead of settling the issue within the union as the constitution provides. They were all defeated.

Jerry King, one of the militant young leaders of the union, presided at the meeting which expelled the corrupt group. Attending were Frederick C. Phillips, and Moe Byne, both elected last June as secretary and treasurer respectively.

The entire Atlantic-Gulf membership of the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders Union had been solidly on strike along the Eastern seaboard since November.

union comprises some 3,000 men.

Speaking slowly, giving full meaning to his words, Rathborne told of the conditions for the future: "There is a potential membership of over 200,000 men in the maritime field which an industrial union could organize."

Reporters commented favorably on west coast negotiations now in progress and predicted an early settlement. The ranking strike file on the Coast, is soft and deeply appreciate the display of solidarity that first the captain's mast, keeping ship's books and doing engineering chores in their "spare" moments, all for $60 to $80 a month. Organization of the new union on an extra man was placed aboard each ship, discrimination against members stopped. The unlicensed men won an 8-hour day, recognition as officers with the elimination of overtime work, more favorable working conditions, and minimum pay of $120 to $130 a month. Most of these gains were won during the 1934 strike when 40 steamship companies were forced to sign with the union. Today the national

RATHBORNE TELLS ARTA STRUGGLES

Back East to Head Union, He Shows Gains Made

NEW YORK—Mervyn Rathborne has arrived in New York to take over his duties as vice-president of the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn. No svivel chair leader is this blond 31-year-old 185-pounder who comes from San Francisco, where he was secretary-treasurer of the bay area district council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. He was elected in October, but the strike has kept him on the coast until recently.

Seated in his small office in the Marine Bldg. in downtown Manhattan, Rathborne stopped punching out a letter on his portable typewriter to tell how he was blacklisted by West Coast shipowners for his successful efforts in organizing Commercial Radiomen's Protective Assn. back in 1930 and '31.

Pioneer for ARTA

"The main job ahead is getting to organization at first," he said, "but by the time we merged with the ARTA we had about 400 members. The ARTA was organized on the East Coast in 1934," he explained. For Rathborne's present job is to extend this field, shipowners kept him out of a job for three years.

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Glass Strikers Blast Fink Book

TOLEDO—Striking Flat Glass workers at the Owens Ford plant here voted a resolution to Congress condemning the Byrnes Bill, Books, and calling on all other Flat Glass locals to pass and send similar resolutions to Congress.

Enslavement of the seamen through the continuous discharge book checklist was hailed as a step to enslavement of all workers, the Flat Glass workers agreed.

THE POSITION OF THE MARINE FIREMEN IN THE MARITIME STRIKE ON THE WEST COAST

By WILLIAM BAILEY
Publicity Committee, Marine Firemen's Strike Committee
(Written as a Press Release)

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Govt. Denies Relief To Strikers In Ore

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On receipt of a dispatch from Washington quoting federal officials as saying that participation in the maritime controversy must look to their respective states for aid, Paul Hutchinson executive secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, said: "I feel that anybody who is hungry should be fed."

He said, the Oregon delegation in Congress and WPA administrator Harry Hopkins had been approached for aid to allocate funds.

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Grand Jury Meets On Modesto Case

MODESTO — The Stanislaus County Grand Jury convened here Thursday, Jan 28, to hear charges of the Modesto Defense committee calling for the indictment of District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary and officials of the Standard Oil Company on charges of suborning perjury.

Taken to Modesto Thursday morning from a San Francisco bank vault were eighteen dictaphone records of the testimony of James Scrudder, chief Standard Oil stool pigeon witness in the two only convictions in the frameup of nine union men during the tanker strike of 1935.

In the confession, made before several witnesses and phonographically recorded, Scrudder declared that he was in the pay of Standard Oil Company through Police Captain George Healy and Officers Harry Majors and John Unger of San Francisco.

Ralph O. Marron, deputy of State Attorney General U. S. Webb and prosecutor of the Santa Rosa frameup in the recent tar and feathering case, was assigned by Webb to attend the Modesto hearing for informational purposes.

Scrudder will be called by the Grand Jury when all the witnesses and hearers at the time his confession was recorded. They are Herman Stuyvelaar, secretary of the Modesto Defense Committee; H. Christoferson, San Pedro agent of the Sailors' Union, and Mrs. Ethel Williams Briggs and Harry Magee.

Cal Elects To Big Jobless Conference

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exact time to be announced later.

The Southern California conference will be held at Symphony Hall, 232 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles.

The conference in San Francisco, which takes in the peninsula and Santa Clara County, will be held at the Building Trades Auditorium, 14th and Guerrero Streets.

The third state conference was held Sunday, January 24, in Oakland, with 75 delegates attending from AFL trade unions, the Social Service Association, Union of Professional Workers, and locals of the Workers' Alliance. Several trade unions and the Alameda County Central Labor Council were represented.

George Beers, member of the Workers' Alliance Executive Board in Alameda County was elected as the delegate to Washington. Roy R. Nottz, also active in Alameda County, was threatened to kill the man at the Labor Relations Board hearing on holding new elections in the ISU.

Rank and file leaders charge that the reactionary officials signed unauthorized agreements with the shipowners, and that those officials no longer represent the members, having been replaced by trustees temporarily elected by the majority of the members.

On Wednesday the American Federation of Labor offered to try to settle the question as

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Trotzkyism: Synonym for Degeneracy

THE MASSES of workers, peasants and intellectuals in the Soviet Union are seething with indignation at the confessions of murder, treason and Fascist alliances by the 17 members of the Trotzkyite "parallel center" now on trial in Moscow.

These degenerates, working under direction of Leon Trotzky, based their hopes of coming to power on hastening a foreign military attack against the Soviet Union, they promised to open the gates of the Soviet Union to foreign capital, offering concessions of mines, forests, factories and fisheries to their Fascist allies. On Trotzky's direct orders, these agents of Fascism planned and carried out explosions in basic industrial plants and plotted the wholesale annihilation of workers.

The dreams of Trotzkyite-Fascists of dismembering the U.S.S.R. and restoring capitalism are ridiculous and stupid—the vaporings of diseased minds—but they are dangerous in their role of agents of Fascism's allies, within the Soviet Union, of those aggressive and desperate forces awaiting the first favorable opportunity to sink their fangs into victorious Socialist economy!

This is realized by the Soviet peoples; this is why the entire Soviet Union is being swept by a wave of indignation against and contempt of these Trotzkyites!

This, too, is the role of the Trotzkyites now masquerading as Socialists within the Socialist Party in this country—revealed in attacks against the Soviet Union, alliances with the shipowners in raving against trusted labor leaders such as Harry Bridges, sabotage against working class aid to the heroic Spanish workers and peasants fighting against Fascist invaders!

Harry Chandler Wails

LOS ANGELES open-shoppers are horror-stricken at Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, as witness their chief spokesman, the L. A. Times. Harry Chandler, mouthpiece of the reactionary, anti-labor moguls of the "City of Angels," lists the outrageously pro-labor planks in the tentative platform and cites as the most insulting the demand "for a 100 per cent union town in Los Angeles."

Not only these reactionaries' opposition the right of labor to organize and strike is Oh, yes! Not as long as "organization and striking do not interfere with the rights of others to be independent of control and to work instead of strike." That is, it's okay to have the right to strike, but there must also be the right to break strikes.

The need for the action taken by Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections is eloquently attested to by the rage of the L. A. Times at the action. The Times gang try to confuse the issue by drawing the well-known and rather shopworn red herring across the trail. Lurking in the background, they declare "is the threat of socialization of industry and the distribution of wealth." The Times intimates that the whole thing is a Communist plot for revolution and evil.

We do not think organized labor will be fooled by this smoke screen thrown up by the open-shoppers. "Los Angeles is literally at the crossroads," Harry Chandler and his cronies shout.

Yes, and the road the people will take, with organized labor as the driving force, will be the road to a 100 per cent union town—the road to the redemption of Los Angeles from the tentacles of the open-shop octopus known as the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

Long Beach Labor Needs A Broom

THE MESS of graft and corruption unearthed by the anti-industrial unionism maneuver by Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News and candidate for president of the Long Beach Labor Council, calls for a swift cleanup by the rank and file of organized labor. The fat has been put on the fire by James C. Coulter, financial secretary of the Long Beach local of the Oil Workers' Union, who resents the presentation of a Central Labor Council slate by Fletcher composed of all craft union nominees.

Most interesting of the revelations is that the many full-page anti-Communist advertisements appearing in the Long Beach Labor News had been paid for by oil companies which had been solicited in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, without the union, or, according to Coulter, its officials, knowing anything about it. Other revelations which should make the rank and file of organized labor sit up, take notice, and start wielding the big broom, were the Labor News' collection of Christmas funds for unemployed oil workers and their families—not one cent of which ever reached an oil worker, and the same newspaper's collection of funds for Labor Day expenses—which were never used for that purpose.

We are glad that Mr. Coulter has brought these facts to light. But Mr. Coulter alone will never be able to clean up the mess. Only action by the rank and file of organized labor can do it. We trust they will go to it.

Modesto Committee on the Job

WITH THE first half of the legislative session over, the Modesto Investigating Committee, headed by Assemblyman Tenney, is on the job. And the propagandists for the Standard Oil Company are also on the job.

Typical of the anti-labor propaganda on the Modesto case are the comments of the Sacramento "Union"—a newspaper read by most legislators. This paper declares that the files of the case reveal that "in every appeal, the convicted men lost and the courts decided there was no irregularity about their conviction, and no miscarriage of justice." Again, later: "The way to settle strikes is not with dynamite but by arbitration."

The Sacramento "Union" must believe that its readers are unusually gullible and naive, to take for granted that just because an appeal court has upheld a conviction of labor organizers they are guilty. Every man and woman in California and throughout the country who is not prejudiced, and knows the facts of the case, knows, for example, of Tom Mooney's innocence. And there are others, many others who have been framed by lower and higher courts for their labor activities!

Assemblyman Tenney, speaking at the People's Legislative Conference declared that labor must not pay too much attention to agitators' speeches, but watch carefully how these legislators vote, how they act. We have reason to believe Tenney's sincerity,—and we believe that his investigation will convince him of the foulness of the Modesto frame-up, and that he will act accordingly, whether or not the rest of the committee agrees with him.

The Growers Are Preparing

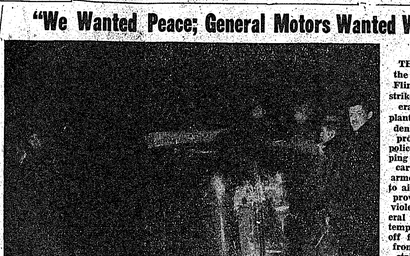
LARGE GROWERS of Sonoma County, which share with Imperial Valley the "distinction" of instigating more lynch activity than any other county in the state, are prepared to resist any attempt which will be made this year to organize agricultural workers. Through the newly-formed Associated Farmers of Sonoma County, Inc., they openly declare their intention is to prevent organization.

How these large growers intend to prevent organization is not a matter for speculation. The tarring and feathering of workers in that county is well known. And there is no doubt that every union organizer who penetrates Sonoma County will immediately be labeled "red" and run out, if not lynched—if the Associated Farmers, Inc., has its way.

In view of these preparations, and similar moves in other agricultural areas, what has the State Federation of Labor done to organize the agricultural workers? The last state convention called for the establishment of a State Council to aid in the organization of these workers. But so far this Council has not been set up.

Why the delay? The large growers throughout the state are preparing to resist organization of the workers. Now is the time for the State Federation to act. There are more than 225,000 unorganized agricultural workers in California, who are looking to the State Federation of Labor for action.

"We Wanted Peace; General Motors Wanted War"



THAT WAS the slogan of Flint sit-down strikers in General Motors plants. An incident in clash provoked by police was tipping over of this car carrying armed deputies to aid those who provoked the violence. General Motors attempted to shut off food supplies from sit-down strikers and police poked in tear gas guns.

The Tasks in California Following The Elections

TO ALL COUNTIES, SECTIONS, UNITS, AND BRANCHES.
Dear Comrades:

Following upon your discussion of Browder's Report, the outline for which you have already received, a second discussion should be held, based upon our political perspectives in California and the organizational functioning of our Party in the counties, sections, units, and branches. The material for this is attached, and may be supplemented in the various sections by local problems. Organize a thorough discussion in the County or Section committee, and in the units and branches. Inform us as to the results of the discussion, the problems you have taken up, and your political objectives. Send in articles covering these questions to the discussion column to be opened in the Western Worker.

Comradely yours,
State Executive Committee, Communist Party.

TASKS IN CALIFORNIA FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS

Reflecting the sentiments of the American people nationally, California joined in the Roosevelt landslide in the November elections. But already since then we have seen evidences that the reactionaries are fully prepared to give life to their role, as the independent struggle for social security, on both the economic and political fronts.

Showing a solid front and a determined stand against the shipowners, the splendid struggles of the maritime workers are Labor's answer to the drive to smash the trade unions and lower the standard of living of the workers. Among the unemployed, there was an immediate response to Roosevelt's post-election plan to slash the WPA—under the leadership of the Workers' Alliance, thousands of workers on labor and cultural projects demonstrated, picketed, and even struck, all-over the state in the most comprehensive unemployed fights California has witnessed in many years. Equally significant are the recent developments on the political field, concrete evidence that our state is also not surely moving in the direction of a Farmer-Labor Party. Specifically, these developments are:

PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: A united front of trade unions, liberal and progressive forces mobilized around the need for social and labor legislation in California, at the January 16-17 conference in Sacramento resulted in the adoption of a series of bills to be introduced at the State Legislature (C.S. Repeal, anti-Vigilantism, amendment to the Unemployed Reserves Acts, etc.); the election of a representative state executive committee; the election of a legislative representative to push the conference bills amongst the members of both houses of legislature; and a decision that a full executive meeting at the end of the legislative assembly session should consider the best means of protecting the people's interest in state, county, and municipal politics.

LOS ANGELES MUNCIPAL ELECTIONS: A conference of trade unionists, the Labor and Painters' District Council, has set up a permanent executive committee, adopted a tentative slate of progressive candidates for the coming elections in Los Angeles, and has gone on record in support of the People's Legislative Conference, and delegated Van Winkle of the Carpenters' District Council as a member of the executive committee of the Legislative Conference and a delegate to the Los Angeles Conference, to represent them there.

OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: The Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, a conference of trade unions, will nominate a labor slate, backed by the Central Labor Council, in the coming Oakland Elections. This group is clearly bringing forward the independent political role of labor, and has steered clear of entanglements with the old capitalist political parties by refusing requests of the Democratic Party to endorse their candidates, and limiting candidacies on the labor slate to men and women who are members of trade unions.

TRADE UNION RESOLUTIONS: The ILA, 38-79 after the report of a special investigating committee, have endorsed the Farmer-Labor Party movement and Labor's Non-Partisan League, and issued a statement to this effect. Scores of other trade unions and progressive organizations have taken similar actions.

It cannot be forgotten that the growth in membership, influence, and prestige of the Communist Party in California has had a considerable effect on the economic struggles and political movements in this state. The activities of the Communists in trade unions and other organizations, the distribution of the Western Worker, and the use of Party literature and leaflets has been educational as well as an organizational force in the fight for social security and a Farmer-Labor Party.

THE TASKS OF THE PARTY

IN SUPPORT OF SPAIN, our Party organization must immediately take an active part. In addition to finances, medical aid, clothes, etc., the slogan of the Party is, "Keep Hitler's Bloody Hands Off Spain," and carry on a special campaign for immediate embargo upon government lift the embargo on the shipment of munitions to the legal Spanish government. All democratic, anti-fascist forces must be rallied in the defense of the legal government of Spain, which is the surest means today uniting in the fight for Peace, Cooperation with the American League vs. War and Fascism, issuing leaflets, initiating picket lines and demonstrations, petitions, resolutions for the embargo, etc., are some of the methods to be considered.

In the trade union field the following measures are essential: widest support for the Maritime strike in the ports of entry, will give a tremendous impetus to the entire labor movement; fighting against every effort to use the extension of the WPA, and closer attention to the building of the Workers' Alliance, and establishing-its prestige among the trade union; support for the campaign to organize thousands of agricultural workers in California on the basis of the resolution passed by the State Federation of Labor; to this end, support the struggles of the agricultural workers (strike of lettuce workers in Salinas and cannery workers in Stockton) and the progressive role of the agricultural workers' delegates to the 5th AFL Convention show the importance of the part that they can play in the labor movement, especially in California where they are a tremendous factor in the economic life of the state.

THE FARMER-LABOR PARTY: Our next step in this direction, depending upon each committee, unit and branch must consider as follows:

1. Development of mass campaigns around the People's Legislative Conference—supporting the work of the state executive committee, securing further affiliations, popularizing the program of special Labor legislation.

2. Bringing pressure to bear upon progressive legislators for the formation of a progressive bloc in the State Legislature, to work with and push the bills adopted by the People's Conference.

3. Wide publicity for the labor slates in Oakland and Los Angeles as a means of further stimulating further actions of this kind in California.

4. Get endorsements of Labor's Non-Partisan League and the Farmer-Labor Party movement in the trade union, thus broadening the basis for independent political action locally and on a state scale.

BUILDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY: Unless we use our County and Section Conventions, to examine our Party organization, strengthening our units and fractions, and raising the quality of our work, we shall not be able to fulfill our political responsibilities as effectively as the present conditions demand. The following organizational questions must receive your careful consideration and prompt action.

1. More recruiting, so that the burden of our work can be more widely distributed. Especially, recruiting must be done from concentration industries (marine, oil, transportation, agriculture) and amongst women, Negroes and youth. And after recruiting, the new members must be made an integral part of Party life, fluctuation stopped. Experience has indicated the absolute necessity for New Members' Units or Classes, and a membership apparatus that works like a clock, getting the recruits into units without loss of time.

2. Extensive education of membership, integrated with our daily problems and tasks. This can be achieved from two points of view: first, making each comrade realize his personal responsibility to the Party and to the working class, for his work, second, through the planned development of each comrade by checking on his reading, his understanding of the political situation today, and his study of theoretical literature. The political development of each comrade and his ability to do certain kinds of work must be the basis for Party assignments and promotion of our personnel.

3. Units and branches must function with initiative, independent planning of their campaigns, and an understanding of their role in industries and neighborhoods. The responsible buro guiding the work is essential. Branches must learn to become masters of their territory in the Assembly Districts; industrial units must become keenly concerned with building shop units, and bringing the face of the Party into the industries and trade unions. How the problems of your neighbors, of fellow workers, and react: to them through your unit or Branch. Discuss concretely how your unit or branch can become the means of bringing Party campaigns to the workers with whom you are in contact.

4. Similarly, the need for enlarging Party influence in organizations, especially in the trade unions, is clear. Regular fraction meetings with full attendance, discussion of the problems of your organization and methods of conducting progressive measures is the surest way of laying foundations for progressive political actions.

5. In the election campaign proved beyond a doubt the effectiveness of an extensive distribution of Party literature and the Western Worker. Consider the best methods—especially try the house to house canvass, spreading pamphlets, and the Western Worker in the shops, trade unions and neighborhoods. Further, use this material within the Party. Teach your members to read the "Communist" and "Party Organizer" regularly. Above all, put this question into effect: "Every Party Member a Reader of the Western Worker."

Take up these problems, honestly and thoroughly, in your County and Unit. Make a determined effort to overhaul your units and branches, and overcome your organizational shortcomings. A strong, flexible organization that will help make our Party the vital force in California that will get forward toward a People's Front, toward security and peace.

MEET ON STEEL

PITTSBURGH.—Sometime in February delegates from lodges of the Amalgamated Assn. of Steel and Tin Workers will meet to draft demands on the steel companies.

AS WE SEE IT

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

In Memory of Lenin

(Continued from previous issue)

We must answer the lies and slanders and atrocity stories directed against the Spanish people by the capitalist press, particularly the Hearst press, the greatest exponent of Hitlerism in America. Such aid to Spain is in the spirit of true Americanism, and has nothing in common with what the Fascist Hearst falsely calls: "American-ism."

Will Socialists Aid?

We must also make clear to all honest and sincere Socialists that you cannot speak about the support of the Spanish workers' cause in one breath, and stab that cause in the back in the next breath by attacking and slandering the Spanish People's Front, ridiculing the fight for democracy against Fascism with ultra-revolutionary sounding phrases, and attacking with Trotzkyite arguments the Soviet Union and its people, who have come so valiantly to the aid of Spanish democracy.

Any serious study of Leninism will show that phrases about fighting for Socialism" don't mean anything, if you ignore the means of winning the masses to Socialism. Today, the struggle for the People's Front is the road, the main and greatest enemy, Fascism, in which struggle are being drawn all those who are not yet ready to fight for Socialism, will lead the masses, learning from their own experience, to understand the need for Socialism as the only way out. The fight of the People's Front in France and Spain in defense of democracy against Fascism is the test for Socialists and non-Socialists alike; and anyone who injures that fight, consciously or unconsciously, is aiding the fascists, greatest enemy of democracy, peace and Socialism.

Caballero's Statement

How well the Spanish workers understand this, and how effectively they answer the counter-revolutionary, anti-Soviet propaganda of the Trotzkyites, can be seen in a message sent by the Executive Committee of the Spanish People's Front Government, Largo Caballero, with love, New Year's greetings, to the Soviet Union; "Spain's struggle against Fascism is forever united with the Russian workers. We will never forget the solidarity of the Soviet workers with us in this difficult time. The proletariat of Spain will remember always the war and after the war is over to follow the example of your great country."

Showed Leninism World

Not only the Spanish working class looks to the Soviet Union for its inspiration. In its nineteen years of existence, it has shown the world how it is possible to lift a backward country out of its economic and cultural misery; how the working class allied with the peasantry can, without capitalists or landlords, build prosperous socialist industry and collectivized agriculture; how culture can be lifted out, and a new culture flourishes; how the oppression of national minorities can be wiped out, nationalities live side by side on a fully equal basis; how unemployment, the scourge of capitalist countries which we know so well in America, has been completely eliminated and all can find work; how democracy, an honorable labor; how the Soviet Union has become a world force for peace, a bulwark against the Fascist war-instigators, and how genuine democracy flourishes in one-sixth of the world.

We must give the question: If Socialism could accomplish this, in spite of all the encirclement, in a backward country such as old Russia was, without industry or advanced technique, without a skilled working class, without all the advantages which modern American industry has, what unprecedented possibilities and advances in prosperity and science and culture could Socialism bring to America, which already has those pre-requisites which the Soviet peoples had to create almost with bare hands!

The triumph of Socialism in the Soviet Union is recorded and reflected in the new Soviet Constitution, the "most democratic legislative enactment," as Stalin has said, of what has already been achieved, and points the way to still greater victories. This historic document reflects the successful struggle waged by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, under Lenin's and Stalin's leadership, for a classless Socialist society.

It is unique in that it does not simply repeat the phrases about liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," so prevalent in capitalist countries. The Soviet Constitution proclaims not only liberty in general, but establishes the guarantees for that liberty because capitalism has been abolished.

It proclaims the right to work, the right to rest, the right to education, the right to the complete equality of nationalities, the freedom of speech, press, assembly, of religious worship, rights and guarantees of women, and made it impossible because the working class is in advance with the peasantry in power and has established collective ownership of the economy and resources of the country.

What Soviet Democracy Means

It is this that makes it possible on the basis of planned economy, as an objective of the socialist state, for every worker to have a job with vacation, his children have education, and freedom from fear of hunger and want. This is what Soviet democracy means. Capitalism is unable to guarantee fundamentary and fundamental rights. Anatole France once said that equality in capitalist society: "The law is equal, equally forbids the poor and the rich man, the baker, from sleeping under a bridge."

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throughout Los Angeles wherein he exposed the labor record of Judge Crum, whom he opposed last August primary election.

Gallagher's letter cha Crum is "tool of labo Fascist-minded judge bench." He said tha rule of decency has b set aside in the trial of la in this Judge's court," Crum "has not the inh bidde by his own rulin dismiss and reinstate position he has taken statements he has ma earlier in the trial. He deliberately failed statement on appeal is depriving labor of opportunity of obtaining in the higher courts."

Gallagher then severely rebuked Crum for his unwarranted charges in public debate Crum ignored his rep each occasion.

An Anti-Union Ac

Several months past, finally, shortly after the Supreme Court had ratified the striking principles that it was ready to act on questions concerning the right of labor in defending arrested by the State Bar, on November 25, Gallagher summoned Gallagher to a preliminary investigation before the public was barred, Gallagher's protest.

The State Bar refused Gallagher, who was represented by attorneys Clore Warne and Hebert Clarke, to see the complaint, or to furnish with a copy of the chat

Nation-wide Protes

On December 22, nig "star chamber" proceed more than 600 workers the building where the Bar offices are located. ands of letters and telegrams protest added to the cam Gallagher's defense, with suit that three of the charges were dropped.

The Southern California Conference of Constitutional Rights also carried a protest to the people. Many trade unions, including labor unions, protested directly State Bar.

On January 26, the Secret Gallagher the following ter, signed by Mary Mos Secretary:

Admits Gallagher's Charg

"The matter of the Si investigation proceeding, Gallagher, charged by beli committee at its meeting ary 19, 1937. The committee considered, the brought to its attention concluded that they do tify disciplinary action State Bar."

Observers declare that dicating Gallagher, the Si acknowledges truth charges against Crum. Gallagher was notified action against him, he se "If the charges that Judge Crum are untrue, should be disbarred; but if they are true, and I know that they are, he should be disbarred."

From his sick bed, wh is now confined by an influ, Gallagher issued the ing statement on the ef the disbarment charges

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By Ben Dobbs
Administrative Secretary, Communist League

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CL is rapidly learning ppreciate the newly re- members. Los Angeles gave the waterfront a dinner on Christmas ay and everything. San County wasn't far be- hind with a dinner for the Waterfront branch of Year's Day—about 50 waterfront recruits enjoyed —Frank Carlson spoke. m Mooney branch in ncisco received a letter Mooney the other day in part, "Your warm contained in your mes- dear to you will be a bright spot in my 937." Thanks, Tom! And ay we can really have ear and to have us again.

tle banner on top of ck reads "Bemis Bag

She walked up a little hesitantly, looked around, she had ever done like this before. In her eyes the ingredients for of coffee and—"May I this from the Tom Branch of the Young ist wishes for a success- clusion of your strike." kers gathered around, ed at her questions concern- YCL—took the food and the wall of the shack is reminded of the little the service of the YCL. ades, this should be done best!

Oakland stages rum- le for Spain! Results— new aches for the fun-

ats to the new baby! ing dinner last Satur- Berkeley. University of Branch gets new lease s its quarters in the w name—Lincoln "Stef- nch of the YCL. Tele- thanks from little Win-

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These and other knotty ns are solved by Earl ler in his article "Results Election and People's in the January Communist." And have you seen the ng cover on this year's uinist?

what are things like in ny Spanish? Are you ng a first break in this wall ction? How can we per- ourselves to work with the ? There's a back-up article hard Frank in this Janu- ung Communist Review— ng Spain, by America! these questions.

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YOUTH OF TOKYO, little realizing how their minds are being poisoned by Fascist instruction they receive at school, merrily build a creature that resembles Hitler and place a swastika on the chest after hearing of the anti-Soviet agreement between Nazi Germany and the war lords of their own country. The youth in Spain are in the forefront of struggle against Fascists. (see article below).

Y. C. L. CONVENTION WILL GIVE ANSWERS TO BURNING PROBLEMS

By EDWIN ALEXANDER

"Your association today to affiliate with the Young Communist International will end the years of wavering and hesitation of the revolutionary youth movement in the United States. The young people of America will [illegible] your program of struggle for their social and economic demands,

Comrades, you have just written a bright page in the history of the [illegible] movement.

The place was a little farm house, far off the highway, in Niles Canyon, time—an April day, 1922. The speaker was Max Bedacht, representing the Communist International. Around him the young people had come from all parts of the country to attend the secret first national convention organized the Young Communist League of America.

On April 2, 1937. The scene is Irving Plaza Hall, in New York City. Twenty Thousand people will attend the opening session of the 5th national convention of the Young Communist League of America. Leaders of the largest youth organizations in the United States—Protestant, Catholic, church groups—will be present.

Then the elected representatives of the Young Communist League will work for three days to answer clearly two central problems: What does the youth of each young people who want a new social order into the Young Communist League? How are we going to unite our whole generation for peace and democracy?"

They will come away from the convention go back "to where they came from", back to the 3,000 high schools, colleges of the country to help American youth give a real and practical answer to these questions.

I am sure they will come back with an answer because I have just come from an extraordinary session of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League that was held in Oakland. Several days were spent to plan the preparations for this

Y.C.L. Branches Raise Spain Funds

More Are Urged to Answer Carillo Appeal

Said Santiago Carillo, secretary of the Spanish United Socialist Youth League:

"I appeal to you, in the name of thousands of young men and women, fighting, being wounded and dying, not only for the cause of Spain but for that of universal progress, democracy and civilization. I appeal to the conscience of the whole world to unite in order to send us practical, effective help. We need your cooperation and the aid of all who defend the cause of peace. Come to our aid! Help the Spanish generation trusts in you, the progressive youth of America."

Replied the Young Communist League of California:

Money raising parties by the Tanso Branch of Berkeley and North Berkeley Branch.

University of California Lincoln Steffens Branch placed boxes for money and bandages on campus.

San Francisco Needle Trades branch conducted an outing.

Los Angeles conference on January 24 at the First Unitarian Church to unite youth in every activities for Spain.

Oakland YCL. One day rummage sale. All proceeds to Spain. And all other branches are called upon to do their part, and along with this to get mass attendance for the mass meeting to be addressed by the Spanish youth delegates.

"YOUNG AMERICA SPEAKS"

This space is open to publication of letters from young people in all walks of life. Write for it!

Letter to the District;

"R.F.D. No. ——, Arizona.

Dear Comrades:

Several of us in our branch belong to the W—— family and we have a new baby brother today. Money we might have used for the movement had to go for necessaries for baby, but I am sending you a YCL-er of him later.

My father has not made anything this fall—we have had a very hard time trying to go to school. My sister works in a cafeteria to earn our lunches and we sold milk to buy our shoes and necessities for school. Yesterday my father bought a car which he intends to make into a truck. I am sure he can make a good truck because he has made with the old Model T truck he has had all the past [illegible] year, as he had to spend most of his time repairing it.

Also he intends to round up the whole five near us and get together for their Party meetings again. They live so far apart, such outings and work so hard that they have been unable to have a meeting for nearly two months. We are all active in the Youth movement as far as we are able to do anything—I can assure you that our hearts are with the cause. C. R., Sec., YCL."

Jan. 21, 1937

To Whom It May Concern,

Today the CCC is faced with two alternatives. The first is that of further weakening the C.C. Army. Thru the press and "happy days", the Pollyanna paper of the nation, we learn that we are to be given a program of infantry drill. It will be compulsory, one day drill, and one day of work. The drill will consist of close order with the rifle and actual target practice with regulation WS Army 30 caliber rifles. Imagine the neat profit for the armament firms in supplying rifles and ammunition to 500,000 civilians in the CCC.

The second alternative is that the Dept. of Interior will take over the camps and operate them without the army setups. And from Mr. Fechner, head of the CCC, there is probably being a blanket civil service to cover existing enrollees with higher pay for technical experienced men, and technicians.

We sincerely hope that you will voice our opinion to the present congress which is legislate on our fate.

Yours truly,

A. ——

CCC National Park Detachment
Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley

WESTERN YOUTH

Published Bi-Weekly in the Western Worker for the Young Communist League of California.

Youth Conference Will Participate in L. A. Elections

LOS ANGELES—A city-wide conference of young people, their organizations, and leaders, to discuss a program of action in the 1937 municipal elections will be held on February 6th and 7th at the Angelus Hotel here.

In their call to the Conference the Promotional Committee lays stress on the fact that youth must recognize the responsibility in participating in the political life of their community for progress.

It is suggested by the committee that the issues around which a program for independent action in the coming municipal elections, should center around improved and enlarged recreational facilities, opportunity for employment for all young people over school age, the protection of democracy and civil rights, the destruction of vice and corruption.

Coming up for discussion is the question of endorsing a progressive-labor slate which will be drafted at a conference here January 24th. This assembly will further investigate the possibilities of running two youth candidates.

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Youth of Spain Face Fire Calmly Defending World Democracy; Eye Witness Describes Heroism

By ROGER KLEIN

MADRID (ONS)—I have just returned from a three-hour trip to the front.

Passing the Princess Bridge, on the way to the front, we left our car in an obscure gully, hiding it as well as possible from the eyes of rebel aviators and protecting it on three sides at least from shells.

On every side of us, there were fortifications. We did not know where they led to. The suburb itself is, or was, composed of tiny modern dwellings, tiny fenced-in little gardens in front of them.

My guide, Carlos Alvarez, president of the Federal Youth organization, showed me to the kitchen of what had been a trim little house, now two-thirds destroyed. There he introduced me to the chief of the Youth Front Battalion for the sector, Commander Lozada, in charge of operations.

Lozada didn't waste any time. "Come ahead. I'll take you up and show you myself." Lozada walked in front, Carlos and I followed in Indian file, sticking close to the garden wall. We crossed the lane, crouching, in a shallow communication trench which zig-zagged across to the house on the other side. We entered it through a round, neat hole in the wall on the same line as the trench.

All this time the habitual noise to which all Madrid is now accustomed, the crack of rifles, the bursts of machine guns, the explosions of mortar bombs, kept up steadily. Now I was conscious of a new sound, a deeper, more throaty "boom," which I was told was caused by a new type of explosive used by the fascists.

The militiamen were grouped behind sandbag mounds, in groups of 20, or 30, or 10. I was shocked when I looked at them; they were all a bunch of kids, boisterous, rowdy, as more fortunate kids throughout the world are. These boys are cynical beyond their years. They make fun of everything, and life is not so funny in this part of the globe. The effect is gruesome. They laugh at the enemy, they laugh at each other during the night, each night, which they have no time to laugh, for then the battle rages.

"We," we are Catalans," a young lieutenant told me, "the others in this group are Asturians, like Lozada, Alverez, Vidal and Rozado." Young republicans tell me of the feats of the trade union group, the socialists and Communist divisions. Each group is anxious to praise the courage of the others, none want to talk of themselves.

Made Heroic Choice

I am greeted with handshakes that crown a tile roof of a house whose walls are pierced by machine gun openings, reinforced by more sandbags, the students stand guard. Some of them recognize me, remember that I introduced myself at the service of their government. One of them, the son of a Catalan deputy, I knew as a journalist in France.

Methods of recording the opinion of non-voting youth by means of straw votes will be discussed.

The promotional committee lists among its sponsors Mort Newman, chairman of economic committee of the Christian Youth Council; Stan Rubin, editor of Daily Bruin, U.C.L.A.; Joe Moody, past president of the student body, Chapman College; and Leo Schroeder, president of the U.C.L.A. student body.

Listed as advisors are Reverend Edwin P. Ryland, member of the Methodist Council of the Ministerial Alliance and chairman of the California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; Anthony Pratt, executive secretary of the Municipal League, and C. C. Showman, president of the district council of Painters.

YOUTH OF TOKYO, little realizing how their minds are being poisoned by Fascist instruction they receive at school, merrily build a creature that resembles Hitler and place a swastika on the chest after hearing of the anti-Soviet agreement between Nazi Germany and the war lords of their own country. The youth in Spain are in the forefront of struggle against Fascists. (see article below).

Y. C. L. CONVENTION WILL GIVE ANSWERS TO BURNING PROBLEMS

By EDWIN ALEXANDER

"Your association today to affiliate with the Young Communist International will end the years of wavering and hesitation of the revolutionary youth movement in the United States. The young people of America will [illegible] your program of struggle for their social and economic demands,

Comrades, you have just written a bright page in the history of the [illegible] movement.

The place was a little farm house, far off the highway, in Niles Canyon, time—an April day, 1922. The speaker was Max Bedacht, representing the Communist International. Around him the young people had come from all parts of the country to attend the secret first national convention organized the Young Communist League of America.

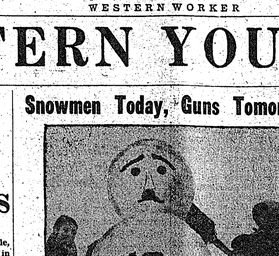
On April 2, 1937. The scene is Irving Plaza Hall, in New York City. Twenty Thousand people will attend the opening session of the 5th national convention of the Young Communist League of America. Leaders of the largest youth organizations in the United States—Protestant, Catholic, church groups—will be present.

Then the elected representatives of the Young Communist League will work for three days to answer clearly two central problems: What does the youth of each young people who want a new social order into the Young Communist League? How are we going to unite our whole generation for peace and democracy?"

They will come away from the convention go back "to where they came from", back to the 3,000 high schools, colleges of the country to help American youth give a real and practical answer to these questions.

I am sure they will come back with an answer because I have just come from an extraordinary session of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League that was held in Oakland. Several days were spent to plan the preparations for this

Snowmen Today, Guns Tomorrow



"Go East, Young Man" to Washington for Jobs and The Right to Education

Pilgrimage Will Urge American Youth Act Passage

By FRANK CARLSON
State Secretary
Young Communist League

"Go East, young man, go East." That's what five modern pioneers will do early in February. With beards, beaver hats, shot-guns, mimeograph machines, and loud speakers, young pioneers for social security pull out of San Francisco in February, headed East, in a motorized "covered wagon," to join the Youth Pilgrimage for the American Youth Act.

Last Spring, eminent authorities in every field of work and hundreds of leading young people, before the Senate Committee on Labor and Education, proved with figures and personal experiences the need for the American Youth Act. Now on February 19, the young people of America will conduct a mass pilgrimage to Washington—the climactic point in this drive for jobs, education and vocational training.

The California Youth Act, drawn up by 100,000 young people of California, with its ten million dollar appropriation will provide a good deal of help in an emergency period.

But if one thing emerged clearly from the Assembly of Youth it was this: state security legislation, in order to be of any practical value, must be limited in scope according to the facilities of a state government to raise money. Valuable as state aid, may be, the youth problem can only be met in an anywhere near satisfactory manner by federal legislation. The necessary work for state youth legislation, the more convinced you become the more federal action is basic to a solution.

The American Youth Congress is organizing the Pilgrimage as a dramatic means of presenting one million signatures for the American Youth Act to Congress. Assembly of Youth groups in California has answered their call and is preparing to send a delegation from California.

There is one primary need according to the Assembly of Youth. That is money to send the delegation. If the Young Communist League is to show the way, if the YCL is to gain prestige in the eyes of the youth organizations that make up the Assembly of Youth, it will have to prove its mettle by helping this most immediate need—raising money to send the California covered wagon on the Pilgrimage to Washington for jobs, education and vocational training.

Popeye Explodes Spinach Theory

"Spinach? Naw. I wanna tell ya—it ain't spinach that makes me so strong! Naw. Don't believe everything you read in the Hearst papers. I yam what I yam, 'cause I yam a union man,' declared Brother Popeye, Sailors Union No. 21345, in an exclusive interview.

"They kids have given up 'cops and robbers' and taken to 'union men and shipowners.'

Latest trading prices on the Kids' Exchange: Shirley Temples, three agate shooters and fifteen pictures of Marlene Dietrich are given for a Mickey Mouse rubbery—for one ILA button.

How It Started

George Welch, member of the Miscellaneous Workers Union of San Francisco and secretary of the new Maritime Federation of the Pacific, told us about it. The idea started when a sturdy bunch of kids trooped into the Unity Recreation Center last fall. "We come up to get some help in organizing a newspaper and bootblacks industrial union."

And now Welsh announces a real kids' union with baseball and camps in the summer, Junior Union Clubs in each community center, buttons out this week.

Julius Stern, Marine Fireman, Harry Hook, Machinists No. 68, Herman Suydvam, Waiters No. 30, and Welsh make up the Junior Union board of trustees.

"Let Them Know!"

Referring to a statement that the young shou

THREATEN BILL IN CONGRESS TO EMBODY WAR DEPT. PLAN FOR WAR-TIME DICTATORSHIP

Organized Labor's Constitutional Rights Would Be Abolished Under Plan For Industrial-Military Rule

NEW YORK—The Military Affairs Committees of the House and the Senate are planning to introduce early in this session of Congress a bill or a series of bills embodying the War Departments' Industrial Mobilization Plan, according to information received by the American League Against War and Fascism.

The American League has expressed its strong opposition to the plan time and again, because it would bring into operation a military-industrial dictatorship which would become active at the outbreak of war and until "the President chooses to declare an end to the emergency."

Would Scrap Democracy

The Industrial Mobilization Plan, according to its exponents, is designed to avoid the economic evils of the last war. But at the very opening of the Plan, in the Foreword to the 1933 revision, stands the following statement:

"The objective of any warring nation is victory, immediate and complete. It is conceivable that a war might be conducted with such great regard for individual justice and administrative efficiency as to make impossible those evils whose existence in past wars is well known. It is also conceivable that the outcome of a war so conducted might be defeat. In all plans for preparedness and possibly must be pursued in event of war it must never be overlooked that while efficiency in war is desirable, effectiveness is mandatory."

Plan for War and Fascism

The plan is found to be an implement for the hastening of war; for establishment of a dictatorship that is objectionable to democratic peoples and dangerous to democratic government; for establishment of a universal draft upon the man-womb-and-child power of the nation, involving the principle of "work or fight or starve," which constitutes a labor draft; for control that will reach out into every home and affect every person in the land; for the scrapping of all social legislation governing the labor of men, women and children; for the creation of laws aid control in force under which employees "would suffer unequally as against owners in any time of stress"; for an effective press and radio control even more systematic than that imposed during the last war.

The American people also will be interested in the fact that the Plan calls for a personnel driven from the high councils of industry, with only an advisory function for the representative of labor.

Because of adverse criticism, and allegedly on advice of certain unnamed Senate leaders, the labor draft and press gag sections of the Plan will be omitted from the draft that will be introduced in Congress in the near future, but it is quoted on the authority of a government official who was associated with the Nye investigation that these sections will be rushed through Congress when war is declared.

Secretary of War Henry T. Woodring also declared at press interviews that "The War Department will propose a labor draft."

Confer on Status Of Mexican Labor In Texas State

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY.—The Confederation of Mexican Workers has announced that two members of its National Council, Fidel Velazquez and Rodolfo Soria, are in San Antonio, Texas, conferring with officials of the Texas Federation of Labor in an attempt to solve problems connected with the status of Mexican labor in that State.

The discrimination and exploitation to which Mexican workers have long been subjected in Texas is notorious, and it is hoped that, as a result of the conference, methods for protecting the rights of Mexicans in Texas can be worked out.

STRIKE DEMANDS WON

DETROIT—Wages were raised and a discharged worker reinstated after a 24-day strike of the Metal Specialties Workers in the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co., leaving the union greater leeway to deal with General Motors.

FASCISTS FLOP IN SPAIN DRIVE

Balance of Power Shifting to Government Militia

VALENCIA, Spain.—The frustrated Fascist attempt to land troops at Malaga, together with the bombardment of Valencia earlier in the week, seems to be a Fascist acknowledgement of the failure, temporarily at least, of the desperate drive during the past two weeks to take Madrid.

The rebel cruisers Canarias, Cervera and Canovas del Castillo and other smaller crafts were driven off in the attack in the Malaga area after the Cervera was put out of commission by two bombs.

The attack launched Jan. 7 has failed of its objectives—entry into Madrid proper and severance of the capital's communications with the east—unless losses sustained are replenished by foreign Fascist powers.

Govt. On Offensive

It may be definitely added that the government troops passed over the offensive. Whether or not the counter-offensive achieved the results hoped for in the way of recaptured positions is doubtful, but it marked the complete halt of the most severe attack sustained during the months of war.

The government counter-offensive, when interrupted by fog, was thrusting forward in force, tactical weakness of the rebel

Scotch Workers Are Making Clothes to Give Spain Militia

HAWICK, Scotland.—A whole factory of 14 looms, knitting and winding machines, and hundreds of willing hands, are producing warm clothes for the Spanish government militia in this small town in the Scottish borders, near Roxburghshire, halfway between Edinburgh and Carlisle.

Practically the only industry in this town has been the woollen mills and home-spun tweed factories, which have closed down. The unemployed workers took possession of a factory with the object of making woolen clothes for the Spanish fighters for democracy, but were hampered by lack of funds. Immediately donations were taken up all over Great Britain.

Ready For Fascist Invaders

committee, there have been various sub-committees hammering away at some of the states (for example, Nuevo Leon).

In states where no committees have been formed, there are strong mass movements. Difficulties have arisen, the popular front committee having taken on a Communist character, due to the single work of one party, the Communist Party, on that committee. Realizing the situation, the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) wrote a letter to the Communist Party, to the National Revolutionary Party (PNR), and to other organizations in order that the popular front process might be representative of all parties.

The first difficulty in organizing the popular front was that the Communist Party had been the single instrument working upon the committee. Now the difficulty will be to find a policy that will suit the various parties concerned. The PNR, and other organizations working upon the committee, suggest a policy that is merely reformist in character. The Communist Party feels that the program should have definite revolutionary qualities.

The result of this situation would be to present the question clearly before the public, stimulate public discussion upon the matter, and permit the masses to understand the situation, and to see clearly the necessity for the revolutionary elements demanded by the Communist Party.

The Cardenas government, representing the PNR (the people's party) is balanced between the reactionary elements and the forces of the left, which are usually strong enough, through the use of mass pressure, to swing the government in their direction. Cardenas, elected with the support of the masses, realizes that his strength is due to the masses, and usually acts in accordance with their demands.

The elements on the Right side of the government, the Fascist forces, are to be found largely among the middle class. When the Gold Shirts were discovered ineffective, a confederation of the middle class (the CMC) was formed. The most effective work of the CMC is carried out by young people, and especially by the university students.

Fascist Lineup

The police constitute another element in the Fascist lineup. They take every opportunity to commit violence. Six months ago, there was considerable violence at a demonstration of the chauffeurs. The recent police violence is a protest especially of the Communist Party (protesting against the government's decision to grant refuge to the Russian exile is fired.

No Trotzky Strength

In permitting Trotzky to enter Mexico, General Eduardo Hay, Foreign Relations Secretary, has stated that Mexico upholds her "best traditions, and acts moreover on grounds of the highest ethics." Despite noisy newspaper headlines, there is little Trotzky strength in Mexico. A few trade leaders in the Federal District are Trotzkyites. But in the main, the Mexican problem is an agrarian one and the Trotzky trade program is negative. The Communist Party considers that Trotzky will cause no more than superficial interest in Mexico.

In general, Cardenas has a left reformist point of view. The most positive elements of his government are the support given to the agrarian program, and the freedom given Communist Party activities and workers' movements.

The Mexican electoral system permits the free expression of the masses, though their wishes are not always carried out. Recently, there has been a move to see that mass wishes are effective. The workers have as much liberty as they choose in mass demonstrations, meetings, parades, etc.

The Cardenas government fights sincerely for the betterment of the masses and the crushing of feudal elements. Nevertheless this fight must be supported and continuously supported and continuously pressured in order that strong imperialist elements may not swing the government to the right.

WHILE JAPANESE militarists make new anti-Soviet threats, and work with Nazis, Mussolini, and Trotzkyite foes of Soviet Union for invasion of the land ruled by workers and farmers, the Soviet people are prepared to resist any Fascist attack. Left, Red Army men in maneuvers; at right, Soviet woman worker studies results of production in her factory.

The Govt. of Mexico Under Cardenas

By a Correspondent

(Summarized from a question-naire presented to Rafael Carrillo, editor of El Machete, organ of the Communist Party of Mexico.)

MEXICO CITY—The situation in Mexico today presents a picture which is neither casually nor specifically determined.

The facade of a Monolithic United Front is easily knocked down. For about a year and a month there has been an organizational

Greets "Western"

Rafael Carrillo, one of the founders of the Communist Party in Mexico, and now editor of El Machete, sends his greetings to the Western Worker, and expresses the hope that the Western Worker will soon be a daily paper.

Fascists Launched Spain Civil War, Writes Author

Civil war came in Spain because "Spanish workers and peasants were simply trying to rid Spain of those social indecencies that Cromwell and our Puritan fathers finally destroyed in England," and was made by Fascists because democracy was marching on and "there was no danger of a red revolution," writes John Langdon-Davies, war correspondent for The London News-Chronicle, in his new book "Behind the Spanish Barricades."

The author blasts the lies about "Moscow gold" financing the Spanish government, and sharply criticizes England for failing to line up with France and the Soviet Union to stop the Fascist war-instigators—Italy, Germany and Japan.

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Sen. Pittman Says Help Arm Nazis, Abandon Spain

NEW YORK. — Senator Key Pittman, reactionary Democrat, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, favors arming Nazi Germany with copper, nickel and oil!

While newspapers wondered why Sir Walter Runciman and Sir Otto Niemeyer, of Germany, should visit the U.S. at this time, the Wall Street Journal supplied the answer with a screaming headline: "Pittman favors aid to Germany by United States as promoting stability."

The story attributed to Pittman the belief that a concerted international effort is being made to provide Germany with raw materials she needs.

Such an international attempt is being made, to "stabilize" German Fascism by enabling German industry to maintain armament production (and no agreement can induce the Nazi government to slacken preparation for a robber war).

And Pittman took the lead in denying war materials to the legal and democratic government of Spain, which is fighting for its life against Spanish Fascism and Hitler and Mussolini intervention.

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PEOPLE'S PEACE PROGRAM IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Amend Neutrality Act, Support Nye-Kvale Bill to Stop Militarization of Youth Of America, Urged in Program

Calling for broad organization of labor and the people generally for peace and against war, and for a fight for a legislative peace program in Congress, the Communist Party has brought forward the following people's demands for a peace program in the United States:

1. **Peace Policy.** Develop a consistent peace policy based on the principle that the United States can be kept out of war only by keeping war out of the world.

2. **Spain.** The government should permit the sale of supplies and arms to the legal and friendly Spanish government. No supplies should be sent to the Fascist rebels. The people must give full support to Spanish democracy, and build the organizations which are actively supporting the struggle against the Fascists.

3. **Latin America.** Abolish the Monroe Doctrine. Recognize the complete equality of the Latin American countries. No intervention in the internal affairs of the small nations of the Western Hemisphere. Work for the collaboration of the American nations, for peace in the Western Hemisphere, based on collective security and the non-participation with the peace forces of the world.

4. **Far East.** Develop a genuine peace policy in the Pacific based on collaboration with the Soviet Union and the Chinese people, to stop the aggression of the Japanese militarists.

5. **General.** Prohibit the sale and delivery of goods and the granting of loans to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. Strengthen all measures for collective security and pass effective measures to this end which will lead to cooperation with the Soviet Union, the League of Nations, and peace forces of the world, against the aggressions of Germany, Italy and Japan. **(Amend the present neutrality Act in accordance with the principles here stated.)**

6. **Imperialist Intervention.** End American intervention in the internal affairs of the Philippines. Free Puerto Rico and give it complete independence. No encroachments on American conquests in Manchuria and China and the Italian rape of Ethiopia.

7. **Armaments.** Divert the billions spent for war preparations to support the suffering unemployed and to finance needed social, health and educational legislation.

8. **Military Training.** Abolish compulsory military training of youth, the ROTC and the CMTC. End military control in the CCC. **(Support the Ludlow-Kvale Bill.)**

9. **Munitions Industry.** Nationalize the entire munitions industry.

Build a great people's peace movement of trade unions, farmers' organizations, churches, youth societies, fraternal orders, women's clubs, and all other mass organizations, to check the advance of American reactionary and Fascist war makers, and to bring pressure upon the government to adopt such policies as will make America an active force for peace throughout the world.

Nazis Get Hands Onto Colonies Of Portugal

BERLIN.—Hitler has grabbed onto Portugal in a step toward regaining German colonies lost in the end of the World War, in an agreement made public here, which was signed last March 26 and which became effective December 18, under which Portugal abrogated all rights to German territory and in colonies acquired under the Versailles treaty.

Portugal also agreed to return to Germany all properties that had not been liquidated.

Nazis hailed this agreement as forecasting cooperation with Portugal, which is also under a Fascist dictatorship, in the exploitation of Angola West Africa.

Dictator of Brazil Plans More Hitler-Type "Justice"

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—Dictator Vargas is planning more executions of leaders of the people. The prosecutor of the Hitler-like "National Security Tribunal" has filed formal charges against 60 persons for participating in the people's uprising here in November, 1935. The 60 were in addition to more than 230 other people already in jail on similar charges. Among the prisoners is Luis Carlos Prestes, idolized leader of the Brazilian masses.

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Urge Support For Release of Diaz From Island

SAN FRANCISCO.—Workers are urged by the International Labor Defense to pack the court room of Federal Judge St. Sure, Postoffice Bldg., next Monday at 10 a.m., when hearing comes up on a writ to obtain release of Juan Diaz from Angel's Island.

George Anderson, ILD attorney, will defend Diaz, who was imprisoned in McNeil's Island prison for running for office in 1933 without being a citizen. Diaz believed he was born in the Hawaiian Islands, but records were produced he had been taken there by his parents when a baby. He was to be deported to Spain, but this, due to the civil war, is now impossible. He has been detained pending deportation for seven months.

MINN. SOLONS HEAR SPANISH YOUTH GROUP

Cal. Communist Party Lists Donations for Spain Above $1500 Mark

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Members of the Minnesota State Legislature heard four youthful envoys from the Spanish Popular Front government make an appeal for American aid for Spanish democracy last week, when the youths were given a one-to-one to listen to the delegation.

After the delegates spoke, a collection was taken in the legislature, predominantly Farmer-Labor, and later presented to the four young Spanish workers at a huge mass meeting in Municipal Auditorium.

More than 1200 people greeted the delegation.

Have You Done Your Bit?

SAN FRANCISCO.—Past the $1500 mark went the collection by the Communist Party of California for the relief of Spanish democracy, last week. The donations included:

Previously acknowledged, $1,445.12; A., $1; O. S., $1; N. S., John Smith, $7; A. Friend, $5; A. Friend, $2.50; S. F. County Buro, $2.50; Los Angeles, $177; T. H. Bros., $5; Total, $1,592.12.

All funds collected by the Communist Party are immediately forwarded to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy in New York City, and go to send food, clothes and medical supplies to Spain. Further donations should be sent to Communist Party, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

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A Farmer-Labor Party will have to put up candidates for office among those labor and farmers' leaders who have proved themselves to be honest and sincere leaders, but the very fact that the Farmer-Labor Party will represent the independent political action of labor and the people, will be a powerful factor in keeping office-holders faithful to their pledges.

Legislative Investigations . . .

"I don't care what they investigate," declared Governor Merriam, trying to put a look of injured innocence on his fat and flabby face "let them go to it."

Yessir, that governor's chair is getting to be a pretty hot seat!

When the Assembly Investigating Committee uncovered a whole nest of grafters in the Department of Motor Registration in connection with liquor enforcement, Merriam was "shocked" but only his usual pallid face got heat. Some of them were up for trial.

Right now the Assembly is going to investigate a lot more things—the race track graft, the Santa Anita graft, the Stanford Women's Clubs graft, the Modesto Boys, etc.

Earl C. Behrens, of the San Francisco Chronicle, reveals, "And if you think this committee will not dig up a lot of 1938 Democratic campaign material you are mistaken."

It looks definitely like the Merriam machine will be on the rocks next year. And it is going to be any improvement if the Democratic Party gets hold of the state government. Democrats like this Cliff Anglim of Alameda County and like Senator Tom Rabbitt, wildcat oil millionaire, would be no improvement as far as 90 per cent of the people of California are concerned.

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Militia "Suckers" To Guard Officer

LOS ANGELES.—Using National Guard files as a "sucker" list, D. H. Hudelson, Republican candidate for 50th Infantry, is conducting a typical insurance racket for the North American Accident Insurance Company.

Under guise of offering protection for "your loved ones if you are injured or suffer sickness," Hudelson is offering "Protection Plus Policies" which pay for every type of accident "except those intentionally inflicted; suicide; while intoxicated; or while in military or naval service in time of war."

Playing up the danger of automobile accidents, colds, and death, the idea is to squeeze a "few cents a day" out of the customers.

The point is, no insurance company yet has ever done anything for love. And it's a fact that they make more money on these so-called "few cents a day" rackets.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

When we talk about a Farmer-Labor Party and having labor representatives in office, we don't mean that merely belonging to a trade union is qualification to hold office, or that this means electing union men to office as Democrats or Republicans... Imagine what kind of a public office-holder

Hutcheson of the Carpenters' Union would make for organized labor—the man who was the "labor front" for the Republican Party in the last election!

Another example of the same thing can be found in our home state, down in Long Beach, where Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News, is a city councilman and formerly served as mayor.

After talking big in the Labor Council about what he was going to do to get the Long Beach anti-picketing ordinance repealed, Fletcher went ahead and sabotaged repeal in the City Council. Amid he was receiving cheers with racketeering with the L. B. Labor News, taking funds under false pretenses, in connection with red-baiting ads chiefly from the big oil companies, including General Petroleum, subsidiary of anti-labor Standard Oil.

A Farmer-Labor Party will have to put up candidates for office among those labor and farmers' leaders who have proved themselves to be honest and sincere leaders, but the very fact that the Farmer-Labor Party will represent the independent political action of labor and the people, will be a powerful factor in keeping office-holders faithful to their pledges.

Legislative Investigations . . .

"I don't care what they investigate," declared Governor Merriam, trying to put a look of injured innocence on his fat and flabby face "let them go to it."

Yessir, that governor's chair is getting to be a pretty hot seat!

When the Assembly Investigating Committee uncovered a whole nest of grafters in the Department of Motor Registration in connection with liquor enforcement, Merriam was "shocked" but only his usual pallid face got heat. Some of them were up for trial.

Right now the Assembly is going to investigate a lot more things—the race track graft, the Santa Anita graft, the Stanford Women's Clubs graft, the Modesto Boys, etc.

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VIGILANTISM IN RIVERSIDE HIT BY COMMUNISTS

Leaflet Exposes Reasons for Night-Riders As Mask for Political Corruption

By a Worker Correspondent

RIVERSIDE.—Following are parts of a leaflet issued by the San Bernardino and Riverside Section of the Communist Party against local vigilantism, under the heading: "Poor Vigilantes! Left Out in the Cold!"

"The other night we had the lamentable sight of 40 or 50 of the Bravest and most public-spirited citizens of Riverside shivering while they "picketed" a meeting of a group of people who believe in the American traditions of free speech, press and assembly, and who thought they should be more than mere words.

Lawless "Law and Order"

"The result was that the upholders of "Law and Order" got into their nice cars and drove away, cursing the "Reds" and their own rotten luck—"going to town to get us something to drink and warm us up."

"But they left some perplexing problems behind them.

"Why, if they are such lawabiding men, such red-blooded citizens, do they go to so much trouble to keep their identities secret?

"True, they have not yet adopted the bed-sheets and masks of the K.K.K. and the Black Legion, but when they go forth to terrorize, WHY do they cover their license plates with sacks, or stand in front of the plates to keep the numbers hidden?

"WHAT HAVE THEY TO HIDE?

"Is it because the American people, in the last election, delivered such a crushing rebuke to Hearst, Landon, Coughlin, and the rotten Nos. 1 vigilantes of this country?

They Mask Political Corruption

"Is it because these night riders of Riverside have political interests to protect, which might be suffered in another election, as if the voters of Riverside County and City knew what rats and snakes were in their midst?

"We have not forgotten how Earl Redwine, district attorney of Riverside County, refused to act on an open trial, announced to the jury: "If you do not bring in a verdict of guilty against these people, there will be no trial in this court-room who will ride out at night, and I WILL RIDE WITH THEM."

"For several months now, gangs of men have been riding out at night, even in the day time, with license plates carefully covered with sacks, and carrying sack and forth in front of places where liberal and progressive groups were meeting.

"Their obvious intentions are to scare away people who would come to these meetings, with the aim to isolate the more sincere and courageous from the bulk of the people in Riverside County. They are not succeeding entirely.

"How long before they do more than peaceful picketing? How long before they become 'brave' enough to commit some outrage like the Shoemaker lynching in Florida? Or the Black Legion murders in Detroit?

"Citizens of Riverside—we call upon you to protest against these lawless gangs. Demand that the legal authorities of Riverside County investigate these 'vigilantes' and that the police chief of Riverside and the Sheriff's Office of Riverside County, be held responsible for any violations of the law by these vigilantes or night-riders.

"Issued by the San Bernardino and Riverside Section of the Communist Party, P. O. Box 966, San Bernardino, Calif."

WHOSE COURT IS IT?

NEW ORLEANS.—The Louisiana Supreme Court denied a writ to set aside a verdict convicting Communist organizer Wm. Binkley of "having no means of visible support."

STRIKE GETS UNIONS GOING IN MONTEREY

Deep Sea Fishermen, Cannery Unions Grow Fast

By a Worker Correspondent

MONTEREY. — After many years of suffering starvation, intimidation and low wages, the workers of Monterey finally decided to strike rather than to submit to further degradation.

Shortly after the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union smashed the Fishermen's Protective Association by recruiting all workers from this company-controlled outfit into the Deep Sea Union they struck demanding the same wages and conditions enjoyed all along the Pacific Coast.

Cannery Union Grows

The Cannery Union, having a membership of about 100, utilized this opportunity to call a sympathy strike and at the same time put forth three basic demands—union recognition, uniform wage agreement and no discrimination against union members.

Today, regardless of the outcome of the strike, the Cannery Workers Union has grown from 100 members to over 700, increased its financial standing from nothing in debt to give them plenty of cash on hand to set the union on its feet again.

This strike has put organized labor in Monterey in a position to build a powerful trade union movement in this Fascist-minded stronghold. One month ago the largest union here had about 100 members.

Deep Sea Union 100% Organized

Today the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union is 100 percent organized with a membership of over 700. The Cannery Workers Union, it is rumored, has already signed several canneries and hopes to get more, and has established itself.

The organization campaign can and must be utilized by other unions everywhere. Now is really carrying out the plan to organize the tens of thousands of unorganized agricultural workers in California. After the season is closed here and the workers scatter all over the state, each union member must do his or her part to carry on the struggle to organize wherever they may go.

Let the action of the workers in building a cannery union help the canneries and fish houses of Monterey Union and Cannery Union, all eager to raise their miserable wages and living conditions.

Next year, let both organizations unite together against the greedy fishowners and bankers and demand signed contracts which will wipe out the misery and starvation that has been the lot of Monterey workers for a number of years.

Job "Service" Run For Labor-Haters

By a Worker Correspondent

NAPA.—Following is an article which appeared in "The Napa Daily Register":

"Did you know that the government maintains an employment office in Napa? That this office's primary function is to register employees, and individual labor without cost to employer or employee?

"Each individual registered for work is carefully classified as to his occupation and ability, based on his work experience. If he is not at present gainfully employed, but who are looking for better jobs. It does not hire the labor but simply makes the referrals and employer and employee agree on final terms.

"This office secured 63 jobs for workers in private industry in December, according to D. E. Osborn, manager, National Reemployment Service, Chamber of Commerce Building."

The answer to this article is very simple because the National Re-employment Office is backed up by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Supervisors. The members on the Board of Supervisors all own farms and ranches where wages of 25 cents per hour for their crop harvests—another reason for the necessity of a Farmer-Labor Party.

This type of "article" appears every winter. Their reactionary elements are applying the pressure on labor. Napa is known as a town of reactionaries because it is a town where the "upper crust"—all of which are Republicans—reigns supreme.

Defends Cannery Union Officials Against Slander

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO. — At the general meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Jan. 17, Brother Woolf, president of the union, announced that he and Brother Berolla had voluntarily of their own accord reduced their salaries.

Brother Woolf's wages were $50 per week. He said he had been out down to $30. Brother Berolla, as secretary-treasurer, was drawing $35 per week. Woolf stated that Berolla had reduced his wages to $30 per week This, according to Brother Woolf, was to protect the union's financial standing.

Hits Tongue Wagging

This must have been a great surprise to that group of brothers who are going around reddbaiting, saying that they are getting big checks after every meeting. It must have been an especial surprise to Mr. Luis O. Rivera who is saying that both Berolla and Woolf are going to be kicked out of the union, and that he is the one who is going to kick them out.

Brother Rivera should bring his charges against the union to a general meeting, and not go wagging his tongue around.

100 Percent Unionists

It is a certainty that he has no charge, Brother Berolla's record as a unionist is 100 percent. He has served as official of different unions more than once, without one cent of wages, so he is not "after money." Anyone who cares to investigate, Brother Woolf's record will find that he is a 100 percent unionist.

Perhaps Brother Rivera has forgotten that at the inception of our union, it was decided by the membership that any brother found of slandering or talking in a manner that would injure the good character of the officials of our union, would be expelled!

Form Sacto. Group To Aid Spain

SACRAMENTO.—The Accion Democrata Espanola, composed of Spanish people supporting the legal government of Spain against Fascism, was organized here recently at the Lenhart Hotel, with 65 persons present. Volunteer donations of $102 were collected on the spot.

Officers elected are Luis Puente, president; M. G. Gonzales, secretary; M. Reta, treasurer; O. Presa, vice-president. Address is 1031-33rd St. Spanish people desiring to join the organization are asked to write in.

Subscribe to the Western Worker.

Marine Strikers Get Food From Sonoma C. P.

By a Worker Correspondent.

SANTA ROSA—A load of chickens, eggs, other foodstuffs as well as $8 cash, was sent the maritime strikers in San Francisco from the Sonoma Section of the Communist Party.

This makes the second such donation. The Sonoma comrades plan to send at least one load a week for the duration of the strike. The donations come from workers and poor farmers.

Where Do We Go From Here?

ONE OF THE 200 men turned out of the City Shelter for Homeless Men in Philadelphia after the ruling that the city would no longer provide for them. Bill Van Hagen stares at the notice, after reading in his park bench newspaper that the Stotesburys, local partners of House of Morgan, had thrown a party costing a few hundred thousand dollars.

Try to Terrorize Progressive and Liberal Meetings

Find Dictaphone Plant in Private Home; Vigilantes Try to Intimidate People At Communist Open Meeting

By a Worker Correspondent

RIVERSIDE—For the last two months or so, we in Riverside have been bothered quite a bit by groups of vigilantes. Whenever a liberal or progressive or Communist Party meeting is held, these vigilantes are always there. As yet they have not attempted to use any force or violence. Their usual procedure is to drive up in front of the house where a meeting is being held and park there.

Then they will get out of their cars and walk up and down the road, and at times will throw epithets on the meeting. There is usually about five cars of them.

Try to Terrorize Citizens

These vigilantes drive by homes of progressives several times each day and night during the week, and at such times they were looking for meetings.

They put on their "act" at meetings of the Epic United Councils for Political Action, etc.

We recently heard that the sheriff's office here had recently acquired a large number of dictaphones, and many progressive immediately got busy looking for dictaphones in their homes.

I did find a dictaphone, or a part of one, planted in my house. My radio is a table model, and rests right next to my front room window, with the radio wires running out the window.

What Workers Get

I found this dictaphone hung under the table which the radio is on. The wires ran out the window from the dictaphone, intermingled with my radio wires and would never be no-

CANDY WORKERS WIN STRUGGLE

Union Organization Is Sweet To Workers In Bay Area

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—After a two-hour strike, the Confectionary and Bakery Workers International Union has returned to work in the candy industry with a 10 percent increase in wages and union recognition.

However, union leaders consider this strike a great victory in view of the fact that the union is only a few months old.

Steps are being taken to make this union a great power for collective bargaining with the employers of the candy industry of the entire Bay region.

Plan to Organize Salmon Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is going to do everything possible this year to increase the salaries of workers in Alaska 100 percent by elimination of such gangs as the "bench gang," "cannery gang," etc.

The beach-gang, who unload the fish from the barge to the cannery, and who go through the hiring hall of a fishermen's union, or through the hall of the ACWU, "Wobbly" unionists, they will be considered as scabs.

Anti Union Machinists

The cannery gang, which is composed of the company's canneries machinists and helpers, must also be unionized. They should go from the hiring offices of a Machinists' local.

An official of the ACWU will get in touch before sailing time with a Machinists' local of their city to talk about the question of union machinists in the Alaska canneries.

Another gang, the watchmen, steps will be taken to unionize them, but until such time they will be required to register, and everything possible will be done by the union so these men are women can get decent conditions as the union members.

U.S. Govt. Finally Seeks to Recover Stolen Oil Lands

LOS ANGELES.—After $13,000,000 have already been extracted in oil and gas, the U.S. government has filed in federal court to recover a section of Rich Naval Reserve oil lands in Kern County valued at $23,000,000.

The lands, legally always government lands, have been in private hands since 1914.

Defendants are Standard Oil of California, Pan-American Petroleum and Natl. Gas Co., Bank of America, Chase National Bank of New York, Title Water Associated Oil, Kern County Land, and many individuals including trustees of Edward L. Doheny's estate.

Warehouse Work At 50 c An Hour

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Last Saturday 150 men worked at the American Tartar Company, 100 Bay St., unloading Railroad cars and stacking in their warehouse.

There were five of us working at 50 cents an hour. I am informed the union scale is 75 cents an hour, but there is no union organization in this plant. I found our name on the job list of the State Employment Office at 590 Mission St.

We unloaded 40 tons in less than three hours with nothing but trucks to work with.

Incidentally, the car was loaded with wine and shipped to Fascist Italy, that came in on the Great Northern Railroad, shipped from Minneapolis, unloaded in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Los Angeles Labor Goes Ahead For Own Slate in Spring Po

CARPENTERS' LEADER VOICES NEED TO WORK WITH ALL FORCES OF PROGRESSIVISM

Only Busick Opposes Action in Conference Held Last Sunday; Buzzell Doesn't Want An Independent Slate

LOS ANGELES—Enthusiastically adopting an 18-point program Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections called upon the Central Labor Council here last Sunday to lead the movement for united political action in the coming spring elections and decided since this is the only organization at the present time carrying on the work for labors independent activity that this "conference empowers its executive committee to carry on in its regular capacity the work of the election campaign with the sincere hope that the Central Labor Council will discuss and act upon the proposals herein made," referring to the statement later accepted by the Conference.

Buzzell's Action

At the Conference a committee from the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, headed by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, appeared and informed the Conference of the Council's decision that tabled the Conference's original letter of invitation to the Central Labor Council to send observing delegates and elected instead this committee to inform the conference of the Council's position.

C. W. Van Winkle of the Carpenter's District Council reporting for the Executive Committee of Labor's Conference for the Municipal elections stressed in his opening remarks the necessity of maintaining and furthering the unity of labor in cooperation with liberal and progressive forces in the next municipal elections.

"I have been outstanding in advocating affiliation of local unions with the Central Labor Council," Van Winkle declared. "This Conference has never wanted to supercede the Council but many of us are dissatisfied with the present procedure of supporting candidates that are placed in the field, mostly by the vested interests."

Van Winkle read the editorial of the "scabby" Los Angeles Times of January 23rd which attacks the conference for its attempts to bring the labor forces into the next municipal elections. The editorial brought forth laughter from the delegates.

Reaffirm Stand

"This editorial," Van Winkle continued, "minus its attacks, make much more clearer our purposes and aims than any words that I could use would do." He then read a prepared statement of the executive committee which makes clear and reaffirms the Conference' position on independent political action of labor in cooperation with progressive and liberal forces in the next elections and which calls upon the Central Labor Council to take the leadership in this work by calling a city-wide conference of all local unions and councils in cooperation with progressive and liberal forces to further the work.

"We firmly believe that only complete unity of labor and liberal forces will bring the desired results," the statement read in part. The statement ended with an answer to the Los Angeles Times and a call to the labor movement not to allow the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and the Chamber of Commerce, whose mouthpiece the Times is, to divide the ranks of labor.

Buzzell in reporting for the Central Labor Council attempted to convince the conference that such a committee of conference proposes is impossible in the present time. He further pointed to the fact "that if the delegates present here are not satisfied with the way the Council handles political problems that they present here and express their opinion in the Council and not set up a separate body for that.

"I Am Not Satisfied"

J. W. Gillette also speaking for the Council declared that he made the motion that made it possible for the delegations to come to the Conference. He very strongly urged for unity of action and that the problem of labor's participation in the next municipal elections should be brought before the Central Labor Council.

"We do not ask you to disband," he said, "Go as a caucus, but for God's sake take it up in the Council, where you have the right to make any changes in the setup that you want to make."

Regarding the statement read by Van Winkle, Gillette stated: "You have presented here a proposition that has something to it. Let's take it up and see what we can do."

Gillette expressed agreement with the desire of the Conference to place an independent ticket in the field. "But let's do it together," he said.

In the discussion around the report from the Central Labor Council and the report of the Conference Executive Committee delegates further pointed out the need for such action as proposed by the Conference Executive Committee and enthusiastically pointed to the great possibilities that now exist in the city of Los Angeles of putting forth such a slate.

Busick's Line

Bill Busick, organizer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, was the only one at the Conference who ridiculed the work being done and stated that he does not believe much in political action for purposes of electing candidates and "if any is taken it should be for the formation of a labor party and such a labor party should consist of only trade unions which should have nothing to do with any liberal or progressive forces."

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Charges Fletcher Grafting

SAYS OIL CO'S PAY OPPONENTS OF CIO UNIONS

Labor Traitor Leads Effort to Isolate Oil Workers

LONG BEACH — Reactionary Long Beach labor leaders, headed by ex-Mayor Carl Fletcher, have been receiving money from major oil companies in the name of and without the permission of the Oil Workers' Union, and in return have been printing a series of huge anti-Communist advertisements.

This and other charges of blackest corruption were hurled against Fletcher and the Long Beach Labor News by Secretary-Treasurer James C. Coulter of Oil Workers' Local 128 in an uproarious meeting of the Long Beach Labor Council Jan. 19. At the same time Coulter offered to present documentary proof of all charges made.

The exposure came as a counter-attack against the movement led by Fletcher to prevent the re-election of any representatives of the oil workers to the Long Beach Labor Council executive offices and to isolate the oil workers from the rest of the labor movement in Long Beach on account of their affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Local Acts

Coulter acted on authority of Local 128 which the previous Monday had passed a resolution withdrawing financial and moral aid to the Labor News, cancelling its subscriptions, denying the paper the further use of its mailing list and notifying several oil companies of its action.

Some of the more serious of the charges were:

That the Long Beach Labor News has been soliciting large donations from major oil companies, both in the name of Oil Workers' Union and J. C. Coulter as secretary. These funds were to be used in the paying of huge red-baiting advertisements that have appeared in the paper.

That the Labor News solicited, without authority, but in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, funds for Labor Day celebrations, all expenses of which were paid directly by the unions.

Christmas Funds

That last year the Labor News solicited, in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, funds to aid needy oil workers' families—all without the knowledge or consent of the union.

In the local meeting prior to the charges in the Labor Council Jan. 19, Fletcher was absent from the Union Oil Company stating that the name of the Oil Workers' Union had been used in the solicitation of money.

Coulter submitted evidence showing that the General Petroleum Corporation, Standard Oil subsidiary and agent of the Socony-Vacuum Company of New York, was one of the contributors.

Part of the evidence on the Christmas donations was a check for $5 written by a local physician, payable to the union and cashed on the rubber-stamp endorsement of the Long Beach Labor News.

$50 Per Hour

Coulter declared that Fletcher receives a salary of $50 per week as editor and that he spends less than an hour a week at this task. Other men are paid part time salaries from this one paper.

Fletcher did not attempt to give any direct answer to Coulter's charges. He made only the statement that "In the main the Labor News is conducted along the usual lines, just like other papers."

The fact that this is a fight of craft union reactionary officials in Long Beach to stop the growing influence of the Committee for Industrial Organization, although this aspect has been largely concealed by official red-baiting.

Members of the Long Beach local insisted from the floor that the fight against labor be vigorously against Fletcher, and that nothing be allowed to prevent the oil workers from remaining in the council and appealing to the entire labor movement.

Sabotaged Endorsement

It is notorious in Long Beach that the Labor News contains virtually no news of the local unions.

Busy Days for John L. Lewis

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIO (at the right), who is seeking a congressional investigation of General Motors company unions, conferring with Asst. Secretary of Labor McGrady, after hearing strike reports from leaders of the United Automobile Workers of America.

RY-LOCK CAN'T HALT UNIONIZING SO IT LOCKS OUT ITS EMPLOYEES

BY NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—Entering the anti-labor field in a blaze of dishonor, Ry-Lock Co. Ltd., manufacturers of Venetian blinds, locked out their grossly underpaid employees to prevent organizational activities.

Ry-Lock workers began organizing six weeks ago. At the end of three weeks of intensive organizing, Ry-Lock noted the steady flow of employees into the Federal Labor Union, and made a bid to ward off the inevitable with a general 2 to 10 cent an hour increase in wages.

Continued Drive

However, the 40c-an-hour maschinists and other skilled as well as unskilled workers continued their drive to organize Ry-Lock 100 per cent.

Ope more attempt was then made by the company to divert the workers from their determined stand. An announcement was posted, stating that employees were to assemble in the office after working hours. Any employee failing to appear, the announcement emphasized, was not to report for work the following day.

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Long known for his lack of co-operation with and hatred of workers, Martin Weiner, the superintendent, is chiefly responsible for Ry-Lock's anti-union stand.

When the lock-out was announced, pickets were immediately thrown around Ry-Lock, labor movement, but is filled with clipped news articles, cartoons and editorials, together with the huge red-baiting attacks which periodically take up a full page.

Fletcher is notorious also for his open flouting of the decisions of the Labor Council. The council during the election campaign endorsed Byron Scott, progressive democrat. Before the campaign was over the Labor News came out with a glowing endorsement, unauthorized, of James F. Collins, reactionary Republican running for the same office.

Fletcher and the Labor News have also virtually sabotaged the decision of the council to carry out a mass campaign against the Long Beach anti-picketing ordinance. This ordinance strongly affected the fank and file of the Townsenders during the recent Richmald Dairy strike, yet Fletcher heads the Labor Council ticket which the teasters' official, Seltzer, dom-

ANTI-PICKET ACT SNEAKED OVER, OBISPO

Supervisors Acted Fast Against Field Union Strikers

OCEANO—The striking Filipino field workers as well as progressives and liberals of this county were shocked to learn that an anti-picket ordinance first rumored on Monday, Jan. 18th, was passed on the same day.

Urged by growers and their attorney, the four supervisors present, Erhart, Ferrini, Twisselman and Chairman Arnold passed Ordinance No. 47, a measure that for subtle viciousness is best likened to the infamous California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

While the ordinance was rushed through, the text bears ample witness that the purported framers, Growers' attorney Dubin (a former district attorney in the county) and District Attorney Van Wormer, must have been well prepared and spent time to present a document that apes the worst of other anti-working class laws.

The local field workers' strike has been so peaceful that most citizens have little knowledge of it even from the press. But the same has not been felt by the growers while trying to break the strike.

To their every effort, refusal to negotiate with the union, false report of settlement by a return to the 35c scale without recognizing the union printed in their growers' bulletins, their drive to organize Ry-Lock 100 per cent.

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Protests Halt WPA Firings in L. A.

LOS ANGELES.—The Professional Projects Councils won a decisive victory in their first major fight when Loren Green, director of the Federal Music Project, announced Saturday, January 23, that 30 musicians who were to be dismissed, will remain "indefinitely" on the project.

Green added that he did not know, when, if ever, the proposed cut would be enforced.

Vigorous protest, sent to Harry Hopkins, National Director of WPA, and threats of mass picketing of the Professional Projects Councils forced the speedy recapitulation in relief circles' plans to further cut Federal work projects.

Theater Corp. Gets Riled When Union Calls it "Unfair"

LOS ANGELES.—The Unique Theater Corporation, anti-labor theater in Hollywood has filed a suit for permanent injunction against the Motion Picture Projection Union, local No. 150, to halt picketing in front of the theater.

Chief concern of the theater was the fact that pickets carried newspapers which headlined "Unfair."

The corporation asked that the union must be restrained from using the word "unfair." However, Judge Emmet Wilson refused to "sit as censor of newspapers," he declared.

GAG IS FOUGHT

NORTH TARRYTOWN, N. Y. —Auto Workers' Union in this General Motors Town rallied numerous civic and church organizations to oppose a proposed "regulation of meetings" ordinance, and no one spoke in favor of it.

LIVELY DEBATE IN CENTRA LABOR COUNCIL MARKS I OF UNIONS' SLATE IN

Buzzell Heads Reactionary Fight It But Progressives Show Gr Strength Behind Issue

LOS ANGELES—Labor's course in the Spring Elections in this city was aired here at the January meeting of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council. The meeting was the liveliest the Council has seen for a while with a great number of delegates participating in interesting debate. Several times delegates made motions for "previous question," but Chairman Sherman considered the debate of such great importance that he urged the delegates to continue discussions.

"Give everybody a chance to express his views on this highly important and serious problem," he said.

The delegates accepted this good advice of the Chairman and discussed the pros and cons of Labor's independent action in the coming municipal elections for over an hour.

A communication from Labor's Conference for municipal elections, formed in Los Angeles on January 10, for the purpose of organizing labor's independent action in cooperation with the liberal and progressive forces in that city for the coming spring elections, was the cause of the discussion.

Second Conference Jan. 24

Calling the second conference for January 24, Labor's conference sent a communication to the Central Labor Council inviting the officers and delegates to attend the gathering at which further plans and a slate of candidates for the elections was to be worked out.

On the ground that the communication comes from an "outside body," and that the Central Labor Council through its "Joint Executive Committee can itself take care of the matter," Lotz, of the Typographical Union promptly made a motion that the "communication be tabled."

J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, in favor of holding the motion to table the communication declared that "Labor is not in a position to take independent action without having the support of the community," despite scores of delegates pointing out that "labor must take an independent position in the coming elections," especially in view of the fact that progressive and liberal forces in the city are ready and willing to go into joint action with labor in the spring elections.

"Too long have we followed the policy of 'support your friends and punish your enemies'; and every time we were allowed to pick between two Democrats," Wm. Bailey, secretary of the Musicians' Union, and scores of other delegates.

"Our Own Men"

"We have always said 'let the office seek the man, and not the man seek the office'," said Guyer, of the Teachers' Union, former Assemblyman defeated in the last elections by but 900 votes. "Now we must decide upon offices and seek our own men," he added.

To this Buzzell retorted: "Men will always be running whenever they please, and you can't help it by urging that the line of supporting the "proper candidate for office" be followed. Buzzell and those delegates who supported him, declared that "this policy has proven successful for years" and urged that Labor's unity be maintained in the elections.

Just how "successful" the policy of "supporting the best candidate' has been can be seen in the resultant reactionary Shaw City Administration and the Fascist Mayor Shaw and Chief of Police Davis with his gangs of thugs and the infamous "Red Squad" with its officers under cover of the "injunction". Judges carry out the wishes and dictates of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce in doing all they can to suppress labor.

The motion, to "table the communication," was carried by 64-33.

Having voted for this motion Gillette, of the Musicians' Union, made a strong appeal, which he called "for conciliation." He pleaded that the Central Labor Council should not ignore the over 40 local labor unions composing Labor's Conference on Municipal Elections just because they did not follow "the right procedure." He pleaded for unity in the coming municipal elections and pointed to "of a Labor Party, as of united action in municipal elections."

He then proposed tee of five be electe the Conference and a ference to come back trail Labor Council a can be this unity de present time.

This motion was adopted.

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DENIED INJUNCTION

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JOBLESS INSURANCE

...NGTON—The U. S. ...Court again on Monday ...to prevent an im-...ling on constitution-...Social Security Act, ...a test case based on ...chusetts Act.

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LOS ANGELES—B... tality and the ... worker chairman ... picketing of 600 wo... Kroehler Furniture ... Englewood, Friday e... 22, in the third ... strike of the Upholst...

Four hundred str... joined the picket line ... holsterers in picketing ... plant.

Scabs from the ... building threw a brick ... a Deputy sheriff on ... Police tried to arrest ... strikers, but was later ... admit that he was ...

On framed up charges ... last week and battery, ... was arrested and mer... en by Officer Witty, ... Police Force, ... ally hit the workers ... teeth with his club. ... in bail on $50 bail.

Another worker ... for "battery" was ... $50 bail; and a third ... "resisting arrest" ... been released on $... fourth is still being ... jail, charged with ... of an officer."

J. Allen Frankel, ... Labor Defense attorney ... over the cases.

GIVE $10,000 TO END PICKET LAW

San Francisco Unions Go To General Public

SAN FRANCISCO—Over $10,... 000 has been donated by San Francisco Labor to the Anti-Picket Law Repeal Campaign Committee, Clarence King reported to the Labor Council last Friday night.

Repeal of the 20-year-old anti-picketing ordinance has been put forth, Armour and other ... to recognize the Union.

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SACRAMENTO.— ... to set up an assemb... to investigate the ... Framepup will go bef... assembly as a whole w... favorable recommendati... committee, which ... it without opposition ... ary Charles Lyon, ... the committee, absent ... however.

More than 100 rep... of labor and farmpaid... izations packed the ... the committee's he... held Tuesday night.

WORKERS' PRESS DRIVE

Raised on Jan. 30—$4673.76

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ARITIME UNIONS BALLOT ON RETURN TO WORK

...sive Test of Strength for U. S. Labor

SITDOWN STRIKERS inside Fisher Body (General Motors) Plant No. 2 at Flint, Mich., and sympathizers outside hear union messages broadcast through loud speakers, some thing comparatively new in strike technique. During the recent unprovoked attack by Flint police the defense was directed through an apparatus installed in a parked car and protected by an escort. Chevrolet workers in Oakland are on strike along with their eastern brothers, and are fighting for the right to picket unmolested.

Spain People Fighting Their Battle, Ours Too

IN SOLIDARity with the brave defenders of democracy in Spain, the citizens of the Paris suburb Gennevilliers, load a barge in the Seine River with bags of food for Madrid. They know that a defeat of Fascism in Spain will be a setback for Fascism in France, as it will also be a setback for Fascist elements the open shop Hearst-Liberty League Wall Street combination, in the U. S. A. It is to the direct interest of all liberty loving American people to Aid with food, medical and technical aid for Spain.

BIG GAINS BY ALL UNIONS AS STRIKE RESULT

Overwhelming Vote for Return Under Gains Made Is Considered Certain; Returns To Be Announced Wednesday

As the WESTERN WORKER went to press all striking maritime unions were balloting on return to work under the gains they have made.

Balloting results will be known Wednesday. It is considered a certainty that the vote will be overwhelmingly for resuming work under the gains ... the 40,000 strikers have won in their over three months long strike, in which case work may be resumed Thursday.

The official balloting followed the adoption of the following Coast Policy Committee resolution over the week-end:

"The policy committee immediately recommends that all unions take a vote on the Ratification of their agreements, and upon ratification of the agreements by the majority of the members of the Federation (Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast), the strike will be automatically terminated as to date and time to be determined without delay."

Five of the maritime unions are submitting a simple "Yes" or "No" ballot on the question of resuming work under tentative agreements reached.

The Marine Firemen's Union ballot contains three proposals: Acceptance or rejection of the Alaska agreement separately; the same for the Shoreside agreement, and on the offshore agreement "Yes" or "No" on acceptance or rejection of ratification, and if "No" is cast, the voter can also vote on returning to work on the basis under the tentative agreement, the case to be arbitrated. The same situation holds for the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

In any event, both Firemen and Cooks will return to work as quickly as the other unions do.

The ILA has won the 6-hour day without any qualifications; all 95 ports will have the 6-hour overtime after 3 p. m., after the employers had insisted on an 8-hour day. The ILA has won preferential employment guaranteed in writing; negotiaitons on standby loads and safety rules.

Sailors have won a 30% increase, union recognition and hiring hall control; cooks and stewards get a wage increase of $8-hour day; firefighters and 9-hour day on passenger ships; firemen get wage increases and a hiring hall; engineers a wage increase and increased manning scales, and the masters, mates and pilots virtually the same. Radio operators get wage increases and an 8-hour day without doing clerical duties in addition.

All sea-faring groups win cash overtime and hiring through the hall.

The Workers Press Drive

THE S. DIEGO CELERY STRIKERS TELL WHAT 'WESTERN' MEANS

IF YOU WANT to get an inkling as to what the lack of the WESTERN WORKER would mean to the California working class, glance at this letter from a union in the midst of an important agricultural strike:

Western Worker,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco, Calif.
Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find press release announcing our celery strike in San Diego County, which we are anxious to have published in your paper.

At this time we wish to thank you for the space you have given to the cause of the problems of agricultural workers, and especially for the publicity on our San Diego Unions.

BILL SIGNS,
Chairman, Joint Publicity Committee—Agricultural Unions of San Diego County.

But it is an alarming fact that we have raised only 40 per cent of the $12,000 we must have to keep the Western Worker going in 1937! Look at the figures on page 5. These figures must be changed in the four weeks that remain.

You see in that letter how much the WESTERN WORKER means to the working class.

See to it that your paper is enabled to continue to serve the working class, by donating to the $12,000 WESTERN WORKER fund, and by having your unit hold a party for the WESTERN WORKER.

Share Croppers Are In Path of Onrushing Mississippi Flood; Their Union Cooperates With Red Cross

SAN FRANCISCO.—Organized labor has been foremost among those donating for the relief of the Ohio and Mississippi flood victims.

The Central Labor Council here has donated $100; the Teamsters $250; the Musicians $250; and the Laundry Drivers $100 to the Red Cross flood fund.

Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 38-44, has sent $100 to the Cincinnati Central Labor Council, to be used for the flood sufferers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Fifteen thousand members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, many of whom have suffered persecution, flogging and murder, a year ago, now find themselves in the pathway of the onrushing Mississippi flood, expected to reach record-breaking proportions.

The S. T. F. U. has issued a special flood bulletin calling all its members to cooperate with the Red Cross and to hold themselves in readiness for relief and rescue work.

Can You Answer These?

1—What is the largest trade union in the United States?

2—Who was the first labor leader in California?

3—When was slavery abolished by the California Legislature?

4—What was the first known trade union in California?

5—Who fired the first demand for an 8-hour day start in California?

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GREET PARTY BUILDERS!

Welcome Best Ones On Feb. 6th

SAN FRANCISCO.—An event of great importance and interest will take place in San Francisco Saturday, Feb. 6, at 6.30 p.m., 121 Haight St.

It will be the Party Builders Congress, at which the best builders of the Communist Party in California will be honored.

The Party Builders' achievement in reaching 1000 new members, into the Communist Party will be celebrated at the Congress.

All Party members and their friends are urged to attend the Congress. A splendid turkey dinner will be served, and there

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NEXT ISSUE TO FEATURE USSR TRIAL

The next issue of the Western Worker will contain exclusive material on the trial of the 17 Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters, who invoked the aid of fascist Germany and Japan in a plot to dismember the Soviet Union.

We urge our readers to obtain additional copies of the next issue, to be used in counter-attack on the capitalist press propaganda in defense of the Trotzyite-fascists.

AIN GOVT. TARTS NEW REAT PUSH

rs of Madrid Will Not Retreat ne Foot Further"; Victories Reported in Jaen Province

(Additional Spanish News, Page 6)

The government militia took the offensive ...sm in the north of Spain over the week-end, ...al Jose Miaja reported for the Madrid Defense ...the capital defenses were secure and that the mil-...ll not retreat "one foot further."

On the Bilbao front, the Fascist-held town of Kalamua was shelled, destroying an ammunition depot and fortifications. In addition to offensive operations in the northern Basque provinces, the government militia was also advancing in southern Jaen province.

In the south, government troops were advancing on Fascist-held Granada.

A heavy Fascist attack on Madrid was decisively squelched, and government troops strengthened their lines in University City and in El Pardo, north of the capital. The Hospital Clinico was isolated from the main Fascist lines.

Torrential rains had isolated many Fascist detachments, and disrupted Fascist communications and supplies.

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File to Give hnical Aid

RANCISCO — Many ... have applied to ... Spain in the first ... of the office of the ... Society for Technical ... Spanish Democracy then ... d here, reports Tom ... Francisco representa-... the committee which ... in release Spanish ... go to the front, are ...mated the Society at ...

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UNIONS IN S. F. SEND BIG SUMS TOFLOODAREA

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(See Editorial, Page 4)

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TRIAL OF ANTI-NAZI PICKETS

Set for February 6; Cops In Brutal Attack

SAN FRANCISCO. — Police here last Friday attacked pickets of the Anzi consulate with one of the most brutal beatings of recent record. Nine pickets were arrested, among them Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party.

Elmer Amedeo, one of the pickets, had his nose broken and his body cut in his head by police clubs, entirely unprovoked. Judge Thomas Foley, meanwhile, had issued an order to set high bail on all arrests of those "refusing to move on" in the neighborhood of the consulates. Trial is set for Feb. 6.

$100,000 FOR MEDICAL AID FOR SPAIN!

NEW YORK.—$100,000 for medical aid to Spain is sought by the medical bureau, American Friends of Spanish Democracy, 20 Vesey St., New York City.

Ambulances have been pledged by chapters in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit and Lancaster, Pa.

IT HAPPENED IN CALIFORNIA

L. A. FLU CASES DROP

LOS ANGELES.—The flu epidemic which had stricken thousands here during the past two weeks, with only 416 new cases reported over the weekend.

ASK CORONER'S OUSTER

SAN MATEO.—A petition by 5 morticians asks the ouster of Coroner Crosby, on charges of discrimination in distributing cases among undertakers.

$10,000 BRIBE REPORTED

LOS ANGELES. — A special assembly committee reported that a $10,000 bribe had been offered by sardine companies to some unnamed member of the Fish and Game Committee.

GRAFT ENDANGERS KIDS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Faulty construction in schoolhouses here has been charged against contractors, by Dr. C. Wilson, supervising structural engineer for the state division of architecture. Graft is seen behind it.

FARMER'S CHILD FREEZES

AUBURN.—A half-starved father on Monday staggered out of a blinding blizzard here, with the body of his youngest child, frozen to death. The poverty stricken father is Thomas Lamm.

13 EXECUTED WHO PLOTTED AGAINST USSR

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NEVADA O.K. FOR CHILD LABOR ACT

CARSON CITY, Nev.—Nevada became the 27th state to ratify the Child Labor Law when the Assembly, by a vote of 39 to 8, adopted a resolution to that effect previously passed by the Senate.

When two-thirds, or 24 of the 48 states ratify the law, it will become an amendment to the constitution.

Support to Sirovich Amendments Asked Of Organizations

(See Page 3 for Communist position on Copeland Act)

SAN FRANCISCO — Notified by by Secretary of Labor Perkins that final action on the acceptance of efficiency provisions of the Copeland Act have been submitted to the Senate, labor organizations here were preparing data on Monday, to be submitted at hearings in Washington on Thursday.

Distribution of the continuous discharge books, begun early last week here, have been postponed.

Meanwhile unions and all progressive organizations are urged to prevail on their congressmen to support the Sirovich amendments which would eliminate anti-labor features of the Copeland Act.

CIO OPENS S. F. DRIVE IN STEEL

Mass Meeting Brings Many From Mills

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.—The CIO drive to organize the steel industry here into the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers is on. It is part of a great nation-wide drive.

Over 1,000 steel workers came to the open first mass meeting held here, last Friday night, in connection with the drive. The meeting was addressed by members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

Also Williams Dalrymple, CIO organizer; Slippy, Utility Workers organizer, and Dr. Facchi, spoke.

UNIONS GET SET FOR FINK BOOK HEARING

Sheriff In San Diego County Breaks Law

SAN DIEGO. — Sheriff Ernie Dort, with utter disregard for the law, has ordered his deputies to prevent more than ten pickets in picket on any one celery field.

Wayne Compton, attorney for the striking unions, has advised them that the sheriff's order is not based on any existing law and cannot legally be enforced. The unions have notified the sheriff's office that his orders are not in accordance with the law and that they intend to pro-

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PROGRESSIVES POLL HEAVY IN S. F. LABOR COUNCIL; PUT SHELLEY IN AS PRESIDENT

Bridges, 3 Others on Executive Board; Vandeleur, Trounced Again, Runs 19th In Field of 27; Vice-Pres. Runoff

SAN FRANCISCO—Progressives, running on a "New Deal in the Labor Council" ticket, made big gains in the elections of the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday.

John Shelley, Henry Schmidt, present of ILA Local 38-79, polled 174 votes against 202 for Lawrence Vandeleur of the Laundry Workers, the machine-backed candidate. Ernest Lotti of the Crauffeurs was out of the running for this post, garnering only 35 votes.

Lou Goldblatt, Warehousemen's Union, threw a big share into the reactionaries in the race for secretary. John O'Connell, reactionary incumbent, won with 270 votes, but Goldblatt's strength was nothing to sneeze at: 148 votes.

Four outstanding progressives make the Executive Board: Harry Bridges, 231 votes; Warren Denton, Warehousemen, 212; Harry Hook, Marinists (S), with 212 votes, and George Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers, 257 votes.

Jack Vandeleur ran 19th in a field of 27, out of the running.

Two others on the progressive side who were elected to the executive board were also on the machine slate. They were Pat O'rien (Brewery Workers), with 269 and R Scott (Carmen), 311 voices.

Remaining six elected, all conservatives, were: John Daly (Letter Carriers), 254 votes; Mary Everson (Waitresses) 214; Metcalf (Moulders) 227; McDonough (Cooks) 219; Michaels (Chauffeurs) 224; Fierce O'Brien (Shoe Clerks) 252. There will be a run-off between J. McGuire of the Janitors and Walter Varney of the operating Engineers. Each polled 211.

Elected to the organizing board were: Bell, Cooks; Figone (Musicians) both slates); Figone (Musicians) 252; Holmes (Operating Engineers) 241; Miller (Carmen) 199; McGovern (Laborers') on both slates) 376; Rotell (Moulders) 376; Shelley (Bakery Wagon Drivers) 264 (progressive).

Progressive candidates not elected to organizing board polled: Allman (UPW), 186; Bolagliani (Cooks). 176; Jere Callahan (Filling Station) 186; Goldblatt, 186; Stern (Marine Firemen) 186.

Elected to the law and legislative committee were Buerner (Cooks with 268 votes); Heidelberg (Typos), 338; Hopkins (Teamsters) 334; King (Musicians) 340; Kluegle ILA, (on both slates) 352; Lillian Olney, (Teachers, on both slates) 376.

Progressive candidates for this post polled: Sam Jaye Miscellaneous 110), 194; Kidwell, 279.

AFL Will Oppose Perkins Lawe

WASHINGTON.—The American Federation of Labor will fight the strike legislation proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, according to Pres. William Green.

Green said that the proposed legislation "a step in the direction of compulsory arbitration."

Perkins asked that the Secretary of Labor be empowered to subpoena books, records and individuals of unions as well as others.

Call Inquiry of L. A. Health Head

LOS ANGELES.—Accusations of graft, extortion money, coercion of employees, inefficiency and waste were thrown at the Chamber of Commerce-controlled Health board, today, before Doctor J. L. Pomeroy, by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury in a report made public last week.

Recommending a thorough and impartial investigation of the department, the report stated this inquiry should be directed toward elimination of waste, inefficiency, duplication of services, subsidizing of county employees by outside organizations, laxity of food and sanitary inspections, nutritious meals, and handling mileage and many other matters.

The grand jury further asked that the investigation be carried on by the Board of Supervisors and the Civil Service Commission.

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take up the fight for Labor's participation in the coming municipal elections.

In all the trade unions, keen interest is being shown in Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, particularly among delegates to the Central Labor Council. Lively discussions are taking place in regard to the position of the Council and the part it can play in the spring elections.

Strong Movement

At the same time, among the liberal and progressive forces throughout the city, a strong movement in the same direction is developing. More and more they see the need for unity between their forces and Labor's forces. They have expressed their desire and willingness to support any independent political action of labor in the coming elections.

With all local unions and councils organized into Labors' Conference for the Municipal Elections, the executive committee of the Conference at their meeting January 24 called upon the Central Labor Council to take the lead by calling a city-wide conference of all local unions and councils in cooperation with all liberal and progressive forces to broaden and further the work started by the Conference.

The next meeting of the Conference has been called for Sunday, February 7, p. m., at the Painters' District Council Hall, 1748 Santsce Street. Offices of Labor's Conference for the Municipal have been opened at 524 S. Spring Street, Room 24.

Townsend Attacks Calif. Manager

SAN FRANCISCO.—Plans of Edward J. Margett, state Townsend movement manager, to become national manager, have been spiked by Dr. F. E. Townsend last week in a letter to California Townsend headquarters attacking Margett and flatly rejecting petitions that Margett get the national job.

Townsend accused Margett of failing to turn over $4039.74 due national headquarters, and said:

"I cannot approve of the tactics of Mr. Margett in attacking the national organization with the hope of pounding himself into the control of it."

