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A SHARPSHOOTER of the Loyalist army defending Madrid, sheltered by a demolished tank lying on a slope in a park on the outskirts of the Spanish capital. The capital's outlying West Park has since been cleared of Franco's Fascists.

AN OPEN LETTER TO UNIONISTS IN S. FRANCISCO

From the Communist Party On Anti-Picket Repeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are addressing this Open Letter to you because we are genuinely alarmed about the progress of the campaign to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance.

We feel that while the Chamber of Commerce and its Civic Welfare League are using their tremendous resources to distort the real issue and misrepresent the facts in a mass campaign to lure the people into retention of this ordinance, the organized labor movement is not doing all **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)**

Enjoin Fink Book Until March 8th

Seamen without Copeland books can sail without hindrance until at least March 8 in San Francisco.

Following a conference Wednesday with seamen's union leaders, shipowners and U.S. shipping authorities, Federal Judge Roche granted continuation of a temporary injunction until the above mentioned date. The temporary injunction forbids the U.S. shipping commissioner from blocking sailing of seamen without the fink book.

Roche will decide on a permanent injunction March 8.

Pacific Coast seamen in New York have also obtained a temporary injunction against the U.S. Shipping Commissioner. Several ships had been held up in the East due to refusal to accept the books.

Prominent Persons Oppose Embargo on Shipments to Spain

WASHINGTON—Opposition of over 50 prominent persons to legislation embargoing the shipment of goods to countries in which there is a civil war was recorded with the House foreign affairs committee which is considering neutrality legislation.

In a letter to the committee these persons declared that such legislation forbids the aiding of a democracy in a struggle against fascism. James Waterman Wise, American League Against War and Fascism, and Roy Burt, Socialist Party, appeared in person to oppose inclusion of civil wars in neutrality legislation.

WHITEWASH TO CO. IN PLUMAS COPPER BLAST

Anaconda Mining Co. To Go Scot-Free In Death of Six

SPRING GARDEN, Plumas County.—The International Smelting Co., subsidiary of the immensely wealthy Anaconda Copper Co., seems headed for a complete coat of whitewash in the Walker mine blast which killed six copper miners last Friday night.

Suddenly Forgotten

Forgotten are first press stories which spoke of defective switch equipment, from which the powder and ore train crash resulted. Instead, Fred Lowell, Inspector of Mines for the State Industrial Accident Commission, and Inspector Ash and Emory Smith of the U.S. Bureau of Mines intimated on leaving the Walker Mine Wednesday that they had found "no evidence" of negligence on the part of the mine company.

Mine company officials try to make it appear that "an electrical spark of some kind" caused the blast.

CHAMBER IS FOR LOW FARM WAGE

AFL Confab Next Saturday to Take Up State Council

The important problems facing the State Federation of Labor's conference on agriculture, to be held in San Francisco Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28, have again been brought to the fore in a statement issued on agriculture by the State Chamber of Commerce a few days ago.

Purporting to favor better housing conditions for agricultural workers, the open shop Chamber stated it advocates that "farm laborers be paid a MAXIMUM wage consistent with the farmer's ability to pay, as determined by an impartial agency, such as the College of Agriculture."

Chamber for Low Wages

The Chamber has thus again come out in favor of the horribly low wages now paid in agriculture, or even lower wages.

Both AFL and independent agricultural unions have been invited to the conference this coming weekend. Main point will be establishment of one state-wide organization of agricultural unions.

Labor Party Step By Sacto. Labor

SACRAMENTO.—The Federated Trades Council will sponsor a Conference for Progressive Political Action, to be held before May 30, and will elect a committee of five to promote this conference next Tuesday night, under an amended resolution adopted last Tuesday night.

The original resolution called for indorsement of a Labor Party and was introduced by delegates Bingman, ILA; McFadden, Moulders; Milne and Dudley, Switchmen; and Mefford, Carpenters.

Warren, Bakers Union, opposed a Labor Party, and Secretary J. L. Marsh amended the original motion to read that the council go on record for progressive political action. The amendment carried unanimously.

FACING UNITY

A NEW JAPANESE regiment enters China. Decision of Kuomintang congress in China, just ended, was to cease war against Chinese Red Army and to unite with Communist Party to resist Japanese aggressions.

STANDARD OIL AGENT ADMITS SCRUDDER PAY

Affirms Labor's Contention, In Modesto Frame-up

SAN FRANCISCO.—James P. Arnold, chief special agent for Standard Oil who says he reports only to its board of directors, directly confirmed labor's contention that James T. Scrudder was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company during the Modesto frameup.

His testimony Thursday before the Assembly Investigating Committee, flatly contradicted the previous denials of Police Captain George Healey and Policeman Harry Majors.

"Did you pay the (San Francisco) police department the money that went to Scrudder?" he was asked by Assemblyman Kent Redwine.

"Yes," was the answer.

He said he paid the money to Majors on an arrangement made with Healey.

Earlier under questioning by **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)**

Pay Boost for Cal. Cannery Workers

Almost immediately after announcement of an organization drive in Santa Clara County canneries, the California processors and Growers, Inc. announced on Thursday that 150,000 California cannery workers will receive 20 to 25% wage increases.

Canners evidently feared the Santa Clara drive would spread through the entire state, as it undoubtedly will. They thought the wage increase would stop the drive, as it will not.

The 1937 scale will increase men's base rates from 40 to 50 cents an hour, it is announced, and women's base rates from 33½ to 40 cents an hour.

Go To Town With "Western" Staff Saturday Night!

"The Western Worker Goes to Town" this Saturday night, February 27, at the Theater Union headquarters, 2229½ Geary Ct., from 8 p. m. until some time Sunday morning!

This is your final notice by the "Western" staff about its colossal, tremendous, gargantuan, terrific party—if you're not there Saturday night, it's your fault and your loss.

WE PROMISE: The hottest floor show in town! Food and real refreshments! Dancing till your soles wear out! No admission charge, but come "well-heeled!"

Northrup Joins Douglas Strike

UNION WATCHES LEST MEN GET BRIDGE BLAME

Laborers Crowd Hall of Bridge District Officers in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Intending to make sure that workmen are not made the goat for the blame in the Golden Gate Bridge crash which killed 10 men last week, over 100 members of Construction and General Laborers Union Local 261 crowded the corriders outside the offices of Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, Wednesday, when a report on the accident was expected.

Instead, Chief Engineer Joseph B. Strauss announced the report will not be made public until some time next week.

Business agents Jack Leonard and Larry Roche headed the Laborers Union delegation. The men were clad in their working clothes.

"We're here to see the laborers get a fair hearing," Leonard said. "We've heard rumors that someone is trying to fix the blame for this accident on the laborers on that scaffold. We're not going to have our brothers, whose bodies are at the bottom of the Bay, blamed for this thing."

LEWIS PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT

Douglas Co. Flops On "Government" Stunt

LOS ANGELES — Militantly declaring their determination to win their demands, the sit-down strikers went into the third day of their strike at the huge Douglas Aircraft plant here February 25.

In a driving rain scores of workers and sympathizers paraded the street in front of the plant, shouting encouragement and keeping company with a picket line that stretched the full length of the Company's property.

Lewis Wires Support

Local CIO headquarters received a telegram from John L. Lewis, CIO head, promising full support from national organization. Reports from reliable sources state that it is highly probably Lewis will visit here pending termination of negotiations now before him.

Notices for the purpose of intimidation were issued to the sit-downers by Douglas officials **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)**

Aircraft Strike Side-Lights

LOS ANGELES—Sneaky-faced Fred Bogler, boss-loving supervisor in the machine shop at the struck Douglas plant here, drew the scorn of his fellow workers when he played the rat-like role of misrepresenting and distorting the strike issues by telling filthy lies to press representatives.

"We loyal employees have chosen the Douglas Employees Association as our collective bargaining agency. Mr. Douglas has always been fair to us and we believe he will continue to be. The strikers represent only a minority group of radicals," he whined.

There never would have been a strike if outside agitators had not stirred up the men. A number of loyal employees wanted **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)**

Extend Western Drive

Dear Comrades and Friends of the WESTERN WORKER:

Our present campaign to raise $12,000 to insure publication of our Western Worker and the Daily Worker is showing alarmingly slow progress.

Up to date, only $6100.00, or 50.9 per cent of the quota has been raised by our comrades and friends of the Communist Party. The situation is critical and if the full quota is not realized, the continued publication of the WESTERN WORKER is in danger.

We know that it is precisely during critical situations, such as this, when lack of funds threaten the very existence of the WESTERN WORKER, that our comrades and friends of our Party show their greatest initative and produce best results.

Therefore, in order to reach our goal of $12,000, it has been decided by the California State Committee, Communist Party, to extend the time limit of our present Western Worker Financial Drive for four weeks to April 1, 1937.

Intense Mobilization!

The remaining thirty days must see definite improvement in our work. To accomplish this it will be necessary to mobilize our forces in every unit, branch, section and county. The Party organizations that have already fulfilled their quotas should adopt new goals, continue their fine work and serve as an example to others. Those that are lagging behind, particularly San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, and San Diego, will be **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)**

Western Worker Banned in Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Western Worker, official organ of the Communist Party of California, has been banned from Canada by the Mackenzie King Government.

Efforts to learn the reason for this ban have been unsuccessful. Customs House officials, when asked the reason for this action of the government, were either evasive or declared they did not know.

It is generally believed here that the cause of the banning of this Communist newspaper, a semi-weekly, was its role during the recent waterfront strike and in previous maritime strikes. Its militant policy of unity of all maritime workers, its championing of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and the effect of this on the Canadian maritime workers of the west coast of Canada, have all greatly displeased the King government.

The Western Worker is the latest addition to the King "index expurgatorium" which has already rolled up a large list of banned publications.

First Injunction Against Cal. Sit-Down in LA Bakery

LOS ANGELES—California saw its first injunction aimed at a sit-down strike, when Superior Judge Wilson ordered 10 bakers to evacuate the shop of William Plecity.

Even picketing outside the bakery was forbidden in the injunction.

Sitdowners Leave Plant, Strike Solid

Army of Police Plan Tear Gas Attack; 385 Strikers Arrested; CIO, Lewis, Pledge Fullest Support to Aircraft Men

SANTA MONICA—In the face of an army of police who planned a tear gas attack, the 600 Douglas Aircraft sit-down strikers left the plant on Thursday. But they made it plain that the strike is as solid as on the day the men sat down—last Tuesday.

The Douglas strikers have been joined by the men in the Northrup Aircraft plant, Inglewood, where over 100 sit-downers remained inside.

About 385 of the strikers were arrested on "John Doe" warrants charging "forcible entry and detainer."

The strikers left the plant in the same way they have

PRODUCTION TIED UP. Some of the war planes in Douglas Aircraft, completion of which is tied up by sit-down strike.

conducted the strike from the start—by democratic vote and in a disciplined manner. Homer Martin, United Auto Workers' president, has flown here.

A statement read by James Carter, CIO attorney, said that:

"The sit-down strikers in the Douglas plant were ready to defend the plant at all costs, and agreed to admit the Sheriff's army to peacefully enter the plant only when Dr. Nylander, representing the Government's Regional Labor Board, informed us that the cases against the Douglas officials for violating the Wagner labor law in discharging union men and refusing to recognize the union, or conduct an election under the auspices of the Government, would be held immediately, not later than March 5.

"The sit-downers in the shop voted unanimously and enthusiastically to continue to strike, and we know that we will have the wholehearted support of all the union workers of the Douglas, who are here outside and supported us. We depend upon the support of all decent public opinion, for the strike will continue.

"A picket line will be organized at all the company gates. The strike will go on until we force Douglas to abide by the law in recognizing our union and granting our just demands."

Close to 200 sit-downers remained in the Kelly-Wells machine plant, and 50 in the Rocky Mountain Steel Products. Both supply material to the aircraft plants.

A thousand new union members were recruited Tuesday, hundreds more Wednesday and Thursday.

Striking originally in protest against the dismissal of three old-time workers for their union activities, the union has now presented demands which include a straight 15 cent raise per hour, union recognition, seniority rights, and full reinstatement of the fired men with back pay.

Present in their squad cars were Santa Monica and Los Angeles police. Closed conferences have been going on between company lawyers, Police Chief Dice of Santa Monica, Captain of the Los Angeles "Red squad," and District Attorney Buron Fitts.

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EXPRESS GRIEF AT DEATH OF ORDJONIKIDSE

American Communist Party Sends Wire To Soviet Union

NEW YORK—Expressing the grief of American Communists and all class-conscious workers over the death of Gregory K. Ordjonikidse, William Z. Foster and Earl Browder in the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. sent the following cablegram to Joseph Stalin, secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union:

"The Communist Party of the United States and all class-conscious American workers are sorrow-stricken by the news of the death of Sergo Orjonikidse, the great proletarian revolutionary and irreconcilable fighter for the Party of Bolshevism, the organizer of the victories over the counter-revolutions and of the triumph of socialist construction.

"His death is a blow to all progressive mankind. We join you and our Soviet comrades in bereavement over our beloved comrade. We pledge to fight with the last ounce of our strength for peace, democracy, socialism and the defense of the Soviet Union, and to carry forward the struggle for the final liberation of toiling humanity for which Comrade Orjonikidse devoted his entire life.

"CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.
"William Z. Foster, Chairmn.
"Earl Browder, Gen. Sec."

MAJOR WAVE OF STRIKES SWEEPS ENTIRE NATION

Mainly Sit-Downs; CIO and AFL Unions Both Out

A major strike wave is sweeping the country!

In most cases taking the form of sit-downs, it is a reflection of the giant organization wave initiated by the CIO, although members of non-CIO unions have begun to take part in the strike wave.

Two major war industry plants are tied up in CIO sit-downs. One is the Douglas Aircraft, Santa Monica, where 800 members of the United Auto Workers' Union (CIO) are holding tight.

Submarine Plant Struck

The other plant, under government contract, is the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., where submarines are made. In that plant 300 members of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) are engaged in a sit-down, demanding collective bargaining rights and reinstatement of men fired for union membership.

At least eight sit-downs were in progress in Detroit. Three Detroit sit-downs have ended successfully in the past few days —1500 men in the Briggs Auto Parts plant; 400 in the Detrola Radio plant; and the sit-down in the Fry Auto Products.

The giant Timken Axle Co. is tied up by a sit-down in Detroit, led by the CIO. The big Chrysler Corp. has agreed to negotiate with the CIO.

Sit-down remaining in Detroit are: Woodall auto parts; Avery auto parts; Yale and Towne auto lock; H and H auto radio. All these are led by the CIO. In addition teamsters of the Star Transfer in that city are in a sit-down strike.

Some 800 pressmen are engaged in a sit-down strike at the Crowell Publishing plant Springfield, O. They demand Pressmen's Union recognition.

The 100 Fansteel Metallurgical Workers in Waukegan, Ill., remained in the plant, despite all efforts to dislodge them. They are led by the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers (CIO).

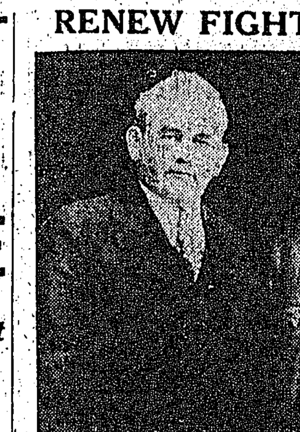
900 workers in the Illinois Watch Case plant, Elgin, have struck for union recognition. The big Century Wallpaper Mills in Decatur, Ill., are also struck.

Over 2000 shoe workers, led by the United Shoe and Leather Workers (CIO) have struck in New England states.

A strike of 400 men, led by the Electrical Workers' Union, has tied up the main plants of the Northern States Power Co. in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.

At least eight sit-downs of rubber workers are going on in Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan.

RENEW FIGHT



SINCE THE adverse decision on Mooney by the state supreme court recently labor has redoubled the fight for Tom Mooney, and also for Warren K. Billings. There will be a labor conference in San Francisco on freedom of Mooney this week-end.

TRANSIENT BAN GETS STATE O.K.

Attorney General Shows How It Can Be Done

SACRAMENTO—Imperial Valley's newest blockade against transient workers is illegal, according to the attorney general's office, but it can be made OK if it is based on vagrancy or health laws.

In that way the attorney general's office has given Sheriff Ware of Imperial County a means of continuing an absolutely unconstitutional procedure.

The new blockade has been set up at Niland. In one week Ware turned back 500 men.

Western Drive Is Extended a Month

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mainly responsible for the success of the drive.

Every Party member, and particularly our leading comrades and our Best Party Builders must take the leadership to see that every doubt of success is removed at once.

Friends of hte Party should also come to the aid of the WESTERN WORKER at this time by making their own contributions and by becoming collectors of funds among their own friends.

The WESTERN WORKER is our political weapon against enemies of the working class; it is the most important means of political education; it gives leadership in struggles; it gives answers to lies of the capitalist press; it exposes the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites; it organizes the struggle to defend democracy and peace, against Fascism and war.

That is why the WESTERN WORKER must continue.

To have it continue, our goal of $12,000 must be reached by April 1st.

Comradely yours,
California State Committee C. P.
Anita Whitney, State Chairman.
Wm. Schneiderman, State Sec.

Spanish Rebels Are Driven Back

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rebel-held Oviedo and are reported to be fighting in the city itself and driving for the rebel garrison.

Steady advances were reported in the last few days, including the capture by the troops of Asturias miners of the last reservoir supplying Oviedo with water. Telephone and telegraph communications were reported severed, leaving the rebels with only radio communication through which they have appealed for aid from Coruna and Valladolid.

Air Offensive

Air forces defending Madrid meanwhile took the offensive by bombing rebel siege lands west and northwest of the city.

Fascist planes, continuing their attempts to spread terror behind the lines, have bombed residential sections in Valencia itself.

Two German Junkers planes were reported shot down by Valencia defenses, with six members of their crews killed and a seventh captured.

C.P. Challenges "Civic Welfare League" of S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The "Civic Welfare League" was challenged by the San Francisco County Committee, Communist Party, to participate in a symposium on Proposition 19, repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, at the regular Sunday Evening Forum at 121 Haight St., on the evening of March 7.

LEGION HEADS RAVE; BUTTE CO. HEARS OF SPAIN

Tin-Hats' Incitement Leaves Vets Calm; Hall Is Packed

OROVILLE—Despite American Legion officers' threats that the meeting might be broken up, a packed hall greeted Eugenio Imaz, young Spanish Catholic editor, and Josephine Ramirez, Spanish Red Cross nurse, here last Saturday.

With all the vaunted threats of the Fascist elements of Butte County, the only interruption came when Imaz mentioned the Catholic Church and the participation of Catholics on the loyalists' side. A brave person shouted, "That'll be enough of that," and then stalked out of the hall.

Legion Heads' Threats

The Knights of Columbus, speaking for well-to-do Catholics rather than for its rank and file, inserted an ad in an Oroville paper urging a boycott of the meeting.

The meeting was held here after pressure by the American Legion officials had forced cancellation of a hall in Chico.

Though Legion officers had urged veterans to attend the meeting and break it up if "subversive talk" was introduced, their threats went unheeded by rank and file veterans.

Northrup Joins Douglas Strike

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Asked what he thought about the strike, one non-union man declared: "I think it's all right. If I had been here yesterday, I would have walked out with the men."

He said he intended to join the union right away. "This is the first time I have ever been in contact with a union, but I'm wholly in sympathy with it."

As for Company Union

He didn't think so much of the Douglas Employees' Association, the company union, however.

"Hell," he said, "I've been paying twenty-five cents to that thing every week for a year and a half, and it's never done anything for us."

Refusing to recognize that a strike is in existence, company officials condemned it as an attempt "to interfere with production." Further claim of the company is that they were "not informed."

Andrew Schmolder, organizer for the United Auto Workers, declares on the other hand, that the company was told last Saturday that if any more men were fired because they belonged to the union, a strike would be called. On Monday another man was fired and the strike was called Tuesday.

Leaders of the strategy committee are Schmolder, Bill Busick, organizer of the ILGWU and Bob Roberts, organizer of the United Rubber Workers. All three men are CIO leaders in Los Angeles.

"Police" patrols have been set up by the men in the company to maintain order when necessary, and to prevent any ground for the company's assertions of "trouble and vandalism."

Trying to pull a "fast one" on 200 of the strikers Tuesday, the company shut the doors of the plant when they went out to lunch and wouldn't allow them to return. But after dark, every one of the 200 men climbed back into the plant and joined their brother strikers.

It Happened In California

DIES IN SACTO. FIRE

SACRAMENTO. — A roomer named Frank Crowe was burned to death in a fire which swept a West End rooming house here.

$25,000 FOR R.R. MAN

OROVILLE. — Victor Smith, Oroville railroad brakeman who lost both his legs in an accident at work, has received a $25,000 verdict against the western Pacific. Railroad attorneys fought his case in 2 trials.

FARMERS FIGHT DREGES

MARYSVILLE. — Farmers of Yuba County have organized to take steps against damage and debris in Honcut Creek caused by gold mining companies dredges. Farmers contend the deposits from dredges will cause future floods and ill fish.

BALLOT ON WATER SYSTEM

REDDING. — A special city bond issue election will be held March 16 to decide whether the city will build a new municipally owned water system. This would mean rate reductions.

How Many Did You Answer?

1. The United Automobile Workers Union, which called the Douglas Aircraft strike in Santa Monica.
2. Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.
3. Folded-arms strike, used in England many years ago, and by the IWW since its inception in 1905. It was also called the Italian strike in Europe, because it originated with the Italian workers.
4. Seattle, Wash., Oakland, Cal., and Los Angeles, Cal.
5. Woodring, as assistant secretary of war, called for increase of the CCC camps to 1,000,000 men, for use against internal disturbances, meaning strikes, etc.

800 VICTIMS OF FLOOD EACH DAY

Coming Into California, L. A. Commission Told

LOS ANGELES. — Penniless and without food, refugees of the midwest and southern floods are pouring into California at the rate of 800 a day, Earl Lee Kelly, director of public works, has informed highway commissioners here.

Little is being done for them and city and county officials are trying to figure out a way to put over another blockade, which the capitalist press, in alleged humor, calls a "bum blockade."

An Open Letter On Anti-Picket Law

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that can be done to ensure its repeal.

We are not now raising this issue in a sharp form merely to play the role of critics for the sake of criticism. The Communist Party, as an integral part of the labor movement, is vitally interested in the repeal of this anti-democratic, anti-labor legislation.

But rather than wait until after March ninth to issue a statement on what could have been done to ensure repeal—should the people be fooled into voting to retain it—we feel that now is the time to raise this question, so that all of us can work together for our common aim.

"We do not believe it ever was the will of the organized labor movement to have its General Campaign Committee, composed of five delegates from each union meeting in weekly conference, turned into a debating society with no power to make or act on motions. Yet at the last conference this large body of trade unionists eager to be of practical help in the campaign was told it has only a so-called "advisory" capacity, and practical motions to aid the repeal campaign were ruled "out of order."

Obviously, the broader and more representative the responsible committee, the wider and more energetic the campaign. Yet the General Campaign Committee has become nothing more than a debating club, subordinate to and to all purposes cut adrift from the top Committee of 25. This procedure is not only in violation of all rules of democratic procedure; it actually hampers and impedes the campaign and dangerously jeopardizes its success.

March ninth is not very far off. Steps must be taken to guarantee the defeat of the anti-labor campaign by the Chamber of Commerce and the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance. That means going to the people and dramatizing the issue as a powerful means of getting the voters out to the polls in defense of their rights.

We urge that a mass meeting be organized in Dreamland Auditorium, to be followed by a gigantic torchlight auto parade on election eve with appropriate banners, posters and slogans.

We feel certain you will accept this Open Letter from the Communist Party for what it is—a sincere appeal for that type of activity which would crown with success organized labor's twenty-year-old fight to rid itself of this pernicious measure.

We again assure you of our wholehearted co-operation and support in this important campaign.

Fraternally yours,
Communist Party of S. F.
FRANK SPECTOR,
County Organizer

Two Garment Pickets Are Jailed In L. A.

LOS ANGELES. — Two garment workers were arrested Tuesday, February 23, in front of the scabby Rosenblum garment plant at 746 South Los Angeles St., when striking members of the garment workers' union clashed with scabs who have been operating the plant despite the month-old strike.

PRISON THREAT TO JOBLESS IN COURT EDICT

If You've $10 In The Bank, and Ask Relief, It's Just Too Bad

LOS ANGELES—If you have ten dollars in the bank, you had better not apply for relief aid until that money is gone. If you do, it will be perjury and you'll have a free, one-way ticket to prison.

Thus says a new State Supreme Court ruling which makes it perjury to apply for relief if you have any assets at all.

Will Prosecute

All this looks pretty bad for workers in Los Angeles. Up to now, all the relief officials could do was to kick the client off the relief rolls, if it turned out that he had managed to save up a few pennies here and there. But now, if they find out that a client had any "assets" at all when he applied for aid, they have a nice Supreme Court ruling that will enable them to prosecute the client.

Are they going to take advantage of it? They are! Officials here were reported to have declared that the new ruling will make it possible for them to prosecute hundreds of so-called relief "chisellers."

Townsend Facing Fine, Jail Term

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Facing a maximum penalty of $1000 fine and a year in jail, Dr. F. E. Townsend was convicted of contempt of the House of Representatives for "walking out" on a House investigating committee last May.

"The verdict was not unexpected," said Townsend. "We have some reason to expect such a verdict here, but expect to win eventually."

Townsend was given three days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

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to clean out the sit-downers, but Mr. Douglas forbid this. He wanted to be fair to everybody," he said.

Bogler happily anticipated the possibility of a court action ordering the evacuation of the strikers. He fairly gloated when he said that the strikers would not dare to interfere with government orders.

Mr. Bogler would not be pleased to learn what his fellow workers said of him when his remarks were related to them.

LOS ANGELES—

"Put on your old gray bonnet
With the blue ribbon on it.
We don't care what the bosses say,
We'll all be in clover
When this campaign's over,
And we get our raise in pay."

This was the song that made the rafters ring in the auditorium of the Hotel Carlton, Ocean Park, when more than 500 striking Douglas Aircraft workers braved a heavy rain Wednesday evening to hear Bob Roberts, nationally known organizer of the International Rubber Workers' Union, here assisting the CIO drive, put them on their guard against union-smashing tactics of employers.

Andy Smolder, militant strike leader and long time employee of the Douglas Company, called for affiliation of the strikers with the Santa Monica Central Labor Council. His resolution passed unanimously and affiliation will be applied for February 26th.

Cheering response met the excellent organizational talk by Bill Busick, local CIO organizer, as he pointed out the importance of solidarity in the workers' ranks.

Roberts brought the house to its feet as he completely exposed the phoney Douglas Company union, the D. E. A. election held during the afternoon for the supposed purpose of determining whether or not the workers wanted to go back to work. He flayed the typically unfair employers' ruling that insisted clock numbers of the workers must go on the ballot.

Warehousemen End Strike With Gains

HEYWARD.—After 114 days on strike, 25 employes of the Heyward Poultry Producers Association have returned to work, with a 44-hour week and wage increases won.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 1—LONDON—Britain will not challenge U. S. right to fortify Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON — Steel Trust earned over billion dollars in last 9 years, House Steel Trust Investigating Committee reveals.

MARCH 2—PEKING—Troops of China's president Yuan Shih-Kai in revolt.

LOS ANGELES—Bert Conners, Union leader, freed on $5000 bail on charge of conspiring to dynamite County Hall of Records.

MARCH 3—SAN FRANCISCO—League for Protection of Unemployed will advertise in press of all major cities urging workers not to come here for jobs. Will also print 200,000 post cards showing conditions of the unemployed in San Francisco.

MARCH 4—SAN FRANCISCO—Several hundred shipwrights and caulkers strike for wage increase.

ARNOLD VERIFIES PAYMENTS MADE

Affirms Labor's Contention, In Modesto Frame-Up

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Assemblymen Sam Yorty, Jack Tenney and Paul Richie he said "I had been working with Healey and Engler on this case before the arrests." He said further that the stool pigeon Marchant had informed him of the presence of the frame-up dynamite in San Francisco and that he had talked to Healey and Engler about it. Both Engler and Healey had previously denied this.

Arnold admitted that he talked with District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary and Special Prosecutor Glen De Vore in his room in Modesto practically every evening during the trial.

He brought in records showing that on behalf of Standard Oil, he alone paid out $25,888.70 in connection with the Modesto case between March 30, 1935, and August 10, 1935. Among expenditures shown were one of $1045 to Special Prosecutor De Vore and $208.50 to Cleary. He described these expenditures as "customary."

Asked if he always worked with police, he replied: "I never go into any county at any time without conferring with the Sheriff's office or police department."

"Is it customary to reimburse police departments for payments made to informers" Answer: "Yes."

Metal Trades Back In Bethlehem Yard

SAN FRANCISCO—With all Machinists Union pickets removed following settlement of that union's demands, metal trades union members resumed work at the Bethlehem Shipyards here on Thursday.

Announcement of picket removal was made by Harry Hook, business agent of Machinists' Union Local 68, just before the union met to consider terms of settlement Wednesday night.

Machinists themselves will return on Monday. They have won their major demands.

72,000 In Lumber Demand Pay Boost

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Representing 72,000 members, the convention of the Federation of Woodworkers voted to recommend that all district councils demand a flat 10-cent an hour wage increase for lumber workers.

The 1000 delegates also voted that all future contracts include the clause that:

"The employer agrees to hire only union labor whenever available and when a vacancy occurs to notify the union and to employ no non-union workers until all vacancies have been given to available union men."

Administration Has New Labor Act

WASHINGTON. — Reactionaries in the U. S. Supreme Court may soon get another chance to train the court's guns on Roosevelt administration labor legislation.

Secretary of Labor Perkins has announced the drafting of a new bill, to set up minimum wages and maximum hours. The bill will also contain clauses as to working conditions.

The bill will not handle questions of fair trade practice. Miss Perkins said she had not determined on any method to insure constitutionality from the Supreme Court's point of view.

LEWIS PLEDGES CIO FULLES SUPPORT TO AIRCRAFT PL STRIKERS IN SOUTHERN

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claiming "materials on hand belong to the United States government" were discredited when it was learned that none of the $19,000,000 worth of stock on hand was government owned. To emphasize the intimidation the notices were passed around by Chief of Police Dice of Santa Monica, and two burly plain clothes men. The strikers declared they were without effect, neither the notices or the policemen.

It was pointed out that, while the government had ordered combing planes from the Douglas Company, all completed jobs were subjected to close army inspection before acceptance and could be rejected if they were found to be unsatisfactory, clearly indicating that the Douglas plant is a private builder of aircraft, and not an assembling plant for government materials.

In fact, the strategy Committee of the sit-downers declared that two army officials who were through the plant, plainly stated that the only issue was between the Douglas Company and the workers and that the government had nothing to do with it. Both men expressed their personal sympathy with the strikers.

Elected Committee

E. Page, head of the sit-downers' strategy committee, when interviewed inside the plant, said that the committee had been elected democratically by the workers and that plans of work had been prepared before the signal was given to throw the switches and shut off power.

He said that sub-committees had been formed to attend to all detail necessary to the comfort of the strikers, that even a picket line had been established inside the plant to guard against possible sabotage of paid provocateurs.

Of the three men whose discharge for union activities represents one of the main demands of the strikers, stout and militant J. Boyer, a member of the strategy committee, is still with the sit-downers.

"When the company claims it fired us for inefficiency, it lies," declared Boyer.

"Why, Schwab, Brooker and Boyer were key men in their departments and all were members of the strategy committee," another worker stated. He said that Boyer had worked at the Douglas plant nearly a year, Schwab three years, and Brooker five years.

When asked how the sit-downers were faring, they said that food had been supplied plentifully by merchants all over the Bay districts, and that literally hundreds of strikers' wives had brought large boxes of food and armfuls of bedding. They said that for the present they were well supplied with cigarettes and magazines and that they had been presented with seven radios, which were situated conveniently throughout the plant.

Wives Back Strikers

"The only trouble we've had," said one of the men, "has been the snoring of the boys up in department 19."

"I believe I express the views of the majority of the women when I say that I am wholeheartedly back of the aims of the strikers. We are in this thing and we intend to stay until we win. We realize that we are an important part of this struggle and, with the rapid organization that is taking shape among the women for the purpose of obtaining food supplies for the workers and to strengthen the picket line, before it is over perhaps we will teach the men a few things about militancy," declared Mrs. W. T. Walker, wife of a striker and mother of two small children, when she was singled out from several women standing in the rain at the plant gates.

Blind Home Supt. Facing Ouster

OAKLAND—When the state personnel board meets here on March 2 it will decide the fate of Joseph P. Kelley, facing dismissal as superintendnt of the Oakland Industrial Home for the Adult Blind.

Kelley is accused by the California Federation of Women's Clubs of inefficiency and incompetency.

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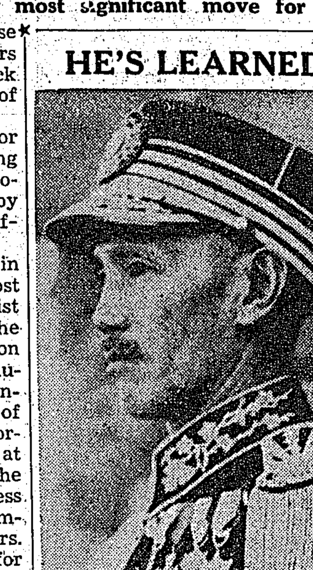

CHIANG-KAI SHEK, leader of the Chinese government, who in the Kuomintang Congress obeyed the will of the Chinese people and agreed to give up the war against the Communists so that unified Chinese people might resist Japanese aggression.

Church Protests Grow in Germany

BERLIN.—Opposition by two important sections of German Protestantism may result in cancellation or postponement of the scheduled "election" with which Hitler hopes to tie the church completely to the theme that "to follow Hitler is to follow God."

Presumably the election is to put the administration of the church back into the hands of its elected leaders. Knowing Nazi elections, however, the Fundamentalist Confessional Synod is completely opposed to the election and threatens to boycott it. The Lutheran State Churches of Bavaria and Wurttemberg insists on election rules and regulations being drawn up and submitted to them in advance.

Nazis Provoke Riot In Austrian Capital

VIENNA. — Austrian Nazis, pushing a new Hitler campaign against the Austrian government, provoked a riot in which 28 were injured and more than 200 jailed on the occasion of a visit by Nazi Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath to Vienna.

The Nazis are attempting to prevent the Schusnigg government's move to reestablish the monarchy, and represents to a large degree the struggle of German and Italian Fascism over the domination of Austria.

ANTI-FASCIST PAPER

NEW YORK.—German-American liberals and noted exiles, like Dr. Kurt Rosefeld and Dr. Alphons Goldschmidt are among those behind the new anti-Nazi paper, "Neues Volkzeitung."

Venezuela Cabinet Reported Resigned

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad—Travelers from Caracas reported that the entire Venezuelan cabinet resigned Feb. 22 because of President Eleazar Lopez Contreras' violent police methods of suppressing the student demonstrations.

One student was reported killed and five others wounded in a recent clash.

AUSTRIA AND SPAIN WORRY ITALIAN GOV'T

Schuschnigg Likely To Make Visit In Italy

ROME—Two important issues to be faced at the session of the Fascist Grand Council here beginning March 9 indicate the serious complications which are arising from Italian war-provoking action in international politics.

One is the question of Spain in which Mussolini is spending increasing money and sending more and more troops. Although this question will come under the head of Foreign Relations under a report by Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano, it is significant that another report is scheduled on the agenda by the finance minister.

Nazi Campaign

The other is the Austrian question, which comes to the foreground as a result of the newest intensification of German Nazi provocations with the aim of Nazi domination there. Chancellor Schuschnigg's recently announced intention of conducting a "poll" to determine whether or not the monarchy will be established may well result in the reopening of the breach between Germany and Italy.

Restoration of the monarchy would definitely favor Italian Fascism against German, but the Italian Fascists, already having the upper hand in Austria, are expected to move definitely for restoration only if the Nazi threat in Austria becomes extremely pressing.

It was unofficially confirmed here that Chancellor Schuschnigg will actually come to Rome as reported from Vienna. Official Fascist sources would not confirm this.

Germany Installing Guns to Dominate Gibraltar Strait

VALENCIA — More than 200 German Engineers, together with artillery officers, have been landed at Algeciras for the purpose of directing and supervising the erection of new powerful coastal batteries along a 12-mile strip of the coast from Punta Marroqui to the entrance to Algeciras bay, a correspondent for the Spanish news agency Fabra reports.

The news is regarded by well-informed British opinion as no less disturbing than the German guns at Ceuta which created an international sensation a few weeks ago. Two months ago batteries on the coast between Marroqui and Algeciras bay were suddenly overhauled and replaced by new and more powerful guns, then trials were carried out to test whether the new guns on this shore, acting in combination with guns at Ceuta and points west on the Morocco coast, were sufficient to dominate the Strait of Gibraltar.

Orjonikidse Death Mourned by World Leaders of Party

MOSCOW—Grief over the loss of Gregory K. (Sergo) Orjonikidse, which brought out a mile long funeral procession and brought thousands of Soviet citizens to the Hall of Columns to view his body while it lay in state, has been reflected by leading committees and officials of the Soviet Government, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist International.

Orjonikidse died as the result of a long and recurrent illness, and from the immediate effect of a heart failure.