NO MISLEADER

VICE-PRESIDENT Wyndham Mortimer, of the United Automobile Workers Union, which leads tens of thousands of General Motors workers on strike for collective bargaining rights.

SPANISH YOUTH SPEAK IN L. A.

$2000 Raised After Stirring Appeal By Mrs. Simarro

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320 Market street, Room 27, by letter or between 3 and 5 p. m.

LOS ANGELES—In the name of the heroic United Youth Front of Spain, Maria Simarro, one of four Spanish Youth delegates touring America, addressed more than 2000 persons at Philharmonic Auditorium last Thursday night.

The Youth Delegation schedule in California is as follows:

Watch These Dates!

Feb. 2—Maria Simarro, San Bernardino; Feb. 13—San Diego; Feb. 14—San Pedro; Feb. 15—arrive San Francisco; Feb. 17—S. F. Dreamland Aud.; Feb. 18—Stanford Univerisity, noon; Feb. 18—San Jose, afternoon; Feb. 19—Oakland Civic Aud., afternoon; Feb. 20—one-half delegation to Vacaville, other half to Chico; Feb. 21—Sunnyvale (dinner) 1 p. m.; Feb. 21—one-half delegation to San Leandro, other half to Sacramento; Feb. 22—one-half delegation to Fresno; other half to Pittsburg; Feb. 23—banquet, Los Angeles; Feb. 24—L. A. meeting, Shrine Aud.

"Youth of America, let our lesson serve as a warning for you—we were too unsuspecting of the danger of Fascism in Spain," Mrs. Simarro declared in Los Angeles.

"I have been sent by the great majority of the Spanish people, and especially the youths—to tell you of the profound justice of our cause. In the name of the Spanish people, exemplified by the great La Pasionaria, I greet you!"

Describing the barbarious invasion of democratic Spain, Mrs. Simarro said:

"This is not a civil war, but an invasion of European Fascism. Only five per cent of the rebels are Spaniards, because Franco, Mussolini and Hitler depend on the regular army to bomb the centers of culture and the machine-gun women standing in line for bread.

"Madrid is the fighting line against world Fascism and we know it will be Fascism's grave.

"In this battle forced on a democratically-elected, free government, not only the future of Spanish democracy is at stake, the future of all democracies is being weighed. This is a struggle of the against peace, of despotism against the dignity of mankind."

Unity Against Franco

"We Spanish youth did not hesitate to defend the Spanish government. We knew that a victory for Fascism in Spain would mean death to Spanish youth—a life without hope or liberty.

"The Spanish people will resist Fascism to the last drop of their blood. And by the memory of the thousands of their dead, they have promised to stand firmer than to bend their knee to the slavery of Fascism. To defend Spain, the whole people have united as one.

"The women are giving everything to crush the Spanish Monster of Fascism. We prefer to be widows of heroes rather than wives of cowards. We ask only for bread for our children—freedom for their future."

Miss Janet Reingsfield, daughter of a recently-murdered Spanish translated the talk.

The program was under auspices of the Workmen's Circle in cooperation with other Jewish and fraternal organizations. The collection was $2000, including contributions from Bakers and Confectioners Workers' Union; Painters' Union; Carpenters and Joiners' Union; Maritime Federation of the Pacific; Cap Makers' Union; International Labor Defense; International Workers' Order, Silver Lake Branch; Jack London Branch, Young Communist League; Centinella Branch, YCL; Boyle Heights Section, Communist Party.

STEP CLOSER TO UNIFYING S. DIEGO AFL

Committee to Work Out Way to Bring Locals to Council

SAN DIEGO—Unification of San Diego labor unions moved a step closer last Wednesday night when a test of strength vote in the Federated Trades Council resulted in a defeat for the present reactionary leaders.

Over intense opposition a motion carried, 21 to 20, electing a committee to confer with the Building trades Council, and jointly work out a proposal by which all local unions will be brought into the Federated Trades. At present a majority of the unions including all members of the Building Trades Council, are boycotting the Federated Trades. The elected committee of five, of which three members are opposed to the Council, will meet Sunday at 10 a. m., and their proposals will be voted on next Wednesday.

Rowland Watson, AFL organizer, who was sent here to attempt mediation of local labor factional disagreements, informed the delegates that although he had no power other than that of a mediator, several local unions which left the Federated council be dissolved and a new one reformed with all unions represented on an equal basis.

J. W. Brown, business agent of the Waiters and Bartenders' local moved concurrence with this proposal. Secretary Bellamy acionary executive committee member moved to refer the the question to the executive committee. After a lengthy debate in which a total of 23 delegates spoke, the motion to refer lost. At this point President Walter Stutz suddenly decided the original motion was out of order and he refused to entertain it. Delegate Brown appealed to the vice-president, who also refused to entertain the motion.

At this impasse the motion was finally withdrawn and the progressive delegates succeeded in electing the committee to confer with the Building Trades Council.

During the heated discussion, Jack Preston, business agent of the Teamsters declared: "There's no split in the labor movement here. There's just three people who are opposed to unity and when they get out, we'll all be together."

Unions entitled to a total of 60 delegates are boycotting the Federated Trades because the present leadership of the organization refuse to accept new affiliations unless they pay per capita tax for the entire membership of the council. For the majority of unions, this would amount to more than 10 years per capita payment.

If present plans to unify the local labor movement succeed, more than 80 progressive delegates will be seated, compromise with 20 delegates who still support the present reactionary officers.

Heinz Strikers Say Recognize Union

BERKELEY.—Conferences between the H. J. Heinz Corp. and the Cannery Workers Union, No. 20099, AFL, have been terminated after an indefinite period of time, the management has turned the entire matter over to the lawyers of the Pacific Canners Association, obviously taking orders from this organization.

In the face of the company's offer to reinstate the discharged workers, without union recognition, the strikers voted, unanimously to remain out on strike until full union recognition is gained, but union recognition as well as their only guarantee for security of their jobs.

Bill Died, Victim of LACRA Callousness

LOS ANGELES.—A victim of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration's murderous disregard of human needs and suffering, little Billy Boynton, 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Boynton, died Saturday, January 23, of pneumonia.

For months Mrs. Boynton and her daughter had been forced to live on $30 a month. Of that $30, the small house in which they lived cost them $18 per month. $12 was left for food, gas, light!

The Relief Administration visitor, Miss Dooley, visited them time and time again the small supplementary aid that marked the difference between what they got and what they should have received to enable them to obtain even the necessaries of life.

Improper heating facilies, a sub-starvation diet, and the constant blight of insecurity caused her illness.

Two weeks ago a woman's committee from the Workers' Alliance brought Bill to the Los Angeles Citizen's Relief Committee to put these mothers of minor children back to work—to give them the chance of making enough money to save their children from starvation.

The Citizen's Committee did not do it. And the $30-dollar-a-month stab in the back killed Billy Boynton.

The Citizen's Committee is guilty of the death of this girl. Thousands of other children in Los Angeles County are being slowly killed, driven to their graves by this ruthless mass murder policy of the Citizen's Committee.

Letters should be sent to the Los Angeles Citizen's Relief Committee at 741 South Flower Street, to protest her death.

"Stand-Up" Strike Is Latest for Labor-WPA Men, Monica

LOS ANGELES. — Three hundred Works Progress Administration workers, employed on a fire-break project in the Santa Monica Mountains, staged a unique strike today—a "stand-up" walkout.

The men refused to take their seats in trucks scheduled to transport them to work because tarpaulines had been removed.

"We are just saving you from carbon monoxide," the project foremen told the men.

"We'll take the gas and keep warm," chorused the men as they headed for the mountains, an hour late.

KEEP UP GEN'L MOTORS PICKET

East Bay Union Has Big Meeting On Strike

OAKLAND—Considering proposals on carrying out picketing of the closed General Motors plants here, about 700 members and prospects of the United Automobile Workers' (CIO affiliate) held an organization meet at union headquarters, Clay and 8th Sts., Saturday. Frank Slaby, president of the Oakland local, spoke.

Over 2400 are effected by the strike in the two plants here. Pickets continued to surround the plants over the week-end.

LOS ANGELES.—To forestall a strike led by the United Automobile Workers' Union, the General Motors Corp. closed down its big assembly plant at Southgate, Friday, January 29, throwing 3,000 men out of work.

"Shortage of materials" was used as an excuse by R. J. Wilkins, general manager of the plant.

FIREMEN EXPEL GEO. WALLACE

For Part In Framing King, Ramsay, Conner

SAN FRANCISCO.—Because he perjured himself to help frame Earl Ramsay, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner, the Pacific Coast Maritime Firemen's Union has voted unanimously to expel George Wallace from its ranks.

The action was based on a resolution adopted by the union. Wallace was charged by the union voted to send Wallace's picture to unions throughout the country so that when he is freed unionists may be on guard against him.

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MATANUSKA NO HEAVEN, FARM COLONISTS SEE

Government Acts the Part of Shylock In Alaska

PALMER, Alaska—All is not heavenly in the Matanuska Valley, the colony to which the U. S. Government brought a big number of middle west farmers, victims of the drought.

The press and the movies have been crooking Matanuska up in idyllic terms. But it seems that the Government, through the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corp. is proving a regular Shylock to the colonists.

Fight Against Eviction

One of the colonists, Charles Ruddell, plans to fight against eviction from the 8-acre tract he is purchasing, on the installment plan, from the Government. Ruddell, who owes $12,000, is leading a group of colonists who have been threatening against charges levied against them for the land and other items. They say they had been told their debt would never be more than $3500.

Ruddell, with a family of nine, was among the "evictees" here two years ago from the middle west drought areas.

PEOPLE'S GROUP SLAPS GARRISON

Urges Repeal Anti-Picketing Laws, Back Sacto. Bill

OAKLAND.—"When Col. Walter E. Garrison, Hearst Associated Farmers of California, attacks repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance in counties and cities, and the Criminal Syndicalism labor Criminal Syndicalism Act, he is speaking only for the handful of rich land owners and mortgage - holding banks," declares a statement issued by the Northern California Executive Committee of the California People's Legislative Conference.

"The Conference urges all labor and people's organizations to vote out of existence all anti-picketing ordinances before the voters, as in San Francisco, and to get solidly behind our bill introduced in the State Legislature which would invalidate all such ordinances."

Encourages Violence

"We also urge support of our bill repealing the C.S. Act."

Plan to Be Effective on Spot

The Conference executive group for Northern California met here Saturday afternoon in the Labor Temple, and voted to set up organizing committees in every county where there is a state for the purpose of rallying support for the bills introduced in Sacramento.

These organizing committees are also to sponsor mass meetings in their districts, and state senators of the various

CELERY STRIKE DEFIES TERROR

Sheriff In San Diego County Breaks Law

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test their right to peacefully picket.

Deputy Sheriff Adams notified the secretary of the American union that any attempt to place more than ten pickets around a field would result in some broken heads.

Encourages Violence

The sheriff is encouraging violence by his orders. It was proved at the trial that some of the scabs will attack the pickets at any opportunity, when a group of scabs working for H. P. Garin and Co. descended on the picket line with clubs and knives, the pickets were encouraged on a public highway and were entirely within their rights.

Deputy sheriffs who were present during the fight grins and drove the pickets back, paying no attention to the scabs who precipitated the fight. Now the sheriff is attempting to give the impression that he is neutral in the dispute.

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How Many Did You Answer?

1—The United Mine Workers of America, with 500,000 members.

2—An ordinance passed in San Francisco imprisoning any sailor who jumped ship, for a term of six months. This was passed at the demand of the shipowners in 1847.

3—Slavery in the Mexican province of California was formally abolished Sept. 25, 1829, but abuses in connection with employment of Indians continued for many years thereafter.

4—The San Francisco Typographical Society, formed in 1850, was the first known trade union on the Pacific Coast.

5—On Dec. 12, 1865, an ad appeared in the Morning Call, San Francisco, advertising a mass meeting to be held by working men interested in the 8-hour day. Alexander Kennaday, president of the San Francisco Trades Union, began the agitation.

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Dorothy Reppeto Business Agent of and Waiters and former Executive the Federated Trades left town since the s have taken effect that organization.

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Since the Cooks Union was its victi Eureka Inn and t progressive officials signed up half a do is working on the shops. Organizer Ne signed up a dozen county-wide drive. The clerks have two meetings and bers have been repo up.

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Hitler Cries For Robber

BERLIN. — Hitler claimed his interest new lands by robb here last week.

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Hitler cited the unanimity with pro Fascists and demand Germany's colonies avoid isolation"—in the Nazis desire to against the Soviet

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Donated Unions

NCISCO. — The Executive Council ed $500 to the mari- Federation unions. The I.L.A. Union announced ated an additional Striker relief fund. dges reports that has been donated the unions to the ke relief.

To Greet Party Builders on Sat.

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will be music and dramatic talent. Wm. People's Jungle Band will play after 9 p.m.

Then Frank Spector, San Francisco County organizer of the Communist Party, will present the State Recruiting Banners to the best Party Builders.

Regular delegates will hear a report by C. P. State Secretary William Schneiderman on Sunday, Feb. 7, to be followed by exchange of experiences and ideas by the delegates.

Two More Tugboat Lines Are Struck

SAN FRANCISCO.—The strike of tugboat workers in the Bay has spread from the Red Stack Co. to the California and Crowley Companies.

The strike, in which members of the Inland Boatmen's, the Marine Engineers and the Masters, Mates and Pilots are taking part, is not connected with the general maritime strike.

Boatmen Union members demand: 8-hour day, 240 hour month, and a $25 monthly raise as against present 28-hour month at $110.

A.F.L. Committee Urges Legislature To Pardon Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO.—A resolution adopted last Sunday by the Bay Area AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings calls on the state legislature to pass pending legislation for the pardon of Tom Mooney.

Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

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His Freedom Action by egislature

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FRANK CONNER and E. G. Ramsay, Marine Firemen's Union members, in San Quentin along with Earl King, as a result of the Point Lobos murder trial frameup. Continued pressure by organized labor will free them.

What Seamen Told Perkins On The Copeland Act, Sirovich Proposal

WASHINGTON—When they were here seamen told Secretary of Labor Perkins they had no opportunity to testify on the Copeland Bill when it was before Congress and that the 16,000 individual letters sent to the Department of Commerce indicated that the seamen are opposed to the bill.

FROM ONE OF MODESTO MEN

Stanfield's Letter To the ILD

California State Prison San Quentin, California January 11, 1937

International Labor Defense 1m. 410, 1005 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Friends:

In view of the facts of what I have heard and after verifying same—find it to be true, I feel that every worker of the world ought to know of the unheard of works you and your attorneys have done in behalf of the Modesto case and conviction.

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"By Their Friends Ye Shall Know Them"

FROM one end of the country to the other the wolf-pack has again begun to howl. Led by William Randolph Hearst and Leon Trotzky, ably joined in chorus by the Scripps-Howard press, Chester Rowell and a host of other journalists, the capitalist press unites in a chorus of denunciation, ridicule, derision and skepticism fit commenting on the trial of the 17 Trotzkyist-Fascist plotters in Moscow. A lurid picture of the proceedings is conjured up for the American people: a nightmare combination of torture-racks, truth-drugs, hypotism and black magic.

The main underlying reason for this capitalist chorus of villification is not hard to find. The capitalist press is opposed to socialism. The 17 defendants plotted against the socialist state. Naturally, the capitalist press rushes to the defense of these enemies of socialism. This also explains why Hearst is quick to take up arms for people whom he recognizes to be his enemies—fellow Fascist agents!

The first reaction of the capitalist press was that the confessions of the plotters had been wrung from them by a highly-developed system of Third Degree. "American prosecutors would give a pretty penny to know the Russian secret," declared The Scripps-Howard San Francisco "News" editorially. But the defendants on the stand gave no evidence of having been mistreated. Muralov, one of the defendants, was asked "did they treat you roughly after your arrest;" His reply was: "Of course not; they were as polite as could be." But perhaps his reply was forced from him by threat of reprisal, the capitalist apologists declare. We quote Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent of the New York Times, organ of finance capital:

"We had heard that he (Radek) was broken, half insane and exhusted. But he was far from it." In the same dispatch, Duranty describes the defendants as bearing themselves "with charm" as they answered questions. Not much like men beaten and tortured into submission. So the capitalist press bubble burst, and Hearst and his cronies had to cook up other explanation for the confessions.

Then came the theory of hypnosis. Each one was hypnotized to lie, and when he testified "woke as in a dream." But this was too stupid to be at all effective. It was too much of a tax on credulity to believe that 17 different people dreamed the same story, dovetailing in details as to the part each played in this monstrous plot, giving places, dates and events accurately. So that theory was replaced by a mysterious drug concocted in the capitalist editorial laboratories—a "truth-drug."

But this was dropped like a hot potato. For these editorial chemists suddenly realized that even if they could induce the people to swallow this fantasy, it would only convince them that the plotters had actually been telling the truth about their collaboration with Fascist agents for a war against the Soviet Union. And this was most certainly the last thing these brilliant journalists wanted!

Vying with Hearst for first place in vituperation the Scripps-Howard press throughout the country last week carried an editorial headed "Madness in Russia" which declared that the Moscow trial revealed a madness in comparison with which "Mussolini's aberration and the sanguinary disorder of Hitler's mentality" were both mild. How can one believe the confessions were voluntary and true when one considers that the defendants "already have given the best of their lives to the theory on which the Soviet government was built?" the Scripps-Howard editor asks.

This, of course, is not true. The Trotzkyites have not subscribed to the theory on which the Soviet government was built. To the contrary, they fought that theory, and fought it bitterly. Zinoviev and Kamenev, defendants in the former trial and comrades of Radek and the others, were branded "strike-breakers" and "traitors" by Lenin because they fought against the October revolution. EVERY ONE of the conspirators now on trial opposed the building of socialism in the Soviet Union! For many years, and at crucial times, these Trotzkyites fought against the line of Lenin, the line on which socialist economy was built in the USSR!

Chester Rowell, writing in the San Francisco "Chronicle" in defense of the Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters, and especially in defense of Romm, under arrest in connection with the plot, says Romm "knows the world and understands it realistically, and not merely as it appears through the distorting glasses of Marxian ideology." There Mr. Rowell admits that the ideology which animated the plotters is not that on which the economy of the Soviet Union rests, Marxian ideology. It is previsely that lack of Marxian ideology, that anti-Marxian, anti-Leninist ideology, which inevitably led these Trotzkyites to plot with Fascist nations the dismemberment of the Soviet Union!

Let us turn for a brief minute to the arch-criminal, Leon Trotzky. When Zinoviev, Kamenev and their co-defendants confessed at the former trial, Trotzky tried to explain it away by declaring that they spoke as they did because they were promised their lives in return. Surely this time Radek and the other 16 are not in hopes of having their lives spared after the example of Zinoviev and Kamenev? At the first trial, Trotzky declared vehemently that the charges of murder and attempted assassination attributed to Trotzky's leadership were unfounded. Yet, writing in Mr. Hearst's Fascist press in a signed story from Coyoacan, Mexico, on January 26th, Trotzky says: "It is impossible for him (Stalin-LR) except by assassination." Now Trotzky as vehemently denied his leading role in plotting with Fascist countries for war on the Soviet Union. This despite the damning evidence of his criminal role!

Walter Duranty of the New York Times, writing in Moscow January 24th, has this to say:

"As far back as 1923 I became convinced that Stalin would win and that Stalin was the man Russia needed and Lenin's destined successor. From that conviction I have never wavered through the whole opposition period. And it is still a mystery to me how men like Piatykov, Sokolnikov and Radek, of the highest capacity and intelligence, could continue to follow Trotzky."

Duranty knows that these defendants opposed the line of Stalin, the successor of Lenin, and fought Lenin during his lifetime. And Duranty would not be so mystified by their stupidity in continuing to follow Trotzky if he clearly estimated the degree to which the poison of Trotzkyism had infected the political bloodstream of these plotters for many years back.

That the main motive was a desperate and vengeful personal ambition which led them into the Fascist camp is clearly seen in Duranty's dispatch which declared:

"The basis of this group was sheer anti-Stalinism and that they were prepared to do anything—espionage, assassination, or any compromise with the country's enemies to overthrow the Stalin regime."

Why did these Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters confess?

Some of these defendants may have withstood the tortures of the czarist police without talking—but today they are not fortified with the inner strength that comes from conviction of fighting on the side of justice and for the people against oppression.

There is nothing mysterious in their confessions, which were NOT obtained by compulsion or torture. The overwhelming evidence proved them guilty. They realized the enormity of their crimes. They confessed. What else was there left for them to do?

CIO Will Make Motors Magnates Get Off High Horse

ABOVE ARE shown Chairman John L. Lewis of the CIO, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Governor Murphy of Michigan, as they discuss the General Motors strike. General Motors officials are blocking peace by their arrogance.

The Peoples Legislative Conference - What's Ahead

The People's Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento, Jan. 16-17, grew out of a developing movement amongst the people in California — trade unionists, liberals, and progressives to advance such legislation as will check reaction and promote the interests of the common people.

Long before the Conference was organized, the California Manufacturers' Association started extensive preparations for its sinister program of action in the 1937 Session of the State Legislature. It collected $120,000 to carry on its work of introducing bills with the aim to destroy the trade unions and civil liberties.

From the very outset, it attempted to threaten and coerce smaller manufacturers and legislators into following the lead of Big Business, and its sinister plan in the Legislature. The following from the California Manufacturers' Association's letter speaks for itself:

"The next sessions of the California Legislature, which meets in January, will be the most important session ever held, as far as the manufacturers of California are concerned . . . organized labor, and radical organizations will, as heretofore, have a strong organization of trained experts at Sacramento to protect their interests. . . . We cannot afford to let strongly organized minority groups succeed in imposing their burdens upon the manufacturers. . . . The interests of the manufacturers of California are at stake. . . . The interests of the manufacturers of California must be protected. The only organization in California that has for years been of benefit to the manufacturers is the California Manufacturers' Association."

In answer to this, a Committee of trade unionists, progressives, liberals and civic leaders met to consider ways and means to counteract the plans of the employers and to work out plans for a legislative program in the interests of the people.

People Begin to Answer

The California People's Legislative Conference was thus formed in Los Angeles the beginning of December.

This Conference issued a call for a State Conference and started extensive work towards making this convention a great success.

The time was short. The 1937 Session of the Legislature opened January 4. Bills could be introduced only until January 22nd, then the recess began. After the recess only a very limited number of bills can be introduced, so that the work had to be done at a break-neck speed.

Composition of the Conference

A total of over 250 delegates of some 115 organizations representing more than 200,000 people in California.

There were, approximately, 55 or 60 local trade unions officially represented. Only one or two of them had observing delegates, all others had fully-accredited delegates.

Some 9 Central Bodies of labor were represented. Here are the Central Labor Councils: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Monterey, and the San Francisco Central Labor Council had observing delegates. The District Councils of the Carpenters and Painters of Los Angeles were represented with regular elected delegates.

The list would be too long if we were to mention all the organizations present at the Conference. In addition to the already mentioned trade unions, the following important organizations should be mentioned: the Grange, cooperative and farm groups; the youth representing the Southern and Northern (California) Youth Assembly with some 10,000 representation; a Post of the American Legion. This should give a fairly good idea of the 115 organizations and 250 delegates present at the Conference.

The Work Begins

Right after registration, the delegates began to visit the various Assemblymen and Senators, asking them to support the Convention and its proposed legislation. Results were gratifying. About 12 Senators and Assemblymen came to visit the Conference and participated in its work. Others who could not come sent word of regret expressing full accord with the purposes of the gathering. Many Assemblymen and Senators pledged to work for the program and bills adopted by the convention.

While the Conference officially opened Sunday morning, from 7 to 10 Saturday evening, the delegates were hard at work in their caucuses—Labor, Social Security, Civil Liberties and Youth. Here all proposed bills and resolutions were gone over, discussed and adopted preparing reports for the General Assembly on Sunday.

Approximately 50 major bills were adopted, covering every field of labor and progressive legislation: The right of labor to organize, strike and picket; Social Security; Anti-vigilante bills; Bills for Civil Rights; for the Rights of the Negro People; the needs of the youth, and dozens of other bills dealing with problems vital to labor and democracy-loving people, that the laboring masses in California are determined to fight for.

Every speech made at this Conference was testimony to proving the mood of the people after the sharp rebuke to reaction and fascism given in the last presidential election—in the defeat of Landon.

Delegate after delegate stressed the need of independent political action of labor in collaboration with all forces of progress. Every speech of this kind was greeted with thunderous applause and enthusiasm. "This Conference does not end today; it really begins when we get home, when we get to work," was the refrain to almost every concluding speech, a sentiment greeted with deafening applause.

"Red Scare" Lost Line

As is usually the case, the boss-controlled press attempted to give the impression, during the preparations, that this Conference was to be a "red" Conference. Even Mr. Chadwick, the Secretary of the State Federation of Labor, echoed this "Red Scare" and came out with a blast against the convention about two weeks before it convened. However, Vandeleur himself and George Kidwell were observing delegates. They handed in their credentials and were present at the Conference.

A delegate representing an American Legion Post introduced a bill to outlaw fascist teachings that are especially being taught in the schools that profess to teach "foreign languages." He brought proof that under the guise of teaching Italian to American children of Italian extraction, the Italian fascists are teaching Fascism. In the very interesting discussion that was developed around this bill, every delegate who spoke declared that we are all against any and all condemn fascism," but took exception to some clauses in the bill. The delegate from the American Legion first heartily concurred with the forthcoming program of the Conference. Especially good tangible results of this work can have a tremendous influence also in the direction of building the movement towards Labor-progressive Independent political action in the Counties and Municipalities throughout the State.

The Communist Party and its entire moving force—its membership—will do all in its power to actively help and assist the continued work of the people's Legislative Conference. As in the past, it will continue its untiring work in full harmonious cooperation with the labor and progressive forces to further peoples-labor legislation, to further independent political action of labor, farmer, and progressive forces.

AS WE SEE I

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U

In Memory of Lenin
(Concluded)

THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION further extends and the full exercise of all democratic rights won by peoples, and enlarges them by the system of the direct election to all offices, and equal voting rights citizen. This is made possible by the fact that there as any capitalist elements or antagonistic class divisions in the Soviet Union, that the working-class and the peasantry work side by side in friendly alliance for Socialism, and that the remnants of that small minority that opposed Socialism, have been completely won over to Socialism and the Soviet power.

There are critics in the capitalist world who try to deny these facts, who speak of the Soviet dictatorship," and falsely try to link it with Fascist dictatorship. How crude and false in this comparison! Fascist dictatorship is the iron rule of a small minority, of the most reactionary elements of monopoly capital; directed with force and violence against the great majority of the people, maintaining capitalist rule by terrorism and the denial of all democratic rights.

But the dictatorship of the proletariat, in alliance with the peasantry, which was established in the Soviet Union represented the state power of the vast majority of the people, without whom it could not have come to power, and was directed against the small minority of exploiters who organized resistance, with the support of foreign capitalist powers, for the restoration of capitalism.

For the workers and the peasants, Soviet power meant the fullest democracy, for it "gave into their hands not only the industries and the land and the resources of the nation, but the freedom of speech and assemblage it gave them the buildings in which to exercise it, in freedom of the press it gave them the printing presses, and above all it gave them social security, work, and education." Compare this with the manner in which Fascism is destroying all semblance of democratic rights, all science and free culture, at the point of the bayonet. No wonder the Soviet people, led by Lenin and his greatest pupil, Stalin, was forged and steeled. In that struggle Lenin had to fight not only the capitalist enemy, but for 20 years he carried on a constant, and unending struggle against the distortions of Marxism-Leninism by Trotzky.

The Soviet Union could never have been victorious if Trotzkyism had not been so decisively defeated and repudiated by the Communists. Today, when they sound now, those predictions of Trotzky that Socialism could not be built in one country, the philosophy of defeat and despair which life itself has so effectively answered. And when the Soviet Union, under Stalin's leadership, forged ahead, giving the lie to Trotzkyism, and proceeded to build Socialism, Trotzky and his followers turned to counter-revolution, and finally degenerated to the use of the Fascist weapons of assassination.

But all the anti-Soviet slander of Trotzky, so well utilized by the fascists today, cannot hide the triumph of Socialism from the working class of the world. It is a beacon light in the fight for democracy and peace, and it is an inspiration for all of us in the fight for Socialism, and should give us the confidence to the masses for the defense of the Soviet Union.

We in the Los Angeles owe a debt to Lenin and what he taught us. We can pay it by building that great world party, of which we are proud to be a section, the Communist International.

We also have a great struggle ahead of us against the fascist menace in America; we must not wait until it is too late, but while we still have time, we must build that united People's Front which can alone prevent America from being plunged into the hell of Fascism and war. The American working class is stirring; witness the great labor struggles into which we are entering; in the maritime industry, in steel, auto and the other mass production industries; witness the fight for industrial unionism and above all, the growing movement for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, the American expression of the People's Front.

The American people are overwhelmingly for the pro-Fascist election, Nov. 3rd, are going to we are facing new struggles, on a much el, for which we must ed.

This is no time the sidelines as Fascism will not sit Communists, as it proved; it will place all the people, if it is ed. And because the Party consistently stands forefront of the struggle Fascism, and War, it have made and are the slogan of the People reality, we have the to lead you, to join the struggle, and you duty to respond. That to honor Lenin; that to advance the cause ism. By joining the Party, you are joining low-workers in a fight preservation of your your families, for the free, happy and America.

Charge Spy S By L. A. Ma

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A call to the eighth convention of the Young Communist League was recently issued. Delegates of the League last week be sent to all branches The convention will be April 2 to 5 in New Y Call was issued on t Young Communist Leagelo Herndon, chairman Green, secretary.

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Japan Premier Fascist Enough For War Clique

TOKYO—Not Fascist tarist enough for the militarist clique, Gener Ugaki has informed Hirohito he is unable to cabinet. The Army re appoint a senior general portfolio of war.

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WRITERS GATHER Mexico Vs. Fascism

MEXICO, D.F.—The colorful Mexican Congress of Revolutionary Writers and Artists opened January 17 in the Bellas Artes Building with approximately 400 delegates present. A four-day session was scheduled.

Juan Marinello, Cuban revolutionary poet, secretary of the League of Revolutionary Writers and Artists, gave the opening speech, citing the importance of writers and artists taking a revolutionary viewpoint in the critical time, and urging that differences in artistic and literary be submerged under the greater need for a united front against anti-cultural Fascism.

Marinello was followed on the speakers' stand by Heraan Laborde, secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, who was greeted by many "Vivas."

Greetings of the New Masses and the League of American Writers were given in a short talk by Joseph Freeman. Waldo Frank read a paper in the name of writers of North America.

The Citizens Yawn

Red Baiter Draws 58

Lecture Postponed

SAN FRANCISCO — Peter V. Armstrong, anti-red extraordinary, was going to tell the world about "The Red Army, Menace to Civilization."

The city of San Francisco had let him use Veterans' Auditorium for this purpose, and it had denied the use of it to workers' organizations.

The American Friends of the Soviet Union had demanded of the city the right to use the same auditorium to answer the lies that this Fascist promoter is known to circulate.

Thursday was the big night. San Francisco would know! It was to be told the "awful truth."

At 8 o'clock Peter arrived, resplendent in evening clothes.

A few others also arrived.

By 8:45 there were 50 of them. Twenty-three downstairs, 35 upstairs. They appeared lost with more than a thousand empty seats around them.

Someone appeared on the stage.

He was sorry. On account of the poor attendance, the lecture would have to be postponed. The audiences could get its money back.

San Franciscans remember the lecture was widely publicized, including advertising cards in all cars of the Market Street Railway Company.

The New Pictures

THE PLAINSMEN: Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and all that. Well done super-super-western with Cecil deMille's trimmings. Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur are swell.

BLACK LEGION: Definite must for all moviegoers who have been kicking that Hollywood-tigmores present-day realities. Robinson around anti-working class activities of this terror gang. It is exciting entertainment containing an important social document. See it. Tell the house manager that after you've seen it Warner Bros. and praise them for their production.

MEN ARE NOT GODS: The most naive message from England since the Stamp Act of 1765. Miriam Hopkins suffers through it.

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ALONG CAME LOVE: Chief handicaps are story, dialogue, logic, sense, lack of humor—well, let's not go into it.

SMART BLONDE: Reporting, gunning, singing and doing high society form the basis for an old worn plot that is not helped out by poor characters.

BEWARE OF LADIES: No highlight names, but a pleasing story of a mud-slinging campaign between two candidates for district attorney.

A Soviet Woman Speaks to Others

NADEZHDA KONSTANTINOVA KRUPSKAYA, widow of Lenin, speaking into the microphone during a session of the All Union Conference of Wives of Red Army Commanders in Moscow to plan a program of welfare activities.

Capitalist Anarchy and Greed Caused Floods, Brought Misery to Poor

By MARY GARFIELD

"Little drops of Water,
Little grains of sand,
Make a mighty ocean
And a beauteous land."

These same drops of water
Getting out of hand,
Tear and rend asunder
Greed-exploited land.

DROUGHT and now floods. Women and children staring ahead into despair. Bad enough before, and what now?

Let's take a "look-see." We see mercenary. We see the devastation of forests, we see unrestrained exploitation of the land and the natural resources. We see the last cent drawn out of a tired weary earth.

Now when we are at the last frontier we can look back and consider what has been accomplished in the rape of nature under the capitalist system. The natural watersheds, the great forests fell because this man or that man saw a way to make money "quick."

Drought, parched, dried-out land, hollow-eyed men and women, because that whole land had been given over to the growing of a crop that made money for grain speculators but took away every rooted thing that grows and knows how to hold moisture. Poor land, a monument to greed, ignorance, craftiness, and to the type of flag-waving Wall Street patriot," who "Loves the land of the brave and the home of the free" for what he can steal out of it.

A complete program for the rehabilitation of the people in the flood area and in the drought area must be demanded, and every woman of us must stand back of such a program.

Slum clearance. The water hit the slums first; they are always in the low spots.

We shall say, we women: "Let us re-build America how, as we are admonished over the radio." Let us build houses that women can live in, and not slave in. Let us have in those houses the last word in every modern convenience. Let them be built, for absolute cleanliness and sanitation. And see to it, "Uncle Sam," that the millions of our tragedy-ridden people are not brought further toward utter despair by makeshift relief experiments.

This is the golden opportunity to rebuild a large slice of America with the wealth, the strength, the brain and the heart of the people—but from the people themselves, not through any "Red Cross" but from the enormous wealth held by a handful of individuals.

Call out the thousands of men who hold their engineer's degree, who have been washing dishes for a living. These men have brains—let's trot them out and put them to work.

Labor School in Arkansas Menaced

Send Protests to Governor, Little Rock

MENA, Ark.—Not only academic freedom, but the freedom of the sharecroppers to organize, is an immediate menace in Arkansas.

This warning was sounded by Commonwealth College, southern progressive labor training school here against which an all-inclu-

stop them from teaching union
organization to workers and farmers.

The proposed law even allages that "free love" is now being taught in Arkansas to encourage adoption of a new social order. It would hit at anyone who "teaches, instructs or mere-ly purports to teach" Communism, let alone discuss such principles in a classroom.

Protest Campaign Grows

While preparing for "a finish fight in defense of Arkansas civil liberty and traditional American freedom to teach and study all human knowledge," Commonwealth College said that scores of liberal and labor leaders of the state and nation are actively opposing the measure. Protests, many copies already in college officials' hands, have been rallied already by Gov. Carl E. Bailey, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House, all at the capitol in Little Rock.

Grand Ball in L.A. . . Feb. 6 Precedes IWO Convention

LOS ANGELES—A grand ball, "the season's gayest event," will herald the opening of the International Workers' Order annual Los Angeles District convention. The ball will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 6, at the Women's Council Auditorium, 214 Loma Drive. The convention will open at 10 a.m. the following morning.

Features of the ball include entertainment, refreshments and dancing to a six-piece union orchestra. A $75 radio will be given away. Admission is 35 cents.

Alliance Dance In L.A. Saturday

LOS ANGELES. Another regular monthly dance of Local No. 2 of the Workers' Alliance of California will be held Saturday, February 6th, at 8:30 o'clock, in Angelus Hall, 1954 East First St. Music will be supplied by a good union orchestra. Admission 15 cents.

Voices of LABOR

Placerville, Calif.

Dear Sir: I am sending you one dollar for which please send me the Western Worker.

I was in communication with Mr. Hudson some time ago. There is little local news up here in the woods where I am so I have not sent anything to the Western Worker, of which I received a sample copy upon request.

I have no comments to make on the paper. I am not familiar with the Communists' work. I am in the position of accepting both Christianity and Communism. But by Christianity I mean the truth of Christianity and not the falses thereof. Consequently that the truth of the situation, today is that the falses of religion or Christianity are rejecting and condemning Communism, but that true Christianity will not do this. And on the other side of the situation, Communists are making the mistake of condemning all religion or Christianity as the enemy of Communism, when it is the falses of Christianity and not the truths that is the enemy.

The position I take is not the condemning of Communists because they are anti-religious and reject Christianity, for what they are really rejecting is the falses of Christianity not the truths, inasmuch as true Christianity is for Communism. But I take the position of condemning the falses of religion or Christianity for supporting the capitalist system including Fascism, and for rejecting Socialism and Communism. And when I am working for the cause of Communism, if the Communist will not quarrel with me because I embrace Christianity also, I will not quarrel with him because he does not embace it. I will have this matter to entirely adjust itself in course of time, both in the individual Communist and in the Communist state. And for the common cause of Communism we will work side by side.

Very truly yours,
Chas. T. Carpenter.

We have sent Mr. Carpenter a copy of Earl Browder's pamphlet, "Religion and Communism," which most completely discusses the position he takes. It is available at most bookstores advertised elsewhere in this paper.

The Communist Party is absolutely opposed to coercion in religious matters, strongly urging all religious-minded workers to join with us in a common fight against Fascism, which not only is the worst enemy of Socialism, but which denies religious freedom, as witness Nazi Germany.

We further agree with Mr. Carpenter that the differences in opinion on religious matters should not stand in the way of a common fight for Socialism.

Religion will disappear only when economic conditions change and when people feel the need for it or to retain a belief in it. Coercion in religious matters is the method of Fascism, unalterably opposed by Communists.—Editor's Note.

Los Angeles

Editor, Western Worker: Your excellent article entitled "Two Communist Parties and the Heritage of Lenin," by Tom Patterson, W. W. Dec. 21) had one error in it, namely the place of publication of Lenin's death. Lenin died at Gorki estate (or village) near Moscow, not at Nizni-Novgorod as stated. Nizni-Novgorod has been renamed Gorki. This duplication of error probably accounted for the mistake.

The text next to the picture of Lenin and Stalin on page 3 of the same issue is in my opinion very bad. It is true that Lenin died as the eventual result of a bullet that lodged in his spinal column (1918), but the immediate cause of his death was paralysis of the general nervous system and overwork.

One correction, please. The article "Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxemburg, Headed Youth's Peace Fight," by Al Wilson, it is stated that Liebknecht and Luxemburg were shot. This information is of some sort, but was not the case. They both were clubbed to death by rifle butts and their bodies thrown in the river. Murdered in cold blood by orders of the "socialist" police chief, Noske, who has aided the Hitler government for a pension.

Will you please print an article describing or describing how we may be taken for the striking maritime workers in San Pedro. I am sure this would help their cause.

Comradely, H. W.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

WITHOUT the hand of labor, the most valuable machinery in the world becomes so much useless junk. Witness the Merchant Marine of the Pacific Coast today. These hundreds of vessels lie tied up at docks or anchored in the Bay like so many dead whales.

We hear constant reference to the money which wealthy investors have put into the Merchant Marine, and we hear great concern for the safety and welfare of those investments. But the heaviest investors of all are seldom considered—the working men who have invested their sweat and blood, their life and energy in this industry.

In the arms, legs, brains and fingers of the men now on strike, is the soul and life-blood of the maritime industry. Everything that is warm, living and vigorous in that industry is embodied in the giant picket line of 40,000 workers.

The shipowners, who invested cold capital, hold dominion over the corpse. But the soul and life has gone out of it.

The fires under the boilers have been extinguished and the deep engine rooms are cold and quiet. The pots and pans hang lifelessly from their hooks in the deserted galleys. The alleyways and cabins are vacant and green tarnish is creeping over the usually resplendant brass work. The decks are barren and bleak. Seagulls perch on the silent winches. The damp hand of rust and decay is already evident.

Up on the bridge, the chartroom and wheelroom are gathering dust. In the radio shack, a green mould is fixing itself on the copper of the instruments.

An immense financial investment is here, all intact and accumulating the interest of death—mould, tarnish, rust decay. Everything is here; instruments, equipment, tools, apparatus and what have you, but the men walked off, they took only what belonged to them—their labor. And when they took that, they might as well have taken everything; for there is not an instrument, object or piece of property in the whole maritime industry which has any meaning or value without the hand of labor.

And this is the lifeless hulk over which the shipowners quack like a dismal toad, croaking to the world for sympathy and support.

AMERICA is proud of her tradition and her achievements. Starting with a wilderness that was two hundred years, we have swept a wilderness away and spread the wealthiest civilization the earth has ever seen. No one is prouder of these achievements than the workingman, for it is his labor that cleared the land and raised the cities—built the ships and sailed them to all the ports of the world.

But we are no prouder of our achievements than we are ashamed of our slums, for these, too, have equalled anything else in the world in their squalor and misery.

If there ever was an un-American word, it is the word "poverty." And this word has been all too applicable to the American scene, and to the maritime workers in particular.

Another strictly un-American phrase is "cheap labor." It is the magic touch of labor which creates wealth; and the cheaper this labor can be obtained, the greater the profit for the employer. The shipowners have attempted to the far corners of the earth, to their search for cheap labor. They have played race against race, creed against creed, and both against the middle, in their frenzied efforts to find or create cheap labor—and to keep it cheap.

"Cheap labor," and "poverty," are the alien and un-American ideas involved in the present waterfront situation. "Cheap labor" and "poverty," for that matter, must be regarded as alien by every decent minded person in every country of the world. The only place where these things are at home—the only Fatherland they can claim—is in the profit-crazed brains of the shipowners, and other millionaire rulers of industry.

"Cheap labor" and "poverty" in America must go! They belong to the past—with the brains of the shipowners—to this lifeless corpse of property—to the dominion of tarnish, rust, mould and decay.

Prosperity, security, freedom and self-respect for all labor must be established. These things belong to the future. And the future is marching in the picket lines with the soul and lifeblood of industry.

This is the responsibility of the living generations in America today; to abolish "poverty" and "cheap labor" in America. And this is a task to which the Communist Party, and its members, pledges itself with unflinching loyalty and all the strength in its ranks.

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General Motors Has Tie-Up With Hitler

Corporation's Real Giant of World Capitalism

By JOHN O. KENYON

The United Automobile Workers of America, whose strikes have effectively tied up General Motors plants in this country, has gone to the root with one of the real giants of world industrial capital.

General Motors' slice of the automobile market in this country and Canada is now more than 40%. Elsewhere throughout the world it controls almost one-fourth of total automobile sales.

This has inevitably placed G. M. in alliance with outstanding capitalists and political reactionaries of the major world powers.

G. M. Has Become Huge Corporation

In this country, General Motors drove up from about 12% of total sales in 1921 to 33% in 1929 and 42% in 1935. A large part of these gains were made at the expense of Ford, G. M.'s chief competitor, whose share has been driven down from close to 50% to about 25% in 1936.

The balance were made against small companies which 15 years ago accounted for 40% of the business against 10% currently. As a result, three large companies—General Motors, Chrysler and Ford—now represent 90% of the auto industry from the standpoint of sales, with G. M. on top.

Abroad, General Motors' position is almost as dominant as in this country. In 1935, General Motors sold 284,281 cars and trucks outside this country and Canada, or 17% of its total unit sales. Value of this business was $248,088,000, or 21% of its total sales in dollars. Less than 50% of this foreign business, however, represents exports; the remainder is wholly manufactured in foreign plants.

Deal Made With Hitler

In 1931, General Motors bought Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., in England, now an investment of $11,470,000, and Adam Opel A.G. in Germany, an investment of $35,030,000.

In 1933, when the Nazis came to power, there were misgivings as to General Motors' investment in Adam Opel. But Hitler gave pledge to drive all foreign capital out of Germany. But several G. M. big-wigs hastened to Berlin, conferred, and returned wreathed in smiles and full of praise for Hitler. In fact, Opel's sales increased from 39,295 cars and trucks in 1933 to 102,765 in 1935 and still higher in 1936.

Moreover, because of the German army together with tax reductions on automobiles and Hitler's immense road-building program, for which purposes have been mainly responsible for this gain.

Make Most War Machines

Opel recently completed a new factory at Brandenburg, in the center of Germany for immunity from aerial attack, which is designed to produce tanks, armored cars and trucks.

Opel made a record net profit of $4,705,433 in 1935 and probably still more in 1936.

In Spain, General Motors' Vauxhall represents 12% of total British automobile production. Through certain British imperialist circles is strengthened, especially by the fact that one director is Sir Harry McGowan, chairman and managing director of Imperial Chemical Industries, the gigantic British munitions trust.

Head Nazi Espionage

In this country, G. M.'s alliance with reactionary big business is well known. The DuPonts, who control the company by ownership of 10,000,000 shares or 23% of the common stock, got the money for this investment from munitions profits during the World War. Original investment of the $80,000,000 has now a market value of $650,000,000 and has earned many times its original cost in dividends.

The American Liberty League was first conceived by John J. Raskob, G. M. director and former financial chief. After formation of the League, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of G. M., Donaldson Brown, chairman of the finance committee, and other high officials were almost as lavish as the DuPonts in their contributions.

And when Liberty League allied with Hearst to attempt to elect Landon last fall, these same gentry were among the 17 largest contributors to the Republican campaign funds.

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Tumbled Hirota Cabinet in Tokyo

KUNIMATSU HAMADA, 78-year-old leader of the Seiyukai party, whose bitter attack as spokesman for civilian groups helped force the resignation of militaristic Hirota government in Japan. No friend of labor, nevertheless Hamada fears inflation and war if Japanese militarists continue pace of expansion.

Spanish Catholic Professor Scores Aid to Fascists

(From the Dublin Worker)

DUBLIN.—Senor Enrique Moreno, a Spanish Catholic professor at Oxford University, has written a remarkable letter on the Spanish situation, which was refused publication in "The Universe" and other Church papers because the professor denounced Franco and the Fascists.

Professor Moreno protests against the Catholic press in England backing up the Franco insurgents and claiming that Franco is standing for religion at the same time "not hesitating to plunge the country into the horrors of a civil war."

He was an eye-witness of events in Madrid on July 19, 20 and 21, the start of the rebellion. He was able to attend Mass without molestation on July 19 and 20.

On the 20th, he states, he saw government militiamen being fired on from tower towers and windows of the Church of Our Lary of Covadongu.

"We Spanish Catholics protest against the purpose of making use of the mystical body of Our Lord as a screen to hide the political and economic interests of Fascism."

WIN TOLEDO STRIKE

TOLEDO, O. — Gas workers here ended their strike after ten days with a new contract providing for increases 40 hour week, stricter seniority, vacations with pay and other advances.

MEXICAN LABOR WINS EQUALITY IN TEXAS FED.

Mexico Unions In Agreement With Texas Labor Heads

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY — Mexican workers in the state of Texas will henceforth be admitted into unions of the Texas Federation of Labor on a basis of full equality with Americans, the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) has announced.

This agreement was reached at a conference at San Antonio, Texas, between representatives of the CTM and the Texas Federation.

Mexicans in the United States, numbering about 2,000,000, are chiefly concentrated in Texas and California.

Past Discrimination

Due to the policy of exclusion practiced in the past by the A.F.L. these workers have been exposed to unbridled exploitation of employers, besides being driven by their miserable living conditions into playing the role of strike-breakers on occasion.

The situation was one which they have usually been paid have been another factor menacing the position of American labor and endangering the solidarity of the labor movement.

Despite efforts made from Mexico City by leaders of the CROM (small, reactionary labor group), the delegates quickly reached an agreement which lays a solid basis for fruitful cooperation between the CTM and the American labor movement.

Similar action is hoped for from the California Federation of Labor.—Ed.)

NAZI WARSHIP IS "GREETED" IN COSTA RICA

Hitler's Intervention In Spain Denounced By Anti-Fascists

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica.—Denouncing German and Italian intervention in Spain, Costa Rican anti-Fascists staged a big demonstration when the German battleship Schleswig-Holstein anchored at Puerto Limon on a "visit."

Leaflets in German and Spanish were distributed among German sailors and spectators during a parade here, and buried from the galleries of theaters. A Nazi swastika flag was torn down by the anti-Fascists.

The government, controlled by the United Fruit Co. of the U.S., suppressed the Communist Party newspaper Trabajo for attacking Hitler's intervention in Spain.

Oil Workers Win Out

CARACAS, Venezuela.—The 24-day general strike of oil workers in Venezuela resulted in a victory here when government arbitration ruled that the workers are to get pay increases. The British monopoly, Royal Dutch Shell, was chiefly affected by the strike.

ILD Asks Sum to Send Ambulance To Spain Govt.

NEW YORK—An International Labor Defense ambulance for Spain, to be prepared within the next four weeks, is the next goal of the ILD in its assistance to Spanish democracy, announced by Rose Baron, Prisoners' Relief Secretary.

To date, the ILD has collected and sent to Spain medical supplies of a value upward of $12,000.

Donations for the ambulance, which will cost $1500, are urged to be sent to the ILD, 80 East 11th St., New York City.

Selassie Protests Swiss Recognition Of Italy Theft

GENEVA.—Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia has protested to the League of Nations against Switzerland's recognition of Mussolini's robber conquest of Ethiopia, in violation of Switzerland's international obligations.

As a League power, Switzerland and 50 other nations branded the Italian conquest of Ethiopia in 1935, but Switzerland made a reservation not to apply sanctions.

UNIFIED ARMY IS SOUGHT BY SPAIN PEOPLE

N.Y. Times Man Pays Tribute to Govt. Militiamen

MADRID.—From all quarters, from the troops, political parties, and the people generally, is arising the popular demand for a unified people's army under one command, in order successfully to repel the Fascists from Madrid and to dive Fascism out of Spain.

This demand was first brought forward in the early days of the

Franco Can't Get Single Regiment Of Spaniards!

The "Washington Merry-Go-Round" contains the following significant item from Washington, D.C.:

"Confidential diplomatic reports received by Washington advise that although the Spanish Fascist rebels occupy nearly half of Spain, they have been unable to enlist a single regiment of volunteers from among the native population.

That's why Franco uses Foreign Legionnaires, Moroccans, and tens of thousands of "volunteer" troops from Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

Fascist uprising by the Communist Party of Spain.

Recently, the Left Republican Party issued a manifesto calling for creation of a popular army under a single command.

"Mando Unico!"

Small posters may be seen in Madrid calling for "mando unico", (unified command).

At present the Madrid Defense Junta, led by General Jose Miaja, commands only the troops on the Madrid front.

The International Column of anti-Fascists will be incorporated in the Spanish people's army, but the backbone of the government forces is found in the heroic Spanish militiamen and women.

A New People's Army

Writing on the government forces, Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times states:

"Correspondents who have covered the entire war say the change since August and September is startling. There is a new army—the men have uniforms, they are well fed, they build roads, are disciplined, and they build them properly. They obey their officers, are proud of their arms and have confidence and high spirits.

"And now they want a unified command. The army is there and it is splendid material—a genuine people's army formed by the Spanish masses and elevated by sincere popular feelings and ideals."

SHIPYARD STRUGGLE

CHESTER, Pa.—A labor board election to determine the agency for collective bargaining is being sought by the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America in the yards of the Sun Shipbuilding Co.

Trotzkyite Troops Deserters in Spa

POUM Stabs Govt. In Back—Orders Of Trotzky

By MICHAEL KOLTSOV

MADRID (By Cable)—Double-dealing, treachery, and murder characterize the activities of the Spanish Trotzkyites in Catalonia, Barcelona and Levida.

At first they lived here without doing much. But the Trotzkyist organization called the "Workers Party of Marxist Unity," or as it is usually abbreviated, the POUM, at the very beginning of the civil war began to develop energetic activity.

Swarms of people who had been expelled from various parties for political corruption, swindling and stealing, grouped around the organization. They even formed their own troops, and matters soon became worse.

For example, the three commanders who headed the POUM columns took it upon themselves to leave the front with their units just when it was necessary to start the attack against the Fascists.

Just before the battle at Aragon, the Trotzyite detachment deserted one of the key positions, and the entire Nationalist Detachment had to rush in to take the places of the deserters, resulting in the enemy attack with difficulty and with heavy losses, losing half their men in this engagement.

On another sector of the same front, an attack started by the government troops was disrupted due to the Trotzkyist units deserting the attack. On the central front at Siguenza, the Trotzkyists, despite protests of the other detachments, led their men away, and their place had to be quickly taken by the Battalion of Railway Workers who covered the retreat of the government forces by heroically entrenching themselves in a cathedral without yielding.

In their paper, the "Red Companion," the Trotzkyites claim that their members are fighting in the ranks of the International Brigade. I asked commanders of the First and Second International Brigade about this and both emphatically denied the presence of such types in their ranks.

The POUM units are falling apart, and their commanders driven from the scene of warfare.

In this country, where the People's Front heads, the armed struggle for liberty and independence, and where the Soviet Union is regarded with the greatest respect and love by the people, the Trotzkyites have received two instructions from Trotzy, one, to attack the People's Front, and second, to attack and discredit the Soviet Union.

When these instructions were received by some members of the POUM with dissatisfaction, Trotzky in a blind rage replied that these instructions must be fulfilled without question. From this point, the POUM organized along usual Trotzyite lines—in two lines. In front is a man called Nin, formerly Trotzky's secretary, and today POUM secretary. Nin, with several other POUM members, continually attacks the People's Front, slanders the Republican Government of Madrid, and opposes turning the People's Front Militia into a regular military force. In reality, numerous demand of all parties in Catalonia, Nin was removed from the new Catalonia Government.

The small POUM paper, the Batallia, dedicated itself exclusively to attacking the Soviet Union, expressing its hatred of the Soviet Union daily. Every day the paper informs its readers there are "revolts in that the Communist Party has been liquidated, Litvinoff has been exiled to Siberia, that the press has come out against the People's Front, that famines in Leningrad forth.

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LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"HORRORS!" CRIED THE CAPTALIST PRESS when John L. Lewis insisted that President Roosevelt make good his pre-election promises to organized labor, guaranteeing the right to organize and bargain collectively, in the current auto strike. Not only did Lewis have to insist, but enough insist-

ing—or mass pressure—has yet to be applied to Roosevelt to get labor what it voted for, as witness the following statement by the Washington commentator, Paul Mallon:

"There is every reason now to believe that, when the time arrives, the President will necessarily fail to defend the sit-down strike method, without which the strike cannot be effective. But if Sloan declines to confer, he is free to encounter White House wrath."

"White House wrath" is just a gentle wrist-slap to the sit-downers of Wall Street, unless labor forces F. D. R. to take action against them and for the auto strikers.

Loyal Communist Longshoreman Dies in Pedro

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND.—If the men being on strike is the cause of the business men putting up a howl about their business going on as usual, then the scabs are the workers because they are not slaving for a low wage and speeding it up in the stores of these business people?

Why don't the business people get sore at the shipowners for not signing up with the National Guards and vigilantes and police to march to the shipowners' docks and break the picket line, to make them pay the workers more money so the workers will have more money to spend at the stores for more food and necessities?

Information for Men Of Fire-Destroyed Alaska Cannery

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO.—All brothers from the Union Fish Company, who worked in the cannery that burned down last year, are advised to come to the Alaska Cannery Workers Union Hall February 25 to receive information regarding the $65 which Attorney Andersen is fighting to get for them.

Don't get excited, for it is only information that you will receive and not the $65, but it is important that you call at the hall.

ROSY FUTURE NOW BEFORE CANDY UNION

Worker Points Need To Organize The Unorganized

By a Candy Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco candy workers recently organized into Local 24 of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers' Union, face a future that will see betterment of present conditions and enjoyment of the high standards that prevail in industries where progressive unionism has brought about a decent living wage for the workers.

The members from the Euclid factory have shown more initiative and militancy than members from other plants. It is

Organize the Unorganized!

However, at present two things stand in the way of important advance, pushing through an ironbound agreement favorable to the workers, and finishing the task of organizing local candy workers still unorganized. **(An agreement has now been signed.—Ed.)**

Despite the efforts of the bosses to bring about a heavenly situation is as yet an outstanding weakness in the rank and file, as it is becoming more apparent that if correct steps are to be taken, the rank and file must supply the initiative.

The present state of impatience of the membership has the officials worried, and the flat rejection of the agreement (as proposed by the Industrial Association made an extra wrinkle in the brow of Brother Lundquist.

"An Injury to One . . ."

However, impatience and refusing to be easily fooled will not win, unless potent energy is crystallized into correct action by the rank and file.

Tendency of a few members to think in terms of personal gain must be changed. The welfare of the majority and the good of the union must be the concern at all times.

The importance of standing pat on a concession for the closed shop is of great importance, especially due to rush and slack seasons.

Need Closed Shop

A factory employing say 30 women during the busy season may employ five or 15 during the slack season, as some women are left idle. Thus bad feeling often results when employers play favorites, and some women get in two days a week or even over a period of a month, than other women.

With the closed shop, the union can control hiring. The women themselves can arrange a rotation hiring system whereby the work will be more equalized.

The skilled candy makers must see to it that a clearly defined line is established between trade, is injected into the agreement so that unscrupulous employers will not be able to use candy makers as helpers, and thus rob them of their proper wages.

Beware of Chrysler Lawyers

The battery of lawyers in the hire of the Industrial Association, are old hands at making a harmful clause in the agreement appear beneficial to the union. To counteract this danger, the union should procure the services of a dependable attorney to see that the wording of the agreement is such that the intentions will work out as agreed upon.

The marine unions on the Pacific Coast have shown what results can be obtained when the proper steps are taken. Let the membership closely follow the same lines of mass activity and toward industrial unionism to insure certain success and better jobs for all in the industry.

By Another Candy Worker

The factory where the Euclid shop have shown the correct steps to be taken, by refusing to be swayed by the tactics of the battery of corrupt lawyers in the hire of the Industrial Association and the Chamber of Commerce. They propose an agreement made up by the rank and file, and that is the only kind of agreement that will benefit the union!

Why should they accept an agreement proposed by lawyers that know nothing about the candy business? They don't even know the difference between the pan-room and the dipping-room, as it was proved when they talked to the union about the agreement.

Subscribe to the Western Worker.

Find White Slave Ring in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD.—Existence of a "girl syndicate" in connection with the Hollywood movie industry has been disclosed here as the result of the jailing of a diary by the vice squad.

Many prominent in the film industry are listed in the diary. Capt. George Contreras said that "it is quite probable we may unearth prominent persons listed in the diary."

The diary listed 22 girls, with full descriptions, and the names of "patrons" who desired their company. The girls, extras and those who come here and were unable to find work in the movies, were used for "racy" Hollywood parties.

Why Not Get Sore At Shipowners?

By a Worker Correspondent

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SET DEMANDS OF 2 ALASKA UNION LOCALS

ACWU Sets Up Self-Discipline For Workers

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO.—A joint agreement by the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20, 195, and the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers Union of Seattle, Local 18,257, has recently been mailed to all packers here and in Seattle.

Improved Over 1936

The most important points on this agreement are as follows:

1. $50 per month minimum.

2. **Time and one-half for overtime and holidays. Among the holidays is included July 5th, which is known as Maritime Memorial Day; if possible, no work will be done on this day.**

3. A $10 increase on all bonuses.

4. Variety in food and enough of it.

Health Service

5. A doctor and necessary number of nurses in the canneries must go through the union hiring hall.

6. All men signed up and discharged without his consent before sailing, shall be paid one month's wages unless his discharge was due to physical disability.

No Discrimination

7. No employers shall not discriminate against any employee on account of color, creed, political affiliation or union activities.

9. No member of the union shall be required to pass through any picket line of organized labor.

Hits Gambling

The ACWU is unalterably opposed to gambling in any form on board ships and in the canneries. It is expected that they will cooperate with the delegates in eliminating these vices forthwith. Welfare of the union and individuals.

The union is not opposed to workers having a drink, but is opposed to drunkenness, as drunks tend to disturb the peace of the fellow workers.

To eliminate these things, $15 instead of $20 as last season, will be advanced upon boarding vessels to go to Alaska. $12 will be deducted from this sum for the union book. The advance of $15 instead of $20 will be given to the men four hours before landing.

The agreement will be expected as last season to pay within 24 hours after landing.

Performing Must Stop

The rank and file membership wish to call the attention of certain brothers who have been known to smuggle pints of whisky on board ship which they sell to fellow workers at the exorbitant price of $2.50 per pint. This type of brothers is intolerable, in my opinion. They can be found in the canneries and canmen at the same time, so they should give up bootlegging or resign from the union.

The union also wishes to call the attention of cardsharps who kept workers on the ships awake all night with their noisy games. The delegates on ships will see that this gambling ceases.

The ACWU is not a salvation army, but this is no reason why we should tolerate vices and exploitation of fellow workers by other fellow workers.

GORMAN ADVANCES

NEW YORK.—Francis J. Gorman has advanced from vice-president to president of the United Textile Workers of America, following the resignation of President Thomas McMahon to become director of the Rhode Island State Labor Department.

Another Winner

Remember the banner story of a week ago on the small farmers of Yucaipa Valley, in Southern California?

Well, that's the latest prize-winner in the weekly competition for the best workers' correspondence printed in the paper as "Imperialism" by V. I. Lenin.

Prize for the best story in this and the following issue is the recent book, "Spain in Revolt," by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard. Prize for the following week will be "The Story of the Reichstag Fire Trial" with a foreward by the heroic defender of the people against German Fascism, Georg Dimitrov.

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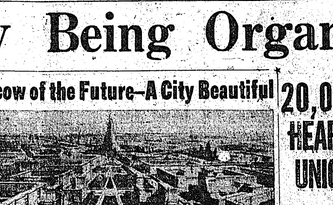

THIS IS HOW the workers' and farmers' capital of the Soviet Union will look a few years hence, according to architects' drawings for proposed modernization, with broad avenues flanked by imposing buildings. Plan of reconstruction is already under way, for Socialism acts, not merely talks.

Militant Unionism Won in Monterey

(Written before strike ended.)

MONTEREY.—"The bosses have kept us workers fighting amongst ourselves while they have gone through our pockets. But just remember that the picket-line is the thing—it is a badge of honor—to be found united on the picket-line,' exclaimed Casper E. Bowers, international organizer of the

20,000 WILL HEAR CALL OF UNION'S DRIVE

Union Plan Includes Broadcasts and Newspaper

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE—The drive to organize Santa Clara County's 20,000 cannery workers has begun.

With some 30 determined men, already in possession of an American Federation of Labor charter, holding a meeting in the San Jose Labor Temple, Wednesday, January 20, the Cannery Workers Union Local No. 20,305, swung into action by electing their officers, and appointing their official organizers.

Plan "Farm-Labor" News

Backed by the Committee for Agricultural Organization and the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County, a huge program of radio broadcasts, leaflet distribution, mass meetings, and the publishing of a regular agricultural newspaper, The Farm-Labor News, has been decided upon.

The board of trustees of the new union has been made up of cannery workers from Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Campbell, and San Jose.

Organizing All Over California

This time to strive in Santa Clara County is just part of the great agricultural drive in the entire state of California.

Modesto, Sacramento, Bakersfield, Oakland, the Imperial Valley, and other sections of the state have already received their union charters and are growing fast. Increase in wages and the shortening of hours have been reported from every section that is organizing.

When the entire agricultural and cannery workers are organized, then will be the largest

L. A. Times Is At It Again, Wants New C.S. Frame

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—The L.A. Times, which, in defense of free speech, the L.A. Times, howls dismally in the wilderness. In its editorial column here January 25 it mourns over relief workers distributing "rabid Communist literature" in Riverside.

Taking its usual stand in attacking organized labor, the Times editorial bemoans the refusal to the relief rolls of able-bodied strikers who have voluntarily given up jobs in good faith under any sane consideration of public policy, but similar grandstanding of Reds already engaged in agitating for the violent throw of government and society is intolerable."

What the C.S. Frame-up

Not to dwell on the absurdities contained in the quotation listed above, the Times' editorial launched into a vicious attack against four men, allegedly WPA workers, who, during the last few days ago in Riverside, long known as a stronghold of reaction, and where free speech is forbidden, for violation of the anti-handbill ordinance.

The Times predicts, joyously, that a third trial will be held for the vastly more serious offense of subversive activities in connection with the war, "which no doubt means the anti-Labor Criminal Syndicalism Law."

Of course, the Times has ever been considered by the "Red" to be "Red propaganda," and in this judge, refers to the case as "one of the dirtiest jobs ever put over." At the 1933 trial of the 10 unfired indictment, District Attorney Brady admitted that his witnesses were perjurers, and Mooney was acquitted on a directed verdict.

We may well ask why other legislators did not join in this resolution. It is the duty of trade unionists and all progressives to follow the activities of the legislators and hold them to a strict accountability.

At the same time, the legislators should be made to understand that the people of California expect them to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act under which so many trade unionists have likewise been framed into the penitentiary.

SOLIDARITY IS 100 PERCENT IN CANNERY UNION

All Races and Nationalities Took On Militant Stand Together in Monterey.

By a Worker Correspondent

MONTEREY—After attending the strike meeting of the Cannery Workers' Union No. 20305 of Monterey, certain impressions remain with me.

For example, to see Spanish, Mexicans, Negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Filiponis and Americans who have already settled their differences, sitting side by side, saying "we workers," agreeing on almost every point brought up, was truly an inspiring sight.

After every speech a Spanish translator would tell the Spanish-speaking workers what the speaker said. A Negro speaker was received with such applause that one would almost think that the audience was of all Negro composition.

Workers, never before belonging to a union, stood resolutely on their feet and demanded their rights against the cannery owners. A feeling of good comradeship prevailed during the entire meeting.

Solons' Resolution On Mooney Hailed

By LEO GALLAGHER

(Famous labor attorney who acted for Tom Mooney when he was acquitted in 1933 of the identical crime for which he was convicted 20 years ago.)

LOS ANGELES.—Every progressive person, everyone who believes in justice, will rejoice that a large group of legislators have sponsored a resolution for the pardon of Tom Mooney by legislative decree.

It has been made abundantly clear that Mooney has been sent into the penitentiary by perjured evidence. Judge Griffin who was trial judge, refers to the case as "one of the dirtiest jobs ever put over." At the 1933 trial of the 10 unfired indictment, District Attorney Brady admitted that his witnesses were perjurers, and Mooney was acquitted on a directed verdict.

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PROPER TECHNIQUE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Approval of the "sit-down" and "lie down" techniques as employed by the Berkshire Mills strikers in Reading, Pa., was voiced here by Sidney Hillman of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

PROFIT ON SPYING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Corporation Auxiliary Co., stool pigeon outfit, made $1,750,019 between Jan. 1, 1933, and Dec. 1, 1936, as shown in evidence before the LaFollette Committee.

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LOS ANGELES—In a statement to the trade unionists of Los Angeles, Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections points out the opportunity organized labor has in the spring elections to take a long step toward ending the vicious practices of office-holders in government positions toward the unions. The statement says:

Within the next few months organized labor will have the opportunity of voting in the coming municipal elections. We will be confronted with the question of electing to public office our city government. In the past we trade unionists have had the bad job of voting for candidates who were either anti-labor or else were unknown job-seekers. Many candidates came to us for endorsement and gave us promises that they never lived up to.

We Union men had nothing to do with the choice of these people. They were selected to run by groups and parties who have no interest in the problems we face. Most of the candidates were agents of the very employers we fight every day on the picket lines. For these reasons going to the polls has not been a pleasant job, and many of us deliberately stayed away.

A Labor Ticket is the Way Out

The problem facing us is: How can we put into office men who will support collective bargaining and other anti-labor laws, who will remove such labor haters as Police Chief Davis and others, who will put on the statute books laws that will be beneficial to Organized Labor.

The answer is: Let us select our own candidates! Let us make up our own platform! And finally let us conduct an election campaign that will sweep these men into office.

Labor Conference Leads the Way

Sunday, January 10th, delegates from 42 local unions and central bodies answered the call of the Painters' District Council to discuss the possibility of a labor ticket in the municipal elections. They enthusiastically endorsed the proposals to carry on such a campaign. These delegates voted to constitute themselves as "Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections." They pledged to get the entire labor movement behind this campaign. They called upon the liberal and progressive groups in Los Angeles for their cooperation and support.

That conference started the ball rolling—others have followed since.

This conference we only be beginning! Great opportunities as well as tasks lie ahead of us. By asserting the power Los Angeles organized labor can carry through a successful election campaign and wipe out the slogan of "OPEN SHOP." We can make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town!

We call upon you as a trade unionist to enlist yourself in this cause. We urge you to take this up with your fellow trade unionists. Get them interested in your union. Take the matter up in your organization and see that your local union becomes a part of this conference. Rally the delegates to the Central Labor Council behind this movement. The next meeting takes place Sunday, January 24th, 2 p. m. at Painters' District Council Hall, 1748 Sunset Blvd.

Call the trade union movement for action!

Elect to the city government labor's candidates!

Make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town!

Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, 524 Spring Street, Room 223, telephone MUtual 6531.

SHIPBUILDING UNION'S STAND

Striking Pedro Union Gives Its Position

SAN PEDRO—The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers state to the public their position in the maritime and their own strike:

"The public has been erroneously led to believe that we are on strike solely in sympathy with the other Maritime Unions. This is not the case. While we are in sympathy with our brothers, we also have just demands of ours for which we struck. Like the other Unions, we had working agreements which expired last September 30th. We notified the employers on August 27th that we desired certain changes, and wished to meet with them for discussing these changes.

Bosses' Arrogance

"They ignored this notification. We again gave notice and request for discussion on September 14th. This also was ignored. At the expiration of our agreement on September 30th, we again, for the third time, requested negotiation on a new agreement. Included with this last request was an enumeration of the changes considered necessary by our membership. This also was treated with cold disdain, leaving us no alternative but the calling of a strike vote.

"Our membership voted unanimously to take strike action to force negotiation of our demands. The strike vote, having to go through the regular channels in compliance with our union by-law, was not ratified until November 12.

Local No. 9 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America had previously filed a complaint with the Twenty-third Regional Labor Board against the Bethlehem Corporation for harboring a company-dominated union and not bargaining in good faith with Local No. 9. On December 1st, the Bethlehem Corporation asked Local No. 9 to withdraw these charges. The request was unanimously voted down by the membership.

"Our agreement which expired last September called for 89 cents per hour for mechanics, and 64 cents per hour for helpers. This is below the rate of pay granted an unskilled group by a Federal Arbitration Board. Yet this was won only after a costly struggle of two months' duration.

"We feel justified at this time in asking certain additional safeguards for our members and, inasmuch as there is widespread unemployment throughout the country, a 36-hour week, with a penalty of double time for all time over 36 hours in any one week, and wages for skilled labor above that of the rate granted by the federal Arbitration Board to unskilled labor.

"When these terms were put before the shipyard executives they flatly refused them. They offered an insignificant raise of three cents per hour, which would still leave the skilled worker with a scale of three cents per hour below the rate of some unskilled labor.

"As to hours, they demanded a 40-hour week. We made a counter-proposal, making them certain concessions, as follows:

"That we concede to the 40-hour week in five and one-half days over a period of four weeks, providing the shipyards grant a flat 11-cents increase on the hourly rate to all departments, double time to be paid for all overtime.

"It should be clearly understood that members of Local No. 8 are bona fide residents and home-owners of the harbor area, who have been forced into strike action to secure a just distribution of work at a living wage, in order that they can support themselves and families according to the American standard of living, and as becomes self-respecting human beings."

FORM CITIZEN GROUP AGAINST PICKETING BAN

To Spread Drive For Repeal of Vicious Law to All

SAN FRANCISCO—Planning to spread the drive for repeal of San Francisco's anti-picket ordinance to all strata of the population, a Citizen's Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance has been formed here under the sponsorship of the Inter-Professional Association, American Federation of Government Employees, Simon J. Lubin Society and the American League Against War and Fascism.

The committee has issued a call to all professional and other interested organizations for a conference on the repeal campaign, to be held Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 p. m. at the Sorosis Club, 536 Sutter Street.

Leading individuals, in addition to organizations, are on the official list of sponsors, including Rev. Dillon Thackeray, Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Herrick Lane, Presbyterian Church and Fellowship of Reconciliation; Rev. Donald Chase, Methodist Episcopal Church and chairman of the Anti-Picketing League; Dr. G. Fecci, head of the Italian-American Labor Bureau and editor of "Cultura Popolare"; W. O. Douglas, past department adjutant of the American Legion; A. F. Gaynor, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, and Leigh Athern, northern California secretary of the People's Legislative Conference.

A legal council has been formed by the committee, consisting of George Andersen, Leigh Athern, Aubrey Grossman, Irving Gladstein.

At the formative meeting a talk was given by Fred West, representing the Labor Council committee for repeal of the ordinance.

Equity Takes Hand In Project Case

LOS ANGELES.—Three developments entered into the Federal Theater Project investigation Tuesday, January 26, showing the organization of workers against discriminatory and corrupt relief officials.

The Actor's Equity Association set up a formal grievance committee to hear complaints of the project workers against administrator J. Howard Miller.

The Federal Theater Projects Workers' Council, a member of the Professional Projects Councils, adopted a militant resolution demanding that the results of the current investigation into the project be made public.

Sol H. Woods, New York theatrical producer who had admitted that he would be willing to take over Miller's job should it be offered to him, declared that his life had been threatened by three anonymous telephone calls.

"If you take that job, it's the last one you'll ever live to take," the voice over the telephone is alleged to have told Woods.

Equity Association has a special interest in the investigation in view of the fact that Maude Pelly, actress and member of Equity, was dismissed from the Theater Project two weeks ago, two days after she had made public charges of graft and corruption among WPA "white collar" workers.

The Professional Projects Councils has been making a determined fight for unity and organization among the workers on the projects. Last week it won a decisive victory on the Music Project when 200 workers, slated for dismissal, were informed that they would remain "indefinitely" on the project.

State in Anti-Union Move in Canneries

SAN JOSE. — The California State Employment Service here announces that it is setting up clearing houses for cannery workers, to supply the canneries with help.

Clearing houses are to be opened in Los Gatos, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Campbell, Sunnyvale and Milpitas. The first opened January 20, at Los Gatos. Quarters were furnished by the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce.

The labor movement in Santa Clara County is taking note of this anti-union move.

The Cannery Workers Union here has opened its office in the Labor Temple. Organizers are planning to proceed with their organizing plans immediately.

The Fighting Has Only Just Begun

THAT'S WHAT THESE strikers, marching around a General Motors plant in Detroit, mean by the words "Today General Motors, Tomorrow Ford." The United Automobile Workers' Union, with CIO backing, considers the General Motors strike only a step in organizing the entire auto industry on an industrial union basis.

'THIS IS NO TIME FOR NEUTRALITY,' JOHN L. LEWIS WARNED PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON—Confronted with the refusal of General Motors to enter the conference room to negotiate with union leaders, John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, reminded President Roosevelt that when he was being "harassed by the same rapacious enemy" labor came to his aid.

Lewis issued his invitation to the President to intervene as a friend of labor as General Motors officials conferred for the second day with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. While Alfred P. Sloan Jr., William Knudsen with other G. M. officials and leaders of the auto workers were in town both groups held conferences with Secretary Perkins but did not confer with each other across the conference table.

Headquarters of the strike negotiations moved here with Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, John Brophy, director of the CIO, Homer Martin, president of the United Auto Workers, and the General Motors officials arriving in town to confer with government dignitaries. Three days of conferring were barren of results but, according to Lewis, a showdown looms with General Motors being forced to either accept union terms of settlement or fight the battle to a losing finish.

"The fight will be conducted to a successful conclusion," Lewis said, speaking on behalf of the union, "and General Motors will be driven right now as an issue in the street. Eventually, why not now?"

The situation was tossed into the lap of the government officials after General Motors broke an agreement made with the union to begin negotiations. Union officials agreed to evacuate plants when General Motors officials agreed to do the same. The plants would not be operated and that exclusive representation of the workers by the United Auto Workers would be a subject of negotiation.

Company Union

A half hour before the time set for evacuation of the Flint plants union leaders learned that arrangements had been made for negotiations with the Flint Alliance, headed by George E. Boyman, a former Buick employee and now allegedly in the pay of the company, regarding recognition had been made.

Lewis declared that such arrangements removed from the sphere of negotiations the subject of recognition of the United Auto Workers as the sole agency to represent the auto workers. Workers in the Flint plant were forced to retain their union cards.

Expressing supreme confidence that the union will emerge victorious, Lewis declared that workers will stay in the plants until and agreement has been reached. "We dropped our arms while General Motors retained their armaments.

"This strike will be brought to a successful conclusion. There will be no half-baked agreement. The workers are enrolling in the union constantly and we now have more than a majority of the production employees—if that's important," Lewis added.

No Time for "Neutrality"

"This is no time for neutrality," he said in response to a question, "and this is no time for pussyfooting. We have invited the administration, through the Secretary of Labor, to help repel the attack from the same rapacious enemy.

"Our people are the people the President talked about in his inaugural address. Our people are the 'ill-nourished, ill-clad, ill-housed' he mentioned. We are conscious of the virtue of their position and their right to be recognized."

"Is it time for the President to intervene?" Lewis was asked. "Labor intervened for the President," he replied. "We expect him to side with the workers when they are right. We don't care who gets General Motors into a conference with us."

Asked about the efforts of Secretary Perkins to effect a settlement Lewis replied, "We have not been able to appraise the value of intervention by the Secretary of Labor."

NEWS WRITER FIRED AS A PRO-UNIONIST

San Diego Sun To Feel Plenty Of Labor Pressure

SAN DIEGO—Details of the dismissal of Claypool from the San Diego Sun are here given. He was given no reason for being fired, nor did the paper as much as mention to its readers why his column was taken out of the paper.

Claypool said, on the subject: "My surmise is that the high moguls did not want a columnist in San Diego who was in favor of a People's Political Party, such as the United Progressives, and that they wanted me out of the way so that I would not be dangerous to them."

Spoke to Union Local

Another reason for his dismissal was that he spoke the week previously before the Aircraft unit of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation advising unionization of the plant. Claypool was also instrumental in forming the Newspaper Guild of San Diego.

Robert P. Scripps, owner of the Sun, did not believe that eventually the Guild organization should serve a useful purpose in American journalism."

An attempt is to be made to stop subscriptions to the Sun until Claypool is reinstated, and to convince advertisers to withdraw patronage.

Ore. Labor Gunning For the C. S. Act

SALEM, Ore.—The two outstanding problems confronting labor in the present session of the Oregon state legislature are repeal of the infamous criminal syndicalism law, enacted during the post-war anti-red hysteria of 1919, and the attempt of conservatives to force through compulsory state arbitration of labor disputes which would give the governor Fascist powers.

Repeal of the criminal syndicalism law, most drastic of any in the union, will meet organized resistance in the reactionary senate where it was referred to the most inappropriate and conservative committee. Strong pressure is being put on the legislature and it is hoped that the repeal will ride through on the stinging rebuke which the Supreme Court gave the law.

The present activity of the conservatives has been limited to 1) applauding the dull, stupid speech of Gov. Martin when he spoke against collective bargaining and radical labor leaders"; 2) adamantly refusing to let Harry Bridges, maritime labor leader, address the legislature; 3) promoting Sen. Best's bill for compulsory state arbitration of labor disputes.

Stove Mounters in LA Jack Up Wages

LOS ANGELES.—The Stove Mounters' Union was successful in securing wage increases and better working conditions from the Western Stove Works at Gardena after a strike of less than two weeks duration.

Vice-President Lewis of the International union and officers of the Central Labor Council aided the workers in negotiations. It is reported that the wage increase was a substantial one.

Sta. Monica Anti-Picket Law Hit

SANTA MONICA.—Charges of violating the anti-handbill ordinance, which had been pressed against five members of the Western Mechanics' Industrial Union, Local 188, were dismissed in the police court here when it was declared by the court that the ordinance was too broad and that it was an unreasonable exercise of police power.

Those arrested had been charged with distributing handbills calling for organization of workers at the Douglas Aircraft Company here, where an intensive drive is under way by the Aero Mechanics' Union, which is of the United Automobile Workers' Union, and affiliated with the AFL.

L.A. Pharmacists Know a Few Tricks

LOS ANGELES.—Determined to carry on its strike against the Thrifty Drug Company, the Pharmacists' Union here, and nonunion, financial difficulties and the lying statements of Thrifty officials, is reported to be presenting the same solid front as in the early days of the strike.

The Pharmacists have struck upon a plan whereby the officials of the Thrifty Drug Company may familiarize themselves with the true patronage due to their grossly unfair treatment of the striking workers.

Mailing Campaign

The plan, already put into effect with highly favorable results, consists of thousands of postal cards addressed and ready to mail, bearing the following inscription:

"Thrifty Drug Company

"Gentlemen: I have been a patron of yours for a long time, but I make no secret of the enmity you have settled the strike with the Pharmacists' Union."

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Meanwhile, there is reported a concerted drive under way to organize the drug warehouse-men. A dance was given at the Musicians' building last Friday evening to raise funds for this purpose, and is said to have been highly successful.

DEMAND INQUIRY

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Vancouver Central Trades and Labor Council is asking for a public inquiry into the strike of Burns and Co. meat packing plant.

CHARTER FOR ALUMINUM?

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa.—An international charter with full autonomy for aluminum workers is being sought by Aluminum Workers Union Local 18356.

MINERS AID ORGANIZING

Assess Themselves To Build Unions

WASHINGTON—Members of the United Mine Workers of America, the industrial union headed by John L. Lewis, have been assessed 10 cents each in January and February to build up financial reserves for organization purposes, it is learned here.

$450,000 on Deck

With a roll of about 450,000 who are obligated to pay assessments levied by the international executive board, the union virtually is assured of a fund of $900,000, part of which is being used to finance the automobile strike.

In a letter from Washington to officers and members of local unions, Mr. Lewis, who is also chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, remarks that although other groups are contributing to a CIO organization campaign, "the bulk of the financial and moral obligations are borne by the United Mine Workers of America."

The mine workers' union, he says, "is engaged in a vigorous campaign to organize the mass-production industries in this country on the basis of the only industrial form of organization", and he notes that "the cost of this campaign is substantial."

In addition to the fund for CIO activities, the assessments are to build up financial reserves "for any emergency or contingency that may arise, "when the wage contract in the bituminous coal districts expires on March 31.

INSTRUMENT WORKERS TO ORGANIZE

LOS ANGELES.—An intensive drive to organize all workers engaged in the organ, piano and instrument industry, as well as independent tuners, under the banner of the Piano, Organ and Instrument Workers' Union, was under way here this week.

A mass meeting of these workers was held January 22 at the Labor Temple here at which plans or organization were worked out.

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TASK FOR LABOR

Riverside Ordinance

PICKETING BAN

RIVERSIDE.—Despite judicial decisions in Long Beach, Berkeley and Oakland which declare picketing legal in the face of ordinances to the contrary, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance declaring picketing illegal.

Use a Pretext

This reactionary action put forth the usual pretext that it was not aimed against "peaceful picketing," but against picketing in which "acts of violence, threats and intimidation play a part. This was described as "Red Activity," in a leading article in the reactionary Riverside Daily Press.

The act was put over at the direct insistence of the Associated Farmers, including their local president and spokesman, Cecil Funk, who covered up their sponsorship of putting a legal stamp on lawless activity against labor by charges that "Communist radicals" are the cause of labor disputes.

Hypocritically, City Attorney Frank Miller of Riverside declared that peaceful picketing is the undeniable right of labor and should never be infringed. Yet the Daily Press goes on to describe the act as follows:

"Under the cloaks of the law, loitering in which intended obstruction of entrances, roads, sidewalks and public highways is in evidence, is classed as a violation. Abusive language, gestures which are construed to frighten employees, and any sort of intimidation are also termed misdemeanors."

Little doubt remains as to what Riverside county officials will "construe" as coming under these provisions.

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CHICAGO — A in basic wage rate of the railroads chairman of the hoods in the runni lowing a week of a cago. The unions demand, which th will have to acc some way in 30 da comotive engine conductors, trainme men.

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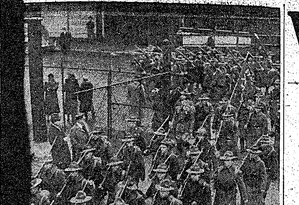

TROOPS MARCH IN.

The strikers remain inside.

national guardsmen march into Flint, Mich., to disperse General Motors sit-down strikers from Chevrolet and Fisher Body Plants. The nation-wide General Motors strike for organized labor. Labor thinks it will pass that test with flying colors.

VIET ENVOY ELLS WHAT TRIAL MEANT

Tells Why Trotzkyite - Fascist tters Confessed, How Their Trial Was Conducted

GTON—The meaning of the Moscow trial of Trotzkyite plotters is explained by Soviet Ambassador Troyanovsky in interview by Fred C. Kelley, copyrighted by the an Newspaper Alliance.

ed Troyanovsky to account for the fact that "so many of these old revolutionists" took part in plots against the Soviet government.

Troyanovsky's reply was:

"You must understand that the differences are between two philosophies. Long before the October revolution of 1917, as far back as 1904, one group insisted it would be impossible to build a socialist state in Russia, because, they said, Russia was industrially backward, mainly an agricultural country, and it would never be possible to get the cooperation of the peasants. They thought of the peasants as a hopelessly reactionary force. Without cooperation of peasants, they insisted, socialist regime could not withstand capitalist enemies on all sides and hence it would be necessary to carry on a world revolution. The Trotzkyists continue to hold these views.

Socialism Possible in USSR

Opposed to them is another philosophy, represented today by the policies of the Soviet government and confirmed by the present regime that agriculture could be collectivized, that in so large an area as the Soviet Union socialism in one state is possible, and that the success of socialism there is the

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PARTY BUILDERS GET - TOGETHER

In San Francisco, 6th and 7th

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 100 of the outstanding Party builders of the surging drive now drawing to a close will be welcomed by the State Committee of the Communist Party at a banquet Saturday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at 121 Haight St.

The banquet and the dance which will follow at 9 p.m., are open not only to the Party builders, but to their friends as well. The turkey dinner will be served at $1 per plate. Admission to the dance afterwards, with the People's Jungle Band furnishing music, will be 25 cents.

On behalf of the State Committee, Frank Spector, San Francisco County Organizer, will welcome the Party Builders to the affair.

On Sunday, February 7, William Schneiderman, state secretary, will address a conference to the party builders, who in the discussion will exchange experiences and suggestions.

Vote "Yes" Mar. 9 to Repeal Anti-Picket Act

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MARINE STRIKE ENDS IN VICTORY

PEOPLE'S LOBBY IS CONTACTING UNIONS IN L. A.

Local Meetings to Discuss Labor Legislation

LOS ANGELES—With organizational plans nearly complete for the working of the Southern Branch of the California People's Legislative Conference, contacts are being established with trade unions and progressive groups to set up neighborhood and Assembly District committees to carry out the Conference program.

Local meetings are to be called to discuss thoroughly the bills introduced by the Conference Assemblymen and Senators will be invited to attend these meetings with the purpose of securing the support of those legislators who have not already declared themselves in sympathy with the work of the Conference.

Meetings for Bills

Throughout the period after the legislature reconvenes, meetings will be called whenever

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ILA SUPPORT TO CELERY STRIKE IN SAN DIEGO CO.

Building Trades Council Also Endorses It

SAN DIEGO.—The big celery strike here is getting support from San Diego County are attempting to get the County Supervisors to pass an anti-picketing ordinance that is a duplicate of the vicious measure they railroaded through the city council at Chula Vista.

The unions have succeeded in stopping work in 90% of the fields outside the city limits of Chula Vista, where the celery shippers run to the Board of Supervisors asking for an anti-

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$10 WAGE BOOST TO EAST SEAMEN

Result of Rank and File Three Months Strike

NEW YORK—As an immediate result of the three-months' brave strike of East and Gulf Coast seamen, 41 Atlantic and Gulf steamship lines have granted a $10-increase per month for a month average wage increase.

The increase was granted in negotiations between the reactionary ISU officials and the lines. It was obviously an attempt to head off militant unionized officials at a time when an election to determine the rightful officers of the seamen's unions, to be supervised by the AFL, had been agreed upon.

AFL ASKS FOR PROBING OF BIG GROWERS

SAN FRANCISCO. — The California State Federation has asked for a legislative investigation of certain big grower groups who have been attacking the agricultural program of the Federation.

Vice-president Walter Cowan has asked Assemblyman Miller of Alameda to introduce such a legislative resolution.

GOVT. STANDS OFF OFFENSE ON SPAIN PORT

France Votes New Military Defense Increase In Face of Fascist Threats; Discover Mussolini Spies in Barcelona

MADRID—With government armies still taking the initiative in both north and south of Spain, new German and Italian reinforcements for the Fascists launched an attack on the Loyalist port of Malaga in the southeast.

A FRONT LINE POST. Four soldiers of the loyalist army defending Madrid from the Fascists, firing from behind the walls of a house wrecked by artillery shells, during an engagement to dislodge Fascist forces in University City.

Can You Answer These?

1—What workers were the first in California to demand higher wages?

2—When did the first immigration of Chinese to California occur?

3—What was the first example of a Labor Party in California?

4—When was the Knights of Labor established in California?

5—What was the first federation of waterfront workers in California which lasted any length of time?

(Answers on Page 2.)

It Happened In California

JOB FOR HOPKINS?

SACRAMENTO.—Gov. Merriam is considering James Hopkins, president of the State Federation of Labor, for the appointment to the Industrial Accident Commission.

100,000 FLOOD REFUGEES

LOS ANGELES, Midwest floods left 100,000 people in California's relief rolls, according to Assemblyman Boyle of Los Angeles.

KICKED OUT, IN AGAIN

WOODLAND, Yolo County's new police inspector is Thomas G. Chalmers, who was removed 2 years ago.

BLOW AT UTILITIES

SACRAMENTO. — Sacramento municipal utility district won a triumph after a 2-year battle with the Pacific Gas and Electric, when the Nielson bill validating annexation of Galt into the utility district was signed.

POLITICS BLOCKS HOSPITAL

COLUSA.—Fate of the Colusa Memorial Hospital's opening hung in the balance as the supervisors went into tangled issues raised by the Colusa county health unit.

The government forces were withstanding the attack solidly.

The attack, by air and sea, was coincident with the discovery of a ring of Italian spies in Barcelona, port of Malaga was reported wrecked by bombs.

Aerial attack on Malaga began on February 2, followed by a naval attack on the port on February 4. Meanwhile a section of the rebel army was reported moving toward the same point.

Down Nazi Plane

A German plane was brought down near Malaga. The government reported that ten or twelve Junker planes had flown over Berne, Switzerland, on the night of January 31, obviously headed for Burgos, Fascist "capital."

That the Fascists have been planning a major offensive against Malaga was obvious by the arrival of five rebel ships off Algeciras, south of Malaga, on February 3. Two German cruisers, the Admiral Spee and

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LABOR TICKET TALK OCCUPIES UNIONS IN L.A.

Big Support Rallied; Pressure Brought on Labor Council

OAKLAND — The Committee of 17, set up by the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor on January 16, to prepare a labor ticket and a labor platform for municipal elections, Thursday night, according to announcement by Chairman Gene Gaillac in the Central Labor Council last Monday night.

The Committee was expected to set another date for the Conference, last meeting of which was disrupted by reactionaries,

LOS ANGELES — Discussing ways and means for obtaining the official endorsement of the Central Labor Council and to have the Council take the lead in the movement for Labor's independent political action, 25 delegates of Labor's Conference for the municipal elections met

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The Workers' Press Drive

SICK WORKER SETS A FAST PACE IN "WESTERN" DRIVE

EVEN THE SICK are helping to put over the Western Worker's $12,000 financial drive!

Los Angeles reports that, in a $7.20 donation for the Press Drive from Branch 58 of the International Workers' Order, $6 of it was raised by Comrade B. Horn on a collection list from the patients of the Jewish Sanatorium.

With about half of the $12,000 goal yet to be secured, the Western Worker needs about 1000 shock-brigaders who are well and on their feet to do as well as Comrade Horn did in a hospital.

When sick people realize how much they would miss this fighting paper, how much more should those who are in the thick of the struggle—on picket lines, in the shops, in the unions, in the Workers' Alliance—realize how lost they would be without the Western Worker.

We know our readers don't want to lose the Western Worker—so over the top in the $12,000 drive! (See Page 7 for further information on the drive.)

BACK AT WORK WITH MANY MAJOR GAINS

Vote Announced as 35,906 for Return Under Gains to 5036; Return to Work Started On Morning of Friday, Feb. 5

What Strike Won

(See next issue for complete analysis of strike)

Employers' Offer Sep. 30th	Unions' Basic Demands	What Unions Won
GENERAL		
Arbitration	Direct negotiations	Agreements by direct negotiations
Int'l Longshoremen's Assn.		
Eight-hour day Employer-controlled hiring	Six-hour day Union hiring hall (Preference of employment)	Six-hour day Union hiring hall (Preference of employment)
Sailors' Union		
Optional overtime Employer-controlled hiring	Cash overtime pay Union hiring hall	Cash overtime pay Union hiring hall
Basic wage $62.50	Basic rate $90.00	$10.00 increase
Marine Firemen		
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Cooks and Stewards		
Unlimited hours	Eight-hour day	8 hrs. on freighters 9 hrs. on passengrs.
Optional overtime Employer-controlled hiring	Cash overtime pay Union hiring hall	Cash overtime pay Union hiring hall
Radio Operators		
Employer-controlled hiring	Preference of employment	Preference of employment
Previous wage scale	Wage increase	Wage increase
Marine Engineers		
Employer-controlled hiring	Preference of employment	Recognition of union
Previous wage scale	Wage increase	Selection of men from union hall $15 wage increase
Masters, Mates and Pilots		
Employer-controlled hiring Non-union masters Previous wage scale	Preference of employment Wage increase	Union recognition Selection of men from union hall Wage increase

At 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, the return to work of 40,000 Pacific Coast maritime workers began. After 99 days of one of the most united strikes every known, they had won many important gains listed above.

Official termination of the strike was determined by the unions' joint coast policy committee on Thursday afternoon. The coastwise membership had voted 18,403 to 2804 to end the strike under the gains listed above. (This vote does not include 1000 Seattle ILA members laid off by weather conditions, and the 4000 Alaska cannery workers.) The Marine Firemen. The latter voted against their tentative offshore agreement but to return pending arbitration of issue still in dispute.

Total vote of the unions was announced at 35,906 for acceptance and 5036 opposed. The conference of the Marine Federation of the Pacific Coast provides the actual votes cast in the strike ballot, with a vote in relation to the membership involved, raising the official count and thereby the number actually balloting.

Except for a few scattering ballots from storm-bound ports, the final count:

Cook and stewards—2160 to 986.

Telegraphists—270 to 29.

Radio mates and pilots — 1784 to 66.

Engineers—1628 to 448.

Sailors—5384 to 778.

Longshoremen—10,985 to 913.

Firemen—6867 to 1697, according to work pending arbitration.

Henry Schmidt, San Francisco longshore leader, announced the conclusion of the strike and the return to work after the strikers' joint policy committee had adopted the resolution presented by E. B. Grady, Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association.

Harry Lundeberg unsuccessfully tried to postpone signing of the agreement pending settlement of the machinists' strike and later sought jurisdiction over sailors employed by coast ships in intercoastal trade, particularly the Luckenbach line.

WRITE KING, CONNER AND E. G. RAMSAY!

To show that labor has not forgotten its staunchest fighters, workers are urged to write letters to Earl King, E. G. Ramsay, and Frank Conner, framed in the Point Lobos ship murder case.

King's address—Box 59815, San Quentin, Cal.

Ramsay's address — Box 59816, San Quentin, Cal.

Conner's address — Box 59814, San Quentin, Cal.

elcome to the Best Party Builders This Saturday Night in San Francisco

AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY TELLS WHAT TRIAL OF THE TROTZKYITE PLOTTERS MEANT

Soviet Envoy Tells Why Trotzkyite-Fascist Plotters Confessed, How Their Trial Was Conducted

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most important means to inspire belief in the desirability of socialism elsewhere. We do not think revolution can be transported. If another country adopts socialism, it will not be because agents of the Soviet Union went there and led them to do so, but because the people themselves want it.

"So much for the basic differences. Now, people are sometimes slow to give up ideas or theories they have zealously believed in even when there is evidence to show they were wrong. As we have made progress in the Soviet Union, fewer and fewer people adhered to the Trotzkyist theories until numerically these people were negligible. Today there is no mass following whatsoever of the counter-revolutionists. And this very lack of mass following, their total inability to persuade any considerable number of people to exert influence in behalf of their ideas, that left the Trotzkyists with only two means of attack—terror, sabotage, murder. They would not have murdered Kirov if mass support had induced a widespread demand for his removal.'

"From time to time, events happened which, from the point of view of the Trotzkyists, seemed to give them encouragement to feel they must 'do something right after all. An example of what I mean was the great difficulty of bringing about the collectivization of agriculture—the thing they said never should be done. That victory is now won, but there is no question that it was a difficult time. Along in 1932, many counter revolutionary, sabotage activities had somewhat subsided, once more began to carry on their plotting. They said: 'Didn't we always say so? Present policies are not going to succeed. We must force a change in the regime.'

Case of Romm

"Then, when collectivization became an accomplished fact, a few—though a much smaller number—still refused to concede they had been wrong. Their numbers had changed according to difficulties and successes within the Soviet Union. Where there was Romm, who was here in Washington as correspondent for the newspaper Izvestia, had been an ardent Trotzkyist. But, if we believe his testimony, along in 1926 he decided he had been mistaken. Evidently. When he saw the difficulties of collectivization, he returned to his original belief that the Trotzkyist's policies were doomed to failure. But, he testified, since 1930, that is for the last five years, success of agricultural socialization could no longer be doubted, he changed his mind again and did nothing further for those who were secretly opposing Stalin.

"Radek testified that he thought of confessing veerything in 1932, but was deterred by fear of the consequences. Others who have been tried might have given up their plotting except that they had become too deeply involved. A few declared they were no longer free to serve the interests of nations because they would be betrayed by foreign agents with whom they had become associated. The numbers of these plotters had become negligible, but their activities were by no means negligible, for they held certain responsible positions where they could do great harm."

When asked why the plotters, who "had been Socialists," did everything they could to help the Hitler regime, Troyanovsky answered:

"There is a historic precedent, for fighting one enemy with another. That is history. One of the Russian revolution there were many, like Savinkov, who allied with all secret police in the world. There was one Alexinsky, Bolshevist member of the Second Duma, who went through a similar evolution.

"There are examples in other countries. Even in France, was a Communist, but, when seemed to have his own way, he became a Fascist. It is worth noting, that, while he was a Trotzkyist, some of the Trotzkyists are in agreement with his Fascist policies. They are opposed to the popular front of liberal, democratic elements in France, united to meet the menace of Fascism. The battle today is between democracy and Fascism, and the Trotzkyists are helping the Fascists."

Of the men who have been on trial, each had his own motives. Sokolnikov came into the Trotzky wing of the party from the right.' He was in sympathy with overthrowing Czarism, but at the time of the revolution he still believed in capitalism. Radek, on the other hand, declares his motives were in a sense the Stalin regime, by alliances with its capitalist enemies, in the hope of establishing capitalism and maybe some kind of socialist regime later on.

Millions Follow Stalin

"Trotzky himself was relatively a newcomer in the Bolshevist ranks. He had previously been in a special group allied with the Menshevists. He joined with Lenin just before the October revolution.

"So far as these particular men are concerned, Stalin has not won them over. But instead as millions of others are devoted believers in Stalin's policies, it could hardly be said that he lacks persuasiveness."

"What do you think will happen to Romm?" Kelly asked.

"I do not know what the evidence is, and therefore cannot make a prediction. The court will decide."

Nab Liquor Officer As Alky Racketeer

SAN FRANCISCO—More graft and evidence of collusion in the State Board of Equalization was revealed here last Wednesday when William H. Stafford, liquor enforcement officer, was arrested with three other men and seven women on charges of conspiracy in a wholesale alcohol racket.

The seven were arrested on a secret indictment by the Federal Grand Jury against 15 persons, and are charged with conspiracy to violate the internal revenue laws by transporting, buying and receiving tax unpaid alcohol.

Stafford is a disbarred attorney.