"Gone is the splendid fellow-worker of Lenin and Stalin," said the statement of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, "their truest friend, their reliable comrade-in-arms, welded to them by decades of common work, struggle, thought and will to victory. . .

A Bolshevik Leader

"During the years of the civil war, together with Lenin and Stalin, shoulder to shoulder with Voroshilov, who was murdered by the dastardly Trotzkyist-Zinovievist gang, he was a brilliant organizer of the victories over the forces of intervention and the White-Guard hordes by the young Red Army, which was then being formed. . .

"Generations of workers of all countries will learn from the lessons of this wonderful life how necessary it is to live and fight to overcome difficulties and conquer.

"One of the most outstanding fighters for mankind and for Socialism is dead. . ."

Leaders' Statement

A statement signed by Joseph Stalin and other leaders of the Communist Party and Soviet government paid tribute to Orjonikidse's long record of fidelity to Bolshevism and his leadership abilities, and declared:

"During the last seven years Orjonikidse was at the head of the heavy industry of the USSR. The tremendous victories of socialist economy are connected with his name. With his aid the party solved the most difficult tasks of construction in the Soviet Union—a powerful and advanced heavy industry which was required by agriculture, transport and defense.

"At the head of the army of many millions of workers in heavy industry, Orjonikidse stormed one after another of the strongest fortresses on the front of struggle for the construction and mastery of new technique."

PROTEST FROM WITHIN NAZIS' 'LABOR FRONT'

Report of Gestapo Agent Shows Method Used

HAMBURG — How German workers are protesting a Hitler decree for a 20 per cent speed-up in spite of being bound hand and foot by Nazi terror and lack of their own organizations is told in a confidential report of a Gestapo agent—stool pigeon to you.

The "agent" attended a workers' meeting at a railway repair plant, which cannot be identified for obvious reasons. His report was obtained and forwarded to the Labor Chest.

"The manager started the meeting with a sharp reprimand regarding the attitude of the workers at previous meetings. It was disgraceful, he said, that many had gone home during the broadcast of a Hitler speech. In the future the doors would be locked and guarded.

State Comes First

"A member of the Nazi Party asked thereupon whether attendance at the meeting was not optional. The manager stated that it was, but that some restraint and control was necessary.

"Afterwards a propaganda lecturer of the Labor Front spoke of the significance of the last Nazi Party Congress. He argued that an increase of 20 per cent in output and labor was necessary to enable the State railways to perform their tasks.

"After the lecture numerous questions were asked. Some of them were: How can the 20 per cent additional increase be achieved? Will the tempo of work be raised, or will wages and piece-work rates be increased?

"And finally—Will the 20 per cent increase be accompanied by a similar increase in wages?

"A member of the audience, also a Nazi Party member, asked sarcastically whether the working hours were going to be from 6 in the morning to 6 in the evening with a short midday interruption. If so, the workers would no longed need 'Strength Through Joy' (the Nazi Recreational Labor Association) since they had no time at all for it."

MORGAN FIRM AIDING NAZIS' SWINDLING

Won't Reveal Reich Debts for Securities Body

WASHINGTON — How the Morgan interests which originally promoted the now-defaulted German bonds in the United States and are now party to a new bit of Nazi financial skullduggery in this country is told in the daily "Merry-Go-Round" column of Drew Parson and Robert S. Allen.

The Morgan law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell originally secured state department approval on a $30,000,000 loan to Prussia, despite warnings of S. Parker Gilbert, agent general of reparations. Leading New York banks, with the Morgan interests foremost, urged the American investing public to buy German bonds. All of these are defaulted, but short term loans made by the banks themselves have nearly all been collected.

Many of the states and companies in Germany which benefitted from the loans, have actually paid; however the money goes not to those bilked in this country, but to the Nazi "conversion office," a government agency which receives the interest on all foreign indebtedness.

The "conversion office," with the aid of Sullivan & Cromwell, is now about to secure permission for an exchange of bonds with U. S. investors which might eventually lead to payment of 25 cents on the dollar.

The Securities' Exchange Commission even indicated its willingness to accept this, but asked the usual routine questions about the indebtedness of Nazi Germany. This the Nazis consistently refuse to reveal.

Japanese Mill In Shanghai Struck

SHANGHAI—Japanese Blue Jackets were called out to reopen the Japanese-owned Tyoda Textile Mills after it had been closed by a strike of Chinese workers. Japanese warships were anchored near by.

Although 1000 strikers and sympathizers, strongly anti-Japanese, massed at the property, the machinery was not damaged. Periodic clashes between Chinese and Japanese soldiery have occurred for the past month.

SOVIET UNION, FRANCE ASSAIL CONTROL PLAN

Portugal Loopholes Left Open For Fascists

LONDON.—With the support of France the Soviet Union's representatives launched a vigorous protest with the International Non-Intervention Project which after long delay has set March 6 as the time to begin a blockade of Spain, presumably against both the insurgent Fascists and the legal government.

The Soviets designated a compromise to Portgual as rendering arrangements for the blockade "wholly inadequate" to provide any real assurance that the plan would be used aainst the Fascists as well as the Spanish government.

"Compromise"

A compromise plan was reached by England and Portugal providing for 60 British control agents on Portugese soil, with Britain in turn guaranteeing Portugal's adherence to the plan. These 60 would be confined to ports, leaving 800 miles of land frontiers uncontrolled and giving no control over munitions manufactured in Portugal itself.

The Soviet protest showed the loopholes in this arrangements whereby the Fascists would continue to use Portugal while posing in international diplomacy to be participating in a neutrality plan. It called for an increase in the number of control agents in Portugal.

At the same time the Soviet representative protested the assignment of the Soviet fleet to the Bay of Biscay, suggesting the Waters of Spanish Morrocco.

Slaughter 600 Abyssinians In Reprisals

ROME.—Fascist firing squads have mowed down more than 600 Ethiopians without ever having been able to determine individuals connected with the throwing of explosives which injured Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, viceroy of Ethiopia, and demonstrated that seething resentment against Fascist Italy has not been suppressed.

The mass arrests and executions took place under explicit orders from Mussolini.

Attempting to prevent a possible uprising and to stop guerrilla tactics employed in Ethiopia against the Italian legions of occupation, a further decree has been issued forbidding Ethiopians to possess firearms.

At the time of the bombing itself Fascist troops killed more than 100 by firing directly and indiscriminately into crowds of natives. More than 1000 of those taken in a general mass arrest are still being held.

HOUSE BILL CALLS FOR BAN ON SOLICITING FUNDS TO AID CAUSE OF SPAIN DEMOCRACY

Under Guise of 'Neutrality' a New, More Vicious Bill Is Recommended Out Of Committee for Passage

WASHINGTON—A bill which would prohibit the solicitation of funds in this country for the aid of Spanish democracy against Fascism has been recommended for passage out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Far more vicious than the present "neutrality" legislation which in effect aids the Fascists, the bill would also empower the president to use wide discretionary powers to make "limitations and exceptions in administering neutrality legislation.

Another bill has been introduced into the senate by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, which would continue the "neutrality" policy and extend it to include both sides in a civil war. At present, the embargo on sending arms and munitions to Spain is carried on by declaring both sides "belligerent."

Another Senate Bill

A third bill is supported by Senators Nye, Vandenberg, Clark and Bone denying the right of any American firm to retain title to commodities exported across a war zone and making American passports invalid on belligerent ships.

The bill recommended out of the house committee parades under the same mask of "neutrality" by which reactionary influences have put obstacles in the way of Americans who seek to aid the legally and democratically elected government of Spain. It specifies that no funds may be solicited for their side.

How obviously this "neutrality" is actually Fascist support is indicated even under the present laws when the supporters of Franco do not make an open campaign for funds, but organize their campaign secretly among financial and business interests.

Representative McReynolds attempting to make the measure more palatable, said it would not prevent donations, but only solicitation. The net result would be that mass appeals which must be made by the supporters of the Spanish government would be stopped, while the undercover campaign of the Fascist supporters would continue unimpeded.

London Disapproves Naval Conference

LONDON—Calling of a new European naval conference was proposed by the Soviet Union a month ago, and only recently revealed by the British Foreign office which has indicated its disapproval without openly rejecting it.

The treaty which the Soviets had in mind was reported as similar to that signed in March, 1936, by Great Britain, France and the United States, providing for exchange of information and limitation of size and gun calibre of warships.

PROGRESSIVES IN CONGRESS HIT FASCISTS

2 Californians Join Call for Embargo On 3 Countries

WASHINGTON.—Led by Representative John T. Bernard of Minnesota, 18 liberal and progressive members of congress struck a blow in defense of Spain by introducing a resolution for an arms embargo against Germany, Italy and Portugal.

The resolution specifically branded the belligerent countries for their attack on the "democratically elected government of Spain."

Two California congressmen were, Byron Scott of Long Beach and Jerry Voorhis of San Dimas were among the eighteen signers.

The resolution was introduced by Bernard, whose lone "I object" stood out in relief against the avalanche of confusion, fear and reaction when the embargo against the Spanish government was steamrollered through on the second day of the session.

Other signers were the four Farmer-Labor congressmen from Minnesota, Henry Teigan, Paul Kvale, R. J. Bucker, and Dewey Johnson, as well as Maury Maverick, Texas; John M. Coffee and Knute Hill, Washington; Jerry J. O'Connell, Montana; John Luecke, Michigan; Robert G. Allen, Pennsylvania; and five progressives from Wisconsin; Gerald Boileau, Gardner R. Withrow, B. J. Gehrmann, Henry Sauthoff and Thomas A. Amlie.

Some of the congressmen were frankly critical of the "neutrality" policy, while others recognized its fallacies to the extent of being critical of the evasion of any neutrality program by the Fascist powers.

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y the Chinese People are Uniting Against Japan

By JAMES VICTOR

he Japanese Quantung Army occupied and other northeastern Chinese provliterally enslaved 30,000,000 people, them not only of their political rights, r property as well.

Chinese, bourgeois and Russian white re not spared. Factories, farms, stores s were either seized outright or their ere forced to dispose of them at a . Homes were destroyed, fields laid n and women were driven into forced labor and later, instead of pay, were mowed down with machine guns.

In one single case, over 3000 workers were driven into a barbed wire inclosure and brutally executed mainly to save payment to them which was stolen by Japanese officials.

List of Stolen Goods

The natural wealth of China was brazenly stolen. These are some figures for Manchuria alone:

Resources	Percentage stolen by Japan
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Lumber (Forests)	37% of National area
Cattle	30% of all in frontier provinces
Iron deposits	70% of national reserves
Coal	2% " " "
Petroleum	52% " " "
Electricity	23% " " "
Railways	41% of national system
Export trade	37% of total national volume

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Like all imperialist powers, Japan hastens to get a monopoly hold on the seized territory and drives all competition out of it. Japanese industrialism and monopoly finance drives every other investing power from Manchuria.

Octopus

Here is the extent of Japanese control upon the economic life of Manchuria:

Industry	Jap. Investment	Investments of other powers
Transportation	51.1%	48.9%
Fortry, mining, Agr.	92.4	7.6
Manufacturing	90.4	9.6
Commerce	73.8	26.2
Finance	89.6	10.4
Miscellaneous	93.6	6.4

(These figures do not include the Chinese Eastern Railway, "bought" by the Japanese government, nor a great many Chinese shipping concerns and other enterprises forced out of existence. The addition of these would bring the real percentage of Japanese control to a much higher figure.)

But Japan is evidently still not satisfied, constantly reaching out for more territorial and other control. This is called by Japan "Sino-Japanese Economic cooperation." Their plan is complete political and economic control over North China as well as special concessions and privileges throughout the rest of China to realize Araka's plan for "an agricultural China and an Industrial Japan." Or, the complete enslavement of China in order to use it as a source of cheap labor and raw materials and an outlet for manufactured products and an export market for surplus capital in Japan.

Methods

With the complete control of transportation and enormous smuggling operations, Japan eliminates and ruins all Chinese and other competition later purchasing their property literally at a song.

This is the key to the Chinese struggle against Japan. The solution is only one: a united front of the Red Army with all honest Chinese patriots, all Chinese people against the one common enemy. The masses of China and Korea must force a national united front!

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Invoke Neutrality Act Against Fascist Invaders!

THE RESOLUTION introduced by 18 progressive members of Congress calling for a ban on arms shipment to Germany, Italy and Portugal is one that should receive the immediate support of all friends of democracy.

Based on the invasion of Spain by the armed forces of the three countries named, the resolution, which points out that the invasion is one of a friendly nation, invokes the neutrality act which was used to place an embargo against the Spanish government.

The Congress of the United States was quick to use that act for the commission of an unfriendly act against the legally elected Spanish government—and all the reactionary and fascist elements cheered from the sidelines. How quick will Congress be to act on this proposed ban against the fascist countries?

Friends of democracy throughout the nation owe a debt to the 18 courageous defenders of freedom in Congress for their action in bringing this issue sharply before the national legislature and the whole people.

California can well be proud of its two Congressmen who were in the progressive bloc supporting th resolution: Byron Scott and Jerry Voorhees.

We urge all California people to write their Congressmen urging support of this resolution, as well as to the Foreign Affairs Committee, calling for a favorable report.

Pro-Whose America?

"PRO-AMERICA," a women's organization which is supposed to be patriotic, is actively engaged in a campaign in California to organize popular sentiment to defeat President Roosevelts proposals to enlarge the Supreme Court.

In view of the fact that every reactionary organization is behind the movement to defeat these proposals, and the overwhelming majority of the people support them—we have reason to ask pro-whose America is that organization functioning?

Obviously, for the Amrica that is symbolized by the great concentration of wealth, by the Hearst-DuPont clique, which is actively leading the fight against Roosevelt's proposals. For it is in defense of that un-American America that the present Supreme Court operates.

The real America—the America found in the mines, factories, docks and shops; the America found in the average home—is supporting the proposals to enlarge the Supreme Court by the addition of members more receptive to progressive labor and social legislation.

"Pro-America" is hard at work organizing meetings and collecting signatures urging the defeat of the President's proposals. The reason for this is to create the impression at Washington that the majority of the people are against the proposals.

This campaign must be countered by the flooding legislators at Washington with post-cards, letters, telegrams and resolutions urging support of the President's proposals.

As Earl Browder, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party put it recently: **"Let Some Fresh Air Into the Supreme Court!"**

The C. S. Law and the Farmer-Labor Party

THE REPEAL of the criminal symdicalism law in the state of Washington is a logical development of the reversal by the U. S. Supreme Court of the conviction of Dirk De Jonge, and paves the way for an intensive campaign to repeal California's criminal syndicalism law.

It is interesting to note that the repeal fight in Washington was led by the Washington Commonwealth Federation, a party of independent political action, and an important part of the nation-wide movement for a Farmer-Labor Party.

This again points out the vital need for a Farmer-Labor Party in California. The purpose of the criminal syndicalism law is to break up workers' organizations, break strikes and railroad strike leaders to prison. The continued existence of the criminal syndicalism law on the statute books of this state is a direct violation of the spirit and letter of the law which declares that workers have the right to organize and bargain collectively.

If there were a Farmer-Labor Party in California the life of the criminal syndicalism law would be very short.

In the meantime, the campaign to repeal that law should be intensified now, and made part of the movement to build a Farmer-Labor party in this state.

More Trotzkyite Maneuvers

THE TROTZKYITE maneuver of taking the names of known Trotzkyites off the list of sponsors of the latest efforts of the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky to seek "fair play" for Trotzky, is not fooling many people.

We do not doubt that some of the liberals whose names are being used are sincere—as also were those members of the original committee who have withdrawn their names after realizing that the committee was being used as an instrument of Trotzkyite attacks against the Soviet Union.

No matter how "innocent" and "pure" the list appears to be, composed only of liberals, the guiding spirit of the committee is still the Trotzkyites. Those liberals still on the committee should examine all the facts carefully. They can come to only one conclusion: **that the Trotzkyites are using them to cover up their own reactionary intrigues.**

The group of California writers, educators and professional people—liberals all—who have added their names to the long list of prominent liberals who have broadcast an Open Letter of warning against the Trotzkyite Defense Committee, are to be commended for striking a blow in defense of democracy and progress.

Unity In China

GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S reply to the offer of the Chinese Communist Party for unity in the struggle against aggressive Japanese imperialism leaves the door open to a really effective, unified drive of the Chinese people against the Japanese invaders.

Chiang's pardon of political prisoners, and recognition of the Chinese Communist Party's sincere desire for the unification of China on an anti-imperialist basis, is the result of the long struggle of the Chinese Communist Party for unity.

When the Kuo-Min-Tang was first founded by Sun-Yat-Sen it was on a progressive, militant, anti-imperialist program. It was largely the democratization of the Kuo-Min-Tang following the split in 1927 and the surrender of its anti-imperialist policies that afforded rapacious Japanese imperialism its chance to get first a toe-hold, then a foot-hold, following by what is almost a strangle-hold on China.

With Japanese imperialism growing ever bolder, especially with the protective support of Hitler in the recently-concluded anti-Communist pact, pressure upon the government for unification against Japanese imperialism grew, until many figures prominent in Nanking governmental affairs supported the struggles of the Chinese Communist Party for unity.

Effective unity in China, once concluded, will be a powerful weapon in the struggle of the world forces of democracy against fascism.

A Case For the Grand Jury

THE "INVESTIGATIONS" into the Golden Gate Bridge tragedy which cost the lives of ten workers, go on. To the investigations by commissions, committees and "authorities" the chief engineer adds his own special and private investigation.

But there is one investigation which should have started immediately after all the facts of the murder of the ten workers became known—**one by the Grand Jury to fix criminal responsibility.**

The story of the death of these ten workers was a four-day newspaper sensation—a "circulation builder." Now it is relegated to the inside pages of the capitalist press, and consists of stories telling of the progress—or rather lack of it—of the various investigations.

Still the dependents of these workers are insecure; there has been no talk of adequate, lifetime compensation for them. Still the criminals responsible for the murders go unpunished.

The people of San Francisco must not allow this criminal negligence of these responsible to go the way of previous scandals of this type: whitewash and oblivion.

The Grand Jury should act, and act immediately.

Why the Delay, Mr. O'Toole?

WHAT is happening to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to appeal Judge Louderback's injunction permitting the operation of one-man cars, in direct violation of the will of the people expressed at the polls?

The appeal was decided upon months ago. The appropriation of funds for the appeal was taken up by the Board only this week. In the meantime, the one-man cars continue operation—a menace to safety, a threat to the jobs of the street railway workers, a slap in the face of democracy in San Francisco.

Pressure is needed upon City Attorney O'Toole, and as well upon the Board of Supervisors, to hasten the appeal action.

Neither technical execuses nor judicial delays must be allowed to stand in the way of immediate correction of the usurpation, by a Federal judge under the influence of the Market Street Railway Company, of the rights of the people.

The people will have to take matters into their own hands, under the leadership of the organized labor movement and other public-spirited organizations.

Forced to Flee Fascist Murderers

RESIDENTS OF a section of Madrid, mainly women and children, move their belongings after the frequent barbarous bombings by German, Italian and Spanish Fascist planes which killed thousands of non-combattants.

The S. F. County Communist Party Convention; And After

By FRANK SPECTOR

To exert every ounce of the Party's energy in aid to the embattled Spanish people; to build a united labor and progressive people's front for the coming fall elections, leading towards a Farmer Labor Party in 1938; to consolidate the organizational gains by tightening up the whole work of the Party and by acquiring 1000 dues-paying members by May 1st; to finish the present Western and Daily Worker Drive successfully and to build the Western Worker circulation—these were the red threads that ran through the entire proceedings of the San Francisco Communist Party Convention held last Sunday.

At its opening the 200 delegates and visitors stood up in mournful silence, and with heads bent paid homage to the memory of Sergo Ordjonikidze, an iron bolshevik, faithful disciple of Lenin and co-worker of Joseph Stalin, and the ten Golden Gate Bridge workers—victims of capitalist greed.

The mournful strains of the Workers' Funeral March were at once followed by the soul-rousing strains of the International that accompanied the full-throated chorus of the assembled delegates and visitors.

Growth Reflected

The convention's delegates fully reflected the growth of the San Francisco Party and its composition. Out of the total of 178 delegates, 114 were members of AFL unions; 11 members of Workers' Alliance; 116 native born; 64 less than one year in the Party; 20 less than 6 months; 127 under 30 years of age.

The Convention worked efficiently and with dispatch, having transacted an enormous amount of business within the scheduled time. Its 12 hours of business were pepped with militant songs and lusty cheering and applause in reward for splendid reports and pointed remarks of speakers who took part in the discussion.

Nearly 50 per cent of the Convention time was given up to discussions. In transacting its work through six basic commissions the Convention was able to hear nearly 100 speakers, including delegates who took the floor in the discussion that followed the addresses on the work of our Party since the December Plenum of the Central Committee, delivered by Comrade Schneiderman, our state secretary, and on the lessons of the Maritime strike, presented by Comrade Saunders.

Schneiderman's Report

Speaking in behalf fo the State Committee of the California Communist Party Comrade Schneiderman gave a graphic picture of the manner in which what has transpired since the December Plenum has confirmed the correctness of our Central Committee, analysis of world and American events.

He described vividly the mighty victory of the auto workers over the General Motors—the cornerstone of American open shop forces—the great strides of the CIO in Steel and the looming gigantic battles in coal and other basic industries.

Speaking of the developing struggles for independent political action Comrade Schneiderman described the Party's role in lending powerful aid to labor and progressive forces in California bent upon gaining immediate economic and political gains for the masses as a result of the blow administered to reaction on Nov. 3. He made clear our Party's position in the present battle to curb the Supreme Court's usurped power. It was precisely our party that raised the issue now being fought out along tightly drawn class lines.

Step Forward

While Roosevelt's present action gives no permanent solution, it none the less represents an important step towards the goal of returning to American people their right—through their legislative channels—to pass laws for social betterment, without these measures being negated by a judicial oligarchy—a mouthpiece of finance capital.

He called upon the convention to apply to actual life the December Plenum decision to muster all forces of progress against the Fascist war instigators, for the most effective aid to the Spanish people and for a resolute, relentless fight against counter revolutionary Trotzkyism—wherever it raises its head.

Inspired by the Soviet Union's determined action against the Trotzkyite-Fascist plotters and out of their experiences in the struggle against Trotzkyite provocateurs in the Marine strike, in the campaign to aid Spain, in the struggle for a United Front, the delegates adopted a vigorous resolution condemning Trotzkyism and pledging themselves to uncover its true face before the San Francisco masses. At the same time the convention fully resolved to extend every possible, brotherly aid to the honest socialists—whose name the Trotzkyites have now usurped—to drive these agent-provocateurs out of the Socialist Party, out of the ranks of labor.

Party's Role in Strike

In examining the immense work performed by the San Francisco Party, as presented in the County Committee's report made by Frank Spector, the convention fully acknowledged its vital role in keeping the waterfront workers' ranks intact and united, thus helping them to crown their 99-day strike with a splendid victory; the incessant constructive role the Party played in the economic struggles of many workers in varied industries; the development of close alliance between the working class and middle-class people of our city, as particularly evident in the fight for the people's legislative program now rapidly develop by trade union and progressive organizations banded together in a People's Legislative Conference; in the fight to repeal the freedom restricting Anti-Picketing Ordinance; in the struggle for peace, against Nazism and Anti-Semitism; and finally in the growing united front around the task of the American people to lend real aid to Spain.

The Convention critically examined the various weaknesses that exist in the field of our Party's united front work. Out of the discussion came a determination to do away with tendencies to separate mechanically economic from political struggles, to underestimate the importance of the fight for People's Legislation, to retreat before the attacks our enemies make against our Party.

Isolated Tendencies

While expressing itself sharply against such tendencies the Convention recorded that these are but isolated tendencies and that the Party as a whole has a clear conception of its perspectives and tasks—a guarantee for the quickest removal of wrong tendencies that appear now and then.

The Convention has closely examined the perspectives before the San Francisco people—perspectives of a forward march towards improvements in economic well-being and political gains for the masses.

This firm outlook bases itself upon the tremendous growth of the progressive influence among San Francisco's trade unions, which already resulted in a serious blow delivered to the reactionary leadership in the Central Labor Council in its recent elections, as well as in the vigorous part organized labor now takes in the tremendously important fight for the right to picket and for People's Legislation.

The whole trade union movement has been immeasurably strengthened by the epic marine strike and its victorious end. Organized labor stood solidly behand this strike, thereby acquiring enormous support for it by all of San Francisco's toiling people.

Such splendid solidarity flows naturally from the might and power developed by the maritime unions headed by the militant ILA, whose truly rank and file leadership, heartily supported by the rank and file of all the other maritime unions, was the rock upon which were wrecked the shipowners' and their agents' efforts to smash the strike and thereby smash the maritime unions themselves.

Out of these general perspectives and matured conditions flow our Party's tasks. Having played an enormous role in the economic and political struggles of San Francisco's organized labor and other strata of its population, the Party fully realizes its tremendous responsibility in the struggles that loom ahead—responsibility for correct policies and tactics that till now have influenced the course of events in our city.

The fall elections (around the offices of five supervisors, two members of the Board of Education and other important Municipal and County offices) already present a field in which labor and middle-class people can test their strength against the graft-ridden, corrupt to the core, anti-labor Finn-Rossi machine—the handmaiden of the ship-owning and financial interests.

To clean out this gang will require the combined strength of all the forces of progress. The Convention therefore placed as our Party's immediate task to accelerate the development of conditions favorable towards a united labor and progressive ticket in the fall of 1937, leading into broader independent political actions in subsequent gubernatorial and mayoralty elections in 1938 and 1938. This implies concrete day to day activities to win the repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance and to help arouse the utmost support to the People's Legislative Program to be fought out on the floors of the State Legislature in the coming months.

Build the Party!

CONSOLIDATE OUR GAINS! This slogan ran through the entire Convention proceedings. Our Party made its headway precisely because we gained 616 new members in the last drive. Our Party gained in prestige and influence in trade unions because 75 per cent of our members are loyal and devoted builders of the AFL unions to which they belong.

The many of our members who are officials in their unions have gained the respect of their fellow trade unionists because of the correct fighting policies they present and because of their exemplary work as trade unionists. It is not at all accidental that the Carpenters' locals have rejected Czar Hutcheson's efforts to bar Communists from this union, whose rank and file is against Hutcheson's strike-breaking role.

While joyful at the gains made, the Convention soberly estimated the persisting organizational weaknesses. Outstanding among these is the fact that we did not yet overcome the artificial prejudices against our Prty engendered in the toilers' minds by the bosses and their lackeys' poisonous, red-scare propaganda. While we are influencing tens of thousands of people of laboring strata, our leadership and alliance is not yet openly accepted by many of them. Our task is to devise methods of work and education of the kind through which the San Francisco people will grow accustomed to regard our Party as a normal, vital part of their daily life—as are their trade unions, their lodges, their clubs.

In this connection the Convention particularly stressed the need for intimate, daily contact with the masses in communities and neighborhoods, knowledge of the people's needs and quick reactions to the burning questions that affect their daily existence.

The Convention resolved to eliminate the disproportion between our strength and influence in trade-unions with our still weak influence and numerically small forces in neighborhoods, by raising local problems, by launching and building Communist Party Clubs and Centers in Assembly Districts and precincts, thereby overcoming our present isolation.

Out of the discussions on the floor and the commissions came numerous constructive proposals born out of the delegates' day to day experiences in all phases of party work. Having adopted the basic proposals, the Convention turned over their balance to the incoming county committee for careful consideration and application.

The best men and women were elected with loud acclaim to the leadership of the San Francisco party. The new county committee was instructed to immediately launch a thorough discussion in all branches and units on the convention analyses and decisions and take steps to insure their application in life.

All aid to Spanish people!
For a united front in coming elections—leading to a People's Front!
For a ten-fold fight for peace and against Fascism!
For driving Trotzkyism out of labor's ranks!
To consolidate the splendid gains and for further building up of our party!

These have been the battle cries that gave the strains of the International sung by the delegates at the end of their convention a meaning full of content and determination to go forward toward an invincible party capable of winning over the toiling masses to a People's Front, to Socialism.

AS WE SEE I

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
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Lessons of the Maritime Strik
(PART 4—CONTINUED)

DURING THE STRIKE itself a number of discussions tactics in the conduct of the strike. The strike app so organized as to give the maximum amount of ra expression, so that practically every important question before the strike leadership was discussed also by the m

Every one of the seven unions had its own elected strike committee, and in each port the District Councils of the Maritime Federation, which consisted of delegates from each union, was enlarged with additional delegates from each union to make up the Joint Maritime Strike Committee of each port.

For co-ordination on a Coast-wide scale, the Negotiating Committee of the San Francisco Bay Area, of which Harry Bridges was the chairman, had the most decisive role in relation to the other ports, and because of the predominance of progressive and militant elements, had the most consistent policy.

San Pedro, Seattle, and Portland, on the other hand, while in the main following a policy approved by the rank and file, nevertheless was strongly influenced at times by reactionary elements, many of them discredited officials who had managed to creep into the strike apparatus. As a result, these reactionaries aligned themselves with the syndicalists and were often able to block the adoption of a Coast-wide policy, as proposed by San Francisco, which resulted in delays and confusion, and sometimes in the adoption of conflicting policies in different ports.

"Perishable" Cargo

Such a situation developed over the question of "perishable cargo." The shipowners had raised a big howl over the destruction of perishable cargo unless it was immediately unloaded, and the capitalist press made much capital out of this. The San Francisco Joint Strike Committee decided that where there was a genuine danger of great losses of foodstuffs, or other "perishables,' 'it would unload that portion of go.

In each port this a very little, and as a fact, the shipowners avail themselves of once their propaganda struction of perishable armed by the unions'

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Records Grow

SAN FRANCISCO. membership having since the last conve Northern California the International Work will hold its annual Sunday, Feb. 28 at Hall, 1859 Fillmore St. dred regular and frate gates have been ele the various branches.

As a result of the re bership drive four br San Francisco have e the hundred mark in ship and now a large trade unionists have organization, especiall Francisco and Cont Counties.

A goal of 2000 memb end of the year will be to the convention. Br now being organized burg, Martinez, Oakla for this year include izing of the following in San Francisco this y ish, Chinese, professio sian and Jewish Engl ing.

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Current Events
Sunday Evenin

SAN FRANCISCO. Spector, county organi Communist Party, wi the regular Sunday forum at 121 Haight 7 p.m. Spector will outstanding local, na international current terpreting them polit cluded will be current ments in Spain, in the bridge disaster and queries in San Fran regular question and period will be allotted.

ow Trotzkyites Work With Fascists for War, Against Labor

alin and The Red Army in The Civil War

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lov's description of Stalin's mili us and the decisive part he smashing up the enemy has be lassic of revolutionary writing.

KLEMENTI VOROSHILOV
oples Commissar of Defense of the USSR)

the 1918-1920 period, Comrade s probably the only person whom ral Committee despatched from ing front to another, choosing ose places most fraught with r the revolution. Where it was vely quiet, and everything going where we had successes, Stalin to be found. But where for var ns the Red Army was cracking the counter-revolutionary forces eir successes were menacing the ence of the Soviet Government, fusion and panic might any mo lop into helplessness, catastrophe, alin made his appearance. He sleep at night, he organized, he leadership into his own strong e relentlessly broke through dif and turned the corner, saved the Stalin himself wrote about it f his letters to the Central Com 1919, saying that "he was being ed into a specialist for cleaning tables of the war department."

Tsaritsyn

e Stalin began his military work Tsaritsyn front more or less by In the beginning of June, 1918, Stalin with a detachment of Red nd two armored cars, set out for as controller of food supplies for ussia. In Tsaritsyn he was met nceivable chaos, and not only in ts, trade unions and Party organ there was even more muddle and in the organs of military com mrade Stalin at every step came stacles of a general nature, which d him from fulfilling the task for e was directly responsible. These were due, first and foremost, to d development of the Cossack evolution, which was in those eiving abundant assistance from nan troops in occupation in the The Cossack counter-revolution s soon seized several points near , and thus not only defeated the the collection of grain for the population of Moscow and Lenin also created a serious menace to itself.

osition was no better in other that time. In Moscow there was a of the Left Social Revolutionar aviev had betrayed us in the East; rals, the Czecho-Slovak counter n was increasing; in the far South sh were approaching Baku. Civil s raging in a fiery circle. The n was being put to its greatest legram after telegram flew from Stalin in Tsaritsyn to Lenin, and enin warned him of the dangers, d approval, demanded that deter measures be taken. The position tsyn became one of tremendous nce. With the rebellion on the Don loss of Tsaritsyn, we risked losing le of the rich grain-producing dis North Caucasus. And Comrade nderstood this only too well. As rienced revolutionary, he soon came nviction that his work would have eaning only if he could influence itary commanders, whose role in umstances of the moment was de

line to the south of Tsaritsyn is restored," he wrote to Lenin in ated July 7th, sent with the char inscription: "Hurrying to the n only write on business." driving and bullying all who re Hope soon to restore the position! rest assured that we shall spare nobody, ourselves or others, and the grain will be obtained. If only our military 'specialists' (Cobblers!) would not sleep and idle, the line would not have been broken; and if we restore the line, it will not be thanks to the officers, but in spite of them."

And later, answering the anxiety of Lenin about the possibility of a rising of Left Social Revolutionaries in Tsaritsyn, he wrote briefly and to the point:

"As for the hysterical ones, rest assured, hand will not falter, we shall deal as enemies with our enemies."

As he became closer and closer in touch with the military apparatus, Comrade Stalin became convinced of its absolute helplessness, and in certain sections of its direct unwillingness to organize resistance to the ever more insolent counter-revolution.

By July 11th, 1918, Stalin found it necessary to telegraph to Lenin:

"Everything is complicated by the fact that the Headquarters Staff of the North-Caucasus Command has proved to be absolutely incapable of fighting against the counter-revolution. It is not only that our 'specialists' are psychologically incapable of striking a decisive blow against the counter-revolution, but also that they, as 'Staff' workers, are capable only of 'drafting plans' and elaborating schemes of reorganization, but are entirely indifferent to military operations . . . and, generally speaking, behave as though they were outsiders, guests. The military commissars could not fill up the gap."

Comrade Stalin did not limit himself to this crushing description; in the same note he himself draws the organizational conclusions:

"I consider I have no right merely to observe this with indifference, when Kalnin's front (Kalnin was the commander at that time of the North Caucasus), is cut off from supplies, and the North cut off from the grain district. I intend altering this and many other shortcomings in the localities; I shall take measures, even to the dismissal of those officials and commanders who are ruining the cause, despite the formal difficulties which, where necessary, I shall break through. Of course, I shall take full responsibility before all higher institutions."

The position became more and more strained. Comrade Stalin exercised enormous energy, and in the shortest possible time developed out of extraordinary plenipotentiary for food supplies into the actual leader of all the Red forces in the Tsaritsyn front. This state of affairs was recognized in Moscow, and Comrade Stalin was given the work of "restoring order, amalgamating detachments into regular army units, appointing the proper authorities, and drivin out all the undisciplined." *

By this time the remnants of the Ukrainian revolutionary armies, which had retreated before the attacks of the German troops across the Don steppes, had arrived in Tsaritsyn.

Comrade Stalin headed the newly created Revolutionary Military Council which began its work of organizing a regular army. The turbulent nature of Comrade Stalin, his energy and will power, did that which yesterday had seemed impossible. In the shortest possible time divisions, brigades, regiments were created. The staff organs of supply and the whole rear was radically cleansed of counter-revolutionary and alien elements. The Soviet and Party apparatus was improved, and their work tightened up. A group of old Bolsheviks and revolutionary workers rallied round Comrade Stalin, and in the place of the helpless Staff a Red Bolshevik citadel grew up in the South, at the very gates of the Don counter-revolution.

Tsaritsyn at that time was full of counter-revolutionaries of all kinds, from Right Social - Revolutionaries and terrorists to double-barrelled monarchists. All these gentlemen, before the arrival of Comrade Stalin and the revolutionary units from the Ukraine, had felt almost free, and lived in the hope of better days. To ensure the reorganization of the Red forces on the front, it was necessary to sweep out the rear with an iron, relentless broom. The revolutionary Military Council, headed by Comrade Stalin, created a special Cheka,** and entrusted it with the duty of cleansing Tsaritsyn from counter-revolution.

The evidence of an enemy is sometimes valuable and interesting. This is now Colonel Nosovich (former Chief of the Operations Department of the army) who later betrayed us and went over to Krasnov, describes this period and the role of Stalin in a White Guard magazine—"The Don Wave"—of February 3rd, 1919:

"The chief work given to Stalin was the organization of food supplies to the northern provinces, and he was possessed of unlimited powers for the carrying out of his task. . . . The Griazi-Tsaritsyn line was cut for good. In the North there remained one posibility of getting supplies and maintaining connections: through the Volga. In the South, after the occupation of Tikhoretskaya by White Volunteers, the position became exceedingly precarious. As for Stalin, who drew his supplies exclusively from the Stavropol province, this state of affairs threatened an end to his mission in the South. But it was obviously not in the nature of such a person as Stalin to leave unfinished work once begun. We must be fair to him, and admit that any of the old administrators have good cause to envy his energy; and it would be well for many others to learn from his capacity to adapt himself to his work, and the local circumstances. Gradually, as his work became less, or rather, as his direct tasks became smaller, Stalin began to examine the work of all the administrative departments of the town, and the task of organizing the defense of Tsaritsyn in particular, and the whole of the Caucasus, so-called revolutionary front in general."

Further, describing the position in Tsaritsyn, Nosovich writes:

"By this time the atmosphere had become heavy at Tsaritsyn. The Tsaritsyn Cheka was working at full speed. Not a day passed without plots being discovered in what had seemed to be the most reliable and secret places. All the prisons of the town were full. . . .

"The fighting at the front had reached its culminating point. . . .

"After July 20th, the chief moving spirit and executor was Stalin. A simple conversation on the direct line with the centre, concerning the difficulties and unsuitability for work of the existing form of administration, brought a command along the main wire from Moscow, that Stalin was to take charge of the whole of the military . . . and civil administration. . . ."

But Nosovich himself admits later that these repressive measures were well founded. This is what he writes of the counter-revolutionary organizations in Tsaritsyn:

"By this time the local counter-revolutionary organizations also, who adopted the Constituent Assembly as their motto, had become considerably strengthened and, having obtained money from Moscow, were preparing an insurrection to help the Don Cossacks to free Tsaritsyn.

"Unfortunately, the leaders of this organization who had arrived from Moscow, Engineer Alexeyev and his two sons, were not well acquainted with the existing state of affairs and, as a result of a badly arranged plan, which included bringing into the ranks of the active participators a Serbian battalion which had lately served the Bolsheviks in the Extraordinary Committee, the organization of this plot was discovered. . . .

"Stalin's resolution was short: 'To be shot!'

"Engineer Alexeyev, his two sons, and a considerable number of officers with them, some of whom had been members of the organization; while others were suspected of participation in it, were seized by the Cheka and shot without trial."

Regarding the raid and the work of cleansing the rear (North Caucasian Command Headquarters and its administrative offices) from white Guards, Nosovich writes further:

"A characteristic peculiarity of this drive was the attitude of Stalin to instructions wired from the centre. When Trotzky, worried because of the destruction of the command administrations formed by him with such difficulty, sent a telegram concerning the necessity of leaving the staff and the war commissariat on the previous footing and giving them a chance to work, Stalin wrote a categorical, most significant inscription on the telegram: "To be ignored!'

"No attention was paid therefore to this telegram, and the entire artillery and a section of the staff personnel continued to wait on barges at Tsaritsyn."

The whole face of Tsaritsyn was very shortly quite unrecognizable. The town, where so recently military bands played in the public gardens, where the streets had been crowded with the bourgeoisie and White officers who had floated in, now became a Red military camp, where the strictest order and military discipline reigned over all. This reinforcement of the rear immediately produced the desired effect upon the morale of our regiments fighting at the front. The commanders and political staff, and the entire Red Army rank and file, began to feel that a strong revolutionary hand was leading them, which would carry on the struggle in the interests of the workers and peasants, mercilessly punishing all those who stood in the way of that struggle.

The leadership of Comrade Stalin was not limited to work in his study. When the necessary order had been restored, when revolutionary organizations had been put into order, he set out for the front, which then stretched over 600 kilometers. And only Stalin, with his magnificent organizational capacity, was able having had no previous military training (Comrade Stalin had never served in any army) so well to understand special military questions in the then extremely difficult circumstances.

I remember, as though it were today, the beginning of August, 1918. The Krasnov Cossacks were attacking Tsaritsyn, trying with one concentrated drive to throw back the Red Army units to the Volga. For many days the Red troops, headed by the Communist division composed entirely of workers from the Donetz

--And The Part Played By Leon Trotzky

Basin, withstood the extremely powerful attacks of the excellently organized Cossack units. These were days of great trial. You should have seen Comrade Stalin at that time. Calm as usual, deep in thought, he literally had no sleep for days on end, distributing his intensive work between the fighting positions and the Army headquarters.

The position at the front became almost catastrophic. The Krasnov troops, commanded by Fitzhalaurov, Mamontov and others, by a well-planned maneuver, were pressing our exhausted troops who had already suffered great losses. The enemy front, formed into a horseshoe, with its flanks resting on the Volga, pressed closer every day. We had no way out. But Stalin cared nothing for this. He was inspired with one single thought — victory! To smash up the enemy whatever happened. And this indomitable will of Stalin was passed on to his closest colleagues, and despite the almost hopeless position, nobody doubted in our ultimate victory.

We were victorious! The enemy was beaten and thrown far back in the direction of the Don.

Perm

At the end of 1918 a disastrous situation arose on the Eastern front, and particularly on the sector of the 3rd Army, which had been compelled to surrender Perm. This army, surrounded by the enemy in a semi-circle, was finally demoralized towards the end of November. As a result of six months' continuous fighting, in the absence of any reliable reinforcements, with a weak rear, the food supply in a hopeless condition (the 29th Division stood out for five days literally without a piece of bread), in 35 degrees of frost, with no roads, along a huge drawn-out front more than 400 kilometres), with a poor staff, the army was not in a condition to stand out against the excellent forces of the enemy.

To get the full, disconsolate picture, one must add the mass desertions of the "old" officers, and the surrender of whole regiments, as a result of the poor class selection of reinforcements and the futility of the Army Command. The 3rd Army, in such circumstances, broke to pieces entirely, retreated in disorder over a distance of 300 kilometres in twenty days, and lost on the way eighteen thousand soldiers, dozens of guns, hundreds of machineguns, etc. The enemy began to advance rapidly, seriously menacing Viatka, and the entire Eastern front.

The Central Committee was compelled, as a result of these events, to consider the causes of these catastrophes and bring the 3rd Army into order again. Whom to send to fulfill this difficult task? Lenin telegraphed to the President of the Revolutionary Military Council of the Republics:

"There are several Party despatches from Perm concerning the catastrophic condition of the army and drunkenness. I propose sending Stalin—am afraid Smilga would not be firm enough in his attitude towards . . . who also, it is said, drinks and cannot restore order."

The Central Committee took its decision:

"To appoint a Party Investigation Commission, composed of members of the Central Committee Dzerzhinsky and Stalin, to minutely investigate the causes of the surrender of Perm, the recent defeats on the Ural front, and also all circumstances connected with the incidents indicated. The Central Committee instructs the Commission to take all necessary measures for the speedy restoration both of the Party and Soviet work in the whole region of the 3rd and 2nd Armies. (Telegram of Sverdlov, No. 00079.)

This decision apparently limited the functions of Comrades Stalin and Dzerzhinsky to an "investigation of the causes of the surrender of Perm and the recent defeats on the Urals front." But Comrade Stalin made the center of his "Party investigation" work the taking of actual measures to restore the position, to reinforce the front, etc. In his first telegram to Lenin, of January 5th, 1919, concerning the results of the work of the Commission, Stalin said nothing about the "causes of the catastrophe," but raised the question on the spot of what must be done to save the army. This was his telegram:

"To the President of the Council of Defense, Comrade Lenin.

"The investigation has begun. How the investigation goes on we shall inform you from time to time. For the time being we consider it necessary to inform you of one requirement of the 3rd Army which brooks no delay. The point is that out of 30,000 previously in the Army, there remain only about 11,000 tired, exhausted men, who can scarcely hold out against the attacks of the enemy. The units sent by the Commander-in-Chief are not reliable, some are even hostile to us, and seriously need combing out. To save the remnants of the 3rd Army and avert the rapid advance of the enemy towards Viatka (according to reports received from the commanders at the front and the 3rd Army, this is a very real danger) it is absolutely necessary to send immediately from Russia at the disposal of the Army Commander at least three absolutely reliable regiments. We urgently request you to bring pressure to bear in this direction on the military institutions concerned. We repeat: without such measures the fate of Perm awaits Viatka; this is the general opinion of the comrades on the spot, which we share on the basis of all the information at our disposal. — (Signed) Stalin, Dzerzhinsky, 5th January, 1919, Viatka."

It was not until Jan. 13, 1919, that Comrades Stalin and Dzerzhinsky sent their short preliminary report on the "causes of the catastrophe" which amounted in short to the following: weariness and exhaustion of the army at the moment of the enemy attack, absence of reserves, absence of connections between the staff and the army, the disorganized methods of the Army Commander, the outrageous and criminal methods of controlling the front employed by the Revolutionary Military Council of the Republic, which actually paralyzed the front with its contradictory instructions, and which deprived it of every possibility of coming to the speedy assistance of the 3rd Army, the unreliability of reinforcements from the rear, which is explained by the old methods of formation, and the absolute instability of the rear, consequent upon the complete helplessness and incapacity of the Soviet and Party organizations.

Simultaneously Comrade Stalin indicated, and put into immediate practice with his usual speed and determination, several practical measures to raise the fighting capacity of the 3rd Army.

"By Jan. 15, we read in his report to the Council of Defense, 1,200 reliable infantry and cavalrymen have been sent to the front; a day later, two squadsons of cavalry. Jan. 20, the 62nd Regiment, 3rd Brigade (after being carefully combed out.) These reinforcements made it possible to stop the advance of the enemy, roused the spirits of the 3rd Army and opened up the way for an attack on Perm, which up to now has been successful. In the rear of the army a serious cleansing of the Soviet and Party institutions is taking place. In Viatka and other provincial towns revolutionary committees have been organized. The formation of strong revolutionary organizations has been begun in the villages, and still continues. The entire Party and Soviet work is being reorganized on a new basis. The military control department has been cleansed and reorganized. The provincial Extraordinary Commission has also been cleansed and reinforced by new Party workers. The unloading at the Viatka Junction is proceeding, etc. . ."

As a result of these measures, not only was the further advance of the enemy stopped, but in January, 1919, the Eastern front took the offensive and on our right flank Uralsk was taken.

This is how Comrade Stalin understood and carried out his task of "investigating the causes of the catastrophe." He investigated, he discovered the causes and there, on the spot, with the forces at his disposal, made an end of the trouble and brought about the necessary change of heart.

(To Be Continued)

* From the telegram of the revolutionary Military Council of the Republic counter-signed: "This telegram is despatched by agreement with Lenin."

** Cheka-Extraordinary Committee, used for dealing with counter-revolutionary elements during the revolution and civil war.

Group of People Famed As Artists Hit Trotzky

A number of well-known California writers, directors, educators and liberals have added their names to the "Open Letter to American Liberals," written and signed by fifty-one nationally-known figures in the world of literature, art and the professions. The original signers of the Open Letter included such people as Heywood Broun, Theodore Dreiser, Corless Lamont, Dr. John A. Kingsbury, and William P. Mangold, labor editor of the New Republic.

Those California writers who have added their names to the distinguished list of signers are:

Donald Ogden Stewart, Dorothy Parker, Humphrey Cobb, Dudley Nichols, Haakon Chevalier, Tess Slesinger, Guy Endore, Viola Brothers Shore, Alan Campbell, Lewis Milestone, Samsen Raphaelson, Ring Lardner, Jr., Nathanael West, Carey McWilliams, Loren Miller, Samuel Ornitz and Clara Weatherwax.

The Open Letter warns all liberals against the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky, characterizing that committee as a body controlled by the Trotzkyites and used for their partisan political purposes, especially for attacking and advocating armed uprising against the Soviet Union.

The Open Letter denounces the demands made by the Trotzkyite Committee for an "investigation" of the recent trials as "political intervention in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union with hostile intent."

This Open Letter further points out the menace to democracy in the Trotzkyite campaign and its support "by the reactionary press and by the very elements which attack the labor movement and freedom of speech in this country."

San Francisco Meet Hits At Trotzky Disrupture

The convention of the San Francisco County Communist Party, on Sunday, Feb. 21, adopted the following resolution on the Trotzkyite disruptors of the labor movement:

Whereas: The Trotzkyites in the Soviet Union, when faced with overwhelming evidence of their guilt, have confessed to assassination, wreckage, sabotage, espionage and plotting with fascist powers for the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and the restoration of capitalism to the land of victorious socialism, and

Whereas: The Trotzkyites in every country are uniting with the most backward, reactionary and fascist forces to disrupt and sabotage the broad people's movements against war and fascism, for democracy, progress and peace, and

Whereas: In the United States the Trotzkyites are working to disrupt and wreck the great organizational drive in the mass production industries, and are the bitter enemies of the Farmer-Labor Party movement, thus playing the game of the reactionary forces of America, and

Whereas: In California and San Francisco the Trotzkyites completely dominate and rule the Socialist Party, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Convention of the Communist Party of San Francisco, held this 21st day of February, 1937, go on record as denouncing and condemning the Trotzkyites, no matter under what label they seek to disguise themselves, as the irreconcilable and natural enemies of the working class and of the people, and be it further

Resolved: That we set ourselves the task of exposing these Trotzkyites in all of their activities in order to isolate and drive them out of the labor movement, and be it further

Resolved: That we transmit to the Soviet Union, through the Central Committee of our Party, our wholehearted support and endorsement of the verdict and sentences meted out to these Trotzkyite-fascists by the courts of proletarian justice.

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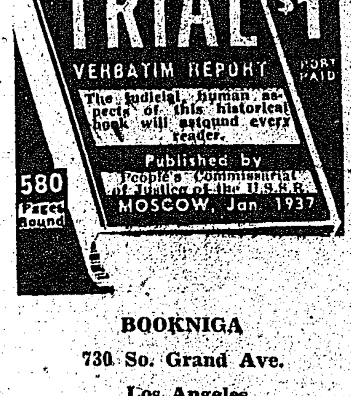

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Mass Boycott Picket Line Wins Victory in Los Angel

UPHOLSTERERS' UNION GETS STORE TO DROP 'HOT CARGO' FURNITURE OF KROHLER CO.

Mass Picket Line Will Be Maintained At West Pico Store; Union Asks Boycott Of Montgomery Ward & Company

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—First success of mass boycott picket line against Krohler Manufacturing Company was achieved Saturday, February 20, by Upholsterers' Union, Local 15, when Stocking and Hypes Furniture Store at First and Cummings Street agreed not to buy or display scab produced furniture of the Krohler Company.

A mass picket line will be maintained at West Pico Furniture Co., 5025 West Pico St., until the firm agrees to refrain from buying Krohler furniture.

All labor and their friends should know that Montgomery Ward and Company is the largest buyer of Krohler scab furniture and should look upon Montgomery Ward and Company as an enemy of the working class and refrain from patronizing them.

STORY OF '36 ALASKA TRIP NEARING END

Rumors Thick Among Canners As Ship Neared S.F.

By an Alaska Canner

(Continued from Previous Issue)

ABOARD S.S. GLACIER, San Francisco Bound—In the mess hall a ping pong game was in progress. The $10 bills—our share money—were changing hands. The longer the game lasted, the more the money found its way into the hands of a smaller and smaller group. This would need correcting on future trips.

A fog horn could be heard in the distance. The "Glacier" cut speed, and we hit a snail's pace once more.

Rumor Pests Active

Rumors went the rounds that we would anchor outside the Gate, inside the Bay, in Sausalito, everywhere, it seemed, but 'Frisco'. Fortunately these rumors were without foundation.

That must be the fog-horn at Point Reyes. No, it's the whistle buoy. That's right, you are both wrong. It's the Farralone Islands we are nearing, etc. The more I listened the more I thought I'd scream. There should be some law against these rumor pests.

Everybody started packing their belongings.

"It's no use, boys, I heard Captain Larson say we are not going to land."

Another rumor, and some would start unpacking again, taking the man at his word. As for me, I did not have to go through this ritual. Instead I threw all of my belongings (54 articles, a deck of cards and a pair of socks) overboard.

The fog thickened. To our left, a light would blink at intervals, for a split second. We watched this blinking light, as another fog-horn bellowed out to us. It sounded as though it were only a hundred yards away—maybe it was. There was no way of determining distance.

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Adolph Struts His Stuff

GERMAN SIGNATURES to the war-guilt clause of the Versailles treaty are officially withdrawn by Hitler in a demagogic speech calculated to bolster Nazi control. German people are justifiedly angered at burden cast on them by Versailles treaty but Hitler utilizes this feeling to prepare new slaughter.

RED-BAITING IS GIVEN CHEMISTS BY BIG BUSINESS

Useful Science Almost Taboo Topic at Chemurgic Council

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—A meeting of the California Chemurgic Council held in the Biltmore Hotel on February 17, was converted by the "big shots" into a rabid redbaiting affair.

We chemists thought the object of the meeting had to do with chemistry—the industrial utilization of farm crops, especially wasted crops for various oils, cellulose, alcohol or paper. No, it was very much stuff.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

PACIFIC COAST AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES have ratified the Child Labor Amendment to the U. S. Constitution without exception. Among the 27 states who have acted favorably on this important proposition are California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana.

Other states that have ratified the amendment are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Nine more states must ratify it to make it law.

No Victory for Reaction

Michael Kelly, the political machine boss of Alameda County, and his allies, including District Attorney Earl Warren and Joseph Knowland, Oakland Tribune publisher, probably are thinking they gained a great victory when their stooges in the labor movement were able to put across a labor ticket for this spring's municipal elections.

Their clique of reactionaries, which has choked the organized labor movement of Alameda County for many years, managed to stop the progressive forces in their movement toward independent political action.

But what Kelly, Warren and Knowland are going to be forced to realize, is that their "anchors" in the labor movement—the reactionary clique—will sign their death warrants in the labor movement if they continue to block a labor ticket.

The progressives who spoke in Labor's Non-Partisan Political Federation in the East Bay, will win out because they are not a clique—they are the representatives of John Smith and Mary Jones, rank-and-file unionists whose rangs are constantly growing in militancy and progressive ideas.

Workers Won't Forget .

The East Bay workers won't forget the anti-labor policies and acts of the city governments, such as police violence against picket lines and individual workers, cooperation with vigilante groups, and Oakland police demonstrations for gear gas to "civic clubs" last year.

In fact, the workers have just begun to fight the Kelly machine and its backers in finance and industry.

They are going to stand for discrimination against working-class sections in amounts spent for schools, parks, playgrounds, police, and the special discrimination of this sort against districts where the Negro people live.

They aren't going to be silent and inactive when the Kelly-machine is continuing to shift the tax burden from the rich and from industrial properties by low assessments; they're going to make the rich pay.

The East Bay workers have in thus trying to improve our press. Far be it from us to object to little clean innocent fun.

Busy Workers Not in "Sport"

I only wonder, sometimes, if the most enthusiastic devotees of the game always find time to read the "Western Worker."

It seems to me also that the people who are engaged in doing the everyday humdrum jobs are the ones who take the least interest and have the least time for this sport.

Isn't it a fact, too, that a paper reflects pretty accurately the composition of its constituents, their political and cultural level, as well as their economic interests? For example, the London Times and the New York Times and any rural paper. A paper cannot rise much above the level of those who read it its readers.

From which is it not fair to conclude that the best way to "improve" the Western Worker is, first of all, to read it ourselves and secondly, to get as many others to read it as we can? As the political and cultural level of the readers rise the political and cultural level of our paper will automatically rise.

Criticism, like charity, should begin at home. If there's anything wrong with the Western Worker, there's something wrong with us, its readers, which is being reflected in our organ.

Briefly, I suggest as a slogan to get this idea over in a short and practical way:

"Don't only criticize the Western Worker—Read it!" .

REV. CHARLES FASCISTS SEIZE TUCSON CHURCH

Resigns As Church Rector In Tucson, Arizona

By a Worker Correspondent

TUCSON, Ariz.—Rev. E. E. Tuthill, at Grace Episcopal Church here since 1922, resigned his post here, effective in July, saying he has been hard worker since I was a leader in the movement to guarantee academic freedom in higher education in Arizona.

"All self-styled 'best-people' who insist on helping to build a Fascist state hate the very name of academic freedom."

Rev. Tuthill's statement started.

"I have resigned my rectorship of Grace church to become effective July 4 because holding the views I do, I feel that I cannot continue to work under Bishop Mitchell and keep my self-respect as a disciple in the school of Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, who is the Eternal Christ.

"There are two forces in conflict in the Episcopal Church and all other churches — each striving to gain control of the church. The first is the democratic religion of Jesus Christ; the second is Fascism.

"That is not theory, it is fact. In my opinion, Bishop Mitchell is giving every possible aid and comfort to the forces that are working for the creation of Fascism through the Episcopal Church in Tucson .

—Fascist Religion and Govt.

"The condition that I hold exists here is not peculiar to Tucson; it is simply a part of a general movement to hand over all the churches to the people who advocate Fascist theories of religion and government."

just begun to fight their oppressors, and if Spooner, Fee, Morris, Sweeney, Risley, Manning, Silverthorn and Patterson can't quit being Kelly's men in the labor movement, organized labor will give them the bum's rush.

HOSIERY SIT-DOWN

PHILADELPHIA—Brownhill-Kramer Hosiery mill workers won a 37-day sit-down strike, with union wage and hour schedules to prevail.

READER URGES CRITICS READ THE 'WESTERN'

Hits "Indoor Sports" As "Intellectual Superiors"

By a Reader

SAN FRANCISCO—Criticising the "Western Worker" is one of the favorite indoor sports of Communists. It's an easy game to play—and amusing. It gives one a pleasant sense of intellectual superiority while at the same time a comfortable feeling of doing ones revolutionary duty

Editorial Note

This story was written by a reader in answer to certain critics of the "Western" in her acquaintance.

However, the "Western" staff wants it plainly understood that criticism which will help it put out a better paper, is desired and is seriously considered and discussed by the staff. If you have any suggestions or criticisms, please write or bring them in.

Townsend Club, Alliance Discuss WPA Nurseries

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—WPA nursery schools will be the subject of a neighborhood meeting at the Ross Snyder Playground Auditorium, Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:30 p. m., under the auspices of Local 30, Workers' Alliance and the Townsend Club No. 7.

A two-reel film will be shown by Mrs. Morgenroth, of the Board of Education. Mrs. Lehman, director of the Vernon Avenue Nursery School, will speak.

Assemblyman Hawkins has been invited to explain a few of the labor bills introduced at Sacramento—in particular Assembly Bill 1560, raising old age pensions to $50 and requiring investigations of applicant to be completed in two weeks.

All neighbors are welcome.

WPA funds are available for day nurseries as well as for adult education, Los Angeles needs dozens of these nurseries.

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Citizens Angry In Sta. Barbara

Protest Insult to Spain Youth Delegation As Attack Against Democracy

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA—Citizens gathered at Junior High School expecting to hear representatives of the Spanish government speak on war conditions there, were greatly disappointed when told the Board of Education refused to allow a public meeting in the school, where neither politics nor religion were to be discussed, unless the parties submitted a synopsis for examination.

By this move the board, by an illegal act, has not only placed Santa Barbara on the map in an exceptional and unenviable light—it has insulted a friendly nation and shown an ostrich-like stupidity as if afraid or unwilling to hear the truth; conceited enough to tell its citizens that the schools they have built and for which they have taxed themselves, shall not be used by them.

From under cover and in secret, they made a Fascistic stab at democratic institutions; wrapping themselves around with the American flag, they pose as "patriots."

S. F. Cigar Makers Drive Towards Closed Shop

By a Cigar Maker

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Cigar Makers International Union recently won 7½ strike here—union recognition and an increase in pay per 100 cigars, as cigar workers still work under the piece-work system.

It is expected by cigar workers that all cigar factories in San Francisco will soon oprate under the closed shop system, with the union controlling hiring. Steps to this effect will be taken in the near future.

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By a Young W

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Santa Barbara Silve **was told.**

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SPANISH AID BY MOUNTAIN VIEW PEOPLE

$498.51 Is Raised By Accion Democrata Espanola

By a Worker Correspondent.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—I read the Western Worker twice a week, and it is the best paper that I read.

I have seen all the money that the public sends to the Spanish people that are fighting in Spain for Democracy. I have seen the amount that the Democratic people of Mountain View sent to help the Democrats of Spain, and I took the opportunity to find it myself.

According you the amount the Mountain View people sent to Spain since we started December 24, 1936, which was $60.19; January 14, 1937, which was $129.97, February 13, 1937, the Accion Democrata Espanola had a party and dancing, which amounted to $398.35, which has already been sent to Spain.

From now on, I will send you the amount to put in the paper all from the Accion Democrata Espanola.

Keep on doing the good work that you are doing at the present on the Western Worker, and I hope that soon we have the paper every day

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50 L. A. YOUTH LEADERS MEET IN CONFERENCE

Will Work With The Trade Unions For Youth Platform

LOS ANGELES—Fifty young people, leaders of religious, political, educational organizations, answered the call of the leading youth of Los Angeles to discuss a program of action in the 1937 municipal elections.

They met in conference February 6-7, at Angelus Hotel. Included among the delegates were Art Cassidy, Christian Youth leader; Eunice Schmitt, vice-president of the State Committee of the Young Democrats; Elizabeth Hampton, Independent Baptist Church; Frances Lee Brant, president of the Christian Youth Council.

Pervading the calling of a more inclusive city-wide conference, these delegates declared their willingness to act with trade unions and other groups on a unified program and common slate. Their intention is to rally all youth organizations in support of labor and progressive candidates. In addition they will formulate youth demands based on the demands of labor and progressive groups.

Also a second representation at the city-wide conference, the delegates elected organizational secretary, finance secretary and publicity director.

The conference will be continued, it was decided at the meeting called off in the newspaper, and radio station and appr 200 persons were told phone; still, nearly 30 the auditorium.

UNION CENTER AFFILIATES WITH PACIFIC A. A. U.

Labor Council Head Praises Sports Program

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for the calling of a city-wide conference to launch a union sports movement gained impetus last week when the Pacific Athletic Union voted to accept the application of the Union Recreation Center for affiliation. John Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council also declared in favor of such a sports movement.

The Pacific Athletic Union is the West Coast branch of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Shelley declared: "Personally, I've always been in favor of sports life among young union men, and with leagues run by the Industrial Association, but right within the ranks of organized labor."

The Center also announced that the first issue of a new labor and sports magazine for the entire coast marine industry will be out next week.

Entitled "The Front," this six-teen-page publication, selling for five cents, will feature, an interview with John Shelley on union sports and an expose of the wrestling racket.

The publication will indicate a circulation of 30,000 for the first issue.

Oakland grind. Promised a percentage of the game receipts, the boys turned out and won appointingly small, the sixteen sat down for a flat rate.

HAIL TO THE NEW CHAMP!

Hold the Fort, for Union Recreation Center has "arrived!" Stanley Postek, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, light heavyweight color bearer for the Union Recreation Center, swept all opposition aside to triumph in the final round of his division in the Pacific Athletic Union's annual Junior Championships at Dreamland. San Jose State College took first honors in club standings. Recreation Center finished third.

CHURCH YOUTH URGE PASSAGE OF YOUTH ACT

"Write Legislators" Is Suggestion of Epworth League

A resolution urging passage of the California Youth Act and a decision to appoint an official delegate to the hearings at the end of March marked the convention of the San Francisco District of the Epworth League at Redwood City on February 20, 21 and 22.

Two hundred and twenty delegates from San Francisco to Salinas heard Miss Grace Stembridge, representative of the National Council of the League to this district, urge support of the act at the opening session of the convention.

Introduced by Minister

The resolution was introduced by M. D. Hunt of the Park Presidio Methodist Church. Miss Stembridge is San Francisco chairman of the Assembly of Youth.

The decision also urged individual members and Leagues to write to their assemblymen and senators in favor of the Youth Act.

The convention was divided into round tables on Industrial Problems, led by Rev. Chase; World Problems, Rev. Throckmorton; Personal Religion, Rev. Smith, and Economic Problems, Paul Campbell, Northern California director.

"Social Actions"

The Industrial Problems group recommended that members approach their pastors on setting up Social Action Committees for forums on current social problems in the churches. The coming special election and the legislative session up by the People's Legislative Conference were topics suggested for discussion.

Willard Lawrence of the Hamilton Epworth League of San Francisco was elected president of the District for the forthcoming year.

In a closing address Dr. Brem all urged young people to "hold onto your ideals. You will be labelled Socialistic. But, in the spirit of Christ, hold onto your ideals."

Ban Sociology Club, Approve C. of C.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Although formation of a Sociology Society was ruled as "undesirable" and, in fact, forbidden from the campus, administration heads welcomed to Los Angeles Junior College last week a new "Cub" Chamber of Commerce.

To include more than 1200 students enrolled in the various business courses on the curriculum, a "high-pressure" campaign of intimidation and picture-painting was conducted by Donald Kinnette, advertising instructor, with augments in high teaching salary with work as a floor-walker in a department store.

RELIEF MONEY 'NOT NEEDED'

Claiming that they could not use it for student employment, the University of California Occupations Bureau has returned $56,000 of its $100,000 appropriation from the National Youth Administration. Simultaneously a committee made up of YMCA, YWCA and American Student Union members claimed that 80 per cent of the student body has to work its way through the University, usually under "intolerable working conditions and at starvation wages."

CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP SPANISH AID

Youth Speakers' Tour Stimulates Friends Of Democracy

A call for a conference on April 4 at 1566 California Street in San Francisco by the local North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy follows closely immediately on the heels of successful meetings for the Spanish Youth Delegation in California. The conference will lay plans for providing food and aid to Spain during the course of the struggle.

San Francisco's meeting of 4,000 in Dreamland Auditorium put over $2,000 into the fighting fund of Spanish democracy.

An outstanding meeting was the one held in Vacaville, where $60 working people contributed $1200 to world democracy's cause.

Among the most enthusiastic gatherings was the meeting at Mountainview where 350 young people turned out to hear the delegates.

New Club Formed

The meeting was held by a recently formed progressive youth club, which in the space of two weeks signed up 220 young people in the interests of peace and a new social system in this small agricultural community. A dance netted $85.

One hundred people at a luncheon at Stanford University contributed $20. Later 175 heard the speakers at a meeting.

Nine hundred listened to the Spanish youth leaders in Oakland. $150 was contributed by 350 people in San Jose.

Seven hundred people jammed the Sacramento meeting in a hall with 600 seating capacity. This collection is also unstabulated.

Doughty Pioneers Carry on Boldly

(From the Diary of Covered Wagoner)

SOMEWHERE IN, WHERE-to-MA, Enroute to Washington—Ho for the life of a pioneer! Having a fine time. Wish you were here in a Covered Wagon. Just headed east for Washington, D. C., to take part in the Youth Pilgrimage for the American Youth Act. Fifteen flats. Average speed 25 to 30 miles an hour, on hills 10 to 20.

Last night while Cecil McKiddy and I were asleep in the Covered Wagon we were awakened by the most terrific noise and lifted the front of the trailer off the ground. I thought we had gone over a bank and was trying to figure out where the car was.

Accident

The trailer bounced back and sat still. We saw the twisted arms of the frame jabbing into the night.

The driver had lost the road and had tried again to make a U turn through an abandoned gas station with a low roof!

And now remembering, days ago, when we left California, Frieda Schmidt, secretary of Ships Have to off the Golden Gate. Our Covered Wagon was the only schooner to venture forth into the teeth of the gale.

Took a Reefer

On San Bruno Boulevard, the gale took hold of our canvas and turned the trailer on two wheels. Under the direction of Malby Roberts from San Jose, admiral of the Alviso Navy, we threw out our sea anchor and reefed in the canvas.

The Wagoneers evidently arrived, judging from news reports from Washington on a sit-down strike.—Ed.

Youth Act Campaign Grows As Hearings Are Scheduled For Last Week of March

Month-Long Drive Is Scheduled to Get Endorsements

Soviet Youth Aid Spain People

MOSCOW SCHOOL kids sign pledges to donate for food and clothing for Spanish loyalist troops, and children of Spain.

A decision to hold mass hearings on the California Youth Act before the Assembly Committee on Social Welfare in the last week of March marked the beginning of the second major step in the drive for passage of state youth security legislation.

The decision was made Sunday afternoon, February 21, at a meeting of the the Regional Executive Board of the Assembly of Youth in the San Francisco Young Women's Christian Association building.

Simultaneous with this drive, the Assembly of Youth announced a determined effort to secure resolutions of endorsement of the final draft of the Youth Act by all organizations.

The Assembly announced that it will ask all affiliated organizations to set aside the month of March as California Youth Act month.

Buttons are to be sold to the entire memberships, educationals will be held in all affiliated organization and work will be undertaken to secure material for testimony at the hearings.

It is expected that 200,000 copies of a summary of the California Youth Act will be available soon, as well as a folder outlining the need, the provisions and the sponsors of this legislation.

Uniforms for South Siders

The All-Conquering Horde, better known as the South Side YCL's basketball team, is getting uniforms, an affair to raise money for the uniforms is being run Saturday Evening, the 24th, at 535½ E. 16th St., with an invitation extended to all readers of the Western Youth. This team, leading in its league competition, and is likely to win the championship, is the pride of the league, and the South Siders beat the L.A. County YCL team in a practice game to the tune of 58 to 7.

If possible invite them to homes for dinner. And when there are basketball activities see to it that he or she has a partner.

My sincere aloha and admiration for the wonderful way you all been treated since joining the YCL. And to all YCL members I'd like to say, which means pulling together, to me, success!!! and progressive future.

ALOHA NUI LOA.

PAPER WORKERS WIN

DULUTH, Minn.—Workers won strikes at the Duluth Paper and the Van Vick Paper Box plants here. Wage increases were granted.

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YOUNG HAWAIIAN TELLS OF THE PROBLEMS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN

(By a Member of the Waterfront Branch, Y.C.L., S.F.)

To members of all Young Communist League branches I say Aloha, which in my native Hawaiian means greetings and everlasting friendship.

When this question of the YCL was first brought to me from some of my fellow Hawaiians and even asking me to join, the first thought that occurred to me was that they were trying to get me into trouble. Then I also feared they might bring chaos to the social background of my native land. Ignorance of their aims and ways was very skeptical towards them until I attended a few social affairs and classes. I finally got that the YCL was doing everything in its power to help the unions and to expose activities being carried on by some of the leaders of the Maritime Federation.

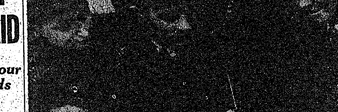
Why They Dropped

So I made up my mind to join and try in some small way to help the members of the Y.C.L. and to recruit more of my native fellow men. For which I am glad, as I have since become met with success for a while. Then some dropped out, giving no reason at all, while others said they admitted they were afraid of being thrown out of the Sailors' Union, which is the bloodieu Hawaiian, I feel I'm qualified to let the members of all the branches know their reasons for dropping out.

I also want to take you to the Hawaiian Islands which various advertisements have pictured as a glorious paradise with romantic atmosphere and Hawaiian music—waterfalls cascading in purple rivulets tinted with a mixture of rainbow colors and perfume from a thousand native flowers wafted to you through waving palm trees, a celestial sky studded with emerald skies and delicious pineapple for you to take. Which is all the bunk.

All Bunk

Now in our various schools we are taught the wonderful opportunities that lay before us. But of all the questions asked of how to obtain these opportunities no answer is available. In plain words we are taught so much bull and that is all. When we go out into the world and try to elevate ourselves and fellow natives we suddenly find ourselves engulfed in very embarrassing situations. And as we progress, naturally, and more vicious methods of keeping us to standards where the ruling



Trouble For Mike & Moxie; Lefty's Crystal Ball is O.K.

By LEFTY

Trouble, more trouble and a whole steam-shovel of dirt is what Mike Jacobs is getting these days.

Joseph Triner, chairman of the Illinois State Boxing Commission, barred Brother Max Braddock's handlers to sign on the dotted line for a Chicago match with Joe Louis. Max is counting on a Braddock victory over pretty penny out of Mr. Jacob's purse, since he was counting on a Braddock victory over Louis to help stage af-fair in the New York Garden.

On top of that sumthin' went foney in the deal of Louisiana Tony in that it was brought to light. Herr Jacobs had in his Mushie fixed it with Earl Phillips, Brooklyn heavy, to take a dive in his bout with Jack Torrance.

Dog bites man. Publicity man frames bout. That's no news. But man bites dog. Fighter gets popsen on the night of the bout and turns up later with a whole carload of spilled beans. That's news. And young Mr. Phillips let his conscience get the better of his business sense and told the whole story.

Jacobs promptly fired Mushie and kissed him finer. But he couldn't get Jackson off his hands quickly enough to keep from smoke. So the gentlemen who is trying to ruin Joe Louis' well-earned chance at a title bout while giving the gate to Adolph Hitler Max Mox, proves to be a little lower than the soles of Lee Holman's shoes.

And red is plaguing Reichsfuehrer Hitler again. This time it's red ink on the loss side of the ledger. Very glad to report that the winter Olympics in Germany crossed the note with $2,415,368 reichsmarks. But the aryan ape had to pay out $2,618,000 reichsmarks.

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The old crystal bowl proved right again. Remember, last column predicted the growth of union sports movement throughout San Francisco. And graciously enough, all three unions have come through. Hail the Furriers. Their basketball team had its first workout last Wednesday at the Union Recreation Center. Hail, hail the Milinery Union. Their hoopsters get going early this week. Hail, hail, hail the Bay Blasters. Taking time off the picket line at Bemis Bag Co. they turn to the basketball court. New York? Where is that joint? Watch Frisco's basketball entrants—or listen to the snooping about possible affiliation of the Union Recreation Center with the Pacific Athletic Union? Well, they've done it! Now for extending the movement to the uptown unions. You little crystal ball, you!

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In the mailbag, Brother Ed Smith comes across with some good dope. "During the past 4 or 5 years professional boxing managers have taken a great interest in developing amateur boxers. Jobs being scarce, the boys are willing to capitalize on their fighting skill. Joe Louis and Fred Apostoli, San Francisco's middleweight contender, are among the ex-simon pures who are now tops in the pro ranks.

Newsboy Joe Gaveas and Earl Booker are among the boys who have just deserted the amateur ranks. They're headed for the top flights. Newsboy Joe really sells papers during the day to keep going and Booker fights in order to pay his college tuition. In his last bout, Brooker stopped Ted Cano in three rounds.