Jon Marshall, head of the enforcement office in San Francisco, made the remarkable comment that "what is remarkable the enforcement agents can remain honest when a penurious state pays only a salary of $150 a month. A federal enforcement agent is paid $255 a month."

FIGHTS GAG BILL

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Charlotte Moskowitz of Commonwealth College, labor school at Mena, Arkansas, which is target of the Horton sedition bill, introduced in Arkansas legislature at instigation of wealthy cotton planters

ILA SUPPORT TO CELERY STRIKE IN SAN DIEGO CO.

Building Trades Council Aid Endorses It

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picketing ordinance is evidence that they are hard hit and unable to cope with the strike so long as the picket line is maintained.

Aids Shippers

The chairman of the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County, Bellon, is aiding the shippers in an underhanded way while protesting his friendship for organized labor.

At a joint meeting of the American and Mexican Unions, held Tuesday night in National City, Bellon addressed the workers at great length on his friendship and pledged that he would vote against the anti-picketing ordinance when it comes before the Board on Thursday; but he was afraid there was a possibility of it passing if the unions didn't stop picketing before the next two days.

Mr. Bellon was aided, perhaps unwittingly, by a member of the ILA delegation that attended the meeting. This longshoreman, whose name is reported to be C. Baus, spoke in favor of following the recommendation of Supervisor Bellon and it was his advice that swung the vote in favor of stopping the picketing.

The Agricultural workers have a great respect for the members of the longshoremen's union, one of the militant strike they have carried on for the past three months.

ILA AIDS STRIKER

Supervisor Bellon did not ask the shippers to stop harassing the celery strikers by arresting and they will of course take full advantage of the absence of a picket line by using every available scab in the fields.

The AFL unions are alarmed at the progress of the anti-picketing ordinance in the county and are preparing to back the ordinance at the Board of Supervisors Thursday and strenuously protested against the ordinance's suspension.

The Building Trades Council was represented at Tuesday's meeting by Ed. B. La Duke, electricians, Ratliff. The B.T.C. has arranged to contact the shippers Wednesday morning with a view of forcing them to start negotiations with the Agricultural Unions.

The ILA has pledged its support to the celery strike and it is reported that the shippers are losing considerable sleep over the fear that the militant longshoremen are going to appear on the picket line.

The support of the ILA and the Building Trades Council has greatly improved the relations between the AFL and the independent agricultural unions and laid the basis for bringing these 500 organized agricultural workers into the AFL.

U. S. MARITIME COMMISSION IS CALLED UNFAIR

Spokesman of Marine Unions Gives Facts To Prove Charges

SAN FRANCISCO—As it was opening hearings here this week, the U. S. Maritime Commission was accused of unfairness by a spokesman for the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau, James T. Landye. Landye charged:

That the commission failed to investigate unfair practices on the part of ship companies.

That the commission's initial investigations were entirely one-sided, being conducted only into the affairs of maritime unions, with little or no attention being paid to charges made against employers by the unions.

That shipowners refused to open their records to investigators from the commission.

That certain members of the commission" have joined the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in urging the National Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots to show a' friendly attitude toward the new United Offshore Licensed Officers' Association, assertedly a company union.

Landye spoke for the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn., the Masters, Mates and Pilots, Marine Cooks and Marine Firemen.

C. P. PRESENTS FLOOD PROGRAM

No Profiteering; Open Up the Empty Buildings

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—The following list of flood demands are reprinted from the special mimeographed flood edition of the Sunday Worker issued by the Communist Party of Cincinnati, Ohio:

1. All prices on food and other necessities must be fixed at their present levels by law with penalties provided for "chiselers."

2. All empty buildings to be used for the relief of refugees during the flood and its aftermath. The Union Central Life Insurance Company has already set the example.

3. A Citizens Relief Committee, representing all sections of the population, including flood victims, must be set up to see that all needs are met. We recommend federal, state and local legislation and appropriations necessary for adequate flood relief.

L. A. JOBLESS GO EAST TO CONFAB

Sailors and Epic Leader Are Among Delegates

LOS ANGELES.—Completely endorsing the program of the Workers' Alliance, delegates from local trade unions, progressive groups, and from locals of the Alliance met in an all-day conference Sunday, January 24, and elected delegates to attend the Washington conference to be held later during February.

F. Lee, of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and Doctor Fredrick Conliffe, chairman of the executive board of the Epic were chosen as delegates, with Reverend Modre, Negro minister of Pasadena as an alternate delegate from the Workers' Alliance.

Quoting from an official call sent out by the Alliance, the purpose of the conference was "to work out a program of legislation that will assure the unemployed a decent standard of living, while at the same time maintaining collective agreements in the trade unions, that the unemployed will not be used to cut down the wages." . . .

In a blanket resolution, the conference agreed upon all points in the Workers' Alliance program, which calls for a 25% increase in relief quotas with wages to be paid at prevailing union rates; a 40% decrease in the Direct and County Relief; the abolition of Order No. 40; and the passage of the "Means Test" in relief application.

Additional resolutions demanded the investigation in Congress of the drive to expand and continue the WPA; the freeing of Tom Mooney; that all cultural projects of the WPA be set up as permanent institutions distributed by the administration.

It was further suggested that a closer working cooperation be established between trade unions, progressive groups, the Workers' Alliance, and the Professional Project Council.

Progressive groups represented at the conference besides trades unions were the Epics, the Utopians, and the International Workers' Order.

How Many Did You Answer?

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1—As far as can be ascertained, the first demand by a group of California workers for higher wages was made by the carpenters and joiners of San Francisco in the winter of 1849. They asked for $16 a day (prices were high during the gold rush), and struck when it was refused.

2—There were a few Chinese in California before 1852, but in that year 10,000 came from China to work in the placer mines.

3—The Workingmen's Party of the United States, which had existed in other parts of the country and which was established in California in 1877.

4—Organized in Philadelphia in 1869 as a national trade union center, the first California branch of the Knights of Labor was formed in Sacramento on July 9, 1883.

5—The City Front Federation, organized on Feb. 5, 1901, among the waterfront unions of San Francisco. It had a membership of 16,000 and a treasury of $250,000.

DROP INGLEWOOD ANTIPICKET LAW

Protesting Workers Pack the Council Chambers

INGLEWOOD—Faced with a Council Chamber packed with militant, protesting workers, Mayor Raymond V. Darby decided not to ask for adoption of the proposed anti-picketing ordinance at the Council meeting, Tuesday evening, February 2.

Much Opposition

His action came after dropping the proposal was that two of the Councilmen, Leibacher and Simmons, were opposing it.

First introduced a month ago in the Council, the proposed ordinance was opposed by indignant citizens throughout Inglewood. Reacting to the storm of protest, Councilmen Leibacher and Simmons fought the proposal on the Council floor.

Last week, the Mayor reintroduced the bill after scabs and anti-labor police had precipitated an outbreak in the four-months-old strike at Kroehler Furniture Plant, where four workers were arrested.

S.F. Sit-In Action Brings Results

SAN FRANCISCO—Organized pressure in the shape of a sit-down action by eight hundred relief recipients secured a guarantee on Thursday that the investigations into the relief status of the workers would be speeded up to 100 an hour.

The action followed the report that 600 relief clients would have to be cut off without their checks, due Friday.

J. D. Webster, heading the Maritime Federation's single men's relief committee, said the action was the result of unsuccessful efforts to get action on the endorsement of the People's Legislative Conference. In replying to statements made earlier that the checks would be cut off, due Friday to cover the coming two weeks, inasmuch as all of them will not be immediately re-employed on the waterfront.

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ASKS SCOTT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST SPAIN

He Directly Aided Franco In Vote On "Neutrality"

LOS ANGELES—Because he voted in favor of the recent criminal Neutrality Act which was rushed through Congress, Byron N. Scott, representative from the 18th Congressional District was sent the following letter from a worker in Artesia: "Honorable Byron N. Scott, "Dear Byron:

"Would you please explain your vote regarding the just passed 'Neutrality Act'?

"It appears that you have voted for it as the Los Angeles Daily News only reports one vote against, which was not yours.

"It seems you have voted wrong if you have voted for it. Surely you are against war but a vote handicapping the legal, recognized, Democratic Government of Spain from getting arms against the Fascist puppet Franco seems to be directly aiding Franco, which seems that much more stupid while our country's democracy was established with the aid of foreign money and materials.

"I wish you would explain this."

So far, the writer of the letter has received no answer from Congressman Scott.

MORE THAN 1000 AT CIO MEET, L A

West Coast Leaders of CIO Address Them

LOS ANGELES.—Urging organization of all industrial workers as the best safeguard against the hated "speed-up" system, West Coast leaders of the C.I.O. spoke at a mass meeting attended by more than 1,000 persons at the Shrine Auditorium, Sunday, January 31.

Chief among the speakers were William Dalrymple, Steel Organizer for the CIO in West Coast; George Roberts, organizer for District 5 of the United Rubber Workers of America, and Andrew Schmoller, organizer for the United Automobile Workers of America.

Dalrymple declared that "the worst disease among workers today is fear," and added that "organization is the only remedy for fear."

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People's Lobby Is Gaining in L. A.

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any question arises in regard to the passage of Conference-endorsed bills.

As yet, the Central Labor Council has taken no definite action on the endorsement of the People's Legislative Conference. In replying to statements made earlier that the bills would "do not speak for Labor," a leading spokesman for the Conference declared:

"The Conference does not intend officially to represent labor in any action that will assume that it has endorsed it—but it does speak as a joint action of organized labor and progressive groups and as such is in the interest of Labor and progressives."

"The People's Legislative Conference invites all progressive and organized labor groups to participate in its program—none are barred."

As soon as the minutes of the Sacramento Conference are received in Los Angeles, the Southern Branch of the People's Legislative Conference will send them out to all trade unionists and liberal and progressive groups.

Hearst Sore Loser, Hits Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hearst is a pretty sore loser.

The public enemy Number 1 on Wednesday attacked the constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and demanded that the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here declare the National Labor Relations Board from enforcing its orders on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, scene of the long strike led by the Newspaper Guild last year.

The Hearst yellow sheet's reinstatement of Frank M. Lynch, camera man, and Evgnardt Conrad, music critic, whose dismissal for Guild membership led to the 1936 strike.

SPAIN MEETINGS START FEB. 12TH

San Bernardino, San Diego, Wilmington, First Stops

Both Southern and Northern California are expecting huge crowds to welcome the delegation of Spanish Youth leaders about to open a series of mass meetings.

The tour opens in San Bernardino on February 12 with an evening meeting, with another in San Diego the following night, February 13, and in Wilmington Bowl, Los Angeles Harbor area, on the night of February 14.

The four delegates will arrive in San Francisco on February 15 to prepare for one of the major meetings of the state tour, to be held on the night of Wednesday, February 17, in Dreamland Auditorium. A series of smaller meetings in the Bay Area will be followed by further meetings in Los Angeles County, including the huge closing meeting on the night of February 24 in Shrine Auditroium, Los Angeles.

TRICK BILL HITS AT SIT-DOWNERS

Before Senate Committee; Protests Are Urged

SAN MATEO—Sit-down strikers will do six months in jail and pay a $500 fine if State Senator Johnny L. Parkman of San Mateo puts over his trick vagrancy bill introduced just before the legislature adjourned, masquerading under the laudable purpose of amending the archaic vagrancy law to meet the needs of the state, the Parkman bill actually is a smashing blow to labor's newest and most effective weapon.

A Trick Measure

Under the proposal, a worker would be a "vagrant" when he "remains in, occupies or uses as a lodging place any premises without the permission of the person entitled to the possession thereof."

To forestall the storm of labor protest, Parkman ignored the provision of the State Constitution requiring that bills bear a full printing title of their contents and introduced his measure simply as an act "relating to vagrancy and its punishment."

The bill is now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, of which Senator Parkman is chairman.

Govt. Withstands Attack on Malaga

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the «Oln, were reported anchored at the same place.

PARIS—With the support of the People's Front the Chamber of Deputies voted 405 to 186 for a four-year program of extended national defenses at a cost of $874,000,000.

The program, submitted by Daniel Nalin, Minister of Defense, a Radical Socialist, called for the extension of the famed steel and concrete line of fortifications on borders of Switzerland and Belgium as further protection against the constant threat of Nazi invasion.

In order that there should be no room for Fascists to misunderstand the determination of the French people to defend their country, a motion of confidence in the government, immediately following approval of the additional defense program, was signed by the chairman of the Chamber committee for Army, Navy and Air.

Besides extending the Maginot line from the Belgian border to the Jura Mountains in the Southeast, the new defenses include construction of roads paralleling frontiers, increase in size of mechanized army divisions, creation of a corps of 15,000 specialists to replace the professional forces, further training of the youth for military defense and the creation of a unified National Defense ministry committee to function in the event of the present crisis.

Applause greeted Air Minister Pierre Cot when he explained that the program was adequately met by any aerial threat of Germany, and that its air force was second only to that of the Soviet Union.

ILGWU Grand Ball

SAN FRANCISCO.—On Saturday, February 6, 1937, 8 p.m. at the Trianon Ballroom, 1268 Sutter St., the International Ladies Garment Workers San Francisco Joint Board will hold its Grand Ball.

Admission will be 35c and a door prize will be given. The best Union music will play.

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L.A. LABOR G DOWN THE IN MONO ST

Telegrams Ass Financial Sup Pouring In

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The week-end strik ing more than 500 arose as a result of the dangerous practice of experienced miners pa rate of $5.50 per day, work of experienced me receive $4.50 a day.

Typical Fascist refus employed by Bureau when a negotiating com 22 workers protesting crimination against miners, were summa charged, kidnaped and by armed guards.

The men, after being out of the county were by a car full of State Patrolmen armed with rifles, and told to "get out and stay out."

Banning Gives Full S

Local 270 at Bann thrown its full support men behind local 279 gether the two locals ha ed offices at 321 W Street, opposite the L

In addition to 100 cooperation of Local striking local has been ed support from affili per cent of Los Ange ized labor including el unions. Telegrams asse financial and moral have been pouring into tion headquarters dem ginning of the strike.

Citizens Meet Anti-Picket L

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the establishment of the rights of labor. Picketing of strikers, they declared, is their jobs. The right workers on strike can be denied by labor fascist plicit in the right to

Labor Ticket Gains in L. A.

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in an open caucus Tuesday, January 26.

Reports of the delegat that strong organiz throughout the organiz groups is being carried cure the support and the eration of the Centra Council.

Active discussions are place in the trade unit ing the formation of pendent political action in the coming spring e pointing out that the of the Central Labor C taking the lead in thi ment.

The executive comm Labor's Conference, for local trade unions have their support, has called the Central Labor Co institute a city-wide co of all local unions and in cooperation with all and progressive forces to and further the work by the Conference.

Officers of Labor's Co for the Municipal E will be announced at Spring Street, Room 224

WE AID THE SPANISH PEOPLE

undred Americans are ghting in the Interna- mmn defending Madrid ainst the Fascists. His Party been responsible for a single one of these fighters of democracy.

Has the bombastic about the "Debs Bri- ded in the sending of erson to Spain?

es of meeting were ar- a national tour of the legation, and now the outh delegation, to get ain. What did the So- y or the Young Pio- alist League do to e tours a success, out- tage and slanderous the Spanish anti-fas- ments, the Popular Front? (In California ivites are even organ- ing of Spain, in to the meetings of the outh Delegation, Feb. 1).

American Committee Spanish Democracy" was unite all groups for aiding Spain; the National Committee of the Socialist Party, after long delay, finally established a unit; **but it has secretly instructed its branches not to send any funds to this committee.**

Of the Communist Party's contribution to the cause, the less said the better. The Communist Party has refused to unite with the Socialist Party in any concrete way to help Spain. It has refused to unite with the Socialist Party in any concrete way to help Spain. It has refused to unite with the Socialist Party in any concrete way to help Spain. It

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Greet the Heroic Spanish Youth Delegation!

REPLYING to a questionnaire recently addressed to him by the Scripps-Howard press, General Franco smoothly and hypocritically depicted the Fascists as an angelic, humanizing force. Franco's answers, carefully worded in an attempt to win a sympathetic ear from the American people, are too blatantly a collection of lies to convince anyone. But it is interesting to note that Franco maintained a stony silence on the question: **"When do you expect the capture of Madrid?"**

We all remember how confidently and with what braggadocio Franco predicted the fall of Madrid "within ten days," and then "within thirty days" not so long ago. But, notwithstanding the tens of thousands of imported German and Italian troops fighting for Fascism in Spain, Franco has stopped "predicting" the fall of Madrid.

The entire world knows the unparalleled heroism of Madrid's defenders—a heroism understandable only in the light of the knowledge of these brave anti-Fascist fighters that they are fighting for world democracy against wolfish Fascism.

And in the front line of these defenders of democracy stand the youth. It is not strange that a capitalist reporter declared recently: **"The spirit of youth is in the front line trenches of the loyalists; the spirit of youth animated Madrid."**

This fighting spirit of youth will be heard in California this month, with the tour by the four youth delegates from the People's Front Government of Spain. They will speak in San Francisco on February 17th, in Oakland Feb. 19th, and in Los Angeles on February 24th.

All foes of Fascism, all progressive people are urged to turn out to these meetings to greet the Spanish youth delegation. Hear from their own lips the heroic story of the defense of Madrid, of the struggle for democracy in Spain—a struggle which is of the utmost importance to the American people!

The Anti-Nazi Pickets

THE San Francisco Chronicle, in an editorial denouncing the arrests of the workers picketing the Nazi consulate, declares that they are not political prisoners, but people who thrust their activities upon the persons using the public streets, "to demonstrate against the premises occupied by the official representatives of a nation with which we are on friendly terms."

This stand of the Chronicle is not surprising, as its Mr. Rowell has time and again rushed to the defense of the Fascists in Spain, as well as of Fascist agents engaged in assassination and sabotage in the Soviet Union. It is therefore only logical that the Chronicle editorial writer should again come to the aid of General Franco and his German and Italian Fascist allies.

Certainly it is apparent to any open-minded person that the activities of the picketers in front of the Nazi consulate were political in nature. They were protesting aid by the butcher Hitler to the butcher Franco; they were demanding the withdrawal of Nazi troops from Spain, the stopping of the massacre of thousands of defenseless Spanish women and children by Nazi airmen.

To treat these picketers as mere criminals, and to attempt to influence public opinion to this viewpoint, is nothing short of encouragement to the Fascists.

The Anti-Picketing Repeal Campaign on the Move

ORGANIZED LABOR in San Francisco is beginning to move in the campaign to repeal the twenty-year-old anti-picketing ordinance. The trade union committee set up by the Central Labor Council is getting under way with a campaign of telephone calls, bulletins, dodgers, leaflets and automobile stickers. The campaign is still, however, being carried on the shoulders of a few trade unionists. It has not yet succeeded in involving the active, daily co-operation of the rank and file of the unions.

The campaign as outlined is good. If carried out to its fullest extent it should reach and activize every member of organized labor in San Francisco.

Every trade union is urged not only to endorse the program outlined, but to actively cooperate in its execution. Each local should at once finish the addressing of large envelopes to its membership, and sending these envelopes up to the office of the Committee, Room 410 Grant Building. There they will be stuffed with literature and directions, and mailed.

We are glad to note the broadening of the campaign, with a program of radio addresses contemplated and the plastering of the city with billboards.

We urge that the Committee in cooperation with other progressive forces, arrange a huge mass meeting just before election day, at the Civic Auditorium, to dramatize the issue to the public generally. The city should be urged to grant the use of the auditorium free of charge.

We also urge the cooperation of all non-trade union, progressive and civic groups with the Citizens Committee for the Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, which is holding its conference this coming Sunday, 2 p. m., at 536 Sutter Street.

This conference can be of invaluable help to the trade union committee in pushing the campaign.

The Mooney Case

THE OPINION of Shaw, special referee appointed to take testimony in the Mooney hearings, that there is nothing in the evidence to question the verdict of Mooney's guilt, is not surprising. Although more than a year was consumed in the hearings, and many witnesses summoned, Shaw's verdict was probably all set before the hearings commenced. Referee Shaw, personal friend and classmate of the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, knew what he was expected to do—and did it.

There is no doubt, therefore, that the State Supreme Court will accept Referee Shaw's findings. All this despite the fact that the entire civilized world is convinced of Mooney's innocence.

With Mooney's innocence so universally established, every public official responsible for keeping Mooney behind bars another day becomes as guilty as those who originally engineered the frame-up.

Riverside County—"Friend of Labor!"

THE RIVERSIDE County Board of Supervisors had its collective tongue in its cheek when it passed an ordinance which prohibits "unlawful picketing" but "in no way hinders 'peaceful' picketing."

The ordinance declared that any picketing is proper which does not obstruct entrances, roads, highways and sidewalks. Obviously, any "mass gathering" of two or three workers carrying picket cards, will be readily interpreted as obstructing the sidewalk or highway—even if a cop has to push "accidently" against a picket to prove that he's in the way.

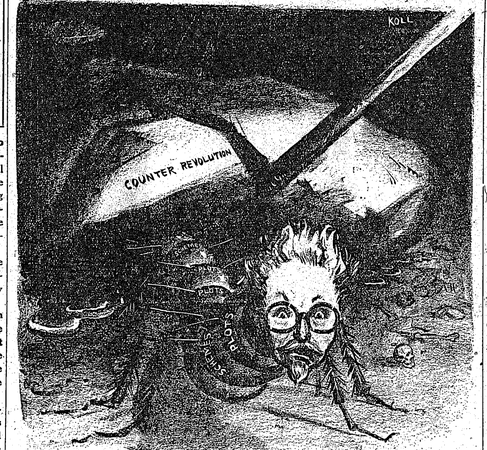
It is only that, but pickets are restrained from making any gesture!

We gather that the Riverside Board of Supervisors would consider picketing legal only if carried on by means of "Please Do Not Seek Employment Here' slogans painted on a balloon floating at the end of a string attached to a fence fifty feet removed from the entrance to any plant on strike.

This ordinance was proposed and pushed by the Associated Farmers.

We urge union labor in Riverside county to begin a campaign for the repeal of this anti-picketing ordinance. Financial and organizational help should be given by the San Bernardino Central Labor Council.

Trotzkyism - - -



By Koll

Spain, and the American People's Love for Liberty

(These extracts from the speech by Earl Browder, general secretary of the American Communist Party, at the recent Lenin memorial meeting held at Madison Square Garden, New York, show that it is in keeping with the true American liberty-loving tradition for the American people to aid the Spanish people in their fight against fascism, for democracy.)

A deep blush of shame should sweep over every American, whenever Spain is mentioned, since that day, at the opening of Congress, the Roosevelt administration at Washington rushed in such indecent haste to place a blockade against democratic Spain—a gratuitous act of war against a friendly nation—upon the hypocritical plea of 'neutrality' and the desire to keep out of war.

An Act of War

To avoid embarrassing Hitler, who is engaged in a real war to the world with war, our government actually performed an act of war against the struggling Spanish democracy and for the alien fascist hordes bombarding Madrid and slaughtering thousands of thousands of men, women, and children. And it was only a year ago that the same people were telling us that a blockade against fascist Italy, in the act of raping Ethiopia, was impossible because that would threaten peace.

Evidently the principle that is guiding foreign policy is, to help the fascists in the hope they will not attack America, but under no circumstances to help the small-er nations, even though democracies, but rather help their enemies, because these democracies neither could nor would threaten America. It is the principle of rewarding our enemies and punishing our friends. And this is called a "peace" policy! What utter degradation to which we are descending!

Our enemies accuse the Communist Party that we, in defending democracy, are bringing some alien doctrine to America. They say our Leninist principles are "imported from Moscow."

Passion For Liberty

It is really too bad it is true that the love of democracy does come only from Moscow. It is true that of all governments of the world, only that of the Soviets has stood staunchly, without wavering, at the side of Spanish democracy in its hour of trial. That is why the glory of socialism and the Soviet Union, and the shame of all governments calling themselves democracies. But it is not true that this same spirit must be imported from Moscow to New York. In America there still lives the fierce passion for liberty and hatred of tyrants which brought our country to birth and which served it in many trials, the revolutionary traditions of the heart of Americanism — even though our government has betrayed this Americanism.

What arrogant stupidity to bring forward this blockade of democratic Spain in the name of Americanism! Even Al Smith, the mouthpiece for the duPonts and Hearst, must pay lip-service to Thomas Jefferson as the first great ideologist of the American democratic tradition. Let us ask Thomas Jefferson where he stands on this issue.

The Words of Jefferson

In a report on some negotiations with Spain, March 18, 1792, Jefferson observed:

"In the course of this war (American revolution) we were joined by France as an ally, and by Spain and Holland as associates; having a common enemy, each sought that common enemy wherever they could find him!"

About the French revolution, Jefferson said, in a letter to Edward Rutledge, August 25, 1791:

"I am sure the French revolution will issue happily. I feel that the permanence of our own depends in some degree on that, and that failure there would be a powerful argument to prove that there must be a failure here."

And what should be done when a sister democracy threatened with the counterrution of enemies? Jefferson gave the answer when he recorded a conversation with George Washington, dated October 1, 1793:

". . . he (Washington) observed to me, that he thought it was time to enter into some more stricter connection with France. He went into the circumstance of dissatisfaction between Spain and Great Britain and us, and observed there was no nation on whom we could rely, at all times, but France. It was much pleased with the tone of this observation. It was the very time which had been my polar star. . .)"

When France was attacked and blockaded, did Jefferson suggest the United States also to rush to join the blockade? Not at all, although the United States was a relatively weak country. In a letter to James Madison, Jefferson said, in March, 1793:

"The idea seems to be in credit that the naval powers combining against France will prohibit supplies, even of provisions, to that country . . . I should hope that Congress . . . would instantly exclude from our ports all the manufactures, produce, vessels, and subjects of the nations committing this aggression, during the continuance of the aggression and till full satisfaction is made for it."

What a world of difference between this bold defense of democracy against all its enemies, and the present cowardly crawling on the belly before Hitler!

A Fundamental American Doctrine

Jefferson further elaborated this fundamental American doctrine, in a letter to Gouverneur Morris, Minister to France, on March 12, 1793:

". . . we received information that a National Convention was met, with full power to transact the affairs of the nation, and soon afterwards the Minister of France here presented an application for three million of livres, to be laid out in provisions to be sent to France. . . . We had no hesitation to comply with the application . . and we shall . . . omit no opportunity of convincing that nation how cordially we wish to serve them. Mutual good offices, mutual affection, and similar principles of government, seem to destine the two nations for the most intimate communion; and I cannot too much press it upon you, to improve every opportunity of many occur . . for placing our commerce with that nation and its dependencies on the most encouraging footing possible."

How far, how far, we have travelled from Jefferson, when an administration acts upon the principles proclaimed instead of advancing finances places all possible obstacles in the way of the simple transfer of the funds of a friendly democracy in trouble; when no opportunity is lost to demonstrate on that score. It certainly convinced the shipowners, because the meeting was over they capitulated, and night reached an agreement with the ILA, which cleared for a general referendum to end the strike which practically unions winning some of their basic demands.

For the benefit of the bright young men writing on cialist Call," if they run out of material to prove that Ro Curran are "villains," we offer them free of charge the reference material:

Colonel Sanborn's "American Citizen."
Hearst's S. F. Examiner.
Hearst's S. F. Call-Bulletin.
Mayor Angelo J. Rossi.
T. G. (Tear-Gas) Plant.
Lee Holman.
Paul Scharrenberg.
Waterfront Employer's Association.
"The Maritime Mirror."
Industrial Association.

It was not their fault that the strike was successfully ed with major gains won by the unions, and the uni Maritime Federation preserved. Even the capitalist press to admit this now. The San Francisco News editorially on Feb. 3rd:

"Maritime workers it is true, have consolidated the gains and extended them. In so far as any group or ind won the strike, they have won it. On that account they are to congratulations. It should not have required th months test of the workers' solidarity to convince the sh of what they knew or should have known last September

Anyone who will study the comparative table in this the Western Worker, showing the offers of the shipowners Sept. 30th, the basic demands on which the unions took vote, and the terms of the agreements that the unions fin out of the strike, cannot help but see the role that the ILA not so much in fighting for their own demands, but in su the other unions, the seamen, in gaining improvements to conditions.

The ILA fought to maintain what it had won in 1 six-hour day and the union hiring hall, but it held back fr tering into negotiations with the employers until the very order to back up the demands and negotiations of the Pacific Coast Longshoremen, and the Maritime Federation, and to the support power of the Maritime Federation, and to the support them by the longshoremen. Any attacks, therefore, on and his policies during the strike, directly or indirectly, attack on the united front of the maritime workers, and ement and longshoremen's hands.

If Lundeberg and the Socialist Party have allowed th to be used by the Trotzkyite renegades in this disruptive e so much the worse for them. By now they should surely found out, that they have tackled a bigger job than they bargained for, and can to some extent repair the damage they ha If not, they will only expose themselves further to the ridicule.

HOW WE AID THE SPANISH PEO

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looking for to stop that aid, altogether.

Serious responsible aid to Spain is not something to be played with. Ever since last May, the Communist Party has been engaged in ORGANIZING AID, not TALKING about it. The Trotzkyites and misguided Socialists who use such provocative tactics, and who attack the Communists for "inaction," cannot be taken seriously. No matter how loudly they shout about aid to Spain. The DAMAGE that they do to the Spanish people's cause, however, is serious and irreparable. Sooner or later, the honest Socialist workers, those who have not already been driven out of the ranks in disgust, will see the role that is being played by the Trotzkyite renegades out of their ranks.

Cleaners, Dyers Have Internatio

WASHINGTON.—Cl of a new international cleaning and dye house was announced here [illegible] president of the can Federation of Labor

The union supersedes several unions already in the field, Green s starts with a membersh ecent of 10,000. Potential bership is set at 250,000.

merely to grant belligerent rights to the South, Lincoln almost went to war against Britain. This was avoided only because Karl Marx rallied the English working class to defeat their own ruling class. Lincoln then from sending arms to the South.

These are the true doctrines of Americanism. They fit in exactly his principles of Leninism. That is why we, who meet here tonight to honor the memory of Lenin and his teachings, work, are the ones to whom it is left to quote the exact words of Jefferson in relation to the forces of Spanish democ

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Worker Correspondent
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Small Stake Lost

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Slaps Roosevelt

uch longer are we fath- merous going to remain hile our families go hun- d and naked and without attention? How much e we going to allow the n in the White House to sleep with false promi- and know ways can be get our just dues if we don't up. What kind of e we made out of that ourselves to be ground he dirt, and jumped on are down? Unless I am ully mistaken, we will me of these days and ll have to be a party and it may be very pain- some of those now riding

Labor Party Is Next Step

y sometimes repeats. It some years ago in Russia. "Of course, it are so sure of that. I so sure of that. I am ure it won't happen he 500,000 men will be nds made up to do the never give up until the ovolution, I say it will happen here.

more regarding relief y pay a man $40 a he works on WPA, with help of any kind. He had $310 a month for $10 for fuel this time That leaves $20 to buy ding or any medicine requires. What I don't and is why in h— they and a firing squad and ers who have starved ds from slow starvation, long the agony?

Slaps Roosevelt Column

while they are doing that, be able to get in a photo every day, nothing lease me better.

ill have to take those get anything, and when it comes, the better for We would at least die es, not starve like rats, would be a fitting punish- as pressman for a num- ears, but have been- secure employment.

Tunnel Workers in Ontario Organize Into Sub-Local

By a Tunnel Worker
ONTARIO.—Local 270, Tunnel, Subway and Aqueduct Workers Union, of Banning, is organizing the workers around Ontario. H. Patton, secretary of the union, came here with a committee of five on Wednesday, January 27, and held a meeting at Johnson's Hall, Laurel and "B" Sts, that was attended by 200 men. The Pipe Line Co. and the American Concrete Pipe Company and J. F. Shays Company.

A sub-local, elected officers and assured the organizers from Banning that themselves would organize the rest of the aqueduct workers working in this vicinity.

Arrangements were made by Brother Patton to hold another meeting at Johnson's Hall on Thursday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. and we hope to sign up the rest of the workers on our jobs.

A good 300 men are employed here at the present time. It was our first chance to hear how the men felt about forming a local of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and the response was

We know only too well how the old AFL craft unionism would split us up in the event we tried to form unions on this job. We welcomed the industrial form of organization and will do our utmost to build our organization.

Another committee will accompany Bill Gately, member of the Banning local, when he comes here on Wednesday.

WPA Head Pulls In His Horns in L. A.

LOS ANGELES.—When Julius Stone, WPA official made this statement on November 22 to the Daily News that "no competent professionals are any longer on WPA rolls, they having been fully absorbed by private business" he didn't know that those "competent professionals" on the WPA projects had organized into the Professional Projects Councils.

But two days—two days after the statement, he received a letter advising him that if he did not publicly retract his slanderous remarks, suit for libel would be instituted against him by the Professional Projects Councils.

The Councils gave him one month to reply.

On Friday, January 22, Thayer Waldo, head of the PPC, received the letter from Stone in which he abjectly apologized that he was been "misquoted" and that he "profusely apologizes." He also added that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Daily News and that Waldo might use the letter for any other newspapers that he cared to inform.

L. A. PAINTERS ON THE MARCH FOR VICTORIES

Sat. Flying Squads Recruit 600 In Six Months

By a Painter
LOS ANGELES—Labor is on the march!

Everywhere one hears this significant phrase. On the jobs, in the shops, we hear workers discussing organization.

Why is it so much more significant now in this intensive drive than it was in the past? The rank and file have begun to take this very seriously. They are learning that it is only through the activization of every member in the Painters' Union locals, that Los Angeles will establish herself on a par with the best of the organized painters on the coast.

Proud of Business Agents

A capacity mass meeting, an overflow crowd attended the monthly Painters' District Council meetings to hear reports of the newly elected business agents.

The business agents told the brother painters—you tell us what to do and we will do it. The organized painters of L. A. are proud of their business agents who are straight-forward and battlers.

The Saturday Flying Squads' effectiveness is permeating the trade union movement.

600 New Members

Over 600 new members have been signed up through these squads in the last six weeks. Brothers who felt they could never do any organizing, have discovered their hidden talents.

The mass meeting rang with courage and enthusiasm, confident with the cooperation of the leadership and the membership we are going to get higher wages and conditions for the men.

The mass picket line around the Brooks Upholstery Shop at 4544 Sunset Blvd., which also operates under the name of the General Maintenance Co., in cooperation with the Upholsterers Union, was pulled last week on Friday. Like the Carroll Shop, the Brooks Co. realized only too well the seriousness of organized labor, and this bird will be brought to roost.

Flying Squads Get Notice

Certainly the painters are proud of their business agents. We were first class men and to the picket line demonstrating their capacity for earnestness.

The Building Trades Council has also become aware of the Flying Squads, and has been lending weekly meetings of the business agents for the arranging of unified action on all jobs.

The first task of a uniform initiative for all the unions where some of the aristocratic locals, who have $100 initiation fees, will lower their fees to approximate the rest.

More Organizing!

The proposal for $1 out of every initiation and $1 dues to remember for literature, will go towards this intensive organizational drive.

Slogan is every job a 100 per cent union job for all crafts.

Many locals of the Council are forming auxiliaries and on Tuesday night, February 2, they held their first meeting to lay plans for activity. Let's all bring our wives and sweethearts into the auxiliaries, so side by side we can fight to make conditions easier and conditions better.

Brother painters, let's go!

WORKER TURNS IN REAL IDEA FOR EDUCATION

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO. Suggestions and tactics are a valuable asset to every worker who is a revolutionary program. Some of us do things, but never take the trouble to think about it. Some ideas outlined may help somebody out.

In the spreading of propaganda, I know a man, a bed-maker who takes care of working men's rooms. He buys literature himself and all the old copies of the Western Worker, Daily Worker, People's World, Daily Pacific Coast Times, Moscow News and all labor papers, he puts in the rooms where they will be read at leisure.

If other workers in that line or in hotel work, would do the same by constantly leaving workers' literature before their eyes, it will soak in and they will become a part of it. Others please copy.

Plotters Wanted Them Enslaved Again

CONVICTED anti-Soviet plotters admitted in Moscow trial that they disagree with the Leninist policy granting freedom to the formerly oppressed nationalities, such as these, Armenian youth, who now enjoy free complete cultural and political freedom under the Soviet system.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

LOS ANGELES LABOR isn't getting a labor slate for the municipal elections under way too soon. For convincing and complete proof, see the main story on this page about the strike at Mono Craters tunnels.

These tunnels are being constructed by the Los Angeles Bureau of Water and Power, a municipally-owned public utility, which is showing itself to be anti-labor in the extreme, what with kidnaping 22 union organizers by force and having them transported out of the district with an escort of state highway cops.

Incidentally, a bill in the Legislature would confine these cops' activities to arresting speeders and other traffic violators.

The treatment given the tunnel workers by the L.A. Bureau is as viciously anti-labor as that given the Salinas strikers last summer.

Labor in Los Angeles, particularly in preference for the Municipal Elections, ought to file an immediate protest with Mayor Shaw and the City Council, demanding the removal of H. A. Van Norman, chief engineer and general manager of the L.A. Bureau of Water and Power.

And another militant protest should be filed with state authorities for their failure to enforce state mining laws concerning safety for workers, which have been flagrantly violated in the tunnel work in California. Enforcement of these laws will go a long way toward stopping the terrific speedup which forces the workers to disregard these laws and to get killed.

It's a cinch that with labor men in office in Los Angeles, such a treatment of workers wouldn't be tolerated one moment. Let's get behind the labor slate in the coming municipal elections, and sweep out such men as Mayor Shaw, Chief Davis and the reactionary city council men who put into power such men as Van Norman.

Plenty to Fight About . . .

The worker in Homedale, Idaho, who wrote the story in Monday's Daily Worker, has plenty to write about and plenty to fight about, as have millions of American workers. And like every worker, he thinks the best thing to do is just to go out and throw over the whole rotten capitalist system.

He says, "Give me 500,000 men with guns and maybe up to do the job and never give up until the job is complete. . ."

What this worker is looking for is an organization that will show him how to fight against capitalism, how to organize the majority of the American workers to fight first against Wall Street's fascist-minded gentry in a Farmer-Labor Party, so that they will learn through their own struggles of the necessity to go further, to Socialism, to a Soviet America.

There is only one such organization, and that is the Communist Party. It's a safe bet this worker will become a member of our Party before many weeks or months, and will put his fine militancy at the service of the working people of America.

And he will learn that mass pressure and organization of the working class—and not individual violence — will win better standards of living now and will eventually win complete emancipation for the exploited people in a Soviet America.

URC BATTLERS DEFEAT PEDRO FISTICUFFERS

Maritime Boxers Competing In Pacific Junior Amateur Tournament in S. F.

By a Waterfront Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—On Saturday night, January 30, at the Wilmington Bowl near San Pedro, a large crowd of union and pro-union fight fans watched the San Francisco Union Recreation Center's battling boys give San Pedro's best waterfront boys a fighting lesson.

The summary was as follows:

Results of Bouts

K. Tanaka, URC, drew with Franklin Murry, San Pedro, 125 lbs.; R. Rosa, URC, beat Harry Wirth, Martinez, San Pedro, 127 lbs.; J. Golden, URC, 150 lbs., kayoed Bob Boyer, San Pedro, 150 lbs., in 40 seconds of first round; L. Delucchi, URC, kayoed H. Worship, San Pedro, in second round; Jack Sanges, San Pedro, decisioned Chase, URC, at 160 lbs.; M. Mendez, San Pedro, decisioned R. Stone, URC, in three rounds at 135 lbs.; Stanley Pastik, URC, and B. Collins, San Pedro, drew at 175 lbs. in an unpopular decision.

URC Boys in Tournament

This is the second sports meet between San Francisco and San Pedro, the first a baseball game ending in a 4-4 tie. The URC boxers are under the supervision of Jack Kavanaugh, one-time featherweight boxing champ of Canada.

The URC is represented by nine boxers in the Pacific Junior Amateur boxing tournament which will be held in Wilmington every Monday until finished. Six of the URC fighters won their fights on Monday, January 25, the final outcome will be given later.

The URC guests were treated with full brotherly respect in San Pedro. The San Pedro Maritime Council is taking steps to open up a center like the Union Recreation Center, in S. F.

The next place URC athletes will go will be Portland and Seattle.

URC — Many R.R., 4

The URC baseball team took an unexpected defeat from the Muny R. R. nine on Sunday, January 31, at Seals Stadium.

Strike Against Kidnaping of 22 Union Leaders by Armed Thugs of L.A. Power Bureau

Walkout Followed Flat Rejection of Union Demands That Would Cost Public-Owned Bureau Only $12 Per Day; Other Tunnel Workers Locals in California Back Up the Strikers

By a Tunnel Worker

MONO CRATER BASIN—Accepting the challenge thrown by czaristic officials of the Los Angeles City Bureau of Water and Power, CIO unions of the tunnel construction industry mobilized their resources to carry on the strike of 800 men, now paralyzing all operations at the Mono Craters tunnel project of the Bureau.

Upon receiving a flat rejection of their demand for a reversal of orders for second class or inexperienced miners to undertake the duties of first class miners at $1 a day less than the prevailing scale, together with the insulting offer of a thinly disguised blackball system in answer to their demand for reinstatement of 22 negotiations committeemen—discharged, kidnaped and deported by armed guards for their part in presenting a protest—the strike committee of Mono Craters Tunnel, Subway and Aqueduct Workers' Local 279, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, notified other tunnel locals of their determination to fight the issue to a finish.

Support From Union Brothers

The Southern California Tunnel, Subway and Aqueduct Workers' Local 270, operating on the Colorado River Aqueduct, was notified at midnight Friday, January. 30, and called a special emergency meeting at 1 a. m.

The meeting, attended by 200 men, voted unanimously to send representatives to Los Angeles to confer with the strike committee, giving them full power to set up a strike headquarters and recruiting hall jointly with the Mono Craters Local.

The body's letter to L. Gilmore, bonded Relief Secretary of the striking local, stated:

Real Solidarity

"We are now aware of your conditions and wish to state that through a special meeting, we have the sanction of this body to stand behind your action 2100 strong, with support both moral and financial.

"Your fight is our fight and we remember well our oaths 'An injury to one is an injury to all.' The committee bearing this letter also has the power to act for us in the betterment of all and your present need."

Pledges of support are coming in from other tunnel locals on the Coast.

Solid Strike

The strike committee reports 100 per cent organization of the men. Only pump men and other maintenance workers necessary for protection of the property in the tunnels, are working by orders of the elected committee.

The strike is being successfully carried out in spite of almost total lack of communication and transportation facilities. Men have been forced to live in the open six feet of snow and extreme sub-zero temperatures.

Workers, having had their blankets taken and the heat shut off in the camps, are using every available shelter in the small village of Lee Vining, 10 miles from the closest camp. The townsfolk, who are in ardent sympathy with the men, have welcomed them into their homes.

22 Men Kidnaped

Legal action may be taken on behalf of men who were sent to Mono Craters to report for work without being notified of the conditions as required by the state law. Action may also be taken for the men who were kidnaped and sent to the labor camp by armed men in the employ of the Bureau.

The 22 men of the Negotiations committee were forced into a bus and the bus escorted to Los Angeles by a car full of armed thugs, gunmen, armed with submachine guns.

Strikers and their families including small children, existing in the near the camps, were ordered to leave within 24 hours by Fogerty, the Bureau's chief gunman, on pain of being shot by the deputized job by Mono County for policing beer joints, had his license withdrawn by the indignant sheriff.

Early Saturday morning, January 30, the joint committee of Local 279 and 270 opened strike headquarters at 321 West 2nd St., Los Angeles, directly across the street from the offices of the Bureau. Strike donations will be accepted at that address by a bonded man.

Since it was unofficially reported that the City of Los Angeles, through the Bureau, is refusing seals to break the strike, representatives of the Strike Committee may appear before Mayor Shaw and the City Council to definitely establish the city's attitude on the outrageous actions of Bureau officials.

Union men joint out that it is inconceivable that the officials should demand impudite millions of dollars invested in the Mono Craters project when adjustment of the original dispute would have cost the Bureau only $12 per day for the entire project, unless the move is a well organized attempt to smash the CIO in its initial drive on the Coast.

TUNNEL WAGES ARE DISCUSSED

Worker Says Danger Equal for Miners And Muckers

By a Tunnel Worker.

BANNING.—Clarence (Steve) Skaggs, breakman on a motor, no Basin, as it's very important to the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' unions in California right now.

He was knocked off the motor by a jackhammer steel which was carelessly loaded on top of the motor. Material is not supposed to be transported on motors, but with speed-up methods, workers do it or else.

A flat car or steel car is supposed to be used for transporting materials but workers being driven at high speed can't take time to do the necessary switching required to hook on a flat or steel car to the train. They can't hold up the mucking in the heading. Progress comes first—what's a worker's life worth anyway?

Fear Chiseling

As Steve wasn't killed outright on the job, the insurance company may try to chisel $1500 off the $5000 given the widow when she turns in the claim. Steve is not dead.

James McKenna, mechanic, was riding with Steve, and A. Jackson, motorman, motor. Other workers came on the scene immediately.

No Job Safety First Aid

We have no first-aid man underground, so it's impossible to get proper treatment until one comes through. Why not? Why not anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour, depending on where the accident occurs.

Those of us who follow this kind of work are beginning to realize that we cannot look to this kind of inhuman methods of treating us, by throwing our bodies carelessly in the building of a strong Farmer-Labor Party.

Such a party would enforce the laws governing safety regulations, and strengthen those laws.

SPEEDUP KILLS SHAFT WORKER

Disregard of State's Laws Forced By Speedup

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING.—Clarence (Steve) Skaggs, breakman on a motor, was killed here at Potrero Shaft Friday morning, January 29. Steven lived about four hours after the accident.

He was knocked off the motor by a jackhammer steel which was carelessly loaded on top of the motor. Material is not supposed to be transported on motors, but with speed-up methods, workers do it or else.

A flat car or steel car is supposed to be used for transporting materials but workers being driven at high speed can't take time to do the necessary switching required to hook on a flat or steel car to the train. They can't hold up the mucking in the heading. Progress comes first—what's a worker's life worth anyway?

Fear Chiseling

As Steve wasn't killed outright on the job, the insurance company may try to chisel $1500 off the $5000 given the widow when she turns in the claim. Steve is not dead.

James McKenna, mechanic, was riding with Steve, and A. Jackson, motorman, motor. Other workers came on the scene immediately.

No Job Safety First Aid

We have no first-aid man underground, so it's impossible to get proper treatment until one comes through. Why not? Why not anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour, depending on where the accident occurs.

Those of us who follow this kind of work are beginning to realize that we cannot look to this kind of inhuman methods of treating us, by throwing our bodies carelessly in the building of a strong Farmer-Labor Party.

Such a party would enforce the laws governing safety regulations, and strengthen those laws.

Workers in Armour Packing House Are Organizing

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Workers of Armour and Company, meat packers, are now recently organized into the American Federation of Labor.

On or about February 4, these workers are planning to strike for union recognition and an increase in wages.

Making Plans

Though this is only a few weeks old, buttons have been issued and plans are being made to have a parade in the union a power for collective bargaining of all workers in the meat packing industry.

The Hanbenmen for years have been members of the Butchers Union, but due to reactionaries as officials, steps to organize the helpers in this industry have not been taken before, though the Hanbenmen are old members of the Butchers Union.

FORCE THEIR HAND

OSLO, Norway.—With reports current that Karl von Ossietzky is still virtually a prisoner of the Nazis, a well known Norwegian magazine, proposes that Pres. Frederick Lange, of the Nobel committee go to Germany to invite von Ossietzky to Norway, forcing a decision.

Stop the Attacks on Soviets, Delbos Warning to Hitler

CHATEAUBROUX, France—France will join no European "security" pact until Germany stops its attacks on the Soviet Union.

This blunt warning from French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos, given at a war memorial unveiling here, served as an answer to Hitler's provocative Reichstag speech on the fourth anniversary of the Nazi regime.

The representative of the Blum Socialist government, which is supported by the parties of the People's Front, declared that:

"France is ready for all efforts toward rapprochement and relaxation of European tension, but only on condition that they are not directed against anyone.

Can't Exclude Soviets

"In saying this I am thinking of Soviet Russia and how arbitrarily dangerous it is to want to exclude from the international community a country of nearly 200,000,000 inhabitants, who, moreover, do not feel the same way (about excluding other nations from collaboration for peace) and, like all others, heed a desire for peace."

Hitler had declared in his Reichstag speech: "It is unthinkable that German soldiers should serve to protect Bolshevist Russia or accept aid from Russia. Germany will never enter into a treaty incompatible with her honor and vital interests."

Harboring no illusions on this score, Delbos interpreted Hitler's statement as announcement that Germany will not participate in any peace negotiations including the Soviet Union.

Not France Separately

Announcing that France, aligned with the Soviet Union by a mutual defense pact, was "gratified" by Hitler's announcement that "no Franco-German differences exist," he added significantly: "We are not the only ones in the world."

Delbos sharply attacked the German leader's threats of rearmaments, particularly significant of Hitler's latest, the outlawing of the "war guilt" clause in the treaty of Versailles. Delbos declared "By vaunting Germany's previous denunciations and announcing a new one, the chancellor does not affirm confidences in the value of signatures."

OAKLEY JUDGE ACCUSED

OAKLEY, Contra Costa County.—Justice Henry Heidon has been charged with withholding $25 in traffic fines in the last three weeks, by Grand Jury Foreman Archie McPoul.

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Loyalists Will Win, Fischer Back From Spain, Thinks

NEW YORK.—"The Spanish government can win, and I think it will."

These were the words of Louis Fischer, European correspondent for "The Nation," as he lanqed in New York after a 4-month stay in Spain.

Franco can't go forward, in the opinion of Fischer, who has seen Madrid bombed day after day without the slightest trained Fascist soldiers fighting against the loyalists.

Franco has lost 25,000 men on the Madrid front and has only 23,000 left.

"It is simply being bled white," Fischer said. "If Franco's army around Madrid continues to be worsted, and the government continues winning, Germany probably will withdraw."

Russian International Brigade

The distinguished correspondent paid high tribute to the International Brigade, which although only 10,000 in number, brought a turning point in the fortunes of war when it first went under fire in the defense of Madrid Nov. 8.

The brigade is about 60% French, with the rest including Italians, Germans, Americans, Canadians, Czechoslovaks and even some Algerian Arabs.

Fascist Difficulties

Food will soon become a major factor for Franco, Fischer thinks. But it will be a more serious problem for the rebels, who have to depend mainly on Hitler's food reserves, while the government has the vast supply of the Soviet Union.

There is a greater sympathy in England for the legitimate Spanish government since Madrid began ousting up such a heroic fight, Fischer reported. He estimated there were about 300 German planes in Spain, and of

NEW MILITARY INFLUENCES IN JAPAN CABINET

'Positive Policy' Is Announced By Premier

TOKYO—Despite the "assurance" of General Senjuro Hayashi, new premier and former minister of war, an increased influence of the army militarists was seen in the cabinet which assumed office Feb. 2.

Vice-Admiral Taku Godo, president of the Showa Manufacturing Company, holds the portfolio of Commerce and Industry and of Railways. This post was refused by Chikuhei Nakashima, when a condition of his acceptance was a severance of connection with the Seiyukai political party.

Militarists Prominent

The new cabinet is as follows:

General Senjuro Hayashi, Premier and concurrently Foreign Minister and Minister of Education.

Kokichi Kawarada, Home Secretary.

Toyotaro Yuki, Minister of Finance and concurrently Overseas Minister.

Lieutenant General Kotaro Nakamura, War Minister.

Vice Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Navy Minister.

Suehiko Shiono, Justice.

Tatsunosuke Yamazaki, Agriculture and Industry and concurrently Communications.

Some say the new cabinet will be "positive" compared with Hayashi before taking office, "but these charges are groundless. The army wants only to carry out a positive policy at home and abroad from the viewpoint of national defense."

Financial leaders, however, in conflict with the outright militarists over the speed with which Japanese imperialism seeks to extend its control over China, are fearful of efforts to put foreign trade and important internal industries under government control. The army particularly wants the state to control the electric power industry.

'Super-Patriot' Goes Scot-Free

SAN JOSE.—Mrs. Marjorie Stevens, San Jose Auto society woman, was acquitted of a burglary charge arising from her invasion of the office of the Liberal Progressive League last October.

She acknowledged being found with a list of addresses in her hand, but said the door was open and she walked in. Burglary implies forcible entry, defense claimed.

A LEADER IN THE BARBUSSE BATTALION IN SPAIN

Former Californian Describes Heroism; Attacks Blockade

By LEON MABILLE
(Former member, Calif. District Committee, Communist Party)

PARIS, Jan. 10.—For five weeks the Henri Barbusse Battalion has been in Spain. Communist workers, Socialist, Radical-Socialist and non-party workers have left their homes, families and friends to take their places in the ranks of the anti-Fascist volunteers on the front of Liberty.

They understand that the struggle in Spain is more than the treason of a few generals of the Franco caliber, and that in Spain they would have to fight international Fascism armed with the latest type of engines of war furnished by Hitler and Mussolini and, last but true, from the factories of France.

Dismayed at Blockade

They left during the blockade, sick at heart that someone might try to prevent them from doing their duty as anti-Fascist fighters. Since July they had followed the courageous struggle of the Spanish people, day by day. They knew that their brothers of the Spanish Popular Front had only their breasts and their courage to oppose the cannons of Mussolini and Hitler.

They had participated in all the meetings and demonstrations against the murderous blockade imposed by the French government. They dropped their money in the collection boxes. Then—and only then—their blood is necessary to help stop the hordes of barbarism.

Anti-Fascist workers of different political tendencies fraternally united against the common danger. They understand that Six years of struggle of the brave Spanish people is their struggle. They understand that a Fascist victory on the other side of the Pyrenees would be a direct menace to their own country, their own liberty. They understand that which the government for which they voted does not wish to understand.

Italian Arms

They are now at the front. Since Christmas they have been courageously attacking the Fascists. And who are these Fascists?

In majority they are Hitlerites and Blackshirts.

LEON MABILLE, leader in the French Communist Party, is political commissar of the Henri Barbusse Battalion of French volunteers in Spain. At one time he was a member of the California District Committee of the Communist Party. The photo was taken in Spain.

Italian shells burst nearby. Dum-dum bullets are buzzing. Caproni and Fokkers are dronning over their heads, but they fight courageously with the thousand times repeated cry: No Pasaran!

After two days' battle they captured Mt. ——, and despite the shrapnel a young Parisian anti-Fascist reached the crest, and there he planted the Red Flag.

Others are attacking the Fascists who are entrenched on their right, and still others have established themselves in a ditch. They are busy preparing some grenades so as to continue the attack. They have not eaten, nor drunk a drop of water, for 36 hours, but they say "Pass on More Grenades."

Near the lines, a battery of artillery has several minutes rest. It is after midnight and bitterly cold. Some are loading guns, others are crying with rage because their guns are "hors de combat," out of order.

They are old guns, defective, and after each shot it is necessary to use the hands to bring them back into position, because the sliding gaiter does not function any more. This battery has been named "The Battery of the Blockade," and, irony of fate, it was here that a barrage of Italian shells gave us our baptism of fire.

"If you were here," writes Mme. Henri Barbusse in the valliant journal, Paix et Liberte.

Yes, if he were here, our well-remembered comrade who gave his life to the cause of peace, he would be proud to know that a battalion of his volunteers in Spain has written his name on its Red Flag—he who fought so valiantly for Peace.

In Memory of Barbusse

The volunteers of the Henry Barbusse Battalion of French Volunteers will fight to the end against the Spanish, Hitler and Mussolini Fascists, who are well supplied with arms and ammunition.

We do not want our young comrades to die of this blockade. We struggle to overcome the Spanish Popular Front government should be able to buy in France what our comrades need to beat Fascism.

It is necessary that this appeal be heard by all. We cannot lose a minute, for today it is yet time, but tomorrow it may be too late.

Our comrades need warm clothing, cigarettes, literature, and I have promised them that all would be forthcoming.

Every committee should redouble its efforts to render help to the courageous comrades of the Henri Barbusse Battalion.

Little Comfort

LOS ANGELES—Rejecting in part the action brought by the Unique Theatre Corporation to have an injunction against the Motion Picture Projectionists Union restraining the union from picketing Superior Studio Wilson, Friday, January 29, maintained that the sale and distribution of papers reading "Unfair" on them could not be restrained.

Although no attempts had been made to "intimidate customers", Judge Wilson ordered that an injunction be issued to restrain the union from intimidating or threatening the theatre company, its officers, employees or customers.

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New Nazi Threats In Czechoslovakia

BERLIN. — The Nazi foreign office, which menaces peace in more than one direction, issued a virtually open threat to Czechoslovakia.

Diplomatische Korrespondenz, foreign office organ, declared "It is high time Czechoslovakia made up her mind to revise fundamentally her attitude toward Germandom . . . and that means both inside and outside her own borders."

Nazi "diplomacy" was particularly peeved because, it charged the Czech government has continually warned its citizens, including 3,500,000 of German nationality, of the danger of a Nazi invasion.

Czechoslovakia has a defensive pact with the Soviet Union, which the Nazis are free to join. The Czech attitude toward do so is merely a background of their aggressive designs, which observers agree are likely to be intensified in the direction of Czechoslovakia.

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Feb. 23—Banquet, Los Angeles, evening, 8 p. m.
Feb. 24—Los Angeles meeting at Shrine Auditorium 8 p. m.

Tighten Your Belts!

Life in Hitler Land

On 4th Anniversary

BERLIN. — Heroic indeed is life in the Third Reich on the fourth anniversary of Hitler's coming to power. Heroic? Well, perhaps a little bleak. Here are some of the printed and spoken words greeting the populace daily:

"Tighten your belts!"

"Nothing must be wasted!"

"Every bread crust counts!"

"Save that tinfoil!"

Tuesdays and Fridays are "bone days" in schools, when children must bring bones from the family table to go into the factories. Such material came from abroad before war preparations weighted the budget so heavily. Scrap metal, old rubber, old pots, kettles, old stoves, are collected incessantly for the Reich—reflecting Germany's poor economic position and its lack of credit abroad.

Il Duce Foiled

MILAN.—Mussolini's personal organ, "Popolo d'Italia," has voiced the ill-natured theory that the middle classes are "egotistic," that they prefer to raise dogs rather than babies. At the same time Fascist propaganda and suppression of information.

The newspaper admits that the "More Babies" campaign has failed.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Lanes desiring to aid Spanish democracy in its struggle against World Fascism may make application for transportation to Spain through a newly opened office here at 320 Market St., Room 227.

The office is a branch of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, recently organized in New York. Waldo Frank, novelist, is honorary chairman.

Applicants may write for appointments or call for interview between 3 and 5 p.m. afternoon.

Skilled transportation and communication workers especially needed in Spain, according to an announcement of the New York office.

Also desired are engineers, architects, physicians, and all the professions, artisans such as miners, electricians, carpenters, mechanics and die makers. Applicants must also fill the pieces of Spanish citizens needed for defense and front-line service.

The society requests, however, that applicants provide as much as possible toward the transportation to New York and even to Spain.

Individuals or organizations wishing to aid in the work of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy are requested to send donations at once. Every contribution will help to release fighters for military duty in the trenches.

In addition to Frank, the chairman, the officers of the society are Paul Crosbie, secretary; John Howard Lawson, secretary; William E. Bohn, treasurer; and Dr. Irving Fisher, who, together with the above-named directors, Corliss Lamont, Blankfort, Van Wyck Brooks, Malcolm Cowley, Kyle Crichton, Donald Ogden Stewart, Harry Hart, Lester Cohen, Lewis Mumford, George Sklar and Alexander Trachtenberg.

BISHOP TELLS RELIGION IS FREE N USSR

LOS ANGELES.—Here in Los Angeles as the personal representatives of the head of the Armenian Orthodox Church, Arch-Bishop Goregin Hovsepian denied in a banquet given in his honor at the Elks Temple the capitalistic charge that "religion does not exist in the Soviet Union."

The Arch-Bishop is making a tour of all the branches of the Armenian Church in an effort to effect great unity throughout the world. The head of the church is in Etchmiadzin, Soviet Armenia.

"There is room for believers in the Soviet Union," he declared. "The only thing that is lost is the income which, even according to the Bible, was based on the exploitation of the people."

Send us news of your union.

SAN FRANCISCO Francisco Plans Bazaar rch 5, 6 & 7 to Complete s Quota for WESTERN

HOW IT'S DONE: Manager Relates Fine Work of the Mission Branch

By the Press Drive Manager, 23rd Assembly District.

The Twenty-third Assembly District Branch (Mission) San Francisco, had already by Lenin Memorial Day fulfilled its quota of $150 for sale of tickets to the March 6th Western Worker ball and raised $90 from other sources.

Now the branch has raised its quota to $300, and we confidently expect to raise a good margin over this amount.

How were we able to do this?

ORGANIZATION!

First of all we organized our campaign right from the start. It was impressed on every comrade that in order to accomplish our task in the Press Drive it was necessary to work every day and constantly make progress in our sales of tickets. One comrade has visited all his friends and shopmates. He has sold them tickets and persuaded them to take books of tickets to sell to their friends and shopmates. By using such methods of activising sympathizers of the Western Worker, he has succeeded in selling twelve books of tickets thus far.

We held a very successful party at the home of a sympathizer. Our Executive Committee worked out plans for the party and as a result the expenses of holding the affair were only six dollars, while we cleared almost $90 for the drive. We were able to accomplish this by setting up a committee which secured practically all the food and drinks free, not from the pockets of our comrades, but from sympathetic grocery people. Another sympathizer donated a 15-jewel ladies' wrist-watch which he raffled for us and which brought in over $30.

COORDINATION!

Throughout the drive our comrades have cooperated very well and have done their utmost to assure a successful drive. We believe this close cooperation between the Executive Committee and the rank and file members was one of the most important reasons why our branch was able to make such a good showing.

This cooperation could only be achieved when every member understood the importance of the drive, not only as a campaign to raise money to insure the future existence of the Western Worker, but also as a political task which would help to spread the influence of our press. In his writings on the role of the Party press, Lenin said that it could and should be the best party organizer and propagandist.

ENTHUSIASM!

Whether the Western Worker can fulfill this big task depends entirely on the devotion and cooperation with which the comrades build the Western Worker. And at this particular moment, this means insuring the success of our financial drive.

Let all Sections, Units and A. D. branches establish cooperation between the comrades by making them conscious of the great importance of achieving our quotas. The 23rd A. D. Branch has shown that it can be done. It is up to the rest of the Party to follow—over the top!

Hollywood Resume: 'Black Legion' Film Merits the Praise of Labor

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—Organized labor owes plenty of recognition to Warners and their producer, Robert Lord, for the film "Black Legion." A portrayal of the sensational events in Detroit, the picture has those qualities of honesty that made such Hollywood freaks as "I Am a Fugitive" and "Fury" the thrillingly good film fare that they were.

Everywhere we might make about the thoroughness of the film in delving into the opposition between the Legion and the trade unions, would just be carping.

Warners, Director Mervyn LeRoy, Author Robert Lord, Albert Emkel and William Wister Haines, is first rate, and Humphrey Bogart turns in a performance you will shout liked, to stardom. Dick Foran, Erin O'Brien-Moore and Ann Sheridan are tops in a swell supporting cast.

Bogart, incidentally, Actors' Guild stalwart, is currently in the lead opposite Bette Davis in the latter's first picture since her fight with Warners, "Marked Woman," expose of the Lucky Luciano white slave ring. Bette Davis' performance will be outstanding, and from the story by Donn Byrne.

Burned in China

As a result of scenes they didn't like in "Klondike Annie" and "The Great Hospital Died at Dawn," the Chinese government has banned all Paramount films from their screens. Ferdinand Reichner, who will play Napoleon will be produced by Sidney Kingsley, with Peter Lorre in the title role. Norman Foster is director.

Sensational case of censorship is that of French correspondent who is president of the Paris local of the local French People's Front Committee (group organized to tell U.S. about the French people's Front). A paper he writes for (and one which claims to have no political views) has denied him for his political action: the action being espousal of the program now in force in his country.

Lousie Rainer will next make "The Girl from Trieste," directed by Dorothy Arzner.

How Embarrassing!

Best story to come from abroad in a long time is the one about the German papers which, during Marian Anderson's tour of Scandinavia, constantly referred to her as the "great Scandinavian singer," with loud raves. And were their Aryan faces red when they discovered that she was a Negress!

Warner Bros. recently created great gift to music! Marian, incidentally, is presently the guest of the Soviet Union, where she is slaying them.

Did you know that when "Spoilsworth" was shown in Detroit and other automobile centers, theater owners used the

Trotzkyites Aimed to Tear This Down

AT LEFT, in a new Soviet power station. Right, part of a new workers' theater in Kharkov. Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters aimed to destroy the great achievements of the Soviet working class.

Artists in Revolutionary Current

Mexican Movement Praised After Congress

(Special to the Western Worker)

MEXICO, D. F.—The revolutionary movement in literature and the arts in Mexico is in advance of similar movements in the United States, in the opinion of Joseph Freeman, one of the editors of New Masses, who attended the congress of the League of Revolutionary Artists and Writers here.

Freeman attributed this intellectual development in Mexico to three main causes: (1) The revolutionary traditions of Mexican art and its force among the people, who, for example, know more about art than the United States than Americans know about Mexican art; (2) The united front influences in the intellectual movement; and (3) The progressive elements of the Cardenas regime, particularly in the carrying out of the agrarian program.

The American revolutionary critic and editor praising the congress, pointed out two noteworthy trends. First mention of war was the fact that it was a real united front exists, making possible the gathering of all artists, from Communist to conservative. Next Freeman pointed out the international aspect of the congress.

Foreign Delegates

"This was indicated not merely by the enthusiastic welcome given to the foreign delegates, including Freeman and Waldo Frank from the United States, Marcellino Domingo from Spain, Enrique Gutman from Germany and Marinello. It was indicated following squib in their newspaper ads: "Notice: The producer announces that all characters and situations in 'Dodsworth' are entirely fictional. No identification with actual automotive executives is intended or should be inferred."

Ayres Against Fascism

Lew Ayres, though it isn't generally known, is one of Hollywood's bright young lads. He attracted attention in labor and art groups a year back by an amateur show he directed. It titled "The Disinherited,' it starred Bob Burns in a story of unemployment. On the strength of it, Lew got a contract at Republic and a later one at Paramount—but both studios preferred to use him more as a leading man than as a director. So, while preparing his first directorial effort at Par, Lew is also preparing a make a second and greater short: this one will deal with the struggle between Fascism and liberalism, as he witnessed it recently during his trip to Europe.

Answering the Mail

W. W., Victorville: It is not true that Hearst has bought out Liberty Magazine, as rumored some months ago. The Hollywood Reporter, which started the rumor, has printed a retraction.

L. S., Hollywood: There is no basis in fact in the report that only Soviet films are being shown currently in Spain. The Astaire-Rogers Swing Time is breaking records in Barcelona and native film production has been resumed there, with operettas, not political subjects, filling most of the program.

M. S., Los Angeles: Jimmy Fidler's dope on the street about the Screen Actors' Guild planning a monster strike in April is hokum. The Guild, which has been making transcripts of Fidler's broadcasts for some time, is taking action to try to get the gossiper off the air because of his anti-labor and generally destructive attitude.

M. S., San Francisco: No, no date has yet been set for Lucella Parson's disappearing from Hollywood World, but the thing has gotten hotter since she announced Fred MacMurray was replacing Dick Powell, while Bill Bacher, producer of the program, was trying to keep his decision a secret.

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The Rev. Mitchel Gets His Name In Print Again

LOS ANGELES.—The purpose was vicious, and no humor was intended, but humor was nevertheless provided here last week by red-baiting elements at the Fundamental Baptist Churches.

The Rev. Rev. A. Mitchell of Paso Robles, whose only claims to renown are his articles in the Hearst Press and his activities for anti-Communist speeches, all but advocated a medieval bonfire of books.

"Many of the text books used in California contain numerous quotations from the most virulently Communistic publications in America," was one of his oratorical statements.

Mitchell "demanded" that the Board of Education ban all textbooks containing "subversive" teachings. Hearers could only suppose that Mitchell favored having himself appointed as a committee of one to decide what is subversive and what is not.

One bystander who claimed he knew Mitchell said that in that case there would likely be very few books allowed: the bible and the story of the three bears.

Upon prior reactionary ministers at the convention made a show of petitioning President Roosevelt, the Fascist tendency of the unions to allow them to act as arbitrators of the maritime strike.

Union leaders declined to be provoked by the publicity of the convention, pointing out that the fevered attacks on labor, the unscrupulous attacks on the maritime workers and that no one can properly consider him either unbiased or a serious factor.

The Reverend specializes in taking advantage of the religious sentiments of the poor and ignorant and in his propagation of lies.

Forbid Germans to Take Nobel Award

BERLIN.—Germans henceforth will be forbidden to accept any Nobel Prize, as a result of an order issued by Adolf Hitler.

The action was announced by General Hermann Goering, who was again rubber-stamped as Reichstag president.

In order to insure that prizes in the future will go properly to Nazi "scientists" and "artists", the Reichstag announced three such annual prizes of its own.

Now thoroughly the Nazi officialdom is smarting under the awarding of the peace prize for 1936 to Carl von Ossietzky, pacifist editor, has indicated by Goering's announcement that "Germany was insulted by this conferring of the peace prize on a convict."

Brutal Jailor Tried On Murder Charge

CARACAS, Venezuela — For three decades Nereo Pacheco, a vicious convict and tool of tyrants, was the keeper of Trinidad Rotunda, prison where political prisoners were tried by the code of death in the torture chambers.

Now he is on trial for murder. Public indignation is strong in his indictment after, Jose Pocattera, former Rotunda inmate, wrote a book disclosing how Pacheco had ruled with lash, club and gun, how one of his torture methods was to throw prisoners in underground, unlighted dungeons until they starved to death, then throw others on top of them.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

I JUST FINISHED reading "Easter Week," by Brian O'Neill, a small book put out by International Publishers. It is a descriptive narrative of the Nationalist uprising in Dublin which occurred on Easter Monday in 1916.

One thing can be said about the revolutionary literature of Ireland: when you pick up one of their books, you don't generally put it down until you've finished it.

"Easter Week" is a fine example of how political writing can be made as colorful and dramatic as any other literature and still retain all of its sober, educational value. O'Neill has the natural faculty of linking up theory with visual events, street incidents, dialogs, and picturesque material which makes his book read as smoothly as a novel.

This is a quality which I have noticed before in the articles from Ireland which appear in "International Press Correspondence." It is a skill that all of our writers would do well to study.

In one place, O'Neill quotes a passage from Lenin which is worth repeating here because it provides the most emphatic denunciation of the present slanders of the Trotskyites against the United Fronts in France and Spain. Immediately after the "Easter Rising," Karl Radek wrote an article depreciating the event and calling it an attempted "petit-bourgeois putsch." Lenin immediately replied to Radek in a vigorous article describing Radek's definition of the Rising as "Monstrously doctrinaire and pedantic." Lenin then followed with an eloquent criticism of Radek's attitude, which fits the Trotskyites of today to a "T." He said:

"To imagine that a social revolution is conceivable without revolts of small nations in the colonies and in Europe, without outbursts of a section of the petit-bourgeoisie with all its prejudices, without the movement of non-class-conscious proletarians and semi-proletarian masses against the oppression of the landlords, the church, the monarchy, the foreign yoke, etc.—to imagine that is tantamount to repudiating social revolution. Only those who imagine that in one place an army will line up and say: 'We are for Socialism' and in another place another army will come out with the slogan 'We are for imperialism,' and believe this will be the social revolution, only those who hold such a ridiculously pedantic opinion could vilify the Irish rebellion by calling it a "putsch."

"Whoever expects a 'pure' social revolution, will never live to see it. Such a person pays lip service to revolution without understanding what revolution is . . ."

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SOME OF THE most moving parts of O'Neill's book deal with the Irish revolutionary leader, James Connolly, who was executed immediately after the Rising. There is one quotation from an article Connolly wrote the week after Britain entered the war, denouncing the treachery of the leaders of the Second International. It is worth repeating and remembering:

"Civilization is being destroyed before our eyes, the results of generations of propaganda and patient, heroic plodding are being blown to annihilation, from a hundred canon mouths; thousands of comrades, with whose souls we were in fraternal communion, are about to be done to death; those whose one hope it was to be spared to co-operate in the building of the perfect society of the future, are being driven to fratricidal slaughter in a shambles where that hope will be buried under a sea of blood. 'Is it not clear to the dullest intelligence that the only possible issue of the working class, no general uprising of the forces of labor could possibly carry with it, or entail a greater slaughter of Socialists, than will their participation as soldiers in the campaigns of their respective countries?'

A week later, in another article, Connolly defined a just war:

"The war of a subject nation for independence, for its right to live its own life, in its own way, may and can be justified as holy and righteous; the war of a subject class to free itself from the debasing conditions of economic and political slavery, should at all times choose its own weapons and esteem all as sacred instruments of righteousness; but the war of nation against nation, in the interests of royal freebooters and cosmopolitan thieves, is a thing accursed."

East Coast Seamen May Burn Fink Books If It's Enforc

Urge the Support of Sirovich Resolution; If Act Enforced Burn Books on Capitol Steps

They Make It Pretty Plain As To What Their Attitude Is

NEW YORK—If anyone thinks the East Coast rank and file seamen and the rank and file leaders are relaxing one bit in the fight on the anti-union provisions of the Copeland Act, they've got another think coming.

A resolution being introduced into maritime union locals by rank and file members, has this to say:

Whereas: Laws have been passed known as the Copeland Bill and the Ships Subsidy Act which meet with our opposition because they directly threaten our fundamental rights as American citizens and trade unionists;

Whereas: These laws which directly affect us, were passed without consulting any bona fide, elected representative of the seamen whatsoever;

Whereas: In a manner that can leave no doubt in the minds of the Government as to our sentiments, we have registered our protests against these Bills and have petitioned the President of the United States, as well as Congress and all representatives of the Government who are concerned with the enforcement of these Bills, to postpone enforcement of these Bills, in order that Congress can consider the Act and upon Amendments proposed by our unions and which are designed to protect our fundamental rights as well as to promote real Safety at Sea;

Whereas: Our petitions, and opposition to these Bills has met with the support of Congressman Sirovich who has introduced a Resolution in Congress proposing that enforcement of the Copeland Bill be postponed for a period of six months;

Mass Protests

Whereas: In answer to our protests, Secretary of Commerce Roper has stated to our representatives that "no seaman is forced to accept the Discharge Books";

Whereas: In spite of all these things efforts are being made to enforce these un-American Bills, thereby arbitrarily disregarding fundamental American principles by imposing laws upon citizens who had nothing to do with the making of these laws and who are nearly unanimously opposed to them;

WHEREAS: These great traditions were kept alive by the Pacific Seamen in 1934 when they burned their Fink Books, which were then a symbol of their slavery; be it therefore

Resolved: That in order that union men may remain on the ships which is now possible as a result of our vote to end the strike; as well as to make possible, a just settlement of our objections to the Copeland bills by Congressional action; we therefore petition that the Federal Government help make these things possible by showing the spirit of cooperation as we have, by doing the following:

1. Urging an immediate vote on the Sirovich Resolution, which would give Congress six months to consider our proposed amendments, to conduct public hearings on the Bills, and adopt any modifications that they see fit.

2. That in accordance with Secretary of Commerce Roper's statement no seaman shall be forced to take out a Fink Book as a condition for securing a job, be it further

Resolved: That we hereby declare that in carrying out our decision to end the strike and return to work, we reaffirm our previous determination not to carry a fink book, because we are union men, and will, in an organized manner, resist and protest any attempt to violate the assurance made to us by Roper that "no seaman will be forced to take a book" and we will resist to the utmost any attempt to force us to take out a Book as a condition for getting a job.

If we are forced to do this we will then be violating our Government's solemn statement and will call upon the citizens of the United States to help us and the statements of Government officials are fulfilled; be it further

Mass Fink Books

Resolved: That in the event our rights are trampled on; if the Government turns a deaf ear to all our petitions; if Roper's statements are violated; and if our strength at this time is not sufficient, and we are forced to, in order to get a job and carry out our vote for peace, to accept and take out a Fink Book; and if by

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Essential That They Be Organized

WORKERS IN a DuPont munitions plant, who occupy a key position in case of war. It is essential that they be organized, so that the fight against war might be made doubly effective.

WAREHOUSEMEN ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HAND

What They've Done for Other Unions Recently

SAN FRANCISCO — Besides donating $100 to the flood sufferers, through the Cincinnati Central Labor Council, Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 38-44 has made the following recent donations:

Continued its $1000 a week pledge to the maritime strike; $500 to the Portland Warehouse-men's Local; $150 to the Modesto Defense; $400 to the Anti-Picketing Repeal Campaign; $10 a week to the Cannery Workers in Oakland; $75 a week to the striking textile bag makers.

The Warehousemen's Union is an organization which never hesitates to lend a helping hand of solidarity to any real labor cause.

Street Carmen Give $100 to Striking Textile Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—The Amalgamated Assn. of Street and Electric Railway Workers, Division 518, has donated $100 to the striking textile bag workers, members of the United Textile Workers' Union.

This is the local which gave recognition to the Sirovich Resolution when it was introduced, by trimming recently, when he ran for reelection as president.

Fink Book; and if by

the Sirovich Resolution has not been acted upon by Congress and the United States Senate, then in the spirit of our forefathers of 1776 and the Pacific seamen of 1934, decide upon the following actions to be taken at that time as our only means of resistance to these fundamental rights—

1. On this date,

every crew on vessels at sea shall call a meeting at which each and every Fink Book seamen have been forced to take in order to get a job, shall be burned.

2. On this date

every crew on ships in port, regardless of American, foreign or Americus, shall call a 24-hour sit-down strike, call a meeting aboard and burn their Fink Books.

3. On this date

the union in every port shall call a conference of all the members ashore, to which the public shall be invited. At these conferences all the Books which be collected and they shall be sent to Washington by an elected Committee from each port, with instructions to burn the Fink Books on the steps of Congress, in order to show our sincere representation to the Congress where the seamen stand and to show them that the spirit of freedom is still alive in our Country. Be it further

Resolved: That we sincerely trust that these things will not come to such a state in this country of ours that we will have to take the above action but consolemnly swear and pledge that if such action becomes necessary to register our protest against the defeat un-American bills we shall do it and shall be justified in doing it.

HEARST RUNS OUT ON PACT

Seattle Labor Is Angry On P-I

SEATTLE — Resentment at Publisher John Boettiger's failure to reinstate Frank M. Lynch and Everhardt Armstrong to the Hearst-owned Post-Intelligencer's editorial staff, in compliance with an order from the National Labor Relations Board flared in a resolution introduced in the Seattle Central Labor Council.

Lynch and Armstrong, organizers of the Seattle chapter of the American Newspaper Guild, were illegally dismissed because of their union activity, according to the labor board.

Hearst management is planning to fight the reinstatement order in the federal courts.

The dismissals led to the 3½ month strike which shut down the P.-I. completely when the mechanical unions refused to pass through guild picket lines. Terms of the settlement, signed after election, included guild recognition, substantial increases in wage scales and working hours, and a proviso that the cases of Lynch and Armstrong were to be left in the hands of the NLRB.

Now the P.-I. management, with the President's son-in-law at the helm, seeks to "run out on the board's decision. The fact that Boettiger left his wife were obviously brought to Seattle to give a "New Deal" colorings to the re-opened P.-I., making organized labor particularly resentful of the young publisher's failure to reinstate Lynch and Armstrong.

The Labor Board, it is pointed out, was sponsored and appointed by Boettiger's father-in-law, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Real 40-Hour Week Need in Furniture

LOS ANGELES.—Laying plans for a continuation and extension of the organizational drive under way at present in the Pacific Coast Furniture Workers' Union held a conference last week in the Hotel Edward.

For 40-Hr. Week

Resolutions introduced included a demand for a 40-hour week on a national scale, the establishment of a basic wage scale, a motion to eliminate various confusing classifications, and plans for the holding of a national convention of Furniture Workers.

It was further suggested that two District Councils of Furniture Workers' Unions be set up one to take in Washington and Oregon, to be known as the Northwest Council and the other one for California to be known as the Southwest Council. Charters for these Councils have been promised by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters with which the Furniture Workers are affiliated.

Delegates from San Francisco, Berkeley, Portland, South Gray's Harbor, Washington, Albany, Oregon, and Los Angeles, were present at the conference.

E. BAY LABOR HITS EMBARGO AGAINST SPAIN

Calls for Aid to the Legal Government By U. S. A.

OAKLAND — Reactionaries in the labor movement like William Green and his cronies may be callous of the heroic struggle being waged for democracy by the Spanish people, but the East Bay labor movement feels otherwise.

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Sta. Clara Bldg. Crafts Join Hands

SAN JOSE—A recent important event here was the joint get-together of three building trades unions—the Lathers, Plasterers and the Hod Carriers, at the Labor Temple.

There was a large representation from each union, and much important business was dealt with. The first one of the joint get-togethers the organizations had for a long time.

It was especially important as a means of bringing these crafts unions closer together, which is a step, even though a small one, in the direction of an eventual federation in the building trades leading towards industrial unionism.

HEARING ON WORKING HRS.

DALLAS, Texas. — An Interstate Commerce Committee hearing is being held here as a result of scandalously long hours which truck and bus drivers must work, from which numerous accidents have resulted.

IT'S THE REAL UNION SPIRIT

SAN FRANCISCO — The Alaska Cannery Workers' Union is always ready to help any deserving cause of labor.

It showed this again, when it voted to donate $500 to the Tom Mooney Defense Fund last week. This is merely one of a long series of donations to labor causes made by the Union in the recent period.

URGE SOLONS, 'FREE MOONEY'

Labor Committee Is Undaunted in Fight

SAN FRANCISCO—The California legislature is called on to pass pending legislation to pardon Tom Mooney, in a resolution adopted last Sunday by the Bay Area AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings.

Anti-Union Frameup

"Tom Mooney has been in San Quentin for 20 years, victim of a vicious anti-union frame-up, conceived and effected by certain unprincipled special interests in California," the resolution charged.

"It has long been known, and proved, Tom Mooney is innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and was railroaded to prison by means of perjured testimony known to and contrived at by the district attorney who prosecuted the case. Tom Mooney was denied every semblance of a fair trial, and was convicted because of his active work in the labor movement."

Undaunted

John (Jack) Shelley, chairman of the committee and new president of the San Francisco Labor Council, said the committee was undaunted by the adverse findings of Referee A. E. Shaw in the current Mooney habeas corpus proceedings, and organized labor would continue to fight for his freedom.

"At the last meeting of the Labor Council, donations of $500 from the California State Federation of Labor and $250 from the San Francisco Labor Council, and sums from labor bodies all over the United States were announced," Shelley said.

Talk Over Drive In L. A. Bldg. Trades

LOS ANGELES—Plans for a great organization drive to be launched by the Los Angeles Building and Trades Council were discussed at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Council Thursday evening, January 21.

Among the recommendations of the special committee appointed to outlining the organizational drive were the following to be submitted to the local unions for discussion and adoption:

"That every Union immediately appoint or elect an organizing committee. This committee should be given the full support of that local and that all Unions be urged to hold as many open meetings as necessary to carry out this program in a successful manner."

The committee further urged and suggested that a speakers' bureau be formed by all local unions, and that certain Labor Councils be selected as speakers to carry out the necessary program of education.

Drive For 20,000, S. Jose Canneries

SAN JOSE—The drive is on to organize the 20,000 cannery workers of the Santa Clara Valley.

With a charter from the American Federation of Labor in their possession, some 100 determined men met in Labor Temple recently, elected officers and appointed official organizers for Cannery Workers' Union No. 20,325.

The Committee for Agricultural Organization of this county is backing them. The latter is a Labor Council-sponsored committee.

The program of organization will include radio broadcasts, leaflet distribution, mass meetings and publication of a regular agricultural newspaper. Cannery workers from Palo Alto, Mountain View and Santa Clara, besides San Jose, are on the union's board of trustees.

L. A. LABOR'S HOPES FOR THE SPRING POLLS

Labor Council Should Lead The Move For Labor's Slate

LOS ANGELES—What the aims and hopes of large sections of organized labor in the spring elections are, can be seen in this statement adopted at the Jan. 24 conference of Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, working toward a labor slate:

"Labor's Conference for the municipal elections, consisting of 42 unions and central bodies in the Los Angeles labor movement was formed for the purpose of developing the much needed united action of the organized labor movement and the progressive and liberal forces in the coming municipal elections. The unions represented in this conference are convinced that it is in the interest of labor in conjunction with the liberal and progressive forces in this city, to select its own candidates who will run on a common platform adopted by these groups.

"Conditions in Los Angeles warrant the placing of such a ticket on the field. With unity of action on the part of labor and all interested groups, such a ticket could be successful in the municipal elections. Our conference reaffirms this policy.

Council Should Lead

"We firmly believe that only complete unity of labor and liberal groups can bring the desired results. We further believe that the Central Labor Council, representing the organized labor movement in this city should lead the movement for such united political action. This conference considers that such action by the Central Labor Council would be highly desirable for the success of the coming election campaign.

"To accomplish this serious undertaking, the unions represented at this conference, suggest to the Central Labor Council that it call a city-wide conference of all trade unions and central labor bodies in cooperation with all labor interested in an independent campaign as expressed above.

"In view of the limited period left to conduct this activity, this conference empowers its executive committee to carry on its regular capacity the work for the election campaign with the sincere hope that the Central Labor Council will discuss and act upon the proposals herein made, thereby to make this work more effective," we instruct our executive committee to cooperate with the Central Labor Council in bringing about the desired results.

"On January 23, the L. A. Times, mouthpiece of the Chamber of Commerce and the M. & M., and other open shop interests, editorially launched a vicious attack against our conference. This attack proved: (1) Our conference, in the short period of its existence, has already been able to develop a great amount of influence which the corrupt and labor hating elements begin to fear; (2) that the vested interests are determined to split labor unity and labor's forces and prevent its united action.

The conference emphatically agrees with statements made by Brothers Buzzell, Gillette and others at the January 22nd meeting of the Los Angeles Labor Council to the effect that only united action will accomplish our purposes. The organized labor movement must not allow the Chamber of Commerce and the M. & M. to divide its ranks. The organized labor movement should make use of the work already done by Labor's Conference for the municipal elections and take the only course open to it to protect the interests of labor on political issues, namely, an independent political action in the coming municipal elections which alone can bring the results we all desire.

Culinary Crafts In Sacramento Put On Their War Paint

SACRAMENTO. — Organized labor has declared war on eight restaurants in the lower business district of this city.

The Culinary crafts have begun picketing Jack's Coffee Shop, Portola Cafe, Mirconi Hotel, San Carlo Cafe, Italian Italian Restaurant, Espanol Restaurant, and Silver Creek Dance Hall.

These places refused to sign agreements with the unions.

SAILORS IN S.F. COUNCIL

SAN FRANCISCO — The Sailors' Union of the Pacific is again seated, with two delegates, in the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

The SUP was unseated about a year ago when the International Seamen's Union reactionary officials revoked the union's charter.

The Council's officers seated the SUP again on the grounds that it has become recognized as collective bargaining agency of the West Coast sailors. Charles Cates and Carl Tillman are temporary delegates to the Labor Council, pending the election of delegates.

GIRD FOR BIG MINERS' FIGHT

Part of Struggle Looming in Steel

WASHINGTON — Upon the pretext of a misplaced signature, the companies operating coal mines breached their contract with the United Mine Workers of America and refused to collect an assessment levied by the union, it was learned here.

To Fight If Necessary

There are approximately 25,000 union members in the captive mines and United Mine Workers officials declared that the union does not accept contract violations without a fight.

The assessment which the steel companies refused to collect for the union, despite its agreements, amounted to $1 for the month of January and $1 for the month of February. This assessment was voted by the executive board of the United Mine Workers to cover recent expenditures.

The steel companies claim that the funds are to be used in a war chest against them and, upon the pretext that Lewis' signature was above the United Mine Workers' signature below it, as in the contract, returned the letter requesting the additional assessment to the union.

Bridges on How To Fight Fink Book

SAN FRANCISCO—"Just so long as you keep the solidarity of your unions, fellows, we can fight the fink book. But just when that unity ceases and the solidarity of the Maritime Federation—and you'll see what you get."

The meeting was called in an effort to find ways and means to combat enforcement of the Copeland Act's fink book provisions, Harry Bridges warned more than nine thousand members of the striking maritime unions not to risk "job action" as a remedy to ward off enforcement of the Copeland Bill. Such tactics, Bridges pointed out, would only play into the hands of the shipowners, give them an opportunity to evade responsibility and declare a lock-out.

Many speakers mentioned that it was "job action" which forced the enforcement of an Australian seamen in 1935.

Lundeberg-Ferguson Actions

Prior to the mass meeting the unlicensed groups, led by Harry Lundeberg and Ferguson of the Firemen's Union, had called special meetings to discuss ways their stand taken six months ago plus some additional clauses not in the fink book under present circumstances." Such action taken by a fraction of the Federation's membership was considered unfair to the continued unity of their unions. The meeting had refused admittance to representatives from the Strike Strategy Committee to take part in the discussion.

Speakers from all other organizations were unanimous in their opinion that should the unlicensed groups be forced to accept the clauses envisioned in the Copeland Bill that they too would shortly be faced with a similar situation. Speaking for the ILA, Bridges pointed out that his organization would be among directly involved should the seamen decide to take job action as a measure of fighting the enforcement of the Bill.

In addressing the meeting he advocated accepting the Book, Bridges stated that it was not a matter of accepting the book at this time, but just what measures we are going to take to keep from getting it. Premature job action, similar to the kind used during last year's steamschooner strike, would be the most convenient way of getting the Book, even with additional un-

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Graft Indicated In Purchase of Calif. State Park Sites

SAN FRANCISCO—Irregularities charged in purchase of state park sites under the $12,000,000 bond authorization voted by the people several years ago, will come before the new Assembly Investigation Committee, which is probing the state government's departure announced Assemblyman Dawson last Friday.

raham Lincoln Belongs to the American Workingclass

Lincoln on Supreme Court (Dred Scott)

e policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made, the people will cease to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their government into the hands of that tribunal."—Lincoln.

On the Right to Strike

"Thank God that we have a system of labor where there can be a strike."—Lincoln.

Lincoln on International Solidarity

"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people, of all nations and tongues, and kindreds."—Lincoln, Letter to 1st International.

On the Right to Revolution

"Any people anywhere . . . have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. . . More than this, a majority of any portion of such people may revolutionize, putting down a minority, intermingled with or near about them, who may oppose this movement."—Lincoln, Speech in Congress.

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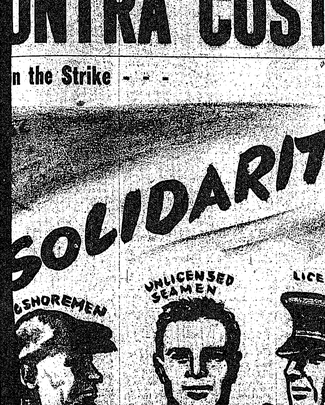

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MARINE UNIONS THANK E. COAST FOR SUPPORT

Strike Was Victory For All Labor, Says Bridges

LOS ANGELES. — "The next step in the union movement on the Pacific Coast will be the organization of Los Angeles," said Harry Bridges, at a public victory mass meeting in Olympic Auditorium last Sunday called by the maritime unions.

Mayor Dore of Seattle predicted that every industry in the U.S. will be organized within four years.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Coast Maritime Strike Policy Committee has adopted a resolution thanking the East Coast Strike Committee headed by Joe Curran for the splendid solidarity shown by the East Coast seamen by the East and Gulf Coast men.

Speaking in the Central Labor Council here last Friday, Thomas G. Plant has announced he is "definitely through" as the West Coast Maritime Federation's Publicity Director. Plant, editor and chairman of the Shipowners Coast Committee. He is apparently being ousted as a result of the failure of the shipowners union-smashing plans.

SPAIN TO TRY TROTZKYITES FOR TREASON

Suppress Newspaper And Radio For Treachery

MADRID.—The People's Front Government of Spain has ordered the suppression of a radio station and newspaper and has set up a special People's Political Court to try conspiring Trotzkyists and Fascists on charges of treason.

The action comes as a result of a long series of double dealing and treachery carried out under the so-called "Workers' Party of Marxist Unity"—the POUM, mainly in Catalonia and Lerida.

Drastic action was resorted to immediately after the Trotzkyite rebels had launched a new attack on the Valencia Road leading to Madrid, and investigations that Trotzkyite leaders have sabotaged the defense of this road.

Originally a small and isolated sect the Trotzkyite party immediately after the start of the

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KING FILES IN APPEALS COURT

He, Ramsay, and Conner, Demand New Trial

SAN FRANCISCO—Earl King, E. J. Ramsay and Frank Conner, framed in the Point Lobos ship murder case, have filed appeals with the District Court of Appeals against the order of conviction and the order denying them new trials.

They have begun sentence of 5 years to life, meted out by Judge Ogden, whom the defense charged was biased.

George Wallace, fourth defendant, said to be a provocateur, did not appeal. Wallace testified for the state at the trial.

NEWSMEN MAKE FLAT DENIAL OF USSR DISORDER

Noted Liberal Resigns From Trotzky Defense Group

LONDON—Reputable Moscow correspondents from leading European newspapers have denied the existence of the series of "terror" stories which have filled the columns of the "Parallel Center."

The stories, originating in Warsaw and Riga, were first published in Goebbels' journals in Berlin, and spread through the reactionary press throughout the world, following the Heirst press line in the United States.

Both Warsaw and Riga have been notorious hotbeds of anti-Soviet rumor manufactured for the anti-Soviet press throughout

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Celery Strike Firm In Face of Arrests

SAN DIEGO. — Four pickets jailed in the celery strike here were to face trial on Monday, Feb. 11. Celery growers were reported prepared to appear Monday before the county supervisors on behalf of a County anti-picketing ordinance.

The Mexican, American and Filipino independent agricultural unions have succeeded in stopping work in 90% of the fields outside the Chula Vista city limits.

U.S. MEDICAL UNIT GREETED IN BARCELONA

BARCELONA. — The first unit of the American medical mission to Spain, was received with great enthusiasm at Barcelona.

Spanish authorities praise it as an example of American efficiency and express the hope that it represents the growing sympathy of the American people with the Spanish cause.

LABOR TICKET RATIFICATION UP IN OAKLAND

Candidates, Program Awaiting Okay On February 20

OAKLAND—Ratification of a labor ticket of candidates and a labor program for the Oakland municipal elections will again be the order of business for the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, which will meet again on the night of February 20 in Carpenters' Hall, 881 12th St.

The last meeting of the Federation was disrupted by the reactionaries, who packed the meeting and disrupted it so that the report of the Policy Committee of 17 was never heard or acted on.

Print Resolution

The Policy Committee met on Thursday night, Feb. 4, and has called a meeting for Friday, Feb. 20, and in order to expedite matters, has had printed and adopted by the Federation on January 16, plus recommendations for candidates' endorsements, the recommendations for office are: Louis Martin, City Council, District 7; Gene Gallagher, Municipal Judge, Councilman-at-Large; and Haakon M. Chevalier, Ray Sims and A. B. Panpetti for Board of Education. The primaries are April 20; the finals May 11. Fil-

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UNION FIRM FOR GM RECOGNITION

Lewis Says Sit-Downers Will Stay in Unless—

DETROIT. — Reliable sources report that William Green, AFL president, has urged Gov. Frank Murphy not to accede to the CIO's demand for recognition of the United Automobile Workers Union as collective bargaining agency in General Motors plants.

DETROIT — After conferring with Governor Murphy, who had also been in touch with President Roosevelt, Secretary John L. Lewis, CIO head, is reliably reported to have refused to withdraw any demands from the United Automobile Workers' Union to be recognized before sitdowners evacuate the General Motors plants.

Party Builders Take New Tasks

SAN FRANCISCO—Successful completion of the Browder-Ford Membership Drive was celebrated by Party builders and an expanded The Western Worker

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INDISPENSIBLE DURING STRIKE; GUARANTEE IT WILL CONTINUE

IN EVERY stage of the Great West Coast Maritime Strike of 1936 the Western Worker was on hand—publishing news, exposing false moves, advancing a correct program.

The Western Worker has had many supporters among the maritime workers, specially since it proved its worth in 1934.

But these workers could not continue to pay for the papers during the strike.

In San Francisco alone the Western Worker distributed 21,000 free copies during the strike. The Waterfront Section, hard pressed for funds, could pay only $7.50.

Labor comes to the support of those who are on strike. The maritime workers have contributed heavily in the past. Others must come to their assistance now.

The drive for $12,000 for the Workers' Press must be completed in order to guarantee the continuation and improvement of the Western Worker. We cannot extend it beyond the first week in March. Use every means to raise the money before that time! Celebrate Lincoln's birthday with a benefit party. Hold house parties throughout this month, and give the publicity to the drive. Closing mass affairs in the first week of March.

Maritime Strike; Its Lessons

By WM. SCHNEIDERMAN

The Pacific Coast maritime strike came to an end in victory after ninety-nine days of unexampled solidarity, organization, and discipline on the part of 40,000 seamen and longshoremen. The Maritime Federation of the Pacific, born out of the great 1934 strike, went through its greatest test of strength in a struggle which in many ways smashed all precedents of previous strike struggles.

The gains won by maritime unions in 1934 were maintained during the past two years only by a bitter and unrelenting struggle against repeated attempts of the employers to find an entering-wedge with which to break the unity of the seamen and longshoremen, and the rank-and-file control of the unions.

Climax of Series of Struggles

The strike was only the climax of a long series of struggles in which the shipowners were girding themselves for a major offensive to smash the maritime unions, which was to begin with the lockout on May 9. Coast 7-8-9

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MOVE TO KILL LABOR TICKET FOR L. A. LOSES

Council In Conference Next Friday On Labor Slate

LOS ANGELES.—Labor Conference for the Municipal Elections will meet Friday, Feb. 12, at the decision of the Central Labor Council (given below), with the Municipal Elections Labor Conference called for immediate action and organization of the campaign according to the slate.

LOS ANGELES.—Moves of reactionaries in the Central Labor Council to kill the labor slate for improvement in labor tickets in the municipal elections this spring, were defeated here last Friday night, when a motion to file a labor ticket resolution introduced by Rhudie Hamilton, Local 644, was defeated 72-79.

The resolution, which urged

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Modesto Hearing Will Begin Wed.

LOS ANGELES—The state assembly committee investigating the Modesto frameup will continue hearings next Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 10 a. m., in the State Building.

James Rolph, Standard Oil stool pigeon largely responsible for the conviction on admittedly perjured testimony, will be called. The committee will hear the recorded conversations in which Scrudder confessed his connection with the frameup, and exposed the subornation of perjury by District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary, of Stanislaus County.

EINSTEIN FOR SPAIN GOVERNMENT

Ashamed All Democratic Nations Don't Aid

WASHINGTON.—Dr. Einstein, the great scientist, expressed his shame because all Democratic nations have not energetically supported the Spanish Republic in its fight against the Fascists.

A statement by Einstein was released through the Spanish embassy. Said Einstein:

"At this moment I can do nothing less than assure you of my intimately united I feel with the Loyal forces, and with their heroic struggle. In this great cri-

TO HOLD LABOR LEGISLATION MEET FEB. 14

Inspired by Recent Peoples Conference In Sacramento

MARTINEZ.—Organized labor, on the march in steel, chemical, rubber and other mass production industries of Contra Costa County, is going to help guarantee success of its organization drive by holding a Trade Union Legislative Conference Sunday, Feb. 14. It was also decided that a legislative committee of five be appointed to represent the Council at future People's Legislative Conferences.

The conference was inspired by and will be along the lines of the recent People's Legislative Conference in Sacramento, which, packed by the forces of progress, passed at the last meeting of the Council, reads:

The Contra Costa County Council of Labor endorses the call for a People's Legislative Conference Sunday, Feb. 14, and pledges itself to support the conference by sending delegates to the conference, and by participating in the conference.

It Happened In California

FIRST USSR SHIP IN PEDRO

SAN PEDRO—The first time in its history, a Soviet steamer was in Los Angeles Harbor, on the way to a voyage from the Black Sea to

BUILD MIGRATORY CAMP

MADERA—The first step toward the building of a camp for migratory agricultural workers has been taken here by the Madera County Board of Supervisors, granting $5000 for the camp here. Three others are promised.

NEARLY STARVED TO DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO.—Starving in the streets here, an elderly couple from the middle west finally found haven in Central Emergency Hospital. They were from Wisconsin.