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L. A. Teamsters Aided

M. AND WILL REGRET THAT IT GOT TOUGH

"Asking for Trouble, We Accept the Challenge"

LOS ANGELES—"The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association is asking for trouble—we accept the challenge," is what Harry Dall says, speaking for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"That's in answer to the setting up of fink hiring halls for non-union truck owners by the vicious strike-breaking M. & M. Every available teamster in San Pedro has been rushed to the docks for picket duty, when Dall made his statement.

The International Longshoremen's Association, through its president, Roy Donnelly, has declared that its members will not go through any picket line established by the Teamsters.

Blame Is On M. M.

Placing the blame squarely upon the notorious Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, a telegram to President Roosevelt was voted by the San Pedro and Long Beach Central Labor Councils along with the State Federation of Labor.

"Critical situation developed Los Angeles harbor which will tie up entire waterfront and involve entire coast unless corrected immediately," the wire read. "Merchants and Manufacturers Association is threatening drayage companies that business will be taken from them if they deal with the unions.

"M. and M. established fink hall at Wilmington yesterday and are furnishing non-union swampers and drivers to haul on the docks.

"Longshoremen have a chartered local union to load and unload trucks on the docks. Men are dispatched from working hall which has been established 18 months. Trucks are going on the docks today with non-union drivers and swampers, furnished by 'fink' hall. If M. and M. not stopped at once, strike will not be averted."

Dall in a statement to the public declared:

"Federal mediators assigned by the department of labor to investigate the situation and the actions of teamsters' pickets, met with the maritime officials and the teamsters a week ago just recently.

"At the meeting we were asked to hold in abeyance our plans, giving time to reach a solution. We delayed for several days. Again we were asked by certain people in Los Angeles to deter actions last Friday, giving them time to get together and avert a coast-wise strike. I readily complied.

"Then the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association established a fink hall in Wilmington for the purpose of dispatching non-union men and loading trucks on the docks.

"For several days they have been calling employers threatening them if they dealt with the unions, their business would be taken away.

"A telegram was sent to truck operators inviting them to a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. The signature at the bottom of the telegram was the only credential necessary to attend.

"At the meeting, speakers pointed out that the teamsters' union must be smashed; that it was a key union and would mean the organization of Los Angeles.

"They urged higher wages, shorter hours and two weeks' vacation with pay, to keep the men satisfied so they would pay no attention to union organizers."

The entire sinister plotting of all the rotten open shop forces in Los Angeles is seen in this newest move of the M. and M. With Harry Chandler of the "Times" a strong element in the M. and M. and with Waterfront Employers' Association carrying on a strong, intensive campaign to break up the Teamsters' Union, chances are that a concerted, brutal and terroristic attack upon all organized labor in Southern Salifornia is about to be launched.

On the other hand, complete solidarity from all labor's ranks is virtually assured the Teamsters' Union in its struggle against the employers.

Charter for 800 Hospital Workers, L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Eight hundred General Hospital workers comprising the new local No. 100-1 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, have received their charter from the central Labor Council.

Henry Couzat, temporary chairman of the recently organized local, accepted the charter on behalf of the union.

Tex. AFL Sets Cal. Agriculture Pace

Something for California organized labor to emulate has been done in connection with organizing agriculture. The full weight of the Texas State Federation of Labor has been thrown behind the new Texas Agricultural Workers' Organizing Committee. Read what happened in the report below:

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.—The state conference of agricultural workers in this city, the first state-wide conference ever held in Texas for the purpose of organizing agricultural workers, was attended by 40 delegates from 15 trade unions and other agricultural worker organizations.

State AFL Endorses

Initiated by the Agricultural Workers' Union No. 20212 in Laredo, Tex., the conference was endorsed by the Texas State Federation of Labor, the Central Trades and Labor Council of Corpus Christi and locals of the Oil Workers' Union, International Carpenters' Union and International Longshoremen's Association.

Following the principle report and recommendations made by James Sager, from Agricultural Workers' Union No. 20212, the conference adopted a program of demands and a plan of organizational work on a state-wide scale.

It established a Texas Agricultural Workers' Organizing Committee and elected an executive committee, to be responsible for developing the work.

Until the State Committee is able to publish its own paper, the conference adopted "The Rural Worker" and "El Organizador Agricola" as the official organs of the committee.

The conference instructed the State Organizing Committee to work to establish new unions affiliated to the AFL in Corpus Christi, Brownsville, and San Antonio. During the winter months, particular attention is to be given to the onion-raising areas in Southern Texas. The committee is instructed to prepare for concentration work during the coming summer among the cotton field workers.

With the unions, the State Agricultural Workers' Organization Committee will endeavor to secure for the agricultural workers in Texas during the 1937 season, a minimum wage scale of $1.50 to $2.50 per day and maximum hours of eight hours per day.

COOKS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST COPELAND ACT

Tell What Should Be Done for Unity In Struggle

The Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union in San Francisco had this to say on one aspect of how the Copeland Bill should be fought, and the following resolution, which the Cooks possed) is commended to the attention of all maritime unions:

WHEREAS: If a permanent injunction is not granted in Saturday morning's court hearing the order concerning the issuance of Copeland Discharge Books will again be in effect, and

WHEREAS: In order to maintain unity in the Maritime Federation of the Pacific it is necessary to work out a Federation policy of action, and

WHEREAS: Notice of public hearing has been issued by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries for March 1, 1937, on Amendments to the Copeland Bill, and

WHEREAS: On Feb. 9, 1937, District Council No. 2 passed the following motion:

M-S that the District Council Executive Board be the Copeland Committee.

Amendment: that the District Council elect a committee of one representative from each organization (Coastwise): each organization having the right to replace their committeemen by a member from their organization, now therefore be it

Resolved: That we concur in the action of District Council No. 2 in referring the matter of Amendments to the Copeland Bill to the Maritime Federation Sub-Executive Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to all organizations affiliated with District Council No. 2, to Secretary of the Maritime Federation, to President Fisher and Vice-President Christeroferson and that they be urged to act immediately on this matter and, if necessary, that special meetings of the District be called to take up this matter.

NOTE—The sub-executive committee of the Maritime Federation consists of one delegate from each district council, the president, vice-president and secretary of the Maritime Federation.

S. F. Cannery and Preserve Workers Get Organized

By a Cannery Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Cannery and Preserve Workers Union recently organized into a local here, obtained a charter weeks ago, and has recently established headquarters at 32 Clay St., fourth floor, Rm. E. It is affiliated to the AFL.

INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION PLAN MENACES LABOR

WASHINGTON.—Members of veterans organizations have testified in favor of the Sheppard-Hill Bill, which embodies the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, before the House Military Affairs Committee during the past few days. Among these organizations are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion and the Reserve Officers Association.

Most of the exponents of the Industrial Mobilization Plan, with the exception of a few who are deliberately planning it as a measure for the establishment of Fascism in the United States, are influenced by the Plan's apparent equalization of the burdens of war, and the apparent elimination of war profiteering.

The Nye Committee, however, has demonstrated beyond further argument that the Plan cannot and will not accomplish these things. On the contrary, the Nye Committee has pointed out that the Plan discriminates against labor, as compared with industry, and that the Plan will increase profits, if anything.

The American League Against War and Fascism, in a pamphlet, "A Blueprint For Fascism: An Analysis of the Industrial Mobilization Plan," calls upon workers, farmers, professionals, housewives and youth to urge the members of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees and their own representatives in Congress to reject the Sheppard-Hill Bill and all other bills which would place upon the books the whole or any part of the Industrial Mobilization Plan.

The members of the Senate committee, and their Washington addresses, follow:

Morris Sheppard, 1814, 19 St.; Hugo L. Black, 4511 Cathedral Ave.; J. Hamilton Lewis, The Mayflower; M. M. Logan, Dupont Circle Apartment; Robert Raynolds, The Shoreham; Nathan Bachman, The Continental; Albert Thomas, 2737 Devonshire Place; Sherman Minton, 3401 Macomb St.; Claude Pepper, The Carlton; Edwin Johnson, The Roosevelt; Josh Lee, 134 C St. SE; H. H. Schwartz, The Mayflower; Ernest Lundeen, The Roosevelt; Warren Austin, The Mayflower; Gerald P. Nye, 3802 Gramercy St.; H. Styles Bridges, Senate Office Building; Henry C. Lodge, Jr., 3337 N. St.

The members of the House committee follow:

Lister Hill, chairman, House Office Building; Andrew J. May, The Roosevelt; R. Ewing Thomason, The Wardman Park; Dow W. Harter, The Shoreham; Charles I. Faddis, The Plaza; Clarence W. Turner, The Raleigh; Andrew Edmiston, The Wardman Park; Edwin M. Schaefer, The Powhaten; J. Joseph Smith, The Racquet Club; Matthew J. Merritt, The Hay-Adams; Maury Maverick, 2126 Connecticut Ave.; Frank Dorsey, House Office Building; John M. Costello, George Washington Inn; J. Mark Wilcox, The Westchester; G. Heyward Mahon, Jr., House Office Building; C. Arthur Anderson, House Office Building; Stephen Pace, The Wardman Park; Overton Brooks, The Wardman Park; Paul J. Kvale, The Cavalier.

After the CIO Victory Was Won

SIGNING THE agreement with General Motors granting recognition to the United Automobile Workers' Union (CIO affiliate.) Left to right, union president Wyndham Mortimer, Gov. Murphy of Michigan and Wm. S. Knudsen, General Motors executive vice-president.

"Green Devoid of Honor," UMWA

He Is Devoid of Principles; Miners Will Expel Him For Auto Strikebreaking

It's worth reprinting the resolution, calling for the canning of Bill Green as a member, passed by the United Mine Workers' policy committee in its recent Washington session. The capitalist press hasn't been too anxious to give more than a few bare excerpts, so we print the policy committee's resolution in full, for it's a corker and pulls no punches:

Whereas, the United Automobile Workers, through an intensified organizing campaign with the support and cooperation of the Committee for Industrial Organization, was able to bring about substantial organization of the employes in the automobile industry; and

Whereas, a strike recently occurred at the plants of the General Motors Corporation; and

Whereas, the demands of the United Automobile Workers called for recognition of their organization in collective bargaining and for the consideration of demands involving wages, hours, and conditions of employment; and

They Assist General Motors

Whereas, previous to that time very little organization, no collective bargaining and no recognition of any trade union was in effect in the Automobile Industry, especially under General Motors; and

Whereas, during this struggle for collective bargaining and industrial democracy the president of the American Federation of Labor, William Green, and John Frey, the chairman of the Metal Trades Department, notwithstanding that there was very little, if any, craft organization in the General Motors plants, and no agreements or collective bargaining in existence, did everything in their power to assist General Motors in their effort to divide, destroy, and render impotent the United Automobile Workers and those associated with them in their effort to inaugurate collective bargaining and economic justice in that industry; and

Whereas, the tactics and statements of President Green and John P. Frey amount to treason and a betrayal of labor, its principles and its ideals; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the obstacles placed in the way of an honorable settlement of the strike by President Green and John P. Frey, a settlement was finally consummated which provides for collective bargaining and the United Automobile Workers is specifically agreed to by the General Motors Corporation as the contracting party to the agreement representing employees; and

Whereas, this agreement on collective bargaining is practically the same as most every other contract in existence in this country and is about the same basis as the usual standard contract which accords collective bargaining in this country; and

Whereas, this contract between General Motors and the United Automobile Workers establishes the basis for collective bargaining in the automobile industry and is the foundation upon which continuing collective bargaining and economic justice may obtain in the industry; and

Bill Green's Treason

Whereas, the president of the American Federation of Labor, continuing his treasonable attitude, has referred to the settlement as being a surrender, notwithstanding that the agreement provides for collective bargaining and consideration of the additional demands of the auto workers for wages and working conditions and has been sanctioned and approved by the United Automobile Workers of America and its membership; and

Whereas, these statements from the President of the American Federation of Labor 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; and that his attitude can be recognized and classified as being more helpful to the exploiting employers of labor than to the employees or their organizations; and

Whereas, taking all of these facts into consideration, the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America, now in session in Washington, D. C.,

Resolved: That we condemn the president of the American Federation of Labor, William Green, and his academic friend, Colonel John P. Frey, for their gratuitous, insulting, anti-union, strike-breaking statements, and we call upon American Labor 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. The international officials are directed to take such steps as are necessary to have William Green expelled from membership in the United Mine Workers of America.

Be it Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the president and secretary of the American Federation of Labor, to Colonel Frey, and that copies be given to the press.

ARTA APPLIES TO THE C. I. O.

Follows Talk With Lewis in Wash.

The American Radio Telegraphists Association, with membership in marine, land radio broadcasting communications, has filed a formal application for affiliation with the CIO, Mervyn Rathborne, president of the union, reported.

The application came as a result of a recent meeting in Washington, D. C., between Rathborne, John L. Lewis, CIO leader, and Hoyt S. Haddock, retiring president of ARTA.

The radio union, which was organized independently in 1931, made an effort, in December, 1935, to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, but a tentative agreement with the AFL affiliate in the field, the Commercial Telegraphists Union, was never consummated, Rathborne said.

Talk With Lewis

Plans were discussed during the conference with John L. Lewis by the ARTA leaders, for organization of the radio field on a nation-wide industrial union basis, it was learned.

The executive committee of the ARTA met Jan. 28 to vote on the Affiliation. A count of the vote revealed that ten executive committee members favored affiliation with only one member opposing.

The next meeting of the CIO tentatively scheduled for some time early in March will act on the application, Rathborne said yesterday.

The ARTA was an active participant in the recent East and West Coast maritime strikes and has gained prestige in the general labor movement for its progressive policies and activities.

Back Picket Rig

ILA STARTS THE BALL ROLLING ON C. S. REPEAL

Pledges $25 a Week To Aid Drive to End Hated Law

SAN FRANCISCO—"At a general membership meeting of Local 38-79, International Longshoremen's Association, the membership went on record to donate $25 per week to the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act until the campaign is finished."

Fight for Repeal

The above letter is the first received by the Conference in response to the general appeal for funds to repeal at this session of the California Legislature the criminal syndicalism act and to free the young men and women union organizers now in prison under that anti-labor law.

In addition to the hundreds of communications sent to Northern California Labor unions and other progressive organizations, letters have been sent to five hundred prominent men and women in the fields of labor, religion, law, medicine and education. Scores of replies endorsing the repeal and freedom campaigns have already been received.

Within the next two months the Third District Court of Appeals, Sacramento, will hear the appeal of the eight Sacramento defendants. Around the Appeal hearing the Conference will wage a campaign for a reversal of the trial verdict and the freedom of the prisoners. In its work to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, the Conference will print postcards and resolutions for individuals and organizations to sign and send to the Assemblymen and Senators calling on them to work and vote for Assembly Bill 311 for repeal of the Act.

Over 200 Unions

The Conference, composed of more than two hundred Labor Councils and Union Locals, political, church and fraternal organizations, shall also organize delegations to go to Sacramento to petition for freedom of the Sacramento prisoners and repeal of the criminal syndicalism act. The conference, whose address is Cooks' Union Building, 111 Jones street, San Francisco, urges the cooperation of all labor and progressive organizations in its campaign.

Equity in Sharp Warning on Guild

Actors' Equity members now under suspension for failing to join the Screen Actors' Guild are sharply warned in the February issue of Equity Magazine, that their reinstatement will be "neither as simple, as easy nor as inexpensive as they mistakenly believe."

The warning, contained in the leading editorial of the magazine, continues:

"Due to the rate at which the Guild is gaining strength, it is by no means certain that these recalcitrants can continue indefinitely to ignore it without endangering their careers in motion pctures. * * * And they will find the questions of reinstatement and restoration further complicated by the fact that under the Equity-Screen Guild agreement they will have to make their peace not merely with Equity or the Guild, but with both. Neither organization will admit to membership any member of the other who is in bad standing in his own organization. And there is no standing in Equity worse than suspension for cause."

Frank Gillmore, president of Equity, last night denied that the editorial was hinting at a screen actors' strike such as Equity tried to stage in Hollywood in 1929. He did say, however, that with "the Guild growing in strength as it is, the hour will arrive when the Guild will dictate in Hollywood as Equity dictates here."

Already fined $100, and subject to fines of $100 more for each year or fraction of a year that their suspensions stand, the thirty-odd "recalcitrant" Equity members might be penalized still further before Equity takes them back, Mr. Gillmore said.

$144 Top After Okla. Sit-down By Oil Workers

TULSA, Okla.—After a 44-day sit-down strike, 200 workers in eight Empire Co. gasoline refineries in the Seminole area returned to work with the company granting an average wage increase of 10% and signing a union contract. A compromise fixed weekly hours at 40, in place of the union's demand for 36, and the company proposal of 48.

Top Pay $144

Top pay is $144 a month under the new areement, for a 40-hour week, whereas it was formerly $132 for the same hours. Wage adjustments range downward to a minimum of 50c an hour for a 40-hour week, compared with the former minimum of 40c for 48.

In December the company increased the hours of some groups of laborers to 48. On Jan. 1, when the company proposed to increase the hours of all categories to 48, the workers struck, remaining at their posts, H. C. Freming, international president of the union, represented the strikers in final negotions.

Cal. Steel Labor's New Ray of Hope

Steel workers in South San Francisco, in Torrence and other parts of the Los Angeles area, and in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties have been brought a new ray of hope with the start of organizational activity by the CIO and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

William Dalrymple, field director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee for the West Coast, has come to the California steel workers with these words, appearing on a leaflet going to thousands of California steel workers:

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

"In an organization that will give you the protection that you are entitled to receive as a working man during the hours you are working.

"Are you in favor of better working conditions and wages?

"Are you in favor of getting protection against being discharged over some fancied grievance that might arise in the mind of the boss during working hours?

"Do you favor right of Collective Bargaining, the right to have representatives of your own choosing, and the right to belong to an oranization without fear of intimidation or coercion?

"Do you believe in the right to have Committees represent you in case of grievances arising as to your working hours, conditions of employment, wages and how same should be adjusted?

"Then if you do believe in all the things set out above, why not join the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, the real labor organization and the only one that at all times represents your class of labor?

"At the present time there is a dispensation on, no initiation fees, no dues, which is only for the time being. Here is your real chance to get the protection you desire by joining NOW.

"Are you aware that at the present time over 50% of the Steel Workers are organized in America? Over 200,000 have become members of the A. A. of I. S. & T. W. of North America in the past four and one-half months.

"We understand that the companies are saying "if you join a Union the Company will close the plant and move to another section!" They also tell that in the Pittsburg, Pa., section and also in the Pittsburg, Calif., section, and as usual to put fear in the minds of the men at other plants throughout the United States.

"Are you going to exercise the rights of a free born American citizen and join a real bona fide Labor Union, instead of a Company Union, the Union that the management controls and predominates on all occasions. A Company Union is just what it is really called and stands for the Company at all times.

"The law of this country now grants you the right to belong to a Union of your own choosing. Have you the courage to take advantage of that right? If so, then get in touch with me at once at the Hayward Hotel, Los Angeles, Corner Sixth and Spring Sts.

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE,
Field Director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

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REATEST CIO VICTORY - RECOGNITION AND AGE INCREASE IN STEEL INDUSTRY WON!

Vote "Yes" March 9 For Repeal of S. F. Anti-Picket Law

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Mass Meet for Repeal of Anti-Picket Law, Scottish Rite, Mar. 7

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…ASARAN— THEY SHALL NOT PASS! At left, soldiers of the Spanish People's Army defend trenches they have held for months in the Casa del Campo sector of Madrid. At right, a People's Army soldier in the same sector gets ready to throw a hand grenade at Fascists. People's Army has pushed an offensive on Madrid, Oviedo and Aragon fronts.

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Smeltermen Hit Embargo Against Spanish Govt.

SELBY. — Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 51 has passed a motion to send a protest to Senator Hiram Johnson against the false neutrality legislation which forbids the democratic Spanish government from purchasing arms here, which a legal and friendly government is entitled to do.

US STEEL CORP. BOWS TO C.I.O.; GREAT VICTORY

Recognition For All AA Members; Wage Raise for 550,000

PITTSBURGH—In what is the greatest victory for the labor movement ever known in this country, the CIO at one swoop gained both recognition from the U. S. Steel Corp. as collective bargaining agency for all members of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and in addition, wage increases and shorter hours for the 550,000 workers of the nation's steel industry.

The announcement came with dramatic surprise after a sudden conference between President Fairless and other Carnegie, Illinois Steel officials and Steel Workers' Organizing Committee leaders, led by Chairman Philip Murray.

Details of the demands granted are not yet made public. But the increased wages and shorter hours will apply not only to U. S. Steel, but to Bethlehem, Weirton and all other important steel companies. Bethlehem will increase basic rates 10c an hour, and others will pay a $5 a day minimum. The 40-hour week is established, and a union contract is expected.

Murray hailed the development as "the greatest victory story in the history of the labor movement in America."

It was obviously the rapid and unhalting growth of the Amalgamated Assn., under the CIO, which caused the powerful steel corporations to give in without a fight. The Amalgamated has grown to close to 200,000 members in its short organization drive period. It seemed headed for a membership comprising most of the 550,000 men in the industry, and nothing could stop it. Company union after company union has been breaking away from the corporation's domination and linking up with the CIO.

CIVIC GROUPS BACK S. F. ANTI-PICKET REPEAL

Citizens Group For Repeal In Big Mass Meeting Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO — A mass meeting of progressive elements in San Francisco favoring repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance will be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness Avenue and Post Street, on Sunday afternoon, March 7—two days prior to the March 9th election.

Trade union representatives and public-spirited citizens will address the meeting, urging the electorate of San Francisco to vote Yes on No. 19, repealing this un-American and unfair picketing ordinance.

Among the prominent speakers will be Henry Schmidt, president of Local 38-79, International Longshoremen's Association; George Kidwell, president of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union and the Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, of Grace United Church.

More than twenty-seven civic

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IS POWER TRUST BACKING SUIT?

Aim to Halt Friant Dam (Central Valley) Work

MARTINEZ — It looks more and more as if the power interests are backing the suit by a couple of 640-acre farmers, aimed at halting construction on the huge Friant Dam. The latter is part of the Central Valley Water project.

Who's Behind Them?

Two Brentwood ranchers, Thomas and Evelyn Richardson, have brought the suit for an injunction. A San Francisco lawyer named Beck is handling their case (Very few 640-acre ranch owners can usually afford lawyers.)

The Richcardsons allege the Friant Dam would divert San Joaquin river water from their ranch.

It is significant that when small farmers usually fight for riparian (water) rights, they cannot usually get to first base. But this is aimed at a government power project, and evidently has powerful backing.

LAWYERS GUILD

WASHINGTON. — More than 600 lawyers from 38 states met at the first convention of the newly formed Lawyers Guild. The convention will adopt a constitution.

Tighten Lines vs. Fink Act

Amendments To The Copeland Act Pushed

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Central Labor Council has wired Congressmen Welch and Havenner on behalf of the Sirovich congressional amendments eliminating the anti-union features of the Copeland Act, including the fink book.

Immediate Action

The need for immediate and continued action has been pointed out to all maritime union members, in the following communication sent out by the Joint Committee for Revision of the Copeland Act, in Washington:

TO: HEADQUARTERS AND

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LA Spain Technical Aid Office Opened

LOS ANGELES.—A Los Angeles headquarters for the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy has been opened at 408 South Spring St., Continental Building, Rm. 817, it was announced Monday, Mar. 1, by the Los Angeles Secretary, Katherine Johnson.

The Los Angeles group will concentrate its efforts on securing funds for technical aid to Spanish industry.

"Spanish factories must be kept going," the Secretary said, "and Americans who value democracy must help the heroic Spanish people who are defending democracy with their lives."

The Los Angeles group is planing an intensive drive for funds to start at once. Mass meetings with prominent speakers, among whom will be Anna Louise Strong in the near future, are to be a feature of the Campaign.

Can You Answer These?

1—When were unions of unskilled workers first formed on any scale in California?

2—Is Los Angeles the largest city (in area) in the United States?

3—Who discovered California, and when?

4—How many members are there of the California Senate and Assembly? How long do they serve?

5—What is the city of Invergordon known for?

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AGRICULTURE PARLEY PICKS LEADING BOARD

Branches to be Set Up Under Planned State Charter

With approximately 200 delegates from AFL and independent unions present, the State Federation of Labor-sponsored conference on agriculture, meeting in the San Francisco Labor Temple last Saturday and Sunday, adopted an organizational program which will enable with state federation support, a real down-to-earth drive to organize California's 250,000 agricultural workers.

The program adopted was based, with some changes, on the recommendations made by the conference's organization committee, of which Walter Mahaffey, Stockton vice-president of the state federation, was chairman. The program calls for:

1—All officials under a state agricultural charter to be democratically elected by a referendum of the branches to be set

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LEWIS AT MEET ON CONSTITUTION

Norris, 91 Others Back Parley On Amending

WASHINGTON—Sponsored by Senator Norris of Nebraska, the National Conference on Constitutional Amendment, meeting here March 18-20, will have John L. Lewis and Governor Benson, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota, among its main speakers.

Besides Norris, 91 labor, farm and liberal leaders are sponsoring the conference. Plans for amending the Constitution, and also the judicial changes proposed by President Roosevelt will be discussed.

Screen Writers Hit Trotzkyites

HOLLYWOOD. — A sarcastic telegram aimed at those who defend Trotzky has been wired to the magazine "Time" by two prominent Hollywood scenarists, Donald Ogden Stewart and Dudley Nichols.

Their wire reads:

Sirs:

Having just locked ourselves in room and taken large dose of Russian "confession gas" men-

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Big Aircraft Picket Line!

Western Worker Drive

AN ALARM!

IMPROVEMENTS IN NEXT ISSUE, BUT EXISTENCE AT STAKE!

The WESTERN WORKER, with the next issue, dated Monday, March 8, will make some important changes which we hope will considerably improve our paper.

Other, and even more important changes, will depend on the success of the Western Worker-Daily Worker $12,000 drive.

That drive, at the present moment, is in an alarming state, leaving the WESTERN WORKER in a precarious position.

In fact, we must tell you, our readers, that while we make changes for the better in the next issue, that THERE MAY BE NO WESTERN WORKER, or at best, a WESTERN VERY MUCH REDUCED IN SIZE, **if the California Party membership does not take serious steps to put the $12,000 drive over the top by April 1!**

Such is the alarming situation in the drive!

Los Angeles has sent in only $227.50 in the past 20 days—less than one cent per Party member per day in that section.

The WESTERN WORKER has proven of valuable service in the workers' struggles in Los Angeles, as it has throughout the state.

The Los Angeles Party units must hold house parties for the WESTERN WORKER. Individuals, units and organizations must rush in funds.

San Francisco Party membership must do everything possible to make the Western Worker Bazaar, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 121 Haight Street, a success. Much depends on that Bazaar, perhaps the future of our paper!

The Party membership in all sections must take all steps for the success of the drive, if the WESTERN WORKER is to continue.

Beginning with the next issue, the following changes will be made in the WESTERN WORKER:

1—A new front page masthead, with the hammer and sickle removed.

2—Further new type.

3—Beginning—"A Workers' History of California."

Not only further changes, but the very existence of the WESTERN WORKER, depend on the success of the drive for $12,000, of which only $6281.16 or 52 percent has thus far been raised.

The situation is one of genuine alarm!

HEALY REFUTED BY 5 WITNESSES

Connections With Standard Oil Company Proved

SAN FRANCISCO—No fewer than five witnesses have given testimony flatly contradicting that given by Captain George Healy of the San Francisco Police Department who had denied

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Negro Prisoner Is Murdered, Folsom

FOLSOM PRISON.—The State Prison Board is investigating the charge that a Negro prisoner here was beaten to death by a guard and the matter hushed up.

The guard, Benjamin Rom, admits having struck Chauncey Williams, 24, the prisoner, over the head with a "billy." Rom claims "self-defense."

SYMPATHETIC WORKERS MASS NEAR PLANTS

Key Departments Remain Tied Up Tight by Strike

SANTA MONICA—Over 1000 aircraft workers and wives of workers took part in an orderly and high-spirited picket demonstration at Douglas and Northrup seven o'clock Monday morning.

Two thousand sympathizing workers were across the street, symbolizing the support behind the strikers. Of less than 1000 workers who entered the Douglas plant, fewer than [illegible] were productive, most of them being helpers.

The key departments were at a standstill. Mechanics are out almost solidly. Scores of workers with dinner pails joined the picket lines. Workers destroyed bundles of the "Times" being sold.

The workers themselves are running this strike, with a splendid strike committee.

LOS ANGELES.—With Secretary Buzzell terming the Douglas sit-down a "deliberate trap," a resolution calling on the Central Labor Council to support the strikers was referred to the Executive Board by a vote of 108 to 85. Resolution was presented by a Santa Monica Painters' delegate. (More details in next issue.)

SANTA MONICA.—With the last of the courageous "400" Douglas sit-downers, released on bonds furnished by the CIO, just in time to attend a huge mass meeting of over 2500 workers at the Municipal Stadium here, February 28, final plans to carry on the strike at the Douglas and Northrop Aircraft plants were shaped to the deafening cheers

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Sidelights of the Aircraft Strike

(From Strike Bulletin issued by Strike Publicity Committee)

LOS ANGELES.—The released sit-downers got a big hand last night and were voted the special badge of the "400" which they wear as arm bands. These boys have shown they've got plenty of guts. They deserve a mark of special merit that workers can't give them.

The Women's Auxiliary and Mrs. Ed Weber its chairman got a big hand for the splendid work it had done in organizing the women within twenty-four hours. Among other activities the Auxiliary has started a Day Nursery to take care of the children while the women are working on the strike.

Two days ago we asked you not to patronize Robert's Markets. This was an error on our part and we ask you to forget it. Fred Roberts has made a generous donation to our strike.

pport the Western Worker Bazaar - 121 Haight St., March 5, 6, and 7

HERE ARE LEGISLATORS FOR YOUR DISTRICT--SAVE THIS AND MAKE GOOD USE OF IT

"Western" Prints List in Response to Many Requests; Clip This and Use It To Urge Passage of Peoples Lobby Bills

Workers wishing to put pressure on their assemblymen and state senators in the California Legislature, in order to put over the bills drawn up by the People's Legislative Conference, have asked that a list of legislators and their home addresses be printed in the Western Worker.

In response to these requests, the legislators are listed below. Workers are urged to clip this list for future reference:

STATE SENATORS (Senators from even-numbered districts were elected in 1934, the others in 1936):

1. Harold J. Powers (R), Eagleville; 2. James M. Allen (D), Yreka; 3. Irwin T. Quinn (D), 2205 H St., Eureka; 4. George M. Biggar (R), Covelo; 5. John B. McColl (R), Redding; 6. Charles H. Deuel (D), Chico; 7. Jerrold L. Seawell (R), 303 Mariposa St., Roseville; 8. D. Jack Metzger (R), 641 Main St., Red Bluff; 9. A. L. Perovich (D), 31 Sutter St., Jackson; 10. W. P. Rich (R), Marysville; 11. Frank L. Gordon (R), Gordon Valley, Napa County, P. O. Suison; 12. Herbert W. Slater (D), Santa Rosa; 13. Thos. F. Keating (D), 640 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael; 14. Walter McGovern (R), 625 Market St., San Francisco; 15. Thos. McCormick (R), Rio Vista; 16. Wm. F. Knowland (R), 806 Grand St., Alameda.

17. T. H. Delap (R), 2616 Sonoma Ave., Richmond; 18. Sanborn Young (R), Los Gatos; 19. Roy J. Nielsen (R), 615 2nd St., Sacramento; 20. Bradford S. Crittenden (R), Bank of America Bldg., Stockton; 21. Harry L. Parkman (R), 934 Rosewood Dr., San Mateo; 22. J. C. Garrison (D), RFD 1, Box 1826, Modesto; 23. James B. Holohan (D), 123 Pacheco Ave., Santa Cruz; 24. Andrew R. Schottgk (R), Shaffer Bldg., Merced; 25. Edward H. Tickle (R), Highlands Inn, Carmel; 26. Dan E. Williams (R), Sonora; 27. R. R. Cunningham (D), 1201 No. Irwin St., Hanford; 28. Karl P. Keough (D), Bishop.

29. Chris N. Jespersen (R), Atascadero; 30. Ray W. Hays (R), Brix Bldg., Fresno; 31. J. James Hollister (D), Gaviota; 32. Frank W. Mixter (R), Exeter; 33. James J. McBride (D), 1647 Poli St., Ventura; 34. J. I. Wagy (R), 1909 2nd St., Bakersfield; 35. Harry C. Westover (D), 1527 East 4th St., Santa Ana; 36. Ralph E. Swing (R), 313 Central Bldg., San Bernardino; 37. John Phillips (R), 65 No. 4th St., Banning; 38. Culbert L. Olson (D), 639 So. Spring St., Los Angeles; 39. Edward H. Law (D), 634 Hamilton St., El Centro; 40. Ed Fletcher (R), 335 Walnut St., San Diego.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY (all elected in 1936):

1. Michael J. Burns (R), 1644 Summer S., Eureka; 2. Clinton J. Fulcher (D), Lookout; 3. John H. McDonnell (D), 118 1st St., Woodland; 4. Seth Millington (D), Gridley; 5. Ernest C. Crowley (D), Suisun; 6. Jesse M. Mayo (R), Angels Camp; 7. Hubert B. Scudder (R), 506 So. Main St., Sebastapol; 8. Chester F. Gannon (D), 3543 H St., Sacramento; 9. Earl D. Desmond (D), 2022 22nd St., Sacramento; 10. Harold F. Sawallisch (D), 437 15th St., Richmond; 11. Chas. M. Weber (R), 329 E. Miner Ave., Stockton; 12. James E. Thorp (R), Lockeford; 13. James M. Cassidy (D), 1520 89th Ave., Oakland; 14. Geo. P. Miller (D), 1808 Encinal Ave., Alameda; 15. Leon M. Donihue (D), 2841 Kingsland Ave., Oakland; 16. Arthur H. Breed, Jr. (R), 91 Wildwood Gardens, Piedmont; 17. Henry P. Meehan (D), 646 42nd St., Oakland; 18. Henry A. Dannenbrink (D), 715 Easton Bldg., Oakland; 19. Gardiner Johnson (R), 2201 Rose St., Berkeley; 20. Thos. A. Maloney (R), 330 Texas St., San Francisco.

21. Joseph Francis Sheehan (D), 111 Genebern Way, San Francisco; 22. Kennett B. Dawson (R), 1124 Leavenworth St., San Francisco; 23. Wm. B. Hornblower (R), 1530 Guerrero St., San Francisco; 24. Patrick J. McMurphy (D), 3918 26th St., San Francisco; 25. Melvyn I. Cronin (R), 350 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco; 26. Ray Williamson (R), 756 Page St., San Francisco; 27. Jefferson E. Peyser (R), 1955 Broadway, San Francisco; 28. Edgar C. Levey (R), 2940 Lake St., San Francisco; 29. Harrison W. Call (R), 754 Miller Ave., South San Francisco; 30. Adron A. Beene (R), American Trust Bldg., Palo Alto; 31. C. C. Cottrell (R), 256 So. 17th St., San Jose; 32. Hugh P. Donnelly (D), 114 Lyons Ave., Turlock; 33. James D. Garibaldi (D), 448 22nd St., Merced; 34. Jacob M. Leonard (R), 470 Hawkins St., Hollister; 35. Ellis E. Patterson (R-write-in), King City; 36. Hugh M. Burns (D), 2055 San Joaquin St., Fresno; 37. S. L. Heisinger (D), R. 4, Box 90E, Fresno; 38. Gordon H. Garland (D), Woodlake; 39. Alfred W. Robertson (D), 1524 Dover Road, Santa Barbara; 40. Fred P. Muldoon (D), 400 E St., Oxnard.

41. Rodney L. Turner (D), 1117 Jefferson St., Delano; 42. Elmer E. Lore (D), 11743 Hamlin St., No. Hollywood; 43. C. Don Field (R), 1552 No. Ridgeway Dr., Glendale; 44. John B. Pelletier (D), 248 So. Olive St., Los Angeles; 45. Chas. A. Hunt (D), 4122 Berenice Ave., Los Angeles; 46. Jack B. Tenney (D), 724 E. Fairview Blvd., Inglewood; 47. Eleanor Miller (R), 251 So. Oakland Ave., Pasadena; 48. Frank G. Martin (R), 745 Sacramento St., Altadena; 49. Frank L. Baynham (D), 2150 No. San Antonio Ave., Pomona; 50. Gerald C. Kepple, (R), 634 Caldwell Ave., Whittier; 51. Wm. Moseley Jones (D), 113 No. 21st St., Montebello; 52. Ben Rosenthal (D), 1926 E. 4th St., Los Angeles; 53. E. V. Latham (R), 504 No. 2nd St., Alhambra; 54. Wilbur F. Gilbert (D), 3537 The Paseo, Los Angeles; 55. D. Laughlin (D), 2675 San Marino St., Los Angeles; 56. Thos. Cunningham (R), 3065 Tyburn St., Los Angeles; 57. Kent H. Redwine (R), 3340 Durand Dr., Hollywood; 58 Frank J. Waters (R), 1163 4th Ave., Los Angeles; 59. Chas. W. Lyon (R), 1052 So. Rodondo lvd., Los Angeles; 60. Geoffrey F. Morgan (R), 478 24th St., Santa Monica.