Elaine Ferguson, 24 of Lincoln, Neb., and John Bailey, 26, of

L.A. RELIEF CASES MOUNT

LOS ANGELES.—During the past two weeks relief cases have increased 2177, making this the largest in this county. It was the greatest increase in many than a year.

RUSSIAN RIVER OVERFLOWS

UKIAH.—The Russian River rose 5½ feet in less than 12 hours from heavy rains which caused unprecedented flood conditions to the county over the week-end.

You Answer These?

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the proposed truce France and Germany hat France will desert nco-Soviet pact?

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L. A. COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE IS EXPLOITING ORPHANS TO THE LIMIT

Kids from Farm Areas, Children of Poverty-Stricken, Also Being Hired Out At Next-To-Nothing Wages

LOS ANGELES—That a viciously planned system of exploitation of unemployed and homeless youths is being carried on here by the County Probation Officer, is clearly demonstrated by the following letter sent out by K. J. Scudder, Probation Officer. Dated December 18, 1936, the letter reads:

"I have the applications of a large number of boys who would be glad to become self-supporting for their board and room and a small sum with which to buy clothes and take care of their incidental expenses.

Exploiting Orphans

"Many of these boys have come from farms in the midwestern states and are experienced in farm work. Some of them are orphans and many are from homes where the parents are destitute on account of unemployment or ill health.

"If you are not in a position to give employment to one of these homeless boys, can you assist me in placing one or more of them in the homes of your neighbors or friends?

Will be doing your neighbor a great kindness if you will tell him where he can get such a boy—by paying him the small sum of ten dollars per month.

"In this way you will have the opportunity of coming to the assistance of a boy at a time when he is greatly in need of a home and will be able to assist at least one boy to become self-supporting and finally to become a good, law-abiding citizen. Just one good act of that kind makes life worth living.

"For your convenience I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope. Please give me what immediate assistance you can, and keep this matter in mind and communicate with me at any time during the coming year.

"May I add your name to the list of people who have given me very valuable assistance in this work during the years that I have been in the position I now occupy? If this letter falls into the hands of my friends who have worked with me so faithfully and efficiently in the past, let me take this means of expressing to you my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the good work that you have done and the encouragement to good work with renewed activity.

Trusting that I may hear from the interest you have taken in me, and many times throughout the years, I am,

Yours very truly,

K. J. Scudder,
Probation Officer.

By S. A. Seleeman, Director of Work Camps and Employment Division."

WAREHOUSERS IN CROCKETT, STOCKTON, WIN

Deny False Rumors About Leaving the A.F.L

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 2300 sugar refinery workers in the Bay Area will be back at work within a week, following the settlement of the maritime strike and the settlement of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Corp. dispute with the Warehousemen's Union (ILA Local 38-44).

The Crockett plant of the California-Hawaiian reopened Saturday. The Warehousemen's Union had voted to accept a compromise of 50 cents a day wage increase and ten days' vacation with pay.

Deny Fake Reports

Warehousemen at the Port Stockton grain terminals on strike for a week, resumed work, having won their demands for a 40-hour week between Monday and Friday, and time and a half for Saturdays and holidays.

False reports to the effect that the Warehousemen's Union had threatened to leave the AFL if the executive council awarded jurisdiction in warehouses to the Teamsters' Union, are denied by Warren G. Denton, president of Local 38-1 38-44.

Denton pointed out that relations between the Teamsters and the Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco have been of the best, and there is no question of jurisdiction. Denton pointed out that the ILA, the Warehousemen's parent body, is in the AFL, and the Warehousemen will be represented by the ILA Pacific Coast District policy.

Move to Kill L.A. Labor Slate Fails

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the Council to call a conference of all labor unions and central labor bodies to draft a platform, select candidates and launch an energetic campaign to elect them to office, was later accepted with amendments.

Secretary J. W. Buzzell briefly reported on the Council's committee of five, selected to attend a meeting of Labor's Conference on the municipal elections held January 24, which meeting the position of the Council and stating that "quite a number of men and women" attended.

Lotz Moves to File

Upon receipt of the Studio Painters' resolution, President Sherman failed to recognize a motion to concur, and instead recognized Delegate Lotz, stenographical Union, who made a motion to file.

It question the loyalty to the labor movement of the people in this so-called Labor's Conference for independent elections," said Lotz. Buzzell and others spoke in favor of the motion to file.

Gillette Raps Lotz

Gillette, Electrical Union, sharply rebuked Lotz and others, stating:

"The people have an absolute right to bring this measure into the Council. As a matter of fact, this is exactly what we asked them to do when our committee appeared before their Conference last Sunday. Any member who attended that Conference has no bad faith. Let's not be in bad faith ourselves by issuing others of bad faith."

However, Gillette declared himself in favor of filing the resolution, claiming time was too short to carry out its proposals.

"Disloyalty" Charge Spiked

"The fact that this resolution comes from a body affiliated to this Council, which is also participating in the Conference, shows the loyalty of these people and repudiates the charge of 'disloyalty,'" declared Lou Barone, Painters' Union.

Other progressives speaking included Lawrence, International Ladies Garment Workers Union;

SECRETARY OF LABOR **Frances Perkins, after President Sloan of General Motors, in arrogance, ran out on her in conference on sit-down strikers.**

DO WE PAY THE COPS FOR THIS?

Some Goings-On Among "Guardians Of Law"

SAN FRANCISCO—Policeman John J. Dooling, who so heroically broke up the "baby bandit gang," is charged with two officer-like conduct because he developed a hazy memory in regard to his financial transactions in the recent police graft investigation.

POLICE JUDGE'S GRAFT

ALBANY!— Trial of Police Judge Hickman on charges of grand theft have been resumed before Superior Judge Tyrrel in Oakland. Hickman was indicted by the Alameda Grand Jury in connection with a $1500 promissory note said to have been given by Sam Caputo, Albany police side Club in consideration for which Hickman was to secure removal of three clubs suspended liquor license.

SUE MARIN POLICE

SAN RAFAEL—Following up charges they were beaten by police, Robert Belshaw, Corte Madera and W. C. Hamilton, former railway workers, have filed suit for $50,000 damages against Police Chief Kahn and three officers.

Marine Unions In Thanks to E. Coast

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Harry Bridges thanked the organized labor movement for its support to the strike.

"The whole thing was a victory for the general labor movement as a whole," he said. "The employers intended to do away with the hiring hall, to increase the working day and to set up a penal system, blacklisting us off the waterfront. They succeeded in none of this."

Rasor Raps Mass Action

Referring to the splendid support by the East Coast seamen, he said: "In the first 24 days of their strike were out in solidarity with the West Coast, Bridges said: "Their strike has brought to a point something they wanted for a long time: legitimate elections without having a gun stuck in their ribs at the time of vote. We on the West Coast also count their victory among our gains."

"We believe," said Bridges, "that we have demonstrated to the labor movement that it is possible for a group of unions to stick together. The employers will think twice before locking out a union again, as this is true for the waterfront unions it is also true for all the unions who supported the waterfront unions.

"We appreciate the support we got from organized labor and expect to do our part, whenever we are called upon."

A statement issued jointly by the California and Seattle District Committee of the Communist Party declares in part:

"The ninety-nine day maritime strike has ended with a notable victory for the workers. Not only did the maritime unions win their basic demands, but the unity of the Maritime Federation is stronger than ever and all efforts to split it have ended through red-baiting and creating a split among the unions was crushingly defeated by the rank and file.

"The seamen and longshoremen are welded in firm brotherly bonds by the unexampled solidarity displayed in the three-months struggle. The unity displayed between the rank and file on the East and West Coast brings nearer a Maritime Federation, and the extension of rank and file control to the maritime unions on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, where Ryan, Scharrenberg and Company still hold a foothold. Now to consolidate the victory and to continue the struggle against the Copeland Fink Book."

CONTRA COSTA AFL ENDORSES STEEL DRIVE

Barney Anderline of ILA Is Elected Vice President

MARTINEZ—Meeting in Rodeo on Feb. 3, the Contra Costa Central Labor Council held elections for vice-president, with good results for the progressives.

Barney Anderline, of the ILA, was elected. Nominations were made for the executive board, to replace the reactionaries Russ Roberts and Weise, dropped for missing three meetings.

Endorse Steel Drive

The Council endorsed the Steel Workers Organizing Committee drive on the steel industry. President Mike Cappiletti and Secretary Andrew Trentanelli of the Pittsburg Barrel Union were cited to appear before the executive board, for having attacked the steel workers' meeting held in Pittsburg the week before. These two officials had already endorsed Hearst's meeting. They later said they had no authority to endorse the meeting on behalf of the Barrers, although they usually do, in the habit of taking all authority for the local on other occasions.

Green Wants Lyden Out

A letter was read from William green, who demanded that the resolutions of Pat Lydon as Central Council organizer, be dropped, because Green was tipped off to the open shop fact that Lydon is a Communist. Green's letter was filed until next meeting and a committee appointed to take action on it.

The Crockett Sugar Workers' Union have affiliated with the Council.

A resolution submitted by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers demanding freedom for King, Conner and Ramsay, passed unanimously.

Roberts of the West Coast Rubber Workers' Union gave a good talk on the rubber workers' organization drive.

Contra Costa Co-Ordinating Legislative Meeting

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tions to carry on the good work which has been initiated at the said conference in Sacramento; and

Whereas, its purpose is to unite all progressive organizations into united political action for the State, County, and Municipal legislation, as well as a united political action in elections in the County of Contra Costa, and the municipal subdivisions thereof; and

Whereas, the undersigned members of organized labor are the sponsoring committee for a Trade Union Legislative Conference in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, The undersigned being progressive members of organized labor and delegated to the California People's Legislative Conference, and are desirous of furthering the purposes of the splendid efforts of the said California People's Legislative Conference, by holding a Public Meeting in the City of Martinez, February 14, 1937, at 1:30 p.m. in the Superior Temple for the purpose of establishing a permanent Trade Union Legislative Conference; therefore, be it now

Resolved, That Contra Costa Central Trades and Labor Council endorse and support a Trade Union Legislative Conference on the day and time as above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be embodied in the minutes of this Council and published in a recognized Labor Journal newspaper; and be it still further

Resolved, That each delegate to the Contra Costa Central Trades and Labor Council receive from the local union to give its endorsement, a credential card sending two delegates to the proposed Trade Union Legislative Conference.

(Signed) Sponsoring Committee

Party Builders Take New Tasks

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Joined the Party during the Party during the three months strike which has just ended in a glorious victory.

"We pledge to continue to work for carrying out the decisions of the 18th Party Convention and the Central Committee Plenum, and to fulfill our duties to the Western Worker and Daily Worker.

On Soviet Justice

"We unanimously through our Central Committee to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, our complete support to the verdict of the proletarian court in the Soviet Union against the counter-revolutionary Trotskyite traitors, the Trotzkyites who have allied themselves with bloody Fascism against the Land of Socialism which, under Comrade Stalin's leadership, has become a beacon-light to all the forces of democracy and peace throughout the world. We further pledge to rally greater support to aid and defend the Soviet Union, the democracy until Fascism is defeated.

We wish to convey greetings to our Comrade Leon Mabille, former member of the California District Committee, who became an outstanding Party Builder of the French Party and was elected leader of Jury, and who is now leader of the Henri Barbusse Batallion of the International Brigade in Spain."

The report of the Party Committee was then read by Comrade Lenhoff.

"During the month of November 7 to February 1, 905 were members of the American Federation of Labor, 160, women; 100, youth; 105, Negroes; 165, Spanish and Mexican; 1245, native-born.

Improve Quality!

In speaking to the Party Builders, Wm. Weinstone, organization secretary of the C. P., stressed the necessity of improving the quality of work done by the Communist Party of California.

Lawrence Ross, Western Worker editor, spoke on the necessity for Party Builders being leaders in raising the Western Worker financial quotas. Ben Dobbs reported that the Young Communist League has recruited 55% new members since September.

San Francisco challenged Los Angeles County to finish the Western Worker financial drive quotas, and Betty Gahnett, leading county organizer, accepted the challenge for Los Angeles.

Comrade Schreier, of Los Angeles Downtown Section, challenged San Francisco Downtown Section to double their membership by May 1st.

A banquet and dance in honor of the Party Builders was held Saturday night.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—No. France's Foreign Minister Delbos last week stated that France will not commit herself to non-intervention if Hitler should strike at the Soviet Union in the east.

2—Latest Labor Research Assn. figures state that there are at present 14,000,000 unemployed in the United States. Deducting those on WPA and similar projects, there are 11,000,000.

3—Yes. The 1936 A.F.L. convention in Tampa went on record for a pardon to Mac-Namara and Schmidt.

4—Yes. California ratified the Amendment in 1925.

5—On Feb. 1 there were 104,700 on WPA rolls in California. The Works Progress Administration plans to cut this to 76,100 by June.

6-HR. DAY DRIVE IN BDG. TRADES

Move Is Making Fast Headway

SAN FRANCISCO—A movement of the greatest significance to all organized labor is making fast headway in the building trades unions here.

It is the movement for the 6-hour day. The movement originated with Pile Drivers' Local 34, which presented a committee to contact other building trades locals, 10 of which attended the first 6-hour day conference.

No Pay Decrease

The conference passed a resolution for the 6-hour day with no wage decrease, urging that all building unions demand this when agreements come up.

Delegates to this conference have gotten eight or more locals to concur already. The Building Trades Council has now gone on record for a referendum on the question (the reactionaries wanted the issue killed at the last meeting, but failed).

Financial support for the campaign has been good.

HEALTH HEAD IN LA SQUANDERED COUNTY MONEY

Gets Until Feb. 12 To Answer Charges Filed By Jury

LOS ANGELES—Doctor J. L. Pomeroy, head of the Los Angeles County Board of Health has until February 12 to answer charges filed against him by the Grand Jury in its report last of "inefficiency, waste of public money, favoritism."

This ultimatum was delivered Thursday, February 4, by the Board of Supervisors.

Among other things the grand jury reports declared that:

"Considerable nepotism is shown in the department."

"The health department is so highly departmentalized with such a large percentage of the personnel having titles, with correspondingly restricted duties, that there is much loss motion, duplication of work and idle time."

"The department is approximately three months behind in its office work. Even though the department has been operating with its full force for nearly three months, it does not seem to be making much progress in catching up on this back work, although it is our opinion that it has ample personnel to do so."

"Our preliminary investigation into the inspections of retail poultry dealers indicated that the practice of selling diseased and sick poultry was common among such dealers throughout the area under the jurisdiction of the county health department."

Labor Ticket To Be Ratified

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ing dates for candidates are March 1 to 11.

The report of the Policy Committee is as follows:

Policy Report

"Pusuant to the resolution adopted by this Federation January 15, 1937, the Policy Committee makes the following recommendations in connection with the forthcoming election in Oakland:

That the fifth paragraph of the resolution of January 16, 1936 be amended by cutting out the words, 'selected from the ranks of organized labor.' (Referring to candidates.)

2. That this Federation reiterates, its stand, taken in the resolution of January 16, against any alliance with other political parties.

"3. That the policy committee be enlarged by five members to provide wider representation among the unions.

Duties of Committee

"4. That the policy committee be given full power to handle the forthcoming political campaign on behalf of the Federation.

"5. That the campaign be conducted jointly by the committee on finance be enlarged by five from its present membership of three, making a total of eight.

"6. That the finance committee be given wide discretion on ways and means of raising campaign funds.

Urge Donations

"7. That the committee urge voluntary donation of at least five cents per member among the affiliated unions for the campaign fund.

"8. That a committee of 100 be named at this meeting, each member to raise $10 among their friends and supporters to represent political action of labor, for the campaign fund.

"10. That money-raising campaign rallies be arranged.

"11. That pro-labor organizations be urged to donate to the campaign fund.

Platform Recommended

"The policy committee recommends adoption of the following platform:

LABOR

"1. Repeal of anti-picketing ordinances, and all ordinances that in any way curtail the rights and civil liberties of our citizens.

"2. **Outlawing of all strike-breaking agencies, and more stringent regulation of all detective agencies, requiring strict examination of all applications of agencies seeking police powers.**

"3. Union wages and union conditions on all work done or contracted for by the city and Board of Education.

"4. Advocate charter amendment allowing 8 per cent preferential for local contractors.

"5. Labor representation on all appointive municipal commissions, boards, and other public agencies.

Flatly Deny Any Soviet Disorder

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the world.

Webb Miller, United Press writer, stated in a copyrighted article that there were no disorganized and disturbed conditions in Russia.

Hallgren Resigns

BALTIMORE—Charlotte A. Hallgren, former member of the editorial board of "The Nation" and now a writer for the Baltimore Sun, has resigned from the "Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky."

In a long statement dealing **with the two Moscow trials, Hallgren declared: "Why not accept the plain fact that the men are guilty?"**

Of Trotzky, Hallgren asks: "Is he guilty? He has issued nothing but negative denials. Even some of these denials are of a questionable sort. . . If Trotzky is innocent, the public documentary proof of his innocence, why does he not produce it?"

Hallgren's resignation and his conclusion regarding the guilt of the defeated Trotzkyites only substantiates the charges of other leading liberal figures, including some who attended the hearings, such as Dudley Collard, Lion Feuchtwanger and Walter Duranty.

(Hallgren's statement will be published in full in the next issue of the Western Worker.)

TAXES

"6. Revision of taxes according to the ability to pay; equitable assessments reflecting true value of all real estate.

EDUCATION

"7. Smaller classes with more individual attention for school children.

"8. Improved facilities for mentally and physically handicapped school children.

"9. Ter-day sick leave with pay for teachers.

"10. Extension of organized recreational centers throughout the city.

"11. Free medical, dental and optical care for all school children.

PUBLIC WELFARE

"12. Municipal ownership of all public utilities.

"13. Establishment of centrally located emergency hospital stations; transformation of ambulance service into hospitals on wheels with interns in attendance; extension of first aid and emergency service in industry.

"14. Amendment to Major Disaster Plan to guarantee organized labor equality of control.

"16. Advocate construction of civic stadium."

PERKINS ASKED TO FARM MEET

Vandeleur Invites Her and Wallace

SAN FRANCISCO—Secretary of Labor Perkins and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace have been invited by Ed Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, to attend a three-day state-wide conference of agriculture on organizing agriculture, to be held here Feb. 27 and 28.

The conference is under state federation auspices.

The California Conference of Agricultural Workers has sent Secretary Wallace resolutions urging completion of the plan for child camps for migratory agricultural workers.

Big ranchers employing contract labor in Imperial Valley are opposing the Resettlement Administration plan for the camps.

The question of camps will be one of the points at the Feb. 27 conference.

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REVEAL HITLER'S U. S. ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK—A royalist German baron, at odds with Hitler, has been saved from deportation by Nazi Germany through the aid of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

The baron, Rolf von Reitenstein, associate of Kurt von Schleicher who was killed by Hitler's gunmen, has in his hand definite knowledge of 2000 Nazi agents working in this country and "Hitler's espionage system," now refugees Hitler doesn't like. Asked how, the baron winked and said he had been a friend of agents in "intelligence work" himself.

Approval Given Child Labor Amendment by New Mexico House

SANTA FE, N.M.—The child labor amendment to the U.S. Constitution was approved here by the House of Representatives. The resolution was sent to the State Senate for final action.

S.F. People to Vote On Barring Signs

SAN FRANCISCO—Restriction of capitalist advertising from marring the beauty of the Bay Bridge approach, will go before the voters here at the special election on March 9, the Board of Supervisors has decided. The initiative ordinance would prohibit unsightly signs within 382 feet of the approach.

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If Lincoln Were President—

"THE SYMPATHIES of this country and the benefits of its position should be exerted in favor of the people of every nation struggling to be free; and whilst we meet to do honor to Kossuth and Hungary we should not fail to pour out the tribute of our praise and approbation to the patriotic efforts of the Irish, the Germans and the French, who have unsuccessfully fought to establish in their several governments the supremacy of the people."

The above is the concluding paragraph of a resolution presented by Abraham Lincoln at a mass meeting in Springfield, January 8, 1852, in support of Louis Kossuth, the exiled leader of the unsuccessful attempt of the Hungarian people to free themselves from Austrian oppression.

"President Roosevelt has behaved in the manner of a true gentleman. His neutrality legislation stopping export of war material to either side,—the quick manner in which it was passed and put into effect, is a gesture we nationalists (Fascists) shall never forget."

The above are the words of General Franco, Fascist butcher, in expressing gratitude for the aid given his butchery by the so-called, "neutrality" attitude of the United States, which withholds recognition from the legally elected Spanish government, and gives recognition to the Franco-Hitler-Mussolini forces.

Compare the resolution of Lincoln with the action of Roosevelt! What a contrast is seen between the policy of Lincoln, friend of all people fighting against tyranny and oppression, and that of our government, which is objectively aiding the Fascist murderers of the Spanish people!

Lincoln earned the undying gratitude of all progressive people fighting for freedom. Roosevelt has earned the gratitude of Franco, whose armies are attempting to throttle freedom!

Trotzkyism—the International Agency of the Fascist General Staff!

THE TROTZKYITE Fascists who plotted with Fascist powers the dismemberment of the Soviet Union plotted at the same time against every democratic nation, every country that wants to maintain peace.

The Trotzkyites' attempt to accelerate the military attack against the Soviet Union actually meant the acceleration of a new world slaughter.

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The only explanation for this apathy on the part of Congress is that our legislators are inundated by the reactionary Big Business interests, which don't want to have to be taxed, out of their full coffers, to pay the bill for flood relief and rehabilitation!

Yet these same powerful financial and industrial interests were quick to tap the treasury for their own needs. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation paid out $4,000,000,000 at one time to banks and big business. In all, $10,000,000,000 was paid out of the treasury to safeguard profits and guarantee dividends and interest payments. But these powerful recipients of governmental-financial aid are blocking the road to effective aid for the flood victims!

Congress must act—and act at once—by an appropriation sufficient to re-establish workers' homes, rehabilitate small business men and small farmers, and provide for real flood control by construction of levees, floodways, reservoirs, protection of topsoils on public lands by planting, and cooperation with states in reforestation programs.

The Morgans, Rockefellers and duPonts must not be permitted to block this action called for in a major emergency!

A Warning to Socialists

A VITALLY IMPORTANT and significant document has come out of Germany: a call for united action for a People's Front Germany, signed by both Socialists and Communists!

This call is significant for two reasons: first, the continued drive of Hitler to plunge the world into another world slaughter, forcibly reiterated in Hitler's recent speech on his fourth year of ascending to power, his determination to smash the Franco-Soviet pact and isolate the Soviet Union preparatory to attacking the land of Socialism. **The call signed by both Socialists and Communists evidences that despite the ruthless espionage and suppression by Socialists' secret police, there is a strong underground movement, forging unity among Socialists, Communists, Catholics and other anti-Nazi elements!**

The second reason is that this document contains a grave lesson for the real Socialists in the Socialist Party of this country. Before Hitler's ascension to power—and even immediately after it—the German Socialist Party refused to enter into united struggle against Fascism with the Communist Party. Years of imprisonment and torture in dungeons and concentration camps has taught the German Socialists the lesson of unity of the people against Fascism.

The American Socialist Party should act to unite with the Communist Party and with progressive forces against the menace of Fascism. **And the first step must be the cleansing of the Socialist Party of the agents of Fascism who have been admitted to membership: the degenerate Trotzkyites!**

This must be done if the Socialist Party is not to be dragged body and soul into the Fascist swamp by Trotzkyite chains!

"What, Again?"

A DISPATCH from Warsaw—one of the Fascist lie factories, which, like Riga, periodically sell lying stories of torture, starvation, revolt and misery in the Soviet Union to whatever newspaper purchaser will buy them—again tells a lurid story. This time, as a follow-up to the capitalist press defense of the Trotzkyite agents of Fascism convicted in the Moscow trial, the dispatch tells of a "break between Yoroshilov and Stalin," of "red armies marching against Yoroshilov and ignoring Stalin" and an "epidemic of fires of incendiary origin in Moscow and Leningrad in protest against the conviction of the Trotzkyists."

These lies are too stupid to answer. The whole world knows of the deep and unbounded confidence and anger against the Trotzkyites which swept throughout the Soviet Union as a result of their confessions. Everyone, also, is too well acquainted with the periodic lies emanating from what we saw, Riga and other such fascist centers, to do more than grin and say: "What, again?"

We succomb, however, to the temptation to point out that the dispatch from Warsaw was sent to the Riga Fascist London Mirror-Dispatch, and was picked up and headlined in this country by the pro-Fascist "newspapers" of William Randolph Hearst.

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Correction

In the editorial on the Moscow trial headed: "By Their Friends, Ye Shall Know Them," published in the Western Worker issue of February 4th, the following appeared:

"Yet, writing in Mr. Hearst's Fascist press in a signed story from Coyoacan, Mexico, January 26th, Trotzky says: **'It is impossible for him (Stalin) except by assassination.'** This should have read: **'It is impossible to displace him (Stalin) except by assassination.'**

Faulty proof-reading resulted in the omission of the three words. Editor.

Big Business Blocks Flood Relief

QUICK ENOUGH to rush legislation through when it comes to aiding the Fascists in Spain, Congress continues to show an amazing apathy in face of the flood calamity. These representatives of the people limit their official activity to urging that the people, out of their meagre income, rescue the flood sufferers by giving to the privately-controlled and wholly inadequate Red Cross fund.

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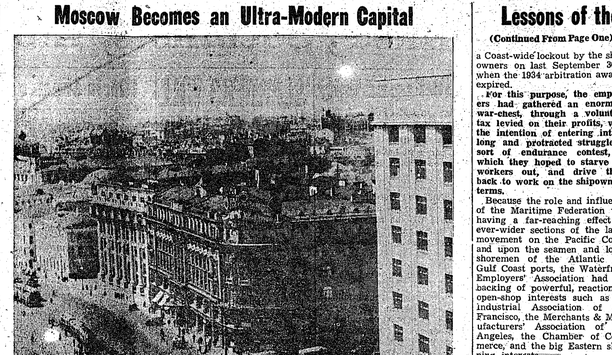
Moscow Becomes an Ultra-Modern Capital



BEGINNINGS OF a new Soviet metropolis will greet tourists who visit Moscow this summer. With city enlarged from 11,400 to 27,000 acres, streets are being widened and lined with trees, office buildings and hotels are rising, and parks and gardens are being planted next to large factories.

The Communist Party at Work in San Francisco

(The San Francisco County Committee calls upon Party members to utilize the few weeks prior to the County Convention for discussing in the pages of the Western Worker the work of the Party. This will aid the Convention in its deliberations and discussions.)

(Pre-Convention Discussion Article)

By FRANK SPECTOR
(S. F. County Organizer)

At this writing our San Francisco units and branches are in the midst of earnest discussions in preparation for the coming County Convention.

Our Party in San Francisco is fortunate, indeed, to hold its convention shortly after the special election campaign to lay a firm basis for working class independent political action. On the heel of November 3 we plunged into our state Party's campaign to help the California people to obtain economic and political benefits that have become possible as a result of November 3. Our San Francisco Party played no small role in making the January 17 Sacramento gathering a success, thus aiding in laying the groundwork for immediate gains for the masses in our state and for further, rapid strides in developing the American People's Front.

In the present rapidly growing movement to do away on March 9th with the pernicious anti-labor legislation as embodied in the Criminal Syndicalism Ordinance, our Party marches in the front ranks of the forces that comprise this truly peoples movement.

For peace! Against war! Against fascism! For the route war! Against fascism! For the victory of the arms of the embattled Spanish democracy! These are the slogans who will deny our Party's indefatigable, thoroughly constructive work that helped on occasions like Armistice Day to bring the biggest halls of our city with thousands of people of every walk of life, of every political party to give all moral and material aid to the cause of the Spanish people, to the struggle for peace and democracy, to the cause of smashing the ruthless forces of fascism abroad and aspiring fascism at home?

Facts Are Stubborn—They Stick

Let the criminal Trotzkyites, who just recently (in the label of "socialists" spill their venom against our Party. Facts are stubborn things and they stick. And in this case, facts that speak for themselves are deeds performed by our Party that brought concrete aid to the Spanish People's Front.

It is a basic base hypocricy that the Trotzkyite scoundrels dare to speak of a so-called "Debs Brigade" to send forces to "aid" a people whom they daily stab in the back by acts of treachery and words of lies and calumny. It is a base hypocricy for the useless work to help the Spanish people to smash its enemies, internal and fascist, when our Communist Party tirelessly uncovers before the masses the true nature of the Trotzkyites' disruptive "help" and the nature of the Trotzkyites themselves, whose fellow-scoundrels—the remnants of the POUM in the USSR — stand today revealed to the gasping world as blood-allies of Hitler's fascism and Japan's militarism and whose lust for power have dragged them down into the depths of gory treachery and treason—basest in the whole of workingclass history.

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Got a Typewriter? L.A. County Office Of C.P. Needs One

Typewriter? Typewriter? Who has a typewriter?

The Los Angeles County Office of the Communist Party is badly in need of a typewriter.

Letters must be written—mimeograph stencils made. A million and one things all calling for a typewriter.

Anyone who is fortunate enough to have one, and doesn't need it, please give it to the Communist Party. The comrades in the office do need it.

The address: Room 409, 224 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Lessons of the Maritime Str

(Continued From Page One)

a Coast-wide lockout by the shipowners on last September 30th, when the 1934 arbitration awards expired.

For this purpose, the employers had gathered an enormous war-chest, through a voluntary tax levied on their profits, with the intention of entering into a long and protracted struggle, a sort of endurance contest, by which they hoped to starve the workers out, and drive them back to work on the shipowners' terms.

Because the role and influence of the Maritime Federation was having a far-reaching effect on ever-wider sections of the labor movement on the Pacific Coast, and upon the seamen and longshoremen of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports, the Waterfront Employers' Association had the backing of powerful, reactionary open-shop interests such as the industrial Association of San Francisco, the Merchants & Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles, the Chamber of Commerce, and the big Eastern shipping interests.

Shipowners' Provocations

A number of provocations were organized during 1933 and 1934 by the employers, directed mainly at the militant longshoremen of San Francisco, in an attempt to create a split between them and the rest of the Pacific Coast district of the ILA, which was still under reactionary district leadership until last summer. Thus was framed the lockout in the fall of 1935 over Vancouver "hot cargo," and the second lockout in the spring of 1936 over the "Santa Rosa" incident. In each case, the employers were forced to retreat when they met a solid united front of the Maritime Federation.

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'PROGRESSIVES' KNIFE FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Analysis on Page 6, In "Labor and Politics"

By a Worker Correspondent

PISMO BEACH—Raymond L. Haight, candidate for governor in the last elections, running between Upton Sinclair and Frank Merriam, will be asked to be the candidate for governor on the Progressive Party ticket in 1938. (See comment in "Labor and Politics" column on Page 6.)

That Haight will accept this invitation was stated by many members of the Board of Directors who were present, above sounded him out on this point.

This action was adopted unanimously at the state convention held at Pismo Beach on January 30 and 31, by the directors of the California Progressive Commonwealth, Progressive Party.

Unity is Crying Need

A growing clarity on the present-day need of unity and support for progressive legislation was expressed by many of the delegates present, who had convened from all sections of the state.

Al Sessions, executive secretary of the Commonwealth Federation called upon the delegates to endorse the principle of cooperation with all other groups in the movements that are active in the battle for the defense and extension of civil liberties, for the protection of living standards and the pooling of organizational forces to elect real people's candidates to office in cases where this is necessary to keep reactionaries from getting in as a result of a split in the liberal ranks.

Sessions also pointed out the imperative need to give support to the struggles of the trade unions and the inclusion of them within the progressive movement.

That such ideas are taking root among broad sections of the liberal movement was evident in the delegates present, many of whom told of support being given to meetings of the Spanish Youth Delegates by local branches of the Commonwealth in defense of world democracy, participation in the Peoples' Legislative Conference, and the formation of joint meetings with different insurgent political groups for the realization of common ends.

Clubs Organize

An increasing emphasis on the organization of the professional workers was evident in the enthusiastic reception given to reports of delegates from the clubs of writers, lawyers, engineers and engineers of the guilds being successfully created in these professions.

Action in the resolutions adopted was the trend toward a Farmer-Labor Party apparent. Two resolutions were presented with the same objective of throwing state-wide Commonwealth support behind the Farmer-Labor Party Conference. One of these was unanimously adopted by the convention, and a committee of five created to work closely with the conference.

Authority for placing of Commonwealth Federation clubs in or supporting united front candidates jointly with other progressive parties was given by vote of the convention up to the rank and file to decide in local cases, and up to the State Central Committee in state offices.

Many Disappointed

The placing of Raymond L. Haight at the head of the progressive candidate for 1938, was a keen disappointment to many delegates who debated the issue strongly.

Many delegates stated that this move seriously limits the party in its potential political influence, particularly with reference to the chances of growth in the united front movement, which, by this, might often the only alternative to the election of another reactionary governor of the Merriam stamp.

Judging by the sentiment expressed, there is little doubt that **the Commonwealth Federation Progressive Party (A very small group all told, Ed.) would rather support a united front candidate for governor.**

The Commonwealth directors will next convene in Long Beach on the last Saturday and Sunday of April.

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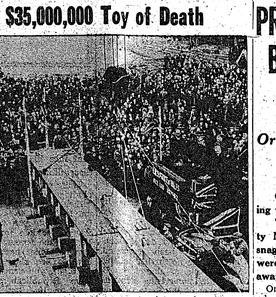

AS THE WASHINGTON naval treaty expires, Britain hastens to lay the keels for a giant battleship, the Prince of Wales, a 35,000-ton ship which will cost $1600. a ton. Scene is at Birkenhead.

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A Fire-at-Sea Scare

The afternoon of the third day out, in some unexplained manner, a flash of flame shot out from the galley into the dining room.

Panic broke out. The excited baker poured water on the burning grease. Men were yelling fire. Some one suggested they close the oven door. When this was done, the fire was smothered, by such simple action. One man standing near the door of the galley was slightly scorched.

The frightful mental picture of a disastrous fire at sea was the reaction of the men. It left a scared panicky look on some of the men, and a sober thoughtful expression on all of the men. Somebody laughed. It sounded forced. I thought he laughed to keep from screaming.

(To be concluded.)

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There's no argument about who gets the latest prize for the best worker's correspondence story of the week—a copy of "Spain in Revolt," the new book by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard.

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Books You Want

Next prize, for the best story in this or the next issue, is "The Story of the Reichstag Fire Trial," with a foreword by George Dimitrov, hero of that trial, who exposed the bloody Hitler dictatorship before the whole world. And for the following week, you can take a crack at the prize book, "What is Communism," by Earl Browder.

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Many Dangers to Health of Workers; Alliance Wins Battle for Men

By a Worker Correspondent

HAWTHORNE—On spot 81, a community garden plot near here, there has been a lot of trouble, discrimination, favoritism and general bull-dozing. This spot is a mud hole of the sticky adobe kind and the last three weeks has been a veritable lake of mud.

"No work, no check," is the rule, and one man received $11 during the month of January with which to care for a family of four.

Some Results Obtained

But a foreman on the job received a full check. That started the fireworks. About 50 of the men, led by the Workers' Alliance, went to the WPA office with a complaint. An investigation by the WPA ensued. The supervisor was removed, but the foreman who received full time is still on the job.

On Wednesday, January 27, it began raining while the men were in the field. They started to the tool-house, but the new supervisor came running out and waved the men back on the job.

The men are also in danger from the fumes of the tar that is being used to repair the roads.

It is tough out there on the wet ground when smudge weather conditions prevail, and some of the men have been wearing overcoats. Now, there is a bulletin posted that the men must report to work on time in spite of the fact that many of them have not enough warm clothing under the rules for this project.

This writer has talked to some of the men who have "flu," and seem on the verge of pneumonia.

CANNER IN THANKS TO "WESTERN"

Urges Alaska Union Men to Support Our Paper

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO.—You no doubt remember that about eight or nine weeks ago I sent a story which you printed titled: "Alaska Union Gives Boot to Reactionaries."

This story was very instrumental in exposing and later expelling certain reactionaries from our ranks, so in the name of fine unity of the rank-and-file, I wish to thank you for the wonderful support you are giving our union, and wish also to inform you that we have come to the conclusion that the Western Worker is the only 100 percent pro-labor paper on the entire Pacific Coast.

Only W.W. Printed Story

The same story was sent to "The Voice of the Federation," and to date we have not seen it printed. That was perhaps because Barney Mayes was editor at that time. Another copy was sent the "News (Guild Daily)" published in Washington, D. C., but I have not watched every issued of their paper, so we cannot say anything in favor or against it. (The Guild Daily was suspended after the Guild won its strike against the Hearst-Intelligencer.—Ed.)

Another copy was sent to the so-called "liberal" San Francisco News. It was returned asking the writer to have it typewritten, double-spaced, and to write only on one side of the paper, then return to them. All this was done. Every issue of the News since then has been scanned for the story in question and to date it has not appeared.

Scores of members of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union have been reading the Western Worker since we came from Alaska, and no one has complained about the stories that appear in this paper about our union, excepting of course certain reactionaries.

Urges Support of W.W.

In view of this fact, I wish to appeal to them to support this working class paper in every way.

They can by subscribing to it, by telling other brothers about it, by writing articles for it, by getting donations for the $12,000 financial drive of the Western Worker, and by getting in order a bundle to sell to gym-pathizers. (Bundles, if not less than 10, four cents per copy.)

If we all do our share for the W.W., we will soon have a paper that will be able to fight even harder and more effectively for the working class.

Pedro-S.F. Sports Tournament Hailed As Huge Success

By a Maritime Worker

SAN PEDRO.—Although bigger and better sports carnivals may be held under the auspices of the Maritime Federation, none will ever be attended with more enthusiasm and real appreciation than was shown by those who witnessed the brawl at Wilmington Bowl on January 30.

Entertainment Number pushers from Frisco invaded San Pedro, and in the engagements that followed, the unanimous consensus of opinion that the boys from the northern port carried off honors. Results were printed in last issue.—Ed.)

The whole spirit of the tournament was a revelation of sportsmanship and splendid effort on the part of the participants, and it proves something that should be taken to heart by all and cooperation can do, even when elements and lack of equipment stand in the way.

Praise Fie

Andy Filosa and Bill Gerst, as usual, are entitled to praise. They have a slice of praise pie coming their way.

To Jack Egan, chairman of the entertainment committee, goes plenty of credit for the hard work and unceasing effort he gave to make these contests possible.

What was shown by these innovative sports contests, was that was the necessity of having Recreation Centers up and down the coast. Everyone need a Recreation Center in Pedro where one can carry on this sort of thing even more successfully when the strike is over.

Here's to a bigger and better recreation movement all over the coast!

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Will Fight For Bills Drawn By Sacto. Conference

OAKLAND — When delegates representing 20 trade unions and other organizations met here at 531 11th St., on Thursday, January 28, concrete plans were laid for the Alameda County Legislative Committee to bring pressure on the State Legislature to pass the program endorsed by the California People's Legislative Conference.

Plans for the campaign will be completed Tuesday, February 9, at the same place, at a county meeting of delegates.

Positions on the various committees were given a number of members of the Berkeley Democratic Council who helped draw up the plans.

Five delegates have been named to talk before organizations not yet participating in the campaign and to urge these organizations to send delegates to the February 9 meeting.

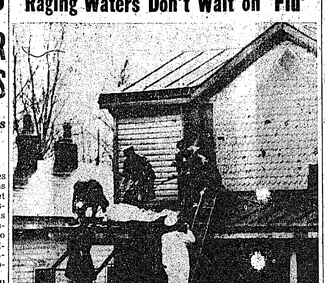
At the January 28 meeting, the organizational committee elected includes:

Chas. Wagner; Butchers' Union; Frank Lukey, leading Democrat; Robt. Russell, Workers' Alliance; James Gallinan, labor attorney; Harry Bridges, president of Professional Workers, publicity chairman; Roy R. Noftz, Workers' Alliance, county chairman; and Mary Hoff, secretary.

John Wolters, of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, president of the Northern California Section of the People's Legislative Conference, is cooperating with the county committee.

The Alameda County Sponsoring Committee for the Conference includes Paul Heide, Workingwomen's Union; Leo Fried, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; C. Theriult, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; Gene Gallanar, Musicians' Union; Marguerite McVoveney, Bay Cities Federation of Teachers; Haskon Chevalier, Interprofessional Association; Donald MacKay, Bay Cities Federation of Teachers; Galliano; Mrs. E. C. Bioletti, Berkeley Democratic Council.

Raging Waters Don't Wait on 'Flu'



FLOOD SCENE in Sedansville, near Cincinnati, Ohio, as Mrs. Mattie Gerken is removed from home, where she was confined with "flu."

Help Us to Make This Be a Real Political Page

Starting with this issue, this page will be devoted to political news, national, state and local, and, what with the developments toward a Labor Party in Los Angeles and Alameda County, this page should be one of the most lively and interesting in the Western Worker.

But we need the help of all our readers, to make it lively and interesting by sending in news of all political activities in your town, city, neighborhood or farm locality. Watch the newspapers for political activities in your area, for all news that exposes the old-line politicians for the fakers and sell-out artists that they are. Send us in clippings and write up stories yourself.

Demand Calling of Calif. Constitution Convention Now

SACRAMENTO. — Back in 1934, the people of California authorized a convention to rewrite the state's 50-year-old constitution, and bills introduced before the 1935 Legislature setting a date for an election of delegates to such a convention, were sabotaged and defeated by the reactionary Republicans in control.

Now, in 1937, progressive legislators and labor and progressives throughout the state are demanding that the Legislature act on this question and set a date for election of delegates to a constitutional convention. The Legislature has the authority to decide how and when delegates are to be elected.

WHITEWASH ON S. F. SCHOOLS' CONSTRUCTION

Collapse of Schools In L.A. Quake Is Recalled

SAN FRANCISCO — Contractors who were charged with faulty construction of San Francisco school buildings, won't meet a sturdy opponent in State Director of Public Works Earl Lee Kelly, who made the following statement:

"Nothing has been done by this division to excuse any anxiety as to the structural soundness of San Francisco school buildings, and any defects mentioned have been corrected. There will be no further action."

The defects, as charged by D. C. Willett, supervising structural engineer of the State Division of Architecture, included improper pouring of concrete so that a few light taps with a hammer from an automobile tool kit had broken through concrete walls and pilings.

Recall L. A. Quake

Willett also charged that the city had paid the full price for one San Francisco school which was built at a lower cost than that amount specified.

Willett's charges recall the memories of the 1933 quake in Los Angeles when many schools collapsed like tissue paper, while others stood firm.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"TIME!" IS ABOUT TO BE CALLED on the political existence of those who continue to split the ranks of labor and the people generally of California and the nation. And if those elements in the so-called Progressive Party of California, who are trying to halt development of a Farmer-Labor Party, don't believe this statement, they have only to recall that fate that befell Ed Vandeleur, in his recent defeat and discrediting in the San Francisco labor movement.

These reactionary elements, including many politicians of rather smelly repute, put over an invitation to one Raymond L. Haight to run as Progressive Party candidate for governor in 1938, at the recent state convention of the party in Pismo Beach. (See story on Page 5.)

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L.A. Labor Enters Politics to Rout Its Enemies

Statement Issued By Communist Party, L. A. County

The Los Angeles Times is furious. It is enraged because labor is about to take the road of independent political action in cooperation with progressive and liberal forces in the city and kick out the hated Shaw-Davis "Red Squad" City Administration.

L. A. Times Hates Labor

The Los Angeles Times, as everyone knows, is one of the worst open shop papers in the city. It openly calls for vigilante attacks against organized labor. It was to aid in installing the power and in the power of the interests it represents, "never, never and never," to allow Los Angeles to become a union town.

"Los Angeles," says the Times, "must remain at its present place of industrial supremacy only by maintaining the 'American Plan' —the 'Open Shop.'"

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Labor's Conference "for municipal elections was not initiated officially by the Central Labor Council. To win the CLC as the directing force in this movement, the unions comprising Labor's conference for the municipal elections, have taken the very step in calling upon the CLC to lead it. These unions now working for such unification are doing a great service to the entire labor movement. With the achievement of unity on the part of labor as a whole, together with other progressive forces, it will strengthen the entire campaign and secure the results required by the labor movement.

The movement for this line of action is gaining ground. Numerous local unions who were not at the first conference, are now joining. A real sentiment among delegates to the CLC in favor of such action, is rapidly developing.

L. A. Times Fumes

That is precisely why the L. A. Times attempts to split this movement. It threatens, it lies. It does all in its power to disrupt the labor movement. Referring to the platform adopted by labor's conference for the municipal elections, which contains demands for the rights of labor and the people, it states:

"A rule of action which, if made effective would bring into unnecessary difficulty most attempts on the part of police and other peace keeping agencies."

These threats are directed to the "public" in general. The "red scare" is intended to discourage those honest elements who are now taking the first hesitating steps toward some independent action in the elections. The platform of the Conference, lies the L. A. Times, wants "socialization of all industry," when everyone knows that there is not one word in the platform that can be thus construed, nor do any of the participants of the conference have this objective.

By the skin of the teeth, the Times drags in "Karl Marx, Henry George, Upton Sinclair, and Harry Bridges" who, says the Times, "may almost be seen standing in the wings and the promoter's box, amplifying the text and urging the puppets to get out on the stage and get on with the play."

But the laboring people will recognize in this wholly artificially created red scare, the old gag of the reactionaries. Hearst and the Liberty League also created the "red" scare in the presidential elections when they wanted their pet servant, Landon, to be elected. But the people throughout the country gave their answer in a determined manner: Landon was defeated. And just in the same manner must labor and the people generally now in Los Angeles act in the coming municipal elections. The hated Shaw administration can be defeated; labor and the progressive forces can be successful.

Times Wants Only Open Shoppers

The intentions of the Times and the interests it represents, are clearly contained in the last paragraph of the editorial. Here the Times lets the cat out of the bag:

"Office seekers who are afraid to meet such an issue squarely should be promptly weeded out of and removed from the path of progress."

In other words, the Times gives strict orders to the corrupt political cliques in the city to nominate such candidates that will stand openly, brazenly and untashamed for open shop policies advocated and enforced by the Shaw-Davis-Hearst-Chandler administration.

"Los Angeles," says the Times, "now stands at the cross roads." Yes, it does. Should Los Angeles remain an open shop town with all the miseries accompanied by it, or should labor and the common people have a say in running their own lives, in protecting their own interests from the greedy money bags.

C. P. Supports Independent Action Move

The Communist Party takes its position with those forces that strive for and organize the movement for independent labor action in close operation with the progressive and liberal forces in Los Angeles. The Communist Party will, with all its energy, support and help further this movement. We point to the fact that labor in Los Angeles can gain tremendous power, can become a decisive factor, only when it will unite with the old worn-out ways of "support your friend and punish your enemy" policies, and go out on the broad road of independent political action on its own platform, with its own selected candidates.

We point to the fact that labor can be reinforced tremendously if it establishes unity and gains the support of the people at large. In Los Angeles there are hundreds of thousands of people who have for a number of years demonstrated their disgust with the "old time" parties and have given a tremendous vote to progressive and liberal candidates. These hundreds of thousands of people can and must be won over by the labor movement for independent political action in the spring of 1938.

Movement Against Reaction

We recognize in this movement a step in the developing movement of the people throughout the country that dealt a mighty blow to reaction in the last presidential elections in the crushing defeat of Landon; this movement that wants to go further and really carry through the mandate the people have given Roosevelt when they elected him President of the United States; a movement that wants to wipe out the blot of Los Angeles as an open shop town, a city of rampant reaction.

Movement Developing

In the State of California, this movement is developing with force. The People's Legislative Conference held in Sacramento January 16 and 17 was a indication. Labor-progressive independent action in the next municipal elections in Los Angeles and other cities will further develop and crystallize this movement in the interests of the common people.

This is why the Communist Party stands ready to support the ticket of labor and the progressive forces, because it realizes that only such united action is in the interests of the common people. Should such a ticket be placed in the field, the Communist Party will not have its own independent candidates in any of the districts where such labor or progressive candidates will run. The Communist Party will in every way possible help the development of this movement and work for its success.

Such action on the part of labor and the progressive forces can be the signal for all enemies of labor and progress, and make it possible to go forward in making Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town—in building a powerful People's Movement in the city of Los Angeles against the open shop and reaction.

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MINNESOTA'S FARMER-LABO CONVENTION OK'S BENSO PROGRAM FOR LEGISLA

Continued Work for Farmer-Labor In U.S., Support of Spanish Gov Pledged in Vital Resolutions

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Unanimous endorsement of Elmer A. Benson's legislative program, as presen inaugural address, was voted by 800 delegates t off-year convention of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor

The convention pledged the party to organize a "People's Pilgrimage" to the state capitol to force its adoption.

For Aid to Spain

Resolutions adopted include calling for sending food, clothing and medical aid to Spanish democracy; for the release of Mooney, Billings, McNamara, Herndon and the Scottsboro boys; and for the removal of Victor Christgau and numerous other reactionary WPA officials.

A resolution adopted pledged continued work for a national Farmer-Labor Party in cooperation with the American Federation of Labor and Committee for Industrial Organization unions and all progressive bodies.

Governor Benson's stand supporting the timber strikers, which resulted in a closed shop and greatly improved conditions for the new union, was endorsed.

Workers Back Spain Govt.

All resolutions were adopted unanimously after a brief supporting Spain. The rural delegates reflected the influence of the pure isolationist view-point, of "keeping out of European affairs," but the industrial regions—Ramsey, Hennepin and St. Louis counties—stood most strongly for, full support of the Spanish government. The vote was 319 for and 242 against.

A Real Program

Highlights of Governor Benson's speech to the convention included re-statement of the progressive legislative program, stressing complete revision of the tax program, exempting farms and homes valued up to $4000...and placing the burden on wealth, particularly on iron mining interests; revision of social security law, repeal of criminal syndicalism law, registration of lobbyists, curbing of loan sharks, union wages for state employees and restriction of state contracts to firms granting collective bargaining and union conditions, the extension of the farm moratorium for two ye

Benson appealed fo the Farmer-Labor fou House and Senate behi his program and cal "People's Lobby" to ce servatives to yield t mandates, and denoun balting.

On Fascism, Benson s "The Fascist objectiv destruction of democrati root and stem. attacks democracy o Sometimes it does this t subterfuge—the excuse ing Communism."

Politic Briefs

WASHINGTON. — enough to have withdr 562 from the U.S. Natio of Los Angeles just b bank collapsed in Times-Mirror Co. and dent, Harry Chandler, was "fortunate" in Supreme Court revie bank's suit to have repaid into the bank.

Recall Electio

SAN GABRIEL, Ca of Mayor Mary and French will go before here on March 13.

Won't Sue Now

LOS ANGELES.—Sa B. Kiefer, who maintai improperly treated Townsend regional dire amended to drop the Dr. F. E. Townsend, h the Old Age Revolving Ltd., and Townsend Nat covery Plan, Inc.

Mural Is Praised

In Berkeley Bookshop

Art Display Open

BERKELEY. — Revolutionary art is getting acquainted with its public in the big new fresco mural and art show of local talent now on view at the Twentieth Century Book Shop, 2475 Bancroft Way.

The mural, four by fifteen feet in size is on plaster panels mounted at the rear of the shop. It is of portrait type, on the theme of representative figures of the impending world conflict. At the left are Engels, Marx and Lenin in that order; at the right are Nietzche and Spengler; in the center, T. S. Eliot as a feminine figure ecstatically clutching a huge cross. The whole design is of near-heroic proportions and flashing color, and is evoking admiring comment on the capabilities and future of its artist-student, Bob Mallary, 20, of Berkeley.

On exhibition in conjunction with the mural is a show of the "Progressive Artists' Group" of Berkeley: water-colors, oils, "impressionisms," pen-and-inks and designs on proletarian subjects and figures.

The book, pamphlet and magazine stock is attracting much attention from the campus and neighborhood in Berkeley.

Feb. 25 Set As Dead Line For Filing of Mooney Exceptions

SAN FRANCISCO. — The defense in the Tom Mooney habeas corpus action has been ordered by the State Supreme Court to file any exceptions to Referee Shaw's recent findings against Mooney. Feb. 25 was set as the deadline for filing.

Should the State Supreme Court sustain Shaw's finding, the case will go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Fascist Palsy-Walsies

ALL DOGGED OUT in flashy uniforms, Col. Gen. Goering, whose country, Germany, lacks butter and other food staples, greets Mussolini, war-mad Fascist dictator, whose country likewise feels the benefits of Fascism in lack of essentials. They met in Rome to discuss the Spanish situation.

Million Jobless in U.S. in November

the fact that industrial is approaching the 1929, there were 14,- and unemployed in States in November, to the fifth annual ur- estimate of Labor Association.

ers, a total of 11,000,000 the country.

eaching effects of the ds on American capi- dicated by the fact ployment in 1929 was from three to four millions, without any relief programs.

The research group's previous estimate of 16,658,000 unemployed in November, 1935, included slightly over two million persons on emergency government projects.

2 Million Decline

Decline in unemployment since November, 1935, amounted to nearly two million, the research association points out. Reemployment, however, was actually greater than this figure indicates because the "gainfully occupied coming of age" during the year were also absorbed in this period.

Notable decreases in unemployment were recorded in manufacturing, trade, transportation, domestic and personal service, and professional service. This had the effect not only of offsetting the annual increase in the number of gainful workers, but also of reducing considerably the total number of unemployed.

As in past years, the association bases its figures on the employment indices of the United States Labor Statistics and other government agencies. The group generally analyzed the unemployment estimates of other agencies and explained its own system in "Method of Estimating Unemployment and Employment Estimates for 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1935," issued in July 1936.

Government Statistics

The association listed the unemployed in November, 1936, by industry groups, as follows: agriculture, 1,226,000; forestry and fishing, 52,000; extraction of minerals, 320,000; building, 1,902,000; manufacturing, 1,360,000; transportation and communication, 1,329,000; trade, 935,000; professional service, 631,000; domestic and personal service, 851,000; public service, 66,000; industry not specified, 449,000. To this is added the 4,634,000 "gainful workers" coming of age since 1930, and the deficiency of 1,000,000 in the unemployment census of 1930.

Unlike Roosevelt, Lincoln Called for Aid to Nations In Their Fight to be Free

Upheld Hungarians in Struggle Against Austria

AS EARLY as January 8, 1852, Abraham Lincoln gave a ringing denunciation of the policy which today parades under the name of "neutrality" in the Spanish People's fight against Fascist traitors in their own country and against international Fascism, which has openly come to the aid of these traitors.

Far from being "neutral," Lincoln in a situation comparable to that of the Spanish struggle today, declared that "The sympathies of this country, and the benefits of its position should be exerted in favor of the people of every nation struggling to be free."

On this day a meeting was held in Springfield, Ill., on behalf of the exiled Hungarian, Louis Kossuth, who had led an unsuccessful attempt to free Hungary from Austria.

Greeted Kossuth

Lincoln presented a resolution which said:

"Whereas, in the opinion of this meeting, the arrival of Kossuth in our country, in connection with the recent events in Hungary, and with the appeal he now makes, on behalf of his country, presents an occasion upon which we, the American people, cannot remain silent. . . .

"Resolved:

"1. That it is the right of any people, sufficiently numerous for nation independence, to throw off, to revolutionize, their existing form of government and to establish such other in its stead as they may choose.

"2. That it is the duty of our government to either foment nor assist such revolutions in other governments.

"3. That, as we may not legally interfere abroad, to aid, so no other government may interfere abroad, to suppress such revolutions; and that we should at once announce to the world our determination to insist on this mainly right of non-intervention as a sacred principle of international law.

"4. That the late interference of (Czarist) Russia in the Hungarian struggle was in our opinion such legal and unwarrantable interference. (Substitute Germany and Italy in the Spanish struggle.)

"5. That to have resisted Russia in that case, or to resist any power in a like case, would be no violation of our cherished principle of non-intervention, but on the contrary, would be over-meritorious to her or in any independent nation."

A Great Contrast

Contrast this with our government's present "policy" of silence while Mussolini and Hitler send further open aid to the Fascist traitors in Spain, and while Roosevelt and Hull refuse to take any steps to help the Spanish government to secure the arms it has paid for.

Lincoln's birthday on February 12 is annually seized by reactionaries to represent that great leader as upholding the policies of present day reaction.

Lincoln's life must be falsified if it is to be used in defense of anything reactionary.

What attitude would he take on Spain today? There is little room for doubt in view of his attitude on a similar situation in 1852.

Called for Resistance Against Governments Who Intervened

Let openly send both troops and munitions to bolster up the armies of Franco which would have collapsed long since without such aid; with the policy of not only official non-intervention in Spain, but active governmental prohibition to the right of friends of Spain to furnish material aid on their own initiative.

"3. That we recognize in Governor Kossuth of Hungary (cf. the Spanish Youth Delegation soon to speak in California) the most worthy and distinguished representative of the cause of civil and religious liberty on the continent of Europe, a cause for which he and his nation struggled until they were overwhelmed by the armed intervention of a foreign despot (despite false "neutrality" we will not allow this to happen in Spain), in violation of the more sacred principles held dear by the friends of freedom everywhere and more especially by the people of these United States.

"4. That the sympathies of this country, and the benefits of its position should be exerted in favor of the people of every nation struggling to be free; and whilst we meet to do honor to Kossuth and Hungary, we should not fail to pour out the tribute of our praise and approbation to the patriotic efforts of the Irish, the Germans and the French, who have successfully fought to establish in their several governments the supremacy of the people."

Workers' Summer School in Mexico

Courses Announced for Six-Weeks Session

MEXICO CITY (MLN)—Plans for the coming session of the Summer School of the Workers University of Mexico, to be held from July 5th to August 14th, are virtually complete.

After the signal success of the initial session of the Summer School for foreign students last summer, the directors of the school have made every effort to increase its usefulness and scope of activities, while more restricted in number, will permit a more intensive utilization of the time. The series of three courses of two weeks each, which will enable students to obtain some of the benefits of the school in a shorter period without destroying the unity of the six-week session.

Special evening are among the courses offered:

History of Mexico (various periods); The Catholic Church in Mexico; Mexican Labor Movement; Agrarian Problem; Reform of Education, 1857 and 1935; Diplomatic Relations between Mexico and the United States, 1910-1936; The United States and the Mexican Revolution; Popular Dances in Mexico; Elementary Intermediate, Advanced Spanish; The Family in Mexico; Mexican Revolutionary Art; Culture and Mexican Revolution; Mexico and the Caribbean; Tropical Diseases of Mexico; Mexican Literature from independence to the Plastic Arts in the Colonial Period; Mexican Popular Arts.

A series of special lectures will be given twice a week by outside authorities including government functionaries and leaders of the Mexican labor movement. Tuition for the full six-weeks' course is $30; for a two-weeks' course, $10; and for a four-weeks' course, $20. All applications for admittance to the Summer School should be received in Mexico City not later than July 1.

Phila. Unions Set Up War Chest of $25,000 for C.I.O.

PHILADELPHIA—A war chest of $25,000 has been raised by the Philadelphia council of the Committee for Industrial Organization to line up mass production industries in this area. Support has been pledged to the sit-down strike of Exide battery workers.

Weekly Forum at 121 Haight St.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Sunday night reviews by current events will be regular features hereafter at 121 Haight St.

Sponsored by the county committee, the Sunday Night Forum will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. regularly, featuring leading speakers of the Communist Party.

The first four speakers are announced as follows:

Feb. 14—Lawrence Ross, Editor, Western Worker.

Feb. 28—Frank Spector, S.F. Organizer, Communist Party.

March 7—George Mowat, Alameda Organizer, Communist Party.

March 14 — Oleta O'Connor, S.F. Education Director, Communist Party.

Admission will be 10 cents. There will be no collection for any reason, the committee in charge announced. Speakers will be allowed an hour, followed by a half-hour of open discussion and answers by the main speaker or written questions. Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be served buffet style after the meeting.

Strike American Co. in Mexico

MEXICAN CITY.—1,300 striking textile workers marched from the mountain forces of Mexico state into the capitol to ask intervention of Pres. Cardenas and the labor department in their dispute with the American-owned Santa Rosa Textile Co. The workers complain of a 10-hour day, instead of the 8-hour day stipulated by law. They ask back pay for overtime, immediate resumption of operations and a collective contract with wage increases. If the company refuses, they suggest expropriation of its equipment.

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Deep in the books that patiently repose
On quiet shelves in libraries, in rows,
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The engineers whose brains hold all the skill
To cage my giant energy at will,
Must stand aside and watch my waters rage,
For they themselves are locked inside a cage.

Like China, where my waters take their toll,
While War-Lords pocket funds for flood control,
My cataracts will riot through the years,
'Till Socialism frees the engineers.

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

C.I.O. Is Preparing Big Push in L. A. Automobile Indus

MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND TAKE PART IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

Aircraft Plants Are Also An Objective Of Industrial Unionists, Drive For Organization in Southland

LOS ANGELES—The Committee for Industrial Organization got all the encouragement it needs to proceed with its drive to organize the unorganized in this area, when 1000 people attended its mass meeting, held in Trinity Auditorium recently.

LEWIS CHEERS AUTO STRIKERS

"Attention of Public Focused on You"

WASHINGTON (UNS) — The following message of "complete and unanimous support" was wired to the Flint sit-down strikers by John L. Lewis:

"Stay-In Strikers in Fisher Plants Nos. 1 and 2.

"Care of Robert Travis,

"United Automobile Workers of America,

"Pengelly Building,

"Flint, Michigan.

"The Committee for Industrial Organization and its fifteen affiliated international and national unions are wholeheartedly behind the present gigantic struggle which the United Automobile Workers' Union is carrying on against General Motors Corporation. We are fully advised of the support being given General Motors by its allied industrial and financial interests, who, frightened and bewildered, are engaged in an attempt to crush and destroy organization and collective bargaining in America's major industries.

"We pledge you to complete and unanimous support in the conduct of the strike, and in the attainment of a negotiated peace that will definitely establish the principles of collective bargaining in the automotive industry. The high earnings of General Motors, for the second time, has now run away from a collective bargaining conference.

"Messrs. Sloan, Knudsen, Brown, and Smith, who draw a combined annual salary from General Motors in excess of one million dollars, have returned to New York to consult their aides to determine how far they can go in their organized defiance of labor and the law.

"It is the position of your representatives that we are willing at any time, upon a moment's notice, to enter into a joint collective bargaining meeting with the representatives of General Motors to settle all points of controversy under existing conditions in the industry.

"You men who are now in Fisher Plants Nos. 1 and No. 2 are undoubtedly enjoying through one of the most heroic battles that has ever been undertaken by workers in an industrial dispute. The attention of the entire American public is focused upon you, watching the severe hardships which you are suffering, in order to demonstrate the strength of labor in the present struggle to organize for the purpose of obtaining a decent standard of living for every working man in America.

"Every worker and representative of labor in this country owes a debt of gratitude to each of you, and I trust that this knowledge will cheer you through your long, weary hours of waiting for the honorable settlement, which in the nature of things must inevitably come.

* * *

Quoting a Judge in Akron, Ohio, George Roberts, District 5 organizer of the United Rubber Workers Union said, "the insane asylums are taking in more people than ever since the rubber industry started the speedup system."

Comparatively new, the Rubber Workers Union has swelled its membership total to more than 40,000 with 10,000 in Akron alone.

"Had there been organization among the rubber workers in 1932," Roberts stated, "there would never have been the cuts or the speed-up system."

Pointing out the tremendous gains made since the formation of the Aircraft Industrial Council, Local 180 of the United Automobile Workers of America, Andrew Schmolder of the United Automobile Workers Union stressed further the need for organization among all the basic industries.

He declared that locals are ready to be formed in all the aircraft plants with several hundred members in the union.

In the automobile industry, Schmolder stated that the Willys plant here is already organized with a local soon to be established. A large number of the General Motors plant workers are organized and the union is going to start immediately a campaign to organize the Ford and Studebaker plants.

The abolition of company unions is the main point in the program of the Automobile Workers Union here on the West Coast, Schmolder said.

"Most employees realize that company unions are a farce," he declared.

In addition to doing away with the vicious company unions, he said that "we intend to establish a high wage-scale—to bring the Eastern wage-scale to the West Coast."

Dalrymple, veteran member of the United Mine Workers of America, and prominent in the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, shouted to the enthusiastic workers in the audience:

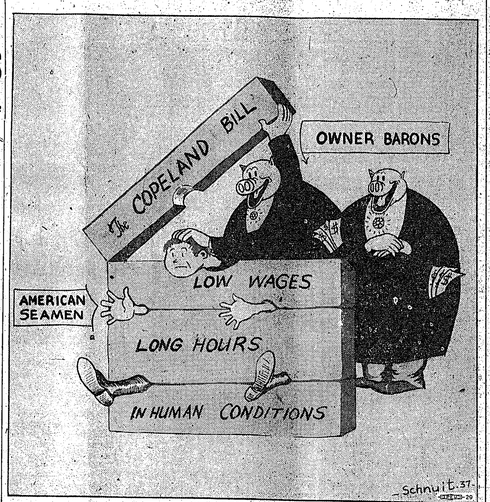
"If you're not a member of an organization, then for God's sake join one."

In a plea for industrial unionism, he recalled from his experience the difficulties and obstacles in the way of successful winning of demands for the workers when the unions are formed on a craft basis.

Declaring that "we are here to organize the mass production industries," he said that during the last four months the SWOC has organized nearly 200,000 members throughout the steel industry.

Other speakers on the program were James Carter, American Federation of Labor Union attorney, Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro Local of the International Longshoremen's Association, and J. R. Walker, president of the Los Angeles Street Car Men's Union.

He Can Break Loose!



HE CAN BREAK loose if unions, organizations and individuals use pressure on Congressmen from their districts to back the Sirovich amendments which would remove the anti-labor clauses of the Copeland Act.

S. JOSE LABOR NOTES—MASS MEET OF NEWLY-FORMED CANNERY UNION

SAN JOSE—The newly-formed Canehry Workers' Union, No. 20325 of Santa Clara County will hold a mass meeting in San Jose on Feb. 17.

The arrangements for the meeting and distribution of leaflets and literature on agricultural organization are under the direction of the Committee for Agricultural Organization (CAO), which is made up of numerous labor unions and fraternal organizations, determined to organize the agriculture and cannery workers in Santa Clara county.

The first issues of "Farm Labor News," the official organ of the CAO, will be ready for distribution by Feb. 15.

Hit General Motors Corp.

The San Jose Labor Council went on record in support of the strike of the United Automobile Workers of America in General Motors plants. They also went on record condemning General Motors.

J. J. Anderson, secretary of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council was delegated to represent the Council, on the executive board of the California People's Legislative Conference.

New Officers for Laundry Union

At the recent elections in the Laundry Workers' Union, a progressive slate of officers was elected. Plans are being laid for an extensive drive against non-union laundries. The Linen Exchange, operated out of San Francisco, has been put on the unfair list of the Laundry Union and the Central Labor Council.

"The drivers are non-union, but we delivery goods to a union laundry in San Francisco and have also cut prices, taking work from union laundries here."

REDDING, CAL., LABOR'S MARCH

Began Organizing In Mar., Made Gains

REDDING, Cal.—The unions started to organize Redding March 27 of last year, and have made rapid progress. The miners' union has grown from a membership of about 50 to 220 in the last ten days.

The efforts of the central body in securing concessions from the contractors on the Kennett dam survey, became widely known among the miners of the county and they have been literally flocking into the office of the secretary in Redding to join the union.

The butchers are organized 100 per cent and the culinary workers nearly so. Teamsters, barbers and retail clerks are now being organized.

Portland Coke Co. Workers to Vote

PORTLAND, Ore.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered operating department employes of the Portland Gas and Coke Company to hold a secret election to determine whether the Gas and Coke Workers' Union, Local 19591, or the Casco Employes' Association should represent them for collective bargaining purposes.

The election would be held within ten days after the company files its payroll lists showing operating employes on the payroll as of Feb. 1, 1937.

The board said the election would be part of its investigation to ascertain representatives for collective bargaining under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act.

INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION PLANS CONDEMNED BY ALL PROGRESSIVES

NEW YORK — Rep. Berard Boileau of Minnesota, speaking at a New York City conference of the American League against War and Fascism, condemned industrial mobilization plans which have been prepared for presentation to Congress by the war department.

He attacked current military appropriations as far in excess of what was needed for defense purposes and called for the consolidation of the army and navy departments with a resultant reduction in expenses.

Rep. John T. Bernard, Minnesota, explained his opposition to the recently-enacted amendment to the neutrality act which prohibits the democratically-elected Spanish government from purchasing arms in this country and called for its repeal. He asked for legislation which would take the profit out of war and opposed the discretionary powers granted to the President under current legislation.

The conference adopted a resolution opposing the mobilization plan, which Paul Reid, executive secretary of the league, characterized as a plan for "military Fascist dictatorship," and commended the Nye committee for its disclosure of its plans.

Other resolutions called for the support of Spanish democracy, condemned the present neutrality law, asked for additional appropriations from Congress so that the LaFollette committee could continue its work and called for the reallocation of military funds for relief of the unemployed and flood victims.

L.A. LABOR AIDS PROBE OF SPIES

Aircraft Local Backs LaFollette Work

LOS ANGELES—That organized labor is behind the La Follette Senatorial Committee in its investigation of labor spy agencies and the labor methods used by authorities in breaking strikes is seen in a recent resolution sent to the committee by the Aircraft Workers' Union, Local 188 of the United Automobile Workers of America.

The resolution declares:

"Local 188 of the United Automobile Workers of America urges your continued investigation of strike-breaking and related agencies to personally investigate conditions in the Los Angeles area.

"Agricultural workers have been engaged in bitter struggle in attempts to improve their deplorable working condition of work and living. In fairness to your work a thorough investigation should be made of the so-called vigilante uprisings accompanying the strikes of these agricultural workers. Such an agency is now involved in the maritime strike and the agencies you have investigated in the past are now operating along this coast. This city is a rapidly developing industrial center. The community should be insured protection against the havoc wrought in the past by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and the notorious "red squad" of Los Angeles police led by Captain Hynes. Attention of your committee would do much to protect the welfare of Southern California.

"We can assure you of utmost cooperation on our part."

"Never Take Fink Books" — Curran

NEW YORK.—This is what Joe Curran, rank and file seamen's leader, told a mass meeting of East Coast seamen who marched to Washington, D. C., to maintain amendments eliminating the anti-union features of the Copeland Act.

"We don't have to stay in Washington any longer," the men were told by Joseph Curran, chairman of the New York Strike Committee. "We have accomplished what we came for and we can go back to our home ports.

"We want to remember, however, that the guys who have Fink books are not seamen and we don't have to recognize them as seamen. Under no circumstances do we accept the Fink book. Is that agreed?"

There was a thunderous roar of cheers in answer.

DRIVE ON S. F. ANTI PICKET ACT IN SWING

Schmidt and Kidwell Among Those on Top Committee

SAN FRANCISCO.— Business, professional and labor interests in San Francisco have been organized into a General Campaign Committee for the repeal of San Francisco's twenty year old anti-picketing ordinance, Thomas L. Chambers, chairman and Clarence H. King, secretary of the committee have announced.

Headquarters Set Up

The proposition to repeal the ordinance will appear on the ballot on Number 19 at the special election, following action taken by the Board of Supervisors in unanimously voting to submit the ordinance to the voters.

Headquarters have been set up in Rm. 410 Grant Building, with Fred West, president of the Window Cleaners' Union in charge as assistant campaign director.

Campaign activities are directed by an Executive Committee of 25 representatives from various labor unions and are submitted for approval to a committee representing every labor union affiliated with the Building Trades Council of San Francisco, the San Francisco Labor Council and the Railway Brotherhoods.

Members of the Executive Committee of 25 are Frank Brown, Molders Union, George Hollis, Typographical Union, Laurence Palanios, Laundry Workers Union, George S. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers Union, Jack Smith, Plasterers Union, James E. Ricketts, business agent, Building Trades Council, Hugo Ernst, Waiters Union, Jack Spalding, Plumbers Union, Dan Del Carlo, Glass Workers Union, Jack Field, Steam Fitters Union, Carl Barnes, Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Henry Schmidt, International Longshoremen's Association, B. Eagle-ton, Bricklayers Union, Edward Dunsby, Painters Union, Joseph A. Murphy, Hod Carriers' Union, Warren G. Denton, Warehousemen's Union, Gordon Stein, Fur Workers Union, Robert Scott, president Carmen's Union Division 1004, C. T. McDonough, Cooks Union, Harry McCormick, Laborers' Union, James Mc-Knight, Electrician's Union No. 6, Fred West, Window Cleaners Union.

IT'S SUB-ZERO, BUT MONO MINE STRIKERS FIRM

Result of Vicious Blacklisting By Mgr. Van Norman

(Note—This, written before the strike was settled, shows how the miners won.)

LOS ANGELES. — The Mono Craters Tunnel workers strike (1800 involved) came as the result of vicious blacklisting tactics by H. A. Van Norman, general manager of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light.

He has consistently refused to deal with the Local 279 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union — flatly declaring that none of the original strikers would receive their jobs back.

In reply to Van Norman's vile anti-labor attitude, the union threw up picket lines around all the entrances to the Bureau offices.

Chief demands of the union include complete reinstatement of all men who were discharged as a result of the strike and that the Bureau cease having chuck tenders do miners work.

At the camp itself, brutality has been the weapon with which the Bureau has tried to break the strike. Fogerty, chief company gunmen on the camp, ruthlessly ordered all strikers, their wives and children to leave the camp in 24 hours.

Sub-Zero Weather

With 6 feet of snow and sub-zero weather, heat was shut off in the camps and blankets and all shelter from the weather. Despite this, however, strikers are courageously maintaining picket lines about the camps.

Another Bureau stooge is Superintendent Barney Hughes, at Shaft No. 2, who started the strike when the entire night afternoon shift thus bringing the remainder of the 800 workers out on the strike.

The Strike Committee reports 100% organization of the men at the camps. A large number of anew crew of 100 men has been ordered by the committee to prevent destruction of tunnels. The men are living in tents at the camp and they are all determined to win through to a victory over the criminal anti-labor acts of the Bureau.

Empire Oil Strike

TULSA, Okla.—The sit-down of 200 refinery workers at the Empire Oil & Gas Co. in the Keystone field was ended after a state of siege, with neither side yielding concessions. On recommendation of the state oil conservation board, the men are now voting a day's pay a month per member to the strike fund.

UNITED TEXTILE WORKERS CIO $1000 A MONTH FOR D

WASHINGTON. —Contributions of $1000 a month to the general campaign fund of the Committee for Industrial Organization were voted by the executive council of the United Textile Workers meeting here.

The council also formally filled the office of president, left vacant by the appointment of Thomas McMahon as labor commissioner of Rhode Island, by elevating first vice-president Francis J. Gorman to the post.

The council unanimously voted its united support to Pres. Gorman.

"As president my policy will be the policy laid out for our international by the mandates of the last biennial convention," Gorman said in accepting the post. "This policy launching of an intensive campaign the unorganized textile workers. It is my purpose that the National at this session of C will give the green light drawing line of collective ship the members unions themselves."

Organization of the unorganized in the textile industry and the consequent dates. There are no

Filling of posts on the council were left the next meeting of the council. Plans were laid ation of the organiz tile workers and to exert all possible Congress for passage tional Textile Act.

Progressives On Cooks 44 Board

SAN FRANCISCO.—Though C. T. McDonough, a reactionary, was elected president of Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants Union No. 44 here, to succeed Charles Fleischmann, progressives were elected to some of the posts.

John R. Blocker was named vice-president and John A. Sibley will be secretary-treasurer to succeed Joseph Bader. Joe Moore was named recording secretary and Max Benkert and Mary Meyer, business agents.

The new executive board is composed of McDonough, St. Peter, Blocker, Tom Balsh, Rene Battaglini, Charles Dempsey, Edward Cavanagh, Joe Moorse, James Claire, Steve Harris and John Grooms.

Members elected to the board of trustees include Paul Mattern, from Scarris and Marco Murisich.

Balsh and Battaglini are known to the members as good progressives.

Balsh was also named to the local joint board of the culinary crafts.

Ten delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council are: McDonough, Fleischmann, Benkert, Mary Meyer, Balsh, John Bernard, Battaglini, Fred Chassing, Emil Beuhrer and Harry Meyers.

Benkert is also a progressive.

Slap At Aircraft Company Union

LOS ANGELES — Before the National Labor Relations Board here Friday, January 29, the International Association of Machinists and the Western Mechanics Industrial Association, representing more than 1,000 employees of the Northrup Aircraft Co., charged discrimination against union members by the company and asked for intervention by the board.

CIO Tells About Union Victories

WASHINGTON (UNS) — The CIO has published an attractive, illustrated four-page leaflet entitled "Winning Better Conditions with the CIO." It paints a vivid picture of the accomplishments of the union which the CIO has given most aid during the last year, and is suitable for wide distribution as an aid to organizational work.

The regular price is 40 cents for 100, $3.50 for 1,000, including postage. A certain number are available for free distribution.

Locals of CIO unions desiring to have their name and address printed below that of the CIO may have this done for an additional cost of $1.50 for the first thousand and 75 cents per additional thousands. Send orders to the CIO, 45 Rust Building, Washington, D. C.

GROWERS IN UPLAND, CAL. BAN STRIKERS

UPLAND. Drawing the Chains of exploitation tighter around the agricultural workers in this vicinity, the City Council here has passed an anti-picketing ordinance and an ordinance to prevent "sit-down" strikes.

Chief cause for the sudden passage of the bills is the growing militancy of the workers against the inhuman wage and living standards enforced by the growers.

Also, the bosses are jittery right now from possible losses arising from the recent cold spell and the prospect of a duplication of the Orange County strike of last year has made them apprehensive lest there be further cuts in their profits.

MODESTO TO ASK OF J. SCR

Speaker Jo Personnel Assembly

SAN FRANCIS request will be Modesto Defense C trial of James S prosecution witnes desto Standard Oil a charge of perjury

The recent grand in Modesto ended nouncement that was found to charges," although t Scrudder's own co in Los Angeles Dece he had perjured hi instigation of the pr torneys.

State Attorney-G Webb will now l prosecute Scrudder.

Meanwhile, Speak Moseley Jones of t State Assembly an personnel of the mittee authorized sembly to probe charges. This inves like the grand jury be public, where press can see and goes on:

On the committee blymen Jack B. Te wood, John G. Cla geles, Paul A. Richi Kent H. Redwine, and Seth Millington.

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The grand jury h der's voice on dictag admitting he had trial of eight membe time unions in 1935 of reckless possessi sives.

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WASHINGTON — Deali severe blow by the CIO tory, William Green declared on Tuesday that the whole of labor has been injured by the General Motors strike settlement.

New York headquarters of General Motors announced a pay increase of 5 cents an hour in all the company's plants, another victory for the CIO.

Pickets Surr Pacific Mat

TACOMA, Wash., of the firing of eig cific Match Company a picket line has been the company's local the Tacoma District the Lumber and San ers' Union.

Unfortunately, Central Labor Council ated with company the firing of the eight who were recently re the Lumber and San ers' Union. The men had made repeated the Central Labor C a long period of time ing conditions, which without any success coma District Council Central Labor Council Washington, who ped in and signed up ity of the crew.

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Empire Clubs For Set Ban End

Leaders Forward on Both Sides of Bay

SAN FRANCISCO — Labor's committee for repeal of the Public Utility Act is has announced en- from the Peralta Improvement Assn. and Richmond Labor Council. Labor's committee for repeal, signatures for the Bay in Oakland, intensified its fight of the anti-picket or- Fifty certified soli- a canvas this week signatures on a pe- place repeal on the

than 30,000 signatures lected, and repeal will overwhelmingly on the William Spooner, Labor secretary in Oakland Only 1000 signa- needed to place repeal April 21 ballot.

TO VOTE ON SAN FRANCISCO RTER AMENDMENTS MARCH 9

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VOTE YES.

AMENDMENT 2.

Allows the transfer or loan to the general cash reserve fund of the city and county, of idle balances of funds from any specific city or county fund, for the purpose of carrying out authorized expenditures which the general cash reserve cannot meet. This added flexibility in the handling of public funds "technically sometimes gives rise to reason- for refusal to meet certain im- mediate demands raised by the people—such as increases

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Can You Answer These?

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1—Who are the officials of the CIO (Committee for Industrial Organization)?

2—In what states near California have Criminal Syndicalism Laws received serious blows recently?

3—Has the California state legislature power to pardon prisoners?

4—In what state legislature were the Spanish youth delegates, now in California, given the opportunity to speak recently?

5—What is the oldest union affiliated with the AFL?

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ote "Yes" March 9 to Repeal San Francisco Anti-Picket Law

Hear the Spanish Youth Delegation Next Wed. Feb. 17, in S. F.

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Defenders of Madrid In Person! Hear Them At Dreamland, Feb. 17!

IO TRIUMPH IN GEN. MOTORS

Sole Union Recognition In 20 Plants

Of Major Importance For Organization Of Steel and Other Basic Industries Of the Country by the CIO

OAKLAND—The victory for the CIO over General Motors will be shared in by 2400 workers in the Chevrolet plants here.

DETROIT—Exclusive recognition in 20 struck General Motors plants has been won by the United Automobile Workers' Union, affiliated with the CIO.

In addition, the CIO union has gained recognition as representative of its own members in the last of the remaining General Motors plants.

It is an initiatory win of the greatest triumphs ever won in the annals of the American labor movement, for it represents a great victory over one of the wealthiest corporations in the country, directly controlled by the House of Morgan and by the Du Ponts.

The CIO has been able to dent one of the most important sections of American finance capital, something which the reactionary craft unionists of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Report F.D. Firm On Supreme Court

WASHINGTON.—Sources close to Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed on Sunday that the President will admit of no congressional compromise in his demand for reorganization of the U. S. Supreme Court and the Federal judiciary system.

Chief fight against the proposal will be made by Senator Borah of Idaho, who has long liked to be regarded as liberals but who again reveal themselves as reactionaries, are among foremost opponents of the Roosevelt plan.

SPAIN GOV'T IN OFFENSIVE NEAR MADRID

New Italian, German Troops Landed to Capture Malaga

MADRID — Latest developments in the military defense of Spanish democracy against Fascism are:

1. Loyalist troops have recaptured complete control of the West Park area of Madrid, on the outskirts of University City, after furious fighting.

2. The Spanish government announced that its army has evacuated the seaport of Malaga in the face of an attack by 16,000 German and Italian troops aided by Moorish mercenaries and supported further by German warships in the harbor.

3. The United Front Defense Committee in Madrid and all anti-Fascist organizations greeted with approval the government's suppression of the disruptive Trotzkyite radio station and newspaper, and further petitioned the government to stop the treachery by the Trotzkyite party itself.

Italy Air Raids

The government offensive near Madrid took place in the face of a new fascist air raids on Alicante and Semares, important

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LIBERALS HIT TROTZKYITES

Open Letter to Those Used by Committee

NEW YORK.—On the heels of the resignation statement of Mauritz A. Hallgren to the "Committee for Defense of Leon Trotzky" has come an open letter signed by 51 prominent American liberals addressed to those who have allowed their names to be used by the Trotzkyites for anti-Soviet propaganda and to those who may be asked to do so.

At the same time, two other noted liberals whose names have been used by the committee, Lewis S. Gannett and Sam Jaffe, announced that their interest in the matter was exclusively confined to the right of asylum, and renounced any connection with the "committee" and its anti-Soviet campaign.

Gannett, in a letter to the New Masses, said he had never given permission to use his name in the first place.

Those who signed the recent (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Curran At AFL Hearing on ISU

WASHINGTON.—Joe Curran, rank and file East and Gulf seamen's leader, and Ivan Hunter, reactionary ISU secretary, were called as main witnesses Thursday in the AFL hearings on the charge of the rank and file that ISU reactionary officials gained their posts in elections held not in accordance with union regulations.

The rank-and file had already thrown out the reactionaries and elected new and honest officials, but the Eastern and Gulf Seamen and the Marine Cooks had agreed to AFL proposals for new elections.

The Marine Firemen contend that no new elections are needed for their branch, as two court decisions have upheld their newly-elected rank and file officials.

Bills of the People's Lobby - - - Bill No. 2692

MARINE MEET ON FINK BOOK

Washington Legislature In Memorial to Congress

SEATTLE—Under the leadership of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, the progressive bloc in the Washington state legislature has memorialized Congress to hold in abeyance enforcement of the continuous discharge book until the maritime unions have had a chance to push their amendments to the Copeland Act.

Practically all the Northwest maritime unions are affiliated with the Commonwealth Federation.

25 Years Ago—1912

FEB. 15 — LOS ANGELES. — Defense claims indictment of Clarence Darrow is faulty, on charge of bribing jury during MacNamara trial.

WASHINGTON.—Percival Roberts, editor of U. S. Steel Corp., demands unions be replaced under government control.

FEB. 16—Peking.—Yuan Shih-Kai elected first president of China.

SAN FRANCISCO.— Building Trades Council adopts resolution expressing confidence in innocence of 50 prominent labor leaders arrested on charges of dynamiting.

FEB. 17.—SAN FRANCISCO.— J. E. Ford, president of Pacific Coast Steamship Co., indicted for violation of Sherman anti-trust act.

LOS ANGELES. — Gigantic conspiracy of reactionaries discovered in plotting overthrow of Madero government in Mexico.

FEB. 18.—NEW YORK. — Government disclosed as using dictograph apparatus to spy on officials of Iron Workers Union, as part of dynamite frame-up case.

Ross Will Speak On Moscow Trials, S. F. Open Forum

The opening of the regular Sunday Night Forums of the Western Worker, speaking on "The significance of the Moscow Trials," Sunday, February 14th, at 7 p.m., 121 Haight Street.

Questions will be answered and a discussion period provided. Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be served after the meeting. All are urged to attend this important Open Forum. Admission is ten cents.

Cut Power Rate, 2 Cities Demand

PALO ALTO—The cities of Alameda and Palo Alto plan to request the State Railroad Commission to compel the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. to reduce wholesale power rates, if P.G. and E. does not voluntarily cut rates soon.

Announcement to that effect was made Thursday by Glenn Baxter, secretary of the Alameda Public Utilities Board.

Alameda, Lodi, Palo Alto and Redding have pooled forces to win a wholesale power rate cut. The four municipalities buy power wholesale from P. G. and E. and retail it through municipal distribution systems.

EXPOSE PLANT SPYING IN CALIF.

Pinkerton Spies Used In San Francisco Warehouses

WASHINGTON.— As the La Follette committee's investigation into the use of industrial spies neared a climax here, California companies were revealed as having employed Pinkerton men to spy on union activities.

Senator La Follette read a deposition by Edward Barnett who called himself a former Pinkerton operative in San Francisco, and who stated that he was assigned to spy on activities of Ivan Weinmann, industrial chemical firm.

Western Worker Drive

WILL PARTY UNITS LET SELVES BE PUT TO SHAME BY THIS AFL UNION?

YOU—TO WHOM we appeal to redouble your work toward putting across the Sustaining Fund drive for the Western Worker—read this, and see what this paper means to organized labor.

At the last meeting of the Tunnel and Aqueduct Workers' Local 53, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, the following motion was made by a member of the Western Worker drive. The member who made the motion is not a Communist. It passed unanimously. These workers took this means of expressing their recognition of the fact that the Western Worker was the only newspaper which reflected and encouraged their recent struggle.

This merely indicates the role being played by the Western Worker in the organized labor movement. This role can be made more significant by your contribution to the Sustaining Fund!

Send it in—now! Get your friends to contribute. Do YOUR part in making the Western Worker a powerful weapon in the hands of the organized labor movement!

It Happened In California

MODERN ROBIN HOODS.

LOS ANGELES.—Two Mexican workers entered the apartment of Mrs. Louise Coleman. She told them she was poor. "We are chucks, lady," said the robbers, "we couldn't take your baby's milk money. We'll stick up somebody else and bring you some more dough."

WHAT BECAME OF A VET.

SANTA MONICA — William Wilson, 72-year old Spanish-American war vet, threw a rock through the Pacific Electric depot window. "I want to go to jail," he told cops. "I've been discharged from the soldiers' home and need a place to live."

MONTEREY CITIZENS PAY.

MONTEREY.—Monterey County, will have to pay $5000 for gas bombs used against the Salinas strikers last autumn.

LEGISLATIVE MEET AID TO STEEL DRIVE

Lydon Tells What Peoples Lobby Means to Drive

PITTSBURG, Cal.—"This conference is one of the vital steps in the organization of the Contra Costa County steel workers," said Pat Lydon, organizer for the Contra Costa County Labor Council and one of those in charge of the CIO drive to organize the steel workers of this tate.

He was referring to the Contra Costa County Trade Union Legislative Conference, to be held on Sunday, February 28, in Martinez.

The Contra Costa County Conference on Feb. 28, is modelled on the recent People's Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento.

Vital to Halt U. S. Steel

"We're tackling Columbia Steel, and that's part of the powerful U. S. Steel Corp., an outfit which will stop at nothing, to prevent us from organizing its plants. We were confident of success from the start, but we'll be doubly confident if the bills backed by the People's Lobby, go through in Sacramento, for they'll be the trump on the transportation of strike-breakers across county lines, on the use of vigilante forces and guards, and will protect labor's right to picket peacefully. "Our Trade Union Legislative Conference was called by the Central Labor Council to back that program all the way down the line," concluded Lydon.

A BILL to prohibit the transportation of strikebreakers across County lines in California.

See that the legislators from your district support it.

HOW TO VOTE ON SAN FRANCISCO CHARTER AMENDMENTS IN MARCH NINTH SPECIAL ELECTION POLLS

Communist Party of San Francisco County Gives Its Recommendations To Voters of the City

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employment relief, etc. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 3.
Provides health service (medical aid) for municipal employees. This amendment would set up a fund to be maintained solely by the employees eligible for the service, with the city and county neither appropriating nor contributing any funds to the maintenance of the service. Medical aid of this type—a form of social insurance—should be borne by the employer and not by the state. In this instance, the city and county should be responsible, without any deduction from the employees' wages. But this is evidently a measure supported by the employees themselves. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 4.
This amendment would create a Public Welfare Department. This department would take the place of and co-ordinate the present activities of the Citizens Emergency Relief Committee and the County Welfare Department, and should simplify the administration of relief and welfare, doing away with some of the red tape. Gives the mayor the power to appoint a welfare commission of five, which shall appoint and fix the salary of a director. This is a progressive amendment—but we should like to limit the mayor's appointment powers to make it incumbent upon him to appoint at least one representative of the Workers' Alliance—the officially recognized bargaining agency of the organized unemployed and WPA workers—as well as representative to be chosen by the Central Labor Council, to this board. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 5.
Extends civil service requirements for positions in city, county and state departments. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 6.
Sets up a Harbor Commission of the City and County, to manage, operate and improve the harbor property and facilities granted to the city by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners. Regulation of docking is included in the power given the Commission. Duty of the Harbor Commission is to consist of five members, one of whom is to represent the agricultural interests. All five are to be appointed by the mayor. This amendment would deliver control into the hands of the people if one of the five to be appointed were selected by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 7.
Provides for increase in police men in service for twenty-five years, of 50 per cent of his average monthly salary, plus one and one-half per cent additional for each year over the twenty-five, up to 30 years of service. This also applies to police retired to retire by disability caused in the line of service. We would, if we could, alter this proposed amendment to make the city and county pay the entire cost of the pension, as it now does, policemen are forced to contribute five per cent of their pay to the fund. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 8.
Provides that employees of the Treasurer's office who have held their positions for 10 years shall continue to hold the same pursuant to the civil service provisions of the charter. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 9.
Provides that on all city and county construction jobs there shall be a maximum 8-hour day; that wages shall be not less than the highest prevailing union rate of wages in private employment for similar work; that only citizens shall be employed; and that all workers on the jobs shall have been residents of the city for at least one year. This amendment contains the dangerous element of discriminating against workers who have not yet become citizens. Also, it provides for the eight-hour day, when the building trades are in the midst of a campaign for the 6-hour day. The amendment also should read trade union rates in wages rather than the highest general prevailing rate, although, in San Francisco, the two are identical at this time.
CHARTER AMENDMENT 10.
Empowers the Board of Supervisors to regulate the issuance and revocation of licenses and permits for use of public places and for operation of businesses which affect public welfare. Right of appeal to board of permit appeals is granted any applicant whose application has been turned down. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 11.
Regulates disposition of utility funds for operating expenses, repair and maintenance, reconstruction, payment of interest and sinking funds on bonds, extension and improvements, and surplus. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 12.
Would centralize power and authority, including appointments and removals, in the hands of the chief of police, minimizing possible role for police commission as body on which to exert public pressure. Chief is empowered to deny permits if "character" of applicant does not suit him. Provides chief with "10,000 investigators" to be used to quell "labor disturbances" no doubt—L.R). This would bring the police department a step nearer to a fascist set-up and should be decisively defeated. **VOTE NO.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 13.
Gives the mayor, Board of Supervisors and other municipal officers power to conduct hearings and subpoena witnesses in investigations of the conduct of any department of city affairs. Power can be used for the people in demanding investigations of graft and corruption in municipal offices. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 14.
This would limit the levying of special assessments so that the assessment does not exceed fifty per cent of the assessed value. On the face of it, this is a harmless amendment, but it contains a provision that makes it necessary to defeat the entire amendment. This provides for the foreclosure of liens given on land as guarantee of paying any special assessments in installments. Obviously, those who would be hard hit by this foreclosure provision are the small property owners—those who would have to pay special assessments in installments. Default in any installment would mean loss of property. **VOTE NO.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 15.
Provides for hearings by City Planning Commission on zoning regulations and property setback lines. This provides for notifying affected property owners of hearings. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 16.
Limits the Board of Supervisors to eleven members—its present number. But—and here's the catch—raises supervisors' salaries to $4,000 a year. Being a supervisor is not a full-time job. These officials have private business interests from which they derive the greater portion of their income. We see no reason why the raise in salary, of 50 per cent of his average monthly salary, plus one and one-half per cent additional for each year over the twenty-five, up to 30 years of service. This also applies to police retired to retire by disability caused in the line of service. We would, if we could, alter this proposed amendment to make the city and county pay the entire cost of the pension, as it now does, policemen are forced to contribute five per cent of their pay to the fund. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 17.
Gives power to grant franchises for the purpose of furnishing additional transportation, terminal facilities, conveyances, etc. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 18.
Requiring two-thirds vote of Board of Supervisors to approve budget estimate for maintenance of public utility which exceeds estimated income of that utility. **VOTE YES.**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 19.
CALLS FOR REPEAL OF ANTI-PICKETING ORDINANCE. DO ALL YOU CAN, THROUGH UNION ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUALLY, TO PUBLICLY AGITATE AND AGITATE THIS AMENDMENT AND **VOTE YES!**

CHARTER AMENDMENT 20.
Prohibits the erection of billboards or other advertising matter at or near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The Billposters' Union is opposed to this, for purely narrow craft interests. We support, generally, the fight of all working men and women for jobs, but in this case, it is a matter of civic pride not to have the imposing Bay Bridge structure marred by exhortations to ride in, wear or drink this or that and the other. **VOTE YES.**

WANTED — A TYPEWRITER

Waterfront Section Buro (San Francisco) is sadly in need of a portable typewriter. Any comrade or sympathizer who has one to spare please contact County Organizer, Frank Spector. Call HEmlock 9647, or write to 121 Haight St., S. F.

SOLIDARITY

PRINTERS AND reporters together on this New York newspaper picket line. Former are in Typo Union, latter in Guild.

C.P. CANDIDATE SUES POLICE

Freed Asks $15,000 In L. A. Suit

LOS ANGELES—Asking damages of $15,000, Emil Freed, former candidate for Assemblyman in the 56th district, is suing the policemen of the East First Street Police Station. The suit arose when Freed, heading a protest delegation, was forcibly thrown out of the station last September.

Freed with 15 other people had gone to the station to protest the illegal arrest of Mildred Karnacki and her mother at a street meeting at Brooklyn Avenue and Breed Street, September 15.

When Freed demanded to know the reason for the arrest, Sergeant Henry grabbed him by the throat and rushed him out of the door.

Herndon Up Before US Supreme Court

WASHINGTON.— Contending that the Georgia slave insurrection law under which he was convicted is unconstitutional, Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist leader, is again before the U.S. Supreme Court in his effort to gain reversal of his 18 year sentence to the chaingang.

Whitney North Seymour, noted constitutional lawyer, retained by the International Labor Defense, stated "there is no evidence whatever that Herndon or the Communist Party, or anybody in turn was found in his possession, had advocated force or violence."

This is the third Herndon appeal before this high court. Herndon's fee is $8000 bail pending the court's decision.

New Frame-Up Trial In WPA Sit-Down

LOS ANGELES—In reactionary Judge Arthur Guerin's court Myrtle Calahan, arrested when 18 women were engaged in a sit-down strike at relief headquarters December 6, is again on trial for a framed-up charge of disturbing the peace.

At her first trial, when she was co-defendant with Mrs. Charlotte Boynton, who was acquitted of the identical charge, the jury disagreed 6-6 on Mrs. Calahan.

Grover Johnson, noted attorney of the International Labor Defense, is defending Mrs. Calahan. Indignant Workers Alliance members are crowding the court room to protest against this drawn-out effort on the part of civic authorities to squash all workers' efforts to secure decent living conditions for themselves.

Judge Guerin is the same judge who a short while back sentenced Albert A. Kahler, Workers' Alliance member, to ten days in foul Lincoln Heights Jail for "distribution of leaflets."

Not content with being a party to a gross miscarriage of justice, Judge Guerin delivered a long, vicious tirade against the Workers' Alliance.

CRASH SHOWS L. A. RY. CO. NEGLIGENCE

Care Little for Safety of the Public

LOS ANGELES. — Complete disregard of public safety by the Los Angeles Railway resulted Monday, February 8, in one of the worst street-car accidents in the history of Los Angeles.

Going east down a steep grade at 1st and Hill Sts., one of the antiquated and obsolete cars used on the "I" line jumped a switch, crazily careened down the hill, snapped a telephone pole in two, rode to the ground a brick lunch stand, demolished two automobiles, and injured eight men and women.

High-Tension Danger

Victims of this obvious failure on the part of the street-car company to provide adequate safety devices on one of the most dangerous lines in the city, were dragged screaming through shattered and bent windows amid showers of sparks from dangling high-tension wires.

All were badly bruised and cut with possible internal injuries. Motorman Lewis R. Wall, 64, received a fractured knee. Other injured persons were Harold Miller, Lula Ramey, Mrs. Mrs. Emma Medalie, 21, Mrs. Jenny Lewis, 30, Mrs. Madge Rooks, 62, and M. A. Helfrick, conductor.

Witnesses to the accident all testified that the car was going only about 15 to 20 miles per hour, when it seemed that the brakes suddenly slipped and the car plunged on and 77 yards of course into the lunch stand and concrete embankment behind it. Angry muttering could be heard throughout the crowd, protesting the company using the most decrepit of the ancient cars in service on the "I" line.

It was only through the sheerest good fortune that no deaths resulted from the wreck.

Great CIO Victory In General Motors

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AFL executive council could never do, and in fact had never even attempted to do.

The great CIO victory means that organization by the CIO of the entire auto industry will undoubtedly meet with success, and that the CIO drive to organize steel as well as other mass production industries will receive a great forward push.

It is a major defeat not only for General Motors, but also for William Green and the AFL executive council, which called on General Motors to grant recognition to the United Automobile Workers' Union.

It means that the CIO program of organizing the mass production industries on an industrial basis will receive scores of thousands of new adherents in the ranks of the AFL, even in the craft unions, among which much CIO sentiment had already existed.

Terms of settlement are:

FIRST—Evacuation of approximately 4000 sit-down strikers from the Flint plants.

SECOND—Cessation of General Motors' prosecution through the courts of the sit-down strikers.

THIRD—The UWA to be accorded exclusive recognition in six months in the 20 GMC plants closed by the strike; the unions to speak for its own members in the other 49 plants.

FOURTH—Demobilization of the National Guard at Flint.

FIFTH—The corporation to re-employ all strikers without discrimination and not discriminate or retaliate against members of the union.

In the six-months period of full recognition in 20 plants, the CIO will have ample opportunity to complete the organization drive.

Special Maritime Meet on Fink Book

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til the unions have had a chance to amend it. The Council also reaffirmed its stand that seamen shall refuse to accept the continuous discharge book.

The Council, at a special emergency meeting last Tuesday, called your correspondent and executive committees of all District Councils of the Federation, to which delegates shall be chosen to a special Maritime Federation executive committee meeting to be held in the near future, at the earliest possible date.

(Organizations and individuals called your Congressmen to back the Sirovich amendments to the Copeland Act!)

How Many Did You Answer

1—CIO Chairman is John L. Lewis, of United Mine Workers; Secretary is Charles P. Howard of Typographical Union. Members: Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; David Dubinsky, Int'l. Ladies Garment Workers; Francis J. Gorman, United Textile Workers; Harvey C. Fremming, Oil Workers; Max Zaritzky, Cap and Millinery Workers; Reid Robinson, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Glen W. McCabe, Flat Glass Workers; B. Frank Bennett, Steel Workers; Homer Martin, United Auto Workers; S. H. Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers; Heywood Broun, Newspaper Guild; James B. Carey, United Electrical and Radio Workers; John Green, Industrial Union Marine and Shipbuilding Workers; Director, John Brophy.

2—In Oregon, where the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Dirk De Jonge under the C.S.L. and in Idaho, where repeal was defeated by only 6 votes in the legislature, and where the progressive legislators are continuing the fight against the act.

3—Yes. The Mooney Defense Committee has discovered it has the power and a resolution for such a pardon has been introduced.

4—In Minnesota, where the Farmer-Labor Party has overwhelming control of both legislative houses.

5—The International Typographical Union, founded in 1850.

GOINGS-ON IN L. A. COUNCIL

Attempt to Finish Civil Service Board

LOS ANGELES—A vote of six peevish Councilmen Tuesday, February 9, squelched a proposed charter amendment that would effectively have done away with the Civil Service Commission in this city and handed a $6,000-a-year job to some lucky man who would have been "director of civil service."

Most of the councilmen voting against the proposal attacked it as a sly maneuver on the part of Mayor Shaw to create "Dads" to oust present manager of the City Civil Service Department, Glenn Gravatt, out of the picture.

Charges Lobbying

Bellowing Councilman Lewis: **"There has been a great deal of lobbying around here to get rid of Mr. Gravatt and I know this is here a fact. Anyone who denies it lies, and doesn't have the truth in him."**

Newspaper Council man Bennett stormed.

"This has reached an impasse —the charges by Mr. Lewis are absolutely incorrect—and members of the committee are not unfavorable toward Mr. Gravatt."

Attempt Defeated

Even Chairman Burns forgot his position and entered into the game, calling the entire business "ridiculous."

In the end, however, the whole thing was defeated.

This little skirmish is interpreted as indicative of what action the Council will take when goose-stepping Chief of Police Davis comes up for his drubbing. Davis is the man in connection which may well spell Davis' end, as it calls for a committee of four uninterested heads to select a list of three possibilities for the Chief of Police, whereupon the Mayor and the Council will decide on one of them.

Graft Is Hinted In L.A. Terminal Job

LOS ANGELES.—After years of dilly-dallying around with much hinted graft on the side, construction of the Union Passenger Terminal started Tuesday, January 9, in the building of a retaining wall and accompanying street improvements at Aliso and Lyon Sts.

The fly in the ointment, however, is that bidding is still not completed on the main building itself. While Federal money is being used for the construction, greedy individuals are scrambling for themselves to get their fingers in the pie.

The Los Angeles Times has a secret finger somewhere in it. In the past few weeks a steady barrage of impatient demands has been emanating from the home of Harry Chandler's labor-hating paper.

As with the County General Hospital, the building of the Union Terminal will provide many a fat capitalist vulture with pocket money to carry on his drive against labor.

L.A. TEAMSTERS FACING COPS IN BIG DRIVE

Harbor Area Is The Scene of Drive To Organize

LOS ANGELES.—Though the local press was hysterically crying against threatened halts in maritime activization by possible Teamster picketing of the Matson Steamship Co., J. J. Bardwell, Teamsters' Union secretary announced that there would be no picketing for the time being.

Later in the day Horace Waterbury, organizer for the union announced:

"We have called the pickets off for 48 hours. We are meeting this afternoon with the maritime committee. The whole thing will be ironed out then."

"You should see the flies down here. They're thick as flies all along the waterfront," he added.

The possibility of pickets surrounding the waterfront arose when the Matson company refused to allow Teamster union men on the docks to organize the men.

Heavy extra police forces have been assigned to the harbor area in some planned dirty work. Cops are patrolling the highways leading to the waterfront in an attempt to prevent union men from organizing drivers while on the road.

'WIRE TROUBLE' HALTS TROTZKY

"Attitude of Employees Was At Least Indifferent"

NEW YORK—Just why Leon Trotzky didn't talk in person to the radio audience by telephone Tuesday is the subject of considerable speculation — the Trotzkyites have even voiced suspicions.

"We expect the I.T.&T. to make a thorough investigation and fix responsibility," the Trotzkyites heading the "defense committee" for Trotzky announced.

While the Trotzkyites may ex-

Saunders C. P. 'Front Organizer, On W.W. Blow-out

Rumor has it along the waterfront that there is going to be a "cheree brawl" for the benefit of the Western Worker. What's got us "guys" from the front perking our ears up, is the admitted fact that this blow-out is being staged by the staff of the Western Worker. "They" are all hopped up about what a swell affair it's going to be.

Just to make sure that it WILL be a real number one, first-class affair, a large delegation of maritime workers will be there.

In fact, we're even kind'a sore to think that a mere handful of pen-pushers have the gall to brag about how "they" are staging a "party"

—Huh—just wait till February 27th rolls around. We'll put some REAL life into it, and a few nickles to boot.

Bring on your "blow-out," you guys with the calloused forefingers—we'll put some air into it.

LIBERALS HIT' TROTZKYITES

Open Letter to Those Used by Committee

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statement and questionnaire to the liberals listed on the Trotzkyite committee, declared that Trotzkyite activities in connection with the Moscow trials are "is attempting to enlist their support for partisan political purposes under the guise of defending the principles of civil liberties."

It asks if the signers of the Trotzkyite appeal intended to ally themselves with Trotzkyism or with the attack on the Soviet peace policy or its internal regime. It asks if they have taken into account the effect of the committee's activities in supporting the fascists who are attacking Spanish and world democracy.

List of Signers

The signers of the appeal to liberals are Newton Arvin, literary critic and English professor; Heywood Broun, Edwin Berry Burgum, literary critic and English professor; Ethel Clyde, Gifford Cochran, attorney; Theodore Dreiser, novelist; Dorothy Douglas, professor of economics; Mildred Fairchild, economist; Louis Fischer, Moscow correspondent of The Nation; Robert Gessner, author; B. Z. Goldberg, columnist; Lillian Hellman, dramatist; Granville Hicks, critic; Vladimir Kazakevich, economist; Paul R. Kerns, N. Y. Municipal Service Commissioner; Dr. John A. Kingsbury, medical authority; Dorliss Lagnott, Macmillan editor; Thomas Mann, novelist S. Lyd, sociologist; William P. Mangold, labor editor, New Republic; George Marshall, Blue Book; Dublin Marshall, Herbert A. Miller, Bryn Mawr, Anita Marburg, Edwin Muir, Harvard; V. J. McGill, Hunter College; William M. Maliscoff, economist; Clarence Pickett, Y. W. Prall, Harvard; Col. Raymond Robins; Henry Roth, novelist; Bernard Smith, literary editor; Maxwell Stewart, The Nation; Dr. Treadwell Smith, educator; Orina Skariatina, author; Rev. William Spofford, Union Seminary; Sherwood Eddy, Selsam, philosopher; William Seagle, legal expert; Margaret Schlauch, New York University; Dr. Paul M. Sweezy, Harvard University; Dr. Henry E. Sigerist, Johns Hopkins University; Robert K. Speer, New York University; Bernard J. Stern, Columbia University; Mary Van Kleeck, director of research studies, Russell Sage Foundation; James Waterman Wise, editor and author; Max Weber, political worker; David McEvoy White, Max Weber, painter; Louis Weiner, labor lawyer; Edna Lou Walton, critic and author; Lynd Ward, artist; William Zorach, sculptor.

Say Orphans Made Political Football

BURLINGAME. — The Board of Supervisors has decided that there is room inside of all 5 steel homes to which orphan children are farmed out by the Social Welfare Bureau.

The decision comes as a result of the revelation that one 15-year old orphan girl was out-raged by a 32-year old foster-parent to whose care she had been entrusted.

The decision made the public give some thought to the Welfare Bureau situation, and as a result the charge has been made by one member of the Civic League that political debts of some of the former supervisors were paid off by appointments to this important department of the San Mateo county government.

Shipyard Strike Is Won In L. A.

LOS ANGELES—With work scheduled to be resumed immediately, E. W. Stuebben, spokesman of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, announced Tuesday, February 9, settlement of the strike of 500 shipyard workers, precipitated last November 14.

Shuett declared that the union voted almost unanimously to accept a six cent per hour wage increase. This will make a minimum of 95 cents an hour for skilled workmen.

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation and the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation have been the two struck companies.

SPAIN GOV IN OFFENS NEAR MA

New Italian, G Troops Land Capture Ma

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road juncture 20 mile an effort to disrupt c tions with Valencia. dropped 20 high bombs, then sailed lo chute-gunned the stre

Malaga, which has added and isolated fo from the remainder o ernment held territ evacuated in the fac bined attack ready to ed from sea and air, formed land. Many of troops fell part landed as far as Cadiz.

Having broken the blockade, the governm from Malaga is re moving eastward to new line which can be from government terri laga could be used by airplanes and by an convoy through fascist territory.

All Denounce Trotz

In Madrid, the or of the People's Fron workers' party, headed la Rocca, joined in p the government to put the treacherous activi Trotzkyite POUM, "Workers' Party for Unification."

Through its newspa radio, now suppress group had consistently a position of Largo Caba and had violated mil worship.

Signing the petition Left Republican Party youth organization, the Republican Union, the Party, Communist Par ation of United Social General Federation of National Federation and Anarcho Syndicalist Frente Rojo, orga Communist Party, dem official prohibition of M in a leading artic said:

"It is a question whom fascism left in

CATHOLICS OF LITHUANIA IN SPAIN DEFENSE

Declare That Clergy Has Forgotten Justice

KAUNAS, Lithuanian.—Apparently awakened by the events in Spain, a conference of the United Center of Lithuanian Catholics adopted a resolution which declared that the original grounds of the civil war in Spain were that the Catholic Church there had forgotten the social justice teachings of Christ, and this example should serve as a warning.

Further, the resolution proposed redistributing lands and other property of the Roman Catholic Church and clergy in Lithuania.

The United Center contains the most important Catholic organizations in addition to members of the Catholic clergy. Eighty-five per cent Catholic, the lay population of Lithuania, according to the resolution, is opposed to the clergy because of social differences.

Opposition to the resolution came from leading bishops, with younger Catholics as the chief proponents. Adherents of the social reforms proposed, however, have developed a progressive committee of the United Center of Lithuanian Catholics.

Venezuela Govt. In New Attack On People's Rights

CARACAS,—Venezuela.—A decree of the Venezuela government has ordered the dissolution of any political organization, marking an effort to return to the reactionary policies that prevailed prior to the overthrow of the aged dictator Gen. Juan Vicente Gomez in December, 1935.

Arrests of Communists have been widespread following the decree, with the government declaring they will be confined in the prison of San Carlos, Caraboo state.

OTHER DEFINITIONS

Definition of an Economic Royalist:

One who believes that at 40 a man is too old for industry, but that on the Supreme Court, life begins at 70.

SUE FOR PEACE

DULUTH, Minn. — Settlement of the copper miners' strike is being considered by striking Minnesota lumberjacks, with prospects for a favorable settlement.

AS BARS RNEY FOR PRESTES

n Kept Under eillance by azil Gov't

PANEIRO, Brazil—ivison, internationally **r attorney sent to de- Carlos Prestes, has nder police surveil- his arrival here and right to be Prestes'**

n of the reactionary ernment comes at a time when Brazilian ry leader is scheduled y a special reaction- al on charges of cre- for the people's rising of November, 1935.

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AMES W. FORD

Speech at Madison Garden, New York)

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emergence of the Popular Front in Mexico.

But the presence of Leon Trotzky, counter-revolutionary in Mexico, endangers the fruition of the unity of the people and the rapid consummation of the Popular Front.

Insofar as the masses of people in Mexico are concerned, Trotzky does not have enough influence to form a corporal's guard, much less organize a following, learning of the permission granted to Trotzky to enter the country, protested and demonstrated against it.

Warned Cardenas

The Communist Party sent a telegram warning Cardenas of the danger of Trotzky in the country.

The outstanding personality in Mexico today in the trade unions is a man who has a clear understanding of the dangers of Trotzky and Trotzkyism, and the need or developing a Popular Front against reaction. It is in him, and in the tireless efforts of our brother Communist Party-member, Hernan Laborde, in secretary Hernan Laborde, that there is hope for the full fruition of the Popular Front.

I refer to Comrade Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the General Confederation of Workers of Mexico (CTM). In a recent statement given in the flame of CTM, Toledano has made clear the position of the trade union movement in Mexico on Trotzky. Allow me to quote from the statement:

"Non-support of the Mexican Popular Front, as Trotzkyism demands, is to act against the special interests of the working class. But not only that, it means to act against the normal fulfillment of the government program and to act against the general interest of the nation, which needs the support of all oppressed sections of the population, and especially the CTM, because of its characteristics of a semi-colonial nation."

This clear statement of the danger of having Trotzky in Mexico shows a far better understanding of the question of the right of political asylum in the present conditions in Mexico than the position of Trotzky, that does President Cardenas.

The Real Answer

We are convinced, however, that President Cardenas will soon realize the danger of Trotzky in Mexico. The fact that he has given his approval and support to the building of a Popular Front in Mexico bears witness to this.

This important political development, led by the CTM on March 23 when Lombardo Toledano made known the acceptance of the Popular Front Pact by the National Revolutionary Party, the PNR, that is, the government party, of which President Cardenas is the nominal head; the General Confederation of Workers and Peasants; Confederation of the National Peasants Confederation; and the Communist Party of Mexico.

This is the answer of the Mexican people to Trotzky, and the first real measure against Trotzkyism.

Need Our Help

But the real danger of Trotzky is not in Mexico. It lies in the United States, where a small band of counter-revolutionaries who commute between America and Mexico are laying the basis for conspiracy against the Mexican people, and are assisting Trotzky in violating the agreement of non-intervention in the affairs of Mexico from within the United States. Trotzkyites who have for months centered around General Cedillo, who on the eve of the presidential elections in the United States was preparing an armed uprising in case of Roosevelt's election as President of the United States. It is around such forces that the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites gather.

The Mexican people request our aid in helping them to fight off this counter-revolutionary agents who conspire against their country in the United States. The growing unity of the Mexican people, and Brazilian peoples and to all of our Latin American neighbors. I will not enter into a discussion of the Stalinist policies have liberated tens of millions of oppressed Indians and made of them free and prosperous nations. My people, the Negro people: drive out the Trotzkyites, they are the agents of the KKK, Black Legion and reaction!

(James W. Ford, member of the Central Committee and Political Bureau and of the Communist Party of the USA, was one of the American delegation to the Sixth Congress of the Communist Party of Mexico.

Fascists Slaughter In Subway

THE SPANISH fascist planes dog women and children even in their subway hideaways, as is shown in the above photo of section of Madrid subway after fascist planes bombed it.

NEW CAMPAIGN IN AUSTRIA BY GERMAN NAZIS

Propaganda Group Is Formed Despite Cabinet

VIENNA—A new campaign of the German Nazis in Austria was seen as a likelihood with the recent formation of the so-called East Mark Volkverening.

The announced purpose of this organization is "to encourage Germanic creative work, filling the Austrian people with a healthy German racial spirit."

The organization was also forbidden by the cabinet of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg as being designed only to serve Nazi purposes, but this prohibition was overruled by the Austrian supreme court.

Despite Schuschnigg's opposition, the organization and Nazi activities in general have strong support in his cabinet. Its efforts are being directed now toward building up Nazi organizations and cells in the provinces, under the protection of pro-Nazi local officials.

The economic plight of the Austrian people, especially in the arrest that formerly drew largely on winter tourists from Germany, is being utilized by the Nazis in their demogogic appeals.

FORMAL PACT FOR PEOPLES FRONT, MEX.

Third Country to Set Up United Defense Against Fascism

MEXICO CITY.—Mexico will soon be the third country in the world to complete the organization of a popular front of all progressive forces in the nation. The announcement came from Vicente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the Confederation of Mexican Workers.

After three months of consecutive negotiations with the various organizations involved, the CTM is now able to state that an agreement in principle has been reached and the formal pact of union will be signed within a brief period.

Popular Front Integrated

The Popular Front will be integrated by the following groups and bodies: The Mexican Peasant Confederation, representing all the organized peasants and ejidatarios (cooperative farmers) of the country; the National Revolutionary Party, the official political party of the government; the CTM, representing 80 per cent of the organized labor movement, and the Communist Party of Mexico.

The invitations issued by the CTM to the other three groups for the formation of the Popular Front have now been accepted and only minor details of organization still remain to be worked out.

The specific program of the Popular Front has not as yet been published in writing but served for the manifesto to the nation which will be launched when the new organization has been definitely created.

Defend United Interests

It is generally believed in Mexico that the Mexican body will differ from the Popular Fronts of other countries existing in France in that it will not contend in national or local elections but will function as a united front organization of all progressive forces and elements in the country in defense of the interests of the peasants, the working classes, the lower middle class, and in general the interests of the nation as a whole against the aggressive acts and crosachments of foreign imperialism.

The creation of the Popular Front marks a tremendous stride forward in the unification of the country's workers and peasants and in the struggle for the complete economic and political independence of Mexico.

leading role in the struggle for freedom and peace, which are the chief objectives of the foreign policy of the government you head.

"At the same time we call to your attention the fact that (Bernard) Wolf, United States Consulate, is busily carrying on scandalous propaganda in this country under the pretext of being Mexico's secretary. We ask for his expulsion from the country."

JAILED LEADER IS REELECTED

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—Pedro Albizu Campos, now in jail pending an appeal on his "sedition" sentence, was reelected president of the Nationalist Party at the annual convention held in Cagnas.

The convention also asked the vatican to withdraw two bishops from the country because these bishops criticized and hampered the local clergy from taking part in nationalist activities.

EGYPT MOVES FOR CURB ON FOREIGN RULE

Conference Proposes End of Consular Courts

CAIRO, Egypt—A conference having as its purpose the abolition of special extra-territorial rights of imperialist foreign governments has been called for April 12 by the Egyptian government. Governments who hold such rights now are being invited to attend, among them the United States.

Although mainly dominated by British capital, the Egyptian government has also allowed extra-territorial rights to foreigners from many countries, who could be tried only by consular courts.

The government's proposal to be submitted to the congress is for a traditional period during which consular courts would be merged with national courts.

There are no indications, however, that the domination of British capital in Egypt will be curbed, a treaty of "friendship and alliance" having been signed between England and Egypt on Dec. 22.

Along with those who now hold extra territorial rights in Egypt, Germany, Hungary and Austria, but not the Soviet Union, may be invited. Before the war all these countries held such rights, but the Soviet Union would no longer accept such a condition.

TROTZKYITE AGENTS OF NAZI GESTAPO IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Liberal Czech Paper Cites Examples of Direct Connections in Prague

PRAGUE—German Trotzkyites were shown to be stool pigeons working with the Nazi Gestapo. The facts were disclosed by the independent liberal newspaper, "Lidove Bovinyz," in the city of Brno.

The paper cited a series of cases of Trotzkyites from Nazi Germany who have established relations with the Trotzkyites in Czechoslovakia after having worked for the Gestapo, or secret police, in Germany. From people arrested in Prague, it has written statements admitting their service to the Gestapo.

Sold Out

One, August H——, whose full name was known but not published, was active in the Communist Party of Germany until Hitler came to power in January, 1933. Arrested during 1936, he was released January 11, 1936, after signing a declaration agreeing to put his experiences and information as a functionary of the illegal Communist Party of Germany at the service of the Gestapo. He appeared shortly at Prague, working with the Trotzkyites.

Open Associate

Lidove Noviny further declares that the heads of the Czechoslovakian Trotzkyites, Oskar Seipold and a man named Wollenberg, regularly associated with Erwin Metzger, a proven Gestapo agent. Metzger was given free access to Trotzkyite headquarters in Prague although he had denounced some 100 anti-Fascists to the police in January 1934, in the Kreuzberg section of Berlin. This association was kept up until Metzger left Prague.

Further, the newspaper reported that Seipold maintained relations with another Gestapo agent, Kurt Schroeder, who was arrested by the Czech police in April, 1936, and expelled as a Nazi spy.

In view of this, the newspaper writes, "the office of Communists, as it calls adherents of the Communist International, have good reason to "suspect" the Trotzkyites, in view of the undeniable cooperation of the Hitler political police and the followers of Leon Trotzky.

ABYSSINIANS IN GUERILLA WAR AGAINST ITALY

Italian Soldiers Are Killed, Even Near Addis Ababa

LONDON.—Mussolini's recent boast that Abyssinia is entirely under the control of Italy is contradicted by factual reports received from Abyssinia by the Daily Herald, newspaper of the Labor Party.

Ethiopia is reported under a strict censorship and with the eyes of the world trained on Spain the newspapers carry little news of the large scale war-fare which is still prevalent in the Western plains of the African country.

Reports from the Daily Herald's correspondent in Africa reveal that guerrilla warfare kills hundreds of Italian soldiers every day in all sections, including the immediate vicinity of Addis Ababa.

Kept in Ignorance

It has taken the Italians more than five months to disperse native troops, loyal to Selassie, around Harrar.

After these battles Il Duce's troops never know what losses they inflicted when they have been so drastic that the officers hide the details from the men.

This is the substance of the reply just sent to the International Labor Office, which is the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The specific conventions which Soviet Russia refuses to sign, being less favorable to labor than its already existing legislation, are the following: Regulating to the employment of women before and after childbirth; 8,000 on the minimum age of minors in industrial labor; No. 20, which refers to the night work of bakers; and No. 47, which contains the general provision of the forty-hour week.

Mexico Outdoes Geneva Standard

MEXICO CITY.—The superiority of Mexican labor legislation over many of the conventions adopted by the International Labor Office in Geneva has led to the situation where Mexico has had to refuse its ratification of such conventions or else run the risk of emasculating its own labor laws.

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Mauritz Hallgren Resigns From American Trotzkyist "Defense" Committee

Perfectly Open Trial

AMBASSADOR AND Mrs. Joseph E. Davies, on arrival in Moscow. The American ambassador was among the many foreigners who listened through the entire trial of the Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters and were able to see for themselves how the trial was conducted.

Mauritz Hallgren is at present a leading editorial writer for The Baltimore Sun, until recently one of the editors of The Nation. He is the author of a book on the unemployed called "The Seeds of Revolt," as well as of a recent book on Roosevelt called "The Gay Reformer."

Mr. Felix Morrow, Acting Secretary,
American Committee for the Defense of
Leon Trotzky,
Room 511, 22 East 17th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

It has become necessary for me to clarify my position with respect to Trotzky's relation thereto.

Since joining your committee I have given deep and earnest thought to the whole problem here involved. I have examined, so far as they have been made available in this country, all of the documents bearing upon the case. I have followed closely all of the news reports. I have consulted some of the reports made by non-Communists who attended the first trial. I have carefully studied the published arguments of the partisans on both sides. And I have just as carefully restudied the writings of Trotzky concerning his case against Stalinism and his theory of the permanent revolution, that is, such of his writings on these questions as have been published to date.

I believe when I joined your committee, that I still believe, in the right of asylum for persons exiled because of their political or other beliefs. Trotzky has been granted asylum in Mexico and, therefore, to have your committee's task would seem, therefore, to have been brought to a close.

Second, there was in my mind at that time sufficient doubt concerning certain aspects of the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial to lead me to suppose that the trial was not entirely genuine. This doubt hinged upon the possibility that, while Zinoviev and his associates had been taken in conspiracy (for I have never seen any good reason to doubt their entire guilt), they had been promised mitigation of their sentences in return for a public confession that would implicate Trotzky as well in their crimes. In view of this doubt I was glad that the Moscow trial was again endeavoring to provide Trotzky with an opportunity to answer the charges brought against him. This was not because of my desire to be "just" and "liberal" in the contemptible sense that those terms are usually employed by Stalinists and Communists, but simply because I would have regarded it as hardly less reprehensive and dangerous to the future of revolutionism for Stalin and his colleagues to be perverting Soviet justice and their own personal ends as for Trotzky to be plotting to overthrow the government of the only socialist republic in the world.

Very soon after the first trial, Zinoviev and his associates were executed. It has been asserted that they had been promised lenient treatment if they would for their part publicly secure the confession of having conspired with them to overthrow Stalin and the Soviet government. In truth, it was largely upon this supposition that rested the contention that the first trial was a "frame-up." But now that the men were put to death, Trotzky and his adherents declared that they, the defendants, had been "double-crossed." To the Trotzkyite mind this was further proof of their contention that the first trial had been "framed." To the disinterested student, however, it might just as easily have proved the contrary. After all, it is one of the simplest rules of logic that one cannot use a premise to prove a point and then use the denial of that premise to prove the same thesis. Logically, therefore, one should have looked elsewhere for an explanation of the executions and for other possible explanations than was that the men were actually put to death in the regular course of justice and for the single reason that they were guilty of the crimes charged against them. Still it is possible that, despite the rise of this counter-doubt that they had been "double-crossed."

Now we have come to the second trial. What is the situation? The men now on trial cannot possibly be under any delusion as to their fate. They must know and they do know that they will be put to death. Despite this they do not hesitate to confess their crimes. Why? The only conceivable answer is that they are guilty. Clearly it cannot and will not be argued this time as well that there has been a "deal," for men like Radek and Sokolnikov not so stupid as to believe that they are going to save their lives in this manner after what happened to Kamenev and Zinoviev. It has been said that they have been tortured into confessing. But what greater and more effective torture can there be than the knowledge of certain death? In any case, the men in the courtroom have shown not the slightest evidence of having been tortured or of being under duress. It is said by some that they have been hypnotized into confessing, or that the prosecution, working upon its knowledge of Slav-psychology, has somehow trapped these men into confessing deeds of which they are not guilty. For example, the unanimity with which the men have been confessing is taken as proof that the confessions are false and have been obtained by some mysterious means. Yet these assertions rest upon no tangible or logical proof whatever. The idea that some inexplicable form of oriental mesmerism has been used is one that sound reason must reject as utterly fantastic. The very unanimity of the defendants, far from proving that this trial is also a "frame-up," appears to me to prove directly the contrary. For if these men are innocent, then certainly at least one of the three dozen, knowing that he faced death in any case, would have blurted out the truth. It is inconceivable that out of this great number of defendants, all should lie when lies would not do one of them any good. But why look beyond the obvious for the truth, why seek in mysticism or in dark magic for facts that are before one's very nose? Why not accept the plain fact that the men are guilty? And this fact, if accepted with regard to the men now on trial, must also be accepted with regard to the men who were executed after the first trial.

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I now see no valid reason for believing that the defendants in the first trial were unfairly dealt with. Certainly it cannot now be maintained that they were "double-crossed," for that contention falls of its own weight when we stop for a moment to consider the fact that the Soviet government has brought a second group of men to trial on the same charges. Since the government could not hope to induce the second group to confess under the pressure of false promises, it is reasonable to suppose that it did not rely upon false promises in the first case. Moreover, I am now completely convinced that the defendants in the first trial were given every opportunity to clear themselves, that they were denied none of the rights of impartial justice. It is significant that those who contend that this was not the case have offered no evidence at all, apart from their own unsupported allegation and suspicions, in substantiation of their contention. On the other side we have not only the court record, but also the unsolicited reports of non-Communist observers who were present at the trial.

One such statement has been presented by D. N. Pritt, English lawyer and a Labor Party representative in the House of Commons. Mr. Pritt can by no means be accused of sympathy with the Communists or with Stalin. He is, indeed, stood with the right wing of the Labor Party. But he has also been trained in law, while, moreover, unlike Walter Citrine and others who have charged that there was a gross miscarriage of justice, he was present in person at the trial in Moscow. He reported later that he was "completely satisfied" that the trial was "properly conducted" and that the accused were "fairly and judicially treated." He added that their appearance and demeanor were such as to indicate the "absence of any ill treatment or fear." He concluded that there was "no ground for insinuating any unfairness in form or substance." His view has been confirmed by all other non-Communist observers at the trial without exception.

To be sure, Trotzky has now taken to denouncing Pritt as "a tool of Stalin," to denounced this "service" to "Stalinism." But Trotzky has produced no evidence at all to show that Pritt was in any way prejudiced in favor of the Stalin government. Until Trotzky can produce such evidence that the men were fairly tried appears both substantial and convincing, the counter-charge that they were not fairly tried is backed up by no evidence of any kind, convincing or otherwise. The same can be said for the conduct of the second trial so far as that has been reported to date.

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It is a curious fact, which seems to have escaped liberal circles both in this country and in England, that the Soviet government is hurting itself far more than it could possibly help itself by holding these trials, especially at this time. The very fact that the liberals and Socialists have been aroused by this event, the very fact that this defense committee has been formed, reveals the great extent to which the Soviet Union is being harmed. What has Stalin to gain by taking action that is working a alienate these elements? It is obvious that he has nothing whatever to gain. On the contrary, he stands to lose a good deal. At the moment there is grave danger of intervention. The Soviet government needs all the support it can get from workers and liberals and democrats in other countries. Without such support the rising tide of fascism might soon engulf Soviet Russia — and, of course, Stalin and his government would inevitably disappear.

Shall we suppose, then, that Stalin has stupidly thrown all caution to the wind merely to wreak vengeance upon his personal enemies? Shall we suppose that he is anxious to have popular fronts erected to help guard the Soviet Union against an external danger and at the same time is so blind as to take action that might destroy these popular fronts in order to satisfy some purely personal whim or ambition? Shall we suppose that he is so thickheaded as not to appreciate the gravity of this external danger not only to the Soviet Union but to himself as well? Now no one will say that Stalin is stupid. Even the Trotzkyists complain that the menace of "Stalinism" lies not in stupidity but in diabolical cleverness. It must follow, since the Stalin government is apparently risking a good deal by holding these trials, that it has detected an internal danger hardly less grave than the external danger. In short, it must follow that the government has uncovered a conspiracy against itself, the evidence of which is so abundant and the peril from which is so apparent that it dare not withhold its hand, even though in destroying the conspiracy it may alienate its democratic support abroad and so increase the external danger.

Until now we have considered only the conspirators in Moscow. Little has been said of Leon Trotzky. Is he guilty, too? The conspirators say that he is. He denies it most emphatically and brings other charges of equal gravity against Stalin). We have the Moscow evidence. Where is Trotzky's evidence? One may grant that he has not had his day in court. And one may grant that toward the end of his stay in Norway he was literally held incommunicado. Yet he has been out of Norway now for several weeks, and still no tangible proof of his contentions has come from him. No documents, not even anything in the way of circumstantial statements. He has issued nothing but negative denials. Even some of these denials are of a questionable sort. His denial of the attack upon D. H. Pritt, offered without any supporting facts, certainly did not help him. His statement that he had never heard of Vladimir Romm, a leading Soviet journalist and publicist and correspondent for Tass and later for Izvestia, is simply incredible and goes far, indeed, toward discrediting Trotzky. But this is the sort of "proof" he has been cabling to the New York Times, the Baltimore Sun and the Manchester Guardian.

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If Trotzky is innocent and has the documentary proof of his innocence that he says he has, why does he not produce it? The Hearst press would be only too glad to publish it and pay Trotzky fabulously well for his documents. The New York Times, the London Times, and other bourgeois journals would likewise be only too happy to give space to his documents. The Manchester Guardian has stood by him through thick and thin in the last several months; it would not desert him now. It has been said that he intends to put his proof into the new book he is writing on Stalinism. And it might also be argued that it would be better for him to put his proof, before the projected international commission that is to give him a hearing. But consider the astounding contrast between such an attitude. Here are men awaiting death on charges that Trotzky says are utterly false and here is Trotzky who contends that he can produce proof that they are false—and yet he withholds this indispensable proof for the sake of a book, or for the sake of an international inquiry not yet arranged. And here are countless liberals and Socialists who have been taught that Stalin is being destroyed at the command of Stalin, but who have not a shred of evidence to support this belief apart from their own fears and suspicions, and here is Trotzky who has the essential evidence—and yet he fails to produce it when it is most needed.

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Let us now sum up the situation. On the one hand we have the confessions of the Moscow defendants, the court record, the statements of disinterested observers at the first trial, and the reports on the second trial of such reputable journalists as Walter Duranty. These provide us with an abundance of evidence tending to prove that the defendants were fairly tried and that their guilt in conspiring to overthrow the Soviet government has been established. To the contention to prove that Trotzky participated in the conspiracy, or that he at least had guilty knowledge of it, though the direct proof of his part in the conspiracy is not substantial enough to involve men on trial. However, we also have his writings and they tend greatly to strengthen the presumption, if not of actual guilt, at least of moral responsibility. On the other hand, we have nothing concrete with which to offset the charge of conspiracy. We have only the unsupported allegations of Trotzky and the unverified fears and suspicions of numerous liberals and Socialists.

Possibly Trotzky can support his allegations. He should certainly not be denied the opportunity to produce the proof he says he has. But his reluctance or inability to produce his proof when it is most needed must count against him. Moreover, and this is a point to which attention does not seem to be borne in mind that Trotzky is not a disinterested party. He does not come into court with clean hands. He is a sworn adversary of the Stalin government, and it is only natural, therefore, that he is at least equally as much interested, and in all probability far more interested, in carrying on his campaign to destroy the Stalin government as he is in the more abstract justice for himself. Let him state that it is justice alone that he desires, and then let him publicly promise that in the event he fails to substantiate his allegations against the Soviet government, he will promptly cease his efforts to destroy that government. If he refuses to bind himself in this particularly, the reasonable man must conclude that he is using his demand for justice solely as a means of enlisting additional support for his campaign against socialism in the Soviet Union. Chronologically, indeed the evidence on this point is already against him. The outcry against the trials first came from the Trotzkyists. It was they who first raised the charge that Soviet justice was being hamstrung by Stalin. It was not until after that certain disinterested liberals took up the cry. There can be no question that the Trotzkists knew, when they shouted "persecution," that they would win the sympathy and perhaps the active aid of these liberals. And establishing socialism. It is only among the Nazis and Fascists and reactionaries in other countries, among a few groups within the Second International, and among the Trotzkyists that it is contended that the Soviet Union under Stalin and his associates is moving, not toward socialism, but toward capitalism or Bonapartism or something called "Red fascism." Persons acquainted with the facts must and do consider these allegations preposterous. One who has an understanding of economics can readily see that it is socialism and nothing else that is being developed in Soviet Russia. To make any statement to the contrary is, in view of the established facts, mere wish-thinking—or deliberate distortion. Thus

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Fighters for Democracy

MARIA SINMARO, 23, a director of a war orphanage, and Josephina Ramirez, 19, a nurse, for the Spanish loyalist army. They are on the Spanish youth delegation now in California. While their working class brothers fought for democracy, Trotzkyites betrayed and are now on trial.

MAURITZ HALLGREN'S LETTE
A CHALLENGE TO LIBE

AN EDITORIAL

Mauritz A. Hallgren's letter to the so-called "Amittee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky" is a chalt liberals.

It is in particular a sharp challenge to those liberal permitted the use of their names as members of that c

In withdrawing as committee member, Hallgren charges—and proves his charge—that "the Trotzkyites tured the committee," to use it as a catspaw for "Tro paign against socialism in the Soviet Union.

Will the members of that committee continue t catspaws for this vicious campaign of counter-revolu they continue to be "an instrument of the Trotzkyites intervention against the Soviet Union?" Will they t tinue to give encouragement to the fascist mad dogs a Trotzky, in their determination to plunge the world in

These questions are now put up squarely to the members. Hallgren's letter makes it incumbent upon th swer unequivocally: "Yes" or "No."

One of the tests of an honest liberal at this hour is he or she will fight against fascism and against war. kyites are the proven agents of the hideous forces whose whole bloody objective is world war. Their leade as Martin Anderson Nexo has said, "should be considered No. 1 of the whole of humanity and democracy." Thos the Trotzkyite propaganda under the cover of "defen leader of "this gang of criminals"—as Nexo states in suc right manner—"become accomplices of their crimes."

Do the liberals whose names are now connected w called "Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky" placed in such a position? Hallgren is one who refuses a party to any arrangement" which will aid in the imp destruction of the socialist system now being built Russia." Do other honest members of the committee wi party to such an arrangement, any more than Hallgren

That is why they are called upon immediately to What does Hallgren state so strongly in his letter drawal?

First, from the court record, from the confessions o fendants and from "the unsolicited reports of non-C who were present at the trial," Hallgren declares the is that the defendants in both the Trotzky-Zinovievit center and "parallel center" trials are guilty of the gr with which they were charged and to which they openly

Second, Trotzky's teachings lead to such a conspir foreign powers as was proven at the trials. To quote t exact language, the trials "have revealed the very sa against the Soviet Government that Trotzky's teachings

That is something for honest liberals particularly t What is the entire "reason for being" of Trotzky's writing is the motivating object of the continuing Trotzkyite a discredited in the eyes of the labor movement of the w is? It has one object, as Trotzky's writings reveal over again: To overthrow Socialism in the Soviet Union.

This is the pernicious purpose of the entire Trotzky ter-revolutionary movement, proven out of the mouths Trotzky himself.

Third, "The Soviet Union has made remarkable progr ward establishing Socialism" and any attack upon the S ism, such as the Trotzkyite conspiracy, is a vicious at Socialism itself.

On this Hallgren says emphatically "One who has standing of economics can readily see that it is Soci nothing else that is being developed in the Soviet Union.

Third, it is "Socialism and nothing else"—and it is not the means. They challenged each other to and nothing else that the Trotzkyites are certain upon to destroy, joining logically with the vile fascists in orde to accomplish that end.

It being true that Socialism exists in the Soviet Un attack upon the Communist leadership in the Soviet U that has for its purpose the overthrow of that Gov must be regarded as a deliberate and malicious attack upo ism itself." Those are Hallgren's cutting and correct word

Do the liberal members of the "committee" not u what this statement of Hallgren's means—supported as the testimony of the whole thinking world and specifically studies as those of the Webbs?

It means that the thing for which the workers and loving people of the world have looked forward to with democracy for so many years is realized in the Land of S What a hideous crime is that which attempts to hamper th this great achievement!

The Soviet Union stands out as the greatest democra world today, through its new Soviet Constitution, the pr the genius of Stalin.

Finally, as we have stated in the beginning, Hallgren that the "Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky" h more or less than a tool of the Trotzkyites in their c violent counter-revolutionary assaults upon the Land of S

From the very first day, it was obvious that such was of this committee. Trotzkyites were carefully sprinkled the committee—men like Max Eastman, who had shamele brazenly used the committee platform to call for counter- tion against the Soviet Union. The secretary of the com a Trotzkyite, and also the acting secretary.

More and more passively do this gang of conspirators committee's name for dirty, loathsome lies against the Socialism.

Mauritz A. Hallgren will have none of this. He de no uncertain words: "You will, therefore, withdraw my a member of the committee."

What will the liberal members of the "committee" d they continue to aid the Trotzkyite conspiracy? Will th inue to aid the fascist war-mongers? Or will they cou do as Hallgren has done—refuse to allow themselves to for any such vicious purposes?

Liberals have the serious obligation to stand with th of democracy and peace; against the widespread fascist ties against peace and democracy. They have the oblig join in rejecting and at the triumph of Socialism in the Sov —which brings into the world the most powerful force peace and for the defense of democracy.

They can serve neither purpose by membership on called "Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky." To trary, in lending their names to that committee, they giv comfort to the forces which are making for war and wh extended their vile conspiracies into democratic Spain and democracy in Czechoslovakia.

These trials and verdicts against the Trotzkyite con have been a force for peace and democracy throughout t They have called attention to a sharp and serious way to tactics to which the fascist and war-mongering agencies sort, in their mad designs upon democracy and peace.

Honest liberals must now speak out. They must tak place AGAINST fascism, against war and against the vil of the fascists and war-inciters, the Trotzkyite conspirators

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Greetings!

re very fortunate to at- of the branch meetings and new Redwood City of the YCL. They have there that we can all d off! They are already of starting a baseball ing a Center for ings, social affairs, etc. r will do it. Go to it, City!

Big Game

Big Game" is now on tween Stanford and Cal- all right, but the YCL not the teams. They lenged each other to can recruit more mem- the League by the time ball game. The National Com- We are supposed to be but I'll bet a dime that t doubt that this will certain people such as to put together "nails mpanile and say, "That always did undertake show him."

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Saturday, February 20th, is the date for a n surprise at the meeting r pre-convention discus-

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War Council

San Francisco YCL had a ting with the Executive ting for the Spanish Delegation. Divisions were d to take care of the arrangements and pub- was necessary. 75 vol- olunteered and pledged to his the biggest gathering n that San Francisco has en.

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LLETTE COMMITTEE NTINUE

HINGTON—Continuation La Follette committee on of civil liberties has sured, it was announced.

MAHONEY ACTS AGAINST A.A.U. 'PAPER CLUBS'

Clearing Ground For Developing a Real Sports Movement

NEW YORK. — The Amateur Athletic Union has started its promised campaign against paper clubs. An inquiry will start the policy making the A.A.U. the real mass sport movement that Jermiah Mahoney said he intends to make it.

The 38 A.A.U. districts are receiving a questionaire requesting information on each of its member clubs. Mr. Mahoney hopes to bring an end to the politician clubs who wield voting power but do not organize sports and who have been such a mainstay of reaction in the A.A.U.

Embarassing to Some

The communication requests thes following points of information: (1) the date that the club was admitted; (2) if the member has a club hous; (3) the location of the club house; (4) what is the membership; (5) do any of its athletes engage in competition; (6) has it sponsored any open competition this past year; (7) what are the policies and purposes of the club; (8) has it promoted amateur athletics and if so how?

Calif. Meetings Of Spanish Youth Delegation

Feb. 15—Arrive in San Francisco, 3rd and Townsend Station.

Feb. 16—Dinner given by Medical Committee, 546 Montgomery St., 6:30 p.m. Radio address, Station KYA, 9:15 to 9:30 p.m., San Francisco.

Feb. 17—Dreamland Auditorium, 8 p.m., San Francisco.

Feb. 18—Stanford University, afternoon.

Feb. 18—San Jose, evening

Feb. 19—University of California, Berkeley, afternoon.

Feb. 19—Oakland Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 20—Vacaville, Spanish Hall, afternoon.

Feb. 20—Chico, Memorial Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 21—Sunnyvale, Cervantes Hall; banquet 11 a.m., meeting 2 p.m.

Feb. 21—San Leandro, 8 p.m. (Public delegation).

Feb. 21—Sacramento, Tuesday Club Hall, 8 p.m. (Hall of delegation).

Feb. 22—Pittsburg, Hispano Society Hall, 1 p.m.

Feb. 22—Monterey, 8 p.m.

The Floor Is Open For Discussion

Its on the discussion period before the National Convention of the Young Communist League when every member will take part in forming the policies for the next year.

Los Angeles will hold a County Conference February 13 and 14 for discussion. San Jose, Redwood City and Palo Alto combine for a membership meeting on the convention Saturday, February 27. The East Bay gathers on Sunday, February 21.

Special programs, including the dramatic "YCL Marches On," and a first hand report on the YCL National Conference illustrated by slides, will feature the San Francisco, East Bay and Peninsula meetings.

Fears He'll Be 'Rubbed Out'

SAN FRANCISCO.—Claiming he will be killed if he testifies in the racketeering trials, Abe Ducayla, who has twice run away, is being held on $50,000 bail here today.

BoundEastward!

Four young men and two young women pulled out of Los Angeles on February 7 in a covered wagon headed East for Washington, D. C., as the California delegation in the Pilgrimage for the American Youth Act. Equipped with mimeograph machines, typewriters, petitions, the delegation toured Berkeley, Stanford University and San Jose on the way to the Los Angeles send-off.

The delegation is sent by the Northern and Southern California Assemblies of Youth, agencies for the California Youth Act.

Cecil McKiddy and Dorothy Powers, San Francisco; Malby Roberts, San Jose; George Kaufman, Oakland, and Nat Bregman and Selma Marks of Los Angeles make up the group. They represent migratory agricultural workers, students, young union members and seamen.

The Covered Wagon will send regular press releases ahead as it crosses the country.

They expect to arrive at the capitol on February 19 to present California's 100,000 signatures for the American Youth Act to Congress as part of the national youth pilgrimage for this same purpose.

Mules will be hitched to the wagon on the outskirts of Washington and will draw the delegation down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, where President Roosevelt will speak to the Pilgrimage.

FINANCIAL DRIVE OPENED FOR COMING Y. C. L. CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO—Pointing out the fact that the coming national convention of the Young Communist League will be devoted mainly to the solution of branch problems, Ben Dobbs, state administrative secretary, urged every member of the league to participate in a fund-raising drive for his branch.

The convention will be held in New York April 3, 4, and 5, with every branch entitled to one or more delegates.

"Members of the League," said Dobbs, "are certainly very enthusiastic about some accomplishments in our recent work, but are also aware of our shortcomings. They are anxious especially in ways and means to make the branches function better, more active youth clubs and social influences in their communities.

Exchange Experiences

"This convention will not only give us an opportunity to recall some of the work done by our League since its foundation, but supply this to the many problems that face us and to the branches as they are now organized.

"But our delegates must get to New York in order to share in the exchange of experiences that will help them when they get back with the membership directly. It's up to the membership of each branch to pull up its sleeves and start raising money to send its representative."

YWCA BUSINESS GIRLS ENDORSE SPAIN MEETING

Northern California Convention Plans CYA Campaign

Support of the mass meetings for the Spanish youth delegation and a plea for intensive study of the Spanish situation was a highlight of the annual Northern California Convention of the Business Girls' Section of the Young Women's Christian Association held February 6 and 7 in San Jose.

The round table session on the Business Girl's Place in the YWCA recommended a greater participation by business girls in the policy-making of the Association.

On the spontaneous request of a number delegates a round table on peace was held which resulted in the Spain resolution.

Labor Political Action

The Social Legislation round table, presided over by Mrs. Claudia Williams, chairman of the Assembly of Youth, and Dr. Percy Anderson, endorsed the California Youth Act, urged local Y groups to work for the establishment of local committees and voted to conduct a fund-raising drive in the local groups for the CYA campaign. Although no resolution resulted, discussion at this round table indicated sympathy for the idea of a third party based on labor as the best means of passing social security legislation.

The group on "Race Relations" urged passage of federal anti-lynching laws while the Labor Round Table moved for greater education for interracial understanding on labor controversies.

Rev. Sturgis Lee Riddle in opening the convention declared that the Y has a responsibility in fine work, but gave his opinion that they lacked a larger purpose. He stated that the church had no right to criticize the Communists until the church would do as much good work for mankind as the Communists are doing.

178 delegates came from Reno, Sacramento, Oakland, Berkeley, Watsonville and Fresno.

Mrs. Williams Elected

Officers elected to lead the Business Girls' Department for the next year included Mrs. Claudia Williams, leader of the California Youth Drive at San Francisco, president, and Helen Ferguson of Fresno, vice-president. Next year's convention will be held in Orkland.

The dominant emphasis of the convention was restricted to finding immediate activity rather than policy resolutions which have occupied the major part of past conventions.

A committee of eight was selected to prepare evidence for hearings on California Youth Act before the State Legislature.

College Spirit? Pooh, Pooh; Unionists Really Get Going

The Wonderful One-Man B Car

(From Youth Echoes — Jack London Branch, Los Angeles.)

The steps are rickety
The seats are hard
The main thing about the point
Where it can be marred

It rumbles like thunder
Even from afar
You need no second guess
It's the B car.

Still it is bad, but the street cars are worse. And it is no accident that they are worse for they belong to sections than-in other places. If, however, everyone had sufficient interest in getting new cars. This proves the old adage that "A protest in time gets a new B car line." Or is that an old adage.

Food For Thought Department

Sing a song of six finks
Bellies full of rye
Heading for a struck job
To feed a family strike die
But when they met the pick-et line
It wasn't such a thrill
For it cost them all their wages
To pay the doctor bill.

By LEFTY
Marching Inland

There's more than a few open mouths and new ideas floating around the Northern district circles this week. For years it's been understood that when the Pacific Association of A.A.U. holds its Junior Championships at Dreamland the Olympic Club colors come out in force. But this year the waterfront marched inland up to Dreamland Auditorium.

Through Dreamland Feb. 25

January 25 and February 1, only one Union Recreation Center has been defeated and that fighter has been knocked off his feet.

The Call-Bulletin sports expert (I'll bet you a dime, somebody told us) picks the URC boys to come out on top.

Which is all that what makes union men fight like that in the ring. You guessed it too. Some of these tough union men from North Beach get in the ring all keyed up. College spirit? It doesn't come up to union spirit. These union men really FEEL when they get in there—We can't lose, we gotta win—we gotta win.

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Pedro, Too

The news breaks in Pedro the Wilmington Bowl shook with applause at a recent membership meeting of the Maritime Federation, when a speaker was introduced as one of the founders of the Union Recreation Center. At least two moves are afoot to build a center at the Southern port.

Weary of Willie

Some of the waterfront boxers came up against a problem the other day. Should they or should they not attend the Examiner boxing tournaments? A tough kid from the Potrero was asked and he said, "and by God we'll walk up on the rink in Dreamland, with Don't Feed Hearst on the back of our robes."

AAU Okay

Snooping around the Center after the recent boxing victories, we saw something that looked like big news to us. One of the highest of the high officials of the Pacific Association of the Amateur Athletic Union talking to the directors of the Center. And he was plenty friendly to the idea of labor sports. Will we pull a New York out here? Boyoboy. I'm laying awake nights dreaming of getting the labor unions of the city together, with the help of the Pacific AAU, and the Central Labor Council to form a union sports league.

Some more dope that will be making the front page some time this spring. The San Pedro-San Francisco baseball game ended in a tie, you'll remember. Plans are under way for a coastwide baseball league in the Maritime Federation in which Seattle and Portland will also be drawn into the feuding.

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James J. Braddock this week announced that he will fight Max Schmeling because of the anti-Nazi boycott. Then he turned around and agreed to fight Joe Louis in Chicago in June. Jimmy Johnson, who coached Bob Pastor, that great track star for his recent fights with Joe Louis, said the Braddock-Louis fight "hasn't a ghost of a chance." Although I don't believe in spirits, let's pray for this ghost, brothers. Amen.

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The Renaissance five, fast-moving basketball team of the South Side Branch of the Young Communist League trounced the Taberman aggregation 40 to 18. In the South, Side League the local lads are now second over the highly touted Vikings, former Jefferson High and Compton J. C. stars. Captain Ed Harris heades a quintette consisting of Lee Boland, Paul Beredette, Bob Reeves, Robert Johns, George Spector, Emmet Moore. Clem Harris and Lee Cefkin; local leaders in the boys have a chip on their shoulders, just aching for challenges.

Brings Message From Youth of Spain

THREE HOURS BEFORE she left Spain, her home was destroyed by a fascist bomb. She is Miss Josefina Ramirez, 19-year-old nurse, one of four delegates now in California to tell what she saw and to appeal for American aid to Spain.

MASS MEETING IN DREAMLAND FEBRUARY 17TH

Los Angeles Meeting In Shrine Aud. Feb. 24th

Opening their California tour with a huge meeting in Southern California, the Spanish youth delegation will arrive in the Bay Region February 15 at noon, when they will be greeted at the Third and Townsend Sts. railroad station in San Francisco by an outstanding welcoming committee.

A radio address over station KGGC at 9:15 p.m., February 16 has been added to the original schedule. The youth leaders will also speak at a previously announced dinner at Dominick's, 548 Montgomery St. in San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. on February 16 under the auspices of the Medical Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Outstanding meetings are anticipated at San Francisco's Dreamland Auditorium on February 17 and in the Civic Auditorium of Oakland on February 19.

A large number of agricultural and industrial towns including Pittsburg, Vacaville and Monterey will be included on the itinerary.

Stimulated by the arrival of the delegates, a Young Defenders of Spanish Democracy club was organized in Redwood City. Over 100 young people attended the initial meeting on Sunday, February 7.

All young people are urged to attend the welcoming ceremony at the San Francisco depot on February 15 at noon.

Committees for the delegates will go ahead at Stanford University although an administrator objected to holding the meeting on the University grounds because he owned large mining interests in Spain.

NAZI LOSES OUT

LOS ANGELES.—Appointment of Dr. Walter Loellner to the Jobs Schools Supt. meant that attempts to ease the Nazi, Dr. Willian Loellner into the job had failed.

Pre-Convention Discussion

MORE INITIATIVE FROM THE BRANCHES OF THE LEAGUE

(First under the line! First discussion article received! Who is next?)

By J. M. (Tom Mooney Br., S.F.)

The branch should be based on the mutual interests of its members. Where a decrease in a certain locality, their joint membership in the various types of organizations, their general background. How can we expect the branch to be an organization that the members will be glad to belong to unless they feel at home with other members?

The branch, through its representative on the county committee should then be left up to the branches as it ways and means of best carrying them out. Today there is too much molly-coddling on the part of the county committee. Decisions come down to the branches; "do this, do this, do this" line, they are to do it, you must do it, etc."

The prerequisite to alleviating this condition is to have the branch more informed sufficiently in advance on all campaigns so that they will have the opportunity of discussing and planning participation in them before they become law.

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SPANISH YOUTH SPEAKERS IN CALIFORNIA

Student, Editor, Nurse, Wounded Soldier Represent All Political Groups; Fight For Democracy Steels Them

A university graduate and philosophy major, a student who took up the battle of the people, a religious young girl—these are the typical young people who will speak for the Spanish democratic cause, February 17 at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco, Feb. 19 at the Oakland Civic Auditorium and at other California meetings.

There's Imaz, Eugenio Imaz, 20-year-old merchant's son who went to religious school, studied law and philosophy in the Universities of Madrid, Munich, Berlin, and the Catholic University in France. He was secretary of the magazine published by the nationalist Catholic writer in Spain. The revolt flared up. And Imaz left for Madrid to put his university training to use lecturing, organizing movie shows—doing a million things that were necessary to bolster up the morale.

Wounded in Action

Luis Simarro wears his jaw in an iron brace, the result of a fascist bullet he received on duty as battalian commander. A quick succession of events, his student career led him to the front-line trenches of the people's struggle against fascism. In 1930, after being a main major in the University of Madrid, and president of the Faculty of Science, he was arrested in the disguise of a nun after the students had taken over the University and resisted a 24-hour police siege. Then exile in Paris for six months till the amnesty. October, 1934, the undiscussful revolution and Simarro was elected head of the Prosperidad section of Madrid for the Socialist Youth of Spain. Lately he has been mixup in names rescued him from certain execution.

House Afire

And Josefina Ramirez, war nurse in the Fascist air raid Hospital. Three hours before she left Madrid for this American tour, the fascists air raid completely destroyed the room next to hers and set fire to her house. Her rescuer literally dragged her out of the ashes. Miss Ramirez is a member of the executive committee of the Youth of the Republican Guard.

Declared the local Spanish Youth Committee, "These are typical young people with PLENTY to say. This is an affair in which not only liberals and radicals should be interested. Every person who is young and American can and must be interested in this cause if democracy is to pull through."

BIG PEOPLE'S LOBBY DRIVE ON IN CALIF.

Clipsheet Printed To Rally Support For Legislation

SAN FRANCISCO — Publication of the California People's Legislative Conference clipsheet was announced today by the publicity committee of the Conference whose sessions in Sacramento, January 16 and 17, opened the first extensive campaign in the State waged by organized labor with the cooperation of liberal and progressive groups, to set up a permanent people's lobby in the State Legislature.

Purpose of this clipsheet, being published this week, is to set forth the law-making program adopted last month by the 282 delegates who represented 116 labor, fraternal, religious and political bodies, having a total membership of approximately 228,134 persons.

Second aim of this Conference publication is to win support for bills benefiting the working man and woman when the State Legislature reconvenes in March.

Already over a score of legislators, including Senator Culbert L. Olson, Assemblyman Paul A. Richie of San Diego, and Thomas A. Maloney of the San Francisco's 20th district, during the January session supported legislation backed by the People's Legislative Conference, dealing with labor, civil liberties, social security, taxation, etc.

Three who have already introduced bills sponsored by the People's Conference are:

Senators Culbert L. Olson, Bradford S. Crittenden, Harry C. Westover; and Assemblymen John G. Clark, Gene Flint, Wilbur F. Johnson, Augustus Hawkins, Charles A. Hunt, Elmer E. Lore, Thomas A. Maloney, George P. Miller, Ellis E. Patterson, Paul Peek, John B. Pelletier, Fred Reavens, Paul A. Richie, Alfred W. Robertson, Ben Swanson, Jack B. Tenney, Ernest O. Voigt, Clyde A. Watson, and Samuel W. Yorty.

Meetings Planned

Scheduled for next week are a state wide series of meetings in districts, cities and counties, between organized labor delegates to the People's Conference and their local senators and assemblymen at which time legislators will be asked to state their attitude toward the progressive bills sponsored by the Conference.

With the backing of such powerful central trade union bodies—all of which have represented at the Conference—as the Alameda Central Labor Council, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, the San Joaquin Central Labor Council, the Monterey County Central Labor Council, Carpenters District Council of Los Angeles, the Painters District Council of Los Angeles and the San Francisco Central Labor Council (observers), having a total membership of approximately 150,000—such a progressive bills as the following were proposed and incorporated into the general law-making program of the Conference and carried out at Sacramento be ginning in March:

Elimination of employees' contributions to unemployment insurance; punishing of vigilantism and giving local party an adequate remedy; outlawing all anuti-picketing ordinances.

Among bills already introduced but not yet acted upon by the legislature, the Conference delegates are waging a campaign for a bill guaranteeing collective bargaining (a state "Wagner act"); and for bills forbidding the transportation or hiring of non-residents; strikebreakers; requiring the re-trying of false convictions like the Mooney and Modesto cases; repealing the Criminal Syndicalist Act and sales tax, making employers liable for acts of hired policemen; punishing violation of civil rights by reason of race, color or religious beliefs.

Other types of legislation involving civil liberties proposed such laws as removal of compulsory military training in college and high school students, and the broadcasting of the proceedings of either House of the State Legislature should a given number of senators or assemblymen so petition.

Numerous other progressive policies concerning civil liberties, the unemployed, social security, California's youth and trade unions, were also formulated by the 252 delegates.

Next most important step in carrying this program to California citizens for their active and immediate support, is the formation of organizing committees, now under way in all districts of the state, according to B. John Wolters, Conference chairman.

LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

STILL TRYING TO ROLL PUNCHES is President Roosevelt on this Supreme Court issue. In other words, he's not standing up toe-to-toe with the "nine old men" and delivering the knockout punch to their usurped powers which they autocratically used to spike practically all social legislation in the last few years.

But, due to the pressure of organized labor and other forces of the people, the President was compelled to deliver a hard blow to the Supreme Court, a blow which has all the Wall Streeters and the senators and representatives they control, more than a little groggy. After the first shock of the announcement that legislation would be sought to appoint new judges up to the number of 15, unless those over 70 years of age retired, the Wall Streeters got up on their hind feet and started to howl.

Why do we say that Roosevelt is still not facing the issue squarely? Well, if he had done so, he would have proposed the following people's program on the Supreme Court:

"Reaffirm the constitutional power of Congress to pass all labor and social legislation without interference from the Supreme Court. Amend the Constitution to deny the Supreme Court power to nullify social and labor legislation."

You'll note that point in the legislative program drawn up by the Communist Party, a program that the overwhelming majority of the American people want in effect, a program that would fit a Farmer-Labor Party to a T.

"Step back from the precipice" was under mass pressure. If the people want their real and pressing demands acted upon, the only thing for them to do is to organize NOW a Farmer-Labor Party in every state in the union.

A Sell-out for People . . .

Wm. Mosely Jones, elected and re-elected to the State Assembly, has sold out the Epics who supported him both times, to the reactionary anti-labor machine leaders of the Democratic Party in California—specifically, to Senator Wm. Gibbs McAdoo, oil millionaire.

Just another proof of this is seen in the appointment of William H. Neblett, McAdoo's law partner, as legal counsel for the special Assembly governmental investigating committee. As you remember, Jones became speaker of the Assembly through McAdoo. Draw your own conclusions.

And you can also draw your own conclusions as to how much real investigating will be done by this committee now.

Jones was openly accused in Sacramento of selling out. And yet there has been no real militant protest as a result.

It would be a far different story if a Farmer-Labor Party Assemblyman went haywire. The Farmer-Labor Party and the labor movement in his district would make it so hot for such a representative — assuming a Farmer-Labor sold out—that his political career would collapse like a toy balloon after a working over by a hill gun.

But to guarantee of honest legislators is a strong, united and powerful Farmer-Labor Party of action through mass pressure and organization, keep its elected representatives in line and put pressure on all elected officials.

An Open-Shop Poll . . .

The big open-shop employers of the United States and the sitdowners in Wall Street's plush offices, have found a new weapon to use in their drive against the labor movement.

It's the so-called "American Institute of Public Opinion," which releases weekly "polls of public opinion." One of the latest claims that those voting agree by a majority of two to one that Senator Wagner Congress action is right in refusing to negotiate with the sit-down auto

SUPREME COURT CURB IS BLOW TO L. A. JUDGES

Strike-Breaker Bowron Joins Chorus of Reaction vs. Move for F. D. R.

LOS ANGELES — By their words ye shall know them.

Asked for their reactions to President Roosevelt's proposed change in the Supreme Court, several Judges in Los Angeles gave the following statements:

Said Federal Judge Albert Lee Stephens:

"Yes" and "No"

"The matter rests constitutionally with the executive and legislative branches of the Government and is not a subject for official comment by the judiciary. As a private citizen, I am glad that this smouldering question has been brought into the open for frank consideration on its merits."

And strike-breaking Judge Fletcher Bowron, who recently ordered unloaded strike-bound corn in San Pedro, declared:

"The idea of increasing the number of judges of the Supreme Court is radical. At this time I do not know as to its wisdom, for it certainly would change our entire system of government."

Disapproval was expressed by reactionary Superior Judge Dudley Valentine. He stated:

Bench-Warmers . . .

"As an admirer of the United States Constitution and the functioning of our federal government during the last 60 years, I am opposed to any alterations. I feel we have the best government in the world and see no reason for reorganization of our judicial system."

Did age found a stout supporter in Municipal Judge Joseph F. Chambers. Indignantly he exclaimed:

"Who is President Roosevelt to determine the retirement age of jurists? Many a man of 70 years is at his best mentally. His mind is mature and he is not likely to be swerved because of prejudice or emotion."

PEOPLE FORCE RELIEF FUNDS APPROPRIATION

13 Senators Favored Workers' Alliance Amendment

WASHINGTON—Congress finally put through a "compromise" $949,000,000 relief deficiency bill here last Monday. The expenditure called for is $169,000,000 more than the $790,000,000 originally proposed by President Roosevelt, following repeated demands for a larger appropriation, led by the Workers' Alliance of America.

WASHINGTON—The Workers' Alliance of America program for the Deficiency Appropriation was defeated again in the U. S. Senate last week, but 13 Senators signed the amendment to provide $1,040,000,000 for WPA.

The fight was led on the floor by Senator Bone, Washington, and was opposed by the Roosevelt administration forces. Unfortunately, Senator Bone did not demand a roll call, and it could not be told which Senators voted for the amendment.

The Alliance now plans to demand that President Roosevelt use the money appropriated for WPA at the rate of $208,000,000 a month, which will be sufficient to employ 3,500,000 and put the increase in wages demanded.

Alliance Organizer Tells of People's Move in Wash.

LOS ANGELES—Writing from the Polk County Jail in Oregon, Albin E. Plummer, Workers' Alliance organizer jailed on a frame-up charge of "failure to comply," tells of the fine people's political movement going on in Washington and Oregon.

"Washington State is doing fine," he says. "You should see the solid front in their Commonwealth Federation. We have our's incorporated in Oregon now and have an outstanding executive secretary."

Plummer writes, too, of the vile, lousy food given prisoners in Polk County Jail.

"Comfort" in Jail

"This is the first Sunday that the bull pen has been open for exercise. Yesterday when the doctor told one of the boys that he should have different food when he was troubled with cramps, the sheriff said that he would support us if we asked for different food than cold fried potatoes with sticky oat meal in the mornings with coffee and cold milk; canned beans, meat loaf, boiled potatoes, cabbage stew or rice pudding for the 5 p.m. meal—only two each day."

Plummer is well known in Los Angeles. Formerly of Local 7 of the Workers' Alliance, he did fine work as the local organizer.

As far as his poll is concerned, the "American Institute" has a public that a tenth-rate vaudeville ham would be ashamed to play to.

There's only one thing to remember, and that is the Wall Street open-shoppers haven't yet found a trick too low for them to stoop to.

CONFERENCE HAILS LABOR COUNCIL ACT

Need for L.A. Labor Ticket This Year Again Stressed

LOS ANGELES—Meeting in its third session last Sunday, February 7, Labor's Conference for Municipal Elections unanimously adopted a statement "greeting the decision of the session of the Central Labor Council on February 5 with enthusiastic approval."

The statement again reiterates its position regarding the need of independent political action of labor in the municipal elections and declares "as soon as the Central Labor Council has adopted the essential measures to effectively conduct the coming election campaign, this conference will dissolve itself into its component unions."

100 Per Cent Union Support.

It then explains how the delegates and affiliated forces will with greatest energy throw themselves into the campaign conducted under leadership of the Central Labor Council.

The reading of the statement followed a report given by Reed of Carpenters Local 1031. He stressed the need of unity under leadership of the Central Labor Council and declared "labor can thus be victorious in the next election campaign.

"This conference is at its heart the unity of labor and wants the Central Labor Council to take the lead in labor's independent political action," he declared.

Immediate Action

In the very lively discussion following the adoption of the statement the delegates stressed the need of intensifying work during the week to reach every local union and delegate to the Central Labor Council with the message of this conference, urging immediate action in launching the campaign at the next meeting of the Central Labor Council.

Lou Baron, Furriers Union, as many other delegates, pointed to the fact that the action of the Central Labor Council at its February 5 session is a very good beginning but does not yet provide the concrete steps for carrying on the campaign.

Practical Steps Needed

"If we reach every delegate to the Central Labor Council and every local union during this week and make them see the whole thing clearly, we will have great achievements," said Baron.

"It is absolutely necessary that the Central Labor Council takes for different steps in this movement. Let us see to it that the next meeting of the Central Labor Council results in practical steps to launch this campaign."

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John Anson Ford Is "Approached" As Mayor Candidate

LOS ANGELES.—Possibilities of Supervisor John Anson Ford entering the race for Mayor in the coming Spring elections was disclosed Friday February 5, by Ford.

"I have been approached by representatives of various groups, and I'm giving it serious consideration," he declared.

Not waiting to be "approached," Mayor Frank L. Shaw, tool of all reactionary forces in the city, made haste to file his signed nomination papers.

Fascist Barbarism For All To See

THE MURDER of old men, of women and children is the fascists' mark of culture in Spain. In the destruction of the above and other residences in Madrid by Spanish, German and Italian fascist planes, scores of old men, women and children were slaughtered. Fascism would be the same here in the United States if it were permitted to come to power; a People's Front, in shape of a Farmer-Labor Party, can stop it.

Jail Mayor Who Caused Arrest Of Browder

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Graft Probers Something Fis Sardine Indus

MONTEREY.—Sensa developments in the s of graft in the sardine were predicted by the Assembly Committee a ed its probing to t seek new evidence on $10,000 bribe plot.

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ker Correspondent .

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Organizer, Lillian

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SOUTH DEM RESIST AN LYNCH

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WASHINGTON—Fro reaction in the Sou Democratic leaders southern states are o block any considerat lynching legislation r also of Congress.

More than 40 an bills are pending House judiciary com Hatton W. Summe Democrat), committee has come out openly tion to letting such bills debated in the House.

"Reason" for Te

And Summers gave son" for his action as I am against lynching"

People's forces pu bring still more these bills reported ry County, Alabama,

Summers claimed showed "no one deali matter being considered this should undertake responsibility of law ment, as these bills w the candidates should appear on the ballot, according to lots drawn publicly, and that only the Election and Objection Committee has full power to work out and have the charge of the ballots and the elections, a few officers however took the liberty to change the decision of the membership meeting, and placed the candidates endorsed by the administration as the first ones on the ballot."

The reason given by Brothers Lutsky and Pine for such action was that the rank and file group issued a slate with the numbers of the ballot. This excuse is not valid and does not give the right to a few officials and not even to the Elections and Objections Committee to change the decision of a local meeting.

Open Tables for Voting

2. In spite of the protest made by the election and objection committee the balloting of Local 65 took place in a hall around open tables instead of closed booths to prevent the intimidation of voters. This prevented free expression of many members.

3. According to the constitution, members of the union should be notified of the elections through the mails and not through the workers' press, three days prior to the elections. This was not done in our union.

4. It is improper and unethical for paid officers to utilize union meetings for electioneering.

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(Statement of Rank and File Group of ILGWU of Los Angeles)

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Unfortunately, however, there were a number of irregularities and abrogations of the constitutional rights of the membership, which hindered the free expression of many members. We therefore feel that it would be unjust to our membership if we fail to point out these facts. The following are some of the irregularities and abrogations of the constitution in the last elections:

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There should, however, not be the question of victors and vanquished. Everyone in the union belongs to all of us and through joint effort, the union can become a powerful force to maintain the conditions of all of the members.

Regardless of all these irregularities in the elections, we are ready to cooperate with the newly elected administration in every act that will serve the interest of the members. We will, however, at no time give up the right guaranteed every member in the constitution of our union to point out mistakes or actions which are not in the interest of the workers.

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CANNERY SIT-DOWN AGAINST BLACKLISTING

Ex-Official of Union Is Bosses' Agent In Monterey

By a Cannery Worker

MONTEREY — The following are the true facts concerning the sit-down strike at Sea Pride Cannery Thursday, Febrflary 4.

After our Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,305, sent a letter informing Brenner, secretary of the Canners Association at Sea Pride, that J. G. Mattingly was expelled as business agent of the union, Mattingly appeared there at 8 a.m. Monday, February 1, along with others and presented a blacklist asking that a group of union men and women be discharged. Victor Schwab, after getting the blacklist, fired about 10 members of our union.

After several attempts by our members to contact the bosses in order to find out why their fellow workers were fired resulted in failure, the entire crew decided to walk out. Our shop committee could be reached, so to further trouble, asked that the crew stand by until the shop office could be reached.

When the information came to union headquarters, President Victor Olson of the Monterey Central Labor Council and our Executive Board appeared at Sea Pride and again informed Schwab that Jim Mattingly was an impostor.

On Wednesday an ad was also printed in the Monterey Herald stating Mattingly was no longer business agent, but maybe the Sea Pride bosses don't read the local papers. This is an open attempt by stoolpigeons and spies to disrupt the Cannery Workers Union. Mattingly has gone so far as to try and stool our fellow brothers who militantly fought to win our strike as federal men. He was proven to be a liar and trouble maker in this charge.

Now is the time for every man and woman to stay united and spread by mingling, as he is only trying to gain back his job as a pie-card artist.

Recent press reports state the cause of the sit-down strike is unknown and say the union is breaking its contract. These press releases show blatantly as an agent of the bosses trying to help break the union. Mattingly knew when he turned over the blacklist and asked that these men be fired, he was not an official of our union and he had no right to pull such an anti-union trick. Yet he posed as the business agent, in order to cause unnecessary disturbance in the Cloakmakers Local. These committees must be given initiative so that they become an important instrument to help the union organize the open shops and to help to enforce the agreement in the union shops. We call upon every union conscious worker to join the organization committee.

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"A NEW SPIRIT INSTILLED IN LABOR MOVEMENT," SAYS ONE DELEGATE; BIG STEP FORWARD

Best Attended Central Labor Council Meet In Recent Months Defeats Motion to File Resolution Calling For Conference

LOS ANGELES—With a vote of 72-71, the L. A. Central Labor Council last Friday night defeated a motion to file a resolution presented by the Studio Painters, Local 644, urging the Council to call a conference of all local unions and central labor bodies to draft a platform, select candidates, and launch an energetic campaign to elect a labor slate to office in the Spring elections.

The resolution, with amendments, was later accepted.

Best Attended Meeting

Despite pouring rain, the meeting was the best attended in recent months. Every seat in the hall was taken and extra chairs were brought in to seat all the delegates who filled the hall to capacity.

Reporting upon the organization drive being initiated by the Council in the aircraft and building industries, Secretary J. W. Buzzell briefly reported also on **the committee of five selected from the Council at its last session to attend a meeting of Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections held January 24.**

The report was short—reiterating the position of the Central Labor Council and stating that "quite a number of men and women" attended.

Immediately upon reading of the report, Whitney Hartley made a motion was made to concur. Instead of recognizing this motion, President Sherman recognized delegate Lotz of the Typographical Union, who made a motion to file.

A Reactionary Speaks

Urging that "the Council pursue the old policy of the Joint Executive Board endorsing candidates already in the field, Lotz, Buzzell, and a number of other delegates spoke in favor of the motion to file.

"I question the loyalty to the labor movement of the people in the so-called Labor Conference for the municipal elections," stated Lotz. "Although this resolution was held last week, I don't know where it really comes from. It comes from this conference. And I say again, I question their loyalty to the labor movement and their desire to help keep the labor movement united."

Gillette, Musicians' Union, sharply rebuked Lotz and others, stating:

"These people have an absolute right to bring this measure into the Council. As a matter of fact, this is exactly what we asked them to do when our committee appeared before their conference last Sunday.

"Any member who attended that Conference has no bad feelings. They had a right to bring this resolution here. Let's not be in bad faith ourselves by accusing others of bad faith!"

I must say, that no matter what is decided here tonight, we should all stand united as brothers to carry out the will of the majority after we leave this hall."

However, Gillette declared himself in favor of filing the resolution, claiming time was too short to carry out its proposals.

Delegates Peterson of San Pedro, declared that instead of labor going into conferences and "all those things," labor should simply "draw up a questionnaire to be presented to every candidate that is in the field who will answer it whether he agreed or not and which would be hirnl to labor."

Answering the "disloyalty" charges made against Labor's Conference for municipal elections, Lou Baron, Furriers' Union, declared:

"The fact is that right from the beginning of this conference there was entire harmony. The Painters' District Council, a committee had been sent by that body to the Central Labor Council inviting it to the Conference. This communication, however, was never brought before the Council."

Loyalty Shown

"The last meeting of the Conference, as everybody knows, accepted a settlement which was recalled upon the Council to head the movement for independent political action in 1938, despite the fact that this resolution comes from a local affiliated to this Council, which is also participating in the conference, shows the loyalty of these people and itself repudiates the charge of disloyalty."

"This resolution proposes that the Council take action so that we may have unity on the part of all labor in the coming elections."

Amongst those speaking against filing and in favor of such action were delegates Lawrence, International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Guyer, Teachers; Goldberg, Teachers; Hope, Millmen, and many others.

After the motion to file the resolution was defeated, Delegate Reed of Carpenters' Union, Local 946, moved adoption of the resolution.

In the discussion that followed, numerous delegates pointed out that the issue was not that of the formation of a labor party, as the municipal elections are non-partisan, and that agreeing to creation of a Labor Party requires more time; that was put before the Council was concerted action in the city elections.

Other delegates stressed that labor's participation in politics would help, rather than hinder, its struggle for higher wages, short hours, and better working conditions for the workers.

In answer to the argument that time was impractical because of the shortage of time, it was stressed that the issue of unity which had been disheartened and made passive by the past political methods of the Central Council, could be reached and rallied for enthusiastic and intensive work by the method of such a conference proposed by the resolution.

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The resolution as amended by Gillette and Buzzell was approved.

It is felt amongst the majority of the delegates to the Central Labor Council that the step taken at this meeting, although limited by the amendment, can be a great impetus for Labor's independent participation in the coming elections.

If the Central Labor Council at its next meeting, instead of debating the merits of Labor's independent participation in the Spring elections which were thoroughly discussed, will immediately go over to the question of working out the labor platform, the selection of the endorsement of candidates, labor can really become a factor in the election campaign and go a long way toward asserting itself politically and economically, and toward electing a city administration that will answer to the requirements of labor and the people at large in Los Angeles.

Bona Fide Unions Sweep the Polls

EMPLOYEES OF New York City-owned Independent Subway System are shown balloting for collective bargaining representatives. The slate of the American Federation of Labor Unions—machinists and street car men—won a large majority of the positions contested.

UNIONS BACK IN SAN DIEGO LABOR COUNCIL

Pact Signed, Ends Boycott Existing For a Year

SAN DIEGO—Bringing an end to a year-old boycott of the Federated Trades Council by a majority of local unions, an agreement was reached last week to bring all unions into the Central Council.

One Month's Per Capita

A special committee representing the Central Council met with a similar committee from the Building Trades Council and formulated the plan which provides that all unions shall be accepted into the Federated Trades by paying one month's per capita taxes.

Heretofore the Federated Trades has demanded that unions pay back taxes for the entire period they have boycotted the Central Council, as a condition of affiliation. For some unions this represented a demand for several hundred dollars. The agreement which also specifically recognizes the right of two-thirds of the council members to recall their officers at any time they wish, was ratified by both the Federated Trades Council and the Building Trades Council last week.

Rowland-Watson, Pacific Coast Organizer for the A. F. of L. attended the meeting of the Federated Trades and spoke in favor of the agreement and following his recommendation it was accepted without opposition.

Add 60 Delegates

Unions entitled to a total of 60 delegates will be represented to the Council, which at present has 40 delegates. It is expected that at least 40 delegates will immediately join in ousting the present officers and electing progressives in their place.

The present officers are soundly hated and those who do not resign, may expect recall proceedings, it is reported.

A. G. Rogers, editor of the Labor Leader and for the past 20 years secretary of the Labor Hall Association, a corporation owned by the Central Council, last week resigned from the Labor Hall Association and was replaced by J. W. Brown, progressive business agent of the Waiters and Bartenders' local.

Sit-Down Strike That Cooled The Ovens

LOS ANGELES — Pulling a surprise on the owner, forty workers in the Superior Cake Company at 2933 E. Adams Boulevard, conducted a sit-down strike last week, just as the cakes and bread were ready to be put into the ovens.

After, a few hours of it the vice-president of the company, Mrs. P. J. Reagan, noticed that the baking must go on—so, the workers got what they wanted: union recognition and a 20% increase in wages.

L.A. Motion Picture Projectionists On The Picket Line

LOS ANGELES.—The drive by the Motion Picture Projectionists Union, local 150, against unfair theaters is still on. Picketing is still being maintained at the Studio theater in Hollywood.

Two other theaters have been struck by the unions the Redmond Theater, in Pasadena, and the Wilshire, in Santa Monica.

Discrimination against union members, low wages and long hours form the chief cause of the strikes. Strikers are demanding union recognition from the scabby theater operators.

DISCUSS PLAN OF ORGANIZING IN LOS ANGELES

Aircraft and Building Trades Start Off

LOS ANGELES—To discuss the program of Labor's Committee for Organization for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, business agents of more than 50 local unions met together at the Labor Temple Wednesday, February 3.

With the settlement of the maritime strike an accomplished fact, the members of the committee feel that the present time is ripe for an active, militant campaign to unionize L a b o r throughout the two counties.

Aircraft and building trades industries are to be the first two concentration points of the committee. Meetings are being held in all locals to discuss the plans of work of the committee, lively discussions are developing around the program.

J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Labor Council in Los Angeles, sent out the following statement to all local unions and central bodies:

"At the meeting of Labor's Committee on Organization for

Unionist Cant Even Cross County Line!

NILES.—Citizens of the USA no longer have the right to pass freely from one county to another!

So ruled an Alameda County deputy (flunky) sheriff in the case of Charles Cassidy, Federal Labor Union official.

Cassidy, in Niles, representing the interests of strikers from California Nursery, was accosted by the deputy who "gave" him 10 minutes to leave Niles.

"In the future," the cop told Cassidy, "If you want to come to Niles, get a permit from the Police Chief in Hayward!"

Cassidy remained in Niles 40 minutes—the time necessary to complete his business.

OPPONENTS OF ANTI-PICKET REPEAL HIDE

Contrast to Those Who Are Fighting For Repeal

SAN FRANCISCO—Opposition to the repeal of the anti-picket ordinance has developed in the form of the so-called Civic Welfare League. So far the League can produce only one supporter, a Norman Elkington. Who the other members of the league are has not been made public. This is a contrast to the open membership of the General Campaign Committee in the repeal of the law. "The names of thousands of our supporters are on record at headquarters with their signatures on pledge cards. We are not hiding behind any false front, the Campaign Committee says."

Reach Every Unionist

"While a number of unions have responded to the committee's request for addressed envelopes, there are many more to be heard from. To be effective this campaign must have the solid support of all Labor. Help us in our effort to reach every trade unionist in San Francisco. Unions that have brought in addressed envelopes are Heat and Frost Insulators, Carpet and Linoleum Tile Workers, Cooks No. 44, Garage Employes, No. 665, Ship Clerks, Boiler Makers, Musicians, Building Service Employes, Stage Hands, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Millinery Workers, Clothing Workers, Photo Engravers. This makes a total of 9160 envelopes. We need more cooperation to reach the 100 per cent mark of 175 unions, says the Campaign Committee.

"If you belong to the Native Sons and Daughters, to an American Legion Post or to any organization, here is a job for you. Come to headquarters and get an endorsement form. Take it to your organization and urge the members to sign it. We want to have the longest list of organizations behind us to give the campaign all the weight it must have in order to win. There are hundreds of lodges and clubs in this town that we cannot reach unless we have help from within the organization."

Sailors and all maritime workers who will be away from San Francisco on election day may vote by mail by following these instructions. During the 20 days prior to elections voters may call at the Registrar's office in the city hall to get ballots, or they may apply for them by mail. Then—all absented voters who are in United States Territory on election day shall mail their ballots which had been disheartened and made passive by the past political methods of the Central Council, could be reached and rallied for enthusiastic and intensive work by the method of such a conference proposed by the resolution.

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Calif. Carpenters Defeat Red-Baiting

In a special quarterly meeting of Carpenters' Local 1296, San Diego's largest local of the Carpenters' Union, an amendment to the International constitution requiring all candidates for union membership to pledge themselves never to join or support the Communist Party, or "any revolutionary organization" was decisively voted down.

Only one member voted for the proposal, which was introduced at the recent convention of the Carpenters International, and made the subject of a general referendum vote.

Two other locals of the Carpenters union will likewise vote on this question within the next week and it is expected they will follow the action of local 1296.

Local 34 in San Francisco also decisively defeated this reactionary proposition recently.

Local 884 (Millmen) and Local 25, two Los Angeles Carpenters Locals, have also turned the proposal down.

(By a Carpenter)

Hutcheson not yet having been brought to his senses by the crushing defeat of the November election shattering his dream of a cabinet post, the Hutcheson-Duffy machine is now attempting to bring the program of Hearst, Landon and Wall Street in the B. of C. and J. of A.

Veil of Democracy

The international convention recently concluded at Lakeland, Florida, was one of the most brazen example of machine-gang rule. Scores upon scores of resolutions and amendments to the constitution from various parts of the country were suppressed there, and every progressive move labelled communistic, the typical policy of Hearst and Wall Street.

Nothing better could really have been expected judging from the type of delegates that were sent from the Bay District, the majority of whom were Hutcheson's stooges and yes men and paid officials.

One delegate from a San Francisco local went illegally according to the constitution, deliminiey showing the rank and file that the constitution is adhered and broken whenever it suits the purpose of those in power. The seating of that particular delegate could have been prevented had the membership been more alert and the progressive forces organized before the night of the elections.

Aims to Stifle and Smash Unions

After several weeks of supposed serious deliberations mapping out a program for furthering our organization and working conditions a referendum vote (ordered by the national office but undoubtedly authorized by the convention) is being called for on a number of propositions, which are, with the exception of one, of no real benefit or interest to the rank and file.

The thirty hour week clause instead of the 40 hour week as stated in the constitution is just a general position and no provision for organization of how to obtain the same is mentioned or provided.

The new paragraph known as Sec. 2 and 3 of Art. 34 aiming at curbing any militant upsurge which would endanger Hutcheson's rule and the position of the Executive Council.

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SOON DEMAND PACT IN STEEL

CIO to Open Up Its Big Guns in April

PITTSBURG, Pa.—A high official of the Committee for Industrial Organization, who declined to be quoted directly, said he expected demands for a wage and working agreement to be laid before steel operators by April 1—the same date on which contracts involving 450,000 bituminous coal miners expire.

The automobile strike, he added, has not affected a previous decision by Philip Murray, head of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, to call a national convention of newly recruited members before that date.

Wage and working condition demands would be formulated by this convention.

Negotiations between the United Mine Workers and coal operators will begin February 17 in New York.

The coal union's wage and policy will meet later to decide on the demands to be put forward in this conference. Many expect that among the demands will be that of the six-hour day, 30-hour week with no decrease in the present base pay of $5.50 a day.

The present contract provides for a seven-hour day, 35-hour week.

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By way of informa these machines are d and bear the licen 2 F 251 and are o the third is maroon the license 2 J 6796.

Beware of their o you chance to stro streets.

GLASS WORKERS PAY INCREASE

TOLEDO—Followi week strike by work by Owens-Illinois, Inc was forced to grant hourly wage increase earlier 7000 employ Pittsburg Plate Gla similar increases in p

GES IN OSPITAL; SERIOUS

FRANCISCO. — Harry ILA district presi at St. Luke's hospital dergoing treatment for uicers, aggravated by ellow strike leader's during the recent

condition is not serious. he is in the hospital for two weeks, Henry President of ILA 8-79 reports. Leisure rest, visitors not come, says Schmidt.

LEGION IN CHICO GOES TO AID OF SPAIN FASCISM

Gets County Hall Barred To Youth Delegation

CHICO.—Sympathy of the local American Legion leadership for the Spanish fascists has led them to go so far as to seek denial of free speech to the Spanish youth delegation. As a result, county - owned Memorial Hall has been barred to the Spanish youth delegates.

Prominent Chico and Oroville citizens, lovers of democracy, are sponsoring the appearance of the Spanish youth delegates. The sponsors include:

Alice Anderson, Reverend Meigs, Anna Louise Barney, Isa D. Reed and Dr. Alva P. Taylor, all Chico State college faculty members; the Rev. G. G. Berger, pastor of Methodist Episcopal church, Chico; Reverend Sloan, pastor of First Christian church.

The leaders will be held Feb. 20 at the Legionnaires, sponsors announce.

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FEBRUARY 19

SAN FRANCISCO.—Asiatic Exclusion League demands further restrictions on Japanese and Chinese immigration.

SACRAMENTO.—Hoodlums start race riot in Chinatown here.

WASHINGTON.—U. S. Supreme Court upholds initiative and referendum method of legislation in states.

FEBRUARY 20

FRESNO.—Chester H. Rowell, president of LaFollette League of California, deserts LaFollette and announces his support for Theodore Roosevelt.

LOS ANGELES.—Indictment dismissed charging A. B. Maple, union iron worker, with conspiracy to dynamite Hall of Records.

Spanish Delegates at Dreamland, S.F.

Commander of a Spanish Anti-Fascist Batallion. LOUIS SIMARRO. Hear him at San Francisco Dreamland Auditorium, Feb. 17, 8 p. m.

Represents Spanish Youth MARIA SIMARRO. Hear her tell of the fight against fascism. Mass meeting, S. F. Dreamland Aud., Feb. 17.

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LEGION IN CHICO GOES TO AID OF SPAIN FASCISM

Gets County Hall Barred To Youth Delegation

CHICO.—Sympathy of the local American Legion leadership for the Spanish fascists has led them to go so far as to seek denial of free speech to the Spanish youth delegation. As a result, county - owned Memorial Hall has been barred to the Spanish youth delegates.

Prominent Chico and Oroville citizens, lovers of democracy, are sponsoring the appearance of the Spanish youth delegates. The sponsors include:

Alice Anderson, Reverend Meigs, Anna Louise Barney, Isa D. Reed and Dr. Alva P. Taylor, all Chico State college faculty members; the Rev. G. G. Berger, pastor of Methodist Episcopal church, Chico; Reverend Sloan, pastor of First Christian church.

The leaders will be held Feb. 20 at the Legionnaires, sponsors announce.

Can You Answer These?

1—Who were the Girondists in the French Revolution?

2—Who were the Chartists?

3—What new federal departments and cabinet officers does President Roosevelt propose?

4—What famous President increased the membership of the Supreme Court in the last century?

5—Did white slavery, that is enslavement of white persons, ever exist in the South?

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AMERICA YOUTH ACT IN CONGRESS

5000 in "Youth Pilgrimage" To Washington for Bill

WASHINGTON. — Providing employment for young job-seekers between 16 and 25, federal scholarships for all needy students, and vocational training and guidance for young people throughout the U. S., the American Youth Act was introduced in both houses of Congress last week.

Senator Ernest Lundeen, Minnesota Farmer - Labor Party Representatives Maury Maverick (D., Texas), and H. Jerry Voorhis (D., Calif.) introduced the bill, calling for immediate appropriation of $500,000,000 for the first year.

Under leadership of the American Youth Congress, 5000 young men and women will be here next Friday, February 19, on a four-day "Pilgrimage of Youth" to ask Senators and Representatives to support the bill and to present a petition signed by more than 1,000,000 people to President Roosevelt.

The President is to address the assemblage from the White House on Saturday morning.

SHOW ADMIRALS BLESS COMPANY UNION ON SHIPS

Commission Aids Outfit Aimed at Licensed Men

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Maritime Commission had a big hand in forming the maritime company union known as the Offshore Licensed Officers Association, it has been definitely proven.

The company union, promoted by a retired naval lieutenant-commander named Emil Topp, is aimed at the Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn. on the East and West Coasts.

Admiral's Blessing

The plan was endorsed by Chairman H. A. Wiley and Admiral M. M. Taylor of the Maritime Commission, and they endorsed the proposal right in the midst of negotiations during the

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Reactionaries Hit E. Bay Labor Slate

OAKLAND.—Led by the arch-reactionary William Fee, William Spooner and Silverthorn, the Alameda County Central Labor Council by a vote of 50 to 45 defeated a motion to reaffirm the position taken by the Central Labor Council on independent political action.

Abusing every privilege of parliamentary procedure, the reactionaries almost caused total confusion in the Central Labor Council.

President Fee, an appeal from the ruling of the chair having been made, refused to turn over the chair to the vice-president until forced to do so by the delegates. Then he was overruled by the delegates with the vice-president presiding.

"OLD GUARD" REJECTS L. A. LABOR TICKET

Sentiment Is Great; Reactionaries Hit E. Bay Labor Slate

LOS ANGELES—In face of the decision of the Central Labor Council and of the urgent need of unity, Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections has decided unanimously to dissolve itself.

The delegates feel the decision not at a defeat but a reflection of the growing sentiment in the unions for independent political action by organized labor.

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THEY LIKED THE SACTO. MEETING

So Contra Costa Labor Calls Legislative Meet

BERKELEY.—**The program of the California People's Legislative Conference will be presented here Wednesday night, February 17, in the 34th Assembly District at Washington School, Bancroft Way and Grove St. Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson will be present. John Wolters, state leader of the Conference, will speak.**

MARTINEZ.—The reason for the Trade Union Legislative Conference in Labor Temple, Martinez, on Feb. 20, is that delegates sent by the Central Labor Council were so well pleased with the recent People's Legislative Conference in Sacramento.

They felt, says the Contra Costa Labor Journal, that the union movement in Contra Costa County should get busy and make plans to carry out the labor legislation program outlined at the Sacramento conference.

Originally scheduled for Feb. 14, the conference here was postponed to allow more time for preparation.

2000 Shipyard Men Return in Long S. F. Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—2000 Bethlehem shipyard workers, on strike several months, will return Thursday at a 50c an hour wage increase and a 40-hour week. Machinists' Union men are still negotiating on terms.

Spain's Fight To Be Told In San Francisco

Blum Sharply Warns Nazis & Italy on Intervention

Spanish government forces scored important victory on two fronts in the fight for democracy against Fascism in Spain Sunday, while from Paris Saturday came a new warning from Premier Leon Blum against German and Italian intervention in Spain.

MADRID.—Fascist forces were beaten back decisively when they attempted a major offensive on the Maranosa Front in an effort to cut the Madrid-Valencia highway.

Loyalist militia, using anti-tank guns and hand grenades, turned back rebel tanks in a four-hour battle. The tanks had appeared at noon Sunday, after a barrage of Junkers.

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Holman Thugs Riot Protected by Cops

SAN FRANCISCO.—The thugs' army of Lee Holman, which seems to be a sort of darling of the police, has marched again on Monday, and like any self-respecting union men, members of I.L.A. local 38-79 replied to the Holman provocations.

About 300 of Holman's gang marched directly from Holman's office on Howard St. to the I.L.A headquarters on Clay, where they congregated outside in a threatening manner.

I.L.A members emptied cuspidors on them. A melee followed, in which Lee Brown, 45, a Holman member, was stabbed in the back by a Holman man. He was taken to the Harbor General Hospital, with a punctured kidney.

The police, who somehow had "overlooked" the thugs as they marched to the I.L.A headquarters, later took them to the Harbor Station for "projection" and questioning, despite the fact that abundant proof had been produced that they consist largely of gunmen imported into the city.

75,000 Pledge Anti-Picket Repeal Aid

SAN FRANCISCO—A North Beach Citizens' Division has been organized to repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance in the March 9 special elections.

The Labor Council's general campaign committee for repeal of the ordinance reports that 75,000 pledge cards have already been signed, pledging to vote for repeal.

Bishop James C. Baker of the San Francisco area, Methodist Episcopal Church has announced his support for repeal.

It Happened In California

ANTI-LYNCH MEET, SACTO.

SACRAMENTO.—Sacramento Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will hold Lincoln's birthday by joining in a nation-wide anti - lynching demonstration. Mass meeting was held in Shiloh Baptist Church.

OUST GLENN OFFICIAL

WILLOWS. — Glenn County Supervisors voted 4 to 1 to oust Carl M. Spurlock as county agricultural commissioner. The action was the result of a long fight between the board and Spurlock.

FAR MERCED VICE

MERCED.—Annual report of the Merced County grand jury rapped vice and gambling as widespread in the county, and said "it will bear investigation."

YOLOAN FOUND STARVING

WOODLAND.—Charles Leonard, 60-year-old transient, was found starving under a crude shelter of an abandoned hog barn. Doctors said he was suffering from lack of nourishment.

UNIONS SEEK INJUNCTION ON COPELAND ACT

Temporary Injunction Stays Hand of U.S. Shipping Agent

Following a temporary injunction issued by U. S. District Judge Roche for San Francisco, ships were sailing from that port with no further attempt by U. S. Shipping Commissioner Rylander to halt vessels whose crews refused to accept the blacklisting Copeland continuous discharge book.

A hearing is to be held Saturday on the temporary injunction, on the plea of the marine firemen, sailors, and cooks, and stewards for a preliminary injunction, to prevent requirement of possession of the books by seamen as condition of employment.

Pedro Unions Act

Seamen's unions in San Pedro were preparing to seek Federal Court orders Tuesday to restrain the shipping commissioner in that port from requiring possession of the books by seamen as a condition to shipping out. Orders to Attorney S. B. Kennedy, General Cummings when Rylander in San Francisco should be restrained from enforcing the ruling. (The shipping commissioner's office had refused to allow signing on of crews without possession of the Copeland book.)

A Case of Blacklisting

Andrew Jackson, chairman of the Maritime Federation Committee to amend the Copeland Act, stated the law does not require seamen to sign continuous discharge books before they sign articles of agreement.

Jackson showed how the Copeland book and certificate of efficiency can be used as a blacklisting weapon, citing the case of Frank Spolar, a seaman since

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POWER TRUST IN FRESNO SLANDER

It Tries to Defeat City Power Plan At Polls

FRESNO.—The private power interests have unleashed their heavy guns of falsehood in an attempt to defeat the $3,000,000 bond appropriation for municipal ownership of electrical power distribution, before the Fresno voters on Feb. 25.

Obviously a mouthpiece for the big power interests, a well-known local attorney named David E. Peckinpah told the Independent Citizens Club that municipal distribution would result in high rates, even though municipal power systems throughout the country have reduced rates tremendously.

Cleanly speaking for the San Joaquin Light and Power Corp., Peckinpah tried to belittle the claim that municipal distribution would result in decrease power rates by 10%.

Western Worker Drive

FUNDS NONE TOO PLENTIFUL ON PEDRO 'FRONT — BUT $112 RAISED

WITH A TOTAL of $112.50 turned in, the Harbor (San Pedro) Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party had nearly reached its quota of $150 in the Western Worker Drive a few days ago.

We're naming no names, but that ought to put certain Party Section to shame.

With 39 days of strike, finances have been none too booming in the Harbor area. Yet the Harbor Section comes nobly.

The money has been raised by dint of consistent and untiring effort, so that the WESTERN WORKER, which maritime workers know is so much to aid the strike, might continue to exist, and to grow.

Is that a challenge, or is that a challenge?

LONGSHOREMEN ASSURE L. A. TEAMSTERS OF SUPPORT IN UNION ORGANIZATION DRIVE

Waterfront Employers Association Shows Its Hand Against Efforts of Union to Organize Harbor Area

LOS ANGELES—In a formal statement announcing an agreement of the Teamsters' Union again to delay picketing of Matson Docks in San Pedro, Federal Conciliators Edward Fitzgerald and E. P. Marsh said:

"At the conference held in San Pedro with representatives of the maritime and longshoremen's crafts and the teamsters, U. S. Conciliators Marsh and Fitzgerald reported they were working to effect solution of the controversy at the dock which would prevent a tieup of ship operations.

Determined on Drive

"The conciliators requested the teamsters' union to grant a further reasonable extension of time before the contemplated picketing of the docks was placed in effect.

"The Teamsters' representatives assured the conciliators that while they were determined to follow through their legitimate efforts to organize the men in their industry, they wished to cooperate with the Federal officials and would grant them the reasonable time they requested, before adopting more drastic action.

"The conciliators will lend every effort to bring about a satisfactory solution to this situation which will end the stoppage of maritime commerce."

To Protest Matson Action

Picket action is being contemplated by the Teamsters' Union of protest against the Matson Navigation Ship Company's refusal to allow union organizers on its docks to solicit membership from the non-union men.

In the event that such action is taken by the union in its rightful course of securing its demands, the International Longshoremen Association has declared that it will not send its men through the line.

Further attempts to break the recently acquired peace on the waterfront were seen in announcements sent forth by the Waterfront Employers' Association urging all other shipping companies to adopt the same scabby tactics as the Matson Company is using at the present time.

The Teamsters' Union reports that already hundreds of new members are being signed up as a result of the intensive organization of Southern California.

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West Coast maritime strike.

Government officials have investigated the situation, and they describe Topp's organization as a company union.

Topp wrote Admiral Taylor for a blessing and got the following reply:

"I have received your mimeographed letter with enclosure asking my opinion of it.

"It has been very evident to me that one of the serious difficulties with which our merchant marine is confronted is the great lack of discipline in the service and this is considerable part due to the lack of proper standing of the licensed officers as such. It is most unfortunate, in my mind, that they threw in their lot with the organization of the unlicensed personnel.

"Too close an association is sure to build a feeling of equality, and only by a realization of and insistence on a measure of superiority on the part of the licensed personel, through a realization of their greater responsibility and the dignity of their position, can the preservation of discipline be made possible.

"I wish you all success in your efforts.

"Yours very truly,

"M. M. TAYLOR."

Next day Topp mailed this letter from Admiral Wiley:

"I have read with much interest your mimeographed letter, with enclosure. I have also read Admiral Taylor's letter to you, in all of which I heartily concur. I wish to understand the success in your efforts, I am,

"Very truly yours,

"H. A. WILEY"

Unions Seek To Stay Fink Book

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100%, who was active in the East Coast strike.

"At the conclusion of the strike a spiteful boss said to my job, 'Jackson said, "The man who took him back provided he would get a continuous discharge book. He protested that he understood that part of the Copeland Act was not to be enforced until a public hearing was had relative to amending that part of the act.

"The mate informed him this was not true insofar as the Munson Line was concerned. Spalar got a book and was put to work.

When the superintendent of the Munson Line came aboard the ship and fired him. Upon asking the reason for his dismissal he was merely told: 'You know why.'

The local inspectors, Karl C. Nilson and James Smith, United States board of local inspectors, Port of New York, immediately demanded the surrender of his papers, whereupon Spalar showed the words 'any ocean' and inserted the words 'inland waters and Great Lakes.'