61. Ernest O. Voigt (D), 3651 Cardiff Ave., Los Angeles; 62. Augustus F. Hawkins (D), 821 E. 24th St., Los Angeles; 63. Ralph Louis Welch (D), 2011 Eighth Ave., Los Angeles; 64. Samuel W. Yorty (D), 465½ So. Lake Stl Los Angeles; 65. Gene Flint (D), 314 W. 55th St., Los Angeles; 66. James J. Boyle (D), 1918 W. 73rd St., Los Angeles; 67. Cecil R. King (D), 1754 E. Florence Ave., Los Angeles; 68. Fred Reaves (D), 583 8th St., San Pedro; 69. Fred P. Glick (D), 5155 Tweedy Abbott Road, South Gate; 70. John Gee Clark (D), 45 Geneva Walk, Long Beach; 71. Paul Peek (D), 2363 Pine Ave., Long Beach; 72. Godfrey A. Andreas (D), 515 W. 17th St., Upland; 73. Gordon W. Corwin (R), 259 Pacific Ave., Highland; 74. Clyde A. Watson (D), 273 No. Harwood St., Orange; 75. Thos. H. Kuchel (R), 315 So. Claudina St., Anaheim; 76. Nelson S. Dilworth (R), 119 No. Buena Vista St., Hemet; 77. Clarence R. Walker (R), Westmoreland; 78. Jeanette E. Daley (D), 4231 Witherby St., San Diego; 79. Paul A. Richie (D), 4264 Menlo Ave., San Diego; 80. Charles W. Stream (R), P. O. Box 21, Palm City.

Civic Groups Back Anti-Picket Repeal

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and fraternal organizations are represented on the Citizens' Committee for the Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, which is sponsoring the meeting.

Speakers will emphasize that the Anti-Picketing Ordinance is unfair not only to labor but to business in general, and an unfair gag on freedom of speech, publication and assemblage. It will be pointed out that the United States Supreme Court has recognized the right of labor to picket peacefully.

With elections only one week away—March 9—the campaign for repeal of the anti-picket ordinance has found a host of new organizations behind it.

Twenty-eight lodges affiliated with the railway brotherhoods in San Francisco have thrown their full weight behind the campaign.

Civic Organizations

Among latest civic organizations to come out for repeal of the anti-picket law are:

Alexander the Great Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Roosevelt Democrats of San Francisco; Sons of St. George; Spanish Benevolent Society. Other organizations backing repeal are:

Several organizations affiliated with the Central Council of Civic Clubs (in opposition to Civic Clubs' fight against Amendment No. 19); Twenty-Ninth and Castro Improvement Club; Crescent Improvement Club; Crocker Amazon Improvement Assn.; Ingleside Boosters' Club; Visitacion Valley Improvement Assn.; San Francisco Center, California League of Women Voters. The Taxpayers Defense League has also endorsed the repeal campaign.

SEES LEWIS

MERVYN RATHBORNE, president of the American Radio Telegraphists Assn., which has taken up the question of CIO affiliation with John L. Lewis.

GREEN'S HITLER METHODS ON ILA WAREHOUSEMEN

Some Comedy and Something Serious in S. F. Council

SAN FRANCISCO—The Warehousemen's Union, ILA Local 38-44, has grown to 4500 members, compared to 1100 a year ago.

The union has just signed up Pacific Bone Coal (Consolidated Chemicals)). Success after success has been scored by the union in San Francisco, Alameda County and in Crockett.

Yet William Green has ordered that the union surrender the bulk of its membership to the Teamsters' Union. The Warehousemen's Union will do no such thing, according to its Labor Council delegate, Lou Goldblatt.

Goldblatt, at last Friday's meeting of the Council, told the delegates that "we are able to foresee, without consulting a clarevoyant, that the AFL executive council would take this action.

"The employers are using certain AFL officials to destroy the ILA. We passed a resolution last Wednesday retaining our faith in the ILA, and under no circumstances will we leave the ILA.

Goldblatt told how the executive council would divide warehousemen doing the same work, the men on the waterfront to stay in the ILA, the rest to go to the Teamsters.

"Hitler Methods"

He described Green's action as "Hitler methods."

"We were never consulted about it. We don't believe Green's attitude reflects that of the San Francisco teamsters or of the teamsters as a whole. In our strike and organizational activities they have given us the greatest possible cooperation."

When Goldblatt referred again to Green's methods, scoring them, President Shelley interrupted and said: "The chair has listened with patience, but insists you leave the inferences out."

Secretary O'Connell nevertheless jumped up and ranted because he claimed Goldblatt had called the AFL "phoney."

Goldblatt pointed out that he had done no such thing, but "I referred merely to one individual who happens to be a slight speck in the AFL."

(O'Connell—"Is that so!")

Ironically enough, the item in the Labor Clarion, the Council's organ, which told of Green's decision, had underneath it a filler which said: "Much of life's bitterness comes from eating one's own words."

Pie Bakery Sit-Downers Leave Shop; Strike Solid

LOS ANGELES. — Following issuance of a temporary injunction by Superior Judge Emmet Wilson, the Brownies' Pie Shop sit-downers left the bakery, but that doesn't make things easy as pie for the owners.

The strike, for a 25% wage increase and a 44-hour week, still goes on.

Sympathizers greeted the strikers as they left the shop. One of the strikers, Oats Zadie, was arrested as he left the shop earlier, to talk with Bakers Union officials.

ILA SPONSORS LABOR MEET ON POLITICS

To Establish Labor's Non-Partisan League in SF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With President Roosevelt's scheduled talk over a nation-wide radio hookup next Tuesday, March 9, on the "state of the nation" expected to include a discussion of his Supreme Court reorganization plan, the Senate last week passed 74 to 4 a House-approved "compromise" bill providing voluntary retirement on full pay of Supreme Court justices reaching the age of 70. Roosevelt's proposal was compulsory retirement.

SAN FRANCISCO—A big step toward independent political action by labor will be made Thursday, March 4, on which the Non-Partisan League Committee of ILA Local 38-79 has called a conference for establishing San Francisco's Non-Partisan League.

ILA 38-79 is the local which initiated the well-known resolution recognizing the need for independent political action by labor.

The conference will be held at 27 Clay street, at 8 p. m.

Up-town trade unions are urged to send delegates, so that the fight may go forward for pro-labor legislation.

Main issue will be to rally behind the campaign to change the Supreme Court, on the lines proposed by President Roosevelt. ILA 38-79 has passed a resolution endorsing the court change, and has sent the resolution to other unions for adoption.

People's Lobby In New Steps Forward

SACRAMENTO—The fight for passage of the bills introduced by the California People's Legislative Conference, incorporating needs and demands of labor and the people as a whole, began here again last Monday when the State Legislature reconvened for the second half of its biennial session.

The People's Lobby, set up by the Conference, will lead a mass campaign throughout the state for passage of these bills.

Conference Offices in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California Branch of the People's Legislative Conference has opened offices at 120 North Union St., and formed sub-committees to work with the executive committee for the purpose of placing responsibility for the key bills in different committees.

District meetings are planned to reach the voters. Chairman of the Southern California Branch is C. R. Van Winkle, Carpenter's District Council president.

Contra Costa County Conference

MARTINEZ—Representing 17,000 people, 50 delegates met in the Labor Temple here last Sunday in a Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference. Twenty-two trade unions, five fraternal organizations and five political groups were represented.

Leigh Athearn, state secretary of the People's Legislative Conference, spoke in the morning, and John Wolters, state chairman, gave the keynote speech in the afternoon.

Assemblyman Sawallisch ducked an invitation to appear. State Senator Delap spoke in the morning, promising "cooperation," but when asked to support the Conference bills, he said he couldn't "say in advance," and couldn't stay for the afternoon discussion of the bills.

Walter Valdie, Retail Clerk's Union, was elected chairman of an executive committee of 12. Joe Malcock, Martinez Oil Workers' Union, was elected secretary.

Complete East Bay Meetings

OAKLAND—Last of a series of assembly district meetings on the People's Legislative Conference program, was held here last Friday night at Lowell Jr. High School, with about 200 attending.

Charley Wagner, ex-State Senator, was the main speaker, saying the people would never get to first base unless they organized in a broad group like the Conference.

Assemblyman Breed, Assemblyman Meehan and State Senator Knowland all furnished "excuses" for rejecting invitations to attend.

WORK HOURS INCREASE

WASHINGTON. — U. S. Dept. of Labor figures show working hours have increased in manufacturing industries for every month in 1936, over 1935.

Dropped From Relief, L. A. Transients Are Left To Starvation

LOS ANGELES. — Callous as only political bureaucrats serving the bosses can be, the Los Angeles County Relief Administration has dropped 300 transient men, women and children from its roles. The excuse was that they are "unemployable."

Their relief allowances cancelled, starvation is all that is left for the victims. Archibald Young, chairman of the Citizens Relief Committee, said federal funds for the care of the transients have been exhausted.

Supt. of County Charities Rex Thompson said his organization "could not" accept the cases for care. Officials of the Community Welfare Association said no private organizations have funds for this purpose.

Huge Picket Lines At Aircraft Plants

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of the hundreds of militant workers and their sympathizers.

Tumultuous applause greeted the chairman of the meeting when he said, "We have constitutional rights for collective bargaining and we intend to stick until we get it."

Scores upon scores of men bearing arm bands marked "CIO 400," many of them released from cells only an hour for their part in the heroic struggle to win a living wage, pledged themselves as vanguard of the Monday morning picket line.

Charles Hollingshead, leader of the Strategy Committee at the Northrop plant, declared a recent count had shown 80 per cent of the Northrop workers were already organized under the banner of the CIO, and that after the election, which is to be held in a few days, he was confident his plant would be the first airplane factory in the country to be organized 100 per cent. "We are squarely behind the Douglas boys," he said.

Approximately 200 ex-service men dozens of them wearing the "CIO 400" armband, rose in response to speaker Tex Simmons' call to refute reports in capitalist papers to the effect that the strike was being conducted by high school boys.

Simmons declared that he had fired and called a radical when he asked Mr. Hagen, Douglas official, a wage raise sufficient to decently support his three little daughters.

"I promise you that I will never go into another airplane factory, and I have been working in them for nine years, until I can wear a union button on my jacket," Simmons stated.

E. Page, militant head of the Douglas Strategy Committee, out of jail only an hour, said, "We want to organize Los Angeles into a livable community and not the scab center of the world. I just got out of jail and I am ready for the picket line Monday morning."

Giving a detailed report of the splendid work of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Webber, wife of a striker, told of the favorable manner in which she had been received by women's groups both in Hollywood and Santa Monica.

She said large quantities of food and money had been contributed by merchants and private citizens to aid the strikers' families.

Blasting the reactionary leaders of the AFL for their opposition to the CIO, O'Brien of the Typographical Union, affiliate of the AFL, declared that the rank and file throughout the whole American Federation of Labor were solidly behind the strikers.

YOU'RE COMING TO THE BAZAAR

Everything Doing for Three Days At 121 Haight St.

SAN FRANCISCO—Save your shopping. Make no other plans for entertainment. Make no other plans for eating. You're coming to the San Francisco County Bazaar for the Workers' Press on March 5, 6 and 7, at 121 Haight St.

There will be food, bargains, entertainment, education, dancing, everything.

It begins Friday night with a concert and program of varied entertainment, starting at 8:30 p. m. Saturday night is the Grand Ball of March 6, long advertised and widely heralded. Originally it was scheduled at Scottish Rite Auditorium. Now it is part of the bazaar, with a hot jazz orchestra and attendant entertainment.

Sunday, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., you may have breakfast or lunch, depending on how early you get out of bed. An educational program of book reviews will be held simultaneously. Sunday night: International program, including a Soviet movie, a concert and other entertainment.

Bargains: Friday night, all day and evening, Saturday and Sunday.

Make no other plans for the week-end. Something will be doing all the time at the bazaar.

MARINE LABOR VOTES AID TO L.A. TEAMSTERS

Charge M. and M. Is Hiring Labor Spies Against Union

LOS ANGELES — Continued solidarity of the seven unions comprising the Maritime Federation was assured the Teamsters' Union in San Pedro, when C. H. Jordan, secretary of the federation, announced a vote of confidence taken by the unions.

So far no definite action has been taken by the Teamsters in their threatened blockade of the entire harbor. Picketing is being done only at the Matson and the Outer Harbor docks, where longshoremen are refusing to go through the lines.

M. and M. Hires Spies

Charges of hiring labor spies to circulate throughout the waterfront district were laid at the door of the notorious Marchants' and Manufacturers' association by Harry Dail, organizer for the Teamsters' Union.

"Our men counted at least 18 of these detectives from a private agency in Los Angeles," Dail said. "We have their license numbers and know that they are hired as 'observers' to ride trucks operated by non-union drivers. However, these 'observers' carry badges and guns."

No further developments have occurred in Mayor Shaw's "friendly" effort to "mediate." In answer to his letter sent to all organizations involved, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association disclaimed any "interest" in the situation "other than that city authorities enforce the law in order that all unlawful violence and stoppage of trucks by organizers may be eliminated."

HEALY REFUTED BY 5 WITNESSES

Connections With Standard Oil Company Proved

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that James Scrudder was employed by the Standard Oil Company to frame the Modesto labor defendants.

Although District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary still continued to deny before the Assembly Investigating Committee that he suborned perjury, the evidence submitted in the two days which concluded the hearings in the state building here, the committee has testimony which shows clearly that the Modesto defendants were framed through collaboration of the Standard Oil Company and San Francisco police.

Confession Substantiated

It has evidence, also to indiorned perjury in conjunction made by Scrudder in Los Angeles and recorded without his knowledge by the Modesto Defense Committee.

On important points this revelation of Scrudder's has been substantiated, and, if Cleary still denies that he personally subornde perjury in conjunction with the trial, he could scarcely be expected to openly admit guilt.

Chairman Jack B. Tenney of the Assembly Committee said that the committee will shortly go into executive session to decide on points for its report which will be submitted by April 1. It is the desire of the committee to make a unanimous report, he said.

Phone Calls Traced

In testimony Friday and Saturday, Edward Harding, official of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, submitted company records to show that neither Healy nor anyone from the San Francisco police on April 20, 1930, made any call to the Stanislaus County sheriff's office as Healy testified he had. Evidence of the frameup became even more convincing when Arthur Quackenboss, Union Oil Company official, said that about 7 p. m. on the night of April 20 he got a call saying that the cars with the dynamite were on their way, and further that he notified the Standard Oil special agent, Bert Robertson, who was in charge of the strike-breakers in Patterson. Robertson confirmed this, and said that he had in turn notified Jack Sayres, another Standard Oil special agent who notified Sheriff Grat Hogin of Stanislaus County.

All agreed on the call.

It's Just a Cofield Prediction—Don't Take It Seriously

SAN FRANCISCO.—Doom of the Committee for Industrial Organization was predicted here last weekend by John Cofield, president of the Plumbers Int'l.

But that doesn't mean anything, for Cofield predicted the election of Alf Landon last year. Cofield, arch-reactionary of the AFL Executive Council, worked actively for Landon.

Cofield falsely called the CIO a "dual organization." The CIO claims the right to be a part of the AFL, but Green has suspended it.

Farm Labor Meet Elects Board

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up.

2—Branches under the state charter to be set up in central labor body areas.

3—Sub-organizers to be elected by the various branches.

4—Temporary state executive committee to be elected by the conference itself. This was done, with one from each county represented chosen.

5—The executive board to meet immediately after the conference. This was done, with the question of a constitution being one of the important matters being discussed.

Walter Cowan, chairman of the state federation committee on agriculture, opened the conference and was chairman.

One of the important events of the conference was the strengthening of the unity between the independent (including Mexican, Filipino and Japanese) unions, and those of the AFL.

Following is the executive board elected at the conference (with 6 from independent unions):

Warren Brown, San Joaquin County; Herbert Hoover, Sacramento; Patrick Bocca, Alameda; George Woolf, San Francisco; Jesus Govea, Orange; Nick Curich, Santa Cruz, Lloyd Lehman, Santa Clara; Bob Shell, Monterey; J. A. Davis, San Diego; Bernard Lucero, Los Angeles; Lloyd Lehman, Santa Clara; George Dulay, Yolo; C. W. Johnson, Kern; Tom Flores, Contra Costa; C. D. Mensalvas, San Luis Obispo; N. D. Mariano, Santa Barbara; John Vanwy, Fresno

George Woolf is chairman of the executive committee.

Resolutions adopted were:

Setting up defense committee against vigilantism; favoring repeal of local anti-picket laws; acceptance of services of Simon J. Lubin Society as a research and educational department of the state organization; for an internal agriculture charter; minimum wage law; repeal of Criminal Syndicalism Act; condemning use of State Highway police in strikes; union button with horn of plenty emblem supporting the Workers' Alliance against forcing relief recipients into the fields.

The delegates insist on a set-up which would guarantee democracy and autonomy, voted down proposals of the State Federation officials that the federal charters be surrendered before a State Charter is procured, or that the state federation executive board function as the leading body until the state charter is procured.

The delegates insisted on full democratic procedure.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the state federation, voiced threats that because the organization committee's program was adopted, a state charter might not be granted. This convinced the delegates of the necessity to obtain the assistance of all California organized labor to see to it that the promised charter is obtained.

The bulk of the delegates wanted the branches set up and election of sub-organizers by branches because they felt only those in the localities knew who was best fitted to lead their work locally.

Vandeleur told the delegates: "I warned you, don't leave here with something the state Federation won't accept. If you have any idea the state federation will have any program jammed down its throat, you're mistaken. For you to elect an executive committee here is a mistake."

Vernon Preiser, delegate of the Contra Costa Labor Council, voiced the delegates' resentment. "If we're trying to shove something down anybody's throat, what are they trying to do?"

When Vandeleur said: "The State Federation called this meeting," Preiser said, "Yes, under pressure."

The independent union delegates, the Mexicans and Filipinos, were almost all for the program which was adopted. C. D. Mensalvas, secretary of the Filipino Labor Union, voiced this in urging adoption of the organization committee's proposals.

"The Filipino and Mexican workers want a guarantee that the leadership be democratically chosen," he said.

Fred West refused to reading the report of and Legislative comm proposed constitution, "in view of what you have done, I'm sati can't get money and su the State Federation; fied you've definitely the object of the Sta tion to get a state The delegates did not a this.

Also fighting agains up desired by the dele for control by the Sta tion, executive board, few actual Trotzkyite They were led by Lil roe, not an agricultur who at one stage s rather throw the whol than see the plan of izing committee adop called on the delegat journ the conference ev its business was not But the Trotzkyites w to prevent the adopt constructive program, succeeded in discredit selves as the voting by gates showed.

GUFFEY OU END MARI RIGHT TO ST

His Bill Would Compuls Arbitratio

WASHINGTON — S bill introduced by Se fey of Pennsylvania w in compulsory arbitrat maritime industries the unions will not st **The bill would set tional maritime labo ment board" of 40 Unions would have 16 tatives, to balance 16 shipowners, four by and four appointed b retary of labor.**

If disputes were n by conferences betwee ers and unions, they w go to the adjustment b ure to settle in tha would throw the disput hands of a referee.

It is the National R bor Act over again tive way of taking right to strike.

Included in the pro is a clause that repr shall be "native bor naturalized citizens" Harry Bridges.

Loyalist Arm Plan Offensi

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launch a wide offens huge front from Talav Reina to Toledo.

Talavera is 70 mil west of Madrid, while almost directly south rid.

Fascist forces were evacuating Toledo in t a strong probability th ment armies will cut i communication with headquarters at Avila Talavera.

The government arm Basques, including th miners, were carrying into the streets of O ing captured the bull of the strategically fo sitions. Government were reported hurling into the military object in the city itself.

On the Aragon fro Fascist armies are atte break through the sout lonia to the sea, gover forces bombed the F railway station of near Teurel.

Meanwhile governm are rapidly fortifyin holds recaptured from cists in the Jaram southeast of Madri gains had been made a ter offensive against tempts to cut the Mad cia road.

PRINTERS WIN

MINNEAPOLIS—A strike was won in th the largest northwest plants - Jenson Print which employs 200. is now unionized.

Holman's Pla Is Closed Do Got Pressure

SAN FRANCISCO. sign on Lee Holman quarters reads: "Closed until fur tice."

The pressure on herder, discredited ex ficial has been pret of late. Even Mayor R been forced to advis close up his headqua

RACY IN ELECTION NDIDATES

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CITY—A significant reflecting the growd prestige of the movement can be ecision of the PNR volutionary Party) idates for the comional elections entions to be held workers and peasange will be made elections. ancement marks a away from the e of the PNR. Uncandidates for of-osen by means of or primary elecn which opened the kind of electoral exposure of which led to the resignaio Portes Gil, the esident of the PNR. **tance of this step be over-estimated. labor and the orntry thus be given e in the conduct of irs, but this extendemocratic principle towards breaking olitical monopoly of ps of professional ithin the PNR as traditional hostility t political activity movement.** ks the clearest meaen to transform the from a dictatorial instrument of potion into a genuine y representing the e great majority of n.

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Other Nations Is Being Choked

WELL C. CRANE

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another blow to the certain business in ondon, Paris and New cherish the rosy hope a rebel victory they somehow come to even elbow out the nd Italians. The sad at the Rio Tinto ed the naivete of this

a 'Mistake'

RK.—A recruiting ad onal Guard artillery ppeared in an Amer organ, Weckruf and but all the officers tional Guard battery sponsibility. It was a Capt. Joseph D. Curge of Battery D, told nen.

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British Seamen Refuse to Sail Nitrate to Franco

PORTLAND, Me. — Seamen of the British steamer Lineria refused to sail the ship to Seville, Fascist-held port in Spain with a cargo of nitrates.

The sailors told Captain J. Robinson that they would not assent to "being made a party to the Fascists in their suppression of the people of Spain."

Nitrate is vital in the manufacture of munitions.

25,000 RALLY IN MEXICO TO SUPPORT SPAIN

Domingo, Laborde, Toledano Speaks On Anniversary

MEXICO CITY.—Twenty-five thousand Mexicans, assembled in the vast Bullring here on the night of Feb. 21 in celebration of the first anniversary of the setting up of the Spanish Peoples' Front Government.

In the name of the Spanish government, Left Republican leader Marcellino Domingo of Spain sketched the history of the Spanish fight against monarchism and reaction, denouncing Fascism as "the plant which grows on the cowardice of the democracies."

Vicente Lombardo Toledano, leader of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, the CTM, greeted the Spanish loyalists as defenders of the world proletariat.

Herndon Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, was one of the speakers to the huge audience.

Women Leaders Commend Spain On Liberation

NEW YORK. — Outstanding women leaders, including Mrs. Margaret Sanger, have praised the government of Spain for its decree granting complete equality to women.

Mrs. Sanger, founder of the birth control movement, in a letter to Bishop Francis J. McConnell, chairman of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, expressed the hope that Spanish women would use their new status to advance civilization.

Said Mrs. Sanger: "The Spanish government in granting civi equality to women is only doing what is consistent with the principles of Socialist liberal thought throughout the world. The Spanish women have a great responsibility in using this power to advance civilization by curbing the fascist ideals of women as pack animals and breeders. The women of Spain will not forget who gave them their equality."

Other statements commending the decree came from Fanny Hurst, noted feminist and author; Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, noted community worker; and Mrs Alexander Brin of Minneapolis, president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Miss Hurst referred to Spain's action as "eloquent commentary on the liberated thinking that has at last succeeded in gettting stronghold of a country that has been languid of more glorious prerogatives of modern times."

Labor Party Wins In Tasmania

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The Labor Party retained office in Tasmania and increased its majority by a sweeping victory in the general election Feb. 20.

With only primary votes counted, it was evident that the new majority would be either 20 to 10 or 19 to 11. The last previous general election, in 1934, gave Labor 15 seats, the Nationalists 14 and a Douglas Social credit party one. The latter, although nominally supporting the Labor ministry, was swept out with the bigger Labor electoral victory.

SPAIN NAMES SOCIALIST TO WAR POSITION

Replaces Col. Who Was Not Fully Trusted

VALENCIA.—Carlos Baraibar, Socialist of the Largo Caballero trade union wing of the party, has been appointed undersecretary of war to succeed Jose Asensio who resigned under pressure.

General Asensio's resignation followed a popular education campaign in favor of democratic devision of the army high command. Baraibar was the founder of the left Socialist newspaper Claridad, now the official organ of the General Workers' Union, the UGT.

The creation of a People's Army command, corresponding to the popular composition of the rank-and-file desired for so many months now, has brought excellent military results in Madrid area, where this reform has been carried through.

For Reliability

Under this system old style military men not positively identified with the popular cause prior to July 17, the date of the Fascist uprising, would retain only technical functions, the decisive posts being assigned to civilians of proved capacity enjoying the full popular confidence.

The militia and the anti-fascist organizations since the beginning of the war manifested a justifiable reserve in respect to the reliability of army men of unknown political-social sentiments. As the new popular commands were forged in the fire of civil war, the parties and organizations sought to replace the untrusted technicians.

Was a Colonel

Gen. Asensio held the rank of colonel at the outbreak of the war, and was in command of the garrison of Ciudad Real. He briefly held the command of the Sierra, then was named chief of the Center sector, where he was associated with the fall of Talavera and Toledo.

Madrid, long the center of military interest, reformed its own general staff completely, incorporating among others ten youth leaders.

Asensio resigned pending investigation of his responsibility for negligence in connection with the loss of Malaga. The press points out that the Undersecretary had assumed supreme command of the army, not corresponding to his post.

Liberals Attack Rumania Fascists

BUCHAREST, Rumania. — Eighty-five members of the minority Liberal Party demanding that Premier George Tatarescu take severe measures against the Fascist Iron Guard. Further, it urged the premier to take measures to protect parliamentary democracy, threatened by the Iron Guard.

The incident closely follows another in which Liberals are pressing the premier to demand the recall of the Italian and German ambassadors for their participation in a Fascist demonstration in the form of a funeral for two members of the Iron Guard.

British Crown Fears Boycott In India

LONDON. — Close behind the announcement that the Indian National Congress has passed a resolution declaring that Congressmen will not take part in any Coronation ceremony, and calling on the Indian people to boycott all such events, has come the news that the Coronation Durbar, which was to have been held in India next winter, has now been postponed "until a later date."

The excuse given for the postponement of the Durbar is that the King "cannot contemplate prolonged absence from Great Britain during the first years of his reign."

'BLOCKADE' OF SPAIN SEEN AS OF LITTLE AID

Provides for no Real Means of Stopping Fascist Powers

LONDON.—Published text of part of the much-vaunted naval and land patrol of Spain under the international "non-intervention" agreement reveals that it has been emasculated until little effect can be expected in stopping Hitler and Mussolini from sending soldiers and war supplies to aid Franco.

Weaknesses in the plan had already been sharply criticized by the representative of the Soviet Union to the non-intervention committee, who pointed especially to the "compromise" by which the Portuguese frontier is left virtually unguarded.

Loopholes

British, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Soviet ships will be authorized to patrol the Spanish coast, but will have no authority to investigate ships not flying a special flag adopted by the 27 nations that have signed the pact. No vessels from either American continent will be flying this flag.

Sea and land patrols, furthermore, will have no authority to halt any vessel or land shipment enroute to Spain. They may only "report violations of the non-intervention agreement" to London. Then the committee would call the offending nation to task, but would have no authority to impose penalties.

H. N. Brailsford, Socialist journalist, in an article entitled "Neutrality Pact is a Sham," said:

"Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, relying on a secret service that rarely makes a slip, must have had some inkling of Il Duce's intentions.

British "Diplomacy"

"Do you suppose that Il Duce would have sent a fresh army to conquer Spain if Ambassador Dino Grandi had warned him that such an enterprise would move Downing Street to grave answer? Of course not.

"Italian diplomacy argued correctly that decisive Italian intervention on a scale likely to destroy the (Spanish) Republic would on the whole be welcome to most of the cabinet and the main body of the Conservative Party."

C.T.M. Moves To Stop Effort to Cause Dissention

MEXICO CITY.—Prospects of an early settlement of the dispute between the Electrical Workers' Union and the national committee of the General Confederation of Workers was indicated by the announcement of the Electrical Workers' officials that they will abide by the decision of the CTM's justice committee.

The officials of the Electricians union are under charges before the justice committee for attempts to sow dissension and unrest in the union.

They had charged the national committee with violations of the by-laws and constitution for refusing to insist on a strict interpretation of them in the face of the fact that many of the unions are impoverished and defectively organized. In such a case a strict interpretation of the rules would result in eliminating many workers from representation.

As the result of their strike supported by all of labor, the electrical workers are well organized. The national committee appealed to the rank and file of the union to stop the demand for a strict interpretation, pointing out that the dispute had been seized upon by reactionary influences to sow dissension in the labor movement.

Strike of Miners Near in Mexico

MEXICO CITY. — The Industrial Union of Miners and Metal Workers has announced its intention of resorting to a series of strikes on a national scale in an effort to force a collective labor contract from the American Smelting and Refining Co., the giant corporation which, with its many plants distributed throughout the country, dominates the Mexican mining industry.

The union charges that after six months of discussion, it has still been impossible to induce the company to recede from its intransigent attitude and that no recourse but the strike weapon is open to it to obtain the collective contract demanded in the company's San Luis Potosi plant.

Red Flag Unfurled at Dusseldorf

'Great Man' Embarrassed, Shoots At It

To mark the growing importance of Dusseldorf, soon to become the capital of one of Germany's administrative divisions, there came to it recently a "Great Man" to hold a military and Nazi Party review.

All night long soldiers patrolled the neighborhoods of the C.G.'s sleeping quarters and next day all Dusseldorf turned out to see the show.

At last: the big moment arrived when the Great Man was to perform the ceremony of unfurling the National Socialist flag.

The flag was neatly wrapped up in a case and was to appear when a string was jerked.

The Great Man stepped forward and jerked the string. The crowd gasped. There was a general consternation as a red flag floated out on the morning breeze.

Undaunted, the Great Man drew his revolver and shot the flag.

From "The Week," England.

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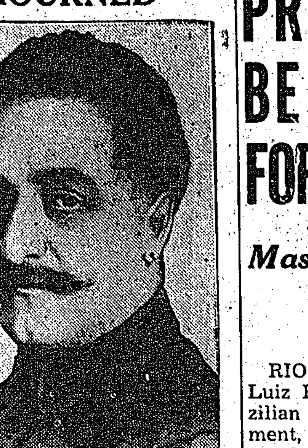


G. K. ORDJONIKIDSE, Soviet commissar of heavy industry—the long-standing and sterling revolutionary fighter whose death is mourned by millions throughout the world.

HAIL RED ARMY OF SOVIETS ON 19 ANNIVERSARY

Ready for Peace—Prepared To Answer Blow for Blow

MOSCOW — The enemies of peace "are viciously sharpening their swords," said the anniversary orders of War Commissar Klementai E. Voroshiloff as the entire Soviet Union celebrated the start of the 20th year of existence of the Rer Army.

"The two countries which most threaten peace: Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan—have made no secret of their plans to attack the Soviet Union and seize its territory," said a statement in the Soviet press on the occasion, as thousands of meetings of factory workers and peasants approved of the military program by which the land of Socialism is being made impregnable to attacks.

"A Democratic Peace"

On the occasion also the Soviet press recalled the adoption of a resolution by the first All-Russian Congress of Soviets during the World War in Leningrad, Nov. 8, 1917, adopted a resolution proposing "That all warring peoples and their governments begin negotiations immediately for a just, democratic peace."

Besides this the press featured the statement of Joseph Stalin to the 17th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union that "The USSR does not think of threatening anyone, let along attacking anyone. We stand for peace and champion the cause of peace, but we are not afraid of threats and are prepared to answer blow for blow against instigators of war."

Ras Desta Demtu Reported Killed

ROME.—Italian military headquarters in Addis Ababa reported to Rome that Ras Desta Demtu, Ethiopian military leader and son-in-law of Emperor Haile Selassie, had been captured and executed by the firing squad.

He was reported captured by renegade Ethiopians who had been hired by the Fascists.

Desta stood at the head of a group of Ethiopian leaders who organized guerilla warfare against the Italians from Garauche, 125 miles south of Addis Ababa.

How completely the Fascist army of occupation has failed to make their rule "acceptable" to the Ethiopians was indicated by the hand grenades hurled in Addis Ababa which wounded Fascist officials including Viceroy Rodolfo Graziani.

Although Italians reported the execution of more than 600, they did not report that they could even identify the actual perpetrators of the anti-Italian demonstration.

Italian Press Boasts Of Army In Spain

ROME.—The Fascist directed Rome press has taken to virtually open admissions that Italians played an important role in the conquest of Malaga. Detailed reports were printed from foreign papers attributing to Italian troops the chief credit for the unexpectedly rapid advance from the South.

The reports, which were quoted in obvious approval, said that the backbone of General Queipo de Llano's army is made up of 16,000 Italian soldiers who landed at Cadiz in January and that 60 German bombing planes are participating in the operations.

LABOR HYGIENE CONGRESS

MEXICO CITY.—The Congress of Labor Hygiene called jointly by the government departments of Labor and of Public Health opened for the improvement of the health and sanitary conditions of the working class.

PRESTES WILL BE NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT

Mass Campaign Has Effect, Needs Increase

RIO DE JANEIRO—Carlos Luiz Prestes, leader of the Brazilian National Liberation movement, now lying in jail, will be nominated as candidate for the presidency in the elections this year against Dr. Vargas, dictator of Brazil, the man who imprisoned him.

This news, published in the Brazilian Press, is an indication of how far the campaign for the release of Prestes and other prominent members of the National Liberation movement has progressed.

In addition to the protests that have come from all parts of the world, there have been demonstrations of an unparalleled character in all parts of Brazil. The result is that:

Forty-two of the prisoners were released last month.

The Minister of Justice has been forced to resign and has been replaced by A. Magahlaes, who has a more liberal reputation.

In the House of Penitence, where most of the men are imprisoned, better treatment is reported and the wife of the prison director is openly on the side of the prisoners.

A number of papers are openly criticising Vargas.

Backing Prestes for the presidency are all the democratic forces in Brazil, which are campaigning both for the release of their leaders and for free elections unafected by intimidation.

Vargas Obstruction

Vargas, president and dictator, learning of the fact that Prestes is to be nominated as his opponent or the presidency, is now attempting, with the aid of martial law, to prevent the elections being held this year.

The trial of Prentes, Ewert and other defendants is going on in the high court. President of the court is Barras Barreto, and the Public Prosecutor is Coata Netio. It is understood that the authorities are determined that it shall be over by March 1.

Now, while the dictatorship is being forced to retreat under pressure of popular opinion, is the time to press home the attack by sending still more demands for the release of Prestes, Evert and other leaders of the democratic movement in Brazil.

Resolutions and telegrams demanding the release of the prisoners should be sent to the Brazilian Embassy and consulates.

Loyalists Gain In Granada

VALENCIA—Launching a new offensive on the Granada front, loyalist troops have captured Caliar, a position northwest of Motril and 20 miles inland from the coast of great strategic importance which dominates the roads between the sea and the mountains to Almeria and Motril.

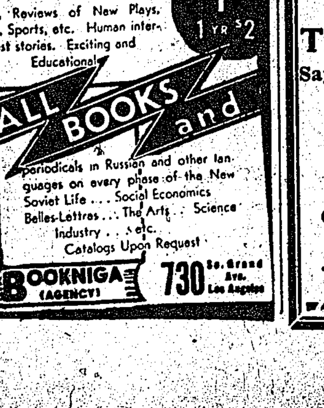
Loyalists assaulted the rebel trenches with hand grenades. The Fascists were driven back, leaving supplies of ammunition, machineguns and artillery, and suffering heavy casualties. Rebel dead and wounded were left strewn on the battlefield in the hasty flight, among whom were Spanish requetes (Carlist troops), Germans and Italians. The loyalists are now in possession of Sierras de las Alpujarras, threatening enemy positions in the Sierra Nevada.

The appointment of Carlos de Baraibar as sub-secretary of war, replacing Gen. Ascensio, is regarded here as a significant step toward the strengthening of the general staff.

HURTS WORKERS

LONDON—The policy of subsidizing British agriculture may help landowners, but fewer and fewer workers are employed as time goes on. From 1931 to 1936 agricultural workers decreased 76,607.

Los Angeles



Hear Broadcasts From Spain Three Times Weekly

Short-wave radio listeners can follow the events in Spain first-hand by tuning in on the radio at a wave length of 20 meters, or 14,000 kilocycles.

Programs in support of Spanish Democracy are given in English, directly from Spain every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 p.m., Pacific Standard time.

WORLD WIDE TRADE UNION AID TO SPAIN

Tons of Commodities Sent; Children's Homes Sought

A report on the expenditure of funds collected for Spain by the International Federation of Trade Unions has been received from headquarters of the Federation in Paris.

In America the representative of this fund was Labor's Red Cross for Spain, headed by David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. To this drive the California district of the Communist Party contributed $1000, and many trade union locals also gave.

Since that time the fund collection for Spain is being carried on by the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy.

Britain Leads U. S.

Report on the international fund showed that up to January 8 a total of 8,700,000 French Francs was collected, including 2,200,000 from the United States and 2,300,000 from Grain Britain.

Out of this fund 17 shipments were made to Spain, as follows: 1. 18,000 ampules of serum, by air. 2. 100 tons of flour, sugar, bacon, coffee, biscuits, chocolate. 3. 50 tons, same articles. 4. 10 tons dried milk. 5. 1 million cigarettes, by air. 6. 20 tons of condensed milk. 7. 1,250,000 cigarettes 8. Series of ambulances (with ISF subsidy). 9. 45 tons of condensed milk. 10. 200 tons of flour. 11. A great quantity of medicaments and woolen goods. 12. 100 tons of sugar. 13. 25,000 tins of corned beef. 14. 400 leather coats. 15. 45,000 boxes of chocolates and gingerbread for children. 16. 5,000 rain coats and a great quantity of clothing. 17. 45 tons of condensed milk; 200 tons of flour; 100 tons of sugar; 25,000 tins of corned beef.

In addition, national sections of the IFTU have dispatched direct consignments, varying in size. Iceland, Mexico and Argentine sent cargoes of fish, flour, corned beef and other foodstuffs direct for Spanish children.

The campaign for finding homes in the South of France, Belgium and Switzerland is in full swing. It is hoped that accommodations for 29,000 children will soon be found in these three countries.

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POLISH GOV'T AIDS FORMING FASCIST PARTY

Obviously Planned as New Instrument of Reaction

WARSAW—Under the benevolent protection of the Smigly-Rydz dictatorship, a new and virtually Fascist Party was launched here by a nation-wide distribution of leaflets and announcements over loud speakers in public places.

Led by Colonel Adam Koc, commander of the Pilsudski Legionnaires, the new party was definitely announced as sponsored by Marshall Edward Smigly-Rydb and is planned as a government party.

The program as announced by Colonel Koc indicated an increased toleration and incitement of anti-Semitism, new powers for the army and its leadership, a privileged position for the Catholic Church, increased attacks on the Communist Party, together with vague demogogy on "land distribution" for the benefit of the peasants and a promise to "regulate production" in order to build a stronger army and "control" relations between employer and employee.

The prospect of increased anti-Semitism was virtually unconcealed in Colonel Koc's speech on launching the party. He said:

"The position toward the Jewish minority is the following: We can never approve violence and anti-Semitic outrages, which degrade our national dignity and honor. Calm, order and security must be upheld, **but we understand the instinct of legitimate self-defense of our people in their aim toward economic independence."**

Though outwardly posing "toleration," the Polish government has definitely aided the organization of pogroms and done nothing to suppress them.

Although Smigly-Rydz did not speak as expected at the launching of the new party, it is generally understood that he is only holding back pending the result of the organization campaign, which government agencies are expediting. He is also understood to have approved the text of Koc's address, which the latter presumably gave in his own name.

DEFEAT GAG

LITTLE ROCK.—After a nationwide protest, the Arkansas house of representatives, by 46 to 19, defeated a bill aimed at the liberal Commonwealth College.

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Sit-Down Strikers Have Only Begun to Fight!

THE ARREST of 350 sit-down strikers upon their evacuation of the Douglas plant in Santa Monica does not mean the end of the strike. The threatened murderous assault upon the strikers by armed police and deputies which forced evacuation, and the subsequent arrest of the strikers, should stiffen the strike and enlist widespread public support.

Certainly all progressives recognize the strike and demands as justified, and the position of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation as one which negates the right of workers to join the union of their choice and bargain collectively.

When the organization drive by the CIO union got under way, the company began laying off all those who showed any organizational activity as a means of intimidation. This procedure made the promised Labor Relations Board hearing on March 5th a meaningless gesture, since the company, through such methods of discrimination, would contend that the union hasn't been able to organize a majority of the workers and therefore is not in a position to represent them.

Strike action was the only answer.

The fact that 200 workers voluntarily joined the sit-down strike when it became known that 400 warrants had been issued shows the popular support of the strikers among the plant workers who at first did not participate in the action. Also, this is shown by the walkout of over 175 workers of the machine shop which supplied the Douglas plant, as well as the strike of the 100 workers of the Northrop plant, a Douglas subsidiary.

Now what is needed is a mass picket line thrown around the plant and a wide campaign among the public, explaining the demands of the strikers and enlisting public support. This is especially important in Los Angeles, stronghold of open-shop reaction.

Borah in the Camp of Reaction

SENATOR BORAH'S proposal to amend the Constitution places him in the camp of the reactionaries on this vital issue of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court program. Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party has declared:

"Therefore anyone who brings forward any proposal on the Supreme Court today as an alternative to the President's proposals is automatically helping the Liberty League, the worst reaction."

Borah's resolution is designed to permit states to handle social and economic powers, thus taking it out of the hands of the Supreme Court.

Firstly, this would mean an extended fight over a period of years, with a minority of state legislatures in a position to defeat it permanently. A history of the struggle for the child labor amendment clearly demonstrate this. Secondly, Borah's proposed amendment neither alters the reactionary character of the Supreme Court, nor challenges its usurped powers.

The matter involved is not one of states' rights. As a matter of fact, the present Supreme Court would be hard put to support the amendment, as it is no way challenges their power over Congress, and that body has always been an ardent defender of the states' rights principle—even when it meant a dismemberment of the Union by the course of reactionary feudalism and led to bloody civil war in 1861.

The importance of this issue as a test between democracy and reaction is acknowledged by both sides. The Daily Worker Washington Letter of January 20th declares, referring to this issue: "Passions are hotter than on any issue since the New Deal came in, because it embraces the essence of all other issues, rolls them into one."

Those "on the inside" are betting that the President's proposals will be defeated by 2 to 1. They are banking on organized filibuster by a reactionary minority to kill the proposal to add additional judges to the bench. It is now imperative for a barrage of resolutions and letters to reach our Congressmen, urging support of the President's proposals.

The "Pay-Triots" Again

THE MIS-NAMED American Constitution League, defeated in previous attacks against the legality of the Communist Party in California, is again sponsoring a measure to outlaw the Party in this state.

In a suit to take the Party off the ballot, started by that League in Fresno last year, the judge ruled that the matter was not for the judicial, but rather for legislative action. Now the legislature is asked to act.

The American Constitution League, realizing the tremendous role played by the Communist Party of California in the struggle to unite all progressive forces against reaction, is more than ever determined to outlaw our Party. For the growth of the unity of the progressive forces, and especially the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in this state, effectively exposes the anti-labor nature of that League and its reactionary allies hiding under the cloak of a spurious patriotism.

Any blow aimed at the Communist Party is an attack against the entire labor and progressive movement. We urge all friends of progress to let their assemblymen know their sentiments against this proposed measure and demand its defeat.

British Lion and Fascist Rats

THE BREAK in the deadlock in the Non-Intervention Committee can mean only one thing—that Hitler and Mussolini are now confident of Franco's success in Spain. It has all along been understood that they would yield then, and then only. More; over it is understood that satisfactory arrangements have been made by Franco with London as to British mineral rights, etc., etc. In these circumstances, the outlook for the regular Madrid government is decidedly unfavorable.

This is an excerpt from the Whaley-Eaton Foreign Letter of February 16th. It bears out the consistent exposure, carried on by the Communist Party, of Britain's policy as being one of virtually and piously mumbling neutrality phrases while at the same time England was actively supporting the fascist forces of Franco.

This was true when the so-called "non-intervention" pact was first proposed by Britain to France, a pact which enabled Hitler's and Mussolini's assistance to Franco, while aid to Madrid was cut off. It is just as true now in the latest proposal to effect a join blockade of Spanish ports and of Portugal's border.

The joint patrol will not have the power to investigate any vessel not carrying the flag of the joint patrol. Neither on land or sea will it be possible to halt any shipments en route to Spain. All the patrol can do is report violations to London—and the committee has no power to impose penalties.

Another British gesture of neutrality which will not stop the activities of Hitler and Mussolini in aiding Franco.

But we disagree basically with the opinions of the Whaley-Eaton foreign affairs experts. The outlook for the Spanish government is not "decidedly unfavorable." For no matter what secret agreements England may make with Franco, the democracy-loving people of the entire world will not allow a fascist victory in Spain. **Aid to the people of Spain must be intensified!**

Open Shop Drive in L.A.

THE ACTION of the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers' Association in opening a scab hiring hall for strike-breaking teamsters to work on the docks at San Pedro is an open declaration of war against the organized labor movement as a whole.

The teamsters' union has thrown a picket line around the docks, preventing the use of non-union teamsters. The M. and M. has answered by marshalling all of its forces in a declaration of war. What that group of labor-hating industrialists stand for is plain from their own letter to Mayor Shaw:

"The association opposes strikes and lockouts and contends for the open shop in all the term inquiry."

Mayor Shaw will, at the first opportunity, use the police to smash the picket line, declaring it is for the purpose of "protecting life and property."

Harry Chandler's L.A. Times, in a vicious editorial against the union teamsters, declares that Dave Beck, militant head of the Seattle teamsters and international organizer, is "there in spirit." The editorial ends on this note:

"Dave Beck is here, Los Angeles, what will you do about it? The time to act is now."

This is about as clear-cut an incitement to riot against the union men as can be worded.

All the reactionary, anti-labor forces are determined to defeat the open-shop principle among teamsters. All the forces of labor and of progress must support the teamsters in their fight. The issue is much broader than an isolated struggle. It is one involving the very right of organized labor to collective bargaining.

Mr. Rust Is Consistent

WRITING in the Oakland Tribune, Clarence Rust, Socialist attorney, attacks the proposals of President Roosevelt on the Supreme Court as a Fascist measure, leading to the establishment of the totalitarian state.

This is another example of the utter confusion into which Socialists contaminated with the poison of Trotzkyism have been thrown. Mr. Rust evidently ignores the patent fact that the most bitter opponents of the Supreme Court proposals are the pro-fascist elements, while progressives are supporting them. Mr. Rust thus finds himself in the camp of the reactionaries on this issue.

Mr. Rust, however, is more than merely contaminated by Trotzkyism. He seems to have contracted the disease throughout his whole political body. He declares:

"Trotzky (Bolshevik) have long pointed out that the Communist movement of Russia would end, as it is now ending, in blood and murder—and must ultimately give way to a new revolution to establish socialism."

This is merely paraphrasing that degenerate ally of Hitler-Trotzky. It is a repetition of the vilest attack against the land of socialism.

On both these points Mr. Rust finds himself in sympathetic accord with the reactionaries and the fascists. Anyway, Mr. Rust is consistent—if only consistently counter-revolutionary.

Signing Up Fast Into Union These Days

WHEN NEWS of the CIO victory in General Motors reached Janesville, Wisconsin, Chevrolet and Fisher Body workers there began a big rush to join the United Automobile Workers' Union. Scene shows some of them passing in their dues.

Consolidate C. P. Gains, All Important Task Now!

RESOLUTION OF SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY CONVENTION

Recognizing the conflict between the reactionary forces headed by the Chamber of Commerce, and the increasing political consciousness and militancy of the labor movement, as the expression in San Francisco of the struggle between democracy and reaction, the S. F. County Convention, of the Communist Party records with pride the achievements of our Party in substantially strengthening the forces of progress. Our party has played a decisive role in fighting to maintain unity in the Maritime Strike, in face of the union-smashing attempts of the shipowners and the disruption of Trotzkyists.

Our comrades in the trade unions were to no small extent responsible for the blow administered to the Vandeleur-O'Connell machine in the recent Central Labor Council elections. We have given leadership to the unemployed in their struggles against relief curtailment. We have made a significant contribution to the success of the California People's Legislative Conference, the development of a labor state in the coming municipal elections that will wrest control from the reactionary City Hall gang, with all its graft and corruption; and the consolidation of our gains by the political and organizational strengthening of our Party.

Consolidate Gains

All energies must be bent toward broadening the road that will lead to these goals. In the trade unions and other non-Party organizations, in language groups and amongst the Negro people, amongst the women and the youth, we must work with renewed zeal and greater guidance from specially appointed Party Commissions. In every part of our city the voice of the Party must be heard through the widespread circulation of the "Western Worker" and literature. The gains we have made must be consolidated—our new members cared for by membership directors in every unit and branch.

The growing influence of our Waterfront, Industrial and Professional Sections must be matched by the establishment of our Assembly Branches as real people's centers. All attention must be centered on carrying out our immediate, basic task: "1,000 dues-paying members by May 1st!"

With a new and higher political level amongst our membership, with a strong organization in our units and branches, with the leadership of our State and Central Committees, our Party in San Francisco will triumphantly march forward to a real people's movement for democracy and peace towards Socialism.

LABOR'S CONFERENCE FOR L. A. ELECTIONS STATES POSITION

(Resolution of the Conference)

At its special meeting, Friday, February 12, 1937, the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles, by a vote of 186 for and 105 against, adopted a resolution refraining the existing machinery for Labor's political activity, with a few minor changes. Through this machinery our movement has frequently endorsed candidates, the majority of whom are placed in the field by groups whose interests are in many cases inimical to Labor.

It has approved labor's program which candidates should be committed. It has called for the registration of labor and direct representation to all the local unions and Central Trades bodies, and finally did not involve the great bulk of our membership in active campaign within the political subdivisions.

Wish for Change

We believe that the 105 votes against this resolution read very accurately the sentiment for a widespread wish and sentiment for many fundamental changes in the existing machinery which would enable the Central Labor Council to take more decisive and deep cut steps toward independent political action as a means of expressing the will of the Organized Labor Movement.

Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections was formed by the progressive forces through the Organized Labor Movement for independent political action and Labor's close cooperation with the progressive groups. It was done so sincerely and entirely in the interests of our movement.

To effect such necessary changes we urged the calling of a conference of all local unions and central bodies. Such a conference would have worked out a clear platform, and candidates who would be governed by this platform, and developed a militant energetic campaign to put into public office people in whom we could have faith and confidence, and who would advance our cause.

Thus only can politics be legitimately used for Labor. Thus only can labor count for its influential force in the civic life of our city.

A Solid Front

But it seems that the majority of the delegates to the Central Labor Council were not yet ready or prepared for such a step. Though for the reasons stated we are not satisfied with this decision of the February 12th Session of the Central Labor Council, in the interests of unity, we accept this decision. We feel that our main task is now to assist in every way possible to maintain a solid front against the organized enemies of Labor in Los Angeles.

Therefore, on the 14th day of February, 1937, Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, by unanimous vote, dissolves itself as an organization.

In making this decision, we do not consider that the setting up of our conference was wrong. On the contrary, the 60 local unions which participated in our conference, have rendered a distinct service to the Labor movement in bringing to the fore the necessity for independent political action. This fundamental change which we have advocated will eventually be adopted by Labor in Los Angeles to act as a solid unit in all matters, including political action.

We call upon the delegates to

AS WE SEE I

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party,

Lessons of the Maritime Str
(Continued)

WHEN THE Trotzkyite Barney Mayes was editor of the Federation," the strike Publicity Committee to get space in the "Voice," and finally had to buy its own page or special edition of the "Voice."

The irresponsible wrecking work of this Trotz
seen from the fact that officials
statements issued by the Strike
Committee or Publicity Committee were published, when at all,
under the caption: "The Editorial
Board is not responsible for the
following." The publicity program of the unions won a tremendous amount of sympathy
and support on every hand; it
prevented the organization of
vigilante gangs; it created a perceptible weakening in the ranks
of the shipowners by the middle
of December, and the Big Three
were having greater difficulties
in keeping the other operators
in line. They therefore devised
a new means of breaking the
morale of the strike.

They entered into secret negotiations with Lundeberg, the secretary of the Sailors' Union, and Ferguson, acting secretary of the Marine Firemens' Union (replacing Earl King who was in jail on a framed-up murder charge), in the past all negotiations with the Strike Committee were with the entire Negotiating Committee of each union, and the entire unions were informed of the progress.

This time, not even the members of the Negotiating Committees were taken into the confidence of Lundeberg and Ferguson, who finally emerged with the terms of a tentative agreement.

Dangerous Clauses

These tentative agreements, although conceding a few of the basic demands of the unions, nevertheless had a number of clauses of a dangerous character to the union and its membership. This was so obvious that even the Negotiations Committee and the Strike Committee of the Sailors' Union, made up mainly of Lundeberg's closest supporters, refused to recommend it to the membership.

But most important of all, Lundeberg and Ferguson had agreed with the shipowners to recommend to the membership WITHOUT ANY MODIFICATIONS, and to ask for an immediate referendum vote. In other words, the membership could not object to a single clause or

Screen Writers Hit Trotzkyites

(Continued From Page One)

tioned in your shall we say delightfully frank confession to the Soviet Trials (Time, Feb. 8), we find we have a confession to make. We confess we are bewildered.

Starting with Liberals' assumption that possibly the Russian people were dissatisfied, or entirely discouraged, being based on at least as high ideals of human progress as those which obtain well known financial supporters of what was his name? [illegible] Trotzky, we commence with the further liberal assumption that possibly the Hitler experiment in Nazism is not quite what it is meant to be. Further we must confess that we can't exactly understand what Trotzky and his followers are driving at when they ally themselves with Mr. Hitler and, others in a frantic attempt to upset the Russian applecart at any cost.

Of course it is possible that the Russian trials were quite as thorough as Time with perfectly understandable if somewhat unenlightened prejudice suggests, and it is also possible that the world would be a much better place if Stalin and the entire Soviet government were murdered and the USSR blasted into demoralized confusion and the Ukraine given to Nazi Germany, and certain concessions made to fascist

alin and the USSR Red Army

(Concluded)

Petrograd

spring of 1919 the White Army
ral Yudenich, in accordance with
set him by Koltchak of "taking
d" and drawing away the revolu-
troops from the Eastern front,
unexpected attack, with the help
Estonians, White Finns and the
and became a real menace to Pet-

eriousness of the situation was the
arked by the fact that in Petro-
itself counter-revolutionary plots
iscovered, the leaders of which
military specialists serving in the
the western front, in the 7th Army
Kronstadt naval base. Parallel
attack of Yudenich on Petrograd,
halovich was gaining several suc-
the direction of Pskov. Treachery
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rt and "Grey Horse" fort openly
t against the Soviet Government.
ole 7th Army lost its head, the
avered, the enemy had advanced
Petrograd. It was necessary to
situation immediately.

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entral Committee again chose Com-
lin for this work. In the course of
days Comrade Stalin succeeded in
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n of the army units was quickly
ed; the staffs were pulled together,
ns of order to Petrograd workers
mmunists took place one after an-
he enemies and traitors were meri-
nnihilated. Comrade Stalin inter-
ed the operations of the military
d. This is what he telegraphed
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the heels of "Red Hill" we have
ed "Grey Horse"; their big guns
complete working order; there is
place a rapid (illegible) of all
d strongholds. The naval specialists
us that the capture of 'Red Hill'
the sea would overthrow all naval
. There is nothing left for me but
the loss of this so-called science.
dy-capture of the 'Hill' was the
of the most brutal interference on
part of civilians generally, in
ations, including the cancelling of
land and sea, and giving our own
ons. I consider it my duty to de-
that I shall continue to act in this
spite all my reverence for science.

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ays later Comrade Stalin reported
in:

turning-point in our units has ar-
on a week there has been no single
individual giving desertion. The
s are returning in thousands. There
e frequent desertions from the en-
our camp. In a week 400 men have
to us, the majority with their
s. We began the attack yesterday
n. Although the promised rein-
nts have not yet arrived, it was
ded to go on to the attack, the time
pied—it was no close to Petro-
The attack so far is successful; the
are running; today we took the
rnovo-Voronino - Slepino - Kaskovo.
have taken prisoners, two or more
utomatics, cartridges. The enemy
ve not appeared; they apparently
e 'Red Hill,' which is now entirely
ed, against the two million cart-
for the 6th Division."

two telegrams give a full picture
huge creative work done by Com-
alin in liquidating the most peri-
ation before Red Petrograd.

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The Southern Front

autumn of 1919 is remembered by
decisive turning point in the whole
ar was about to take place. Sup-
by the "Allies," supported by their
the White troops of Denikin ad-
on Orel. The entire huge south-
nt, slowly, step by step, was fall-
to Denikin. The situation was no less
. The food supply difficulties had
extreme. Industry was coming to
still for lack of fuel. Inside the
ntry, in the rear of the front-
tionary elements were stirring. Dan-
reatened Tula, danger hung over
w.

situation had to be saved. And to
outhern front, once again, the Cen-
committee sent Comrade Stalin as
of the Revolutionary Military
il. There is no need now to hide the
that prior to his appointment, Stalin
three important conditions to the
l Committee:

That Trotzky should not interfere in affairs of the Southern front, and not cross its boundary line.

That a number of workers, whom
de Stalin considered unsuitable for
rk of restoring the position among
oops, were to be immediately with-
n; and

That new workers, to be chosen by
de Stalin, should be immediately
ded to the Southern front, who
be capable of fulfilling the task.
e conditions were accepted in their

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in order to cover this huge expanse
the Volga to the Polish-Ukrainian
er), calling itself the Southern front,
ed of several hundred thousand

troops, an accurate plan of operations was necessary, a clearly formulated objective for the front had to be drawn up. Then this objective could be presented to the troops and, by regroupings and concentrating the best forces in the most important places, it would be possible to deliver a blow at the enemy.

Comrade Stalin found a very indefinite and difficult state of affairs at the front. We were being beaten on the main line of Kursk-Orel-Tula; the eastern flank was helplessly marking time. As for the plan of operations he was offered the old (September) plan of making the principal attack on the left flank, between Tsaritsyn and Novorossisk, across the Don steppes.

SOVIET COMMISSAR of War, Klement Voroshilov, author of the article on this page on the roles of Stalin and Trotzky in the Red Army, is shown (at right) conferring with Joseph Stalin.

"The main plan of attack of the Southern front remains unchanged; namely, the main blow will be delivered by the special group of Shorin, with the object of annihilating the enemy on the Don and in Kuban."

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Having acquainted himself with the position Comrade Stalin immediately took his decision. He categorically rejected the old plan, drew up new suggestions and proposed them to Lenin in the following note, which speaks for itself. The note itself is of such interest, so clearly shows the strategic talents of Comrade Stalin, is so characteristic in its decisive method of dealing with questions, that we consider it valuable to quote it in full: /

"Two months ago the Commander-in-Chief made no objection in principle to a drive from the west to the east, through Tsaritsyn to Salsk, to the main task. If the blow was not delivered, it was only because he referred to the 'heritage' left by the retreat of the Southern troops in the summer, i.e., the ponderously-cumbersome grouping of troops on the south-eastern front, the rearrangement of which (grouping) would result in much loss of time to the advantage of Denikin. . . . But now the circumstances and the resulting grouping of forces have changed fundamentally; the 8th Army (the main force on the late southern front) has moved towards the southern coast and faces the Donetz Basin; the cavalry corps of Budenny (the other main force) has moved to the southern front, and a new force has been added, the Letitsk group, which, within a month's time, refreshed, will again be a menace to Denikin's forces. . . . What then makes the Commander-in - Chief (Headquarters) cling to the old plan? Apparently obstinacy alone, or, if you like, factionalism, of the most stupid and most dangerous kind in the Commander-in-Chief by his 'strategic adviser.'

"A few days ago Shorin was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to make an attack on Novorossisk across the Don steppes, along a very unfavorable line for the enemy in flight by our airmen, but is quite impossible for our infantry and artillery to wander over. There is no need to prove that this bare-brained (proposed) advance into the midst of a population hostile to us, with absolutely no roads, threatens us with utter defeat. It can be easily understood that this advance on the Cossack villages, as shown in practice recently, can only rally the Cossacks against us to the side of Denikin, in the defence of their villages; can only put Denikin in the position of Saviour of the Cossacks as a result of the creation of an army of Cossacks for Denikin; in other words, can only strengthen Denikin's position.

It is just for this reason that it is essential now, without delay, to change the old plan which has already been changed in practice, and to replace it by a plan for a main blow through Kharkov—the Donetz to Rostov line. Only in this way can we gain a sympathetic, and not a hostile population, which will simplify our movements; secondly, we gain thereby a most important artery feeding Denikin's army, the Voronezh-Rostov line. Thirdly, by such a movement, we cut Denikin's army in two, leaving the Volunteers to be eaten up by Mahkno, without any help from Cossack sources, with an attack from the rear. Fourthly, we gain a chance of creating troublesome conditions for our advance between the Cossacks and Denikin, since the latter, in order to advance between the Cossacks, will try to move the Cossack units to the west, which the majority of Cossacks will refuse to do. . . . Fifthly, we get coal, and Denikin remains without it. . . . There must be no delay in adopting this plan. . . .

"In short: the old plan, which is already no longer being acted upon; must not be galvanized into life under any circumstances; it is a danger to the Republic, and will certainly ease Denikin's position. The new plan must take its place. Circumstances and conditions here are not only ready for this, but urgently demand a change. . . . Without this my work on the southern front is simply futile, criminal, useless; which gives me the right, or rather forces me to go anywhere, to the devil even, rather than remain on the southern front.—Yours, Stalin."

This document requires no comment. The measure by which Stalin estimates the shortest route to attain the goal deserves particular attention. In the Civil War simple arithmetic is not enough, and often

* From instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, September, 1919.

another, in view of the fact that they are not informed of the decisions of the Central Committee."*

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The Central Committee agreed with Comrade Stalin, and Lenin on February 10th telegraphed him: "I have not yet lost hope . . . everything will come right without your transferring."

When Wrangel, under cover of the White Polish campaign, crawled out of the Crimea and constituted a new terrible menace to the recently liberated Donetz and the whole of the south, the C. C. passed the following resolution (August 3rd, 1920):

"That, in view of Wrangel's successes and the alarm in Kuban, the Wrangel front be considered as of vast dependent importance, and be treated as an independent front. That Comrade Stalin be instructed to organize a Revolutionary Military Council, and to concentrate his entire forces on the Wrangel front, Egorov or Frunze to be appointed Commander of the Wrangel Front by agreement between the Commander-in-Chief and Stalin."

The same day Lenin wrote to Stalin:

"The Political Bureau has just finished dividing up the fronts, so that you are engaged exclusively with Wrangel."

Comrade Stalin organized the new front, and relinquished his work only on account of sickness.

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During the White Polish campaign, Comrade Stalin was a member of the Revolutionary Military Council of the Polish army, the liberation of Kiev and West-Ukraine, the deep penetration into Galicia, the organization of the famous raid of the First Cavalry Army—Stalin's infant—to a large degree were the results of his contents, skilful leadership.

The rout of the entire Polish front in the Ukraine and the almost complete annihilation of the Third Polish Army near Kiev, the crushing blows near Berdichev and Zhitomir and the movement of the First Cavalry in the direction of Rovno, created circumstances favorable to a general attack along the whole of our western front.

This subsequent activities of the south-

Voroshilov Tells Role of Trotzky

himself entirely and undividedly. But at the same time he gained in the Civil War great experience for his later work.

In the Civil War, in varying complicated circumstances, Comrade Stalin, with an enormous talent for revolutionary strategy, always correctly estimated the chief directions to be taken for the main blow at the enemy; and, skilfully using the tactical method appropriate to the circumstances, obtained the desired results. This quality of proletarian strategist and tactician has remained with him since the Civil War. This quality of his is well known to the whole Party. Trotzky and his friends could best relate about this, who have paid full sore for the attempt to substitute their petty-bourgeois ideology for the great teachings of Marx and Lenin. The Right opportunists, who only quite recently suffered complete defeat, also know only too well.

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In Comrade Stalin we find the most typical features of the proletarian organizer of the class front. He paid special attention to the class composition of the army, to more that workers and such peasants indeed remained in it "as do not exploit the labor of others." He attributed great important to the development of political work in the army, and was more than once the initiator of the mobilization of Communists, considering it essential that a considerable percentage of them be sent as rank-and-file fighters. Comrade Stalin was very particular about the selection of military commissars. He strongly criticized the then existing All-Russian Bureau of Military Commissars for sending "mere bookworms" to the army.

"Military Commissars should be the soul of military action, giving a lead to the experts." (Telegram from Tsaritsyn, 1918.)

Comrade Stalin also attributed great importance to the political condition of the army year. In his report on the 3rd Army he writes:

"The weak spot in our armies is the instability of the rear, chiefly due to neglect of Party work, incapacity of the Soviet departments to put into operation the instructions of the center, and the exclusive, almost isolated, position of the local extraordinary commissions."

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Comrade Stalin was extremely strict on the question of the selection of personnel. Regardless of position, and genuinely being no respecter of persons, he swept away in the roughest way all useless experts, commissars, Party and Soviet workers. But at the same time Stalin, more than anyone, always supported and defended those who, in his opinion, justified the revolutionary confidence in them.

Comrade Stalin acted in this way with well-known Red Army commanders who were known to him personally. When one of the true proletarian heroes of the Civil War, afterwards commander of the 14th Cavalry Division, Comrade Parfenenko, killed in the struggle against the Makhno bandits, was at the beginning of 1920 sentenced through a misunderstanding to capital punishment, Comrade Stalin, hearing of it, demanded his unconditional release. Similar cases could be given in numbers. Comrade Stalin, together with Lenin and other big leaders, knew how to appreciate deeply workers who had devoted their lives to the proletarian revolution; and one commanders knew this, as everyone else knew it who at any time under his leadership had carried on the struggle for our cause.

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This was Comrade Stalin in the Civil War. He is still the same, and will remain the same in the years of struggle for Socialism to come.

The Civil War demanded an enormous expenditure of energy, will-power and brain-power from Comrade Stalin. He gave

TROTZKY WAS OUSTED FOR DEFEATISM

While shattering the whole theory and structure of Trotzkyism in his famous speech "Trotzkyism or Leninism," delivered on January 19, 1924, Stalin added a footnote, in passing, which thoroughly unmasked the complete absurdity of the legend which Trotzky was then spreading about his military role in the civil war. Citing as examples two campaigns of the Civil War and intervention days, Stalin remarked:

"About Kochak. It is the summer of 1919. Our army advances against Kolchak and operates near Ufa. There is a meeting of the Central Committee. Comrade Trotzky proposes to hold back the advance on the line of Syetaya River (near Ufa), leaving the Urals in the hands of Kolchak, to remove some of the troops from the eastern front and throw them across to the Southern front. A heated debate takes place. The Central Committee does not agree with Comrade Trotzky, finding that the Urals with their factories and railway network ought not to be left in the hands of Kolchak, as it would seriously incorporate there, rally his forces and appear once more on the Volga—it is necessary first to drive Kolchak beyond the Ural mountain chain into the steppes of Siberia and only thereafter engage in diverting forces south. The Central Committee rejects Comrade Trotzky's plans. The latter resigns. The Central Committee does not accept his resignation. Vatsetis, the commander-in-chief, who supports Comrade Trotzky's plans, resigns. His place is taken by a new commander-in-chief, Comrade Kamenev. (This is Sergei S. Kamenev, famous Colonel in the Red Army, who died last year.) From this moment, Comrade Trotzky ceases to take a direct part in the operations of the Eastern front.

"About Denikin. It is the autumn of 1919. The advance guard against Denikin fails. The 'steel' ring around Mamontov (Mamontov's raid) is an obvious failure. Denikin takes Kursk. Denikin approaches Orel. Comrade Trotzky is summoned from the Southern front to attend a meeting of the Central Committee. The Central Committee recognizes the justice of Stalin's and decides to recall Comrade Trotzky and dispatch new military workers to the Southern front. The new military workers demand that Comrade Trotzky stop 'interfering' with the operations on the Southern front. Comrade Trotzky withdraws from direct participation in the operations on the Southern front. The operations on the Southern front, up to and including our capture of Rostov-on-Don and Odessa, proceed without Comrade Comrade Trotzky. Let anyone try to disprove these facts."

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"HELL-SHIPS" ARE DOOMED, SAY CANNERS

1937 Agreement For Alaska to Mark New Gains

By An Alaska Canner

SEATTLE—Seated jointly as one unit, the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers' Union, Local 18,257, of Seattle, and the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, Local 20,195, of San Francisco, met the Salmon Industry here recently to discuss the 1937 agreement for Alaska.

The delegation, elected by the rank-and-file, formally presented the agreement. The meeting took place at the Exchange Building.

Negotiate for Demands

On the negotiation committee were George Woolf, Conrad Espe, Irene Cabatit, Amado Logan, Frank Meneces, Sam Britton, Wilson Mar, George Taki, and Kazuo Tamura. Alternates were L. Bellosillo, Vicente Navea, Antonio Rodrigo, Cenon Campos, and George Bulatao.

The 7000 members of the Seattle and S. F. Locals, fortified stronger than ever before and solidified by the militant support of the entire maritime organization, this year rest assured that definite improvements and reforms in the canning industry are to be established.

Sub-standard and low wages, slave hours, and deplorable living conditions are going to be alleviated, and the recognition of despatching and hiring hall is vehemently urged as outlined in our demands.

Hell-Ships, Contractors Doomed

"Hell-ships, in which workers were herded in cramped quarters," emphazided Brother Woolf and Brother Espe singing in unison, "are going to be things of the past!

"Workers are going to the canneries this year without intimidation. And no longer will our brothers sign working agreements under duress, for the labor agents have reached the end of the rope! Contractors who have been for years identified with the fleecing and exploitation of the cannery workers must go along with the deluge of labor adversaries, driven by the staunch solidarity of the workers."

As an added impetus towards building of a more solid front among unions having direct jurisdiction in the fishing industry in the territory of Alaska, the joint meeting held some time ago at the Purse Seiners' Hall, has added another page to the history of the maritime Pacific labor movement.

Fishing Industry Federation

We hope that the occasion actuated by the dire need of mutual understanding among workers in the different phases of the industry, will remain as a rallying point around which the reductioners, the cannery workers, the salters, the gibbers, the fishermen, the machinists, etc., will build a strong FEDERATION OF WORKERS in the fishing industry along the coast.

The Continuation Committee, created by urgent need, will meet every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. It has as its definite program the improvements in wage scale, working hours, housing, foods, and the complete elimination of labor contractors, in Seattle and wherever these rats exist. It has also gone on record to the effect that it should compare and discuss agreements during the negotiation period.

In Seattle, pledge cards urging each member to pledge loyalty to the union, imperatively asking each brother that he must support morally and materially all objectives the CWFIU undertakes, will be ready in a few days.

Moulder Wins Book Prize

The South Gate Moulder, who wrote the story about his shop in the issue of a week ago, wins the prize for the best workers' correspondence story of the week—"The Coming Struggle for Power," by John Strachey.

Watch next issue for announcement of the new surprise contest for workers correspondents!

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"Doc" Townsend Gets Convicted

DR. TOWNSEND (above) has been convicted for contempt of the House of Representatives. Conviction was in reality aimed at the pension movement, and not so much at Townsend himself.

Scab-Herder Thugs Attack Paul Lyons

Alaska Cannery Union Official Waylaid by Six Hoodlums After Union Meeting

BY AN ALASKA CANNER

SAN FRANCISCO—Paul Lyons, vice-president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, was brutally attacked and knocked unconscious by anti-union thugs Saturday, February 13, around the hour of midnight.

Lyons had just bid good night to a fellow member of his union, who, with him, had attended a meeting of their union executive board that night.

As he was about to open the door of his place of residence, six hoodlums accosted him, two of whom spoke Italian, the other four speaking English and Spanish.

Scab-Herders' Thugs

Two of them said to him: "We are also cannery workers." Another one who spoke English, without a word of warning, grabbed Lyons by the back of his coat collar, and while he said: "This is the son of a b— who wrote that article," struck him a severe unexpected blow on the side of the face with something very hard, perhaps iron knuckles. As Lyons fell to the ground, someone kicked him also.

His face was badly swollen and black, requiring the immediate attention of a doctor.

According to a friend who picked Lyons up later from where he had fallen, after the hoodlums who attacked him had made their getaway in a late maroon-colored Chevrolet truck, which, according to a friend of Lyons, tallied with the description of a truck seen the next morning parked in front of 1304 Montgomery St.

When Lyons was asked next morning by his fellow unionists whom he suspected as his assailants, he replied:

Points to Mayer

"Perhaps they were the people who were exposed by some one in the Western Worker as being scab-haulers for Mayer and other scab agencies. Evidently they mistook me for the writer of that article."

The finger of guilt, in the opinion of the writer of this article, points without a shadow of doubt to the third-rate gangsters of the "big shot" labor racketeer, Mr. Mayer, who was a labor contractor for the Alaska cannery operators, and who is still plotting with them to break the ACWU.

The thugs who attacked Lyons are perhaps those people of the express companies exposed in the Western Worker, who are part of Mr. Mayer's gang.

Scab-Herders Will Fail!

The fact that they accused him of having written the article, leaves little room for doubt.

In view of the fact that scab-master Lee Holman has met with comlete failure in his attempt to break the maritime strike, Mr. Mayer should tell his third-rate gangsters to seek honest employment, as he, too, is doomed to failure, because the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has come to stay, and the ACWU is part of it!

WORKERS' SCHOOL CITED

MEXICO CITY.—The School of Bacteriology of the Workers' University of Mexico has received signal recognition for its pioneer eforts in this highly important field of scientific research by being taken over by the government ministry of education.

ALASKA CANNER UNION MEMBERS GET DISCIPLINE

Rivera Suspended for 1 Year On Red-Baiting Charges

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Luis O. Rivera was found guilty by the general membership meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union at their previous meeting February 21, of all charges that appeared in the Western Worker about five weeks ago.

Rivera Found Guilty

He was also found guilty of other charges brought up by reliable members of the union.

The main charges against him were red-baiting, plotting with reactionaries to oust the officials and having been a member of the Feliciano clique.

The membership, however, realizing that Rivera is very backward and easily led, etc., and acting on the recommendation of the executive board, decided merely to suspend him from the union for one year, so as to give him one more chance.