The San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday night went on record to condemn this action against Spalar.

Big Crowd Hears Ross on Trotzkyism

SAN FRANCISCO.—That the fight against the Trotzkyites is a matter of world concern, not merely an issue between the Communists and Leon Trotzky, was brought out in Lawrence Ross' discussion of Trotzkyism and the Moscow trial at the first Sunday Forum of the Communist Party at 121 Haight St. last Sunday night.

A capacity audience listened to the one hour's speech, and half hour of answers to written questions from the floor.

The next Sunday Night Forum will be held on February 8th, Frank Spector, County Organizer of the Communist Party, will give a Marxist analysis of current events.

IN HIGH COURT

ANGELO HERNDON, young Negro Communist and leader of Atlanta unemployed, whose sentence to 18-20 years on Georgia chain gang is now up for appeal before U. S. Supreme Court.

EAST BAY NEGRO GROUP OBSERVE 'HISTORY WEEK'

Celebrate Achievements of Famed Negroes

OAKLAND—In line with Negro groups all over the country, the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress celebrated Negro History Week, Feb. 7th to the 14th. A special program of Negro music and historical characters was broadcast over station KROW from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m., Sunday, Feb. 14. Some of the features were the Cotton Blossom Quartet, Mr. E. S. Thomas and Mr. C. L. Dellums, speakers.

Educational in nature, the broadcast made possible through the courtesy of the management of KROW, was in line with the Negro Congress program of educating Negro and white citizens on the menace of fascism to Negro people to our national life.

This program came in addition to the Negro Congress annual weekly broadcast of "Negroes in the News" over KLS (1450 on the dial) every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m.).

Scrudder Crosses Self-Up in Hearing

LOS ANGELES. — James T. Scrudder, whose confession, recorded on dictaphone records that he was paid by Standard Oil to help frame the Modesto labor frameup victims is being investigated by a legislative committee, is now trying to renig on that confession.

Under the questioning of Assemblyman Yorty, Scrudder, however, continually contradicted himself, and he laughingly admitted the vicious part he played in the railroading of the Modesto boys by planting dynamite on them.

He admitted his role as a police spy, stating he had often done this work in the Associated Charities of San Francisco and the Charity Workers Protective Union.

When Yorty asked him who first suggested dividing the dynamite so that each car would have some, Scrudder said he himself did, then said "several others" had done so.

Scrudder admitted getting money on different occasions from Standard Oil to the amount of $700, Scrudder said he didn't know who paid a check that came to Scrudder's guard him, but the detective, Gordon, told Yorty that Scrudder knew Standard paid him.

Hearings will next be resumed in San Francisco, Feb. 17.

Glen M. De Vore, who was special prosecutor of the Modesto boys, working with District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary, admitted he was paid $7500 by Standard Oil to help prosecute the case.

Republican members of the investigating committee subpoenaed the hearings, opposing citation for contempt against Scrudder for refusing to reveal the whereabouts of his wife, who is said to have also received Standard Oil money.

130 Men Strike on 3 Salinas W P A Jobs

SALINAS. — Three Salinas WPA laborers' projects have been struck, the men demanding a union wage of 62½ cents an hour. The 130 strikers are under the leadership of the Workers Alliance.

HAIL VERDICT ON PLOTTERS AGAINST USSR

Industrial Section In L.A. Hails Stern Workers' Justice

LOS ANGELES—Hailing the verdict of the Supreme Court of the USSR in the trial of the Trotzkyite "Parallel Center," 150 members of the newly-formed Industrial Section of the Communist Party, Los Angeles, unanimously and enthusiastically adopted the following resolution at a membership meeting here last week.

Proletarian Justice

"With whole-hearted agreement we greet the verdict of proletarian justice against the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyists of the "Parallel Center."

The counter-revolutionary and disruptive characters of the Trotzkyists can well be seen in this city where leaflets are issued by them inciting hatred against the Spanish government which is mobilizing and defending the Spanish people against the fascist invasion, for a democratic Spain.

"We hail the just verdict which increases the strength of the Soviet Union and its vigilance in beating back any counter-revolutionary plots designed to destroy the land of peace, prosperity and widest proletarian democracy.

To Carry On Struggle

"With all our might we shall carry on the struggle against counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism wherever it raises its ugly head.

"We greet the beloved leader of the world's toilers—Comrade Stalin, Lenin's best disciple, whose Marxist-Leninist policies and leadership brought the Soviet Union to unheard of success in establishing irrevocable Socialism.

Spanish Speakers In Bay Area

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dued to speak at a dinner given by the Medical Bureau, to aid Spanish democracy tonight at 546 Montgomery St., at 6:30 p.m.

Radio Speech

Members of the delegation will speak the same evening from 9:45 to 10 p.m. over Station KGGC. Another will greet a meeting of the Spanish Society at 1556 California Avenue.

Wednesday afternoon the entire delegation is scheduled to visit Tom Mooney in San Quentin.

Thursday the delegation will be guests at a banquet at noon on the Stanford University campus, followed by a meeting on the campus. Later they will visit a newly formed Spanish youth organization at Mountain View. The same evening they will speak at a mass meeting at Theodore Roosevelt High School in San Jose.

Oakland Parade

Friday, Feb. 19, the delegation will parade in Oakland, beginning at Seventh and Cypress Streets at 10:30 a.m. and proceeding to the University of California campus via Seventh, Broadway and Telegraph Road. On the campus at 11:45 a.m. they will be entertained at a luncheon at the YWCA Cottage, followed by a campus meeting at 4 p.m. at International house.

Friday evening, Feb. 19, they will address a mass meeting in Oakland Civic Auditorium, endorsed by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

A series of other meetings is planned in Northern California cities before the delegation returns to Southern California for other meetings including the main mass meeting at Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Feb. 24.

AFL Reactionaries In SF Hit Spain

SAN FRANCISCO. — Even though Alameda County Central Labor Council had unanimously passed a resolution protesting the government's embargo against the legal Spanish government, the reactionaries in the San Francisco Central Labor Council united solidly last Friday night to make sure that such an expression of support for the Spanish people and trade unions be killed.

The resolution, similar to the Alameda County resolution, was introduced into the San Francisco Labor Council by Delegate Lee, Culinary Local 110, which had passed it without a dissent.

O'Connell Acts Natural

John O'Connell, secretary of the Council, who was one of those unable to bear the thought of supporting democracy and the trade unions in Spain, moved that it be referred to the executive board.

Sheriff Dan Murphy, of the Pressmen's Union, opened up the barrage against the resolution with the typical time-worn fabrications about persecution of religion by the Soviet Union, repeating also the fascist-inspired tales of "outrages perpetrated against religion by the Spanish government."

ILA, Guild Men Answer

Delegates Shaw of ILA 38-79 and Chesebro of the Newspaper Guild, pointed out that great sections of the Catholic priesthood are supporting the democratic and legally elected Spanish government against the fascists. Thompson reminded the Council of the recent talk by the Spanish Father Sarasola here in San Francisco on behalf of the Spanish government. Shaw showed that it was not a Communist government, but a government of all forces democracy, backed 100% by the Spanish trade unions.

"The fascists have bombed and killed women and children! Is that a Christian thing to do?" asked Shaw.

O'Connell tried to ring in red-baiting, stating that the man signing the resolution was Sam Jaye, who had been a Communist candidate in San Francisco elections. (Jaye signed the resolution as president of Miscellaneous Local 110).

Delegates shouted "No red-baiting here!"

The reactionaries kept ignoring the fact that the resolution was on behalf of brother trade-unionists in Spain; that so many Catholic priests were for the government; they injected the religious issue repeatedly to confuse the true issue of support to the Spanish unions and democracy.

It was finally voted to refer the resolution to the executive committee. Tillman of the Sailors Union was one of those who voted with the reactionaries to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee.

In the run-off elections for vice-president, Lawrence Palacios of the Laundry Workers received 190 votes; Henry Schmidt, progressive president of ILA Local 38-79 received 148 votes.

NO MYSTERY—BUT IT'S YOUR NIGHT TO HOWL

"The Night of February 27!"

No—this isn't an S. S. Van Dine mystery story. It's the night when "The Western Worker Goes to Town!" It's a Saturday night, it's a party night, it's the night when the Western Worker staff will show San Francisco how to "throw a party."

It's your night to howl—for the benefit of our paper.

Watch the next issue for some real front-page news—the address of the place you're going to go on "The Night of February 27." You'll provide the only "mystery" if you fail to show up.

No party like this has ever before been seen in captivity, so be there with bells on!

BUILDING UP AN ASSEMBLY DIST. PARTY BRANCH

(A Party Pre-Convention Discussion Article)

By RICHARD

The 23rd Assembly Branch has an alternating arrangement of meetings—one week education—the next devoted to business. This was to insure a proper discussion as a meeting divided between business and educational discussions gave only one hour for discussion, which is not enough if 20 to 30 people are to be involved.

The business meeting is divided into a literature hour of general business such as Western Worker Drive, checkup, etc. During the literature hour members split up into commissions, such as Western Worker and Literature, educational and public, neighborhood activities, Women, Youth, with each member working with whatever commission he prefers. These commissions are to be the working bodies in the branch to root the Branch in the neighborhood.

When our unit was reorganized on a branch basis we discontinued the squad system, which made the proper distribution of the Western Worker a problem. We have tried to solve it by having each member either subscribe or buy a Western Worker at the newsstand.

We have tried to solve it by having each member assigned to a certain number of Western Worker subscriptions.

Western Worker on a news stand for his own use and contribute to the general fund a certain amount each week, used to buy a bundle of Western Workers. These Western Workers are distributed to a selected concentration precinct by an assigned or elected comrade.

The literature hour checkup committee consisting of the officers of the Branch meets each week, hour is spent in going over individual activities by labor in Los Angeles, and it is time when one method has failed, to set up another. I have in my pocket a resolution of which the labor movement will be proud."

Gillette refused to read his resolution, however, until Buzzell's resolution had been defeated.

Buzzell pleaded for the use of the democratic machinery we now have, in order that the discussion is whether "labor should be used in politics, or politics used for labor."

Lou Baron, Furriers' Union, declared:

"Do we want to elect our candidates to office? We do—along the lines of independent political action to carry on an intensive campaign for the election."

The Joint Executive Board has failed. Look at your judges, your members of the city administration—they don't represent us and never will as long as we have this set-up. We have the greatest party in the Chamber of Commerce representatives in our city council of any other city.

"If we have to make a change to clean out that gang, let's do it. We never will clean up this controlled directly by the rank-and-file, and work through the Central Labor Council."

Loud applause greeted Baron's talk.

At call of Delegate Somerset, Screen Actors Guild, to end the debate, Sherman failed to ask for the opposition vote and was rebuked by delegates, who declared "the chair has no right to shut off the debate." Following shutting off debate, Buzzell asked for a roll call vote on his resolution, and Sherman asked that each delegate stand when voting.

The voting resulted in sustaining of Buzzell's motion, 186-105.

An unusually large representation was present, and 80 of the delegates were obligated and seated.

Once a Hero, This Cop Disciplined For Being Decent

ALAMEDA.—Not so long ago police officer William G. Fries was lionized as a hero for having persuaded a man who was about to blow himself up, to leave a dynamite-laden car.

Police officer Fries is on the "ghost watch" (midnight to 8 p.m.) as a punishment.

A punishment for what?

For having, along with four other cops, refused one day last month to attack pickets at the Hunter Boat Co. when the latter battled provocative scabs.

Officer Fries has been placed on probation for "negligence, neglect of duty and lack of judgment." The four other cops have also been placed on probation.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER OF L.A. YOUTH BY COP

Student Is Shot Dead On Mere Suspicion Of "Stealing"

LOS ANGELES—Lawless brutality of police claimed another victim last week when 15-year-old Jack Murphy of 1435 East Broadway, Glendale, was shot dead on "suspicion" of stealing a car.

Responsible for the cold-blooded murder of the youth was Radio Patrolman McCulloch, who had commanded the boy to halt when he began to flee. McCulloch claimed as his only excuse that the "stumbled" as he was about to fire at the boy's feet.

Murphy, a student in Woodrow Wilson High School, was, along with Jack Granville, 16, a companion of Murphy, accosted by McCulloch and his partner Skyburg, who suspected the two boys of stealing an automobile from in front of the Roxy Theater, Glendale.

Chappelle surrendered to Skyburg, but Murphy tried to run away.

Young Murphy leaves a widowed mother, Mrs. Carol Murphy.

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delegates to Labor's Conference for Municipal Elections vote against the resolution, but many others as well.

Sherman's Democracy

In the Los Angeles council meeting, President Harry Sherman refused to recognize J. W. Gillette, Musicians' Union, who arose to present a resolution, and instead recognized Secretary Buzzell, who introduced the resolution retaining the old political set-up, and also speaking about union wage scales for city contracts and against anti-picketing laws. The resolution further provides that the San Pedro Central Labor Council be represented on the Joint Executive Board.

Challenging any delegate to prove that the Labor Council has the choice of labor has ever been represented by the endorsements of the Joint Executive Board," Gillette declared:

"The Joint Executive Board has utterly failed to represent us in any way. It has failed to bring about unified political action by labor in Los Angeles, and it is time when one method has failed, to set up another. I have in my pocket a resolution of which the labor movement will be proud."

Gillette refused to read his resolution, however, until Buzzell's resolution had been defeated.

Buzzell pleaded for the use of the democratic machinery we now have, in order that the discussion is whether "labor should be used in politics, or politics used for labor."

Lou Baron, Furriers' Union, declared:

"Do we want to elect our candidates to office? We do—along the lines of independent political action to carry on an intensive campaign for the election."

The Joint Executive Board has failed. Look at your judges, your members of the city administration—they don't represent us and never will as long as we have this set-up. We have the greatest party in the Chamber of Commerce representatives in our city council of any other city.

"If we have to make a change to clean out that gang, let's do it. We never will clean up this controlled directly by the rank-and-file, and work through the Central Labor Council."

Loud applause greeted Baron's talk.

At call of Delegate Somerset, Screen Actors Guild, to end the debate, Sherman failed to ask for the opposition vote and was rebuked by delegates, who declared "the chair has no right to shut off the debate." Following shutting off debate, Buzzell asked for a roll call vote on his resolution, and Sherman asked that each delegate stand when voting.

The voting resulted in sustaining of Buzzell's motion, 186-105.

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Spanish Loyalists In Military Gains

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the Loyalists had withstood a heavy artillery fire. They were forced to retire, leaving the government thoroughly in command of its line of communication between Madrid and Valencia.

On the Estremadura - Madrid road, the government forces took the initiative, driving rebel forces back a mile and a half by a series of successful attacks.

To Solidify Defense

Meanwhile, striving to bring more unity and centralization to the defense of Madrid, the organizations of the People's Front in the city issued an appeal to the government to take the following measures:

1. Compulsory military service from all able-bodied men under 45.

2. A unified command on all fronts.

3. Removal of doubtful elements from military responsibility.

4. A vigorous offensive on all fronts.

The proposals from the Madrid defenders came immediately following the suppression of the disruptive Trotzkyite newspaper POUM, its staff, and represents an effort to clean out all uncertain and traitorous elements in preparation for striking a major blow against Franco's Italian, German and mercenary troops.

It accompanies also the trial of Trotzkyites who failed to the government on charges of military rebellion.

From Valencia came word of the bombardment Sunday night by a Fascist warship, killing 14 persons and wrecking buildings in various parts of the city. About 30 shells were fired.

Blum's Statement

PARIS.—Premier Leon Blum, addressing the national council of the Socialist Party, warning that Germany and Italy against open intervention.

"The only possible solution of the international problem which the Spanish war brings us," said Blum, "is the establishment of agreements for the repression of war contraband."

Blum remarked pointedly that "No secret accord links us with any one over questions of the Mediterranean," and signifies a possible retreat of Blum from the disastrous "non - intervention" policy under which Germany and Italy have landed troops at will.

TAKE EMERGENCY MEASURE RAISE FULL "WESTERN" Q

SAN FRANCISCO—Three divisions, Merced, Sa and Tulare, are now over the top in the $12,000 dr Western, Daily and Sunday Worker.

Merced went into the lead over Santa Barbara by $5 in the last week, giving a total of $60.65 on a $50 percentage is 121.3. Santa Barbara sent no additional the week, remaining at 115.4 per cent. Tulare, th in the over-the-top brigade, sent in $19.15 during the ing it just 15 cents over its $50 quota.

Two contributions reaching the state committee o in the past week were: Sonoma, $141; Sacramento, County, $69.25; Los Angeles, $50; San Francisco, $150; $6; Santa Clara, $14.60; San Mateo, $2; at large, $55.90.

Sonoma County stands in third place with 93.8 per $150 quota raised.

EMERGENCY APPEAL!

To all County and Section Organizers:
To all Unit and Branch Organizers:
To all Western-Daily Worker Drive Managers:

Only $399.90 was received during the week of Fe to 12. We have yet to raise $6284.72 in the remai weeks. The existence of the Western Worker, Dail and Sunday Worker is in danger unless we rais $12,000. Take emergency measures to realize your lis Rush all funds on hand to Western Worker Drive Ma Haight Street, San Francisco, California.

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COUNCIL CONFIRMS PACT POPULAR FRONT; RENEWS POSITION TO TROTZKYISM

n Labor Voices Unswerving Support Spanish Government; Takes Steps r Further Labor Unity at Home

CRUZ—Creation of the Mexican Popular Front in ed form was announced last week by Lombardo general secretary of the Confederation of Mexican was approved enthusiastically by the national coun- Confederation which has just adjourned a session

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FINNISH MOVE FRIENDLY TO SOVIET UNION

Indicates Lessening In Influence of White Guards

HELSINGFORS, Finland—Foreign Minister Holsti is now in the Soviet Union on a diplomatic mission to assure the Soviet government that Finland does not intend to adhere to any anti-Soviet combinations.

Holsti's visit, following shortly after the visit made by the Social Democratic party to the local election, is regarded as a gesture on the part of Finland's government, newly formed last October, to deny responsibility for white guard, fascist and other anti-Soviet elements who exerted a pronounced influence on the previous government.

The Lapuan Fascist movement in Finland, which includes former leaders of the Finnish White Guard, have been trying to line Finland up with the war plans of Nazi Germany.

Greeted in Soviet Union

MOSCOW.—The Soviet press gave a warm welcome to Foreign Minister Holsti of Finland on his arrival here. "Izvestia," organ of the government, concluded "There are strong grounds for estimating the results of the Minister's visit optimistically."

An editorial in Pravda also treated the visit optimistically, but referred also to "numerically strong forces" in irresponsible but extremely active, anti-Soviet elements in Finland who are attempting to create provocations against the Soviet, dreaming of seizure of a part of Soviet territory and acting as agents of German fascism. "It is to establish really good relations between the two countries it is necessary that the government in Finland to put an end to the anti-Soviet activity of these elements."

Madrid Learns to Produce Arms

MADRID—Madrid was a "non-industrial" city, but today it has become the main active center for the manufacture of munitions and war supplies of all the Spanish area held by the government.

At the outbreak of the fascist insurrection, the government commandeered for defense purposes all factories abandoned by their proprietors. Many of these were textile and leather factories. Today fifty such plants, employing 5,000 workers, are turning out materials for the defense.

"This will to win has enabled us to overcome great difficulties," said Lorenzo Iniguez, delegate of the Madrid war industries. "We are proud to say that our workers have contributed certain inventions which are most useful to the war industries."

Illiteral compliance with the by-laws of the CTM in this matter would be to weaken the whole labor movement.

Dissension Created

As a result, the electricians' delegation refrained from further voting in the council, thus creating a dissension which will undoubtedly soon be resolved when the issues are properly made known to the rank and file of the union.

The council voted full solidarity with the school teachers in their struggle against the reactionary policy of municipal authorities for regular payment of salaries. It censored the recent declaration of the ministry of education to the effect that the government would no longer tolerate teachers' strikes.

U. S. Envoy to Soviet Union

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH E. DAVIES (second from right) who succeeded William C. Bullett to Moscow post, talks to President Kalinin of Soviet Union (at extreme left). At extreme right, N. N. Krestinsky, USSR Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

'COURAGE' IS THAELMANN'S MESSAGE FROM NAZI PRISON

German Working Class Leader Is Denied Contact With Other Prisoners

PARIS—Word from Thaelmann!

It's true that he had time to say very little, but that little is a great deal to countless millions whose protests have kept him alive nearly four years while he has been imprisoned by the Hitler government.

"Grit your teeth, Comrade. Just courage, courage! And greet the other comrades for me." This was about all he had time to say in a fleeting moment in the Moabit prison hospital.

The message came through a letter from a former political prisoner in Moabit prison, who had the rare opportunity of speaking to the great leader of the German working class.

Special Guard

"Thaelmann is kept in solitary confinement," said the letter. . . . "His repeated requests for permanent, even though partial, contact with other political prisoners have been consistently and categorically turned down.

"Two, and often three SS officers (Special Hitler guards) are attached to the prison investigation, remain with Thaelman in his cell during his waking hours. Thaelmann sees only these three SS men three times a week.

"During the exercise walk, only 20 minutes a day to breathe a little fresh air, the Thaelmann must walk completely alone. All cells around the yard are carefully watched to prevent the prisoners from sending the slightest sign of greeting to Thaelmann.

"The comrades who work as stokers in the furnace room of the sentinel house, reveal the following: Thaelmann receives New Year's Greetings But even these newspapers are subjected to stern censorship.

Denied News

"All reports of foreign protests against Nazism, especially about the successes of the French People's Front, are cut out of the newspapers.

"In the Moabit investigation prison various methods of 'intelligent' reign. Thaelmann, who remain silent despite repeated torture are suddenly told to prepare for a trial. Then they are transported to a nearby concentration camp, for instance, the notorious Oranienburg camp, which is still open.

"Then the most brutal torture follows. After several days or weeks, the comrades, frightfully thin and beaten, are returned to Moabit.

"Here most of them pass through the prison hospital. I was tortured 11 days myself in Oranienburg. I was kicked in the kidneys. In the Moabit hospital I met Thaelmann for a minute. He had been brought there for a medical examination.

"I Never Forget"

"I shall never forget that meeting with Thaelmann. Only a few months before, in Oranienburg. He listened attentively and shuddered at my reports. He pressed my hand tightly and asked: 'Are the comrades holding out well'

"I told him they were, and he replied: 'When I'm saw how much my wounds hurt me, he pressed my hand again and said: 'Grit your teeth, comrade! Things will be better soon! Just courage, courage! And greet the other comrades for me.'

"When I transmitted Thaelmann's greetings to the other comrades, they were all happy. That greeting brought many of them to their feet. Now they know: Teddy is still the same as of old. . ."

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Calif. Meetings Of Spanish Youth Delegation

Feb. 16—Dinner given by Medical Committee, 546 Montgomery St., 6:30 p.m. Radio address, KGGC, 9:45 to 10 p.m., San Francisco.

Feb. 17—Dramland Auditorium, San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Feb. 18—Stanford University, noon banquet followed by mass meeting on campus.

Feb. 18—San Jose, Theodore Roosevelt High School, 8 p. m.

Feb. 19—University of California, Berkeley, 11:45 a. m. luncheon and 4 p. m. meeting at International House.

Feb. 19—Oakland Civic Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Feb. 20—Vallejo, Spanish Hall, 8 p. m., (half of delegation).

Feb. 20—Chico, Memorial Auditorium, 8 p. m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 21—Sunnyvale, Cervantes Hall; manuel 11 a.m. meeting 2 p. m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 21—San Leandro, banquet at 6 p. m., meeting at 8 p. m. (hall of delegation).

Feb. 22—Encampmento, Tuesday Club Hall, 8 p.m. (half of delegation).

Feb. 22—Pittsburg, 2 p. m. Gato Hall, Third and Black Diamond Streets. (One-half of delegation).

Feb. 23—Monterey, 2:30 p. m., meeting; 8 p. m. dance, Union High School.

Torpedo Man Who Sank 'Komsomol' Gets Rewarded

SPEZIA, Italy—To the civilized world, the sinking without provocation of the Soviet steamer Komsopmol was an act of piracy, but in Italy under Mussolini it was a fine patriotic piece of work.

An Italian torpedo expert, Enrico Tazzoli, who took part in the sinking of the Komsomol and who also aided in the sinking of three Spanish government vessels, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant by the Italian admiralty.

Soviets Spike Lie of Japanese Press

MOSCOW—Emphatic denial of another lie spread by the Japanese press has been issued by Soviet authorities. This story declared that the Soviet government are preparing to discontinue transportation between the USSR and Japan.

Japanese papers declared that a Japanese vessel had even been halted in Vladivostok, an outright falsehood. Regular railway between Japan and Vladivostok continues unhindered, and no measures toward stopping it have been taken.

O'Duffy's Fascists Suffer a Slip-Up

DUBLIN, Irish Free State—General Owen O'Duffy, who heads the fascist movement in Ireland, failed to get transportation for a group he organized to fight against the loyalist government of Spain.

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NEW CABINET IN JAPAN IS FASCIST STEP

'Izvestia' Points Out Militarists' Move For Full Power

MOSCOW—"The formation of the Hayashi cabinet (in Tokyo) is undoubtedly a new victory of the military clique, a new maneuver in the direction of the realization of its political program," declared the Soviet organ Izvestia.

"This program, as is generally known, aims at the establishment of a military dictatorship with military control over all economic matters. In all probability Japan is faced with a new drop in the rate of exchange of its currency, as well as further extension of hidden inflation, both of these measures very difficult to carry through if the great dominating monopolies are against them.

Maneuvering

"In this situation the Japanese military clique is most probably considering making some temporary concessions to financial circles, and will direct its chief blows at the political parties and particularly at the proletariat.

"Serious difficulties will stand in the way of final fascization Nevertheless, the Japanese military clique is actually trying at the present time to liquidate the last remnants of parliamentary limitation to their political domination and this liquidation will doubtless be a very important step towards open Fascist dictatorship. It would also mean a new drive for increasing the aggression of Japanese imperialism abroad.

"The question of the fight against Fascism and war in Japan has reached a political sharpness never seen before. It is not without good reason that the tremendous movement for the formation of a united front in this struggle is developing among the masses of the Japanese people, who are greatly disappointed at the results of the policy of adventurism in recent years."

NAZI SALUTE TO BRITISH THRONE

LONDON—Undismayed by the storm of protest which followed his use of the Nazi salute to the previous occasion, German Ambassador Joachim von Ribbentrop again flaunted the same salute when he presented 3 members of his staff in the throne room before George VI.

On the previous occasion cabinet members, sensitive to the resentment of the British public, had allowed unofficial arrangements to be issued that von Ribbentrop was no longer "persona grata" as a result of this offense.

Newspaper comment gave no indication of disapproval.

Political Prisoners Of Mexico Are Extended Amnesty

MEXICO CITY—An amnesty for all soldiers and civilians charged with rebellion, sedition and treason, including those implicated in the fascist plot against President Lazaro Cardenas, wiping out all charges against hundreds of Mexican who ran afoul of the reactionary Calles regime.

The amnesty goes back as far as 1923, to wipe out charges against former President Adolfo de la Huerta, who led a rebellion in that year. He had, however

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The Supreme Court

The vital issues of the 1936 election campaign, smoothed over immediately following Roosevelt's landslide by the Hearst press, have again burst out into the open.

The principals: the people vs. reaction—democracy vs. fascism. The issue: President Roosevelt's proposals on the Supreme Court.

The issue in the elections was democracy versus fascism. Roosevelt's landslide was a blow administered by the people against reaction and fascism—while not a decisive victory for democracy.

Today, Roosevelt's proposals are not a decisive blow against that citadel of reaction and enemy of the people—the Supreme Court. But his proposals do make for greater tolerance of the Supreme Court toward social and progressive legislation, and therefore all the forces of reaction, all those powerful interests which supported Landon—and Landon himself—are fighting these proposals.

Raymond Clapper, shrewd commentator on national affairs, says:

"What has Roosevelt proposed? Changing the Constitution? No. Curbing the power of the Supreme Court? No."

In other words, Roosevelt has not gone to the heart of the problem of taking from the Supreme Court its usurped powers of a body above the Constitution and Congress, a body of nine old men dedicated to the service of reaction.

We quote Article 3, Section 2 of the U. S. Constitution:

"The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as the Congress shall make."

This is plain. Congress has the constitutional power to pass all labor and social legislation without interference from the Supreme Court. The President could have and should have denounced the usurped powers of the Supreme Court and affirmed the power of Congress. He also could have, and should have, proposed a constitutional amendment which definitely and beyond any doubt would deny the Supreme Court power to nullify social and labor legislation.

Instead, President Roosevelt took his usual middle-of-the-road position. But, even though the President failed to carry out to the full the election mandate of the people, his proposals are progressive. This is why they are being fought so bitterly by the Hearst-Landon-Wall Street gang. This is why they should be supported by the people.

But support of these proposals is not enough. They do not solve the problem.

Pressure should be exerted on the White House and on Congress to reaffirm the constitutional right of Congress to act without the tyranous interference of the Supreme Court, and to amend the Constitution to strip the Supreme Court once and for all of its usurped powers.

The Hitler-Mussolini-Trotzky-Franco Front

Franco is today . . . To the stage-play of the People's Front, answer with the tactics of your weapons"

This is not an excerpt from instructions issued by Hitler or Mussolini to his officers commanding the tens of thousands of German and Italian troops fighting against the People's Front Government of Spain. **It is part of a leaflet distributed in Madrid by the Trotzkyist POUM (Workers' Marxist Party).**

This fascist attack against the People's Front Government by leaflets is but one phase of the vicious pro-fascist campaign being carried on by the Trotzkyites in Spain through use of their fifth group of fascist spies.

Working within and behind the lines of the heroic Spanish people, these Trotzkyite allies of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco were more dangerous than the bayonets and cannon of the fascists. This was realized by the Defense Junta, which issued instructions for the seizure of the Trotzkyite radio station, the closing down of the Trotzkyite press and the smashing of the Trotzkyite party.

"The Trotzkyites' chief aim is to demoralize united defense and undermine discipline," the Defense Junta declared in taking action against them. The Defense Junta is composed of the Communist body. It is composed of Socialists, Communists, Anarchists and Left Republicans, as well as Catalan and Basque nationalists. But these parties, while not agreeing as to ultimate political programs, are united in defense against all enemies of democracy, all friends of fascism. They are united in their estimate of Trotzkyites as foes of democracy, allies of fascist reaction. They are determined to purge the body of the people of Trotzkyite poison.

By this act, the Hitler-Mussolini-Trotzky-Franco front has been weakened, the people's front strengthened.

Expel the Trotzkyists From the Labor Movement! Join the Communist Party!

You workers who are not members of the Communist Party; you who have read with horror of the fascist plots of assassination, intervention and sabotage of the Trotzkyites in the Soviet Union; of the Trotzkyites' traitorous attacks against the People's Front Government of Spain; of their disruptive and provocative actions in the labor movement of this country—you must surely realize that for the sake of unity in the struggle against fascism and war, against reaction and for a unified labor movement, **the Trotzkyites must be driven out of the labor movement, out of every working class organization!**

This is not the concern of the Communist Party alone. It is the immediate and vital concern of every progressive trade unionist, every lover of peace and freedom, every enemy of fascism and reaction.

The Communist Party must take the lead in exposing these Trotzkyist-fascists, since we are unfortunate enough as to have had the most experience with this brand of poison. We have had to purge our own organization of these counter-revolutionary traitors almost ten years ago, when they were expelled from the Communist Party.

We urge you to help us in this work of exposing and isolating the Trotzkyists from the labor movement!

The best way you can do this is to join our Party.

Become a member of the Communist Party, the Party of Lenin and Stalin, the builders of Socialism in the Soviet Union, the leaders of the fight for unity against the forces of Fascism.

"Mr. Green Regrets"

William Green, president of the AFL and archenemy of industrial unionism, appears rather ridiculous with his statements that John L. Lewis has "surrendered" in the struggle of the United Automobile Workers of America against General Motors.

A number of more "surrenders" of this type and the living standards of the people will rise considerably.

By Lewis's "surrender," we suppose Green refers to that section of the agreement that declares the UAWA to be the collective bargaining agency only for those who are members of that union.

This section, which contains the non-discrimination clause, is just the opening wedge which the CIO needed in order to push successfully its drive among the auto workers for 100% organization.

Then, Mr. Green hypocritically "expressed" regret the UAWA failed to obtain recognition of the closed shop principle."

What gall! We would like to remind Mr. Green of the Detroit Convention of the AFL in 1926, when Green called a conference of all international unions in the auto industry and launched a "terrific" organizational drive to force the auto industry to accept the closed shop. Organizers were furnished and sent out. And what happened? The grand total of nothing. The drive fizzled out. Now Mr. Green has the nerve to declare the auto workers' struggle a failure, after winning recognition and collective bargaining!

The truth is, that Green has used every resource at his command in an effort to defeat the auto workers, even to the extent of aiding General Motors urging them not to recognize or deal with the UAWA. Now, of course, he tries in every possible way to minimize the auto workers' victory.

Sometimes capitalist press headline writers have a sense of humor. We quote from the headline in the S.F. Chronicle February 12th:

"LEWIS RETREAT," SAYS GREEN
AUTO PAY UP 25 MILLIONS."

Peace Proposals

The peace meetings held in Los Angeles and San Francisco in the "Emergency Peace Campaign" struck a healthy progressive note—especially in the remarks of Maude Royden, noted English social worker. She declared that the peace movement was the most urgent task confronting America to lead the way to a permanent peace.

"America should strive to keep out of war and to keep war out of the world," she said.

This is stating the problem in terms of America's responsibility. But proposals such as that made by Dr. Sherwood Eddy, for legislation to prevent shipment of arms and supplies to warring nations, will not solve the problem.

The criminal conquest of Ethiopia by Italy demonstrated that. The embargo against the legally constituted friendly government of Spain —while Hitler and Mussolini are rushing arms, ammunition and troops to Franco—should convince anyone who thinks about the matter that such proposals help no one except the powerful fascist aggressors.

The only way to keep out of war is by working with other democratic countries to preserve the peace. This means, primarily, cooperation with those countries most threatened by fascist aggression: France, Czechoslovakia, Britain—and most of all, with the peace policy of the Soviet Union.

Root the Nazi Agents Out!

While Congressional Investigation Committees are being appointed—how about one to investigate and take action against the thousands of Nazi agents carrying on pro-fascist activity in this country?

A refugee from Hitler Germany, a baron von Reitenstein, who during the world war was a major on the German General Staff and is still a monarchist, declared recently that he had definite knowledge of 2,000 Nazi agents to spread propaganda and "remove" German refugees who have incurred Hitler's displeasure.

There was one line in a Congressional Committee to investigate subversive activity. Even the little work this committee has done has revealed a network of Nazi agents at work. Dickstein even declared that "storm-troopers" are drilling throughout the country. But this committee, headed by the reactionary Congressman Dies, is not going to do anything about it.

We urge all those who know of such pro-Nazi activity anywhere to send the information to the Western Worker, and also to their representatives in Congress, demanding not only an investigation, but determined and immediate action to root these agents of fascism out of this country!

Unite All Work to Repeal Anti-Picketing Campaign

Literature mailed by the so-called "Civic Welfare League of San Francisco" to voters, urging the retention of the anti-picketing ordinance on the statute books at the special election March 9th, contains clever misrepresentation. The entire purpose of the literature is to create the impression that the ordinance is only against intimidation, threats and coercion—and that if it is repealed, there would ensue a reign of terror on the part of organized labor in the event of strike.

But while many paragraphs of their letter and folder are written so as to convey this impression, the "League" is very careful not to state so directly. Here is a question:

Question: "What will happen if the Anti-Picketing Ordinance is Repealed?"

"Answer: The answer is apparent, the law preventing intimidation, threats and coercion would be repealed."

The reader is supposed to conclude, therefore, that all three would thrive should the ordinance be repealed.

We believe that the overwhelming majority of the voters of San Francisco, if reached by the repeal campaign, will reject this underhanded attempt of the reactionary interests of the city, masquerading under their "League," to retain this ordinance.

Election day is only three weeks off. We urge the closest co-operation of all trade unions with the Trade Union Conference and its Committees of 25 for the repeal of this ordinance. We urge all fraternal and progressive organizations to lend a hand in the good work being carried on by the Citizens Emergency Repeal Conference.

Especially, we urge unified effort by the two conferences to bring this issue dramatically before the voters of San Francisco, and thus insure the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance March 9th.

The Women Helped Win Great CIO Victory

Some Problems of Party Education in SF County

By OLETA O'CONNOR
S.F. Educational Director, Communist Party

Some say, "We must develop the ability to make a Marxian analysis and interpretation of the significant events taking place around us." Others express it as "We gotta study. All we know is how to act on the picket line."

The meaning is the same—more education, more study, more reading for our Party membership. Such a cry has come forth from every pre-Convention conference, every membership meeting; it must not become a cry that wastes itself in the wilderness.

Education in our Party is not a matter of reciting quotations. It is essentially a problem of equipping comrades to become leaders among the people. We do not deal with academic learning, but with dynamic principles and their application to the campaigns of the party amongst the people.

Not a Luxury for Few

Clearly, rich education is not a luxury for the privileged few, who are not "too busy at other meetings." It is the responsibility of every Communist, especially those who are active amongst the people and thus attend so many "other meetings." It is an integral part of work in the trade unions, professional groups or mass organizations.

Party activities are only as effective as the people who carry them out; herein lies the value of a politically conscious membership—and herein lies the problem, when we consider that we have over 600 new members in our Party in San Francisco!

Education becomes a means of strengthening each Party member so that he or she can be a driving force in all campaigns—repeal of the Anti-picketing ordinance, building the People's Legislative Conference, defense of democracy in Spain, the fight to rid the labor movement of its Trotzkyite enemies.

Two Burning Issues

While it is manifestly impossible to give here a picture of all the problems in agitation and Party education in San Francisco, we can nevertheless bring sharply to focus the two most burning issues which must be faced. These are first, the training of our new members; and second the education of our trade union comrades in the Waterfront and Industrial Sections.

Within the last year, during the period since the 1936 County Convention, definite advances have been made. At first an executive committee, now a marked success, New Members' Units have been established on a scale hitherto unknown in San Francisco; over 300 new comrades have passed through them in the last three months. Seventeen comrades, the majority from the Waterfront, have attended a full-time training school. Special classes in how to bring help for some of our members on the Waterfront, and our Sunday Evening Forum will now provide the means of clarifying our Party position on crucial current topics.

Some progress has been made in the reading of theoretical literature, and in stabilizing and raising the level of our unit discussions. But these advances, while they have laid the basis for educational work, have also served to show how wide is the field and how inadequate our activities are as yet.

Not a Complete Course

New members enter our Party in various stages of political development. The New Members' Unit is not intended to give them a complete course in Marxism-Leninism in the short period of six weeks. Rather, our purpose is to give them a knowledge of the structure and activities of the Communist Party; to make them feel that they are a part of that Party, to find out what place they are best qualified to fill; and to give them an understanding of the functioning of a unit.

To some extent—through the functioning of the New Members' group as a unit with the teacher as organizer—we have been successful. These problems yet remain: how can we deal with a group in which we find developed, well-read people side by side with people who have done little or no reading, who have joined us only because they have respect for the work of our comrades in the trade unions, in strike struggles or in mass organizations?

How can the teacher become personally acquainted with the capabilities and problems of each person in a class of 20 or more?

How can we be assured that the new members will raise those questions which are on their minds, and find a satisfactory answer to them?

Some Suggestions

Recent discussions with our Waterfront comrades suggest the following suggestions: two members' units must be started at the same time, one for the more advanced people, one for those with whom we must proceed more slowly. Then, on the basis of personal knowledge with each person, assignments will be made. Further, no group should exceed 15 comrades, thus giving the teacher the opportunity of knowing each person well, and thus giving special attention to the work out the members who do express themselves freely and thus have something to hold back in silence during the unit meeting.

Finally we will give small assignments every week, in order to develop responsibility and bring new people actively into Party work. The functioning of the New Members' Units will become a vital concern of our Waterfront Units' activities and re improvement can be expected in them.

With our trade union comrades, especially those on the Waterfront where the working hours are irregular, the meetings numerous, and the sea-going members are on the beach for only a few days at a time, the problem is to give them an understanding of the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism. New methods must be found if we are to fulfill this responsibility.

Self-Study for Seamen

Some proposals can be made. The course for new members must be put in such a form that seamen shipping out can take it with them, and study by themselves. A kind of "correspondence course" can be worked out for older comrades, thus making it possible for them to continue their own reading, and at the same time use the material for study groups on the ships.

Classes at convenient hours during the day or on week-ends such as has just been started for some Waterfront functionaries, can be extended to afford all trade union comrades an opportunity to learn trade unionism, fundamentals of Communism, and political economy, as well as analyzing such current questions as the struggle against fascism, the war danger, the political and economic trends in our own country.

Our Waterfront Section must recognize the importance of developing a systematic method of literature distribution for supplying comrades with material that will be of value to them. Further steps, and the decision to develop live unit discussions, can be closely coordinated with the work in each unit, by extending our method of sending the most able comrades into the units to lead the discussions, to other particular efforts to train other comrades in that unit for this work. And the Sunday Forums will provide a means for the Party to express itself, valuable to Party and non-Party workers alike.

The time has now come when the need for political education of 15 and 20 members throughout our entire Party. It is a central task, recognized by Comrade Browder as such when at the Ninth National Convention he said that the greatest weakness in our work of building a mass Party is "the insufficient number of politically trained and skilled leaders." Developing adequately prepared officers to lead the many arms which we are recruiting."

The Party Convention be an occasion on which our entire Party squarely faces this task! Forward to a trained, politically conscious membership in San Francisco!

20th Century Book Shop Opens Up

LOS ANGELES.—Instituting a fine progressive step in the cultural life in Hollywood, the 20th Century Bookshop and Circulating Library is now opened at 652 North Western Avenue.

A complete stock of Marxian literature, fiction, and the world's Left periodicals and theoretical pamphlets is featured.

AS WE SEE I

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party,

Lessons of the Maritime Str

(Continued—Part 2)

When the seven maritime unions voted overwhelmingly last summer to seek amendments to the 1934 agreement, expired Sept. 30th, the shipowners were confronted for the time with a solid united front which backed up the demands with the threat of a general maritime strike. They did not ignore the seamen's demands as they did in 1916. Longshoremen's district leadership of Paddy Morris, backed by the militant rank and file, had already renewed their agreement for another year.

This time the employers were confronted with the ILA as well, and knew full well that under the new leadership voted into office, their longshoremen of the Pacific Coast District were prepared to support the seamen's demands with solidarity action. They were also confronted with a rising tide of militant rank-and-file sentiment among the seamen of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts who were revolting against the sellout agreements that were forced upon them by the reactionary ISU officialdom.

Shippers' Arrogant Cynicism

The shipowners countered the union demands with a cynical and arrogant demand that the workers return to the conditions existing prior to the 1934 strike, and they refused to bargain on Sept. 30th. They proposed to abolish the union hiring hall and to grant preference in employment for seamen and longshoremen alike, and they wanted the longshoremen to give up the six-hour day, the eight-hour day, they rejected completely the seamen's demands for cash overtime pay and increased wages, and the eight-hour day for cooks and stewards.

They announced that unless the workers would accept these conditions or arbitrate, they would start "hiring off the docks" after Sept. 30, which meant a Coast-wide lockout. It was a virtual declaration of war, for which the shipowners had prepared for two years, since the 1934 strike.

How did the employers expect to carry through their offensive against the unions? Their main strategy was to attempt to undermine the unity of the Maritime Federation, splitting away the longshoremen from the seamen, or vice versa. This idea was behind every move of theirs. That is why, at one time, they even offered the longshoremen a renewal of their agreement for one year, but the ILA refused to be split off, and as long as the seamen's demands were rejected.

Federal Act As Club

The employers also looked forward to use the Ship Subsidy Act as a club. The so-called "Merchant-at-Sea" Act, effective Dec. 26th, as a club over the heads of the seamen. By the first, to establish a "company union" basis for the Ship Subsidy, and by the second, to institute a blacklist system through the Maritime Discharge Book (the Copeland "Fink" Book) to be a Certificate of Efficiency. The intent of the shipowners was to run scabs on the ships, after they unsuccessfully attempted to use the Maritime Commission to break the maritime unions.

Thirdly, the shipowners hoped that a Landon victory in the presidential elections would strengthen them in the belief that it would be possible for them to proceed in their plans to smash the maritime unions once and for all. How much they miscalculated in this respect, is well-known. The attempt to raise a "red scare," the spreading of alarmist reports of "food shortages" and their vain attempts to whip up anti-labor sentiment against the unions and the strike, was answered by the crushing reply given to reaction on November 3rd.

The strong support of the labor movement and the general public to the seamen's cause, the solidarity of the whole Maritime Federation, the sympathy and support of the longshoremen of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and the mass pressure exerted on the Federal Government by the unions and their supporters, was felt in the shipowners' ranks and almost caused a break in their "united front." The Coast Committee of Shipowners, headed by the notorious union-hater, T. G. Plant,

The "Big Three"

At one time the Eastern and foreign lines, and the steam schooner operators, were on the verge of giving in to the unions' demands. But they were held in line by the Big Three of the Pacific Coast, the American-Hawaiian, Matson, and Dollar lines. The unions, after two postponements in the hope of forcing the shipowners to reach a peaceful settlement, overwhelmingly voted to strike for their minimum basic demands, and close to 40,000 men went on strike on Oct. 29th, followed by solidarity action of thousands of East Coast seamen.

The organization and conduct of the strike would be the subject of a special article in itself. Suffice it to say that the press facetiously termed it a "streamlined strike." Admirable organization, discipline, the efficient relief, picketing, relations with workers' police; the demonstrations, parades, mass meetings, radio broadcasts, literature, billboards, literature distributed to strikers' families, the entire Pacific Coast labor movement was mobilized to the labor movement.

Strike Influence

It in fact directly influenced the organization of other strikes (shipyards, lumber, men, textile, etc.). First to the last of all, the strike was 100 per cent effective. A glaring example of the support strikers can be seen in Portland, Oregon, where the Joint Strike Committee collected $60,000.00, and for Puget Sound, the area probably second in size. It was this wholehearted support of Organized Labor that prevented their employers from attempting to transport scabs, strike breakers, and precipitating "Bloody Thursday," as on July 5, 1934.

The spectre of the San Francisco General Strike of 1934 what held the shipowners in check. Every attempt of the employers to break the strike was ably assisted by Mayor Rossi and Governor Merriam, who made every attempt to aid the farmers for a "return to the waterfront to work" to go, failed. Attempts to import strikebreakers from the Orient, and an attempt to incite violence on the part of the Ryan lieutenant, Lee Holman, was effectively stopped by the longshoremen.

A desperate attempt to "red scare," by a violent attack on the Bridges and Curran, or Rossi and the over-nation-wide radio broadcast by Governor Merriam, and full-page advertisements was an inglorious failure.

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To all Communist Parties and readers of the Worker:

The Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., decided that the greatest service we can give to the new Constitution of the Soviet Union, on the thirteenth anniversary of his death, is to distribute a million copies of the magnificent report of Comrade Stalin to the Seventeenth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

We in California have taken to distribute these pamphlets. The Bay Area has already ordered 5,000 copies. The Los Angeles Area has already sold out. Los Angeles has an initial order of 5,000.

All Communist Party members and sympathizers in California are ready to help carry through this task.

World Significant

Every unit, section, and county organization must see the fulfillment of this task as a political duty. There is no better way to popularize for the American people the achievements of Socialism in the Soviet Union, and its significance for the class of the entire world. Defense of democracy, defense of Fascism, and in the struggle for Socialism.

Comradely yours,
State Committee.

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CLEVELAND.—Two workers in one day file applications here with the A Society for Technical Aid to Spain.

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Cleaning Workers Demand Enemies Be Removed

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO.—On Friday, January 29, the Thomas-Allec plant, which is supposed to be the biggest cleaning plant in the United States, had a shop meeting on the agreement of the plant with the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union.

The main topic of the meeting was the treatment the workers have been receiving from the manager of the plant and from one of the foremen.

Stoolies Can Be Squelched

This matter was discussed, although many of the workers were afraid to take the floor due to the fact that they knew there were stoolpigeons in the room, and didn't yet know that the union can expose these stoolies and drive them out of the union and the plant.

But one thing was apparent, and that was that the workers were all out to send a committee to the employer, demanding that this manager and foreladv should be removed.

When a vote was taken, only three people were against the removal of the manager, and they were the foreladv and two others.

Fight Speedup

The workers had been pushed to greater speedup under the threat of being fired.

The workers in the Thomas-Allec plant, although being very new and not yet ready to take full initiative, nevertheless do not intend to be pushed around. They realize that unless the union took action against the manager and foreladv, that it would not be long before the workers were demoralized, and this would break up the union.

The response to the meeting was very good, and the workers were at the meeting very determined. They appointed their committee and gave them instructions on the employer's stand to have this matter taken up.

The workers in the Thomas-Allec plant are quick to realize that only in their unity of action, can they succeed in eliminating evils, that still exist in the plant.

First Soviet Ship Visits San Pedro

By a Worker Correspondent.
SAN PEDRO.—The first Soviet vessel to reach this port, the Soviet tanker Batum, tied up at Berth 97, arriving from Black Sea ports on February 5, and the next day went into dry dock No. 1 to take on 80,000 barrels of gasoline.

The crew welcomed many visitors, entertaining them at a duck dinner. The visitors, many of them seamen who have just concluded a successful strike, marvelled at the conditions enjoyed by the Russian seamen—radios in every room, a fine ship's library, etc.

The captain and several members of the crew speak English and gave the visitors a real welcome.

Several of the crew went shopping in the port here, one of them approached a razor of German make, buying one of American manufacture. One of the shops visited was the Workers' Bookshop on Sixth St. It is expected that the tanker will make several trips to this port.

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Reinstatement Job Steward n Project

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Supt. gets "Tough"

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Line Threat Wins

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AIDS WORKERS

INGTON — Unqualified aid to workers in mobile strike was given by the executive council of the United Textile Workers. The council voted $1,000 a month to the CIO.

Mourn Loss in L.A. Of Destabelle, Well-Known Musician

LOS ANGELES. Ferdinand Destabelle, conductor of the Fiesta Mandolin Orchestra died here on January 28 from pneumonia, at the age of 63 years. Not only outstanding in his field of music, he was equally sincere and faithful in his struggle against capitalism. His abilities in the musical field were large-

Organize State's Farm Workers, Urges Farmer

(By a Small Farmer)
PETTRO, Mendocino County.—There is, I understand, an idea of organizing farm laborers and small farmers into a union.

Having been a farmer all my life and also one who took the part of the laborers in the cotton strike of the San Joaquin, when the Pixley massacre occurred, I wish to say a few things.

No class of people is so unjustly treated, so oppressed, or lives under worse conditions of dirt, brutality and misery than the farm laborer and small farmer in this state. The average yearly income of these people, when their unavoidable expenses are subtracted, is pitiful and the terrible conditions they eat, sleep, and work under are a disgrace to a barbarous country, not to mention a Christian nation.

The old-time serfs had a roof over their head and plenty of coarse food to eat, but our modern transient worker is absolutely without any shelter to provide shelter, food, or proper clothing, not to mention any chance for recreation or culture. The record of the average yearly net income of these people would astonish the rapidly increasing incomes of the big farmers, finance companies, banks and merchants, would astonish them. The wealth is reaping the income from the farm industry. It is not the man who is actually on the land, but those with callouses on their sitters. An executive is one who gets all the credit and profit of the work others do. I know, for I done, have heard. Well, it's of farming.

Those facts, and figures to prove them, should be put into tracts and shown to the workers. The small farmer and workers are just like a deep well, grows a little wool and then i, sheared. In the end the banker gets it all.

This is what we call capitalism, but it's on, a big bunko game. That's what it is.

I can't see why the transient worker does not realize his power to get his share of the profits of labor. Most all crops must be harvested right away or they are a loss. If only the workers would realize this and refuse to work unless they were paid a fair wage, they could force the issue. Look at the longshoremen in San Francisco; they're organized. Rota has the power to tell us we're supposed to be working for humanity; not for overtime wages."

Nurses Need Union

And remember the profit report, for the year! I wonder if both in regard to pay to sell the marine workers they're working for humanity, when he takes over the dock job.

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NURSES HAVE 12-HOUR DAY IN PALO ALTO

Shipowners' Man Is Tyrant; Union Needed

By a Worker Correspondent.

PALO ALTO—If ever there was an exploited group of workers, it is the nurses in the Palo Alto Hospital here.

The hospital is owned by the city of Palo Alto, and operated by Stanford University. Palo Alto is the city whose secretary is a retired U. S. Army officer, drawing a fat pension from the government and another from the city; the city whose police department is headed by a Riverside, case, except perhaps in the mind of Brother Ed Colman, who, for some unknown reason, always elects himself attorney for the defense of all reactionaries, an investigating committee of the city of Palo Alto, and at present one, has been elected to investigate the truthfulness of the charges. However, it is charged with glaring derous attack against officials of the union.

The committee is to investigate any case that may come up, and unless the charges are found to be untruthful, no action will be taken against anyone.

Stanford University, which is giving Almon E. Roth, Comptroller of the University, to the shipowners to carry on the Plant's dirty work —Almon E. Roth, that "great detached arbiter," according to The Stanford Daily.

Nurses Who Have Recently spoke in the Janitors' Dining Room here on the campus, and who told the janitor fellows, I will not tolerate any union on this campus among the janitors; don't forget that."

Perhaps Almon gets his ideas from his other job as a State Chamber of Commerce official.

Anyway, the nurses are being worked 12 hours a day or else told they are not "cooperating"; this is just one month after The Palo Alto Times carried the hospital profit report for the year, showing greater operating profit this year than last.

Want Free Overtime

All the nurses were gathered in a meeting, and "volunteers" were asked who would work four hours overtime, at no extra pay!

Many, refused, saying to others "Why should Roth expect the nurses to work overtime without compensation?"

One nurse, on the night shift, says: "It takes a union and organization to prevent this. Look at the longshoremen in San Francisco; they're organized. Rota has the power to tell us we're supposed to be working for humanity; not for overtime wages."

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11 Filipino Labor Union Members In Court Victory

PISMO BEACH—Cases against 11 members of the Filipino Labor Union, Pismo Beach branch, arrested in strike struggles, were dismissed in the Moro Township justice court February 4.

The arrested workers were T. Ferreia, Tony Tonito, E. Savellano, C. Alarcio, J. de Ocampo, B. de la Cruz and R. Espinueva, who were charged with battery; A. Della, A. Pasqua, S. Ramirez and B. Corpus, who were charged with disturbing the peace.

ILD Defense

Attorney Leo Gallagher of the International Labor Defense, asked for a dismissal.

The District Attorney immediately answered: "No, the county wants to take a crack at the $1100 cash bail placed by the ILD."

Gallagher informed him he would not have the opportunity because the defendants would be surrendered before sentence was passed.

When the defendants were called into court, the district attorney lectured them on "peaceful picketing" and promptly had it dismissal. The defendants were all smiles as they filed out.

Gallagher speaks in Union

C. D. Menalvea, general secretary, invited Leo Gallagher to address a special union meeting to be held next week.

At a large meeting, Gallagher explained to the workers their rights in fact, and emphasized the necessity of careful preparation for strikes. He pointed out the importance of picketing, the purpose of strikes, and the value of winning public opinion to the side of the strikers.

Rudy Lambert, secretary of the Southern California District of the I.L.D., spoke on the role of the ILD.

Alaska Union Finds Luis Rivera Guilty On All Charges

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Luis O. Rivera was found guilty by the executive board of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union on all charges, the same charges which were published in a recent issue of the Western Worker.

The charges were: Red-baiting, falsely propagandizing to have the officials of the union ousted, being on friendly terms with the expelled reactionaries of the Feliciano clique, and other slanderous attacks against active members of the ACWU.

This announcement was made at the general membership meeting February 7.

To those who protested the expose of Rivera in the Western Worker, I wish to say that the reason the article was published was in order to force him to explain his charges; otherwise, he would have just kept on talking, as his charges were lies and the could not have presented them to the membership.

Alaska Union Sets Up Investigating Body for Rivera

SAN FRANCISCO — Though little doubt existed in the minds of the members of the executive committee of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union regarding the guilt of Luis O. Rivera in the case, except perhaps in the mind of Brother Ed Colman, who, for some unknown reason, always elects himself attorney for the defense of all reactionaries, an investigating committee of the ACWU has been elected to investigate the truthfulness of the charges. However, it is charged with glaring derous attack against officials of the union.

The committee is to investigate any case that may come up, and unless the charges are found to be untruthful, no action will be taken against anyone.

Working Top Speed for War

FUSELAGES OF large planes in quantity production at Douglas Aircraft factory in Santa Monica, one of many plants working at top speed to fill military orders for war. New world slaughter can only be stopped by united people's movement against it.

CHAUFFEUR'S LOCAL SIGNS TWO AGREEMENTS; PLANS FIGHT TO SIGN "YELLOW"

Membership Determined Not To Be Sidetracked by Phoney Moves As in the Past by Profiteering "Yellow"

SAN FRANCISCO—Taking their cue from the other locals of the AFL in San Francisco, Local 265 of the Chauffeurs has really begun to realize better wages and conditions.

As a culmination of a two-year fight, two companies, Peacock and DeSoto, have already been signed up for a $5 a day, 8-hour day, preferential hiring and a grievance committee, and a 48-hour week.

These demands were granted first by the Peacock and then by the DeSoto when they saw the determined stand of the members to achieve better conditions.

Granting of these demands by these companies leaves a door open for realization of Local 265 for the same demands from the most vicious and open-shop company in San Francisco, the Yellow.

Union Has Dander-Up

In the years past, the Yellow has used every method possible to stop a successful drive for better conditions. It has, through the reactionary officials who were defeated last year, even been able to throw out of the union progressive fellows, who led the fight for better conditions.

As a result, this year the membership was by no means sure that the signing up of the two smaller companies, is not going to be sidetracked by any phoney moves of the Yellow. The membership knows that if the Peacock and DeSoto can pay the increase, so can the Yellow.

The overhead of the smaller companies is much higher per car than that of the Yellow. The stock of the Yellow, from a low $2 only a short time ago, has risen to almost $60, so the Yellow will not be able to say that they cannot afford the raise.

The Local 265 membership has been working under the worst conditions of any local affiliated with the Teamsters in San Francisco. Many of the men working for the Yellow have been $3.50 for a 9-hour day.

What Capitalism Does to Home Life in U. S.

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO.—An unemployed worker, whose husband is also unemployed, therefore with no means of a livelihood, applied for an opening as science teacher and janitress at a project of the capitalist press, was told that if she wanted to have the job she had to divorce her husband!

In other words, before she is given the job she must go before the Board of Education advises that her family life must be broken up. If she wants the right to work at her profession, she must throw her husband out on the street. And this is the "sweet land of liberty!"

OPPOSE MILITARIZATION

AUSTIN, Tex.—Although students of the University of Texas have voted repeatedly against the ROTC in compulsory form, in an attempt to establish a unit there is being made in the Texas legislature.

Worker Tells of Conditions In Alaska City

By a Worker Correspondent.
FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The maritime strike on the West Coast created a lot of commotion in this city, especially among the capitalist element, who care nothing for the producing classes, so long as they get what they want, and it is "to hell" with the rest after that.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city, always trying to live up like the Wolf of the upper Tanana River on account of the shortage of food. Why can't they do as we do here in Fairbanks, what we can't get from the outside, we produce ourselves. We are run short of a few things, but we don't howl about an

Oil Workers Force Ouster of Anti-Labor Chief of Pol

SIGNAL HILL RECALL HITS OIL CO. RULE

Recall Leaders Plan To Raise Demand For Recount

LONG BEACH—Although the recall failed by a slight margin, the large vote piled up for the recall of the four Signal Hill City Councilmen resulted in the resignation of Chief of Police Jasper Kerrick, around whom the recall campaign centered.

The close vote which resulted in a tie of two councilmen, and the other two remaining in office by a scant margin, made it impossible for Kerrick to stay in office.

Recount Demanded

Kerrick stated he was leaving in the interest of "civic harmony" but proponents of the recall were not satisfied and announced that a petition is being filed with the Superior Court, demanding a recount and contesting the election.

The recall was directed against the four councilmen—Norman L. Dorn, superintendent of the Shell Oil Company here; Roy McLean, superintendent of the General Petroleum Oil Company here; Ernest Hubbard and Charles Weise, retired school teacher—for removing Jack Niblack as police chief and replacing him with the discredited former police chief of Oxnard.

Against Shell Oil

The recall campaign was fought on the issue of domination of Signal Hill by the stooges of the Shell Oil Company, and on the anti-labor record of Kerrick as former police chief of Oxnard.

The major oil companies filled local newspapers with unsigned advertisements, and ordered their employees to vote against the recall!

In addition to such stooges as Tom Kendall of the Shell company union, the recall was opposed by "Judge" Ernst Beam, City Attorney R. L. Mulholland, City Engineer Alva Taylor, City Clerk Geo. H. Cooper, Police Judge Oscar E. Houston, and Fire Chief Adolph Eich.

Labor Party Forecast

The vote cast by the oil workers and unemployed (who constitute the bulk of the population of this small town, adjoining Long Beach) is considered remarkable.

It forecasts direct participation in future elections of workers' candidates and spells the end of domination of civic affairs by the petroleum corporations.

"Knuts to Knutsen," They Shouted

THE UNION GARRISON in Fisher Body (General Motors) Plant No. 2 in Flint, Mich., hoots the reading of an injunction by Sheriff Walcott (center), ordering strikers out of plant. They hooted mention of General Motors official Knutsen's name. They left the plant only when the United Auto Workers' Union had won recognition.

LABOR SHOULD BACK SUPREME COURT CHECKS

By EARL BROWDER

Replying to the statement of several newspapers for comment on the President's judiciary proposals, I must say that I have not had an opportunity to study them in detail and must therefore reserve final judgement.

The first impression of the proposals is that they are typical middle-of-the-road measures, such as we have learned to expect from the President. As against the viewpoint of the Liberty League, they must be supported by Labor, however unsatisfactory they may be.

How Oil Operators Controlled Signal Hill Politics

SIGNAL HILL — Ex-Police Chief Jack Niblack tells how he arrested Merrit Jergin's man for operating illegal slot machines in Signal Hill, and how immediately after the trial, City Councilman Weise came to Niblack and told him that he was through and that his office would be declared vacant.

Jergin, who is one of the largest of the "independent" oil operators, is a close associate of Governor Merriam and is interested in the racing group that has Merriam's support in breaking the monopoly of the Santa Anita interests.

Workers' Alliance Exposes Graft In Relief Fight

By a Worker Correspondent

MONTEREY. — The Workers' Alliance is smashing Monterey County's red tape in starving the workers.

For the past two years, hundreds of workers and their families have been suffering in Monterey County because of the SRA policy of refusing to give any jobs to workers employed in the cannery industry.

Graft Hits Workers

Because of graft and corruption existing among the Fish and Game employees, the Monterey Canners Assn. has been handing out pounds of good fish, for oil, thus seriously curtailing the salaries of the men and women working there.

The Kept press has carried **several articles in regard to bribes paid to the State Fish and Game employees by the canners for permits to burn practically salt sardines caught. This has increased the bosses' profits to the highest level in years and at the same time forced the workers into slow starvation.**

The local relief authorities, taking their cue from the bosses, openly refused any help whatever to the workers until the season should close.

Alliance Wins the Day!

Finally, a large group of workers under the leadership of the Workers' Alliance of Monterey, proceeded to the relief offices and after a short discussion was able to give quite a number of emergency relief orders.

The next day the SRA put on the usual red tape and refused several families who had been waiting almost two months for help.

Finally, over 50 workers again swarmed the relief office and were successful in getting many more immediate relief orders.

And Now Alliance Grows

This proved to the workers that organized mass pressure would halt hunger and misery, so a meeting was held to set up a Workers' Alliance local.

Today, the Monterey Workers' Alliance is set up with an office and membership is increasing by leaps and bounds because it has proved to be the correct method to gain results.

Townsend Accuses Margett

SAN FRANCISCO.—E. W. Jeffery, national representative for Dr. F. E. Townsend, is distributing 2000 bulletins by Dr. Townsend accusing Edward J. Margett, former state manager, of being "too ambitious."

I. L. D. EXPOSED CHIEF KERRICK

Mass Campaign Caused His Ouster in Oxnard

OXNARD—Exposure of Police Chief Kerrick's brutality and his subsequent removal from office by Superior Court, is largely credited here to the International Labor Defense.

The charges against Kerrick were heard by two different grand juries, each of which returned indictments against him. When the case was set for trial, over Kerrick's objections, he tendered his resignation to the city council, which promptly accepted it. Kerrick then admitted his guilt by entering a plea of guilty to one count, thus avoiding a trial.

Ousted by Court Order

The judgment entered against him partly reads. "It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Joseph Kerrick be punished by being removed from his office, and by paying a fine in the sum of $100."

Kerrick was accused of beating up prisoners, including Blas Gonzales and Jesus Morales, while he was intoxicated. Kerrick also severely beat Joseph C. Doughton, war veteran, in the county jail.

The ILD carried on a mass campaign against Kerrick's brutality, which was particularly vicious against Mexican agricultural workers.

Alaska Canners Proud of Record

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alaska Canners Cannery Workers Union, affiliated to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, takes a great deal of pride in the fact that although they were not out on strike, their members aided the striking maritime union.

Five hundred members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union faithfully picketed every day for those unions on strike, thereby helping to solidarity the unity of the Maritime Federation, living up to the slogan of the "An injury to one, is an injury to all."

The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is not taking in any new members at present time. The books of the Union are closed until the latter part of March, at which time the Union will issue permits to men wishing to work in the Alaska Canneries.

Poor Housing Brings Death of Carpenter

SAN FRANCISCO. — Poor housing conditions and the cold weather combined to bring death to James Pointon, 55-year-old carpenter, of 1321 Scott St. Pointon was found dead on the floor of his kitchen, a gas radiator burning beside him, with all windows closed. He was asphyxiated by the gas.

NATIONALIZE ARMS PLANTS

PARIS.—The section of the Schneider-Creusot Steel Works engaged in armament manufacture of his kitchen, a gas radiator burning beside him, with all windows closed. He was asphyxiated by the gas.

LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

KERN COUNTY ANTI-LABOR FORCES are apparently getting quite disturbed over the march of organized labor, and they are resorting to the same foul and underhanded trickery that has been resorted to in other sections of California. They have formed a "Major Disaster Emergency Council," claiming they are to function "in case of any calamity in this area," and are preparing an ordinance making it a "legal body and giving it necessary police power," to be presented to the Bakersfield City Council and Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Needless to say, the "Emergency Council" contains the police chief, American Legion reaires, one W. J. Hodson, intelligence," and Capt. Roy Gaspyen, Ranger Harold Bowhay, Lieut. P. M. Bliss and J. Bruce Payne of the Boy Scouts, as the "law and order division"—a real set-up of labor haters.

They have one of these "Major Disaster plans" in Oakland. The platform prepared for the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, for the forthcoming municipal elections, includes the following important plank:

"Amendment to major disaster plan to guarantee organized labor equitable control."

Here's something for the organized labor movement of Kern County to think about.

Health and Capitalism . . .

How the health of the American people fares under the capitalist system, is very well illustrated in the following quotation from one Roy J. Reedy, secretary of the Sacramento County Hospital:

"As a matter of fact, the rate was set at $6 a day so that the county hospital would not be competing with private hospitals which was a criticism before the county charter was adopted."

Figures show a per capita cost of $1.40 per day per patient at this county hospital.

A Farmer-Labor Party in this county would have a splendid and desirable plank in its platform—free medical and dental care, on an adequate basis and standard, for patients who can't afford to pay; a county hospital run to benefit the people of the county, and to protect public its of private hospitals by jacking up the rates sky-high.

And the same goes for every other county in the U. S. A.

P. G. & E. Profits .

The Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation has pulled another "Citizen's Committee" out of the hat, to fight against municipal ownership and to maintain its huge profits.

This time it's called a "Citizen's Committee Against Revenue Bonds," Room 622, 11 Sutter Street, San Francisco. This set-up is out to fight against the proposal authorizing the City Utilities Committee to issue $50,000,000 revenue bonds for a power system, as "unnecessary and unwise at this time."

"Garbage Basket" Relief .

A new plan to get the California unemployed back on "garbage basket" relief has developed in Sacramento.

Wren Middlebrook, supervisor of audits, told a special Assembly investigating committee that cash relief now distributed by the state, if turned over to the counties, could be disbursed in those on relief rolls "at an administrative cost of only 7 per cent and 'chiselers' weeded from the rolls."

The unemployed remember only too bitterly what county relief was like—so-called "garbage basket that quickly won the name of "garbage basket."

And this "chiseler" gag is running very, very stale. The relief administrators, everybody is a chiseler who can, by hook or by crook be forced off the relief rolls.

State Sheers Off Tideland Suit

SACRAMENTO.—The State of California will not intervene in the Huntington Beach tideland oil drilling suit in Orange County, even though an Assembly resolution directed the Attorney General and the Finance Department to do so.

The suit was instituted against the Southern California Drilling Co. by the Standard Oil Co., which claims trespass on its lands.

In point of fact the lands belong to neither, but to the state of California.

Hand Life Jobs to L. A. Politicians

LOS ANGELES.—Handing the possibility of life-time tenures to City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich, Fire Chief Ralph J. Scott, and the chief deputy, the City Council, Thursday, February 4, voted charter amendments placing these officers under civil service.

The amendments, now that they have been adopted by the Council, will be placed on the April 6 ballot for popular ratification.

Similar amendments placing the City Library head, the Harbor manager and the harbor engineer on the civil service list were defeated with the usual Councilmanic inconsistency.

Objecting "on principle" to this taking away from the control of popularly elected city officials the power to appoint these departmental heads, Councilmen Hyde, Christiensen, Buyer, Gay, Baumgartner, Brainard, and Kinsley voted no on the amendments.

The "dangerous" question of Chief of Police Davis was again shied away from by the wary City "Dads."

Long Beach Store Workers Average Less Than $15!

By a "Counter-Jumper".

LONG BEACH—According to the Department of Commerce census in 1935, some 7163 retail store employees here drew $6,300,000 in wages for selling $63,000,000 worth of goods.

Allowing deductions for department heads, buyers, etc., this means the average wage was less than $15 per week!

We'll say nothing about the "joy of 'opportunities'" of part-time salespeople during the Dollar Day sales, Navy Day sales, Fourth and Sixth and Sane sales or the Christmas holiday sales. Long Beach retail clerks need a union!

Jury Shows How Kerrick Stands

SIGNAL HILL — The huge vote for the removal of Police Chief Kerrick in recall elections, was reflected in the action of a jury here last week.

The defendant was accused of drunken driving and the evidence against him was overwhelming. It came from the chief of police, responsible for his arrest. The defendant's attorney asked the jurors whether they would believe the testimony of the ex-Oxnard chief of police, who was convicted of perjury in the Superior Court, as against the word of the defendant.

The jury was swayed by an 11-1 acquittal of the alleged drunken driver. The only juror voting for conviction was a part-time employee of the city!

Labor's Non-Partisan League Prepares 8 State Labor Bills

WASHINGTON.—State chairmen of Labor's Non-Partisan League are receiving from the national office eight bills the League hopes to see on every state's statute books.

The bills call for guaranties of collective bargaining, ban on use of injunctions against organized labor, ban on evictions during strikes, guaranties of civil liberties, limiting the number of deputy sheriffs and the licensing of private detectives, deadlocked by gaining in filling state contracts, and payment of wages at least twice a month.

BOSSES FLOUT RESERVE ACT OF CALIFORNIA

Announce Penalties For Delinquent Employers

SACRAMENTO—Thousands of California employers have so far failed to file their names and number of employees in compliance with the Unemployment Reserve Act, it is announced by authorities here.

J. L. Matthews, chairman of the Unemployment Reserves Commission stated that "before long the commission will start enforcing penalties against the delinquent employers."

(The Reserves Act is a step forward but organized labor is demanding that the entire tax for the reserve fund be placed on employers. At present employees contribute to the fund.)

He Didn't Know A Better Way

LOS ANGELES—The will to live had been crushed out of him—he was hungry, tired of looking for work day by day, tired—tired of bumping each day against the bitter realization that today's social order had no room for him, no jump from a fourth story window was an exit and an end for him.

Frank Gaston, young, jobless transient died at the Georgia Street Receiving Hospital Monday, February 8.

After taking 100 aspirin tablets, slashing his wrists in a desperate hurry to get it over, he finally leaped from the fourth floor in one of the miserable "scratch-houses" on Main Street.

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OAKLAND "LABOR" PAPER SLANDER AGAINST EAST LABOR TICKET IS EX

"Labor Digest" Praises Reactionary Disrupted January 30 Meeting of Partisan Political Federation

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—Labor Digest, Oakland "labor p sumptive, participates in a bit of wish-thinking in

Labor Digest gloats: "Organized Labor's Political Federation is not running as smooth as delegates would like."

The word "some" covers "some" territory!

A 79-to-1 Vote

In special meeting assembled on January 16, at the Labor Temple, 80 duly elected delegates, representing a great majority of Alameda County unions, went on record for independent political action by labor. Only one die-hard voice was raised against passage of the resolution.

Continuing its slanderous attack, Labor Digest states: "Some of the boys thought they had it all set and in the bag to put over a 'labor slate.'"

Again that "some"-innuendo that is not as subtle as its creators would like to think. And why the quotes around "labor slate?"

"Labor" Paper Lies

At the time of Labor Digest's going to press with its fabrication, the Policy Committee had not yet chosen its slate of labor candidates. Even if it had, the unions certainly would not have had sufficient time to voice acceptance or disapproval.

Thus Labor Digest lies when it says: "The slate did not meet with the approval of the majority of unions."

Labor Digest follows a bit of distortion: "A straight labor ticket is not non-partisan," it says.

A Foul Stew

Weeks before Labor Digest went to press, the Policy Committee of the Non-Partisan Political Federation recommended to strike out the words, "selected from the ranks of organized labor," from its resolution to sponsor a list of candidates.

Thus we have a [illegible] **thinking, slander, la**[illegible] **tortion. This is em**[illegible] **pected. Here is not a column in which a**[illegible] **place called "Politica**[illegible]

Labor Digest speaks of "conservative" leadership" when it termined the time was propicious for independ action and "time has the labor ticket."

Disruption

These "conservative" leaders—Ed Risley, Dist. Council Sweeney, Electrical Workers, Musicians' Union and Teamsters' Union—are disruptive splitting agitators. At a meeting of January Labor Temple with [illegible] present, the committee was able to report. They succeeded in preventing the report[illegible] committee to [illegible] purpose for which [illegible] was called.

The federation [illegible] meeting for February [illegible] penters' Hall, at which [illegible] will make the report[illegible] conservatives' [illegible] in suppressing [illegible] tive tactics on January

Sour Grapes

Labor Digest follows a bit of [illegible] and the Communist [illegible] ended upon them; it was the carrying [illegible] to its logical conclusion of their long and stubborn struggle against the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

Lenin's struggle against Trotzky, from 1903 to 1917, was sharp and bitter, and went to the foundation principles of the Bolshevik Party. When Trotzky joined that party, in August, 1917, he did not abandon his principles which Lenin had fought against and defeated; again and again he tried to overthrow Lenin's leadership, outstanding in the turning points of the Brest-Litovk peace treaty, and

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the inauguration of the New Economic Policy. After Lenin's death his entire course was one of embittered struggle against the Party policy, always going to greater lengths, until, after years of struggle and the overwhelming repudiation of Trotzky by the masses, the renegade was finally exiled.

Opposse Socialism

Zinoviev and Kamenev began a stubborn career of opposition of Lenin in 1917, when they betrayed the October Revolution, with Lenin calling for their expulsion. In 1927, after fighting Trotzky, they suddenly went over to his side, joining him on the issue of opposing the building of socialism in the Soviet Union as being impossible.

Radek and Piatakov fought against Lenin before the revolution, resisting his policy of the self-determination of nations, and were defeated by him. Piatakov was associated with almost every opposition that developed after the revolution, either in an open or conceiled form. Radek was removed from any official posts since 1923 when, under Lenin, he was found responsible for disastrous mistakes made in relation to the German events. He was in opposition, and recanted and re-admitted, several times, but never again allowed to hold anything but an appointive post.

The same sort of history attaches to each and every name, not only of those already dead, but of those of the so-called "right" opposition who have been implicated by the confessions.

What nonsense, therefore, to assume that because the repeated opposition of these people brought their names constantly into the capitalist newspapers, that they were therefore the "natural leaders" of the Russian peoples. Exactly the contrary. They were in conflict with the masses had long been broken, and it was precisely because of these that they took the path of treason when they decided, in 1936, to join the unanimous will of the 170 million people united under the Soviets. That in spite of their repeated and crushing defeats, they were still permitted to retain, in political exile, their social responsibility, is proof of one thing only—namely, that the Communist Party and the Soviet Union made its errors on the side of mercy; democracy and forgiveness which has ended only when confronted with the final proof and confession of the blackest treachery known to history.

Proof in Writing

Now let us examine the question, which is not finally closed even for Mr. Hallgren, whether Trotzky was really the directing head of the conspiracy or whether he only had "guilty knowledge" of it. Given a successful outcome of the plot, I imagine there is not a single person in the world who can imagine any figure emerging at the trials except Trotzky—least of all the Trotzkyists themselves. It is only the miserable fiasco to which their plot has come that has caused them to raise this hypocritical outcry. But the proof is not alone in the confessions in Moscow of every outstanding former associate of Trotzky. It is to be found in Trotzky's writings and writings of his followers which shows one ascending line of treason.

The clear starting point of treasonable conspiracy, expressed from the beginning in a clearly formulated theory, Trotzky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, Piatakov and their associates united in the theory of the impossibility of building socialism in the Soviet Union, a theory which was the breeding ground of all oppositions and all treachery and which was the connecting link to unite even in the right opposition of Bucharin and Rykov. Trotzky already in 1926, over ten years ago, pointed to its logical conclusion by his notorious, "Clemenceau thesis." This was the theory that, just as Clemenceau had seized the moment when German armies were less than 60 miles from Paris to seize the Government of France in 1914, so would Trotzky and his associates be able to come to power only when the invading armies of capitalism had invaded the Soviet Union and were within similar striking distance of Moscow.

To come to power through the might of foreign armies, however, demanded from the Trotzkyists an inner program acceptable to capitalist powers. Trotzky formulated such a program in April, 1930, printed in his Opposition Bulletin No. 10. This called for the restoration of capitalism in Russian economy. I quote:

"Retreat is, nevertheless, inevitable. It is necessary to bring it about at the earliest possible time . . . To discontinue mass collectivization . . . discontinue jumps in industrialization . . . to revise the question of tempo of industrialization in the light of experience . . . to abandon 'ideals' of a self-contained economy . . . to work out a new, alternative plan calculated on the widest possible inter-action with the world market . . . . It is impossible to emerge from the present contradictions without crisis and struggle."

That last-quoted thought of Trotzky was further concretized by him in his book "The Soviet Union and the Fourth International," published in the U.S. in February, 1934, in these words:

"No normal, 'constitutional' ways remain to remove the ruling clique. The bureaucracy (the Soviet Union) can be compelled to yield power into the hands of the proletarian vanguard (the Trotzkyists), only by force."

And from Mexico, on Jan. 26 of this year, Trotzky sent a signed statement to the Hearst newspapers, printed in the N.Y. American of Jan. 28, in which he said:

"Inside the Party, Stalin has put himself above all criticism, and above the State. It is impossible to remove him except by assassination."

Mountain of Evidence

That there can still be no mistake on the part of his followers, Trotzky for years has openly called for their activities under the slogan: "Remove Stalin."

In the face of these instructions of Trotzky, of his well-established character as a so-called man-of-action who immediately translates his counter-revolutionary thoughts into corresponding deeds, who prides himself upon being the most reliable representative of every current hostile to the Soviet Union and its leadership which has successfully built a socialist society, in the face of the confession full and complete of every associate in the Trotzkyist plot who alone could possibly execute his plans for a return to power under any circumstances—what person is still so gullible in the world as to believe Trotzky's unsupported and hysterical denials of the mountain of evidence of his guilt.

Given all this proof, and accepting it as final because of its overwhelming weight, there are still people who say, yes, but after all what has all this to do with us as Americans who are appalled by the world's present course which is pushing into the abyss of fascism and war and who want nothing more than to keep America out of trouble? Why should not we Americans merely satisfy our intellectual curiosity, and then wash our hands of the whole affair? How are we affected?

Why should we take sides?

That Trotzkyism and its alliance with fascism is no mere private affair of the Soviet Union. True, it strikes first and foremost against that bulwark of peace and democracy; but it weakens the whole world front against fascism and war. But it goes much farther. Trotzkyism is active and damaging in every land, not least in the United States. Many people still underrate its menace, because of its small number of active adherents. But it works with the deadliness of cholera germs, and these germs are broadcast throughout our land by the tremendous capitalist press; it is the first line of fascism among the masses, to paralyze their resistance through doubt and confusion.

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Let us see how Trotzkyism works in other countries, and see how it fits in with the whole world conspiracy of Hitler and Mussolini, which has brought the clouds of war darkly over every land. In Germany the Trotzkyists are the bitterest enemies of the unification of the anti-Nazi organizations, and they openly appeared as spokesmen for Hitler, as in the case of Maria Reese, whose pamphlet denouncing Ernst Thaelmann was published in Germany through Trotzkyists when Thaelmann was in Hitler's prison. In France they are the sabotagers of the People's Front, and one of their chief figures, Boris Fisher, works in the apparatus of Jacques Doriot, hailed by French and world reactionaries as the "potential Hitler" of France. In Spain they fight for the destruction of the People's Front government, the sole means of a single front of the Spanish masses against the Hitler-Mussolini-Franco war of murder and destruction, the sole barrier to new fascist victory.

In the U. S., the Trotzkyists, recent entrants into the Socialist Party, have reduced that organization in few months to a maze of warring cliques. Organizing disruption in the trade unions, sabotaging the steel campaign, they have established connections with the worst reactionaries. Dominic To the death of the Farmer-Labor Party, they block its formation where possible, and where not they enter to disrupt it. At this moment in Minnesota, for example, the Trotzkyists are the organizers of a bloc of reactionaries and upreliables in the trade unions and the Farmer-Labor members of the State Legislature, which defeated one of the first measures of the Benson Administration.

In Minnesota

Governor Benson proposed a State Labor Control Bill, vital to his program not only as a revenue measure, but to break the power of the Whiskey Trust and drive its influence from the lower organizations of the Farmer-Labor Party. It was the reactionary union officials and the Trotzkyists who swung the few needed Farmer-Labor votes over to the Republican and Democratic minority in the Legislature to defeat that bill. This is only one little sample of the fruits of Trotzkyist treason at work in America.

It was certainly the pressure of Trotzkyist ideas upon the Socialist Party which, in the presidential election, brought that party into the unenviable position of helper to Landon, with the slogan: "There is no difference between Landon and Roosevelt, and perhaps it would even be better if Landon were elected."

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On every issue, Trotzkyism enters as the poison to block unity among the workers and their organizations, to break up the people's front, to help the reactionaries and fascists, and above all, to prepare the ground for war.

It is on the war question, above all, that the horrible nature of the Trotzkyist-Fascist alliance stands out most clearly. We have seen how, after the conclusion of Piatakov and Radek, how Trotzky entered into an agreement with Hitler's lieutenant Hess and with the Japanese General Staff, on the partition of Soviet territory and the ceding of economic privileges to these two fascist powers for war purposes. One point in this agreement was the provision of Japanese bases in Mexico, and every war supplies needed for a prospective war against the U. S.

Is there anything in the conduct of the Trotzkyists in our country which would tend to establish confidence in all his activities under the slogan: "Remove Stalin."

In the face of these instructions of Trotzky, of his well-established character as a so-called man-of-action who immediately translates his counter-revolutionary thoughts into corresponding deeds, who prides himself upon being the most reliable representative of every current hostile to the Soviet Union and its leadership which has successfully built a socialist society, in the face of the confession full and complete of every associate in the Trotzkyist plot who alone could possibly execute his plans for a return to power under any circumstances—what person is still so gullible in the world as to believe Trotzky's unsupported and hysterical denials of the mountain of evidence of his guilt.

Given all this proof, and accepting it as final because of its overwhelming weight, there are still people who say, yes, but after all what has all this to do with us as Americans who are appalled by the world's present course which is pushing into the abyss of fascism and war and who want nothing more than to keep America out of trouble? Why should not we Americans merely satisfy our intellectual curiosity, and then wash our hands of the whole affair? How are we affected?

Marine Strike Victory for All Labor, Bridges Said in L

MARCANTONIO CHEERED WILDLY WHEN HE TELLS NEED OF PEOPLE'S FRONT

Bridges Stresses Need to Organize the Los Angeles Area As Vital Task of Organized Labor Movement

LOS ANGELES—Celebrating the decisive victory won by the maritime strikers in their long 98-day fight, 6,000 persons in one of the most overwhelming demonstrations of solidarity ever witnessed in Los Angeles, greeted Harry Bridges, maritime leader, at the Olympic Auditorium, Sunday, February 7.

Organized labor and national political figures came together in a close front when Vito Marcantonio, fiery ex-New York congressman and John Dore, Mayor of Seattle, spoke along with Bridges.

That greater victory than the obtaining of better hours and pay and union recognition hild been won, was pointed out by Bridges when he said:

"The real victory lies in the fact that the unions came through the strike with real solidarity, not only among the maritime unions, but with the public and the rest of the labor movement.

Cites Link of All Workers

Showing the close relation that fundamentally exists between all workers and unions, Bridges said: "It is time like the maritime strike that show the close link between all labor

HARRY BRIDGES

—workers realize now the necessity of working closely together."

"On phase of the struggle is over," he said, "no one desires peace and strives to maintain peace as much as the maritime workers. But the workers must continue to struggle to hold onto the gains they have made."

The need for greater organization among the workers were brought down to the local problem—Los Angeles.

"Our duty is to continue and to extend organization," Bridges stated. "That is our job now. And there are certain areas that must be concentrated upon."

"Los Angeles is such an area. We must and will concentrate on it," he continued to an audience that had risen to its feet in wildly enthusiastic agreement.

Organizing L. A.

"One of the hardest fights on the Pacific Coast is going to be the unionization of Los Angeles. We believe that in a short time some evidence along that line will become apparent."

Pointing out that organized labor can play a decisive role in the American people's fight for democratic freedom, Bridges declared:

"Unions are not just for the purpose of getting better hours and wages. Our big purpose is that we must be in the forefront in the general fight for democracy—we must lead the fight for liberal legislation."

"The maritime unions feel that it is their duty actively to participate in national politics."

"The way that we intend to help those who helped us is to carry on the fight along political lines."

When he shouted that "as long as we have strong, militant unions, we'll have a strong, militant labor movement, those who attempt to destroy democracy," the entire auditorium resounded with the deafening applause, cheering, and pounding of feet upon the floor.

Marcantonio Cheered

Starting with the statement that "a picket sign in New York is a badge of honor," Marcantonio struck the main high of the evening when he said: "The militant workers of New York are determined to build a People's Front to defeat reactionaries throughout the whole country.

"And they'll build an Atlantic Coast and Gulf Coast Maritime Federation whether Joe Ryan likes it or not," he yelled defiantly.

Extremely significant was his demand for a National Maritime Federation. He declared that "the struggle against war and fascism is the most vital struggle today throughout the world."

As one man the entire audience jumped to its feet in magnificent avowal of its unity with all fighters against fascism, when Marcantonio demanded:

"Is it too much to magine a National Maritime Federation whose members will refuse to load ships bound for fascist countries?

"Is it too much to imagine a National Maritime Federation who will refuse to load ships if our own country should be dragged into an imperialistic war?

"A National Maritime Federation would be the greatest weapon against war and fascism forces througout America."

Speaks for People's Front

Thoroughly Marcantonio demonstrated the urgent need for a strong People's Front—"an American people's front created for the purpose of extending democratic rights," he explained.

Condemning the recent "Neutrality Act" as more farcical than the Follies of 1937, he warned that "the Neutrality Act is the twin sister of the neutrality that gives the General Motors Corporation the right to use tear gas and guns on the automobile strikers."

"There is a strong danger of fascism in America," he pointed out. "Fascism in the form of a terroristic alliance on the part of industrial barons to smash organized labor.

"This campaign is only a prelude to fascism; but an American people's front can and will accomplish—the people's front will defeat fascism, because:

"1. Democracy is traditional to the American people;

"2. The example of Hitler and Mussolini is vividly before the eyes of the American people; and

"3. European fascism has been stopped at the gates of Madrid."

This last statement brought the audience again to its feet in cheering. For many minutes the noise was so great that Marcantonio was unable to go on.

From the People's Front, Marcantonio went on to the growing demand for a Farmer-Labor Party.

"American liberals and progressives must create a party of their own," he declared. "A party that will carry on the fight and the movement.

Organizing Labor Party

"These progressives have in mind the necessity of forming a National Farmer-Labor Party—if there were such a Party today, one out of every five persons would join it," he said referring to a poll recently taken proving a great demand for such a third party.

"I cannot underestimate the importance of a Farmer-Labor Party. The American people must become militant—the American people must become organized into a powerful force."

The roar of approval which greeted this was drowned in even greater waves of applause when Marcantonio said:

"I see a tomorrow with organized labor ready to string a picket line from the Battery in New York to the Golden Gate in San Francisco."

Announced as the Mayor who "promised that police would never be used against strikers in Seattle as long as I am Mayor," Mayor John Dore declared: "You can't have mass production unless you have mass consumption, and you can't have mass consumption unless you have organized labor."

"I want a working class that can support their children—give them what they are entitled to; and that can't be done, my friends, when workers are living on starvation wages.

"This country cannot exist one half union and one half scab."

Vaguely seeing some hope for capitalism in the future, Dore pleaded:

"I believe that the American way to distribute money is through the pay envelope. Democratic capitalism cannot exist in America unless labor takes charge of this country."

On the subject of a third party, Dore was confused, remarking that the "possibilities are limited." "I don't think any of us will ever live to see a third party."

Chairman of the meeting was Lewis Browne, noted author and liberal lecturer. In addition to the following main speakers, C. W. Van Winkle, president of the Carpenters' District Council and vice-president of the California People's Legislative Conference, made a strong plea for the policies and work of the Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, of which he is chairman.

"We are handicapped in economic action because we are weak in political action.

"It is vital that the entire labor movement get behind this campaign; and the step taken by the Central Labor Council is a good indication of labor's desire for independent participation in political action."

Brought General Motors to Its Knees

THE LEADERS of the great victory over General Motors are shown above. Left, Homer Martin, secretary United Auto Workers' Union. Right, John L. Lewis, CIO Chairman.

CALL FOR AN E. COAST POLL

Cooks Union Shows Its Solidarity

SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union here has shown its appreciation of the East Coast seamen's solidarity, adopting the following resolution, demanding immediate East Coast ISU elections:

WHEREAS: The National Labor Relations Board has already taken steps to initiate an election among the rank and file seamen of the International Seamen's Union of the Atlantic and Gulf District, to determine whom shall be their regular elected officials, and

WHEREAS: The National Labor Relations Board temporarily withdrew when the executive council of the AFL agreed to investigate and proceed with the elections, and

WHEREAS: The old rejected and discredited officials are usurping the powers of the duly elected rank and file officials, by illegally distributing books to strikebreakers, thereby undermining the morale of the several thousand seamen who have just conducted a bitter struggle in the Atlantic and Gulf, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That this organization does hereby go on record in demanding that the executive council of the AFL proceed to hold an immediate and fair election of the District Unions of the Atlantic and Gulf seamen, to allow them to determine their own officials, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we instruct our delegates to the Central Labor Council to ask that body to concur in this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we refer this resolution to Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, requesting that they concur and send out copies to all Central Labor Bodies, requesting they take similar action, and be it finally

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the executive council of the AFL and to the Atlantic and Gulf District Committee of the International Seamen's Union.

Report Browne To Resign As AFL Vice-President

LOS ANGELES.—It is reported that George E. Browne, president of the International Association of Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators, has turned in his resignation as vice-president of the American Federation of Labor.

Unanimously elected to the position in the Tampa convention of the AFL, Browne is said to have given as his reason for resigning an unusually great pressure of work from his own union.

To Organize South

Other action taken by the Hosiery Workers included:

1—Laying of plans for an organization drive in the South, and a decision to send organizers in Tennessee and Alabama immediately.

2—Changes in the union constitution and submission of the changes to the membership for acceptance or rejection.

3—Election of officers.

4—Establishment of a special department of workers' education in the national headquarters of the union and submission to President Roosevelt of a request for the establishment of a permanent federal bureau to promote and assist educational and cultural activities in the labor movement."

5—Investigation of the plight of flood-stricken hosiery workers in Paducah, Ky., and authorization to officers to undertake a drive for the relief of the hosiery workers in that area if necessary.

La Follette Spy Investigation Will Continue

WASHINGTON.—Continuation of the LaFollette committee investigating violations of civil liberties was apparently assured here as a compromise agreement was reached in the Senate concerning the rider attached by the House to the relief deficiency bill.

The rider provided that none of the funds appropriated could be used for hiring persons on congressional investigating committees. It was attached to the relief deficiency bill immediately after it became known that the LaFollette committee had issued subpenas for General Motors officials and had sent investigators into the auto industry.

Committee Saved

The agreement reached stipulated that congressional investigating committees could hire persons from any payroll providing the names of such persons were reported to Congress. In addition, a move with apparent chances of success was under way to lift the ban providing that employees of Senate committees may not be paid in excess of $3600 a year.

It was contended that it was impossible to get competent persons for that price to match wits across the table with high-powered corporation attorneys and executives.

Agreement on the rider, reputedly brought about by President Roosevelt who expressed his disapproval to Sen. Robinson (Dem., Ark.), Senate majority leader, and Rep. John Taber, member removed one of the barriers to final passage of the appropriation by carry relief until June 30. The remaining obstacle was the determination of a group of western senators to raise the amount from $790,000,000 to $1,200,000,000 and the determination of others to restore the $15,000,000 for the Resettlement Administration which was chopped out in committee.

Hosiery Union Gift Of $50,000 to CIO

WASHINGTON — A donation of $50,000 to the Committee for Industrial Organization was voted here by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers as it adjourned its nearly two weeks convention. The donation is in addition to the $1000 a month contribution voted by a recent meeting of the United Textile Workers' executive council here.

The United Textile Workers, of which the AFHW is a department, voted to turn over to the CIO sums which formerly went to the American Federation of Labor in per capita dues.

OIL INDUSTRY RIPE FOR WAGE DEMANDS NOW

Profits of the Big Companies Sky-Rocket Fast

By ELIOT JANEWAY

For six months the news has been full of boom. First came the auto boom, then the copper boom, then the boom in the other metals, then the railroad boom, then the building boom. All the while one of the basic—but not one of the best behaved—industries has been setting new records and winning a new prosperity for itself.

Profits Sky-Rocket

Oil is the industry. It enters 1937 with the expectation of a further gain of 8% in sales over 1936. Final oil demand is growing so rapidly that seasonal slumps no longer affect the industry. To many industries 1929 represents an all-time high, not yet reached again. But for one important section of the oil industry—oil heaters—sales are exactly 175% over the 1929 mark.

Moreover, the industry is benefiting from the growing oil shortage. The big companies are able to raise prices, and the refiners are helpless. In 1936 crude oil in storage declined by 26 million barrels. The rising price schedules are financing the work of drilling for oil in new fields. "Drilling activity in 1936 was the largest since 1929, and 1937 bids fair to show a continuance of this activity." In previous years the oil companies have been compelled to finance prospecting activities out of surpluses. Now, for the first time in decades, they can meet these huge costs out of sales revenues. Reserves continue to pile up unaffected by such capital investments.

From every standpoint therefore, the oil companies are riding high. Sales are up, and all signs point to a continuation of this trend. Prices are up in relation with sales. New oil fields are being opened up, and the cost for this is being shifted to the industry's customers—the small consumer.

Another Dividend

Little wonder then that Andy Mellon's Gulf Oil has just declared another common stock dividend. The half-billion dollar Texas Corp., with subsidiaries in 15 countries, has upped production 58% and doubled executive salaries. Atlantic Refining —one of Rockefeller's largest — has raised its earnings from 71c a share in 1935 to $2.20 in 1936—and paid a federal tax of only $3,1001 Howard Pew's Sun Oil Co., which was going to be saved from the Roosevelt Revolution by the Liberty League, paid no dividend in 1935, but in 1936 it netted $3.02 a share—quite a tidy increase.

So the oil industry is one industry which is not sick. And it has always been diehard anti-union. The Committee for Industrial Organization has begun to organize it. And the oil combines, with one exception, can easily afford to pay union wages and grant union working conditions. Next on the list should come the two other great, not-sick, open shop industries—chemicals and aircraft.

Green Charters Two Dual Unions to Rival CIO Textile Workers

WASHINGTON.—The American Federation of Labor Executive Council, always howling "dual unionism," has chartered two of the segment of dual unionism.

William Green has announced granting of international charters to two unions in the jurisdiction of the United Textile Workers (a CIO union). They are the Amagamated Lace Operators, and the International Union of Spinners, both of which had consistently refused in the past to affiliate with the UTW.

Woolf in Seattle to Discuss Agreement For Alaska in '37

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — George Woolf, president of Local 20,195, Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, has recently gone to Seattle to discuss certain points in the 1937 joint agreement of our local and Local 18,257 of Seattle.

The points in discord are wages, also labeling in points where the ILA has jurisdiction.

SIMPSON TO TOUR ENTIRE COUNTRY

Fight for Picket Rights, Honolulu

HONOLULU. — Organized labor in Honolulu is behind the following proposed bill to legalize the right to picket, peacefully:

An Act to prevent any person from being punished criminally or held answerable in any civil or criminal suit for picketing, persuading, or attempting to persuade any other persons or person to do any lawful act or to refrain from doing any act or thing, or to pursuade any line of lawful conduct unless accompanied by violence, or for attending, in the course of a labor dispute, at any public place for the purpose of obtaining or communicating information or of so picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade, and defining a labor dispute.

Section 1. No person shall be punished criminally, or held liable or answerable in any civil or criminal action for picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade, by printed or spoken word otherwise, any other person or persons to do any lawful act or to refrain from doing any act or thing, or to pursue any line of lawful conduct unless such picketing, persuasion, or attempt to persuade is accompanied by violence on the part of the person so picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade, nor for attending in the course of a labor dispute, at any public place for the purpose of obtaining or communicating information or of so picketing, persuading or attempting to persuade.

Section 2. The term "labor dispute" includes any controversy concerning terms or conditions of employment, or concerning the association or representation of persons in negotiating, fixing, maintaining, changing or seeking to arrange terms or conditions of employment, or concerning employment relations, or any other controversy arising out of the respective interests of employer and employee, regardless of whether the disputants stand in the relation of employer and employee.

Section 3. All Acts or Statutes or parts of Acts or Statutes in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Act. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this Act irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases thereof to be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. This Act may be cited and designed as the "Hawaii Picketing Act."

Soap Union Slams Kellogg Concern

SAN PEDRO.—Closely following the action of Painters Union 256 of Long Beach, Edible Oil Workers Union 18040 of San Pedro and Long Beach voted to place the Spencer-Kellogg Company and all its products on the unfair list.

E. F. Prior, representing the union reporting to the Central Labor Council told of his visits to the plant in company with Chas. Evans of the Engineers, and Jas. Ford and Jas. T. Blackburn of the painters, and of his meeting with Mr. Spangler, production superintendent of the plant.

The company, it was reported, intends to operate without organized labor, and does not propose to tolerate any organization among its employees.

The executive committee of the Central Labor Council has had the entire matter referred to it for investigation and report.

The committee expects to confer with Spanner and his colleagues at an early date.

South Dakota Holds Progressive Meet For Legislation

PIERRE, So. Dak.—Progressives assembled forces for a legislative program here on Jan. 28 and 29 at the South Dakota Conference for Progressive Legislation. Many legislators, labor leaders, Farmers' Union and Farmers' Holiday Assn. leaders participated.

ESPIONAGE NOW BIG BUSINESS

WASHINGTON — Recent testimony made before the LaFollette committee of Civil Liberties revealed a huge spy network functioning in General Motors plants. One concern emitted $1,750,000 in one year in espionage work.

Oil Workers' Sit-Down Undaunted

TULSA, Okla.—Sitdown strikers stuck to their posts in Empire gasoline refinery plants in defiance of company orders to quit the premises.

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New Warehousers' March Forward

SAN FRANCISCO. — The forward march of the Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 38-44 has continued, with the granting of pay increases for 200 men in the Pacific Bone and Coal Co. and for 40 men in the Wilkes dry goods house.

Pacific Bone and Coal has increased wages from 40-45 cents to 70 and 75 cents an hour, reducing the work week to 40 hours. In addition a week's vacation with pay, seniority and 5 closed shop are provided.

At the Wilkes workers now receive a wage scale of 62½ to 70 cents an hour and a 44-hour week, Ralph Dawson, union spokesman reports.

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Cannery Union In S. Jose Wins Right

SAN JOSE.—Cannery Workers Union No. 20235 of Santa Clara County recently affiliated with the AFL has decided to issue a hand bill to inform cannery workers in San Jose and vicinity that an organization has been formed.

A city ordinance requires that any hand bills distributed must first be approved by the Chief of Police.

Chief of Police Black refused to grant the permission sought, whereupon the president and secretary of the Central Labor Council intervened.

An O.K. to the leaflet was secured only after an appeal was taken to City Manager Goodwin.

Rubber Union Pact Wins Gains In The Pioneer Mills

PITTSBURGH, Cal.—The United Rubber Workers Union (CIO affiliate) has won a new working agreement in the Pioneer Rubber Mills, granting a 4-cents an hour wage increase.

The Union is one of the new organizations formed within the past six months in Contra Costa County.

1700 On WPA Fired For Sit-Down Strike

SEATTLE.—Dismissal of 1700 WPA sit-down strikers has been announced by Works Progress Director Abel. The strikes, called by the Workers Alliance, affected 25 projects. The strikers demanded union wage scales.

FACTS AB LABOR O TO KNOW

Companies Afford to Raise Ash

By GEORGE

A survey of ra made public Dec. 2 seph B. Eastman, coordinator and stil the Interstate Com mission, disclosed fact that 10 per cen labor receives an av ly wage of only $ these workers receiv 25c an hour; many l

Yet wage rates in industry are just a were a decade ago.

The five transpor erhood of Enginem trainmen, conductors men, representing a workers, have just open negotiations w roads for a 20 per c crease.

Profits Sky

Eastman's survey road wages does not transportation broth are the higher pai branches of railroad fifteen other railroad join with the five t brotherhoods in this a decent living wag In its February

road Notes, Labor Assn., New York, po the net income of for the year 1936 wil computed, somewhe 155 and 160 million is an increase in pr eral hundred per 1935, the figure fo being $7,450,000.

Railroad Notes that while profits skyrocketing, railroa ment for the 10 mo Oct. 1936, increased cent over 1935, and per worker increase employment, a total per cent.

Railroads paid in alone in 1936 a to million. The boad of banking houses they half a billion dollars

Facts of this necessary in meeting the attack aimed to w railroad labor the w the are asking titled to.

400,000 Jobs

In November, 1936, the over 400,000 railroad out jobs, according t Research Assn. Each wage study referred noted that a work w 40 hours and of seve 48 hours and of seve common on the roa

Contrary to pop men in railroad ser quired to work m than 16 consecutive the number of men is the largest in

There were 5,411 such cases reported t state Commerce Co 1936 according to Part. That was a the number in the of 1935.

Railroad labor ha the "insults" on i program amendment mum 8-hour law f universal 6-hour day road industry.

How Mind o Shopper Wo

LOS ANGELES complete abolition of workers to barg ly in demanding and working condi Maurice Carrasso, the strike committee Trade Association California vicious strikers and strike addres before the Ho ing Club Friday, Fe

"We should assist preparing, introducing such legislation deemed proper whi state, for the protec ployers, employees public," he said.

All labor-minded should be to join any group tion under his own to help in the work be respected and P rights of the gener State, municipal governments must People of this coun ing to understand t harmful, unnecessa gerous."

WHITEWASH FOR L.A. RAILWAY CO. IN CAR CRASH

Motorman Is Blamed By the Utilities Board

LOS ANGELES—The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation here, bent over backwards Tuesday, February 16, in favor of the Los Angeles Railway Corporation when it decided that the crash of an old, antiquated street car at 1st and Hill Streets, last February 8 was the fault of the motorman, L. E. Wahl.

Lovely enough this decision agreed perfectly with that reached by the company, represented by J. Stewart Neary, executive assistant to the President of the

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County Control of Relief a Danger

SACRAMENTO—County supervisors are reported working toward getting the legislature to transfer administration of relief to the counties. This would make it easier to eliminate relief, since discretion would be left in each case to each county.

Gov. Merriam is reported as favoring county administration.

Can You Answer These?

1—What was the first known trade union to have existed in Los Angeles?

2—What was the Ten-Hour Association?

3—When and by what treaty was California ceded to the United States?

4—When was the Sailors' Union of the Pacific organized?

5—When did the first longshoremen's strike occur in California?

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ANCISCO—Judge W. dismisses indictments Ruef, ex-political

CITY—Federal troops battle at Cuernavaca, ol-Madero rebels.

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ND—Three pickets at Mill City strike shot

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MENTO—P. E. C. & E. emands of Gas and kers' Union for wage n over San Francisco, o, Vallejo, Oakland, and San Jose.

150 AT AFL FARM LABOR MEETING

60 Locals From South to Be At Confab

The California State Federation has announced that it expects over 150 delegates to its conference on agriculture, to be held this Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco.

Walter Cowan, chairman of the Federation's Committee on agricultural organization, reports unusually enthusiastic response.

The setting up of one statewide union of agricultural workers instead of scattered groups is the aim of the conference, Cowan said.

NEGROES RAP HOLMAN GANG TERRORISM

Well Aware of Strike-Breaking Purposes

SAN FRANCISCO—Lee Holman, the "general" of an army of thugs, has been told by the National Negro Congress that the majority of Negroes are well aware of Holman's union-breaking aims.

Holman was informed of the attitude of the Negro people in a letter sent him by the San Francisco Council to the National Negro Congress, through E. L. McDaniel, chairman. The letter follows:

"As chairman of the San

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Labor League Will Aid FD Court Plan

WASHINGTON.—Labor's Non-Partisan League has thrown its support behind President Roosevelt's judiciary program, particularly the plan to increase the membership of the U.S. Supreme Court.

George L. Berry, of the Pressmen, Sidney Hillman and John L. Lewis have announced a national convention of the League, to be held here in 3 weeks.

mmittee of Trade Unionists and Citizens Should Investigate Bridge Tragedy!

NT OF THE SAN CO COUNTY COM- F THE COMMUNIST ON THE BRIDGE TRAGEDY

kers on the Golden e plunged to a hor- when the scaffolding they were working

Bridge Company to ignore two warnings from the safety inspectors that the platforms were unsafe and dangerous? What sort of "progress" that sent ten men to their deaths when the Industrial Accident Commission haggled with company engineers? These men were sacrificed not to progress but to greed, to the lust for profit of the bridge company!

Let us give meaning to the tribute we pay them. Families of the victims, their brothers in the organized labor movement, citizens of San Francisco who are concerned with justice and human welfare—the proposed investigations must not whitewash the guilty. They must pin responsibility on the person or organization that is to blame, and insure that punishment is meted out. Legislation must be enacted to prevent the profits of industrialists taking precedence over the safety of workers!

The State Industrial Accident Commission is equally responsible with the steel company, for this tragedy. Warnings are not sufficient when lives are at stake. The Commission should have ordered all work stopped!

Our San Francisco Bridges have been built with an unnecessary loss of human life. The people will guarantee that these shameful tragedies will not be repeated.

The following steps must be taken at once:

1—The setting up of an independently functioning People's Investigating Committee, composed of trade unionists chosen by the Central Labor Council, and other outstanding progressive citizens including educators, ministers and professional people.

2—Maximum compensation for life for the dependents of the 10 martyrs to greed.

Hear the Spanish Youth Delegation Next Wed. Feb. 24, in L. A.

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Company Warned Twice of Scaffold!

TIRELESS FOR L. A. R'S AIMS

pal Elections rence, Ended Next Steps

GELES. — Following of the Central Labor the February 14 bor's Conference for pal Elections unani- opted a resolution, bruary 14, dissolving organization.'

iving our organiza- statement reads, "we the delegates to the or Council, especial- to voted on the e now work tireless- oncert through and nt Executive Board ious affiliated trade the labor movement those candidates who commit themselves to active participation in the

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E CO. FOLK T BAN ON DELEGATE

Join in Fight for ain Meeting

E—The Butte Con- ence Club here has resolution assailing Board of Supervisors the use of the Chico ols to the Spanish gation, who are to Feb. 20.

Idise Grange, farm- ation, has also at- action against the egation.

ood progressive groups are lining up behind ainst this violation of speech.

'NO PASARAN!' SAY 4,000 IN S. F. AUDIENCE

Loyalists In Spain Advance 2½ M. Against Franco

MADRID—Loyalist forces advance two and 3½ half miles in the Jarama Section southeast of Madrid in the battle of a 20-hour pitched battle. The advance is further announced that the government will successfully defend the Madrid-Valencia road.

The advance took place with government armies under a unified command headed by General Jose Miaja, former chief in charge of the Madrid defenses only.

A day before, government air defenses had beat off a mass air attack on the road. While the Jarama advance was in progress, Fascist bombers and other bombing attack on Madrid, coupled with artillery fire from the north. One shell struck the Belgian embassy. Eleven were reported killed and 72 injured in this attack, a continuation of Fascist efforts to spread terror behind the lines.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Although it may be a long parade, you declared the Spanish Catholic editor Eugenio Imaz Wednesday night in Dreamland Auditorium, now with arms in our hands are fighting for peace."

He and three other young representatives of the Spanish people were given thunderous ovations by nearly 4000 people who re-

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VOTE "YES" ON NUMBER 19, S.F.!

Means Legalizing of Peaceful Picketing

SAN FRANCISCO—Counteracting the vicious open shop propaganda that repeal of the anti-picket law would mean violence, the General Campaign Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance has sent the following letter to all members of San Francisco organized labor:

"On March 9, 1937, Organized Labor composing all the membership of 200 unions in San Francisco comprising 75,000 members will go to the polls en masse to repeal the Anti-Picketing Ordinance at the special election on that day. Vote "YES" for Repeal of Number 19.

"You, as a member of organized labor and a member of a

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Spanish Catholic Hits Treacherous Spain Trotzkyites

(Following is an interview with the Spanish youth delegation by a Western Worker representative in San Francisco. The delegation is composed of Josefina Ramirez, Red Cross nurse; Maria Simarro, head of a war orphanage; Luis Simarro, wounded militia commander; Eugenio Imaz, young Catholic editor).

QUESTION: What role have the Trotzkyites played in Spain?

ANSWER (By Eugenio Imaz): This problem seems to us overexaggerated. To us, it's a small problem. I was very much pained when the Trotzkyite newspaper La Battalia (now suppressed by the Popular Front) printed slogans against the People's Front and against the government. Now, instead of demagogy, they tried to undermine our defense.

QUESTION: Do you approve of the action of the government in suppressing the POUM (Trotzkyite party) and its newspapers and radio station?

ANSWER (By Imaz): I did not know this. I am very happy to hear of it, although it is very important.

ANSWER (By Luis Simarro): The government has to be careful that the Trotzkyites because the enemy is in front of us, and we don't want the enemy in the rear also.

QUESTION: Have any steps been taken recently toward organic unity between the Communist and Socialist parties?

ANSWER (By Simarro): Organic unity is now being achieved in Valencia. It will be achieved throughout Spain as soon as representatives of both parties have time to sit down at a conference table and arrange it.

QUESTION: Do you think Syndicalists firmly behind the government? Capitalist press reports to the contrary.

ANSWER (By Simarro): All

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Western Worker Drive

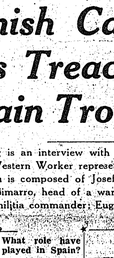
IT'S YOUR PAPER—IF YOU WANT IT, SUPPORT IT NOW!

IN SPAIN—"Mundo Obrero," organ of the heroic Communist Party of Spain, is helping to organize the people's army in succession after succession against Franco's Moors, Foreign Legionnaires, German Nazis and Italian Fascists.

IN CALIFORNIA—the "WESTERN WORKER" is YOUR organ for the daily fight for better living and working conditions, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party as a bulwark against the bankers, the industrialists and their agents.

If you want the "Western" to continue in 1937 as your invaluable ally in your bread-and-butter struggles, you MUST support our $12,000 financial sustaining drive, and support it in a hurry. Six thousand more dollars must be raised to guarantee our publication through 1937!

DEFENDER



THE SPANISH anti-Fascist forces have just been placed under a unified command, and General Jose Miaja, (above) has been made chief commander. He has directed the heroic defense of Madrid.

More Tentacles of Graft Octopus

More tentacles of the graft octopus in California were exposed in the last few days, as capitalists and their politicians strove to build up a smokescreen to cover the head of the octopus and to save as many tentacles as possible from being chopped off.

IN LOS ANGELES—An Assembly investigating committee

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WORKINGMEN VICTIMS OF CO. SPEEDUP

Industrial Accident Commission Gave 2 Warnings In Week

SAN FRANCISCO — Ten working men plunged to their deaths on Wednesday when a working platform tore loose from the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge and hurtled the men into the swirling channel waters.

The platform slipped down 2100 feet of safety netting hung below the bridge, and many of the men drowned while they were tangled in the ropes of the net.

Three men were rescued, two of them in the waters a mile away, one clutching the dead body of a fellow worker.

Victims of Greed For Profit

(The Dead in the Bridge Disaster)

WILLIAM WORTH BASS, 37, 3515 Filmore street, steel worker, married.

CHRIS "ANDY" ANDERSON, 34, 230 Miramar avenue, San Mateo, married.

CHARLES LINDSOS, 29, Modesto, carpenter, married, one child.

FRED G. DUMMITZEN, 24, 224 Downey street, laborer, single.

ERRIDGE HILLEN, 34, 349 Fierce street, laborer, single.

TERRANCE HALLINAN, 28, 58 Woodward street, laborer, single.

JACK NORMAN, 28, 1035 Haight street, laborer, single.

NOEL FLOWERS, 22, 1747 Bush street, laborer, single.

C. A. ANDERSON, 1171 Flood avenue, laborer.

O. DESTER, 278 Raymond street, laborer.

It was a case of outright murder, for the Pacific Bridge Co., contractors, had been twice warned by the Industrial Accident Commission that the scaffolding was unsafe.

In the company's haste to complete the job, the warnings went unheeded, and the tragedy which has stocked the entire state resulted.

Frank McDonald, member of the Industrial Accident Commission, flatly stated that the company had been first warned on Monday, and again on Tuesday.

Commission inspectors and

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ote "Yes" March 9 for Repeal of S.F. Anti-Picketing Act

SPANISH YOUTH DELEGATION IN THE SOUTH; LOS ANGELES FEB. 24; RAISE $400, PEDRO

Pouring Rain Fails to Prevent Seamen and Agricultural Workers From Coming In San Pedro to Hear of Spain

LOS ANGELES—Carriers of the heroic spirit of the united Spanish youth, Josephine Ramirez, Maria Gloria Simarro, Eugenio Imaz, and Luis Simarro, official youth delegation of the Spanish Government, will speak at the Shrine Auditorium Wednesday, February 24th.

Already enthusiastically received in thirty-five American cities, the Spanish youth representatives will tell of the courageous struggle being waged by the youth of Spain for the maintenance of their democratically-elected government against the Franco-Hitler-Mussolini murderers.

Who They Are

No mere spectators on the fight in Spain are these four—but all of them held in their country important, active positions in the struggle against Fascist invasion.

Josephine Ramirez was a war nurse, is now an official representative of the Nurses' Organizations of Spain; Maria Simarro was a teacher in the Casa Orfanos' Home; her husband, Luis Simarro, was a Battalion commander who was wounded in action; and Eugenio Imaz, one of the thousands of intellectuals who have joined in actively with the people of Spain, is a Catholic editor and educator.

All friends of democracy, all fighters against the international Fascist terror, are urged to be present February 24, 8 p. m., Shrine Auditorium. Admission, 15, 25, 55 cents and $1.10.

SAN PEDRO—Despite pouring rain, flooded and washed-out streets, 400 seamen and agricultural workers greeted the Spanish Youth Delegation at the Wilmington Bowl, Sunday evening, February 14. Over $400 was raised at the meeting.

After the meeting, the Spanish Workers' Club gave a reception in honor of the members of the delegation, Maria Simarro, Luis Simarro, Josephina Ramirez, and Eugenio Imaz, a Spanish dinner.

14 LOCALS NOW BACK 6-HR. DAY IN BUILDING

Murphy Tells of Plans of 6-Hour Conference

SAN FRANCISCO—The Building Trades Council here will submit the proposal of a demand for a 6-hour day with 8 hours pay in a referendum of all affiliated unions, it was announced this week.

The proposal will be submitted in the form of a resolution (recently printed in the WESTERN WORKER), which fourteen locals have already endorsed.

They include:

Carpenters' Union, No. 22; Carpenters and Pile Drivers, No. 34; Lumber Clerks and Handlers, No. 2559; Felt and Composition Roofers, No. 40; Varnish and Paint Makers; Hod Carriers, No. 36; Millmen, No. 42; Construction and General Laborers, No. 261; Ornamental Plasterers, No. 460; Plasterers, No. 66; Painters, No. 1158; Asbestos Workers; Glass Workers, No. 718, and Bricklayers, No. 7.

"The six-hour day is a very practical step for the building trades industry and can be better realized by united action in the industry," Murphy, as chairman of the six-hour building trades conference committee said. "The resolution asks that each local council record as endorsing in principle the six-hour day, with no reduction in pay, when negotiating new agreements."

Each union will be asked to send delegates to the conference.

C. Costa Council Answers Green

RICHMOND.—The Contra Costa Central Labor council on Wednesday night elected three prominent members to the Executive Board. They were R. Laxon, president of Local 60, United Rubber Workers; Wm. Wahl, president of the Marine Retail Clerks, and G. Devaney, delegate from the Selby Smelter, Mill and Smelter Workers.

William Priester, president of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Selby local, was chosen delegate to the state federation agricultural conference in San Francisco, to be held Feb. 27 and 28.

Answer Greenwald

Viola Cox, the council's secretary, and Devaney were elected delegates to the Trade Union Unity Conference, to be held in Martinez Feb. 28.

Delegates chosen to the Tom Mooney Congress in San Francisco on Feb. 28 was Wyffels of the Retail Clerks.

The Council answered William Green's letter in which demanded the removal of Pat Lydon, CIO organizer, as an organizer for the Labor Council. The Council replied that Lydon has done excellent work as an unpaid organizer for the Council and the Council was confident Lydon would do nothing detrimental to the labor movement.

Three delegates from the United Automobile Workers were certified, including Slaby, president, of the Oakland local, for discussion on a resolution endorsing that union's organizing program. A. W. Watson, delegate had to state he favored organization of the unorganized auto workers.

The endorsement was passed.

The Council endorsed the People's Lobby anti - vigilante bill.

Celery Pickets Go On Trial March 1

SAN DIEGO.—Jury trial of four celery strike pickets, on charges of "disturbing the peace," has been set for March 1.

Bail was lowered from $500 to $50 each by Township Justice Smith. The defendants are Louis Vega, John Jacobs, Estanchedo Serrano and Pedro Garcia. The strike continues solid.

It Happened In California

ALTURAS WANTS RATE CUT

ALTURAS—Following a public meeting of consumers here, a demand has been sent to the State Railroad Commission that rates charged by the California Public Service Co., be investigated. An organization of consumers was formed.

ASK EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

ROSEVILLE — Roseville city council has asked the state relief administration to set up a branch office here. Persons seeking SRA jobs have had to go to Auburn to register.

JOBLESS MEN SUICIDES

OAKLAND—Unable to obtain work, two unemployed workers here committed suicide. Emil Johnson, 62, hanged himself in the basement of his home, and Alex Sprachan, 53, killed himself by monoxide gas in his garage.

IT'S NO SURPRISE

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, belching after a hearty luncheon, announced it will oppose 6-hour day, 5-day week legislation for railroad workers.

UNPOPULAR

THE MOST UNPOPULAR man in Flint, Michigan. Circuit Judge Paul V. Gadola, who issued the injunction ordering General Motors sitdowners to leave the plant. They left only when they won recognition for United Automobile Workers' Union.

EAST BAY LABOR TICKET MEETING

Old Guard Sabotaged Labor Council Resolution

OAKLAND — The tentative platform and slate of candidates for a Labor Ticket in municipal elections here this spring, will be submitted to the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor by the Political Committee, Saturday, February 20, 8 p. m., at the Federation's Labor Temple at Carpenters' Hall, 791 12th St.

At the Alameda County Central Labor Council last Monday night the "old guard" reactionaries staged a filibuster on a motion to instruct the Council delegates to the Federation, Fee and Spooner, to support the council's stand for an independent labor ticket at the Federation's meeting next Saturday.

Issue Confused

The motion lost 45 to 50; but observers noted that several delegates who had voted progressive throughout, voted against the motion, confused by reactionary interpretations that the council had no right to litigate its delegates.

Delegate Morris, Musicians' Union, who foisted himself without credentials on Federation executive sessions, began an insulting tirade against John Wollam, progressive leader.

Aiding Kelly Political Machine

Reactionaries Sweeney, Silvertthorn, Risley, Morris, Manning and Peters raised the cry of "dictatorship" on the ground they did not know the proposals of the Federation's Policy Committee.

Healey Squirms In Modesto Inquiry

District Attorney Cleary of Stanislaus County and Glenn M. De Vore, his assistant in the Modesto frame-up, on Thursday barred from listening to testimony before the special legislative committee, now in San Francisco.

Captain George Healey of the San Francisco police department and Ralph O. Marron, deputy state attorney general, squirmed in the manner of the guilty under questioning of Senator Jack Tenney on the Modesto frame-up. After sessions in Los Angeles the hearing is now being conducted in the state building in San Francisco.

James Scrudder, according to Healey, was no more than an informer for police. But, "Why didn't you arrest Boyle and Rodgers the night that Scrudder had told you they stole the dynamite, and told you where it was?"

"We weren't sure where it was," answered Healey, who then admitted that he had been told it was in Hoyt's shack at the foot of Sacramento Street. Police searched for the dynamite, said Healey, strangely enough they didn't search the Bay Hotel.

Healey couldn't explain why he didn't arrest the Durham union workers the night they left for Modesto without knowing the dynamite was in the cars. He had simply notified the Stanislaus County sheriff that the cars were on their way, and made no effort to contact officers either in San Francisco or in other counties through which they would pass.

Scrudder admitted on the stand in L. A. that he had received $900 from Standard Oil after the frameup. Marron, when asked why he did not question Chief Standard Oil stool pigeon J. P. Arnold on company payments to Scrudder before the frameup, said he "didn't think it was material."

SAY WPA HEAD WILL VIOLATE PLEDGE IN L. A.

Citizens Committee Charges He Plans To Drop 1400

LOS ANGELES—Though Colonel Donald Connolly, Los Angeles WPA administrator, announced Monday, Feb. 15, that there will be no further cuts in WPA quotas in Los Angeles, the Citizens Relief Committee came out the same day with the announcement that 1400 relief workers are to be dropped from WPA rolls.

Connolly, just returned from a conference in Chicago with national relief administrator Harry Hopkins, states that the quota of 47,000 workers will be maintained under new improved allocation provisions.

In the future, Connolly said, Los Angeles, operating as an autonomous relief unit, will be on a 90-day allocation basis, instead of the present 30-day basis. This new arrangement will, according to him, enable Los Angeles to operate more efficiently. Under the old plan relief officials never knew from one month to the next how many workers would be employed the following month.

But, despite Connolly's reassuring announcements, it seems that relief officials don't know from one hour to the next, now just how many workers will be employed.

The Citizen's Committee maintains that approximately 1400 persons will be dropped because they refused to fill out the relief questionnaire, being circulated by SRA offices.

So far in the LACRA questionnaire drive, 1323 persons have been dropped—many because they would not submit to such an outrageous infringement on their individual rights and liberties.

Whitewash for L.A. Railway Company

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company and recently executive secretary of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

The brakes of the car were in good condition, declared the Board of the Railway company, and the accident was due to failure of the motorman to "properly operate his equipment."

Wahl, who has been a motorman on the "I" line for 12 years, had neglected in his excitement to use the car antiskid sand during the steep 1st Street hill to throw off the power, which would have enabled the so-called magnetic brakes to hold, according to Neary.

From Wahl, however, the story is this:

"The magnetic brakes failed to take hold, and I tried frantically to use the hand brake. It failed to work either, as we crashed on down the hill."

Nine persons were injured in the accident when the old wooden street car skipped the rails, plunged into a telegraph pole and snapped it in half, leaving the trolley wire dangling in the air, and finally ended upon a brick sandwich stand which was wrecked in the grade.

Neary, long-time hater of labor and instrumental in breaking the 1934 Street Car Workers' strike, declared "either the hand brakes or the magnetic brakes would have held the car, if properly applied."

Vote "Yes" On No. 19 On March 9, SF

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progressive organization, are now asked to devote all your spare time among your friends and neighbors to assist labor to repeal this un-American ordinance which deprives labor of free speech, free assemblage, and hinders all labor from improving their economic standard of living.

"The repeal of this ordinance allows labor to peacefully picket any unfair employer in order that better standards may be secured and maintained for the welfare of all labor and will thus create a new and better deal for you and your organization.

"You are particularly urged to phone, write or six of your friends and ask them to vote "YES" on Amendment 19. We ask you also to canvass your friends in the block in which you live, urging them to vote "YES" for repeal.

"Pledge cards and any additional material can be had by calling at headquarters, 410 Pier Building.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—A Typographical Union existed in Los Angeles in 1868.

2—An organization formed by California employers in July, 1867 "to prevent the eight-hour labor system being adopted." It was fought by the Mechanics' Eight-Hour League, organized in August, 1867.

3—Mexico ceded California to the United States under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed February 2, 1848.

4—On July 29, 1891, out of a merger of the Steamship Sailors' Union and Coast Seamen's Union.

5—Strikebreakers and longshoremen struck for $6 a day in May, 1851, the first known strike of dock workers in California.

HITS HASTE TO BLAME FLYERS

Jury "Can Not Determine" Cause of Air Line Crash

While a San Mateo County grand jury found itself "unable to determine" the cause of last week's United Air Lines passenger plane crash, which killed 11 people, the Air Line Pilots' Association expressed its belief that there has been much too much blaming of pilots in many of the airplane crashes."

The association declared that testimony of witnesses and veteran pilots proved that Pilot Dempsey Thompson and Co-pilot DeCesaro could not be charged with an error in piloting (both Thompson and DeCesaro lost their lives in the crash.

"It is the opinion of the pilots," said the statement, "that an abrupt change in the line of flight, only a short time before the ship touched water at a rather sharp angle, under the circumstances not have been made unless trouble developed."

The right wing and motor of the big Douglass plane are still missing, and there is increasing belief that they could prove structural faults in the plane. John A. Grennan, Jr., son and brother of two of the passengers lost in the crash, charged lack of rescue equipment to the company.

Ask Tireless Work On Labor Program

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satisfied with this decision, we feel that our main duty is to assist in every manner possible to maintain a solid front against the enemies of labor in Los Angeles."

Presented by the Executive Committee of Labor's Conference the statement received the wholehearted support of every delegate present.

All the delegates joined in emphasizing the importance of the need for unified independent political action on the part of labor in and through the Central Labor Council.

Pointing out that the 105 delegates of the Conference to the council who voted "no" on last Friday's resolution against independent political action, "offer proof that the reactionary bureaucracy is the move toward Labor's independent participation in political activity," declared Secretary of the Furrier's Union, declared.

"Delegates are now ready for progressive thought, but can do a lot by taking definite steps to crystallize this vote of 105 in working towards independent political action."

C. R. Van Winkle, president of Labor's Conference, for the Municipal Elections said, "only by broadening the movement and listening to the desires of the rank and file of the labor movement can we succeed."

Delegate after delegate firmly emphasized "our aim is not to divide labor but to unite labor."

In adopting the statement, Labor's Conference reiterated its support to the Spanish people's independent action in the political field.

"We have constantly urged that it is in the best interest of labor to enter as an independent force in the political life of our city, county and state," the statement read.

Recognizing that the vote to dissolve the Conference in no way constitutes a defeat, many delegates correctly declared that the work of the Conference had performed a great service in bringing to the front the necessity for labor's participation in political activities.

A visitor at the Conference meeting, one of the 105 delegates who voted "no at the Council meeting said,

"I am not a member of this organization, but I am one of the 105 that voted with you. Your actions have been all right —the Council has a set-up that we can work within and succeed."

YOUTH REJECT INDIGNITY IN SANTABARBARA

Moldy Laws Halt Meet of Spanish Delegation

SANTA BARBARA—Digging up some long dis-used city statutes, fascist-minded cops, American Legionaires, and Catholics here prevented the Spanish Youth Delegation from speaking Monday, February 15, as they had been scheduled.

On Saturday, two days before their engagement, the members of the delegation, Maria Simarro, Josephina Ramirez, and Eugenio Imaz, were told that in accordance with city statutes they would not be able to speak unless their talks were first submitted to local censorship.

Moldy Laws

Another obsolete law that was dug up, rotten and moldy, was one that prohibited any collection speech in a school building, if the money were to be taken out of the city.

In a telegram to the Mayor protesting the undemocratic attempts to stifle these representatives of Spanish democracy, the members of the delegation declared that they could not submit to such an indignity that would require a committee representing the Spanish government to censor speech in such a way as to insult the United States government, to submit to local petty censorship.

The telegram demanded that the Youth delegation be accorded the same courtesy and privilege as the fascist representatives in thirty-five other American cities.

The Mayor, however, refused to have anything to do with it and the delegation did not speak in Santa Barbara.

More Tentacles of Graft Octopus

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learned that Dr. George Parrish, Los Angeles city health officer, received $200 a month for being the radio stooge of four large dairies—Borden, Adohr, Golden State and Western Dairy—in testimony of Frank Glass, California Milk Producers' Association executive.

Dr. Parrish utilized a weekly radio talk all of last year to warn against raw milk and to advocate pasteurized milk as "the safest milk to drink," "scientific" propaganda against small dairymen who can't afford expensive pasteurizing equipment.

A. S. Jufferman and George Wassmann, Hynes dairymen, said Dr. L. G. Clark, L. A. Health Dept. chief inspector, threatened them with deportation if they did not follow their line.

Recall Recount Demanded

IN SIGNAL HILL — Citizens filed a complaint naming Signal city councilmen, demanding a recount of votes in the recall election of Councilman Rue, charging improper counting of absentee ballots by the councilmen.

Tom Finn's Fishy Deal

IN SAN FRANCISCO—Threatime confessor Patrolman Joseph Murray to withdraw a bribery charge he had filed against Finn on the "grounds" that Abel Ducayla, witness who mysteriously "disappeared," refused to testify.

Ducayla, although he testified before the grand jury that Murray and other police officers took graft to "protect" houses of prostitution, would not testify in court and was obviously shaken with fear.

The assistant district attorneys moved for the dismissal, and said similar charges against Patrolman David Dillon, whose trial is set for March 1, month by month, would probably be dismissed.

Stafford Not Only Grafter

IN SAN FRANCISCO, Attorney V. W. Hallinan filed an affidavit supporting motions to quash the 1937 grand jury panel and for venue changes in four pending trials, charging that Thomas Stafford, grand jury prosecution charge, runs "a notorious gambling concern known as Cortez, Inc." Where bets are made on outcome of superior court trials.

BULLETS FOR MURDERERS

ATHENS — The Athens (Greece) munitions factory has received an order for 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition for the Spanish Fascists.

IF YOU HAVE TO HOBBLE— BE THERE!

Whether you ride, walk or hobble, all roads will lead to 2235½ Geary St., headquarters of the San Francisco Theater Union, on Saturday night, February 27.

But don't get us wrong—this is not a theatrical or arty affair, this is "The Western Worker Goes to Town," the party being thrown by the staff of the "Western!"

And the staff promises a party that should make your mouth water right now! There will be dancing, the hottest floor show in town, working class celebrities, eats, and real refreshments.

And just to guarantee a hot time in the old town that night, our waterfront comrades say they're going to be present to show us "penciltushers" up, but they don't think that condition they're running up against.

You'd better be there for the fun!

NEGROES RAP HOLMAN GANG

Well Aware of Strike-Breaking Purposes

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Francisco Council of the National Negro Congress, I find it necessary to call your attention to the fact that you are unfairly exploiting the ignorance of the few Negroes who follow you, and have shown that you are using them to achieve your own ambitions, and actually do not know how you endanger their lives.

"Mr. Holman, may I repeat, you are injuring the dignity of California Negroes by engaging a few, who are unaware of your schemes, to act as your cat's paw.

"Mr. Holman, it is not necessary, I hope, to remind you that when you were president of the International Longshoremen's Association it discriminated against Negroes. Today, when you are no longer a member, it accepts Negroes into its ranks. If you had supported the rights of Negroes in words and in action while you were an executive of the ILA, we might regard your motives as more honest today.

"Mr. Holman, in conclusion, may I point out that the people will not support your scheme to cause race strife and hatred on the waterfront are the worst enemies against the Negro people, keeping them segregated and in poverty only that they may be used in times like these to drive the wages and conditions of all workers downward."

10 Die In Golden Gate Bridge Plunge

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company engineers were in fact walking out on the bridge deck to inspect the scaffolding when the platform broke. Colonel Cone, resident engineer of the bridge district, charged that the Pacific Bridge Co. had failed to submit plans and specifications of the scaffolding for his approval.

MacDonald stated:

"There were two scaffolds erected under the bridge deck to permit workers to remove the wooden stripping which had been installed for the pouring of concrete.

"One of these scaffolds had never been used, and is suspended at the first tower on the San Francisco side. The other was the scaffold which fell into the water.

"On Monday morning, A. F. Mailloux, safety inspector employed by the bridge district under the commission's supervision, inspected scaffolding with Assistant Superintendent James Graham, Assistant Superintendent Frederick Silver and Fred Crooker, engineer, that the scaffold was not safe. Graham, Silver and Crooker are employed by the Pacific Bridge Company.

"As a consequence of this protest, one three-quarter inch rod was placed in the center of the scaffold through the two side brackets that held the suspension wheel in the tower.

"These brackets carried the weight of the scaffold, and were bolted to the I beam on a wheel. When permitted the scaffold to be moved along under the bridge deck as the work of removing the wooden stripping progressed. The rod was intended to prevent spreading of the brackets, which would pull the wheel off the I beam.

"After the bolt was put in, Mailloux examined the scaffold again and insisted that, in his opinion, it was still unsafe."

Steel workers on the job stated that the scaffolding had been erected by laborers, when it should have been erected by steel workers.

SPAIN CAT RAPS TROT LED TREAC

Trade Union U Near, Says Simarro

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Why this attack of

"It is because," said al speaker, "the you ment of Spain has moved war as part of national policy."

"They (the Fascists) shamelessness to call an army of Christ— of Mohammed and Hitler—who has been ed by his bloody pers Jews, protestants and

GOV'T NOT COMMUNIST, COMMUNISTS PROVE BEST ENDERS OF THE REPUBLIC

Minister Del Vayo Affirms That e Are United Against Fascism, gardless of Political Belief

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GOV'T FAVORED OVER FASCISTS BY U. S. PUBLIC

Pacific Coast Shows Most Sympathy for Spanish People

NEW YORK—The Spanish government enjoys the preponderance of sentiment over the Fascists in the minds of the American public, according to the survey of the "American Institute of Public Opinion," released here by George Gallup, director.

The institute, which compiled the figures by reviews of cross-sections in all areas of the United States, found that 22 per cent of those questioned definitely favored the government as opposed to 12 per cent who were reported favoring the Fascist cause.

Reasons given by the institute for those supporting the government, as indicated by comments of those questioned, were predominantly the antagonism growing out of the intervention of Hitler and Mussolini on the side of the rebels. Another was the fact that the Spanish government was legally constituted by an election.

The Pacific Coast showed the strongest preference for the government, with 35 per cent voting in its favor as against only 22 per cent voting for the rebels.

the numerical strength of the groups loyal to Spain. "The civil war," the statement declared, "today the question of the clash between different shades of opinion on the government side" is answering another question, however, he declared that this solidarity, created through fighting side by side in the same cause, would continue after victory.

"After so many months of civil war we shall convert the negative side of the war, which has been against our wills, into the positive side of the war, establishing normalcy with the greatest determination.

"Shall Never Forget"

"Never shall we forget the activity of the German fleet in Spanish water that has shown, with a few ships, the power of Germany in insolence and audacity than the world fleets combined, and has acted as ruler of the seas and master of the Mediterranean.

"Never shall we forget that foreign intervention has caused the destruction of Madrid by German planes. This is a lesson steeped in Spanish blood. It is the duty of the world to conflict with sufficient means to defend herself and to put to her forces in the service of European rights and world peace."

Religion Not Fought

"In Spain," said del Vayo, "no real anti-religious movement exists. It must be remembered, however, that for centuries the Catholic church in Spain, instead of being purely spiritual, was equally political. The fact that not all the Catholic clergy have taken this attitude is proved by the admirable conduct of many Catholics in the Basque country."

Asked about foreign troops on both sides, del Vayo said:

"I regret the number of foreigners fighting for the Rebels as very much superior to those on our side. I affirm that French Fascists are fighting, to begin with, were Fascist marionettes, now play a purely secondary role because Germans and Italians occupy all the posts of responsibility and are at the side of every enemy gun and machine gun.

"Madrid Will Hold"

Madrid will not fall, declared del Vayo, because the glorious defense which has driven back all attacks, but he added:

"I am a firm believer in the military opinion of Ludendorf, who stated that even if the Rebels captured Madrid they would fail to capture the soul of Spain. It is not possible to dominate a country which, after seven months of civil war, shows the spectacle in towns under Rebel domination of scores of people being shot daily in order that the Rebels can maintain their authority.

"True, resistance of Madrid proved a decisive blow for the Rebels' morale, which is rapidly breaking down and is only supported by the hope that they may receive eight or ten German and Italian divisions to replace the Rebel demoralized or decimated troops. The war has actually been won by the republic but the sending of German and Italian contingents in growing numbers may necessitate still further months of this bloody drenching of Spanish soil."

Generals Boycott Session of The Kuomintang

NANKING—Apparently seeking to evade responsibility that would "embarrass" them before the Japanese militarists, several war lords from northern China have boycotted the sessions of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, government political party, scheduled to open here last Monday.

Their absence, which is believed to be the result of direct agreement with the Japanese army, visibly emphasizes the growth of anti-Japanese sentiment which is growing despite the rigid government control of the press, radio and all channels of public opinion.

It was believed that their fear was based on the possibility of the executive committee's passing resolution "offensive" to the Japanese militarists, in which Nanking still refusing to lead any real offensive against Japanese penetration into the northern provinces of Hopeh, Shantung, Charhar and Suiyuan, as pressed by the mass hatred of Japanese imperialism and the sentiment by means of a resolution.

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ARMY PREMIER

GENERAL SENJURI HAYASHI, new Japanese prime minister, and successor to Kazushige Ugahi, who was unacceptable to the military-Fascist crowd.

VIENNA MARVELS

Sky Writer Vanishes

EMBLEM STAYS

VIENNA—High over the roof tops of this Austrian capital, while Nazis are making a new move to capture the government and Austrian reactionaries are making a counter move to restore the monarchy, a mysterious airplane Monday traced a giant hammer and sickle.

After boldly inscribing its emblem of the international working class for all to see, the pilot streaked off into nowhere ahead of military and police pursuers.

Now who could have done it?

Admitting no ignorance, the war department announced:

"We know the airplane's origin," but added that it would not be disclosed.

A certain Major Wehofer, who went aloft in vain pursuit, remarked that he believed he saw a "Russian" insignia on the plane. Observers agreed they had had heard vaguely similar theories before in explanation of matters for which the Austrian plantation could not be advanced.

Proponents of more militant action for the Austrian people approved their point. In their opinion it was a demonstration of the weakness of Austrian defenses, since the plane outsped the pursuers.

Regardless of this, the hammer and sickle emblem brings new hope and courage to a vast number of Viennese who do not agree with it under present conditions of terror.

MALAGA FALL IS SPUR TO MORE EFFORT

Huge Demonstrations Show Solidarity Of People

By G. MARION
(Daily Worker Valencia Correspondent)

VALENCIA—The fall of Malaga before the land, sea and air forces of international Fascism shows signs of arousing a popular reaction opposite to that anticipated by the Rebels.

Like the bombing of Madrid, which failed to demoralize the population of the capital and aroused their anger, resulting in a stubborn defense, the intervention of German and Italian forces against Malaga is now rousing patriotic resentment in areas where people had been less acutely aware of the seriousness of the war.

Bold Approach Beneficial

For the first time the press is publishing such news of defeat as current news, the only other such admission having been feature articles dealing with Badajoz and Toledo long after they fell.

The immediate effects of this bold approach are highly beneficial.

Premier Julio Alvarez del Vayo's appeal to his assistants on all fronts, beginning, "Malaga has fallen, our first duty to those fighting on other fronts, who are correctly certain of finishing with us, is to tell them the truth at once," is a measure of the increased strength of the People's Front Government compared with October and November, when hesitation and indecision resulted in efforts to suppress unfavorable news.

Barcelona showed the strongest reactions: Demonstrations paraded through the Ramblas (boulevards) into the Plaza de la Republica, bearing placards calling for the speediest possible establishment of immediate military service as a fitting reply to the German and Italian capture of Malaga.

Hazard of War

Such a popular reaction in this direction should be a favorable symptom, because an awakening similar to that of Madrid would mean the release of tremendous resources in men and material, a mass initiative demonstrated at the gates of Madrid.

"The loss of Malaga was simply one setback consistent with the difficulties of war. Without any significance," Pascual Tomas, Secretary of the General Workers' Union (UGT) told me.

"International Fascist aid in the form of men and naval assistance, exceeded all breaking our lines. This must convince our comrades in other nations of the necessity of redoubling vigilance and care.

"The attitude of the French government in closing the frontier, obliging the democratic nations to intervene with utmost haste to block the aggression of the Fascist powers."

Ask International Parley

Tomas then referred to the UGT's request for an international conference in London or Geneva, as the concrete beginning of such a change in the position of democratic countries.

"We want the representatives of all international anti-Fascist organizations to meet, not only without the exclusion of any, as we do desire the attendance of the Socialist deputies of all European countries, who are closing their eyes to the present problem of Spain in their parliamentary activity."

2 SHIPYARD UNION GAINS

CAMDEN, N. J.—The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers has won its demand for an election in the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., and in Sun Shipbuilding, Chester, Pa.

Anna Louis Strong To Lecture in L.A. On Spain Situation

LOS ANGELES—Anna Louise Strong, noted author and lecturer, will lecture on "What Is Really Happening in Spain," Monday evening, March 1, in the Philharmonic Auditorium.

Miss Strong has just recently returned from Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona, where she visited the front-line trenches, talked with the courageous anti-fascists, the International Bridges.

22 COMMUNISTS SENTENCED AFTER SPECIAL TERROR COURT IN ITALY

ROME (via Paris), Feb. 11.—A group of 22 Communists charged with underground anti-Fascist work, was sentenced to terms of up to 30 years imprisonment on Dec. 10 and 11 by the Special Tribunal (Fascist terror court).

Tonini Attilio, member of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party, arrested while conducting illegal anti-Fascist activity was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

Two other leading Communists, Torricini and Alinti, were given sentences of 21 and 20 years jail respectively.

During the trial, Tonini Attilio made a stirring indictment against the Fascist regime, for

Nazi Robbery of the Unions

Incomplete Survey Shows What Fascism Means to Labor

(From Neue Volks-Zeitung, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1937)

On the date of the fourth anniversary of the Hitler dictatorship, the foreign bureau of the one-time free German Trade Unions published a list of property and funds accumulated by the German labor organizations and stolen by the Nazi government.

This gigantic theft began on May 1, 1933, when the Nazis declared the free trade unions on the verge of collapse "because of corruption and maladministration."

Not even the corrupt courts of the Third Reich could show a single instance of "corruption and maladministration" on the part of the former leaders of the free German trade unions. And, while this proved the exemplary management of the former leaders it also served to bring to light many scandals of open corruption in the present Dr. Ley's administration of the so-called "German Labor Front."

Bill of Particulars

Following is the first and by far incomplete expose of the stolen workers' funds:

Organizations	Reichsmarks (property, securities and cash)
German Building Trades Union	14,204,900
Needle Workers' Union	1,354,000
Mine Workers' Union	7,800,000
Bookbinders' Union	2,402,000
Printing Trades Ass'n	9,422,300
Rail Workers' Unity League	5,787,500
Factory Workers' Union	10,053,000
State & Public Employees League	13,500,000
Printers' Helpers' Union	4,842,000
Woodworkers' Union	6,400,000
Hotel, Restaurant & Cafe Workers	400,000
Farm Workers' Union	1,809,300
Engravers & Lithographers	900,000
Transport Workers' Union	3,206,500
Metal Workers' Union	34,000,000
Musicians' Union	525,000
Food Workers' Union	7,190,000
Saddlers' & Leather Workers	769,750
Stone Workers' Union	1,643,350
Textile Workers' Union	7,000,000
Masonic Union	4,100,000
Trade Union Unity League	14,940,000
TOTAL	152,253,900
Less mortgages & loans	7,620,200
Actual net assets	144,420,700
Add, stolen funds of mutual aid organizations	7,791,700
GRAND TOTAL	152,218,400

The above list does not show the funds of seven other major labor organizations, whose funds are estimated to have totaled from eight to nine million marks.

This Is Not All

It is now practically impossible to reestablish with any exactitude the funds of thousands of other workers' organizations whose treasuries were plundered. Among these are more than 10,000 minor organizations, 1200 locals of the Unity League, 140 Peoples' Housing Cooperatives, thousands of educational and sports clubs and other fairly large special organizations. There also a great many mutual insurance groups and associations with very considerable funds in cash and valuable securities, readily negotiable. There was also a considerable Workers' Bank, with many branches and large liquid assets.

The total amount stolen from workers' organizations may be estimated quite conservatively at about 400,000,000 marks.

In addition to the above robbery, we must further include the funds of all the "Christian Democratic Trade Unions," whose property and treasury were also taken over by the Nazis. These amount to at least 100,000,000 marks.

Adding insult to injury, the robbers have circulated the story of "corruption, maladministration and bankruptcy" of the unions.

But the day of accounting for this, the world's greatest and most brazen theft, will come.

SPAIN CAUSE IS GAINING IN BELGIAN S. P.

Reactionary Indicates Break on Account of Trend

BRUSSELS—Possibility of the resignation of reactionaries from the Belgian Socialist Party over the question of supporting the Spanish government loomed as an aftermath of the resignation of Emil

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Courier on the Moscow Trial

Not every capitalist newspaper in California joins the chorus of pro-fascist defense of the Trotzkyite assassins and condemnation of socialism in the Soviet Union. We quote from the column "Week by Week," written by Brooks in the Sunset Courier, a newspaper published in the Sunset district of San Francisco:

"Is it reasonable to assume that the Russians would stage a mock trial, a farce, and invite the representatives of world public opinion to sit in? Certainly not."

This was written in answer to the general newspaper attack on the trial, charterizing it as a farce. Answering the charge of terrorism made in the capitalist press, the Courier declares:

"The Russian government has very definitely and vigorously denied the use of terroristic methods of obtaining these confessions. The Russian government publicly and officially repudiates, not only in this case, but in all cases, this inhuman judicial practice, so common under the Czars, so generally practiced by fascist nations, and one might even add, so common in the local police stations of America."

After ridiculing the drug and hypnosis "theories" of the capitalist press to "explain" the confessions, the Courier says:

"Confronted at last with this evidence, the accused has no alternative but to confess."

The Courier's concluding remarks on the Moscow trial are:

"I believe we may fairly assume the Russians are an intelligent and decent race, fairly able to handle their own treason cases, and that American newspapers will do international friendship a good turn by confining their efforts to build circulation to news story build-ups to such local affairs as the Hauptmann case."

Frank and Hearst Gloat

William Randolph Hearst is very generous in the amount of newspaper space he is devoting to General Franco's statements on the capture of Malaga. The general, naturally, fails to mention that without the help of sixteen thousand Italian troops Malaga never would have fallen.

And Mr. Hearst is all too willing to further the impression that Spaniards fighting in the fascist forces are the bulk of Franco's army.

France is again guilty of predicting the fall of Madrid—and the victorious conclusion of the fascist invasion—"sooner than the most optimistic dare to think."

We have heard so many boastful predictions from the fascist side that they cease to become interesting. Even the tens of thousands of German and Italian soldiers now actively fighting against the Spanish people are not sufficient to capture Madrid.

Naturally, Madrid is not free from danger. Especially so since the importations of fascist troops, fully trained and equipped, continues. But Messers. Franco and Hearst are a bit premature to put it mildly, in their glee. The fall of Madrid, if it should ever fall to the attacks of tens of thousands of imported troops, would not bring victory for the fascists. **The fascists will never be victorious.**

"The time will come when other countries will realize that the Spanish civil war is not just that, but a struggle in which the fate of the whole world might be decided."

These words written in 1936 on for the Hearst press, are calculated to win world-wide support from all the forces of fascism and reaction for Franco.

And Franco and Hearst are trying not to see is that the world-wide forces of democracy, progress and peace are fast rallying to the support of democracy and progress in Spain, to aid the People's Front Government.

Franco, Mussolini and Hitler and Trotzky may cry all they can about the issue being Communism or fascism; the world is learning that the issue is not one of Communism: **democracy is at stake.**

Every friend of democracy must double his efforts to aid the embattled Spanish forces of democracy!

Where Do Our Legislators Stand

All trade unions and other progressive organizations are urged to give full support to the meetings being arranged in various counties by the Executive Committee set up at the California People's Legislative Conference. These meetings are for the purpose of bringing pressure to bear on all state legislators to support the people's legislative program, as well as to enlist the more active cooperation of those assembly- men and senators who have already manifested an interest.

The latter, twenty-two of whom attended the People's Legislative, urging them to unite in a progressive bloc in the legislature behind the people's bills.

They should be asked, especially, to introduce an anti-vigilante bill; this is one of the most important of the progressive measures, and was not introduced in January.

We give below the names of these legislators:

SENATORS: Culbert L. Olsen, 38th, L.A.; Bradford S. Crittenden, 20th, San Joaquin; Harry O. Westover, 32nd, Orange.

ASSEMBLYMEN: John Gee Clark, 70th, L.A.; Gene Flatt, 65th, L.A.; Wilbur F. Gilbert, 54th, L.A.; Charles A. Hunt, 45th, L.A.; Elmer E. Lore, 42nd, L.A.—Thomas A. Maloney, 20th, S.F.; George R. Miller, 14th, Alameda; Ellis E. Patterson, 35th, Monterey and San Luis Obispo; Paul Peek, 71st, L.A.; John B. Pelletier, 44th, L.A.; Fred Reeves, 68th, L.A.; Paul A. Richie, 79th, San Diego; Fred W. Roberston, 33rd, Santa Barbara; Ben Rosenthal, 52nd, L.A.; Jack B. Tenney, 46th, L.A.; Ernest O. Voigt, 46th, L.A.; Clyde A. Watson, 74th, Orange, and Samuel W. Yorty, 48th, L.A.

Other legislators should also be visited by committees of voters from the neighborhoods, as well as by official delegation from organizations, and asked to state their position on those measures proposed by the people at Sacramento.

These elected representatives must not be allowed to maintain a noncommittal pose. Either they are for, or against the progressive measures. The people want to know where they stand.

A Suggestion for Pres. Green

The expulsion of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor from his own union, the United Mine Workers of America, raises some interesting problems.

Technically, Green, as a member of the UMWA, ceased to be a member of the AFL following the suspension of the CIO unions by the 56th Annual Convention. The union's action in expelling him merely finished, for Green, the job he himself engineered and initiated.

His traitorous acts with regards to the struggles of the auto workers, his sabotage of the steel and textile workers' organizational drive, certainly stamp him as an enemy to the best interests of organized labor. Green has lately even gone so far as to give AFL charters to two small unions which for years had refused to come in on the AFL and had been fighting it where they could: the Amalgamated Lace Operators and the International Union of Spinners.

This chartering was done with the express purpose of destroying the organizational drive of the United Textile Workers. Instead of working for unity, Green works for splits and division.

Now, with Green's suspension of his own union and his expulsion by that union, putting him outside the AFL, what can he do to regain his standing?

The chances are he will apply to join the Office Workers' Union. But we have a better suggestion. We propose that he form a Union of Expelled Reactionaries, where he, Sharrenburg and several others can pay dues and meet once a year to elect officers and delegates to the national convention.

At least they will be troubled by any militant rank-and-file movement in such an outfit.

Mr. Chandler is Mad

Harry Chandler is furious. His mouthpiece, Harold M. Finley, writing in Mr. Chandler's open-shop sheet, the Los Angeles Times, is highly indignant about the nerve of Harry Bridges, Vito Marcantonio and Mayor Dore of Seattle who "invaded" Los Angeles and talked of the need of organizing labor.

"Who are now?" Mr. Finley asks tragically, and adds, "Los Angeles may well be asking itself that question . . . workers already sick of picketing and enforced idleness are to be the shock troops of a grand onslaught on the town's last great stronghold of industrial freedom if the pronouncements of these and other of their leaders mean anything."

By "industrial freedom" Mr. Finley, of course, means freedom for the industrialists. This phrase is just his "quaint" way of saying it. As for the industrial workers, Los Angeles has always been a plague-spot. One need not go very far back to see the part played by Chandler and the rest of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce, inviting industrialists to move their plants there because "labor is cheap and union organization isn't tolerated."

One need not go back very far to see the part played by the infamous "red squad," used to smash working class organizations and strikes.

With the rise of the labor movement in Los Angeles, it is no wonder Mr. Chandler gnashes his editorial teeth and longs "for the good old days."

But these days "are gone, Mr. Chandler, and they're never coming back, so you may as well take that to heart.

We suggest a Los Angeles League of Disgruntled Reactionaries, where Mr. Chandler can find solace in the company of his cronies.

Another Surrender

The reactionary press throughout the country is wrathful because of the $949,000,000 relief deficiency appropriation approved by President Roosevelt to take care of the needs of the unemployed until the end of the year.

They point out, in attempting to prove the villainy of the administration's acts, that the President had at first said $500,000,000 would be sufficient; then Harry Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, had asked for $750,000,000; then Roosevelt made it $790,000,000; finally, both agreed on $949,000,000.

This would seem to be a race between the President and the relief administrator, to see which can go further in acting as a friend of the people. This is far from the truth, but even these increases incur the wrath of the reactionaries, who would like to see the relief funds slashed to the barest minimum, no matter what suffering it would cause.

The Workers' Alliance, which is intimately in touch with the situation among the unemployed throughout the country, says that a minimum of $1,040,000,000 to take care of the unemployed up to June 30th. The rise of the appropriation from Roosevelt's original estimation of $500,000,000 to $949,000,000 was due to the militant demonstrations and demands of the Workers' Alliance and nothing else.

In refusing to admit the just demands of the Workers' Alliance, President Roosevelt once again surrendered to the reactionaries.

Despite This, Madrid's Morale Remains High

TWO MADRID children start homeward after a salvaging expedition in a section of Madrid where Italian and German Fascist planes barbarously bombed workers' homes. Despite such Fascist barbarism, the whole population shares the children's morale, with unflagging faith in the certainty of victory for the cause of democracy.

No Stopping Them Now In Building The Party

The enthusiasm of the best Party Builders, who came together in San Francisco Feb. 6 and 7, is best shown in the resolution the Party Builders Congress adopted. It states:

To Members of Our Party

We, delegates to the First California Party Builders Congress are happy to announce the successful conclusion of the Browder —Ford Membership Drive. Our enlistment in the strengthening of our Party is a step toward building of a Farmer Labor Party and a road to peace.

During the Recruiting Drive our Party in California has received 1916 new comrades into our ranks and on this glorious occasion, once again, we want to greet our new comrades and welcome them into the Party.

We realize that our achievement does not end our responsibilities. It indicates the growing influence of our Party among our people and challenges us to ever greater accomplishments to build and strengthen the Communist Party.

You as a Party member will take pride in our results and we believe you will want to help us take a greater part than ever in fulfilling our Party campaigns for full ranks of the unit and branch.

Strengthened by our new experiences and accomplishments, we have come to the clear decision to build our Party and to give guidance and aid to our new comrades, especially in the field of recruiting and their daily Party work.

On The Press Drive

In our present financial campaign for the re-publication of the Western Worker and the Daily Worker, that gave us such splendid help during the Recruiting Campaign, we, best Party Builders, undertake to take the leadership and responsibility to see that this campaign is accomplished successfully within the allotted time.

With this in mind, we urge that each County Committee call at once a meeting of its Party Builders to discuss and adopt concrete plans and we call upon all State Party Builders to accept personal financial quotas, to enter into socialist competition and to give leadership by example to other comrades in the same emergency campaign we did during the Recruiting Drive.

Our past experiences have shown clearly that the best guarantee for the success of our united cruiting and stoppage of fluctuations is the turning of the Party Builders Committees and Drive Directors into regular and well functioning Membership Committees and Directors. We also urge that wherever necessary these forces should be secured and strengthened.

To fulfill our tasks we must have a closely-knit and politically developed membership and to that end we call upon Committees establish and improve our new member classes and to see personal guidance to the problems of units and branches.

Let our experience and achievements become the source of greater enthusiasm to our comrades in every unit and branch in the country toward building of a mass Communist Party in this week.

DISCUSS CANNER PACT FOR 1937

S. F. and Seattle Unions Get Set for New Season

SEATTLE—Representing approximately 700 members of the Alaska Canners' Workers' Union, Local 20195, San Francisco and the Cannery Workers' and Farm Laborers' union, local 18257, Seattle, sitting jointly as one unit, today are meeting the Salmon Industry, composing cannery operators to discuss the 1937 agreement.

The delegation, potentially speaking, on behalf of 20,000 cannery workers—including residents and natives of Alaska—along the Pacific Coast, is composed of nine members representing the two cannery workers' unions.

Representatives elected from department meetings of the organization are also given the privilege to sit with the original delegation. Among those group called upon to serve are FRS&G local 20309, IA of M local 79; AFC—NFOW, ARTA.

Unity—strong—than ever before, and encouraged by the strong support of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, the delegates from the union feel that the main highlights of the demands outlining the fundamental reforms and improvements in the canning industry are sure of amicable passage, judging from the fact that cannery workers have been in agreement only during two or three months of the summer.

Among the cannery workers' leader from San Francisco, and Conrad Espe, a militant delegate of the living hall, are heading the delegation. They decried sub-standard wages and peonage in the canning industry, filth-ships, overcrowding, slavery hours, etc. These are out in the 1937 picture, they say.

Strike of 400,000 Miners In Offing

NEW YORK — The soft coal companies on Wednesday told the United Mine Workers demand for a 30-hour week and a 15% wage increase for 400,000 UMWA miners is "utterly impossible."

Lewis' reply was to warn coal operators that the union meant business, and that April 1, date of the present contract's expiration, would see a strike of 400,000 miners if agreement is not reached.

The miners, cheered by the CIO victories in Akron and Monessen, also demand a guaranteed wage of $1200 a year and two weeks vacation with pay.

Operators proposed a 15% wage cut, and increase from 35 to 40 hours a week.

WANT AGGRESSION

LONDON—Germany's demand for new colonies is expected to be presented to the British cabinet this week.

TEAMSTER MASS PICKET IN PEDRO

Over 300 Surround Matson, Norton-Lilly Docks

SAN PEDRO—Over 300 pickets of the Teamsters' Union surrounded piers of the Matson Navigation companies on Wednesday, after non-union men had been sent out of a so-called hiring hall established in Wilmington by the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn.

The Teamsters, at a meeting attended by other organizations, received overwhelming support from maritime and other unions.

A telegram was sent President Roosevelt, asking an immediate investigation. The wire stated:

"A critical situation has developed in Los Angeles harbor which will tie up the entire waterfront and involve the whole Pacific Coast unless corrected immediately.

"The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association is threatening draying companies that business will be taken from them if they deal with the unions.

"If the Merchants and Manufacturers are not stopped at once a strike will not be averted," Roosevelt was informed.

Machinists Halt Bethlehem Opening

SAN FRANCISCO. — Failing to reach a satisfactory agreement with their employers more than two thousand members of Lodge 68 Machinists Union and sympathizers successfully prevented the Bethlehem Machine Shops from continuing operations Thursday morning.

Five unions of the Metal Trades Council had voted to refuse to work and to come to apply for new jobs. Not having negotiated their demands, the Machinists were compelled to establish a picket line so as to make their stand clear to all unions.

Co. Refuses to Negotiate

Employers have constently refused to negotiate with the Machinists in the name of the union, on February 8. Charges that the shipping companies have coerced shipyard operators into not negotiating with the Machinists local were made by Harry Hook, business agent.

Wednesday's picket line included members from up-town machine shops who had left their jobs to come to the aid of their fellow brothers in the shipyards, as well as members of the maritime unions. Those looking for employment were stopped by the pickets and the Teamsters Union immediately ordered its members to refuse to go through the line.

Machinists stated that they will not return to work before their demands are met.

AS WE SEE IT

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

The Maritime Strike

(Continued—Part 3)

THE ATTACKS on Harry Bridges and the policies leadership did not, however, come only from the shipowners. During the course of the strike, a number differences within the unions' ranks came to a head in an open struggle within the Maritime Federation, although their fond hopes did not materialize.

The attack on Bridges and his policies was led by Harry Lundeberg—secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and former president of the Maritime Federation; in this attack he was supported by the syndicalist elements influenced by the IWW, by reactionary elements whom Lundeberg himself fought before he became a red-baiter, and by the Trotzkyite disrupters, Barney Mayes (Mass) and Cannon who now masquerade as "Socialists."

Lundeberg and "Job Action"

These differences did not arise just recently. Already as far back as 1935, the Party had to oppose certain policies of Lundeberg and his followers, who were in the minority, on the rank and file elements strongly influenced by syndicalist ideas. Instead of the basically sound IWW approach regarding "economic action as opposed to political action."

Lundeberg advocated a "job-action" policy which seriously threatened the unity of the maritime unions in that it often led to individual walkouts of sailors without consulting the rest of the crew, (firemen, cooks and stewards, licensed officers, or the longshoremen who might become involved. While at a certain stage of the struggle, "job-action" was invaluable in forcing the shipowners to live up to the agreements they were violating, or to correct grievances on board ship, it was also true that the indiscriminate use of "job-action," especially when used to raise basic demands (such as the six-hour day) which could only be won by a major strike action; threatened the position of the unions, seamen and longshoremen, as a whole. It was precisely this policy that made it possible not only for the Sailors' Union membership to stand solidly in the face of the splitting tactics of the ISU officials, but also won the unswerving support of the entire Maritime Federation and the whole labor movement, which resulted in the Sailors' Union winning back its charter, the Central Labor Councils and the State Federation of Labor, even though the charter has not yet been restored.

Lundeberg under-estimated, and still does, the importance of fighting to remain in the ISU in order to win the rank-and-file of the Atlantic and Gulf seamen, the longshoremen, clerical office which is fast losing its grip. He interpreted the policy of the Communists as one of "surrendering to Joe Ryan-berg," but recent events have proved that it was the policy of the Communists supported which made it possible to win such significant victories in breaking the hold of the reactionary officials in the East Coast unions.

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Progressive and labor groups introduced in the State Assembly by the California People's Legislative Conference will be the subject of discussion at a meeting of the Steam-schooner demands, but his slogan: "This is a sailors' question, and therefore not anyone else," still persisted.

A still sharper struggle developed over the Sailors' Union policy when Lundeberg and his syndicalists immediately came forward with a dual-union policy, and even proposed the formation of a "Pacific Seamen's Union." The membership, however, was rallied behind a policy of fighting for the return of the charter, and declaring their intention to fight to remain in the ISU and the AFL.

It was as Lenin said, the rule of the formerly exploited and oppressed, by the vast majority of the people. It remained for Stalin to lead the Soviet Union toward the completion of Socialism and a new, still broader democracy. The foundation of a classless society, without exploiters and exploited—has been completed in the Soviet Union.

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The last quarter of the nineteenth century was a period of great changes in Russian life. Modern capitalism was making tremendous strides, industries developed rapidly. Masses of workers lived in those centers. A series of strikes developed. A new, modern enemy Russian life—the labor movement, hardly known before the end of the century, appeared. The advanced thinkers in Russia became deeply impressed with the labor movement.

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Pasadena Meet Hails Verdict Against the Anti - USSR Plotters

The Pasadena Section membership of the Communist Party in an open meeting on Feb. 14 sent the following wire to the State Committee of the Communist Party:

Wm Schneiderman,
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121 Haight St.,
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Pasadena Section membership meeting this date, send warm revolutionary greetings pledges support to Western Worker quota as well as forging ahead in the building of mass Communist Party. Forwarding by mail resolution adopted by the general membership hailing verdict of proletarian court in Moscow.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP.

ED LIBERAL WRITER RESIGNS M TROTZKY "DEFENSE" GROUP

RIVERSIDE. — Gorham Munson on Wednesday that he will back the Trotzkyite drive for the formation of a court. This would be a pulsory arbitration, organized labor has expressed its opposition.

Such a court, the decide upon disputes, an instrument to crush labor fought it bitterly was abandoned in 1935.

BECOME AN EARL!

LONDON — Prof. Baldwin, staunch British reaction, is retire after the coronation of King George VI, to be rewarded with the earldom.

ow Trotzkyites Work With Fascists for War, Against Labor

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M. J. OLGIN

Lenin died, just thirty years ago (January 21), left behind him the foundations of the government of the world supported by the great peasants. The Soviets the ruling power of a counting close to 160,000 people and spread over one-sixth of the land. That Soviet rule was established in the course of the days of November 7, 1917, and Lenin was the leader. Lenin died, he left at the head of the Soviets the Bolshevik (Communist) Party represented the vanguard of the working class. It was the Bolshevik Party that had advocated and led the seizure of power by the workers in November, 1917, and had headed all the revolutionary activities of the workers after that historic date. The Bolshevik Party had been founded by Lenin in a struggle against the Menshevik (Social-Democratic) Party, which Lenin died he left behind several dozen Communists in the Soviet Union.

These Parties united revolutionary workers; they organized the masses against the bourgeoisie for the revolutionary struggle to conquer power and to establish Soviets. The Communist Parties, together with the Bolshevik Party in the Soviet Union, were united in the Communist International, the general staff of the world revolution. It was Lenin who, at the head of the well-established Party of Russia, in addition to establishing the Soviets of the Communists in other countries and in 1919, founded the Communist International and to Socialism

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Built Under Stalin

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Lenin's funeral services at 347 Phelan Market St., San Francisco, at 120 North Union Ave., Stockton.

The first issue of California "People's Legislative Conference" has been sent and copies can be had by writing or calling at the office of the People's Conference.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held tomorrow, Acting Secretary, Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky, Rm. 22 East 17th St., San Francisco, N. Y.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO AMERICAN LIBERALS

The following is the text of an Open Letter to American Liberals, signed by 51 persons prominent in American life, and addressed to persons approached to join the "American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky," as released to the press yesterday:

We wish to address ourselves to liberals who may be approached by the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky, an organization which, we believe, is attempting to enlist their support for partisan political purposes under the guise of defense of certain principles of civil liberties. Especially do we address those members of the American public with whom these names have been identified in the minds of the American public with whom these names have been identified in the minds of the American public with which they were associated. Impartial observers and newspaper correspondents present at the trials have reported that the trials were properly conducted and the accused fairly and judicially treated. The committee has offered no shred of evidence to

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the contrary. The demand for an investigation of trials carried on under the legally constituted jurisdiction of the Soviet government can only be interpreted as political intervention in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union with hostile intent.

We note that a member of the committee, Mr. Mauritz Hallgren, has publicly announced his withdrawal because of his conviction that the committee has been captured by Trotzkyists for political intervention against the Soviet Union." Mr. Hallgren further says:

"Perhaps the liberal members are not aware of the real nature of the committee. But that cannot be true of the political members, of the Trotzkyists and others, who have taken the lead, and that is to use the committee as a spring-board for new attacks on the Soviet Union. Other members of the committee have withdrawn for similar reasons.

We believe that it is imperative, in the interest of separating liberal ideas from active hostile political intervention, that liberal members of the committee, who presumably have no hostile intentions, withdraw at once, but whose names are being used to further these hostile purposes, demand the right to vote on the following questions:

1. Did you join the committee out of interest in Trotzkyism or of defense of civil rights in the right of asylum and free speech? If they latter is true, do not the tactics of the committee in the case of Trotzky indicate that the alignment of liberals with enemies of the Soviet Union and defenders of

2. Are you willing to ally yourselves, even incidentally, with the internal political movement which has opposed the progressive movement under taken by the Soviet Union under the Five-Year Plan and the Soviet foreign policy of peace and international understanding and other achievements which have commanded the respect of liberals throughout the world?

3. In uniting with avowed Trotzkyists in this committee have you taken account of the political principles of Trotzky can only result in confusion and the distortion of true liberalism?

4. Should not a country recognized as engaged in improving conditions for all its people, who is not on one quarter with all the means whereby this is brought about, be permitted to defend itself against those who oppose and attempt to destroy it, as it was as baseless. So like unto other things, the charge in this way, that his description by one historian as "a disagreeable, bow-tied person, unable to speak for long" is a mere Brigadier-General. He demanded that the Major-General be killed the air with complaints and the mails with demands. Washington received him with

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LYND WARD, Artist.
WILLIAM ZORACH, Sculptor.

Brooklyn "Eagle" Sees Trotzkyites Guilt As Evident

It should be "amply evident by now," that Trotzky, Zinoviev, Radek and others have not been deeply involved in an attempt to overthrow the Soviet government, a recent editorial in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle declared.

The Eagle pointed out in its issue of Feb. 1, that evidence "as presented by accredited correspondents of the European and American press," fully indicated the guilt of the Trotzkyists.

"Lenin and Trotzky, the editorial declares, were rarely in agreement on revolutionary policy and, since his exile, Trotzky has grip. He interpreted the policy of the Communists as one of "surrendering to Joe Ryanberg," but recent events have proved that it was the policy of the Communists supported which made it possible to win such significant victories in breaking the hold of the reactionary officials in the East Coast unions.

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REACTIONARIES CRIPPLE FRUIT WORKERS UNION

Block Membership to All Workers in Industry

By An Agricultural Worker

WATSONVILLE — The Fruit and Vegetable Workers, Local 18,211, of California, held their annual convention here February 6 and 7, for the purpose of setting up headquarters independent from all locals, also for the composing of a new constitution.

The conference was composed of delegates from the locals of Santa Maria, Salinas, Imperial Valley, and the two locals of Watsonville.

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The Fruit and Vegetable Workers have an industrial charter, but their constitution membership is restricted to shed help only. There was quite a fight on the floor at the convention to have the constitution changed to take in all workers in the industry,—but the reactionary forces overpowered the progressives.

Now reactionaries don't want to open the charter to take in several thousand field workers who are waiting at their door to be organized.

The Fruit Workers' Local of Watsonville wrote to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. Green answered with a letter to the local, leaving it entirely up to the membership of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union as to whom they take into the union.

But the progressives have never been able to get this question before the body for a vote. The reactionary body blocks this movement all the time.

Even in the conference of February 6 and 7, one of the reactionary delegates asked the financial secretary if **he** is willing to move.

If they move headquarters, if this constitution is adopted, it will leave the Fruit Workers of Watsonville hanging on a limb. If the wind blows, they will fall.

NON-UNION ERA COST ALASKAN PACKERS MORE

Packeteers, Union Fighting Were More Expensive

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—In accord with reports of several Alaska cannery workers, who have been going to Alaska about 12 or 15 years, the expense for manpower was higher pre-union days than it is today under union conditions.

The difference today is that wages for labor are paid to the worker, instead of the various labor racketeers.

Yet the packers tried, with all their might last year, to crush the unions—and still are trying. Don't think for one minute they aren't.

In view of these facts, one can only come to one conclusion —that the packers will go to any expense to keep labor unorganized, to preserve their loved system of exploitation and slavery. (Also, the packers realize that organized workers are in a position to fight for better wages and conditions.—Ed.)

Reasons Why

The following are reasons why these workers, and the Alaska packers paid more for canning their salmon under non-union conditions:

1. Especial privileges to their foremen; 2. Law suits by workers who were shanghaied from wild parties into the ships by company racketeers; 3. Fines paid by packers to South-eastern Alaskan authorities for permitting transportation of dope by racketeers; 4. Fees paid jail authorities of the states to allow prisoners to be shanghaied to Alaska for little or no wages—wages going to racketeers; 5. Feeding, housing and supplying dope for about one month before going to Alaska.

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Let the packers try to buy our present officials, and see how disappointed they'll be!

LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

THIS COLUMN'S RECENT OUTLINE of the Progressive party of California, has met with objections from one of our readers in Martinez, who writes as follows:

"Progressives Knife Farmer-Labor Party' headlined in the last issue of the Worker and the editorial summary by Br. Broman—indicates a sad lack of understanding of the principles and objectives and of the men who make up the present Progressive Party of this state.

"Everyone from top to bottom, crosswise and quadrilaterally, whatever that may mean—have their eyes set on an economic change in our system that is designed to attain the security interests, the happiness interests, and a community consciousness for the mass of economically underprivileged. That is what you and I and every intelligent liberal are for.

"We are for an unlimited production and exchange for USE by and for the unemployed of every state, and nation—and industry,—but the reactionary forces overpowered the progressives.

What a Farmer-Labor Party Is

The writer says the "Progressive Party" is for "an economic change in our system." Presumably this is to be accomplished primarily through production for use, which would result in "collective ownership of the soil and tools of production and exchange."

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We Still Disagree . . .

First of all, we grant that there are sincere progressives who are following this so-called "Progressive Party," but we still maintain that objectively whether deliberate or unconscious, this party is aiding the split in the ever-mighty growing forces for a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

On the basis of individuals in this party, we know that Raymond L. Haight (a Republican "big-shot" before 1934) was a splitter in the 1934 election campaign, when he split away many votes from Upton L. Sinclair.

And we also know that at Sessions acted as a splitter last year when he left the Epic movement to set up the "Progressive Party" machinery because the state-wide conference for political action, called by the 2nd Poverty League, came out firmly for the building of a

PLAN CHARTS ON PEOPLE'S BILLS VOTING

List E. Bay Assembly Dist. Legislative Meetings

By a Worker Correspondent

BERKELEY — A large chart to show how each legislator voted on each of the bills sponsored by the California People's Legislative Conference, will be compiled as "check-up" at the end of the Legislature session.

If the state and county committees have received sufficient financial support from the organizations and individuals who have endorsed the program, a "check-up" chart of this type will be sent to each organization and individual who have been active in the campaign.

Financial support in the 19th Assembly District has come from the Finnish Workers' Club, Hermann Club (which is the Democratic Club of Berkeley), and the Union of Professional Workers.

Details of the county-wide meeting on February 26 at Lowell Junior High School, 14th and Myrtle Streets, in Oakland, and the assembly district meetings will be announced later in the Western Worker.

The assembly district meetings are as follows:

Monday, February 22, 8 p. m., 9th Assembly District, Horace Mann School, Congress Ave. and Ignacio St. (Leon M. Donihue, incumbent); Tuesday, February 23, 8 p. m., 14th District, Haight School, Sta. Clara Ave. and Chestnut St. (George F. Miller, incumbent); Thursday, February 25, 8 p. m., 13th District, Lockwood Jr. High School, 68th Ave. and East 14th St. (James M. Cassidy, incumbent); Thursday, February 25, 8 p. m., 18th District, Longfellow School, California and Ward Sts. (H. A. Dannenbrink, incumbent).

Twenty thousand leaflets advertising the assembly district meetings and county meeting will be distributed in the county, and 1000 posters, 100 for each assembly meeting and 500 for the county meeting, will go out.

Worker Warns of Seab-Herder

By a Worker Correspondent

DELANO—A negotiation is going on between Benny Alow, a Filipino who claims himself a contractor who has been going to Alaska to work for the last 14 years, and Libby-McNeill & Co. upon individual field workers, in an attempt to lock out the union members or naturally to scab upon union members of the Alaska Cannery Union.

Benny Alow is inducing the boys from the agricultural fields, especially in the San Joaquin Valley and in Delano in particular, at present 200 non-union Filipinos are on his list to work for $80 a month.

This is accomplished by two workers in our recent meeting at Delano for this purpose.

Also obtained the same information from three of the boys who are intending to work with him.

Filipino union members are having nothing to do with Alow's proposition.

CANDY UNION SLAPS POOR AGREEMENT

Members Won't Take On "Gentlemen's Agreement

By a Candy Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — Contrary to reports in the daily press, Confectionery Local 24 has NOT entered into an agreement with the manufacturers.

The union officials carrying on negotiations with the manufacturers' labor relations committee, were enticed into forgetting the union demands and made to recognize the "virtues" of the employers' proposals.

Two times an attempt was made to hitch this employer creation on the membership, and for the second time the rank-and-file put it on the shelf.

"Gentlemanly"

The daily press report of an agreement was, in the officials' words, a "gentlemen's agreement."

The officials' trick in their attempt to shove this thing over, is to talk on everything but the agreement till the rank-and-file get sleepy and then adjourn the meeting.

This failed, however, as the official doing the filibustering had to stop for a breath of air —whereupon the rank-and-filer demanded to know what was what.

Officials on the Spot

The demand of a secret ballot vote at the next meeting, definitely put the officials on the spot, and the rotted line is still lacking a signature.

Plenty of work remains to be done and will be done as soon as the militant members gain democratic control. The nucleus of a healthy rank-and-file movement exists within the union, and rank-and-filers are beginning to unite for action on common grounds.

The Winner Is From Long Beach

The Workers' Correspondence Editor apologizes to the "Western" readers for skipping one issue in reporting the winner of the prize workers' correspondence story of the week.

The stories are coming in so thick and fast we almost had to send out for some rubber type! But keep them coming in—the more the merrier—we can get the rubber type if necessary.

The winner is the Long Beach worker who sent in the fine exposure of a drive by open-shoppers in his town against organized labor, and the phoney actions of Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News—the story appeared two issues ago and wins the prize of "The Story of the Reichstag Fire Trial."

Next issue we're going to announce the winner, as usual. The prize is "What is Communism" by Earl Browder, and the following week the prize will be another book you've all wanted —"The Coming Struggle for Power" by John Strachey.

After that comes a new surprise contest for the boys and girls' correspondence story—watch succeeding issues for an announcement.

Send in your story today!

Anti-Fascist Spain Salutes You!

"GLORY TO Mexico; Anti-Fascist Spain Salutes You," reads this banner spread on the Spanish steamer Mar Cantabrico, waiting at Vera Cruz harbor for additional supplies to Spanish people.

Jurisdiction Under Alaska Agreement

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—The following article is to benefit and inform a thousand Alaska cannery workers who haven't access to news from our union due to the fact that they are out of town, also due to the fact that the capitalist press, such as the Hearst press, etc., is not favorable to unionism.

Instead they are labor-haters* and will not print anything of benefit to any union.

These out-of-town brothers are entitled to know what is going on in our union. As soon as you read the "Western," mail it to out-of-town brothers, ask them to subscribe to it. If you write to them, send them clippings about our union and tell them they are from the "Western," the only 100 per cent working class paper on the Pacific Coast!

Union for All Members

Remember that the unions do not belong to the few hundreds here and in Seattle. It also belongs to the thousands of out-of-town brothers, and they are entitled to know what's going on in their union.

The following information is from Section A of the joint agreement between the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, Local 20,195, of San Francisco, and the Cannery and Farm Laborers' Union, Local 18,327, of Seattle. These unions have jurisdiction over the following classification of workmen, and when engaged in such work:

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2. First and second cooks.
3. First and second bakers.
4. Waiters, dishwashers, and all other engaged in culinary work in the Alaska canning industry.
5. Mechanical and hand butchers (fish).
6. Fish washers, fish hookers, relief men.
7. Stock-room keepers, cooler men, can pilers.
8. Leaky can refillers, canning machines.
9. Labeling machines, lye washers, can catchers.
10. Retort men, knife men, sore cutters.
11. Elevators and all trap-door operators.
12. Capping machines, soldering machines.
13. Cannery watchmen, wiring and strapping boxes.
14. Filling reformers, hand solderers, truckers, and all others engaged in cannery work within the jurisdiction of the unions. The above information is now complete.

BIG HOSIERY STRIKE SEEN

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For 100% Organi...

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Oakland Dinner To Aid Western Worker

OAKLAND. — Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, will be guest speaker at a chicken dinner to be given by the Alameda County Western Worker Drive Committee at Carpenters' Hall, Twelfth St., at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20.

Ross will speak on the struggle in Spain against Fascism. An entertainment program will accompany the eighty-cent dinner. Musical numbers, 50 cents per plate at the 20th Century Bookstore, 567 Twelfth St.

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THREE R'S IN SCHOOL AMID FIRE OF GUNS

Spanish Youth Study To Build Future Of Country

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

I have often been asked what is the sharpest single picture I bring with me from my weeks in Spain. That's easy. It is the picture of an underground school in the trenches, where the soldiers of Lister's brigade were studying reading, writing, arithmetic, geography—all the ordinary grammar school subjects—while rifle bullets pattered on the sheltering sandbags. A school room in a front trench dugout.

I had thought that life in the front lines was chiefly fighting. A moment's thought would have told me that it is chiefly waiting. Waiting, always on guard, for the attack from one side or the other to begin. What shall this waiting period be filled with?—that determines the character of the army. The armies of the People's Front are filling it with study. This fact alone shows their morale; they don't intend to die or be defeated. They intend to live victorious in an educated Spain.

Brigade No. 1

Lister's brigade where I saw this school is the 1st Brigade of the new People's Army. Living underground in crowded dugouts is not lasting, but they turn it into an experiment in camping. They disinfect the dugouts daily. They have fitted their fireplaces with stoves with old leather sofas, mattresses, cushions, rescued from houses destroyed by bombardment in Madrid.

Every turn of the trench as it follows the curve of the hill has a street name, lettered on a board: Mexico St., Bastille St., Our Folks St., were among the names I saw. Every underground dugout is named for a hotel: Hotel Moscow, Hotel Modern, Hotel Madrid.

Lister is a Galician from the Northwest corner of Spain. Businessmen to trade in sardine and wax manuals for a year before the Fascist revolt.

Close by a machine gun nest which looked out in two directions towards the enemy one hundred yards away, Lister picked up a mega-phone. "Propaganda for the Moors," he smiled. "We call across no man's land and try them to come over and join us."

Lesson From Soviet Film

Lister's brigade developed the first anti-tank corps. "The tanks scared us terribly at first," they told me. Then we got a Soviet motion picture film. "Tanks Are From Kronstadt," which showed Russian workers fighting tanks, and we studied the picture again and again and learned just how to do it. Now one of our best fighters has found the reason to his credit: he just sneaked up to them one by one and threw in hand grenades.

The regular Madrid newspapers—it may surprise you but they still print about 11 issues each—are reduced to four pages each for want of paper — come into Lister's headquarters. The men can read well, read aloud to the others. There is also a traveling barber shop—a motorcycle truck holding three barber chairs —visiting these lines. Lister tries to give his men all the comforts of home!

GRANTED CITIZENSHIP

PRAGUE—Thomas Mann, anti-Nazi refugee and famous German author whom the Hitler government deprived of German citizenship, has been granted citizenship by the Czechoslovakian government.

Negro Student Gets High Vote

Archie Williams, Negro track star at the University of California, came within 80 votes of winning the election for student body secretary.

Campus Review, organ of the American Student Union at Berkeley, in interviewing the candidates found that Williams was "in favor of abolition of compulsory military training and participation of the American Student Union.

The contest was a runoff with Williams and Fred Hastings, Young Republican, with Williams received a plurality.

Hastings also declared in his campaign speech that he was in favor of "recognition of minority groups."

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A TRUE STORY

Riverside John Law is still breaking the law, imprisoning Communists on flimsy pretexts. Since he came to San Francisco, Bill has joined the Communist Party, a party that organization and not leaving the scene of the struggle will prevent this law breaking.

Bill having so much money. She politely hit Bill a smack on the face with an open hand and the erying pan she'd been using for the fish. This was too much for Bill and he let a left go to her jaw, which happened to black her eye.

Then Riverside John Law gave Bill a ride to the calaboose. The woman swore Bill was a Red and was distributing Red literature.

Bill was mugged, fingerprinted and put in a cell where he found he had a trial. No friends were permitted to see him, and his trial was set two weeks after arrest.

Pity

The citrus grower heard about Bill's predicament and decided to visit him, but they told him Bill had been sentenced and was working on the state highway for two months. Well, this explanation didn't satisfy this $3-a-day employer of Bill, who seemed to sympathize with Bill. So he got his lawyer to look up Bill's case and Bill was in contact with his employer.

Now the lawyer had Bill explain all about the case, and informed Bill that he could get him a suspended sentence if two months if Bill would agree to change his plea of not guilty to one of guilty. Of course, it makes Bill a criminal in the eyes of the law. But Bill agreed. The judge gave him two months, suspending the sentence, providing Bill "keep the peace" for 12 months. His good friend and employer took Bill to a nearby friend of his to live. He told Bill: "That woman pwor you was a Red and that you distributed Red literature. Say, Bill, you are not a Red, are you?"

Say Not So!

"No," said Bill.

"She just wanted to paint you black I guess."

"Sure," said Bill. "Now she has nobody to do her gardening."

Well, Bill carried on and made good friends; one, a certain old retired lawyer of the Power and Light Company, was Bill's boss employer, a Republican who hated Communists. So Bill worked and jollied the old codger by the low for six months of work at $3 per day.

But John Law was nightly present in the vicinity where Bill lived, hoping Bill would start an argument. So constantly Bill moved to safer labor vicinity, good old San Francisco. Here people are more understanding.

World-Famed Soviet Arctic Expert

PROF. OTTO SCHMIDT, noted Soviet Arctic explorer, is shown talking to Young Pioneers at a polytechnic museum in the Soviet Union. Famous for his work in the frozen north, including his leadership of the famous Chelyuskin expedition, he was recently made an honorary member of the Explorers' Club of America. The club has only 17 living honorary members, and new ones can be elected only upon the death of one of the 17.

HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M. D.

QUESTION: I am a service man for a mechanical refrigerating company and I often have to breathe in sulphur-dioxide gas. Since working there I have developed a cough and I bring up large amounts of sputum. Could this be caused by my occupation and can I get industrial compensation?

— G. S.

ANSWER: What you probably have is a condition called bronchiectasis, which consists of many small abscesses in the lungs.

Such a condition may very well be due to the gases that you are forced to breathe, and I think that you therefore have a good case for industrial compensation.

Bakelite Industry

QUESTION: In the Bakelite plant where I work, many workers often get a red rash on their hands and sometimes a cough and watering and redness of the eyes.

ANSWER: These symptoms are quite common in Bakelite plants. They can be prevented by the company taking proper precautions. Gas masks are not successful and therefore your Union should demand that they install a spot exhaust system at the point where the dust is created in the moulding operation.

Rash Can Be Cured

QUESTION: I am a garage mechanic and I often get an itching skin disease when I get gasoline on my skin. Can any thing be done for this? — R. L.

ANSWER: There have been some new methods found to make a person insensitive to an external substance. This must be carried out by a doctor, as if it is done wrong, the patient might get a severe reaction.

The doctor will inject small amounts of gasoline under the skin or will have you bath in water daily which contains increasing amounts of gasoline.

A Hydrocele

QUESTION: I have what the doctors call a hydrocele. I have heard that it can be cured by injection. Is this so or must it be operated on? — H. S.

ANSWER: A hydrocele is a sac surrounding a testicle, which is filled with water. The injection treatment when it is properly done is usually more successful than an operation, and can be performed in a doctors office.

Pamphlet Gives Background of Prestes Trial

(Hunger and desperation of the Brazilian people accounted for the tremendous growth of the National Liberation Alliance leading to the revolt provoked by the Vargas government November, 1935.

This fact has always been obvious, but a new pamphlet entitled "Brazil," written by Bryan Green, makes it clearer by showing statistically the basis for it. Here is the fact that "In Brazil today people are starving to death while fully employed." This quotation is Green's opening statement, with facts cited in proof.

Green covers the most important aspects of Brazilian oppression, foremost among which are the backward agrarian, semi-feudal economy of Brazil, and the domination of its industrial and political life by foreign capitalists. Nineteen American firms alone have $50 millions invested in Brazil out of a total of more than a billion of American capital there.

Ford with his assembly plant and his huge Para rubber plantation with its Ford-ruled government occupies a special position. Largest American concession is the Morgan-controlled American & Foreign Power Co. Foreign imperialists encouraged the insurrection which put the Vargas government in power. Now Vargas has the effrontery to be serving Carlos Luiz Prestes for leading the National Liberation Alliance, when he refused to call Prestes to participate in the "putsch" which put him into office.

Read the pamphlet, available at workers' bookstores listed in this edition. It is an indispensible introduction to the understanding of the struggle for the liberation of the Brazilian people and of their leader and national hero —Carlos Luiz Prestes.

A Few of the Recent Films

THE GOOD EARTH: $3,000,000 transcription of Pearl Buck's novel of Chinese peasant life. Superb cast headed by Paul Muni and Viennese actress Luise Rainer. Stirring film material, magnificent technical job.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

MODERN MONSTERS
II
INFLUENZA

Out of the filth, the stench the gore,
And the rotting dead of the last World War;
Into a world, shell-shocked and torn,
An invisible little bug was born.

It thrived in the lungs of the dying mass
Who had breathed the fumes of poison gas,
And fed on the lives of refugees
In regions of famine and disease.

It was carried by ships to American shores
And went hanging black wreathes on American doors.
The theaters closed. The schools shut down;
For children were dying all over the town.

It infested the slums, mowed down the poor,
And crept, invisible but sure,
Down every street with noiseless tread,
Leaving a trail of sick and dead.

"Stay home! Stay home!" the papers cried;
"Keep out of crowds!" But still they died;
For how could the poor escape their doom?
Whole families huddled in a single room?

The doctors strove in fear and hope
To snare the bug with a microscope;
The invisible bug that rose from the stench
Of concentration camp and trench.

We shunned the crowds and public places,
Fled from our friends and masked our faces
With cotton gauze to filter out the air
For the very air was laden with death.

Death that rose in a plague of dread
From the graves of thirty-eight million dead;
Death that reached the ghastly hand
From the blood and flame of no man's land.

The war burned out. The putrid cadavers
Were buried. The shooting gave way to palavers
Of nation with nation. New treaties were framed
And an era of peace and good will was proclaimed.

Ten million soldiers slaughtered like cattle;
Twenty million wounded in battle;
While families, disease and profiteers head
The list with twenty-eight million dead.

But the cleverest guns, the most terrible gas,
And the terrors of famine could not surpass
The incredible record of the dirty bug
For which unending graves were dug.

Ten million murdered by shot and shell
And thirteen million starved in hell.
But the filthy germ that fouled our breath
Brought fifteen million to their death.

The war was passed. We soon forgot
The dirt and the dead to not
And lost ourselves in cogs and wheels
And rising stocks and business deals.

From 1918 to 29
We had our labor on the line;
Eleven frenzied years elapsed
Before the whole mad dream collapsed.

We to the crash of hopes and stocks,
And breadlines stretching twenty blocks,
And out of the crash we heard again
The ominous tread of marching men.

The invisible bug we thought had fled
Came back like the ghost of the World War dead
To haunt the cities, infest the slums
And sweep the earth to the roll of drums.

Influenza, the dirty invisible bug
That fogs the brain like an evil drug,
That burns the throat; that aches the head
And litters the earth with sick and dead.

Influenza, the germ that knows no cure
As long as men are cold and poor;
That will choke out lives and reap its toll
As long as the drums and the cannons roll.

We can curb the bug that fouls the air
By curbing the Wall Street millionaire;
We are fighting the bug with our organizations.
We are fighting the greed of the corporations.

For who breathes the air, like a poison gas,
Is breathing the poverty of the mass;
And the filthy bug is nothing more
Than the stench of poverty and war.

A Letter

Phito, Mendocino County

Western Worker: Thank you for your letter. I am glad some one has an interest in the sufferings of the small farmer and farm laborer. We are a class in great misery and degradation.

The campaign small farmer realizes that he is a sucker—that the politician, the middle-man and the banker are the ones who really gets all his profits, while he does all the work and takes all the chances.

Why is the farmer always the goat? He is not organized. — F. M.

Failure to Success in House Parties

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH — Two years ago, while I was on a leave of absence because of sickness, a comrade asked to use our home for a party. Permission was granted, but no time was set.

Weeks later, while attending a meeting at one of the schools, a smeary mimeographed sheet was handed to each person. This sheet contained an announcement that a house party which was to be held across the street from our home.

Poor Coordination

Upon investigation, we found that the address was wrong and that it was not a house party that was being advertised, although we had not been notified of the change.

Thirteen persons attended, including four of our own family. One person had to stand across the street all evening, hoping to direct any visitors to the correct address.

Some cake was donated, which with the coffee we made, constituted the refreshments. A comrade talked on the radio until after one, who too tired to listen any longer.

A Lesson in "How Not . . ."

When the guests had departed, I could think of nothing but mistakes which had been made in the arrangements and conducting of this party. In other words, it was a lesson in "How Not to Conduct a House Party."

Since that time, we have had many house parties and have learned many lessons. We have carried tickets or announcements to everyone we knew who might be interested. We have begged donations from disinterested merchants, giving them a little propaganda speech in payment for their contributions (if we got any).

Learning From Failures

We have pleaded with comrades and sympathizers to bring donations of food—sing songs—make speeches—do anything that might help to get us through an evening with a measure of success socially and a small sum financially. Some of these parties have been successes and some have been failures. In many instances, the committee in charge was quite worn out with the work entailed in bringing the party into being.

Sometimes, some of us have wondered if the expenditure of energy was not too great for the success achieved.

All Doubts Removed

Recent events have cleared all doubts from our minds. In fact, we believe that the house party has become an institution in Long Beach; that it plays a very definite role and that this role is quite important.

Right after the New Year, we decided to hold a Western Worker house party. The date was set. A committee typed tickets and began getting them into the hands of all sympathizers. Of course, the tickets were attractive: Turkey Dinner—25c; 6:30 p. m.—Good Speakers—etc.

The committee got 75 lbs. of fine, fresh turkeys, vegetables, fruit cake, milk and coffee donated for the dinner. They secured Dr. Coleman to talk on his trip to the USSR in 1936.

All week, prior to the date of the party, people came to the home of the chairman of the committee asking what they could do to help make the party a success—asking for additional tickets to sell—offering donations of food and help in serving the dinner.

All during the day of the party, fellow workers were bringing chairs, tables, food, dishes, table cloths, dish towels, etc., and piling in our home, rearranging furniture, and tearing down beds: In fact, they converted the whole house into a dining room—chairs and tables everywhere—food in the pantry, kichen, wash room and back porch. Everyone was confident of a huge success. Strangers who had bought tickets, came and cleaned vegetables and made themselves generally useful.

A Real Triumph

At 5:30, guests began arriving. Before the dinner was quite ready the tables were all full and the crowd was still coming. The committee worked like beavers; cooperated additional help, served 135 persons, and were ready for the speaker a few minutes after 8 p. m.

Dr. Coleman made a wonderful talk. Then followed comments of WPA workers, direct workers, liberals, radicals, churchgoers, Epics and Utopians, who interested in the future of the world, varied questions were asked. The fact that most of the people had come to the party to discuss their interest and satisfaction in the talk.

A collection of $21.00 was taken for the workers' press following a nice short talk by the chairman. The net proceeds amounted to $4000. Was the dinner good? Was the party a success? Ask those who attended!! Echoes are still reverberating around the town.

People who did not attend are sorry and those who did are asking for another party—and we will give it to them.

"More and Better House Parties" might be a good slogan under which we have established regularly in various parts of Long Beach. Let's try it!

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Annual commemoration of the Paris Commune will be held by the International Labor Defense at the Cultural Center, 250 S. Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Friday, March 26, 8 p. m. Other prominent speakers in addition to an attractive program.

Los Angeles

Herbert Resner, attorney for King-Ramsey-Conway Defense Committee, will speak on the frame-up of these militant trade unionists at the Music Arts Hall, 323-S. Broadway, Friday, March 26, 8 p. m. Other prominent speakers in addition to an attractive program.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night, 8 p. m. Admission ten cents.

RESERVE THIS DATE MARCH 27, OUTSTANDING AFFAIR OF THE YEAR.

UNION SOLIDARITY

ANDERSON, Ind.—One of the high-lights in the Coop meeting was that workers Tin Workers has won sole collective bargaining rights for the Indiana workers in a parade 1100 employees of the Harnischfeger Corp. here.

BIG STEEL VICTORY

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Anti-Semitism By I.S.U. Reactionaries at A.F.L. Heari

It's a Useful Method of Persuasion

OWNERS OF 300 New York office buildings are being persuaded to renew contracts with the Building Service Employees Union, by rapid-fire strikes which cripple elevator service, as in this building, where tenants are wishing the workers well.

CHARGE FREY, ARCH CIO FOE, IS AN AGENT OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE

Article Gives Facts to Show Metal Trades Department Head Acts for War Department Against Interests of Organized Labor; Refused to Help LaFollette Committee.

WASHINGTON—Reports that he is the liason agent between the American Federation of Labor and the intelligence division of the Army were termed "ridiculous" and "not worthy of an answer" by John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department of the AFL. But his denials don't ring true.

In an article entitled "Presenting John P. Frey" in the February 13 issue of The Nation, Paul Ward, Washington correspondent for the magazine reports: "Among labor lobbyists here he is commonly referred to as the liason officer between the AFL and Army Intelligna."

The article further states, "Neither Frey nor the War Department will confirm this report, of course, and the War Department records show simply that he has been since 1922 a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps and only recently was restored to the inactive list because of his age.

The report may explain why the LaFollette Committee, in exposing the National Metal Trades Association as a far-flung espionage agency engaged, with the aid of some of Frey's subordinates, in sabotaging the very unions Frey is supposed to lead, was unable to obtain any helpful data from Frey but was offered by him, instead, a series of attacks in evidence showing Communist 'infiltration' of the trade unions.

Three year he strute off to the War College to teach the soldiers about organized labor and those who are in his audience who are attached to the Army Intelligence go on helping the labor espionage agencies with their work while the WPA organization tightens up its plans to conscript labor during the next war."

Ward also charges that in 1920 Frey opposed the stand of the railroad brotherhoods for public ownership as "made in Germany." Frey also opposed unemployment insurance as "made in Moscow." It is charged. Frey is now engaged, according to the Nation article, in aiding the steel corporations in their fight against the SWOC sponsored Walsh-Healey act requiring federal contractors to comply with 40-hour-week regulations.

UNIFIED POLICY VS. FINK BOOK

SAN PEDRO—The followin telegram dispatched by the crew of the S.S. Memphis City to Congreasman Sirovich:

"Request repeal of Copeland discharge book as invasion of personal rights. Blacklisting possibilities endanger Unions. Similar legislation broke English and Australian unions. Existing passports and discharges sufficient identification, as crew of Memphis City prefer Seamen's Act 1915, Article 13 unamended."

Although the crew of this ship are correct in their opposition, in the notorious fink book, the demand is repeal outright an Act which has already been made a law of the country, it is more difficult than to attempt to gain amendments to anti-labor clauses of the Act.

The Sirovich Bill, now before Congress, calls for suspension of the Act until Labor has a chance to amend its present form. The Act in itself involves much more than the question of seamens personnel. By attempting to scrap the entire Act, we would automatically rally those powerful forces behind the Act, who have their interests in the huge government subsidies, shipyard contracts and so forth.

Moreover, a organized and united Labor raising objections to the anti-union clauses of this Act, we can mobilize nationwide support behind our fight. THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FINK BOOK MUST BE UNIFIED ONE WITH A SINGLE POLICY BACKED BY ALL.

Form L.A. Mooney Billings Group

LOS ANGELES—A meeting to arrange for the organization of Los Angeles Committee for Defense of Mooney and Billings, is to be held at the Labor Temple, Sunday, February 21, at 10:30 a. m., with all local unions asked to send two delegates to attend the meeting.

Herbert Resner, secretary of the San Francisco Bay Area of the American Federation of Labor Committees for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, in a letter to the Central Labor Council, declared:

"We hope by means of these committees to set in motion a new and vigorous drive to the Organized Labor movement of America that will rescue the victims in the Mooney-Billings case. With the habeas corpus action expected to go to the Supreme Court of the United States and a measure now pending in the California legislature providing for the pardon of Mooney, a tremendous field of activity is opened up for us in the fight to secure justice in this famous labor case."