Demoted to Second Foreman

Santos Santigos' case also came up. The decision on this case was that he go to Alaska as second foreman, instead of as first foreman.

Both these cases are subject to further investigation by the committee.

These cases were both carefully investigated by the executive and investigating committees, before final action was taken.

U.R.C. Five Wins Class B Title

By a Maritime Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Union Center basketball team won the City Recreation League Class B championship by defeating the Howell Douglas Brokerage Company quintet in two games.

The Center Red and Black hoopsters took the first game from the brokers 28 to 24, and the second in an overtime game 38 to 35. Raine Erkkila, shifted from guard to forward, flashed in the overtime hair-raiser to sink the winning points.

High Point Stars

Warehouseman Carl Spirz starred by making 12 points for the Center, while Johnny Pavloff and Erkkila from 38-79 rang up 11 points apiece for URC. Russell Jones, Bargeman, played a good game at guard.

URC ran through the League without losing a game, with eight wins to their credit. Next week the winners will receive individual medals, as well as a team trophy, from the San Francisco Recreation Department.

CANNER SPIKES PACKERS' LIES ABOUT PROFITS

Hearst Press Moans Bosses Loss, And Buries Facts

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—About two weeks ago, an article appeared in the capitalist press of Mr. Willie Hearst, where the Alaskan and other large packing companies complained that last year they had operated "only at cost," that they had made no profits.

Figures Expose Truth

In a more recent paper another article from which I quote:

"The Alaska Packers Association is making plans for a big year. The A.P.A. is laying 64 new bottoms for use in its Bristol Bay salmon operations. At the end of 1936, it carried inventory of $2,924,017, priced at cost, compared with $1,687,399 at the end of 1935.

"The Libby-McNeill and Libby outfit made substantial additions to its salmon fleet recently. The Columbia River Packers Assn. Inc. largest cannery in the Columbia River, has made no reports on its plans, but its stocks has jumped from 50 cents to $3 a share!"

"No Profits"

"This is what the packers call making no profits.

The biggest part of the joke is that the article complaining that they were losing money appeared on the regular newspage that workers often read. This was without doubt to create the impression that the packers were "poor" and the Alaska cannery workers should not ask an increase in wages, which they are presently doing, as the present wages are very low.

The article divulging the truth of their profiting, condition appeared in the financial page that very few, if any, Alaska workers read.

Pretty clever, those editors of Mr. Willie Hearst!

What all workers should do if they want to read the truth, is to read the Western Worker and in this way support these papers so that some day we workers will have a powerful workers' press!

SACRAMENTO LABOR NEARS LABOR PARTY

Provision Unions Get United Action on Unfair Firms

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO—I am a delegate to the Central Labor Council. We have just succeeded in setting up a Provision Trades Council to participate in united action against the unfair Walgren Drug Co., Napoli Bakery, Hoyt Doughnut Co., and several restaurants.

This council will consist of these local unions—Teamsters, Culinary Workers, Miscellaneous Workers, Agricultural Workers, Cannery Workers, Bakers, Retail Clerks, Warehousemen and other local unions involved in the handling of food or provisions.

The Carpenters passed a resolution that we demand that no building materials be delivered to non-union jobs.

Toward Farmer-Labor Party

The Teamsters have agreed not to go through picket lines, so I feel that labor can definitely curb non-union work.

We expect to pass a resolution in the Federal Trades Council setting up a Committee for Independent Political Action, to build a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Carpenters' Local Union 586 have gone on record endorsing the resolution passed by 14 building trades locals in S. F., in regard to the six-hour day.

Better Conditions

Also, a working agreement has been in effect allowing a three-shift plan, whereby the employer could work the men continuously and pay eight hours pay for seven hours work.

This was unanimously voted out, and agreed that only regular hours shall be worked. All other work shall be paid at the rate of double-time.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROGRESSIVES in the labor movement haven't given up the fight for the interests of labor in the political field, despite the fact that the reactionaries betrayed the movement for a labor ticket in the spring municipal elections into the hands of the Mike Kelly Republican machine.

The progressives are now determined to fight for endorsement of candidates in the elections only on the basis of a minimum platform and committment of such an endorsed candidate to a basic Labor platform, similar to that drawn up by the Policy Committee of the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor.

A number of progressive trade unionists are expected to file as candidates for office, and to seek endorsement of the Federation.

(See next issue for article on the political situation in Alameda County, relative to organized labor.)

1938 Elections . . .

Assemblyman John G. Clark recently had the reactionaries in the Long Beach Central Labor Council on the spot, when he reported on the work accomplished by the California People's Legislative Conference and requested support of the bills prepared for the Legislature by the conference.

A delegate reported: "This was enjoyable, as the leaders of the council have regarded and referred to the People's Legislative Conference as "Communistic."

Clark pointed out to Long Beach that in 1938, organized labor in California could take over the state in the elections, and stated that a group of liberals and progressives were going to put a ticket into the field and that it was their desire not to run a candidate that did not have the endorsement of organized labor.

Clark is an Epic, but there is such a wide split in the ranks of the Epics, due to the fact that some have surrendered all claim to Epic principles, that the above statement by Clark is not very clear. Is he referring to a Farm-Labor Party, or is he referring to labor backing of a Democratic ticket? He indicated the latter when he came out for a candidate like State Senator Culbert L. Olson, who has always been a right-wing Epic and who has frequently "played ball" with Senator W. G. McAdoo.

We believe that California organized labor can pick its candidates for office in municipal elections and in 1938, and can win support for these candidates from all honest progressives and liberals, from the small farmers and from the middle-class people.

We emphatically do not believe that organized labor should endorse a Republican or a Democratic candidate.

We believe in a California Farmer-Labor Party for 1938!

Another P. G. & E. Plot . .

The Sacramento "Union" has discovered in an editorial that the Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation has "earned the good will of the entire valley," by its latest scheme to buy all the power produced upon completion of the Central Valleys Project units at Kennett Dam!

Every small farmer who has been at the mercy of the high rates of P. G. & E. for his power and water, every urban consumer of water and power, knows that the only time this robbing public utility will earn the good will of the people is when it will go out of business and be replaced by publicly owned public utilities.

This offer by P. G. & E. is no threat to municipal ownership, the Sacramento "Union" would have us believe.

Grafting in Calif. Redwood Forests

Mendocino Lumber Co. Sold Cut-Over and Useless Land to Govt. for Park!

BY A WORKER CORRESPONDENT

PHITO, Mendocino County—It is a known fact that a man with a shady past and a crooked nature, inclined to crime, falsehood, double-crossing and greed, has always a good chance to get into high office.

As an example of the help extended poor farmers and also as an example of graft and ballyhoo, we might cite the Mendocino woodlands.

The Mendocino Lumber Co. owned some cut-over land covered with white thorn and blue blossom.

Sold for Park!

Soon this brush will die and be the worst fire-trap, in that section. It is useless to anybody for any purpose now, and so the Mendocino Lumber Co. sells it to the government for a park!

A sun-burned hillside in the summer; a cold, foggy, frosty canyon in the winter; a ruin of once beautiful redwood forests, natural parks created by nature, which took from 500 to 2000 years to make!

So in A. D. 2500 the government will have a park there! Let's hope somebody discovers the elixir of life so we can live 500 years to enjoy this park.

Forests for Profit

Of course, west of Anderson Valley, north of Fort Bragg, and last of Mendocino in deep canyons are still some wonderful redwood forests, but they are to be destroyed for profit.

The government cannot see them and doesn't want them. When they are destroyed, springs will dry up, fierce fires will sweep over the wasteland, cold north winds will bring frost, drought and famine to the stock and destroy the fruit industry, but the money hogs don't care.

Men struggled with white-thorn and blue blossom on hills so steep a mountain goat would break its neck, simply to make a showing for a few political patronage bosses of our two-bit, penny-ante politicians here in Mendocino County.

Graft on Relief Workers

There were poor, helpless, weak men from the relief lines of San Frncisco. The bosses drove them, cold winds and fog froze them, hands were blistered, lungs filled with smoke from green brush burned half-wet—something never done by any logger or forester man who has any feeling for the health or suffering of his workers. All this to make a big show!

Charley Perkins of Fort Bragg, it is rumored was offered $350 per month to boss the job—a political patronage job, as Perkins was a politician. Perkins was under grand jury investigation for graft at that time—for grafting on contracts let by him! Perkins is not a forestry graduate, civil service man, or a graduate agriculturist. Yet workers got only about $25—what an example of graft!

I once heard of a man who bought a lot from a Los Angeles real estate man, located in the middle of Los Angeles Harbor.

The same man must have sold this land to the government for a park, for the Mendocino Lumber Co. ballyhooed the public into thinking it was a great and good act of a wise and efficient government agency.

One man committed suicide in this camp at Mendocino because of conditions there. Many farmers on small ranches were in dire want and great need of help, while the Resettlement Administration gave the money they were supposed to get, to the Mendocino Lumber Co. and its political patronage parasites.

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By a Guardsmn, 16

LOS ANGELES everyone has heard of ned enlargement of al defences" in rega artillery units, more and battleships, but most important "imp is the increased destr ity of the infantry.

In all scientific arm fantry is the princip arm. To increase the of the infantry, a ne tomatic rifle has been and has been tested ed by the infantry only easier to opera increase the fire pow dier from about 10 shots a minute to more.

The rifle is opera from the exploded sh ing a piston which ejects the exploded ca recocks the rifle in tion. The rifle has bers, the 30 '06 wh used, and the .276, as efefctive up to which is the greate the average soldier ca get, anyway.

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BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE NINE OLD MEN

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Chief Justice Charles Evens Hughes.

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active Jew-baiter,
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on Justice Pierce Butler to lend
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ith so many highly perfected
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hat he might have a mind of his own.

[Y]OUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

BISSELL, M.D.
Examinations

Pedro: I read in a that it would be a everyone to have thorough examina- octor once a year. think of this?

B.D.E.

Medicine of the fu- d more and more nting illness rath- ing it after it has of the most impor- of preventing dis- ve a thorough ex- e a year, or better y six months. Such n only be possible zed medicine when it will be cheaper for the state to prevent diseases which would become a burden if allowed to run their course.

Most illnesses are much easier to cure in their earlier stages than when allowed to run their course without treatment. The discovery of early diseases is possible only through regular examination, as it is impossible for a person who is not a doctor to recognize these early symptoms.

There are many ailments that can ONLY be cured in their early stages, for instance: cancer or tuberculosis.

Those who can afford it should have their doctor give them such an examination once a year, including a complete urine examination. The unemployed should demand that the local clinic start such a service.

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Prevention of Colds

FROM RICHMOND: Is there any way that colds can be prevented?

D. M.

Answer: Doctor Kruger of the University of California has developed a fluid called "Undenatured Bacterial Antigen," which when injected in the right doses seems to prevent colds much better than anything else that has been discovered. This will prevent colds in most cases.

[Ba]ck at Home, They Ask Where Mosley Jones Is Headed

[By] G KREITZBERG

Los Angeles.

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ssion-suffering vot- Terrace, Belvedere and Montebello took a comparing look at both and sent the poorly dressed Jones to Sacramento.

During his first term quite a number of important issues arose, needing a fearless champion. The unemployed demonstrated. The big strike of the Imperial Valley agricultural workers was smashed by armed force. The vicious anti-labor criminal syndicalism law was revived. There were hunger marches right up into Sacramenta.

Supporters of Jones argued that if he didn't help much, he at least didn't do much harm. Anyway, what could a minority Democrat do?

In the Service Of the People

The Epic movement swept the state and set out to capture the Democratic Party. City Terrace, Montebello and Belvedere voters are mostly workers and small business men. Mr. Jones announced he too believed in production-for-use and was endorsed by the Epics. He went back to Sacramento with the Epic wave and was made the Epic whip in the Assembly.

As Epic Assemblyman Jones, to his credit, supported most of the liberal progressive and labor legislation which came before that body, the people back home became rather proud of him. For a while it appeared that he might even become radical. Jones was one of the speakers at a May Day meeting, and the keynote of his address was unity.

Did Another Pasture Appear Greener?

When the Epic movement began to die, Jones said less and less. Towards the end of the term he had left most of the progressive activities to Assemblymen Ritchie, Pelletier and Rosenthal.

Some of the Epics were speaking about uniting with other progressive forces, into a Farmer-Labor party, but Jones kept whatever ideas he had to himself. He had built up a prestige.

When Congressman Hoeppel was arrested for graft, the ambitious Mosely let it be known that he was not adverse to going to Washington. Liberal groups, however, backed Jerry Voorhis, and Jones swallowed the pill in silence.

During the last elections Jones made a united front of his own. He filed both on the Republican and Democratic ballots. But he campaigned for Roosevelt. With the prestige he had built up, and the Roosevelt landslide, he carried the field.

In the Service Of McAdoo

The Democrats now had a majority in the Assembly. The Republican-Epic-Democrat Jones was made speaker of assembly. But as such an appointment could not have been made without the approval of Senator William Gibbs McAdoo, who controlled the state Democratic machine, progressives looked on in wonder. For McAdoo stands for everything that is rotten in old party politics. And Mosely Jones was supposed to be a progressive.

Then came rumors that Jones was avoiding people and committees. Anyway, you could never find him. The representative of a group seeking certain health laws sought him in vain for days and then one day bumped into him at 649 S. Olive St., Los Angeles. Now 649 S. Olive is the address of the law firm of Neblett, McAdoo & Warner.

Of course everybody soon knew of it and Jones began to be accused of selling out.

For some time, now, whenever activities of a progressive nature come up, Jones says little and does less. In fact, it would be simpler to tell of the things he is not doing.

Of Ommissions And Commissions

He did not attend the recent People's Legislative Conference at Sacramento. Rosenthal, Pelletier and a large group of other liberal assemblymen did.

He was silent during the entire maritime strike.

He was the only Epic assemblyman who did not endorse the California Youth Act.

Drawn out regarding his stand on the proposed bill to pardon Tom Mooney, he declared that although he was for Mooney's freedom, he did not believe the Assembly had a right to legislate a pardon.

And now his latest act of ignominy has come to light. As the legal counsel of the assembly investigating committee, Jones has appointed Bill Neblett, law partner of McAdoo.

The recent action of Jones has incensed many voters of the 51st Assembly District. Louis Koengsberg, Epic leader in City Terrace and active in the Voorhies-for-Congress campaign, bespoke a growing sentiment when he said:

"It's a shame. Our district is the most liberal in California.

"Jones didn't have any real opposition in the last election, but he surely will have in the next."

And so fell many of the labor and progressive forces. They look upon Mosely Jones and ask, "Where are you going?"

U. S. SCIENTISTS REVEAL SOVIET UNION PROGRESS

Cite Experience of American In Siberia Last Century

By a Worker Correspondent.

VALLEJO—For those people who are interested in the progress made under the Soviet government, there is a very interesting story in the February issue of the Geographical Magazine.

Irving C. Gardner, of the Geographical Society, accompanied a party of scientists to view an eclipse of the sun, which took place on June 14, 1936, and was viewed near the Siberian Railroad in Siberian Russia.

The Soviet government did a great deal to make the expedition a success. It provided transportation and plenty of food for the party. The population also showed great interest and assisted in every possible way.

There are several photos of the sun and also photos of the comfortable new houses.

Compared With Past

The progress of Russia is showed by the comparison of what the American traveler, George Kennan, saw in this region in the last century. Kennan, an officer of the Russian-American Telegraph Company, beginning in 1868 spent two years in Eastern Siberia.

During the long winter nights, Kenneth amused himself by attempting to teach the people astronomy. He represented the planets with tallow balls. After the exhibition, he allowed the people to "eat the tallow balls." He said the people showed great interest in astronomy as long as the tallow balls lasted.

Education in 1886 Russia

In 1886, while collecting data for his books, "The Siberian Exiles," Kennan traveled near where the eclipse took place. He wrote that at one place he found no one to change the stage horses. The reason was that they were dedicating a new church and two priests and everyone else were on a drunk.

Afterwards one of these priests stated to Kennan that he believed "the world was flat like a pan cake," and would not believe Kennan when he told him he had traveled around it.

There is indisputable evidence that Russia has made immense progress under the Soviet government.

Dr. Seaman Will Not Run In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Because he feels that his work in his church and as a director of the Fellowship Forum is more "vital and important to the community" than his entrance in the political race, Doctor Floyd J. Seaman, liberal and pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, announced this week, that he will not be candidate for councilman in the 9th District.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

JIMMY SEES ECONOMICS

By REB. RANEY

If I go to work for you, Jerry,
'N' Nork for a quarter a day,
'N' make all the kites that I can make,
'N' do everything that you say,

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'N' kids like my fliers—excuse me,—
I mean what I make that you sell,—
'N' praise 'em 'n' buy 'em like hotcakes,
'N' pay you lots, that'll be swell,

●

But, if I do the work and you sell it,
And you get six bits, and me two,
I'd like to make this proposition:
That first I am me, and then you,

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'Cause, changing that way, we'll break even;
We'll each have a chance at the cup,
You get me—I mean the mazuma.
My plan, it'll even things up.

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Reb. Raney is the Western Worker's newest contributor! "Pick 'n' Shovel Poems" are scheduled to appear in book form. Read them here in every issue of the Western Worker, and you won't need to buy the book. But you will, anyway.

A Soviet Film Presents: Mongolia

"SON OF MONGOLIA," a motion picture from the Soviet film industry, is plying at the Grand International Theater in Los Angeles, 730 So. Grand. Matinee and 2 evening performances

How Many Did You Answer?

1—In the years 1899 to 1901. Before that the California labor movement concerned itself almost entirely with skilled crafts. In 1899 to 1901 unions of laundry workers, carpet workers, hood-carriers, etc., began to be formed.

2—Yes. Its area is 442.5 square miles, one-third the size of Rhode Island.

3—California was coasted by Spaniards between 1537 and 1542. They were the first white men to set foot on the territory.

4—Assembly, 80 members elected for two years; Senate, 40, elected for four years, one-half retiring every two years.

5—Invergordon, in Scotland, was the scene of the revolt of British naval sailors in 1932, against poor pay and poor food.

Structural Failure Caused Air Crash, Commerce Dept Says

SAN FRANCISCO.—The United Air Line crash which killed 11 people two weeks ago appears to have been the result of a structural failure in the big plane, according to J. Monroe Johnson, Asst. Secretary of Commerce, in a Washington press interview.

Johnson said his opinion was based on preliminary findings.

"Western" Will Be Supported

By JOE MORGAN

Organizer Unit A-6, Los Angeles

The Western Worker quota can be fulfilled by every unit. This has been proved by the experience of Unit A-6 which has succeeded in raising $36 on its original quota of $24.

At the start of the campaign, not waiting for the official collection lists to be distributed, the executive committee of the unit drew up a list of its own. A short note was typed at the head of the page explaining the purpose of the drive and why the Western Worker had no huge advertising revenue.

Members of the unit made a house to house canvass. In the first two days $19 was raised in nickles, dimes and quarters. Small business men contributed as much as half a dollar. Some took out subscriptions. One comrade raised $17 in one afternoon in Pershing Square. The drive is still on in Unit A-6, its members having pledged to triple their quota.

It is amazing how easily funds can be raised.

To build up the Western Worker the unit has a Red Sunday the first week of every month. The addresses of purchasers are taken and followed up the following Sunday. A growing list of contacts and possible recruits is being built up. The drive can be put over the top. All it needs is a little organization and Bolshevik initiative.

For the Workers' Press!

With the Drive Extended, $1429 Per Week Must Be Raised Until April First!

With the end of the Western and Daily Worker financial drive now scheduled as April 1, Los Angeles and Alameda Counties have postponed their mass affairs, but San Francisco's three-day bazaar is going on as scheduled—March 5, 6 and 7.

Sa nFrancisco expects to complete its $3000 quota at the bazaar and the grand ball in conjunction with it!

Again this past week, ending Feb. 28, San Francisco turned $100 over to the drive committee. It now stands only about two points under Los Angeles in total percentage rasied, but in the past week Los Angeles sent nothing and Alameda County only $40.60.

Another Section Over the Top

In the past week also, another section went over the top. Sonoma County had been just this side of the barrier, and the $10 contribution in the past week put it over and up into third place behind the leaders, Santa Barbara and Merced. Tulare, already over the top, sent no new funds, but is in fourth place. Santa Barbara had an original quota of $125, but has raised $152.80 and stands at 122.3 per cent. Its contribution this week was $1.50. Merced sent no new funds, but remains at 121.3 per cent.

There are four weeks now in which to complete the quotas. Los Angeles, with $2206.56 yet to raise, must average $551.65 per week during that time. Units and sections there must not wait until the final affair to submit their collected funds, but send them in immediately.

Of the larger sections, San Diego has the worst showing to date. With a quota of $400 it has raised only $181.91 and sent no funds in the past week. It has $218.09 yet to come, which means $54.53 per week.

Contributions in the past week from the following sections who stand above the 50 per cent mark in the drive: Santa Barbara, $1.50; Sonoma, $10; Sacramento, $6.50; Fort Bragg $17.85; Alameda, $40.60; Bakersfield, $11.35; San Francisco, $100.

Some Who Need To Step On It

Here are the week's contributions from those still below 50 per cent: San Mateo, $28; Arizona, $10.47; Contra Costa, $10.75; Santa Clara, $11.92; Fresno, $2; at large, $8.75.

Those who are below 50 per cent and still did not send in funds during the week are: San Diego, Monterey, Stockton, San Bernardino, Eureko, and the YCL.

The past week's contributions of $259 only slightly more than covers the regular weekly deficit of the Western Worker. An average of $1429.73 must come in during the next four weeks to guarantee the publication for the year 1937.

WESTERN WORKER-DAILY WORKER DRIVE STANDING

As of February 28, 1937

County or Section	Quota	Total Raised	Per Ct. Raised	Yet to be Raised
Santa Barbara	$ 125	$152.80	122.3	....
Merced	50	60.65	121.3	....
Sonoma	150	158.75	105.8	....
Tulare	50	50.15	100.3	....
Sacramento	150	101.49	67.6	$48.51
Fort Bragg	75	49.95	66.6	26.05
Alameda	1000	622.30	62.2	377.70
Bakersfield	50	30.94	61.9	19.06
Nevada	25	14.50	58.0	10.50
Los Angeles	4000	2793.44	55.8	2206.56
San Francisco	3000	1601.00	53.4	1399.00
San Mateo	150	72.05	48.0	77.95
Arizona	25	11.47	45.9	13.53
San Diego	400	181.91	45.5	218.09
Monterey	100	45.25	45.2	54.75
Contra Costa	100	44.46	44.4	55.54
Santa Clara	150	60.67	40.4	89.33
Stockton	50	20.00	40.0	30.00
San Bernardino	100	37.25	37.2	62.75
Eureka	50	18.50	37.0	31.50
Fresno	50	10.00	20.0	40.00
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Anniversary Gift Of Soviets Was First Mongol Film

LOS ANGELES. — "Son of Mongolia," one of the most recent films produced by the Soviet film industry, is showing for a limited engagement at the Grand International Theatre, 730 South Grand Avenue.

When the Mongolian Republic celebrated its tenth anniversary last summer, the Soviet sent a present in the form of this film, the first screen-play made in the Mongol tongue.

The Lenfilm Studios of Leningrad sent cameras and a director to Mongolia to make the picture and the Mongolian government extended every possible aid to the visiting movie troupe. The actors, all drawn from the Mongolian State Theatre, worked eagerly and when the film was shown at the celebration of the anniversary during the summer it was received with great acclaim. In America it was listed as one of the ten best pictures of the year. At the end of the festivities the government bestowed the Mongolian Star, its highest tribute, upon Ilya Trauberg, director of the film.

Hollywood Lecture Series Announced

HOLLYWOOD.—A semi-monthly "Front Page" or interpretation of world events in forum, will be held on four Monday evenings at the California Art Club, Barnsdall Park, Vermont Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, under the auspices af the study group, Women's Committee, American League Against War and Fascism.

First is scheduled for Feb. 22. Others will be March 8, March 22 and April 5. Speakers will be selected from a list including Joseph Freeman, Dr. Towne Nylander, Dr. H. B. Alexander, Frank Scully, Viola Brothers Shore and Dr. John F. Griffiths.

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RESERVE THIS DATE — MARCH 27, OUTSTANDING AFFAIR OF THE YEAR.

GRAND CONCERT — Trinity Auditorium, 847 So. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Monday, March 7, 8:15 p. m. FREIHEIT MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA (50 players). Alexis Coroshansky, conductor, will present a program of great interest. Alexander Akimoff, famous Russian Opera Singer, will perform selected numbers of his best successes.

Union Members Say Trotzkyite Sabotaged Celery Str

FRAZIER NEVER WANTED SAN DIEGO STRIKE WON; ONE AFL LEADER REVEALS THE PROOF

"We Were Not Beaten by the Shippers and Growers, But by the Traitors Within Our Own Ranks" Say Mexican Workers

SAN DIEGO—Leaders of the Union of Laborers and Field Workers of San Diego County, at a meeting where the strike in the celery fields of San Diego County was suspended indefinitely, charged that the disruptive tactics of Dick Frazier, a Trotzkyite, was responsible for the ending of the strike without achieving the demands of the union.

The meeting was a joint membership meeting of the two unions that participated in the strike, Mexican and American. When the meeting was called to order, Vasquez, of the Mexican union, immediately moved that Frazier be asked to leave the hall as he was a traitor to the labor movement. The motion was greeted with applause from many of the union members.

In the two hour discussion that follower, Perrea, General Secretary of the Mexican Union and Mike Delgado, a leading member of the union, supported Vasquez in the charges. Perresa, Vasquez and Delgado were members of the joint strike committee and they cited a long list of the disruptive activities of Frazier in that committee.

Trotzkyite Disruption

They charged that two days before the strike was called, Frazier appeared at a meeting of the strike committee and charged that the leaders of the Mexican union especially and the strike committee as a whole, was inefficient, inactive, that they didn't know how to conduct a strike, and that he with his superior knowledge of strike tactics be placed on the committee.

Unfortunately, two of the leaders of the American union who have heretofore been good union men, have succumbed to the glib tongue of the Trotzskyite, and they supported his demand that he be placed on the committee.

The Mexican representatives on the committee, with a great desire to maintain the united front between the two unions and the two races, agreed reluctantly. **They charged that while a member of the committee Frazier consistently undermined the morale of the strikers by proclaiming at every opportunity that the strike was being lost by the leaders of the Mexican union.**

They further charged, and it was not denied, that Frazier and all those that he could influence deserted the struggle entirely eleven days before it was voted to go back to work.

Justifies His Desertion

Frazier attempted to justify his desertion by claiming that the strike was lost when the members mistakingly agreed to stop picketing for two days at the request of the chairman of the Board of Supervisors in the belief that by doing so they would stop the passage of an anti-picketing ordinance then before the Supervisors.

Delgado threw in the face of Frazier the statement, "We were not beaten by the shippers and growers, but by the traitors within our own ranks."

After a two hour discussion in which most of the time was devoted to condemnation of Frazier, it was decided that the meeting had no power to act on the charges as it was a meeting of both unions and that charges should be preferred against Frazier in the American union of which he is a member.

Wanted Defeat of Strike

That Frazier never had any intentions of permitting the strike to succeed if he could help it, was revealed here this week when a prominent leader of the AFL in San Diego stated that Frazier informed him before the strike was called that they did not expect to win this strike.

The real reason Frazier so consistently sabotaged the strike was seen in a different light when it became known that Lillian Monroe has been hiding in Frazier's home directing his activities during the whole period.

The Union of Laborers and Field Workers of San Diego County has been a menace to Monroe's dreams of becoming a dictator of the agricultural unions as this union is very much opposed to her.

Cooperated With Deputy Att'y

In the celery strike a year ago, Lillian Monroe cooperated with Deputy District Attorney Holt in getting four strikers to plead guilty after they had been arrested by Chula Vist police for protecting themselves from an attack by growers and scabs.

This year the Mexican union ordered her to stay away from the union headquarters and the picket line, hence her determination to break the union.

Further evidence of the role of the Trotzkyites is seen in the operations of the defence committee of which Frazier was a leading member. He was instrumental in bringing a man who called himself Stinner here from San Francisco who claimed to be a representative of a labor defense organization that would provide legal defense for any of the workers who were arrested. Stinner and Frazier engaged a local attorney, Wayne Compton, as council for the unions.

When a representative of the International Labor Defense called on the defense committee with an offer of assistance he was informed by Frazier that they had their own lawyer and would not need their assistance in legal defense but would accept any funds they cared to donate.

During the strike four of the strikers were arrested and charged with disturbing the peace. Compton served as council for them in the preliminary hearings in which he succeeded in getting the case transferred from the grower-dominated courts of Chula Vista to San Diego where a jury trial was demanded.

Compton has now dropped the case as he has been unable to get one cent from the Trotzkyites for his services and he is now contemplating bringing suit aainst them for the money due.

The ILD immediately offered services to the union and it was gratefully accepted. The men are now out on bail furnished by the ILD and when they come up for trial on March 4th they will be denefned by an ILD attorney.

The role of the Trotzkyites in the labor movement has been thoroughly exposed to the members of the Mexican union and they are bitterly opposed to anyone who bears that stigma. Hence the Trotzkyites charge that they are all Stalinists.

Tighten Lines On Fink Book Fight

(Continued From Page One)

BRANCHES OF ALL MARITIME UNIONS AND CREWS ON ALL SHIPS. LABOR COUNCILS AND ALL FRIENDS OF ORGANIZED LABOR:

Dear Brothers:

Due to the enormous number of telegrams in favor of the Fink Book that have been sent to Congressmen by shipowners and scabs—especially to members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, it is of the utmost importance that all branches of all unions immediately send telegrams protesting the Continuous Discharge Book, and urging the immediate passage of House Joint Resolution 143 to Congressman William I. Sirovich, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

In the telegrams be sure to give the number of seamen represented in your union. The hearing on this resolution begins March 1, and unless these telegrams are sent immediately, they will be of no use in the hearing.

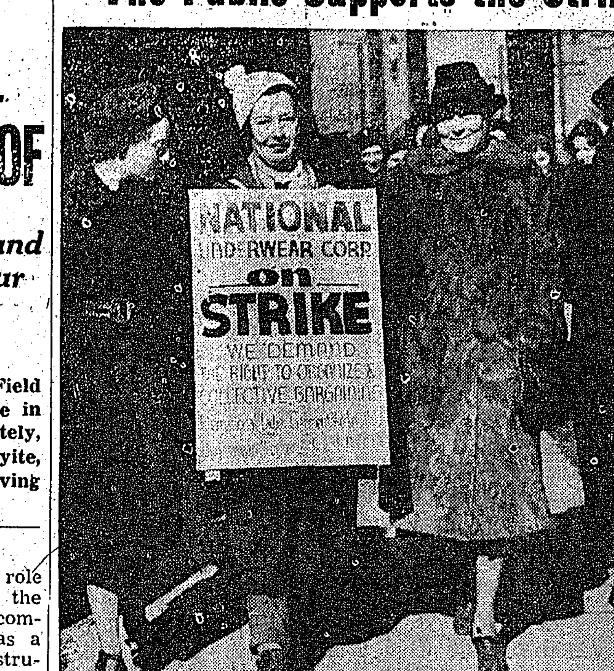
Officials of the International Seamen's Union here in Washington, through their Legislative Representative, Paul Scharrenberg, have done plenty of lobbying in favor of the fink book. A great many Congressmen are of the opinion that the majority of seamen do want the fink book.

If members of your union have been forced to accept the fink book, be sure to state so in your telegram. Explain that any members of your union who have accepted these books have done so only in order to get on the ships; that they have been forced by the shipowners to accept these books—that we are unalterably opposed to it, and demand its immediate repeal.

We urgently demand that you take immediate action on these telegrams. Brothers, this appeal is in your interest; this is not propaganda. Congressmen pay attention to such telegrams, and so far very few telegrams have been sent in by the unions.

Shipowners and scabs on ships (especially during the strike) have been busy sending in telegrams and letters from all points stating that seamen are in favor of the fink book. The effect of these telegrams can only be counteracted by telegrams from our unions.

The Public Supports the Strikers



SCENE IN strike against National Underwear Corp. in St. Louis, where even socially prominent women joined girls on picket line.

L. A. OPEN SHOP FORCES BUSY

And It's No Laughing Matter to Labor

LOS ANGELES—The opening of an anti-union hiring hall for truck swampers in the Los Angeles harbor by the Merchants and Manuacfturers' Association, to furnish finks and thugs to man the trucks, is the latest development in what is no doubt but one phase of a unified drive against labor.

It is evident that organized labor is to be allowed no respite now that the crisis of the maritime situation is over with. Recent events have produced enough circumstantial evidence to make it necessary that the situation be not ignored. Some of them are:

Long Beach department stores and other stores and shops have formed an association to prevent unionization of retail clerks.

Long Beach bakers and stores but recently signed up by various unions are uniting into loosely-formed groups of various kinds and are deliberately violating these contracts. They are also tying in their efforts with Los Angeles groups.

The Bakers are beginning to feel the effects of these efforts.

Notorious open shops in Los Angeles are being actively supported, even to the extent that their goods usually branded are being retailed as "no brand." Scab-made bread is being sold by chain markets as homebaked.

Bag Workers Gain Wage Increases

SAN FRANCISCO. — With a wage increase won in a new agreement, workers on strike in the Ames-Harris and Bemis Bag plants will return to work on Monday.

On strike since November, the 300 employees of the two main struck plants balloted on acceptance of terms Thursday. About 250 employees of the Pacific Diamond and Cooperative Bag plants were to ballot on return to work Friday.

It Didn't Take 'Em Long—2 Days to Win LA Furniture Strike

LOS ANGELES—In a quick two-day strike, the Furniture Workers' Union won union recognition and wage increases from the Baby Line Furniture Company at 6235 St. Andrews Place.

When the employers tried to ruin several months' organizational work, by forming a company union and granting a small wage increase, the furniture workers called the strike on the tenth. Fine cooperation with union members in other shops provided a strong, militant picket line.

General Motors Co. Bosses Trying To Stop Steel Union

TORRENCE—General Motors foremen and straw bosses are working over the steel workers with anti-union propaganda. These moral traitors to the working class have been getting special training from General Motors so they may be most effective in their work of betrayal. They do not stop in their anti-union campaign among auto workers, but visit the homes of steel workers wherever they can get a hearing.

Known private detectives are in the harbor unions and are being expelled from time to time.

When these facts are connected with the activities of the anti-union forces in San Francisco as constantly revealed in the Western Worker, it is evident that the reactionary forces of this country are in the midst of a union-breaking program that they hope will be successful.

Organizer Watson Red-Baits a Lot

OAKLAND—"Organizer" Watson, AFL stooge for William Green, has lodged a "complaint" against Miles Humphreys, Federal Labor Union organizer. The so-called complaint refers to Humphrey's political convictions.

Watson's action may be accounted for by the fact that since the inception of the Federal Labor Union, employers have been forced to grant approximately $300,000 additional in wages to their workers. With thorough class-collaboration loyalty, Watson naturally hies to the aid of the industrialists.

That Watson's record in labor is murky, is no secret. In Washington, he sent men through a brewery picket line, and gave the scab brewery a label.

In Contra Costa County, Watson "investigated" Pat Lydon, CIO organizer. The spotless record behind Lydon, however, sent Watson scurrying out of the county with his tail hanging dejectedly.

"Why don't you try organizing the unorganized, instead of running around lifting charters of the organized for your master?" Humphreys pertinently inquired of Watson.

Federal Labor Union has set up a committee to investigate Watson as part of progressive labor's drive to kick labor's misleaders out of its ranks.

Demand Raise For 1,100,000 Ry. Men

CHICAGO.—Representing 800,000 of the country's railroad workers, the conference of the 16 "non-operating" railway brotherhoods has launched a demand for wage increases averaging 20%.

The non-operating brotherhoods followed the lead of the "big five" operating brotherhoods, which decided to push for similar increase for the 310,000 members under their wing.

Guarantee of full-time employment for all regulars and two-thirds full time guarantee for stand-by men will also be demanded.

Notice will soon be officially served on the railroad companies.

L. BEACH LABOR HEARS PEOPLES LOBBY PRAISED

Assemblyman Clark Thinks Labor Bills Are the Goods

LONG BEACH—Assemblyman John G. Clark reported to the Central Labor Council here on the work of the People's Legislative Conference and on the most recent exposure of the Standard Oil frame-up of the Modesto Boys.

The assemblyman's appearance and hearty endorsement of the Conference was particularly significant in view of the fact that reactionary leaders of the Labor Council here have continually attacked it as "Communistic."

Clark did not waste time on these charges; instead he read some of the bills proposed by the conference to show how they give support to labor.

Warns Against Splitters

Clark made a stirring appeal to the Council to appreciate the fact that labor in California, in alliance with all progressive and democratic forces, could win the state elections in 1938. At the same time he warned against splitters in the political field.

Asked his opinion on Raymond Haight, he recommended that potential candidates be chosen on the basis of their labor records, and said that Haight had none. Clark indicated his support for Culbert L. Olson, although the latter has been "playing ball" with wealthy, reactionary Senator W. G. McAdoo.

It was noticeable at the council meeting that Brother James Coulter seems to be on very friendly terms again with the reactionary leaders who were charged with graft by the Oil Workers and who put through an all-craft slate in the Council elections with the hope of isolating the Oil Workers. The Oil Workers have shown, however, that they will continue to seek all possible contact with the membership of other locals and will not be provoked into dropping out of the Council.