Pharmacists Holding Strong in Thrifty Store Strike, L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The Pharmacists' Union is still out on strike against the Thrifty Drug stores.

This despite renewed statements from the Thrifty Company that the strike had been ended. The Pharmacists' Union has issued the following public statement:

"We wish to announce officially to the Union men and women of Los Angeles, their friends and sympathizers, that the strike is still on.

"The Thrifty Drug Company is on the official Unfair List of the Federated Labor Council, and will remain so until they settle with the Union."

UNION TRIUMPH ON STAGE

FLINT—Strikers and members of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Auto Workers are enacted the victory of the union over General Motors on the stage here.

OIL WORKERS UNION GROWS IN SPRINGS

Santa Fe Springs Men Hold Their Second Organization Meet

By Oil Worker's Union Member

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Cal.—A second capacity meeting of the new oil workers' group for this field was held tonight in the DAV hall in Norwalk—added to the bunch who attended last week were the truck drivers and garage workers.

Wilshire workers predominated, but there were also quite a few from the General Petroleum, Shell and Union.

Why Not Organize?

Attorney Dan Boone, of the Long Beach local was the principal speaker. After a talk on organization he said: "If it's good for the boss, why isn't it good for you? The very fact that he opposes your organization ought to prove that to you."

After the educational, the meeting was closed and the new members initiated.

Come From Long Beach

President Crail and Secretary Coulter conducted the meeting.

A number of the Long Beach local also attended — having heard of the enthusiasm with which the Springs workers were signing up.

The Santa Fe Springs meeting will be conducted every Thursday as a branch of the Long Beach Local No. 128 for the time being.

The location of the union hall near the field is going to insure a greater attendance at meetings as the shift workers can go directly from there to work.

The little town of Norwalk is sure a lively place on Thursday night.

Why Mr. Quinn Is Sick of the "Reds"

OAKLAND—"We're sick of the Reds!" Pretty Boy Quinn speaking. "Me and the bosses are sick of the Reds." Thus spoke the Chamber of Commerce are sick of the Reds."

Quinn in favor of the East Bay Labor Journal and Councilman of the City of Oakland, seeking another term of office in the spring elections.

Quinn's attitude is easily understood when we learn that he is part of the Republican machine in Alameda County, and one of the reactionary leaders of the Building Trades Council who has persistently fought the launching of a labor slate of candidates, thus helping to keep labor shackled to the old-line political parties.

Thus Spake Mr. Quinn

"We don't want the Western Worker in Oakland," Mr. Quinn spake Mr. J. H. Quinn. Tsh, Mr. Quinn. Where are your democratic ethics?

Mr. Quinn was willing to speak until he heard the question.

"The East Bay Labor Journal is inconsistent," he was told by this interviewer. "In one column you admit the existence of a Policy Committee representing the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor. In a more conspicuous column you deny it, in effect. What is the explanation?"

Then Mr. Quinn showed his distaste of the Western Worker. Perhaps Mr. Quinn was slightly peeved at himself for being a half-hour late for the appointment in his modern office with some well-dressed visitors. Then he was equally peeved to become angry because he was put on the spot, as it were, with the questions.

The pertinent question referred to a resolution prominently printed on page one, column one, passed by the Trades Council.

That the delegates who supported the resolution in the Building Trades Council deliberately falsified their report to their members is shown by the letter sent by the contents of the resolution.

These delegates were present at the meeting of the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor, January 16, when the committee of fifteen was elected. Yet in their resolution they refer to this committee as a "so-called" committee, implying that no such elected body exists.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

They Viciously Slander Rank and File Men

WASHINGTON—Contending forces within the International Seamen's Union laid their dispute before the executive council of the American Federation of Labor here in accordance with an agreement reached with William Green, president of the council.

Green agreed that the executive council would hear both sides as the rank and file group in the union was pressing its case before the National Labor Relations Board. Hearings before the board were suspended while the executive council conducted its investigation. Green promised the rank and file group that an election under the auspices of the NLRB would be ordered by the council "if necessary."

Not Representatives of Members

Rank and file members of the ISU contend that agreements reached with shipowners are invalid because they were not approved by the membership in a referendum vote. They further contend that present officers of the ISU are not representatives of the rank and file.

ISU officials contend that the rank and file consists of "Jews and Communists." In the hearing before the executive council officials contended that the reason the executive board of the union refused to allow elections was because the union was being attacked "by Jews and Communists" who might seize control of the union.

Speaking in behalf of the rank and file group were Ralph Emerson, John Laurenson, Patrick Whalen, Roland Perry and Robert Desmond. Officials appearing were Ivan Hunter, Paul Scharrenberg, David Grange and Gus Brown.

Green said that rank and file ers also protested against use of the "card arrangement" provided for in the Copeland Act. He said that the ISU convention held here last year unanimously approved "the card arrangement" and that 32,000 seamen have accepted them.

Black List System

Rank and filers contend that the Copeland Act's discharge books constitute a black list more efficient than that formerly used by the shipowners. They charge that the last ISU convention here was a packed convention with appointed delegates.

It was indicated that it will be a long time before the AFL executive council renders a decision regarding the dispute. Green said that the council may want to conduct an investigation independently and that it was not known when a decision would be reached.

ILA Flays Firing Of Instructor

SEATTLE—Denial of academic freedom in the universities, even in the trade union, the ILA here believes, That's why it went on record protesting the firing of Instructor De Lacey from the University of Washington. The ILA resolution states:

Whereas: Mr. Hugh DeLacey, an instructor of the University of Washington, has been fired by the Board of Regents for exercising his American rights of citizenship, and

Whereas: The firing of Mr. Hugh DeLacey is due to his candidacy for City Councilman on a labor platform, and

Whereas: Such action on the part of the Board of Regents is an infringement of democratic principles of our country, and

Whereas: If such action remains unchallenged it will destroy the fundamental principles of Americanism. The right of every American citizen to participate in the political welfare of our country; therefore

Be It Resolved: That the Seattle Local of the International Longshoremen's Association No. 38-12, protest against such undemocratic and un-American action and demands from the Board of Regents the immediate reinstatement of Mr. Hugh Delacey; and

Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Martin, Lieutenant Governor Victor Meyers, all members of the State Assembly, the Board of Regents and Mr. Sieg, President of the University of Washington, and

Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to State Federation of Labor and the Seattle Central Labor Council requesting them to take similar action.

KELLY MACHINE & LABOR SLATE

Vicious Lies Were Circulated, E. Bay

OAKLAND—The Kelly political machine in Alameda County did plenty of "prompting" of its representatives among the reactionaries of organized labor, in an effort to sabotage and wreck the growing labor ticket movement.

The reactionaries resorted to outright lies in the Alameda County Building Trades Council last week to put over a resolution requesting that the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor "maintain its former policy of non-partisan, and that the so-called policy committee be reprimanded."

A Pack of Lies

The lies were that the Policy Committee, elected by the Federation, had circulated a list of candidates in such a way as to make it appear that the candidates have the approval of organized labor and that the Policy Committee is "trying to dictate the political action of the labor movement of Alameda County, which is in violation to all principles of organized labor."

On the candidates listed, the following statement appeared: "The policy committee submits a tentative list of candidates."

Further, the resolution calling for a labor ticket in municipal elections was first adopted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, then by the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor. The Federation elected the policy Committee to prepare a platform and tentative list of candidates for submission to the Federation.

Jurist, Churchman For Picket Ban End

SAN FRANCISCO—The campaign for the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, No. 19 on the ballot for the special election on March 9, has received support from Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus.

In a statement issued to the General Campaign Committee for the Repeal of the Ordinance Judge Lazarus declared that the law is "an anarchronism and should be wiped off the books."

In going on record as favoring the repeal of the ordinance Judge Lazarus said:

"I see no reason to say that I regard peaceful picketing as being a just and proper, and sometimes the exclusive, method whereby organized labor can protect its rights and prerogatives. I emphasize the word 'peaceful.' There is no room for a separate anti-picketing ordinance to deal with acts of violence or intimidation. If such acts are committed or instigated by the proponents of either side in the course of an industrial dispute there are abundant laws to cover such a situation, and such laws should be equally and impartially applied against all violators.

Ordinance Is an Anachronism

"I may be paradoxical for commenting in the fact that the world, and more particularly our own nation, has made considerable social progress since the cruel and repressive days when labor was prevented in this and other communities from even the peaceful protection of its rights and the orderly presentation of its grievances. In the light of such progress, denial of the right of peaceful picketing is an anachronism and should be wiped off the books."

Bishop James C. Baker of the San Francisco area of the Methodist Episcopal Church will support the campaign to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance, No. 19 on the ballot, for the special election on March 9, it was announced by Thomas L. Chambers, chairman of the General Campaign Committee.

In a statement issued to the committee for the repeal of the ordinance Bishop Baker said:

"I am glad that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors has taken a step toward the repeal endum on the repeal of San Francisco's anti-picketing ordinance. In my opinion this ordinance should have been repealed long since, for it is a violation of what I profess belonging to labor under our form of government."

Thirty-three civic organizations have so far gone on record as favoring the repeal of the ordinance, and additional indorsements received at headquarters of the General Campaign Committee, Room 441 Grant Building.

The campaign has also been indorsed by every labor union in San Francisco affiliated with the San Francisco Building Trades Council and the Railway Brotherhoods.

SAPIRO HAD QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

He Prepared to Beat It, But Cooks Wanted Answers

By H. J. MAYES

SAN FRANCISCO—At a meeting of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union on Thursday night, Feb. 11, the membership were entertained by the appearance of America's famous criminologist, Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the SUP and other organizations.

The subject under discussion was the Copeland Bill and the remedy for fighting the same. After a thorough analysis of the vicious bill, Sapiro presented the remedy, which was as follows:

1. That the unlicensed groups send top men to Washington.

2. That the three unions send the "secretaries" as being the best fitted men to undertake the job of interviewing Roosevelt, whom Sapiro stated was the only one who could solve the problem.

Prepares to Beat It

At the conclusion of his remarks, the doorman handed him his hat and coat and Sapiro prepared to beat it. One of the members rushed over and told him not to run away, as there was a few questions to be answered.

He replied that he had never run from anyone in his life and he did not intend to do so now (great applause from the gallery whose chief business is to say AYE, regardless of what the issue is before them).

The first question was, seeing that he claimed to represent the rank and file, why did he advocate sending only secretaries to Washington, seeing that the secretaries of the Firemen and Sailors when in Washington left the only rank and filer in the lurch without giving him any cooperation?

He Didn't Know" Why

His reply was that, he was not familiar with the reason for Ferguson and Lundberg leaving Washington, neither was he aware as to whether they cooperated or otherwise. He denied that he was a real rank and filer. He said he was into his background and pointed out that he was born of humble parents —a la Lincoln, and that he had always been on the side of labor, and to cinch the whole question, he said he was once a member of the Socialist Party (someone remarked that that was nothing to brag about). He replied to this by saying he did not interrupt any other speaker so why interrupt him (loud applause).

He denounced the questioner in the most vicious manner, attacked the members' stand by referring to them in the most contrarious lawyer as Aaron Sapiro (this was received with long, loud and continuous applause). However, Sapiro did not like it at all his own way. There were plenty of questions, one guy was bounced for opining Sapiro a phoney. Another criticized his intelligence, said he was a phoney, and that he did not know what he was talking about.

Sapiro came to the meeting with a set program, previously arranged, and that was the unions must be dominated by the secretaries, not the question was given to the membership. For a time it looked like there was going to be a free-for-all, but the session was saved by someone closing the discussion and that was the end of a very pleasant interlude.

Removing Those Blinker

AND THAT'S what organized labor is doing, as its progressive swing toward the CIO policy of the mass production industries on an industrial basis the growth of Labor Party sentiment.

THOUSANDS THRONG INTO UNION AFTER BIG G. M. TR

Observers Agree That CIO Organization Has Collective Bargaining Right in 20 Plants Big Corporation Which Were Struck

FLINT, Mich.—Thousands of new members began to the United Automobile Workers of America on the agreement ending the 44-day General Motors strike, the first time establishes unionism as a great power industry.

The 5c hourly increase, granted by G. M. in advance of wage negotiations, was so transparent an attempt to avoid the appearance of direct concession to the union, that it will fool few people. The epic struggle put up by General Motors workers under the union banner is receiving full credit for the higher scale, as for the recent Chrysler increase.

Among the points at which the union is making tremendous headway on the wave of victory is the Cole Spark Plug plant, a G. M. subsidiary in Flint, where a large number of girls are employed.

Flint, moving seen with its own eyes that in union there is strength, has become unionconscious as never before.

The first of the first 100 "Fort Cornish Town," was a favorite slogan in the great victory celebration which accompanied the evacuation of Forts Fisher Body No. 1 and 2 and Chevrolet No. 4 by the union army of occupation.

The big parade got under way at Fisher No. 1, after Wyndham Mortimer, Martin Travis, union officials, went inside and analyzed the agreement.

"Before we signed it," Mortimer told them, "Gov. Murphy assured us that he would not sanction any other group than the union as a collective bargaining agency."

In actual practice, impartial observers agree, the union is granted sole bargaining power for six months in the 20 plants closed by the strike, though in the written agreement this is camouflaged in view of the Wagner labor relations act and in deference to the Liberty League save its face. If the union follows up its initial victory with a vigorous organization campaign, as it is starting to do, there should be no doubt of its right to speak for G. M. employes next August 25.

As the Fisher No. 1 men, after cheering Gov. Murphy, Chairman John L. Lewis of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and the UAWA, singing "Solidarity Forever," and hurling a 100-foot banner reading "Victory is Ours!" filed out to the blast of the plant steam whistle, the Fisher No. 2 men and patrizers joined the joy-mad celebration. By the time they had reached Fisher No. 3, and Chevrolet 4, ranks had swollen to beyond 10,000.

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Demanded Punishment For Lynching of Negroes

G THROUGH the streets of Harlem, New York on Lincoln's birthday, this parade of Youth Committees Against Lynching demanded Federal anti-lynch legislation, and for Angelo Herndon and the Scottsbor) boys.

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SAVE UP YOUR ENERGY TO GO TO TOWN SAT.!

Get your eight hours' sleep every night between now and next Saturday, February 27, and prepare to sleep late next Saturday morning!

You're going to need all your energy to go to town next Saturday night when "The Western Worker Goes to Town!"

The Western staff is all set to throw the biggest and hottest party in San Francisco history at the Theater Union headquarters, 2225½ Geary St. from 8 p.m. until you get too weak to continue Sunday a.m.

From the waterfront to the beach, people are coming with their pots and pans. Committees are also reported coming from Contra Costa County and from Oakland—come yourself and you'll have no regrets!

Admission is free!

250,000 PIN HOPE ON FARM PARLEY

(AN EDITORAL)

We greet the state conference to be held this week-end for the organization of the agricultural workers.

For years, when the State Federation of Labor made no attempt to organize the guarded agricultural workers in California's valleys, the Communist Party has been the only leading these workers to better conditions through bitter struggle.

Even now, victims of the infamous "criminal syndicalism" laws, the Communist Party is the only party that has come out with a definite program for the organization of the agricultural workers.

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1100 In Sacto. Give $1140 For Spain

SACRAMENTO—An enthusiastic crowd of 1100 packed the Municipal Auditorium Tuesday to hear Eugenio Imaz and Josephina Ramirez in a dramatic appeal for aid in behalf of the Loyalist Democracy; the audience responded with a collection of $1,000, plus $140 gate receipts.

The first contribution was a check of $250, presented by Lou Panelli, president of the newly organized Spanish Democratic Action.

Other organizations included Spanish Hotel, $50; Spanish Lodge, Vacaville, $33.00; Spanish Lodge, Napa, $20; I. W. O., $10; Slavonian Workers' Club, $10;

C. H. Bingham, progressive president of the ILA Warehousemen's Local 38-16 and chairman of the executive committee of the Central Labor Council, was chairman of the meeting. The Knights of Columbus tried to get the Tuesday Club to cancel their contract with the local committee.

ILA MEN REFUSE TO PASS TRUCK PICKETS IN L. A.

Organization Drive of Latter Is Extended

SAN PEDRO—Refusing to go through Teamsters' Union picket lines, part of the big organizing campaign of the union here, have extended to eight docks. Ten men refused to work with the ILA, the picketing was later confined to two Matson docks.

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LAUNCH S. JOSE CANNERY DRIVE

Charter Arrives; Meet Wednesday to Map Plans

SAN JOSE—The charter has arrived by which the Santa Clara County Cannery Workers' Union hopes to organize the 20,000 cannery workers of this county.

J. J. Anderson, progressive secretary of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, has announced a meeting in Labor Temple this coming Wednesday, February 24, which will map out plans for the big organizational drive.

Fear of the drive made employers grant a 10 per cent wage increase recently.

Cal. Labor Backs Change in Court

Two more Central Labor Councils in California have come out with resolutions urging their locals to increase the size of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council went on record in support of the judiciary change at its meeting last Friday night. The Alameda County Central Labor Council had gone on record to that effect a few days before.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to California senators and representatives, and all labor councils were urged to take similar steps.

OROVILLE VOTES ON POWER

OROVILLE—The city council has placed on the April 13 ballot a proposal to amend the city charter so that a majority instead of a two-thirds vote can approve municipal ownership of light and power.

THE JOHN R. COMMONS LABOR RESEARCH LIBRARY

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Hear the Spanish Youth Delegation Next Wed. Feb. 24, in L. A.

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BRIDGE MEN WERE MURDERED

Bad Equipment Killed 6 Plumas Miners

FABULOUSLY RICH ANACONDA CO. IS GUILTY

Defective Switch Was Cause of Crash of Ore, Power Cars

SPRING GARDEN, Plumas County—Defective switch equipment, the crash of an ore train into a powder train—and six copper miners blown to bits or killed by deadly fumes!

That, in brief, is the latest of California's gory incidents resulting from greed for profits.

Murder is the only word suitable to describe the results of the crash of the outbound ore train laden with 800 lbs. of powder, a mile and a half inside the 700-foot tunnel of the snowed-in Walker copper mine.

The dead are:

Louis Ghins, 44.
Carl Doming, 29.
Lloyd Gilbert, 22.
Pat Burns, 39.
Herbert Bianchi, 30.
W. Schlasker.

Six miners were injured in the blast.

The Walker mine is owned by the International Smelting Co., a subsidiary of the fabulously rich Anaconda Copper Co., controlled by the Guggenheim interests, whose trail of exploitation runs from Montana to Chile in South America.

The victims were on the night crew of the mine. The mine employs 600 men.

Gold and silver are also among the mine's products.

Hearing On Fink Book On

With temporary injunctions secured by the seamen's union in every West Coast port, prohibiting U.S. shipping commissioners from refusing to sign on men without continuous discharge books, the hearing to make the San Francisco injunction a mandatory one has been postponed to Tuesday by Federal Judge Roche.

The hearing will be attended by unions, and in the meantime men sailed undisturbed on the question of the Copeland book.

Clerks Concur With Federation

The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union in San Francisco has passed a resolution to concur in the action of District Council 2, Maritime Federation, referring the matter of amendments to the Copland Act to the Maritime Federation sub-executive committee.

In the Labor Council last Friday night delegate Tillman of the SUP, a Lundeberg lieutenant, launched a veiled attack on the Communist Party, falsely inferring that "certain political elements were sabotaging the fight on the Copeland Act," because the progressive maritime unions members were fighting for amendments to the Act removing all anti-union sections.

The latter is the position of the Maritime Federation and the Communist Party merely endorses it.

Seamen on the East and Gulf Coasts are taking similar steps against the fink-book features of the Copeland Act.

SPAIN YOUTH TO SPEAK IN SHRINE AUD.

450 Raise Total of $1250 at Meeting In Vacaville

LOS ANGELES. — Following appearances before thousands of supporters of Spanish and world democracy in Northern California cities, four young representatives of the Spanish people will address a huge meeting in Shrine Auditorium here Wednesday night, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m.

Their appearance comes on the eve of news from Spain announcing new government victories against Moorish, German and Italian troops of the Fascists.

The Shrine Auditorium meeting is sponsored by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The four touring Spanish speakers are:

Luis Simarro, wounded battalion commander representing the Unified Socialist Youth.

Maria Simarro, wife of Luis, representing the Spanish student movement after having been head of a home in Madrid, sponsored by that organization for children of refugees from Malaga.

Josefina Ramirez, 19-year old nurse representing the Republican Youth Movement in Spain.

Eugenio Imaz, editor of the Catholic Journal Cruz y Raya, representing the anti-fascist Catholics.

Seamen on the East and Gulf Coasts are taking similar steps against the fink-book features of the Copeland Act.

Murder- Here Is Proof!

By CORBY PAXTON

Murder!

That is the charge hurled at the Pacific Bridge Company and state bridge inspectors whose "friendship" with bridge officials blinded them to violations of safety regulations which cost the lives of ten bridge workers.

For the past month there has been a persistent attempt to speed-up construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. This drive to get the bridge completed as fast as possible has resulted in a feeling of unrest, a lessening in their work which could only have ended in the tragedy. That is the sentiment of more than one worker who witnessed the plunge of 10 men to death from the Golden Gate Bridge last Wednesday afternoon.

Near-Tragedies Before

Although this is the first major accident to take place, there others which could easily have ended in death. Only last week a jitney driver plunged his load of concrete into the bay because he was forced to speed up in order to hold his job. Many complaints of carelessness have been (don't laugh) San Francisco "News" had promised that it would support the campaign.

Last Friday night, Clarence King, sadder, and we hope wiser, announced that the News hadn't done a thing since that time to support the campaign.

"You don't have to be told that the Western Worker has opened its columns wide to the repeal campaign.

"That's how much the Western Worker is needed.

So get behind that drive to raise $12,000 for the Worker Press.

INQUIRY IN DEATH OF 10 DAMNS CORP.

SAN FRANCISCO—Using the University of California for its purpose, the Pacific Bridge Co. moved to whitewash itself of guilt in the death of 10 Golden Gate Bridge workers last Wednesday.

"Exhaustive tests" by the University laboratories proved that the metal in the hooks and frolics of the scaffolding which collapsed was safe, according to the company.

Nevertheless, last Saturday's hearing of the Industrial Accident Commission gave the same proof of the contrary, that the had the coroner's inquest the day before.

Compensation claims have been filed with the Accident Commission by dependents of the 10 men.

SAN FRANCISCO—The death of 10 workers in the horrible Golden Gate Bridge disaster last Wednesday was a plain case of murder, by the Pacific Bridge Co.

If anyone had any doubts of the fact that the coroner's jury must have removed such doubts. The coroner's jury found that lack of safety equipment and unsatisfactory quality of equipment were responsible for the crash of the scaffolding through the bay net and drowning of the men.

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Wash. State C.S. Act Repeal Is Voted By House

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Repeal of the Washington State Criminal Syndicalism Act was passed through the House here last week by a 58 to 39 vote, and was sent to the Senate.

By pre-arrangement, only floor leaders spoke. Rep. Michael B. Lamb, of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, and Rep. F. Yantis, of a liberal-center Democratic Club, were the leaders who spoke for the measure, and Rep. Robert Walcott, of the reactionaries spoke against it.

The C.S. Act was passed in 1919.

Mill Valley Local Of Carpenters Vote Down Red-Baiting

MILL VALLEY. — Carpenters Local 1710 added its name to the growing list of locals that have condemned red-baiting, and have voted down President Hutcheson's proposal to force every new member to pledge not to become a Communist.

The membership felt Hutcheson's proposal a direct blow at their constitutional rights of free speech and freedom of political opinion within the organization.

CHINA WILL END ANTI-RED DRIVE

Kuomintang Clears Way To Unity Against Japan

(See also Page 3)

NANKING—The Kuomintang, ruling Chinese nationalist party has decided to end its generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, passed a resolution calling for an end to the war on the Chinese Red armies and paving the way for the putting into practice of the proposals of the Chinese Communist Party for a China united against the invasions of Japanese imperialism.

The resolution said: "The party cannot tolerate class strife adversely affecting a particular class of the nation's citizenry."

Heated debates have attended the session of the Kuomintang's executive committee during which Chiang Kai-Shek is seeking to compromise the issues separating the supporters of the plan to unite all China

People's Lobby To Visit Legislators

Charter Arrives; Meet Wednesday to Map Plans

SAN FRANCISCO. — Delegations will visit the nine State legislators in their districts to urge action from San Francisco between now and March 1, decided delegates to the conference called by the California People's Legislative Conference here last Saturday.

The legislators will be asked to take a stand on the labor and people's bills introduced by the Conference in Sacramento.

Assemblyman Thos. A. Maloney, 20th District, was reported to have joined the conference in supporting the People's Lobby in Sacramento.

Frisco On the Spot

Other local assemblymen are J. F. Sheehan, 21st A.D.; K. B. Dawson, 22nd; W. B. Hornblower, 23rd; F. A. Leidigh, 24th; M. I. Cronin, 25th; R. Williamson, 26th; J. E. Peyser, 27th; E. C. Levey, 28th.

Western Worker Drive

THIS ISN'T BRAGGING — IT'S JUST FACTS ON NEED FOR "WESTERN"

WE DON'T like to brag, and this isn't bragging. It's just facts.

The kind of facts that prove beyond a dispute, as it must appear to the unbiased though they don't admit it) of what are known as phonies in the labor movement.

A few weeks ago, Clarence King, head of the San Francisco Labor Council's anti-picket appeal committee, announced that while the rest of the San Francisco dailies capitalist press to their credit were refusing to support the campaign for repeal of the anti-picket act, the "liberal"

Green Says "No" On Farm Charter

WASHINGTON. — Wm. Green in one breath announced that the A.F.L. had decided to start a "nation-wide drive" to organize agriculture, and in the same breath announced that the executive Council had again declined the request of 30 federal agricultural unions for inclusion in the national charter, thus injuring the AFL drive in the industry.

Little results are expected from the AFL drive, since the executive council has made such promises before and promptly forgotten them.

25 Years Ago 1912

FEBRUARY 25

EL PASO—Cavalry and State troops along the Rio Grande are enforced in preparation for invasion of Mexico as result of clashes against Madero government.

LOS ANGELES—Clarence Darrow, chief indictment on charges of jury bribing in McNamara case.

FEBRUARY 26

CONSTANTINOPLE — Sixty civilians killed as Italian flotilla shells Beirut, Turkish Asia Minor.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Children of woolen mill strikers detained by police as result of parade of 500 parents in protest demonstration.

FEBRUARY 27

EL PASO—Cavalry, infantry and machine guns placed at strategic points along Mexican border as invasion looms.

WASHINGTON—Senator Reed of Missouri demands investigation of election of Republican Senator du Pont of Delaware.

FEBRUARY 28

WASHINGTON — U. S. supreme Court rules Southern Pacific R. R. entitled to $1,800,000 in government bonds and stock claimed by the state—the so-called "land-grant" grant by Congress.

S. F. LABOR COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GETS COUNCIL TO SPIKE AID TO SPANISH PEOPLE

Reactionaries Red-Bait, and Some Known As Progressives Talk of Desire for Peace, But Won't Hit Fascist War Makers

SAN FRANCISCO—The WESTERN WORKER has already reported how reactionaries like O'Connell and Dan Murphy in the Central Labor Council, in the Feb. 12 meeting, could not stand to see the Spanish people, the Spanish trade unionists, and the democratic and legal Spanish government aided in any way, and so sharangued the Council into referring to the executive committee a resolution, protesting the embargo on Spain and previously passed unanimously by the Alameda Labor Council and Miscellaneous Cullinary Local 110.

Last Friday night, the executive committee reflects on the resolution was read, and what the executive committee proposed would make any Spanish trade unionist writhe in anger, that an American labor body could take action that in effect aided the Spanish Fascists and as a result the American Fascists.

Meaningless "Sympathy"

The executive committee went on record recommending that the Council "regrets the failure of the world powers to enter into a pact of neutrality in the Spanish civil war."

Instead of "deep sympathy" with the Spanish trade union movement (talk being cheap), the executive committee went on to undo that worthy principle of condemning those who aided the Loyalist government or the Fascists.

Sam Jay, whose local introduced the original resolution, and who had pointed out to the executive committee that the main purpose of the resolution was to rally American trade union support to the Spanish trade unions, objected to the clause in the committee's recommendation which condemned those espousing the cause of the Loyalists.

He pointed out that the Loyalists were fighting Fascism, defending democracy, and that the American labor movement has repeatedly pointed out that Fascism is the main threat to peace and to trade unionism.

Delegates Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers and Goldblatt of the Bakery Workers spoke to the same effect.

Yet men like President Shelley Cooper of the Cooks' Union, Bakery Wagon Drivers, with progressive reputations, could argue that such a resolution, or even the executive committee's recommendation with the objectionable clause stricken out, would amount to encouragement of war on behalf of the Spanish government, knowing, as labor has said, that Fascism leads to war and that a defeat of Fascism would stave off war.

Goldblatt moved, that the executive committee's recommendation be amended, eliminating the clause condemning those who help the Loyalist cause.

Murphy Tool of Hitler

Dan Murphy, of the Pressmen's Union, a Sheriff of San Francisco County and a member to be Governor of California, again, launched a red-baiting speech, this time lasting long enough to test the patience of some of the delegates.

Like Hearst, Murphy said the Spanish government in Spain is a "Communistic government." Therefore any resolution or action endorsing that government said Murphy) is an endorsement of the "Communistic form of government."

Murphy preferred to ignore the many statements even in the capitalist press that the Spanish government is not Communist, but a People's Front government.

Murphy, as in the previous week, lied when he said that nothing to do with the case, but ignored the fact that the bulk of the Spanish Catholics supported the government.

Even the recommendation of the executive committee was not radical for Murphy, though it aided Fascism; he preferred to see the whole matter killed.

Shelley and Goldblatt took refuge in the desire for peace, but ignored the fact that the Spanish Fascists were aiding Italian and Nazi Fascist, who are using Spain as a springboard for world war. They defended the executive committee's recommendation.

The amendment eliminating the clause which assailed those who espouse the loyalist cause was defeated, and the recommendation of the executive committee carried, because outright reactionaries and some who have been known as progressives united in a way which objectively aids Fascism.

Al Riedell, who has been a Council delegate from Operating Engineers Local 64, was recently by the reactionary executive board of that local because the week before he had spoken for

CHANG-SUEH LIANG, who recently kidnaped Chinese dictator Chiang-Kai Shek. Now, at Kuomintang congress, Chiang-Kai Shek proposes that Chang-Shueh Liang be made Minister of War, possibly in effort to compromise on widespread demands to resist Japanese aggression.

NAT'L DRIVE ON HEARST BEGUN

To Coordinate Sentiment On National Scale

NEW YORK—The first attempt to coordinate on a national scale the widespread sentiment of the people of the United States against un-American propaganda of the Hearst press has been launched by the American League Against War and Fascism, through its recently formed National People's Committee Against Hearst.

Hearst's open support of Fascism, whether in the United States, Germany, Italy or Spain; his attacks on civil liberties; his malicious distortion of the news; his consistent anti-labor policies; his promotion of war and the war spirit, and his attacks on progressives everywhere have created to rhim the unenviable reputation as the outstanding symbol of all the un-democratic forces in the United States.

To Guide All Committees

The National Committee Against Hearst will seek to guide the efforts of all the anti-Hearst committees and organizations into those channels where they will be more effective.

Hearst's current propaganda against the Roosevelt government, against his lies about the Spanish situation and his provocative editorials in the Spanish situation, provide an important focal point on which all the anti-Hearst sentiment in the country can be channeled today.

A provocative and unusual series of material has been sent to organizations throughout the United States. Effective campaigns already have been conducted in major cities, including New York, San Francisco, Washington, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Fifty prominent progressives, representing all sections of the Nation, have agreed to act as sponsors of the national campaign. Among them are: Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Roger N. Baldwin, Freda Kirchway, Bruce Bliven, Prof. Harry Elmer Barnes, Lester Cohen, Prof. Jerome Davis, Francis J. Gorman, Ferdinand Lundburg, Rep. Fred H. Hildebrandt, Rev. Herman Hagedorn Holmes, Prof. Paul P. Rogers, former Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Dr. George A. Coe, Oswald Garrison Villard, Jay Harry F. Ward, Prof. Robert K. Speer and Colston E. Warne.

To Appeal Verdict On Mrs. Calahan

LOS ANGELES. — Following a decision by reactionary Judge Arthur Guerin of the Municipal Courts, Wednesday, February 24, Mrs. Myrtle Calahan is free on $100 bail in a thirty days sentence to foul Lincoln Heights Jail for "disturbance of the peace."

Mrs. Calahan had been found guilty by a jury composed entirely of women. She was arrested last December 6 when she and 67 other women joined a "sit-down" strike at a WPA headquarters in protest against the dismissal of 2,000 workers from WPA sewing projects.

Climaxing a trial full of lies and false accusations, Judge Guerin explained his outrageous sentence by saying:

"If you had been a mother and were hungry, it would have been a different thing. But you were just down there stirring up trouble for your own gain."

the resolution against the embargo.

2000 AT BIG LUMBERMEN'S CONVENTION

Uniform Agreements, Wage Increase Up, Cal. Delegates

LONGVIEW, Wash.—The Federation of Woodworkers opened its important convention here last Saturday, with about 2000 delegates present. It is the biggest trade union convention ever held in this state, and possibly in the Pacific Coast.

To Coordinate All Branches

The convention is designed to coordinate all branches of the lumber industry, from loggers to veneer workers. Delegates are present from California, from Canada, Oregon, Wisconsin, Ohio and other states back East.

Up for discussion, are establishment of uniform working agreements throughout the industry, a demand for a flat wage increase of 10 cents an hour, and elimination of all piece work.

The Federation, which was formed at Portland, Ore., last September, has been denied any real rights by the officials of the Carpenters international, of which the Federation is a part.

Sympathy of the Federation membership is strongly with the CIO, but there is no intention of leaving the AFL at the present time.

Spain Meeting In L. A. Wednesday

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versities and prominent figure among the younger writers and intellectuals in Spain.

MADRID.—Attempting to push eastward from Fuentes Duenas, Aragon against the Catalonian armies the Fascist forces of General Franco, repulsed with more than 100 dead.

The Fascist set-back in this sector closely follows the decisive repulse by the government of the latest attempts on the Madrid-Valencia road in which the enemy suffered over 1,000 casualties. The latest attempt to encircle Madrid had reached a standstill, the rebels driven further away from the road and repulsed completely from the Upper Manzanares Section near University City on the outskirts of Madrid.

German planes bombed the government town of Alcazech, 55 miles inland from Valencia, but government planes in retaliation destroyed an ammunition dump in Rebelsheld Toledo.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Approximately 7000 people in Northern California heard the Spanish youth delegates it is estimated from 5000 to 6000 reports available here with several meetings yet to be heard from.

In Vacaville an audience of 450 people contributed $1200. In San Jose 350 donated $130.

It Happened In California

LACTO. LABOR ON COURT

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Labor Council has passed a resolution endorsing the proposed increase in Supreme Court membership.

CHARGE HOSPITAL NEGLECT

AUBURN—The Placer County grand jury may investigate charges by Frank Marcy, a dairy worker, that his wife died in childbirth due to neglect at Placer County Hospital.

HER STEEL DISCRIMINATION

SO. SAN FRANCISCO—The Steel Workers' Organizing Committee has filed complaint with the Labor Relations Board, charging the Bethlehem Steel with intimidation.

LEGAL COUNCIL SET UP TO AID PICKET BAN END

Citizens Committee Assists S. F. Labor Council in Drive

SAN FRANCISCO.—Indicative of the tremendous wave of sympathy favoring the repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance is the mereasing number of organizations that are rallying in endorsements of the campaign.

The Social Service Commission of the San Francisco Church Federation has unanimously endorsed, as a commission, the repeal of the Ordinance. The commission, of which the Reverend Dillon Fleckenstein is chairman, is made up of 10 representative ministers and laymen.

Legal Council Set Up

To date 26 organizations are affiliated with the Citizens Committee to assist the Central Labor Council in the drive to pass the repeal measure at the special election to be held on March 9th.

A Legal Council has been set up and is getting out a brief to present the legal aspects of the case. The council is composed of some of the most outstanding and progressive lawyers in San Francisco.

Among those who are taking an active part in the campaign are such well known civic leaders as Austin Lewis, noted lawyer; Rabbi Jacob Weinstein of the School for Jewish Studies; H. C. Carrasco of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Dr. G. Facci of the Educational Labor Bureau; John D. Barry of the Inter - professional Association; and the Reverend Dillon Thrasher-morton.

Death of 10 On Bridge Was Murder

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into the swirling waters below where the 10 were drowned.

Outright Murder?

The charge made by the WESTERN WORKER by Bill Sanders, past president of Lodge 1414 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and delegate to the Labor Council, was that the deaths of the men were outright murders. Sanders said:

"Aluminum at no time should be used in bridges or public works where any amount of tensile strength is involved. On a crane of the type used on the bridge job, the pulleys and the cables they should still have steel dogs which could be used as a safety measure as pointed out by engineers the world over. Practically all work in other construction jobs, such as shipyards, have these protective devices."

The decision of the coroner's jury, on the death of one of the workers, Fred Dummatzen was that:

"We, the jury, find that Gustave Frederick Dummatzen came to his death due to the collapsing of the hooks used to support the scaffold on which the laboring men were working."

"The spreading of the hooks was evidently through the failure to use certain safety equipment," the jury said.

"The bolt arrangement, we believe, to have been in itself unsatisfactory from a safety standpoint.

"The jury questions the advisability of such supports.

"It is the jury's opinion that the inspectors of the State Industrial Accident Commission should be provided with sufficient power to enforce the carrying out of their recommendations.

"The jury recommends that inspectors and their assistants should have civil service ratings for their positions.

Wayne De Janvier, one of the men on the scaffolding, said that there was no safety bolt on the hook to which he clung. Elvin Wood, a rigger, said he reported the lack of safety bolts to Lex Stockton, a straw-boss. C. F. Mailloux, a safety inspector, said he reported these conditions to the company. But the Pacific Bridge Company did nothing, preferring in its greed for profits to risk men's lives.

Council in Feeble Defense of Green

WASHINGTON.—Put on the spot by the United Miners move to oust him as a member, William Green has had to break precedent and get the AFL Executive Council to send a letter defending him, to 35,000 locals throughout the country.

The Council's letter admits it has no right to intervene in internal union affairs, yet this is just what the letter does.

CLEARY'S EVIDENCE OF HIS OWN GUILT

SAN FRANCISCO — District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary himself brought to the hearing on the Modesto case a major piece of evidence to prove himself guilty of subornation of perjury as charged by the Modesto Defense Committee.

He has yet to face examination of the committee on it.

The evidence is in the form of questioning of James T. Scrudder, self-admitted Standard Oil stool pigeon, prior to the trial in which the Modesto defendants were convicted. In it Scrudder told him, as recorded and certified by the Stanislaus County Court reporter, that only four of the men on the "dynamite expedition" to Patterson, Calif., knew that dynamite was in the cars. These four were Scrudder himself, another stool pigeon named Marchant, and Rodger Lizalde.

On the dictograph records possession of the Modesto Defense Committee, in Scrudder's own voice, is the same statement, plus the additional statement that Cleary told him to testify at the trial that all knew.

It is a matter of record that Scrudder did so testify at the trial.

Grand Juror Testifies

More indications of the frame-up nature of the Modesto case were brought out by C. C. Nunnally, Modesto grand juror. Nunnally, former member of the Stanislaus County Grand Jury and former employee of Stanislaus County Central Labor Council.

Nunnally revealed that Standard Oil paid for three big partisan newspapers during and after the trial, at a Modesto night club, for Standard Oil thugs and deputy sheriffs. He also revealed that Glen DeVore, special prosecutor at the trial, hinted last June that he got $50,000 from Standard Oil.

He reported asking DeVore in a joking vein: "Why did you cover up this case?" "You would too," DeVore was quoted as replying, "for $50,000 wouldn't you?"

"What did the other fellow get?" Nunnally reported asking.

Was He Crazy?

"He was crazy if he didn't get $25,000," Nunnally further quoted DeVore.

Asked who the "other fellow" was, Nunnally said there was no mention by name. Many assumed from the conversation and reference to Cleary.

Following the mass meeting on Judge Leo Friedman, at which Nunnally spoke, he reported that Cleary told him: "I guess I'll have to put the heat on you."

Immediately afterward, Nunnally said, he was demoted by the Modesto Bee from a job he had held ten years. "I was ordered fired," he said, "but my union protected me."

A fund drive by the committee from the Modesto Bee denied Nunnally had been demoted on account of his attendance at the Modesto case, but failed to give any reason for the demotion.

Defendants Reaffirm

Sunday the committee visited four of the Modesto defendants, three in San Quentin and another in Folsom Prison. All reaffirmed their testimony that they did not know dynamite was in the cars on the Patterson excursion.

Hearings will be resumed on Thursday.

Throughout the case three progressive assemblymen, Chairman Jack B. Tenny of Inglewood, Ralph Von of Los Angeles and Paul Richie of San Diego have pursued the questioning, while the reactionaries Seth Milliken and Ernest Rickett of the legislature continually expressed the greatest solicitude for the Standard Oil company and the officials charged with participation in a frameup.

F.D. For 40-Hour Week; Labor for 30

WASHINGTON. — At a time when organized labor's nationwide demand is for a 30-hour week and Rep. Lewis' bill on record for the latter, President Roosevelt is going to call for the establishment of a standard 40-hour week.

The 40-hour week, it is expected, will be the main plank in President's forthcoming hours-and-wages proposal. It will be sent to Congress during the present session.

cultural workers.

The Conference must take those steps best calculated to defeat these reactionaries.

The Communist Party hails this Conference as history-making in the progressive march of organized labor in California.

Support For L.A. Labor Party Idea Comes From Ark.

LOS ANGELES.—Responding to the statement of the County Committee of the Communist Party in Los Angeles in regard to the growing movement toward Labor's independent political action, the following letter, accompanied by a dollar bill, was received Friday, February 19, in the Party office, 224 So. Spring Street.

From De Queen, Arkansas, the letter reads:

"Friends,

"In reply to this stirring appeal for united action of labor to bring about a closed shop union town, enclosed find a small contribution $1 for its support.

"Yours for a united front and trust success will crown your efforts."

Millions Mourning G. K. Ordjonikidse

MOSCOW. — Masses of workers expressed their sorrow for the death of Gregory K. Ordjonikidse Sunday at the funeral procession headed by Joseph Stalin solemnly carried his ashes to the Kremlin Wall at Red Square through the worst blizzard of a bitter Moscow winter.

An old Bolshevik and one of Stalin's closest co-workers, Ordjonikidse was a member of the political bureau of the Communist Party and head of the Heavy Industry and Commissar of Heavy Industry. He was one of the outstanding leaders of the October Revolution. With Stalin he fought constantly for a Leninist policy throughout his career.

His passing is mourned by the entire Soviet Union and its supporters the world over. A funeral procession more than a mile in length followed the coffin to the Hall of Columns where the body lay in state until Saturday night.

His funeral was reminiscent of that of V. I. Lenin on another frigid winter day in January, 1924.

250,000 PIN HOPE ON FARM PARLEY

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frame-up lie behind the bars of San Quentin, victimized by the Associated Farmers for their part in leading agricultural workers in the struggle for higher wages. Whenever agricultural workers organized to win better conditions, the reactionary large growers raised the cry of "Communism."

The hopes of hundreds of thousands of field, shed and cannery workers rest on this conference. It should take these organizational steps best calculated to serve their interests.

We support the strong sentiment existing in many locals for the setting up of a broad Agricultural Council, on a state-wide scale, with one representative from each existing agricultural and cannery local in the state, independent unions as well as locals of the American Federation of Labor in each district.

Such a Joint Council will guarantee the democratic control of all locals, and should be empowered to approve or reject organizers appointed by the State Federation of Labor, and to regulate the collection and distribution of finances for organizational work.

This Joint Council would be empowered to carry on and conclude all negotiations and strikes in state crops, where more than one locality is involved, where strikes are localized, the established local in the territory is to have full negotiating rights.

The setting up of such a Joint Council would result in drawing all independent unions into the American Federation of Labor, thus strengthening the utility of the labor movement generally.

This representative, council form of organization is the one best calculated to meet the needs of the agricultural workers in rather than the liquidation of all existing locals and their replacement by one central organization union, with power to carry on all negotiations; this latter set-up would rob all existing locals of their autonomy, and retard rather than accelerate the organizational drive throughout the state, and would create a distrust in the locals against bureaucratic control, from the top.

The Associated Farmers and allied reactionary interests are marshalling their forces to combat the organization of the agri-

Anna L. Strong Talk On Spain Awaited In L.A.

LOS ANGELES—To tell thousands of enthusiastic supporters of Spain's valiant fight against fascism "What Is Really Happening in Spain", Anna Louise Strong, noted author and lecturer will speak at the Philharmonic Auditorium, next Monday evening, March 1, at 8 p.m.

Popular In L.A.

Long known for her excellent, stirring talks, Miss Strong has acquired a large following in Los Angeles. Her previous lectures here have been made to over-flow houses. The growing militant feeling for Spain indicates another filler house this time—her only Los Angeles lecture in this present tour.

After spending three weeks in Spain, Miss Strong declared upon her arrival in New York last month:

"There is pronounced optimism everywhere in Spain. You feel instantly that these people have their lives in their hands and are going ahead, joyously looking to the future."

"Mind certainly does not give the impression of a 'gone' city," she added. "But it's the trenches that gave me the biggest thrill. I was in one that was fixed up like an underground city, with streets and alleys and houses named 'Hotel Madrid' or 'Hotel International'. You can understand why even the foreign capitalists correspondents are sure that the people will win this war."

Miss Strong is to speak under the auspices of the Modern Forum.

Ethiopians Kill Italian

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia.—Italians defiant of Italian law hurled hand grenades at Rodolfo Graziani, military governor now, who this date established over the whole of Ethiopia a system of espionage. Graziani called 30,000 of the Addis Ababa native city inside the walls, imposing martial law and ordering all Ethiopians were officially disarmed.

Ethiopians were officially disarmed. Graziani's action came after he had escaped unharmed from a bomb explosion which killed 12 persons and injured 48 others.

Reactionary Blow At Labor Slate

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Clar Quinn and his friends (Silverthorn, Fee, Tyrrell, Spooner, Reynolds, Real—ed.) have been able to block adoption of the report from the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor endorsing the movement to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance."

This was printed prior to Saturday night's Federation meeting.

Refuting the charge by Vice-Chairman Quinn that the platform drawn up by the policy committee of the Federation is nonsensical and ridiculous, John Walters replied that the platform and asked how a plank advocating repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance and the outlawing of all strike breaking agencies could be branded as nonsensical and ridiculous.

Having massed all the strength and feeling confident of retarding labor on more numbers, the reactionaries, unsuccessfully attempted to steam-roll their way through. Having nothing to offer in retaliation, they fought every free discussion by continually calling for a question immediately following every motion.

Stooge for Kelly Machine

As the report of the policy committee was read a motion was made and seconded that the Federation discuss the points item by item.

Delegate Silverthorn, who had persistently fought the measure which would release labor from the reactionary Kelly machine, moved to amend the motion by filing the report — because the hour was late!

Silverthorn's motion was contrary to the original motion, got the chair neglected as to rule.

As many voted for the amendment to the original motion by discussing the report in three parts, was defeated.

The amendment to file, contrary to the motion, having carried by a vote of 102 to 82, "received" the report, the hearts of the Kelly machine."

The strong progressive vote of 82 for independent political action spoke well for the future development of the progressive forces in the labor movement.

Reynolds, business agent of the Building Trades Council, moved that the policy committee be dismissed with a vote of thanks and was borne out by a scant 82 to 79 majority. Progressive labor was making itself heard.

A further motion to dissolve the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor was not entertained by the chair. An appeal from the decision met an almost unanimous rebuff.

East Bay Broadcast Of National Negro Congress Sundays

OAKLAND—"Negroes in the News," regular broadcast every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock over Station KLS, is being sponsored by the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress, 705 Peralta Street, Oakland.

NTANG. REL ON NA UNITY

ssimo Chiang s Chang As Minister

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uomintang leaders, opposed appoint- ang, are definitely ch's program, and Shek's proposal, on tes at least on at- compromise this dif- avoiding concrete out the unity pro-

n Tories ger Army

Ont., Canada. — A e is going on in the ouse of Commons on ween the Liberals and Conservatives and push proposals which ld increase expenditures ly 1938.

Conservatives and Commonwealth members are pushing for a big navy, English profit-making in- nd remove causes of ing this end a policy is "Follow the heels of Britain."

Liberals, who pre- vent Canadian de- from being used as unit in the empire enes.

ses Prisoners

"Your lives are as as our own," said ers in addressing a group ers captured by Re- ublican welfare ase to us."

LD IN ATTACK ON BEATING OF SPAIN PICKETS

Trial Set March 9; Expected To Be Postponed

SAN FRANCISCO.—The International Labor Defense will file legal action against the police commission here against police brutality as instanced in the beating of Glen Smith, Amedeo and George Parker and they and seven others were arrested on January 29th in front of the German consulate, when they were picketing in protest Nazi aid to the Spanish fascists.

Still suffering from a broken nose and scalp lacerated by the result of blows from police clubs, Amedeo was released last week. His bail had been reduced to $500, which the ILD posted.

Trial for all nine, who picketed, under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism, is set for March in the Municipal Police Department Hall of Justice, although it will be postponed because March 9 is Bishop Hall's birthday.

Elaine Black, secretary of the Northern California district of the ILD, announced that counsel has been engaged to fight the case.

The committee consists of a coal miner, linked by a transdesert railroad, a copper miner, a power worker, a 10,000 watts capacity and the smelter itself, all fully mechanized.

Soviets to Open World's Biggest Copper Smelter

MOSCOW—A copper smelter dwarfing all others in the world today will be opened before the end of March in Western Kazakstan, it was officially announced here by A. P. Serebrovsky, vice-commissar for heavy industry.

Serebrovsky, who assumed leadership of the Soviet copper industry after notable successes in reorganizing other key industries, announced that the new combinat will smelt 432,000 tons of copper annually, the largest in the world is an American plant with a full capacity of 32,000 tons daily.

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McNutt Named To Philippine Post

WASHINGTON.—Paul V. McNutt, reactionary governor of Indiana, was appointed high commander of the American Legion, was nominated by President Roosevelt to be high commissioner of the Philippines. He will replace former commissioner Frank Murphy who was recently elected governor of Michigan.

He is expected to be approved by the senate in time to participate in a trade conference with a Philippine delegation this week, and to leave in about a month for the Islands.

Struggle In Italy Against Spain War

NAPLES—The crew of the Italian ship Lombardia has been arrested here for refusing to return to Spain with a second complement of troops and war material for Franco.

It is reported that a group of fascists has been arrested and is to be deported for attempting to found an "Independent Fascist Party," with a program of opposition to the war in Spain.

Threaten Boycott On Nazi Church Election

BERLIN—A boycott on the national synod election called by Hitler to decide on the drafting of a new church constitution is threatened by influential elements in the Evangelical Church. Despite a hands-off promise by the government, it is clear from the methods of Nazism that church voters will be terrorized.

German Protest

HAMBURG — The crew of a steamer leaving here has been arrested for refusing to take the ship out to Spain. The crew of another Spain-bound ship, the Strassfurt, was persuaded by the ship out on promise of four months' deduction from their wages.

Organizations of San Francisco Donate to Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—A telegram of greetings and a contribution of $100 came from Tom Mooney to the Dreamland Auditorium meeting for the Spanish Delegate. Among organizations donating money were the ILGWU joint board, $15; Alaska Cannery Workers, $20; Northern California Newspaper Guild, $8; NCL, Waterfront Branch, $7; Acción Democratica, $250; Communist Party of San Francisco, $25; Spanish Masonic Lodge, $50; French Popular Front Federation of San Francisco, $10; Watrus Club, $10; Needle Trades Branch, YCL, $10; South Slav Branch, IWO, $5; South Slav Workers' Club, $5; Miscellaneous Employees Local 110 Culinary Alliance, $50. Total collection at the auditorium meeting $2274.40.

At a dinner the previous night the Medical Bureau of the Medical Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy had given $243.

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Delay While Fascists Are Filling Spain With Armies

LONDON—After criminal delays by the Fascist powers, a neutral blockade on the whole of the Spanish peninsula is finally scheduled to go into effect on March 6.

Portugal, which threw a monkey wrench into the negotiations of the neutrality committee by withdrawing, has agreed to re-enter and join in the "port control" plan to keep volunteers from entering Spain.

The "neutrality" of Germany and Italy in the negotiations was expressed by continued delays and subterfuge while Fascist armies were being sent into Spain. When these pretenses grew too obvious, Portugal openly withdrew.

The Spanish government has repeatedly avowed and proved that the war would have been over long ago but that the Fascist powers sent troops and money to Franco's assistance. Such a blockade, despite every right of the Loyalist government to receive help from the outside, would have been of aid to the Loyalists.

Instead the "neutrality" program has been used by the Fascists to the hands of Spain's supporters while Fascists openly violated it.

MILITIA WOMAN

THIS GIRL is Antonia Escudero, Spanish loyalist militia woman, who was cited for bravery during the storming of Montana barracks, near Madrid. Foreign correspondents said this took more courage than the taking of the Bastille in 1789.

5000 CASES OF FOOD FOR SPAIN CAUSE!

Bishop O'Connell In Leadership of Committee

NEW YORK—"Five thousand cases of food for Spain by March 1!"

Under that rallying cry, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy has launched a food collection drive for the support of the Spanish anti-fascist forces, and for the men, women and children of the Spanish working class.

Bishop at Head

Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal church is chairman of the committee.

"It is our bounden duty as lovers of liberty and friends of peace to rush as much food to the brave Loyalists defenders as is humanly possible," the Rev. Herman F. Reissig, executive secretary of the committee, said.

"We may not be able to join the Spanish government forces in fighting against fascism," he said, "but we can do our share in running the risk of milk, in the form of flour, a bale of clothing for every bomb the fascists drop on a Spanish dairy, flour mill or bakery. Thousands are now serving the Spanish people."

The committee has a warehouse at 164 Seventeenth Street, where volunteer workers pack crates of food, shoes and medical supplies and baled all kinds of clothing, everything from an infant's shirt to a raccoon coat.

So far, the committee has dispatched two shiploads of food and clothing. The last one included 10,000 pounds of condensed milk, 35,000 pairs of shoes, fifty tons of food and some medical supplies.

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"Most Terrible Evacuation" Shows the Unbeatable Hatred for Fascism

VALENCA—Rather than remain in Malaga under the terror of the Italian Fascists, more than 150,000 men, women and children have evacuated the city. Their flight was described by Dr. Norman Bethune of Montreal as "the most terrible evacuation of a city in modern times" and can only indicate a terrific mass hatred of Fascism in Spain.

Dr. Bethune is head of the Canadian medical unit organizing blood transfusion for the Spanish loyalists. His description calls to mind the mass evacuation of the Russian people in 1812 from Moscow rather than be ruled by the armies of Napoleon.

"Imagine," he said, "150,000 men, women and children setting out for safety to a town situated more than 100 miles away with only one road to take on a journey requiring five days and five nights at least," he said.

No Food Available

"There was no food to be found in the villages and there were no trains or busses to transport them.

"They staggered and stumbled, with cut and bruised feet, along the white flint road while the Fascists - (insurgents) - bombed them from the air and from the sea.

"There were thousands of children.

"We counted at least 5000 under 10 years of age, at least a thousand women, blind, and many clad only in single garments.

"The incessant stream of people became so dense we barely could force our cars through them.

"We met so many distressed women and children we decided to turn back and start transporting the worst cases to safety.

"But it was difficult to choose which to take.

"Our car was besieged by a mob of frantic mothers and fathers who, with tired, outstretched arms, held up to us their children with their faces swollen and congested by four days of sun and dust.

"On the evening of the 12th, when the little seaport of Almeria was completely filled with refugees who thought they had reached a haven of safety, German and Italian airplanes dropped ten bombs in the very center of town where refugees were sleeping huddled so closely together on the main street that an auto could pass only with great difficulty.

"After the planes passed I picked up three dead children from the pavement where they had been standing in line waiting for a cup of preserved milk and a handful of bread, and many clad only in single garments.

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Murder on Golden Gate Bridge!

THE DEATH of ten workers on the Golden Gate Bridge can be labeled nothing short of murder. The murderers are the responsible officials of the Pacific Bridge Company.

These officials were warned twice by the Industrial Accident Commission of the fact that the scaffolding which tore loose was unsafe.

But to have taken action immediately after the first warning would have meant an outlay of money, would have cut down, even if only a little, the profits the company was making.

And besides, why not take a chance? There were only workers' lives at stake—and workers are plentiful these days!

We don't say that that thought was actually in the minds of the responsible officials, in as many words. Maybe it wasn't as clearly and logically formulated. But it might just as well have been. The fact remains that there were two warnings given, both remained unheeded, and as a direct result ten men plunged to their death.

Investigations are going on—investigations galore. But we're suspicious. We've seen a good many investigations of this kind—and on exactly the same pattern—instituted by the agriculturist of our so-called "neutrality" embargo against Madrid, which actually gives aid and comfort to the fascist forces.

Holman's Racket

LEE HOLMAN, ace fink of San Francisco, has other irons in the fire besides vicious attacks on the waterfront unions and their leadership; he is promoting a racket for the collection of dues and initiation into his so-called "American Citizen's Union."

Holman has issued a mimeographed bulletin filled with attacks on bona fide organized labor, both on the waterfront and in the agricultural fields and making a fervent plea for all employers of labor to hire their workers through his scab outfit.

There are a great many "appeals" throughout this sheet which give it its true character: **"This fight (against labor—L.R.) can only be won by your paying up your dues."** Again: **"All members are instructed to pay up their dues and initiation fees."** And: **"So you must show your real Union (?) spirit by paying your Initiation Fees and Dues immediately."**

While obviously Holman's racket is run for the financial benefit of Holman, the agriculturist cannot be lightly dismissed with a wave of the hand and a laugh.

Just as Holman tried in every possible way to incite violence on the waterfront during the 1934 general strike, so in the agricultural fields the intent implied in the announcement that **"we are prepared to send organizers into the agricultural fields this summer."**

Agricultural workers must be on the lookout for these finky anti-union agents, and drive them out as soon as they appear.

Litvinov Exposes Fraud

THE CLEAR VOCE of Soviet diplomacy, stalwart defender of democracy, again rings out about the hypocritical proposals of the British government on non-intervention in Spain.

Maxim Litvinov pointed out the evident truth that only when Portugal's seaports are policed by joint patrols can one talk of any genuine non-intervention.

The fascist maneuvering of Baldwin, who has long followed a policy of aid to German fascism and opposition to Spanish democracy in deeds if not in words, is clear in face of the fact that Portugal is virtually a British colony.

Nearly all pacts made with neutral ports open for supplies and munitions to be shipped to Franco are nothing more or less than the most arrant fraud.

So much for Mr. Baldwin's "neutrality!"

Every friend of the Spanish people must rally to support the program of the Soviet Government on the Spanish situation. This is the only program which penetrates the trickery of false friends of Spain, which exposes the real enemies, and ensures the stopping of landing of Italian and Nazi troops on Spanish soil.

Every friend of democracy, every progressive organization, must put pressure to bear on the United States government to end the tragic farce of our so-called "neutrality" embargo against Madrid, which actually gives aid and comfort to the fascist forces.

Modesto Frame-up Shattered

ALTHOUGH THE special legislative committee has not yet concluded its investigations into the Modesto frame-up, enough has already been uncovered to convince any impartial person that the nine Modesto boys were the victims of as foul a frame-up as even was perpetrated in the evil-smeling history of anti-labor acts in California.

San Francisco police were forced to admit that the chief witness against the Modesto victims, James Scrudder, had been sworn in as a special policeman for ten days during the 1934 maritime strike, and had been a police stool-pigeon since 1932; that Captain Healy, of San Francisco's "anti-red" police squad, had paid Scrudder $30 a week for two weeks while the frame-up was being perfected.

There can be only two results from the good work of the legislative committee: the immediate freedom of the Modesto boys still in San Quentin; and the criminal prosecution of all those who conspired in the frame-up, including police officers, officials of the Standard Oil Co., and the District Attorney of Stanislaus County.

Support H.R.4292

CALIFORNIA'S Representative Byron Scott, who has become identified with the progressive bloc in the national legislature, is translating his progressive view into action. All possible support should be rallied to his housing bill, H. R. 4292.

The bill calls for the construction of ten million dwelling units within the next ten years, with rents not to exceed five dollars per room per month.

This bill is especially important now, with rents being skyrocketed in every large city of this state—and especially in San Francisco in view of the coming exposition.

We call for action. Los Angeles, Oakland and San Diego, there are thousands of families living in slums and fire traps. An adequate housing program to provide decent living quarters for families of low income will go far toward removing the hazards and unsanitary conditions.

The Scott Housing Bill would provide government grants up to 85% of the total cost of construction, with an initial appropriation of $1,000,000,000 and the construction of 300,000 dwelling units during the first year.

All workers and citizens interested in progressive social legislation should write their representatives urging support of this measure.

French Socialists Act

THE CAMPAGN of the Communist Party of France against Blum's policy of "non-intervention" in Spain is at last bearing fruit. The National Council of the French Socialist Party has declared for "freedom of action" to aid Spain unless some drastic and effective action is taken against the invasion of Spain by Mussolini and Hitler.

President Blum, a member of the National Council, has joined in this declaration, and virtually committed the French government to this policy.

This action of the French Socialist Party is recognition of the correctness of the policy of the Soviet Union.

The National Council of the French Socialist Party has acted in accordance with the tremendous sentiment of the membership of the Socialist Party, which has fed up with the sort of "neutrality" which allows the fascists to receive arms, munitions, and men while the democratic forces of Spain are blockaded and shut off from even the normal relations between friendly governments.

"A Jury of His Peers"

A SAN FRANCSCO attorney has publicly indicted the jury system in that county, charging that the Superior Court's system of selecting its annual jury panel is "fixed" and rotten to the core.

The charges include one that the jury commissioner is the owner of a notorious gambling hall; that the jurors are listed as to their willingness to protect the interests of large corporations, that the majority are chosen from among the wealthier section of the population; that Negroes, Japanese and Chinese have no chance to get on a jury.

Vincent W. Hallinan, the attorney who made these charges, is probably armed with sufficient evidence to prove them when the hearing is held on March 1st on his motion to quash the 1937 jury panel.

We not only do not doubt its truth—we would be surprised to the point of shock if it weren't true, in San Francisco or any other large city which is ruled by professional politicians who depend for support on funds to their campaign chests from powerful corporations.

The white glare of publicity thrown on the fake "democratic" jury system may result in patching it up temporarily, under pressure. But the only sure cure for this disease is the election of a Farmer-Labor Party slate to offices in the municipalities and counties.

New Telephone System for Soviet Union's Capital

ONE SECTION of the group finders in the new automatic telephone exchange in the Proletarian District, Moscow. In crarist times there were no automatic exchanges. Socialism aims to make USSR most technically advanced nation in the world, and bring the best to the people.

Should Trotzky Have An "International Hearing"?

The following is a section of a forthcoming pamphlet by William Z. Foster, noted trade union leader and chairman of the Communist Party, U. S. A., entitled "Questions and Answers on the Piatakov-Radek Trial."

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Trotzky, alleging a frame-up and refusing to accept the condemnation visited upon him by the Soviet courts in the Zinoviev and Piatakov trials, is demanding that he be given an international hearing before what he calls an "impartial" committee in order to refuse the charges against him. Around this demand his handful of followers have tinkered together a few committees in various countries, with the support of many reactionary newspapers and a scattering of liberals. The organization in this country is called the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky.

A Sham Proposal

Now on the surface this proposition seems to be fair enough. What more just than that a man accorded the right of his day in court? But it requires very little examination to see that the whole proposal is a sham, an insidious attack against the Soviet Union, designed to aid Trotzkyite schemers to build their disruptive movement by appealing to sentimental liberals.

If Trotzky has a case, if he can defend himself, why does he not return to Moscow and face the courts of the Russian revolution? There could be no question of his receiving a fair trial, and not only inasmuch as Soviet courts always give all prisoners an honest hearing, but because the whole world would focus its eyes upon a Trotzky trial in Moscow and follow it in minutest detail. Certainly, after such a most penetrating scrutiny, there could not be the faintest possibility of a frameup.

World public opinion protected Dimitroff in his heroic court battle against the Nazi barbarians in the Reichstag fire trial. So what could Trotzky possibly have to fear in a Soviet court of law where he can prove his innocence before the world? Moreover, Trotzky, in such a trial would have the opportunity to refute from which to preach his nefarious doctrines to the international working class movement.

Trotzky Has No Case

But Trotzky refuses to go to Moscow. And the reason is clear enough: he has no case. He knows quite well that he could not disprove a single part of the confessions of Piatakov, Radek and him and that the whole world would have to recognize his guilt. Nor would he end up with the sort of pretense of a willingness to demonstrate his innocence that he now makes—while conspired in further criminal acts in the trial evidence. The bourgeois press (including the Hearst and Scripps-Howard with his lying allegations that he could not get a fair trial in the USSR, and presented his demand for an international hearing.

Trotzky's so-called "impartial" hearing is a fake and he is fully conscious of this fact. He knows quite well that it could not assume the aspect of a real trial and bring out the true situation. Only one side would be present. Trotzky could not appear there to make an appearance at such a hearing would, in practice, mean to admit that he had committed the monstrous crime of framing up an innocent man. The very proposal of such a hearing is an attack upon the Soviet Union and Soviet government. To urge, as Trotzkyists do, that impartial hearings be held in many other countries at the time of the Reichstag fire trial is to insult the Soviet Workers' Republic, by placing it in the same category as the barbarous Hitler regime.

The movement for Trotzky's "impartial" hearing is a conscious attack upon the Soviet Union, despite the fact that some honest people are being fooled by its parade of liberal phrases. Should the hearing ever take place it would necessarily be based upon a condemnation of the Soviet Union in advance as a framer-up of revolutionary leaders. It would be in the hands of the bitterest enemies of the Soviet government, the Trotzkyites; even if a few liberals were duped into lending their names to its deliberations, its proceedings would be but a barrage of anti-Soviet propaganda. Its decision of "not guilty" for Trotzky and hence, "guilty" for the Soviet government, would be a foregone conclusion from the committee's makeup and control.

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WORKERS, SMALL FARMERS PAY IN HUNGER AND COLD AND MISERY FOR PROFITS

Even Orphans Exploited in Agricultural Fields; Conditions Are Just As Bad For Workers in Tulare County

By a Small Farmer

PHITO, Mendocino County—We have here in Mendocino County the small capitalists' paradise, as well as room for the big timber hog and land shark. We have good climate for grass, for fruit and for grain. Here we have very little damage from drought or floods. We are close to markets.

Millions have been made in Mendocino County from timber, stock and fruit.

Now see what condition the county is in. Many great ranches have gobbled up the small owners, closing many schools. The timber is all in the hands of great companies and has mostly been butchered up and wasted. This is one of the greatest stands of the famous redwood, found nowhere else on earth. Wonderful natural parks have been destroyed by axe and fire.

Not Open to the Poor

"Thousands of acres in hunting preserves, but no one to hunt. The city scort can hunt. Thousands of miles of fishing streams are closed to the poor man and watched over by wardens and

Editorial Comment

Freedom from oppression and misery for the small farmers and agricultural workers, lies in the successful developing of two mass movements throughout California—the organization of the agricultural workers, such as the Committee for Agricultural Organization of Santa Clara County is planning, and a Farmer-Labor Party.

hired thugs. These city sports hunt for pleasure and fish for pleasure, while the poor man here can't get fish or deer to eat when hungry.

Thousands of poor people are living on little rabbit meat, chucks, slowly starving, living like savages, knowing nothing of the advantages of civilization. Other thousands are barely existing ground lumber mills, as woodcutters, etc., or farmers, and won't go hope for any betterment in their condition.

Not Chamber of Commerce Publicity

We have in Mendocino County:

A jail where people are crowded like sardines in a can and the toilet is in the dining room.

A county hospital which looks more like a lot of old dairy barns and has no modern facilities.

A detention home where children degenerate and the orphans of the poor are all crowded together, with very little supervision or training.

Orphans Exploited

A welfare department which farms out the boys and girls to be slaves, so the county won't have to feed them. I know of one case where a 10-year-old girl was compelled to slave long hours in a muddy orchard, ran and obeyed like any boy would. His owners refused the poor child dinner, saying the Bible said those who did not work should not eat.

Tulare County is also very rich and prosperous. The banks and land companies have grabbed in thousands of acres of the best land in the state. Recently the Alnaouh Irrigation Company bought up thousands of acres of tax land (land sold for taxes).

All the men who run little and big rackets are very prosperous in Tulare County. There is a building boom and a real estate boom.

What Workers Get

Now what of the masses? All have short seasons of work, grapes two weeks, cotton six weeks (this means real good picking), and a small amount of dairy and alfalfa for seasonal work, also a small amount of fruit. Three months work is the absolute most.

So you have thousands on very inadequate relief, thousands living in tents and shacks, suffering malnutrition, pneumonia and consumption.

Little children cry from hunger, cold and sickness in relief districts, so they are mostly kept away. The agents don't want to see them.

Profiteers Ruthless

That county is a wind-cement, fog-ridden, cold, inhospitable, mid-winter, and the transient worker, as well as the native worker, suffers horribly from the rigors of winter.

The officers, the agents, the three business men and the big farmers are selfish, brutal, greedy, cruel, ruthless. Their motto is to starve and freeze the worker until he is glad to work for starvation wages and too weak and scared to fight.

Scabs, stoolpigeons and suckers are well cared for, but they are few compared with the majority of the workers.

This is also the county where the terrible Pixley massacre occurred in 1933, where armed thugs shot into a hall full of men, women and children, killing some and wounding others.

How Fascism Can Influence Kids—An Oakland Hanging

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Well, here's a little item, lifted from Arthur Caylon's column in the San Francisco News, which throws a little light on the question. On a question involving the Park Commission, was mentioned Mr. Herbert Fleishhacker, president of the commission, also big shot banker with high Wall St. Liberty League connections.

We quote Caylon's column:

"Now don't put your arms around me," countered Mr. Calhill (utilities manager for S. F., addressing Mr. Fleishhacker)—Pfui effect. Every time you do that to the mayor, it costs the city thought.

Well, Mayor Rossi, all this statement lacks is the details.

Gentle Grafting . . .

Attorney General U. S. Webb recently estimated that upward of half a million dollars a week goes into the coin chutes of slot machines, and pin-ball games, and that in San Francisco alone!

Slot machines are against the law. Is there any graft in this racket? Ask Police Chief Quinn. Ask Mayor Rossi. Ask District Attorney Matt Brady. Yes, and you might ask Mr. Herbert Fleishhacker, too.

If you live in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego etc., you know whom to ask.

Child Labor . . .

Only nine states remain to approve the child labor amendment in order to make it part of the U. S. Constitution.

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Leaders of labor and farmers' organizations in South Dakota have given, in advance, the reason for the South Dakota Legislature's action. They have charged, with proof to offer, that Hearst controls most of the legislators in South Dakota, where the Fascist publisher has huge mine holdings.

A Light on News of Struggle in China

Can you follow the news of China today and understand the latest move of Chiang Kai-Shek or of the Kuomintang itself? Or read between the lines of the latest fanciful report of the capitalist press on the Chinese Red Armies?

You can. Not even the best informed can be sure of what is behind the news that comes to us often by capitalist press reporters who do not know themselves and whose sources of information are as irregular and as uncertain as the shifting political scene in China itself.

"Heroic China"

Not even a full understanding of the background of the Chinese struggle can completely fill this void, but it can help greatly. A new pamphlet by P. Miff entitled "Heroic China" is probably the briefest and most thorough exposition of Chinese political and economic scene available.

WORKERS SLAP GOODYEAR CO'S HEALTH RATING

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By a Rubber Worker

LOS ANGELES—The American Medical Assn. presented Goodyear Co. with a certificate for having one of the best employee health services in industry.

If this is how Goodyear rates, we Goodyear workers would hate to see some of the other medical departments!

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Current Reading

YOUTH ARTICLES IN FEB. EDITION OF 'COMMUNIST'

The coming convention of the Young Communist League gets the major, but not the only, attention in the February issue of "The Communist," monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party.

Heading the list of youth articles is one by Gil Green, national secretary of the League, on "The Coming Convention of the YCL." Other articles, on the student movement and the economic situation of youth, are contributed by Celeste Strack and James C. Powers.

Many Californians will read with special attention the article by Morris Rapport, of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Earl Browder's Madison Square Garden speech on "Lenin and Spain" is printed in full. William Pieck, leader of the Communist International and of the Communist Party of Germany, writes "Hitler Against the World."

In "Review of the Month," Alex Bittleman deals with the CIO, the government's foreign policy and Trotzky in Mexico. Other contents are the recent manifesto of the Communist Party of Spain, and review of current books and pamphlets.

The February "Communist" is on sale at Workers' Bookshops.

A Few of the Recent Films

DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND: Exciting shots of sunken submarine, otherwise a picture of Richard Dix and Chester Morris, two of the marines who get mixed up with a dame called Dolores del Rio.

HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE: Talented, capable, eyeful Jessie Matthews singing and dancing good Gordon and Revel songs through a bad Gaumont British picture.

DEVIL IN THE SKY: Good solid 19th Century melodrame with a lunatic villain who kills for no reason. Mildly laughable and a bit boring when the same shot of a flaming plane keeps reappearing with a new label.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS: Charles Ruggles does what he usually does, a timid fellow in love and scoutmaster, who gets mixed up with gangsters, and is rescued by the pretty boy crooks.

WE'RE ON THE JURY: New comedy team of Helen Broderick-Victor Moore makes debut. If we were on the jury, we would convict the actors of petty lunacy, the script writers of plot vagrancy, and the producers of extorting our quarter on false pretenses.

Trotzky's Steady Fight on Lenin

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the younger workers and those unfamiliar with the history of the Russian Revolution by calling himself "old Bolshevik." True Leninist" and by parading as a co-leader and organizer, with Lenin, of the November revolution, was fighting Lenin and Leninism up to 1917. In 1917 in the Bolshevik Party, Trotzky was only when he saw the masses swing towards Bolshevism and he was afraid to remain without a following.

He himself, remained opposed to the fundamentals of Leninism in every major problem, in policies and tactics. As chairman of the Petrograd Soviet he did not participate in the work before the revolution—but only as one of the many functionaries carrying out the decisions of the Bolshevik Party and Lenin. The real leader —the great leading spirit of the Revolution was Lenin.

The leader in the crucial years of the civil war—1918-1921—was Lenin. The man who took active part in preparing the seizure of power by the workers, who brilliantly fought against opportunists inside the Party, like Kamenev and Zinoviev, who unhesitatingly, loyally, and devotedly carried out Lenin's instructions, and who won the decisive battles of the civil war by collaboration with Lenin—was Stalin, the man most hated by the Trotzkyites, but beloved by the masses of the USSR and all the oppressed of the world.

In 1920, Trotzky, then a member of the Bolshevik Party, renewed his attacks on the Bolshevik Party and Lenin. Even before 1917 he opposed Lenin and the Bolshevik Party at every crucial moment of the young Soviet government. After Lenin's death he began a more concerted fight which, if successful, would have broken the Bolshevik Party and wrecked the only bulwark of Socialism, the proletarian state. He was soon joined by Zinoviev, Kamenev, and a few others—birds of a feather. Their main idea was that Socialism could not be built in the Soviet Union as the one country surrounded by capitalist countries. That led them to fighting against the building of Socialism, to putting all possible obstacles in the way of Socialism. It was considered impossible by them to become the leader of counter-revolutionary terrorists plots which aim at restoring capitalism in Russia. By all his activities he stimulated war against the Bolshevik Party, the Communist International, and the Soviet Union. He practically formed a united front with the Fascists to fight the Soviet Union.

The attempts of the counter-revolution are doomed to failure. The irresistible and final victory of Socialism in the Soviet Union is a beacon light to the toiling masses of the world. Tens of millions all over the globe are looking to the Soviet Union as pointing the way to security, prosperity, freedom. On this anniversary of the death of Lenin, millions upon millions pledge their support to the Soviet Union, to defend it against the enemies, and to fight in every country for the establishment of the Soviet system according to the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, to establish Socialism.

The fight against Fascism and its agencies everywhere, the fight for the support of true democracy in every country, the support of the Spanish people against the fascist hordes, the building of the People's Front against war and fascism—this is what the legacy of Lenin demands of every toiler.

10,000 Parade In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela — Ten thousand persons marched in the funeral cortege of Eutimio Rivas, killed in a clash between striking university students and police. Jovito Villalba, student leader sought by police for two weeks, addressed the crowd in the cemetery and escaped before detectives could arrest him.

Workers' School Opens March 1

Trends Increase Educational Task

NGELES—"Never before has it been so necessary to fundamentals of political education as at present," said en, secretary of the Los Angeles Workers' School, in the Spring Session which will begin the school's

ng session will start nd end May 7, and nducted at the Cul- 23 Spring St. It ers' School that this manded a 95 per cent s business of the ment investigation ent of the Dies Com- ecently exposed and ates the nation had ever seen. This neither dismayed the Brandywine powder barons who established a sneering at Government investigations, and emerged real stronger than ever. In fact, they turned the to their own benefit and gained a permanent monopolitary powder trade of the nation.

beginning of the World War, they were multi-millionaires, ed of America, like a thickly woven net. "At the conwith powerful associates in other lands. war, their wealth and power had swollen to pro- defy all precedents. To the United States and the ses they sold 1,466,761,310 pounds of explosives, ds of special ammunition for airplanes, 50,000,000 ,000 black powder pellets, in addition to numerous als and war supplies. Their gross income reached e rs and, after paying fabulous profits, dividends and ties, they emerged with $90,000,000 surplus funds in ty.

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s loose change they soon secured a controlling interGeneral Motors and expanded their interests right and many branches of industry that an account of the ould require many pages.

Their chemical empire alone includes monopolies s, rayon, cellophane, artificial leather, special paints, varnishes, pyralin, synthetic ammonia, camphor, shatss, photographic film, refrigerants, and literally thousands of products essential to the lives of every person. three most profitable corporations in America, du Pont American Telephone and Telegraph is first, General and du Pont is third. Only one, General Motors, is second, American civilization was blasting its way across and millions of pounds of explosives were sold for purposes—for the blasting of mines, foundations, uarries. In Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, ions were industriously exploited, each other in the ns, and wherever guns blazed, the du Ponts prospe time the profits of the Spanish American War had the shrewd family on the Brandywine reckoned millions. And at this point the business passed from the older generation to the younger, and came into the new and more spectacular generation.

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ER ELSE can be said of the early du Ponts, they nest and industrious craftsmen. They labored side by side with their employees, and were not inclined to bits with them in accidental explosions. They tion, not by strategy or financial wizardry, but by ducing a superior powder. With the advent of the on of du Ponts, this intimacy with the men in the e lost. The little powder plant on the Brandywine in—our last meeting, for example, was reflected clean through the nation. Coming from the positions of its cording secretary, there is no other one to take his place. This fear is not groundless. Some girls in the office could serve in his place until we got a secretary.

Asks Column to Resign

Brother Colman should resign if only to give our union the opportunity to show the world that as long as he remains in his present position, he only tends to divide our union into two factions, as it was proved at our last meeting, and when such conditions exist in any union, that union is in grave danger.

If Brother Colman is a unionist, now is the time he can prove it!

Current Reading

YOUTH ARTICLES IN FEB. EDITION OF 'COMMUNIST'

The coming convention of the Young Communist League gets the major, but not the only, attention in the February issue of "The Communist," monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party.

Heading the list of youth articles is one by Gil Green, national secretary of the League, on "The Coming Convention of the YCL." Other articles, on the student movement and the economic situation of youth, are contributed by Celeste Strack and James C. Powers.

Many Californians will read with special attention the article by Morris Rapport, of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Earl Browder's Madison Square Garden speech on "Lenin and Spain" is printed in full. William Pieck, leader of the Communist International and of the Communist Party of Germany, writes "Hitler Against the World."

In "Review of the Month," Alex Bittleman deals with the CIO, the government's foreign policy and Trotzky in Mexico. Other contents are the recent manifesto of the Communist Party of Spain, and review of current books and pamphlets.

The February "Communist" is on sale at Workers' Bookshops.

A Few of the Recent Films

DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND: Exciting shots of sunken submarine, otherwise a picture of Richard Dix and Chester Morris, two of the marines who get mixed up with a dame called Dolores del Rio.

HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE: Talented, capable, e

Full Steam Ahead To Organize All Auto Plants, Says Fos

SIGN OF NEW ERA IN RANKS OF U. S. LABOR

Press Plays Down Importance of Gen. Motors Victory

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
(Chairman, Communist Party, U. S. A.)

In the fight to organize the army of workers in the mass production industries, the CIO has won the first round. The settlement of the auto strikers undoubtedly institutes a substantial victory for the workers. Despite its youth and weakness, the union has made a break in the fortifications of the open shops and thus reopened a basis of the struggles that are yet to come before the auto industry is fully organized.

Bosses Show Confusion

The aim of the bosses and their newspapers in playing down the importance of this strike victory is clear; they want to sow confusion among the workers and thus prevent the unions' growth.

It is not surprising that William Green of the AFL executive council is following the same line. During the strike his role was that of breaking the strike and now he goes along the same road by trying to rob the Auto Workers' Union, the CIO, and especially John L. Lewis, of the victory.

The auto strike is fated to play a very important part in American labor history. It is the sign of the new era that is dawning in the trade union movement in this country. It is the beginning of the end of the horse-and-buggy form of craft unions so dear to the hearts of Mr. Green and the employers.

The cue for the Auto Workers' Union is to consolidate its victory by organizing the masses of workers in the auto industry and also by stimulating the organizing campaign in steel. Full steam ahead to the unionization of the great auto plants.

Evidence Ignored, M. Calahan Framed

LOS ANGELES.—Twelve women—smug, safe and secure from the horrors of poverty and hunger—on Monday, February 15, found Myrtle Calahan guilty of "disturbance of the peace" because she and 17 other women conducted a "sit-down" strike at WPA headquarters last December 6 in protest against 2,000 mothers of minor children being condemned to starvation budget diets.

Totally ignoring the glaring lies and contradictions in the State's evidence, the jury returned after a brief hour and a half of so-called "deliberation" to deliver its verdict in Municipal Judge Arthur Guerin's court.

Evidence For Defense

With International Labor Defense attorney Grover Johnson defending her, Mrs. Calahan had present an overwhelming mass of evidence, which, with any intelligent, impartial jury, would have completely exonerated her of the ridiculous charge placed against her.

In his closing argument, Johnson conclusively demonstrated the absolute lack of any proof that Mrs. Calahan, or any other of the women had disturbed the peace. He clearly traced the numerous contradictions, the obvious lies, the callous framing in all of the State's testimony.

Because lavatories were locked, because she had been in the building for close to twenty hours, because there was a wet spot in the corner, Mrs. Calahan arbitrarily picked out of 18 women, was accused of making a public nuisance of herself.

35 Feet Away

But the chief witness against her, a guard stooge at the WPA offices, was thirty-five feet away from her at the time he says she committed the act, a crowd of women was between him and the corner, the corner itself was partially obscured by darkness.

Yet, despite the bitter condemnation of Johnson, this flimsy evidence that Deputy Prosecutor McFarland had to offer, went into the records, followed the jury out of the court room, stayed with it while it "deliberated," returned triumphantly with a verdict of "guilty."

Three weeks ago, Mrs. Charlotte Boynton and Mrs. Calahan were tried together for the same charge. Mrs. Boynton, on the same evidence, was found not guilty, while the jury disagreed 6-6 on Mrs. Calahan.

Their Unions Make New Strides

AT LEFT, Sidney Hillman, president of Amalgamated Clothing Workers, whose union has just gained wage increases for 135,000 members. At right, John Green, president Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, whose union has won demand for elections in Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., and Sun Shipbuilding, Chester, Pa. Both unions are CIO affiliates.

THEY SCORN TO AID STRIKERS

E. Bay Reactionaries Hit Picket Line

OAKLAND. — Arch-reaction and gag-rule stalked the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Monday, Feb. 15. Pres. Fee and Sec'y Spooner, Risley, Carpenters' Union, and Sweeney, Electricians', Morris, Musicians' Union, and Patterson, Building Trades Council, Manning, Upholsterers' and Silverthorn, versus progress—was the order of the evening.

Deny Aid to Strikers

At least two resolutions from hard-driven strikers asking that their anti-labor employers be placed on the unfair list were side-tracked and filed. Indignant delegates fought against this class - collaboration, vainly attempting to release themselves from the reactionary grip as if from an ugly nightmare.

Only because of an inspired plea by a delegate was Heinz, bitter anti-labor foe, placed on the "We don't patronize list."

The flagrant usurpation of local autonomy—the denial of the right for locals to take shop action—brought an indignant, pertinent question from a delegate: "Whom does the leadership of the Council represent, the employers, or Labor?"

By condoning the violation of Ry-Lock and other picket lines, Fee and Spooner irrevocably proved themselves aligned with the anti-labor forces who renounce the first commandment of labor: Thou shalt not cross a picket line.

Ry-Lock workers, locked out by their employers for the past three weeks, have not the right to establish a picket-line without first conforming with the riga-ma-role of Council red-tape! So ruled reaction.

Durkee Strikers Spurn Arbitration

BERKELEY.—The 200 employees of the strikebound Durkee Famous Food Corp. plant here have rejected a plan drawn up jointly by Alameda County Labor Council Secretary Spooner and John W. Parker, plant manager, under which the strikers were to return pending arbitration.

Members of the Federal Labor Union and of the Warehousemen, the strikers seek union recognition and a 20% wage increase.

Biased Verdict In On Two L. A. Unionists

LOS ANGELES — Putting through another well-aimed blow at organized labor, Judge James H. Pope, Municipal Courts, Wednesday, February 10, gave Mrs. Mildred McPherson and Mrs. Mary May suspended sentences of $25 or five days in jail for picketing the home of two scab garment workers at 1353 West Adams.

Charged with "disturbance of the peace," the two workers were picketing the house and allegedly calling the scabs by their true name: "scabs."

$1,000,000 FOR SPIES

WASHINGTON—The LaFollette Committee learned that General Motors had paid almost $1,000,000 for spies to at least 13 industrial espionage agencies, between Jan. 1934 and July 1936.

Lompoc Filipino Labor Union OK's AFL Affiliation

LOMPOC. — At a Lompoc Branch (Filipino Labor Union) regular meeting headed by C. Imperio and at a Pismo Beach Branch meeting the respective local branches went on record indorsing affiliation to the American Federation of Labor.

The great enthusiasm of the workers in affiliating their unions with the AFL was demonstrated in the great increase of membership within the two branches in which more than fifty new members filed their membership applications in the two branches, during their meetings.

G. Bueno succeeded Mr. S. N. Masa as the local President of the Pismo Beach Branch in the annual election held at the Legionairios Hall.

Old Widow Evicted To Starve in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—With the miserable prospect now of trying to get along on the starvation budget provided by the County Relief, Mrs. Mary Putnam, 58-year-old widow, evicted Tuesday night, February 9, from her home at 419 East 110th Street, is trying to find a habitable place to live on the pittance given her by the county.

"It's true that I have seven grown children," Mrs. Putnam explained to relief officials, "but only three have jobs and all have large families of their own."

Kind-hearted relief officials gave her a few dollars to pay for rent, utilities, milk and food.

Thugs Beat Alaska Union Official

SAN FRANCISCO—Six thugs waylaid Paul Lyons, vice-president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, on Sunday night, February 14, at the corner of Powell and Broadway Sts., and severely beat him.

Lyons was on his way home from a meeting of the union executive committee when the six gangsters surrounded him, one saying: "That's the guy who writes those articles about the Alaska Canners for the Western Worker."

Another thug said: "We're from Alaska, too."

Lyons said he remembered being hit once with brass knuckles before losing consciousness. He said the thugs may be in the employ of the Alaska scabherders, or possibly part of the Holman gang.

(Several members of the A. C. W. U. write for the Western Worker; Lyons is not one of them.—Ed.)

U. S. Oil Will Be Exhausted by Greed, Sec'y Ickes Warns

WASHINGTON. — The United States will exhaust its oil resources before the rest of the world and greed in overproduction is the reason, predicts Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

California is one of the states being rapidly drained of oil by greedy and wasteful corporations.

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FR. COUGHLIN EXPOSES SELF AS UNION FOE

Current Issue of His Sheet Frank In Its Hatred

Any worker who happened ever to have been misled by the labor-hating, fascist Father Coughlin, can now know definitely where the head of the "Union of Social Justice stands."

The current issue of "Social Justice" contains a bitter attack on the striking General Motors workers, which states in part:

"Inasmuch as the constitutional law of the State of Michigan prohibits the confiscation of private property, and thereby regards the sit-downers as trespassers, Social Justice stands by the Constitution in its substance," the editorial state.

"It would be easy to suggest that the strikers evacuate the factories. It would be simply to demand that Governor Murphy use his Gubernatorial powers to bring about this evacuation, or else lay himself open to the serious charge of malfeasance in office, thereby inviting impeachment."

Coughlin says that his publication "does not agree that the the CIO should be the sole bargaining agency of all labor. There is only one sole bargaining agency in this nation, which happens to be the Federal Government."

Oil Workers Find Senator Stalling

(The Western Worker last week reported an incident which gave Contra Costa County, organized labor an example of why a Labor Party is needed. Here are a few details on the incident, in which Oil Workers Local 5 figures.)

MARTINEZ.—Oil Workers Local 5 wrote T. H. Delap, state senator from Contra Costa, and asked him to do what he could to promote the bill calling for an increase of thirty-five inspectors to aid in carrying out the existing regulations already laid down by law.

Many Injuries, Deaths

The union pointed out that the number of injuries and deaths due to the neglect of employers to obey the law is being increased at an alarming rate. The senator replied in effect that he was aware of the need for an increase in the number of inspectors, but feared the resulting increase in taxes would hinder its passage.

In the second letter from the union to the senator the secretary wrote the following, "We realize taxes have increased but there has also been an increase in accidents — preventing accidents. If there were enough inspectors to enforce the laws of the industrial accident commission, this loss of life, partial or total disability with resulting loss of time and suffering could be eliminated to a greater degree. To gain this end we feel that any slight increase in taxes would be justified."

Reply to this second letter Delap wrote in part, "It is apparent that I did not make myself clear in my last letter . . . please understand I am in thorough accord with the views of the members of your organization in regard to the proper administration of the industrial accident laws, and I believe additional inspectors are undoubtedly needed for proper enforcement of such laws. It will, however, be necessary to pay them and I believe that all items of additional expense in state government should await the determination by the legislature of the tax set-up for the coming two years.

Just Stalling

"I repeat that I will give honest and unbiased consideration to this legislation when it comes before me and if the financial set-up permits I shall support this legislation to my utmost."

(Which was stalling on the part of the Senator, because he doesn't stand for organized labor's interests.)

S. F. Warehousemen Win New Pacts

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Warehousemen's Union, ILA local 38-44, won agreements this week with the Schilling and Dwight-Edwards Coffee companies, for 75 cents to $1.05 an hour. Tentative agreements granting wage increases have been reached with the United Drug Co. and the Grosjean Rice Mill.

Chiseling Gets Blow In Tulare Lumber Co. Case

CUTLER, Cal.—The state law requiring two pay days a month has been held constitutional and will be rigidly enforced, Edward L. Nolan, State Labor Commissioner said, in respect to a case of Chiseling here.

The test case was that of Ed Moffett, lumber company manager of Cutler, Tulare County, who made agreements with his employees whereby they were to receive a set wage, but which was to be paid only at such times as lumber shipments were sold.

Law is Valid

Convicted and sentenced to serve four months in the Tulare County jail, he sought release by habeas corpus action, contending the wage law was an infringement on the rights of two persons to make a contract. The Fourth District Court of Appeal held the law constitutional.

"It is surprising how many employers are unaware of this state provision," said Nolan.

Screen Guild Push For Recognition

LOS ANGELES.—In a determined move for union recognition, the Screen Actors' Guild is forming proposals to be presented at a conference next month in New York where representatives from the unions and the studios will be present.

Kenneth Thomson, secretary of the Guild and vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, has been appointed delegate from the Guild to the conference.

Chief point that Thomson will pursue will be the gaining of producer recognition for which the Guild has been fighting for over a year.

Though present at the last year's conference, the Guild failed to obtain recognition. Since then, it has been steadily increasing its membership and strengthening its ties through labor's ranks.

In the past five months, the Guild has increased its ranks by 400 new members.

Strong supporter of the Guild in its drive for union recognition is Frank Gillmore, president of Actors' Equity.

Food Costs Rose 10% In Past Year

WASHINGTON. — Food costs have increased 10% in the past year, and supplies of the three principal foods, meat, bread and potatoes, are the lowest in years, reports the Dept. of Agriculture.

Drouth, dust storms and other disasters, coupled with speculation, have brought about this result.

Milk Price Jacked Up In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO. — Consumers got it in the neck again, when announcement was made this week that the price of milk will be raised 1 cent a quart in Sacramento beginning Saturday, Feb. 20. Store price will be 11 cents and home delivery 12 cents a quart.

A DEEP-DYED "PLOT" FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

Open Shopper's Talk Arouses Laughter Back East

PHILADELPHIA.—Full many a laugh has been aroused out here by the speech of Edgar S. Perry, representative of the Employers and Manufacturers Association of California, who said here that the object of Pacific Coast strikers was "to try to Sovietize the United States through the Maritime Federation."

"They first endeavored to control the truck situation and through that control the food industries," he told delegates to the 15th annual conference of the American Management Association.

"The group in control has a private radio station in San Francisco and an espionage system second to none."

All this fantastic hash struck labor here as being the ravings of a fanatically open-shop mind, which sees behind every attempt of the unions to better conditions "an international Bolshevik plot."

ILA On S. Diego Relations Comm.

SAN DIEGO—To deal with rules and regulations adapted to working conditions in San Diego harbor, a labor relations board composed of three International Longshoremen's Association members and three local shipowners' representatives functioning here now.

The ILA delegates are Chris Baus, Frank Vinole and Otto Paulson. Representing the operators are Ray Wheeler, agent for McCormick Steamship Co., Bert Carpenter, stevedore contractor, and S. C. Charles, agent for Norton Lily & Co.

House Committee In Rush to Pass Faulty Farm Tenancy Bill

WASHINGTON. — The House agriculture committee is rushing preparation of a farm tenancy bill, to bring it up for debate before President Roosevelt's farm tenancy commission committee can make its recommendations.

Rep. Marvin Jones (Dem.), who represents large Texas plantation owners whose interests are not those of tenants, is author of the $500,000,000 loan bill. Reason the House committee wants to rush the bill is because Roosevelt's committee considers such loans "merely scratch the surface and would not solve the farm tenancy problem."

DEMAND TEXTILE WAGE RISE

WASHINGTON—The United Textile Workers' Union has put forward demands for a 10 per cent wage increase in the entire industry, and reduction of the killing work load.

Why Miners Will Tie Tin Can To William Green

WASHINGTON—Machinery to expel Wm. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, from his own union? the United Mine Workers of America, was set in operation here as the policy board of the UMW instructed the international officers to "take such steps as are necessary to have William Green expelled from membership in the United Mine Workers."

In its resolution the policy committee of the UWM, meeting here to formulate wage and hour demands to be presented to coal operators in New York on February 17, declared that the tactics and statements of President Green and John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department, regarding the recent automobile strike "amount to treason and a betrayal of labor, its principles and its ideals."

The resolution further declared that "these statements from the president of the AFL certainly indicate that he has lost all of the principles and ideals of labor, that he is a man devoid of principle, destitute of honor and is certainly an enemy of real progressive representative trade unionism in this country."

It was resolved that "we condemn the president of the AFL, Wm. Green, and his academic friend, Colonel John P. Frey, for their gratuitous, insulting, anti-union, strike-breaking statements and we call upon the AFL to repudiate these individuals in their unwarranted, traitorous actions and we brand and stamp them as men not fit to represent labor in any capacity in this country."

According to the practice of the United Mine Workers, formal charges will be filed against Green in his local union 379 in Coshocton, Ohio and a trial will be held. Decisions of the local union can be appealed to the international executive board of the union.

In November, 1936, the international executive board of the United Mine Workers found Green guilty of "conspiring with the enemies of the union" and ordered him to "cease and desist" order.

Mine Unionists In $500 Gift to Spain

LOGAN, W. Va.—Logan County miners sent a message of solidarity to the miners of Spain, and with it more than $500 raised at a meeting and dance.

The affair was arranged by a committee representing the International Workers' Order, the Hungarian Workers' Home, and Spanish-speaking residents of the county. The Hungarian Workers Home donated the use of the dance hall.

Speakers addressed the gathering in Spanish, Russian, Hungarian and English. A collection of $100 was taken up, which, with the $400 profits from the affair, were sent to the United Spanish People's Committee of New York.

The miners, here from many camps in this region, cheered the Spanish miners, especially the Asturian miners, whenever speakers mentioned them. They also pledged themselves to raise more funds and to collect clothing for the Spanish workers.

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Labor's Le... Legislation

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FUR WORKERS JOINT BOARD REPUDIATES ANTI-CIO DELEGATES

A very interesting letter has come from the Furriers' Joint Council of New York which throws a new light upon the action of the delegates from the International Fur Workers' Union at the Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor. Along with the letter came a lengthy communication sent by the Furriers' Joint Council to the general executive board of the International Fur Workers' Union setting forth the facts in the case.

Delegates from the International Fur Workers' Union voted at the Tampa convention for the resolution to suspend the Committee for Industrial Organization unions from the American Federation of Labor. The letter to the Journal from the Furriers' Joint Council of New York says in part:

"You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that the fur delegates to the fifty-sixth convention of the American Federation of Labor voted for the resolution upholding the suspension of the Committee for Industrial Organization international unions. The action of these delegates was a complete surprise to our joint council and to the members thereof, who constitute the majority of the membership of the International Fur Workers' Union of the United States and Canada. You will see from the enclosed letter that their action at the American Federation of Labor convention did not express the desires of the members. We are absolutely in a position to assure you that in stating this we not only speak for the members of the Furriers' Joint Council of New York, but also for the overwhelming majority of the members of the entire international union."

The letter from the Furriers' Joint Council of New York to the International Fur Workers' Union was as follows:

"The Furriers' Joint Council of New York at its meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 1936, heard a report of the fifty-sixth convention of the American Federation of Labor given to the council by our secretary-treasurer, Harry Begoon, one of the delegates from our international to that convention. Our joint council discussed the report at great length, and directed me to convey to the general executive board of our international the following decision, unanimously adopted by the council.

"The council considers the vote of the furriers' delegates to the fifty-sixth convention of the American Federation of Labor, in favor of the resolution upholding the suspension of the Committee for Industrial Organization international unions as a very grave error because it is detrimental to the vital interests of organized labor and of the millions of unorganized workers in the United States. The council is convinced that the vote of the furriers' delegates on the matter of suspension did not express the sentiments and wishes of the members of the International Fur Workers' Union of the United States and Canada.

"Our joint council is imbued with the ardent desire for a united, powerful American Federation of Labor and is convinced that in order to achieve this end, the suspension of the Committee for Industrial Organization international unions should be lifted and unity established in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor on the basis of the recognition of the vital necessity to organize the millions of unorganized workers in the United States, particularly in the basic industries, along the lines of industrial unionism as proposed by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

"The joint council regrets to state that, in its opinion, the deplorable decision of the fifty-sixth convention of the American Federation of Labor to uphold the suspension of the Committee for Industrial Organization international unions and the vote of the furriers' delegates for that resolu... tute a hindrance to ... ment of unity and ... a blow to the efforts ... mittee for Industria... tion to assist the Am... eration of Labor in ... great and historic ... the hopes of the mas... earners to organize ... of unorganized work...

"The members of ... greeted with satis... vote of the furriers' ... the fifty-fifth conve... American Federation ... favor of the Commi... dustrial Organizatio... At this time, howe... only deep disappoi... the voting of our ... the grave question ... of over a million w... the American Feder... bor. We therefore ... in asking the gener... board of our interna... sure the members ... of its opposition to ... sion or expulsion of ... tee for Industrial ... international unions ... unqualified support ... to achieve unity in ... can Federation of L... basis of which it ... the mighty, organize... only of those alread... but also of the many ... unorganized worke... country."