The contract was renewed between the Council and the same clique which has been running the Labor News, and against which there are well-substantiated charges of graft carried on with the use of the name and prestige of the Oil Workers' Union.

Ask Legislative Vigilante Probe

SAN FRANCISCO.—Vice-Pres. Walter Cowan of the California Federation of Labor has asked Assemblyman Miller of Alameda to introduce a resolution calling for legislative investigation of socalled farmer groups who are attacking labor's agricultural organization program. He had reference to the anti-union and redbaiting Associated Farmers.

"These socalled 'farmer groups' are in fact heavily subsidized by non-farming interests," charges Cowan. "They are self-appointed spokesmen for the large mass of California farmers who have had little trouble with their farm laborers and in most cases pay higher wages than the large scale farmers. These large ranch owners are mainly interested in seeing three migratory workers as a reserve for every worker in the field, and as a result earnings of farm labor have been continually decreasing."

L.A. Street Car Company Union's Phoney Contract

LOS ANGELES—In light of the move for a municipal bus transportation system, the recent actions of the Los Angeles Railway are extremely significant. A company union has been formed and asked by company officials to draw up a "contract." Company official Robinson is reported recently to have declared to workers on the street cars:

A Phoney Contract

"I know that your working conditions are not right—you boys draw up a contract, and we'll sign."

Also, in a belated effort to curry favor with the public, workers on the cars are being impressed with the necessity of "courtesy." Superintendents are riding cars unknown to the company employees and later reporting acts of "discourtesy."

There is a strong current of dissatisfaction among the street car workers. Wages are low and hours are long. 46 cents an hour are the wages for a beginner during his first year.

Long Waits

Furthermore, under the present set-up, employees must go to the car barn and wait around for hours until he is called for work. In this way, men often are forced to spend sixteen hours a day in getting eight hours' work.

Tie with M. and M.

A close tie-up exists between the Los Angeles Railway company and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association. The latter organization was instrumental in breaking up the 1934 strike of street car workers. J. Stuart Neary, recently executive secretary of the M. and M., is now in a high official capacity in the street car company.

The former president of the company, Sam Haskins, is at present connected with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, corporation lawyers firm, and attorneys for the Los Angeles Railway. Neary, during the 1934 strike, was with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, and acted as an attorney for the Los Angeles Railway Company.

Wants L. A. Anti-Picket Ordinance

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should have to pay "tribute" to work. He attacked Harry Bridges.

Christiansen lauded Bridges and termed the maritime strike a "magnificent demonstration."

L. A. Jobless

LOS ANGELES — Militantly expressing their determination to secure decent living standards, 700 unemployed workers, members of the Workers' Alliance, met in the Trinity Auditorium last week to send their representatives to the Washington Conference on Unemployment to be held the last of February.

Under the auspices of the Southern California Regional Conerence for Unemployment and Relief Needs, the delegates chosen to attend the Conference are E. Lee of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and Doctor Frederick Conliffe of the Epic.

Three state assemblymen spoke on the program, promising their unqualified support and pledging with the workers for organized action on their part. The assemblymen were John B. Pelletier, John G. Clark, and Wilber T. Gilbert.

Other speakers on the program were John G. Wenk of the Utopians, Pat Calahan of the Workers' Alliance, Edwin McLarty of the Continuation Committee, and Doctor Conliffe, who was chairman of the evening.

JIM AND JOHN COULTER D AGREE, BUT CONTRA COS WORKERS THINK BOTH

Both Brothers Seem to Be Doing T To Create a Fight Between t And the Building Trades Wo

BY AN OIL WORKER

RODEO—The activities of both John and Jim cials of the Oil Workers' Union, need a little airing fact that they seem to have taken a very anxious the California locals which may have something t coming convention.

Here in Rodeo Brother John, International Vice-president, is supposed to be organizing the Avon workers of Associated, but both John and Jim are doing their best to create a fight between the building trades and the Oil Workers.

He Confers With Company

A new addition is being built to the Oleum Refinery of Union Oil. The Building Trades is trying to organize this job. The union members called on Jim Coulter district council chairman to come North and help straighten out the question of jurisdiction. Brother Jim at that time seemed to be taking an attitude that he Oil Workers should tell the rest of the labor movement to run along.

He went into conference with the company and came out saying that the company assured him it would have no objection to the Oil Workers organizing the job, but would fight the Building Trades. Incidentally, the Oil Workers were to take the job for less money. Coulter didn't even have the straightforwardness to tell the Oil Workers to create the inevitable ruckus that would ensue. He left it up in the air with a broad hint.

Then came John Coulter. He has recently been in charge of the union's organizing drive in Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas, where he refused any aid from the Port Arthur Central Labor Council on grounds that it was "red." Incidentally, it doesn't appear he organized anyone there to speak of.

John Disagrees With Jim

Now John said he disagreed very heartily with Brother Jim. The Building trades should continue with the job. But as for support from the Oil Workers in case they have to fight for conditions, that was another matter.

He opposed a motion that in the event the Building Trades had to strike, the Oil Workers should respect their picket line. Mind you, the Oil Workers wouldn't have to walk through a picket line in order to get into the refinery. The job, according to the motion which Brother John opposed, would simply be isolated in the event of a strike and the Oil Workers would not send men to work.

John made much capital of the fact that just now the Rodeo local is negotiating with Union Oil, but there is no reason, certainly, why we should not agree to respect a picket line on a job where our own men aren't working.

But John did hold an organization meeting in Martinez for the Avon workers. Both at the Rodeo local and at Matinez he entertained the boys with the same joke we heard him tell here ten years ago.

Then John dragged the red herring out for an airing. He invited any Communist to get up and ask questions. The general implication was that if anyone had asked him an embarrassing question it would be the same as introducing himself as a Communist. A good way to keep down embarrassing questions.

No Red-Baiting Here

Every oil worker here wants

OIL INDU DRIVE TO ON APRIL

CIO Union W Big Prod Area C

WASHINGTON Harvey Fremming national Association Gas Well and Refi of America annou drive to organize tion and distributio the oil industry wo a nation-wide scale with the backing of tee for Industrial O of which the Oil W part.

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WAHL SIT-DOW

CHICAGO.—After sit-down, 350 Wahl ers won a 10% wage a $15 a week minim

GET UP A VISITING PARTY – SEE BOYS AT QUENTIN

By CHARLES T.

SAN FRANCISCO—A delegation from the International Labor Defense went calling at San Quentin last week and among the political prisoners interviewed were Earl King and Ernest Ramsay, of the notorious ship murder frame-up case.

The only reason that Frank Connor, third victim of the frame-up was not seen, was that there were not enough members of the delegation to see everyone. Victor Johnson, of the Modesto boys, and Martin Wilson, of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism case, were also interviewed.

Eager for News

King and Ramsay received their visitors enthusiastically. These men, who must languish behind bars while their more fortunate brothers sail the seas and work the cargoes, are always eager for news of the waterfront.

It breaks the grim monotony of toil in the jute mill to receive a call from someone from the outside world and each bit of news of things and people they know is cherished by them.

This writer talked for more than an hour with Ramsay. And Ramsay didn't want to talk about "his case," but to gossip about his friends and about the things that are going on along the Embarcodero.

"Do you like your friends to come over and chat with you," he was asked.

"Yes, yes," said Ramsay. "It breaks the monotony—it makes you feel better to know that the boys still think enough of you to make the trip over."

And that certainly is little enough for King, Ramsay and Connor to ask—for their friends to make a short trip across the bay to see them.

It was explained to Ramsay that the only reason that Connor was not visited was that there were not enough members of the delegation to do so.

"Well, next time be sure and have someone ask to see Conner," he insisted.

He looked out the windows of the interview room at the broad gardens that surround the penitentiary. Outside there lay freedom. But not for him.

"I really mean it when I say that I want to boys to come over and let us know what's going on," he said.

And there was no doubt that he did mean it. At least, the man to whom he was talking knew that he meant it.

Every day is visiting day at San Quentin—except Sundays and holidays. The restriction is that one person may see a certain prisoner but once a month.

I wonder if you fellows with a day off, or you who are waiting for a ship, could think of a more satisfactory way to spend a day than to get up a pa go across the bay to tin and to call on K and Connor?

There is little such a visit. Each ly signs his name trance to the prison, office of the Captain and announces who see. He is asked i him. That is the o ment.

He then waits in room until the perso to see is brought out sure you that he wil see you.

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HE DOTTED LINE. And into a fighting union, the United Automobile Workers of America. Some of Douglas Aircraft workers in Santa Monica are here shown taking union applications from CIO organizer Ring.

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Labor Move litics

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U.S. Steps Up in War Navy Race

WASHINGTON—Favorably reporting a $526,555,428 Navy supply bill, the House Appropriations committee moved to push the United States to the front in the armaments race, thus bringing war a step nearer.

The 81 vessels to be built include two battleships, three aircraft carriers, 11 cruisers, 48 destroyers and 16 submarines.

A sum of $29,186,000 is provided for airplane construction, in an ultimate quota of 1910 planes.

OFF TO START IN AGRICULTURE

Committee of Five to Meet State Federation

The temporary executive board democratically elected at the State Federation of Labor's agricultural conference last Sunday has chosen a drafting committee for a constitution and by-laws for the set-up under a State Agricultural Charter.

George Woolf, Bert Hoover, Warren Brown, Dulay and Shell comprise the committee.

A committee of five has been elected by the executive board, to meet with the State Federation of Labor executive board in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

East Bay Labor to Pledge Candidates

OAKLAND: — The Alameda County Central Labor Council voted almost unanimously last Monday night to convoke the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor on March 13, along with an amendment to recommend that the Federation draw up a minimum platform to which candidates must pledge themselves before receiving the endorsement of labor.

This was a victory for the progressives, for in the past, the Federation convened after the primaries and endorsed "the best of the worst" candidates left in the field. As a rule, machine-politicians were the only candiDates eft for labor to endorse.

PEOPLES LOBBY IN EVERY CITY, C. COSTA AIM

New Executive Board Meets to Map Out Plans in Drive

MARTINEZ—Next step in the Contra Costa County campaign for people's legislation will be the setting up of city committees, with a secretary in each municipality, to push united political action of organized labor and other progressive organizations.

The executive committee of the newly-formed Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference will meet this Saturday, March 6, to map out the campaign for the people's legislation endorsed at last Sunday's trade union legislative assembly here.

Represents 17,000

Last Sunday's assembly repre- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Vicious Vallejo Anti-Picket Law

VALLEJO. — Members of organized labor are up in arms against a Solano County anti-picket law passed by the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance was passed despite a protest from the Labor Council.

The vicious anti-picket law virtually forbids workers to walk in front of a place of business. The ordinance went through by 3 to 2, Vallejo's two supervisors voting against it.

Dine Dance, Do Your Shopping At Press Bazaar

SAN FRANCISCO.—Three days of festival. Something doing every minute of every day.

That will be the bazaar. It starts Friday night at 121 Haight St. It runs all day and evening Saturday and Sunday.

You may do your shopping at bargain prices and help the Western Worker at the same time. You may dance Saturday night at the Grand Ball to the tunes of a snappy jazz orchestra, a union orchestra.

Whenever you arrive, there will be entertainment and bargains.

Would Lop Six Million Off Relief

SACRAMENTO—Even though Governor Merriam's proposed $48,000,000 relief appropriation is inadequate, Assemblyman Alfred W. Robertson, representing the well-to-do in Santa Barbara, wants $6,000,000 lopped off it.

Robertson is ways and means chairman. Robertson claimed that he had investigated and found that the appropriation was too high by the $6,000,000 he would cut out. He used the need for money for the University of California, state colleges and hospitals as a tear-jerker in attempting to put through the cut.

Anti-Nazi Pickets On Trial March 9

SAN FRANCISCO—Picketers arrested at the Nazi Consulate will go on trial Tuesday, March 9, in Judge Thomas Foley's court in the Hall of Justice, second floor.

All witnesses in the case are requested to report before Tuesday at the office of the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market Street, fourth floor.

"Pack the courtroom," appealed Elaine Black, a defendant.

TEAMSTERS RESPECTING PICKET LINE

Welders Too Declare Their Support To CIO Strikers

LOS ANGELES — Aircraft strikers won a big victory Thursday when balloting Northrup workers chose the CIO United Auto Workers, casting 689 votes for it; 48 for AFL craft unions, and only 20 for a company union. Northrup is a Douglas subsidiary.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bay Area Council of the Maritime Federation has gone on record condemning District Attorney Buron Fitts for his arrest of the Douglas sit-down strikers.

SANTA MONICA — Actively declaring their sympathy with the Douglas Aircraft strikers, 130 welders, one of the most important and skilled lines of work in the plant, signed a petition declaring that they would not go through the picket line.

Solidarity with the striking workers was also demonstrated in a powerful manner by union (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

LEWIS FLAYS THE FINK BOOK

Curran Tells of Use of Inexperienced Seamen

WASHINGTON — Seamen battling provisions of the Copeland Act and the continuous discharge book are presenting their case to the House committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries at an open hearing held by the committee.

Lewis Hits Fink Book

Read to the House committee were a letter from John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

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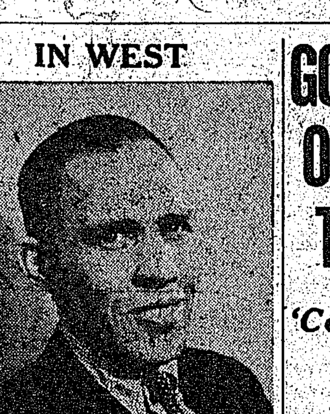

LAWRENCE SIMPSON, pictured above, will speak in Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco, On April 7. A conference to plan his three-day visit will be held Monday night, 7:30 p. m., at the A. R. T. A. Assembly Hall, 258 Market Street, Room 129.

800 S. F. TAXI MEN TO STRIKE

No Cabs To Run Wednesday Unless Demands Granted

Turning down the latest offer of the Yellow Cab Company, the membership of Taxi Drivers' Local 265 has voted to strike next Wednesday. The vote was 648 to 60.

The latest offer of the Yellow increased the present wages from $3.50 to $4.50. The union's demand is $5 a day—5-day week, 8-hour day and other points!

The strike comes as a culmination of years of rotten treatment and conditions dished out by the Yellow. Wholesale firing, intimidation, penalties and expulsions from the union, instigated by the Yellow all helped to bring the sentiment to a head. In a period of three years the union has shaken off the company-controlled officials to where the membership now is really beginning to control its own destinies.

The independent cab companies are all OK and can run during the strike.

GOV'T CAPTURE OF OVIEDO AND TOLEDO LOOMS

'Control Plan' Delay Announced In London

MADRID—Spanish government forces have entered Toledo, captured a part of it, and in addition are taking the offensive on a wide semi-circular front from the Parama sector to Talavera de La Reina.

In the north, complete capture of Oviedo appeared certain as the Fascists had burned the arms factory in Oviedo which has been an important source of supplies. They were reported also as destroying fortified buildings, strongly indicating their intention of retreating while throwing all possible obstacles in the way of government forces.

The gains are being solidified in preparation for the capture of Oviedo itself.

LONDON—Further delay in the "control" plan to prevent aid to either side in the Spanish struggle, was announced by the International committee for non-intervention.

WELCH SIT-DOWN BILL THE BUNK

Sit-Down Strikes Are No Crime, Workers Say

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman welch's bill to "benefit" sit-down strikers isn't much of a benefit to the strikers.

Labor is supposed to be jubilant because the Welch Bill would make sit-down strikes a misdemeanor instead of a felony, and provide a shorter prison term or smaller fine.

Progressive labor thinks that the sit-down strike is no sort of crime at all.

C.I.O. Signs Pact

California Factories Grant Workers Big Wage Increases

New CIO developments:

1—Over 2000 Bethlehem steel workers in Lebanon, Pa., on sit-down strike for higher wages for mechanics.

2—Letter by William Green ordering expulsion of all CIO unions from State Federation of Labor.

3—Lewis back in Washington to direct campaign to organize southern textile industry for United Textile Workers' Union.

NEW YORK—One by one the CIO is knocking off the great financial and industrial giants of this country—first General Motors and Chrysler in auto; next, U. S. Steel, and now General Electric.

The latter has agreed to meet with the United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union, CIO affiliate, on a national collective bargaining agreement.

The great steel corporations have surrendered without a struggle to the fighting Committee for Industrial Organization. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

THE DOUGLAS INDICTMENT

(AN EDITORIAL)

THE INDICTMENT OF ALMOST 350 SIT-DOWN STRIKERS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY is a blow against the entire labor movement in California.

The sit-down strike has developed as one of labor's strongest weapons, to force reactionary employers to recognize labor's right to bargain collectively.

The indictment of the Douglas strikers is attempted intimidation of labor to keep it from using that weapon. Organized labor and its allies must unite to smash the indictment!

The bill pending in Sacramento to make sit-down strikers guilty of a misdemeanor rather than a felony, will not defeat the struggle of the reactionaries to keep labor from asserting and fighting to maintain its right to srtike, its right to collective bargaining!

We call upon all trade unions and friends of labor, all progressive organizations, to send resolutions, letters and wires of protes to District Attorney Buron Fitts of Los Angeles, demanding dismissal of the indictments and unconditional release of the workers!

Western Worker Drive

Three Weeks That Will Decide

WITH THIS ISSUE of the Western Worker we have begun to introduce a number of changes, calculated to make the paper the popular organ of the people of California.

We hope to be able to run features which will enliven the contents and give it a broader appeal, including a comic strip, a sports section, and similar features.

Today we begin on a working class history of California. Next issue we shall start publication of "Reminiscence of California Labor,"—by an old-timer in the labor movement.

We had hoped to introduce all changes, including a new body type, at one time—but the alarming lagging of the financial drive has made that impossible. We therefore urge our readers to pitch in and help put the financial drive over the top as soon as possible.

We invite all readers to send in their criticism of the paper and suggestions for improvements.

We fefel that only with your help can we succeed in effecting those changes and improvements which will give the Western Worker a broader mass appeal, and make it really the people's champion for liberty, peace and progress—a weapon for socialism.

AMIDST an alarming and threatening situation in the Western Worker $12,000 Drive, a ray of cheer has come from the Harbor Section, Los Angeles County.

Close on the heels of the Hollywood Section to go over the top is the Harbor Section—which has topped its $150 quota by $1.18.

East Side and Goodyear sections have been challenged to follow suit.

The challenge goes for practically every other section in the State, for as was pointed out in the last issue, what happens between now and April 1 in the drive may well decide the very existence of the WESTERN WORKER.

rgains, Entertainment, Dancing at S. F. Press Bazaar, March. 5, 6 and 7

Workingclass History of California

By NED DAHL

CALIFORNIA was once a dependency of Spain. For nearly three centuries, until 1822, the colony was owned, and exploited to the limit, by those, who in many ways, were similar to the Francos and Queipo De Llanos who today seek to remove every vestige of democracy from the Spanish people.

Of course fascism was a thing unknown in those days, before the era of capitalist imperialism. But the dark age culture, the enslavement of the masses of the the people, the complete sway of fabulously rich landowners in alliance with the more reactionary elements of the Church, which would mark the success of fascism in Spain today, held California in its grip for the three centuries prior to 1822.

Conquering the Natives

The Spanish Kings and the ruling class used the Church in much the same way as Mussolini plans to use it in Ethiopia, as a cover-up, and as an advance agency to make the conquest of the natives easier.

The Government furnished full military protection and the funds necessary for spreading the influence of the Church among the Indians who inhabited California.

Many of the Catholic friars were sincere and courageous in their attempts to bring to the California Indians some of the benefits of Western learning and science. But to the Spanish Kings and the ruling class, the Church meant but one thing—the establishment of the authority of the Spanish grandees in the territory, the exploitation of the natural wealth of California.

By the end of the eighteenth century, missions were to be found at most strategic points in the territory. The missionaries, always convoyed by soldiers, worked northward, starting missions through the dependency at each point which might prove of importance from a military and commercial point of view. Erecting clusters of huts, they would entice the native Indians, through trivial gifts and favors, to labor in the construction of the mission villages. While the Indians labored, the missions would propagandize for the Church.

The villages constructed, the fathers, having gained the Indians' trust through the methods described above, would persuade them to live within the mission enclosure.

Converted Indians were sent to proseletize among others, and in this way thousands were attracted into the mission villages.

Revolts of Indians

The California Indians were undoubtedly the most peaceable in all the American territories. But along with conversion to the Church went exploitation, and revolts among the natives began to become more and more frequent. This rebellion usually took the form of deserting the mission enclosures, and returning to the surrounding country. **That the Spanish authorities and the Church had begun to look on the Indians as nothing less than slaves, could be seen by the fact that soldiers would be dispatched to bring back Indians who left the mission villages.**

The Spanish authorities told the natives that the function of the Church was to teach them "the arts of peace and civilization."

Men and boys were taught to tend fields and gardens; to herd sheep and cattle. They were taught to build buildings; to make soap, shoes, and the rough agricultural tools of the day.

But they were taught not from a desire to civilize the natives, but from a desire to enslave them, to make of the Indians the toiling class needed by Spanish imperialism to build up its interests in the dependency of California.

All manual labor was done by the converted natives. The working day was from sunrise to sun down, and beyond. Breakfast was a meager meal of boiled corn or barley; lunch a crude mess of gruel; in the evening, again boiled corn or barley.

A blanket or a rough shirt—these were wages for the men. Some rough cloth, with which to make clothes, an occasional worthless trinket — these were wages for the women.

And thus, the missions accumulated fabulous wealth—huge flocks of sheep and cattle; huge stores of grains and manufactured articles.

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Big Police Guard for Cannery Scabs

RICHMOND, Cal.—Only with the armed escort of police were scabs able to get into the struck Filice and Perelli Canning Co. warehouse here this week. Buses hauld the scabs in, guarded by police cars.

COSTA COUNCIL URGES CHARTER IN AGRICULTURE

On Basis of Program A. F. L. Conference Adopted

RODEO—After hearing a report from Vernon Preisser on the State Agricultural Conference held in San Francisco last week-end, the Contra Costa Central labor Council last Wednesday night passed a resolution introduced by Preisser, urging that the State Federation secure a State Agricultural Charter on the basis of the program adopted by the delegates to the agricultural conference.

President Sam Herrod and Secretary Viola Cox were elected to investigate the cannery strike at Richmond and use the power of the Council to obtain state relief for the strikers.

The Council passed a resolution condemning the arrest of the 342 Douglas sit-down strikers by District Attorney Buron Fitts in Santa Monica.

On Sit-Down Strikes

The legislature was asked to legalize sit-down strikes.

Organizer John Faulkner was curbed in his sabotaging activities, the Council voted to place him under direct supervision of the executive board.

A motion was passed to send two delegates from all locals in the county to the Tom Mooney conference March 28. It was decided to send a telegram to Sen. DeLap and Assamblyman Suwallisch to do all in their power to obtain a pardon for Mooney. Ed Hocking, of the Smeltermen, reported on the Mooney conference held in San Francisco Feb. 28.

Barney Anderline, ILA 38-44, was elected to represent the Council at Sacramento to meet and join the committee contacting legislators to secure Mooney's pardon.

Whitney of ILA 38-44 gave a well-received report on vigilantism in Crockett.

Legislation introduced by Senator Stevens, president of Smeltermen's Local 51, to curb fingerprinting and photography was endorsed and is to be sponsored by the Council at the next meeting of the Contra Costa People's Legislative Conference.

A resolution was passed protesting the injunction to halt work on the Friant Dam.

A resolution urging Oil Workers' Local 326, Rodea, to rescind its action to take in building workers in Oleum was defeated 15 to 18, with 8 not voting.

The Council voted to back a Mexican worker at the Port Costa brick works discharged for union activity, and to bring strike action if necessary if the worker is not reinstated and paid for all time lost.

L. A. Delegates Go East for Parley

LOS ANGELES—Elected by the Southern California Regional Conference for Unemployment and Relief Needs last January 31, to attend a national conference in Washington where vital problems facing the unemployed throughout the nation and their solution will be discussed. E. Lee of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Doctor Frederick Conliffe, Epic head, and Reverend A. Moore, Pasadena Negro minister, leave for Washington on March 6th.

Luggage Strikers Tie Up 7 SF Plants

SAN FRANCISCO—Seven plants are affected by the strike of 125 luggage and novelty workers, members of the Int'l Pocketbook, Luggage and Novelty Workers Union, here.

Demands include a 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime; 5 cents an hour wage increase, and basic minimum wages.

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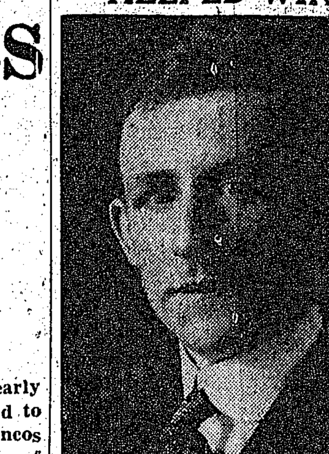

JOHN BROPHY, CIO director, who participated in the campaign that led to the great victory the CIO won for the steel workers.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 9

PEKING—Foreign troops rushed here as mutiny of Yuan Shihkai's army spreads.

LONDON—Over 1,000,000 British coal miners now out on strike for a minimum wage scale.

MARCH 10

LOS ANGELES—Federal dynamite probe, aimed at framing labor leaders, is resumed.

SAN FRANCISCO—Ex-Mayor Schmitz freed in graft trial on first ballot by jury.

MARCH 11

PEKING—American troops in China being increased. More troops go to Tientsin.

MANAGUA—Fifty Nicaraguans jailed for opposition voiced to American imperialism as Secretary of State Knox visits country.

MARCH 12

SEATTLE—Socialist vote in Seattle increased to 24,340 (for E. J. Brown, running for corporation council). This compares with Socialist vote of 4,680 in 1911.

Unions Aid Plane Strike In South

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teamsters who refused to transport through the picket line parts of a large hydro-presser machine which is being assembled in the factory.

Receipt of funds was acknowledged from unions and civic organizations, among which were $75 from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, $500 from the International office of the CIO, $100 from the ILGWU, and $75 from the Brewery workers.

Reliable reports indicate that many of the unorganized machinists and assemblers have also declared their support of the strikers and have refused to go back to work.

Of the comparatively few workers that returned to the plant, a large percentage of them were members of the company union, the Douglas Employee's Association. An official company statement reported that 3130 workers had returned to work.

In Los Angeles strong support has been assured the Douglas aircraft strikers by the League of Women Shoppers, which raised money and a carload of food for strikers' families.

Regarding itself as above any laws, Douglas Aircraft has refused to recognize the authority of the National Labor Relations Board. Over 1000 men have picketed the plants.

Presidents of the Douglas and Northrup plants, crippled by the strike led by the United Automobile Workers' Union (CIO affiliate), had been summoned to appear before the Board on Friday, on charges made by UAW members.

Despite the fact that his company is under contract to the U. S. Government, President Donald Douglas tried to make it appear that the company is engaged in intrastate commerce only.

Both Douglas and Northrup companies paid an unwilling tribute to the United Automobile Workers' Union, in announcing a small wage increase which the companies hoped might stem the further growth of the CIO union.

Douglas announced a 5 per cent wage increase, and Northrup one of 5 cents an hour.

All 342 sit-downers who were arrested last week are at liberty, pending a hearing next Tuesday. Grover Johnson is among their attorneys.

Donald Douglas said that Southern California industrialists are raising a "war chest" to fight future sit-down and other strikes.

200 Strike In Pedro Shipyards

SAN PEDRO—Two hundred members of the Ship Carpenters and Wood Caulkers Union have struck against the Harbor Boat Works and the Al Larsen Yard. They demand union recognition and $1 an hour for skilled labor.

SENATORS URGE S. F. VOTERS OK ON CITY POWER

Eight Progressives Urge Adoption of Amendment No. 1

WASHINGTON—Eight Senators who have generally been found on the side of progressive measures, have signed a joint statement urging San Francisco voters next Tuesday to vote for amendment No. 1—a $50,000,000 bond issue to finance municipally-owned electric power distribution.

Headed By Norris

The signers were headed by Senator George W. Norris, Nebraska. The others signing were Senators LaFollette, Wisc.; Nye and Frazier, North Dakota; Lundeen, Minnesota; Bone and Schwellenbach, Washington; Minton, Indiana.

They stated: "We believe that if San Francisco fails to seize this opportunity to acquire its own distribution system, it will jeopardize its present rights and investments in Hetch Hetchy power."

Rapid Unionizing of Steel Seen

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and the way is now open for rapid completion of the organization of the nation's 550,000 steel workers.

Nearly half of them are already within the ranks of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers, organized into that union by the CIO's Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

Other steel corporations beside the U.S. Steel, which owns Carnegie-Illinois, have hastened to fall in line.

Text of the agreement between the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and the Carnegie-Illinois, together with the significance of each point follows:

This agreement, dated March 2, 1937, between Carnigie Illinois Steel Corporation and the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee on behalf of the members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, employed by the corporation.

1—The corporation recognizes the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, or its successor, as the collective bargaining agency for those employes of the corporation, who are members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America (hereafter referred to as the union.) The corporation recognizes and will not interfere with the right of its employes to become members of the union, or its successor.

There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the corporation or any of its agents against any member because of membership in the union, or its successor. The Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, or its successor, agrees not to intimidate or coerce employes into membership or to solicit membership on corporation time or plant property.

This is the first union agreement for all classifications of steel workers signed by U. S. Steel in 40 years. It means that the union can organize openly, without fear of discrimination. Steel workers can even wear union buttons in the plants, something unknown before in steel.

2—Effective March 16, 1937, there shall be an increase in wages of ten cents (10c) an hour on all rates which are at present $4.20 a day, or a minimum for this classification of $5.00 a day of eight (8) hours. Such classifications now receiving less than $4.20 per day, or less than 52½c per hour, shall be increased 10 cents (10c) per hour. All other classifications shall be equitably adjusted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this agreement.

3—Effective March 16, 1937, there shall be established an eight (8) hour day, forty (40) hour week. Time and one-half shall be paid for all overtime in excess of eight (8) hours in any one day and for all overtime in excess of forty (40) hours in any one week.

These are gains which have been a dream of steel workers for years. The AFL Executive Council, with its craft union policies, could never attain them for the steel workers.

4—A joint committee representing the Carnegie - Illinois Steel Corporation and the Steel workers organizing committee shall meet not later than March 10, 1937, for the purpose of effectuating a written agreement on working conditions, application of wage rates, hours, rules and a method for adjudication of disputes arising under the terms of the agreement, and which agreement shall incorporate the terms of this agreement.

5—The agreement effectuated pursuant to section 4 hereof shall be in force until February 28, 1938.

Pro and Con of Picketing—C. P. Forum Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO—A voice of reaction against repeal of the Anti-Picketing ordinance will be heard at 121 Haight Street Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

The Civic Welfare League, opposing repeal, notified the County Committee of the Communist Party that it will accept the invitation to send one of its speakers to the regular Sunday night forum.

A speaker representing the Communist Party will present a decidedly different point of view.

Note the time: 8 o'clock instead of the usual 7 p.m.

DROP ATTEMPT ENJOIN TEAMOS

L. A. Union, "Successful," Removes Dock Pickets

LOS ANGELES. — With the announcement that it had "successfully concluded what we set out to do," the Teamsters' Union in San Pedro has withdrawn its picket lines from outer harbor terminals and Matson Docks.

At the same time, plans underway by shipowners to secure an injunction against the picketers were abandoned, it was announced by a law firm known to have been given the assignment to secure the court order.

Union officials vigorously denied that its move in withdrawing its picketers was caused by the threat of an injunction.

The picket lines were thrown around the docks when the open-shop Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association recently opened a fink hiring hall in Wilmington and conducted scabs to the docks escorted by armed police.

C. Costa Maps Out Labor Law Plans

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sents 17,000 workers of this country. The executive committee elected consists of:

Walter Valdi, chairman; J. H. Wright of Martinez, vice-chairman and Joseph Malcoch of Martinez, secretary-treasurer; Joseph DeVaney, P. J. Lydon, Edward Taylor, Jerry O'Meara, Viola Cox, Sam Herrod, C. A. Ricks, B. Anderline and Fred Day.

All the people's and labor legislation approved at the recent state People's Legislative Conference in Sacramento was approved here, and in addition the proposed changes in the Supreme Court. The Contra Costa conference approved legislation against vigilantism, which has not yet been introduced into the legislature.

A youth division will be established to work with the California Youth Assembly.

Blame Strauss in Bridge Deaths

SAN FRANCISCO.—Charging Joseph B. Strauss, Golden Gate Bridge chief engineer, with blame in connection with the disaster which killed 10 men last month, the State Industrial Accident Commission failed to mention the Pacific Bridge Co. in connection with guilt.

Strauss has been named in a $100,000 suit for the death of one of the bridge workers. The State Commission has refused to allow its inspectors to be questioned at the inquiry conducted by Strauss.

The Commission charges neglect by Strauss, but the blame must also be placed on the Pacific Co.

S.F. Jury Panel Bars Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—Working-class districts—the Mission, North Beach and Butchertown districts—are almost without representation on San Francisco jury panels, declared Attorney Tom C. Ryan before the three-judge tribunal investigating charges of irregular selection of superior court juries.

"Juries here are a racket and we're not able to get a fair trial," charged Ryan. "Very few laborers, carpenters and artisans have served on juries here in the past three or four years."

Attorney Vincent W. Hallinan, who brought the original charges of jury-fixing, reported he had received threats to kill him unless he stopped his attack on Jury Commissioner Thomas Mulvey.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG TELLS L.A. OF SPAIN

700 Hear of Great Heroism on Part Of Anti-Fascists

LOS ANGELES—Before 700 persons at the Philharmonic Auditorium Monday evening, March 1, Anna Louise Strong, noted lecturer, spoke on "What Is Really Happening in Spain."

In clear and vivid words, Miss Strong told of the new, courageous spirit that is sweeping through the Spanish people in their fight for democracy against the Mussolini-Hitler-Franco Fascist invaders.

Great emphasis was laid on the famous 5th Regiment. In this connection Miss Strong outlined the background of the regiment: its origin from the first valiant organization of the people into the People's Militia.

Discipline Is Victory

She pointed out the spontaneous growth in the regiment of the realization of the need for discipline—rigid discipline.

"Today," she declared, "there is a sign above the door of the headquarters of the 5th Regiment that reads 'Discipline is not servility, it is victory.'"

In answer to the many questions that have been asked about what Spain will do after the battle against Fascism is won, Miss Strong quoted what the Anarchist Minister of Justice had said to her:

"Just as we need unity of all these classes to beat Fascism, so we shall need them after the war, to rebuild Spain."

Commenting on the future progress of Spain, Miss Strong said:

"There will be changes made through democratic means—but it will be a different kind of democracy. There will be no large landowners, no big business—there will be a constant moving toward a greater degree of socialization."

With terse and concise words, she went on to point out the international implications of the Spanish fight.

"Spain is the first trench in the battle field that runs across all Europe."

She showed that Fascism must be defeated in Spain, if it is to be prevented from deluging all of Europe in its flood of bloody terrorism.

Lewis Flays Fink Discharge Book

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for Industrial Organization, and a telegram from the American Labor Party backing the seamen in their fight against the "fink books."

"These passports to employment not only involve an un-American system of regimenting workers, but they have been notoriously used as a convenient method of black-listing seamen for union activities or even for protests against intolerable conditions of their employment," Lewis wrote.

The American Labor Party condemned the books for establishing a blacklisting system and termed the principles underlying the law "wholly unsound procedure for American industry." The telegram was signed by G. A. Strebel, executive director.

Joe Curran, East and Gulf Coast seamen's leader, charged the House Merchant Marine Committee with hostility to the seamen. He referred to Rep. Bland's attempts to cut short testimony of seamen's representatives.

Curran told of laxity in safety at sea, mentioning pasting of paper to cover holes in life boats. He said fink books had been issued to inexperienced men. He quoted U. S. Shipping Commissioner Daley of New York as saying: "We're going to keep these ships running if we have to man them with mountaineers."

Paul Boyles, of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, told of similar incidents.

Joseph B. Weaver, U.S. Steamboat Inspection director, who has been charged with close shipowner tie-ups, brought in the red-herring in an effort to have the Copeland Act go through in its entirity.

He attacked the West Coast maritime unions, falsely charging "intimidation" and calling for an investigation. He falsely stated the Communist Party had announced sit-down strikes May 1 against the finkbooks, together with burning of the books.

The unions themselves will decide on action regarding the books, and the Communist Party does not "announce" for them what they will do.

OFF TO START IN AGRICULTURE

Committee of Five to Meet State Federation

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Sacramento March 21 and 22. The five are Woolf, Loyd Lehman of San Jose, Hoover of Sacramento, Bocca, Oakland, Mensalvas of the Filipino Labor Union, and Van Wy of Fresno.

Continuation Committee

The Executive Council will now be known as the Continuation Committee of the Agricultural, Cannery, Dried Fruit and Nut Packers Unions.

A board of directors of nine, consisting of Bocca, Van Wy, Woolf, Hoover, Lehman, Flores, Dulay, Davis and Dulay will meet March 14 at 32 Clay St., San Francisco.

The executive committee has discussed the matter of state organizers and sub-organizers at length, and referred it to the branches on this basis:

1—That all unions wishing to submit one of their members as a nominee for the position of organizer or sub-organizer shall state the qualifications of the nominee, that will contain information covering the qualifications, capabilities, past and present activities in the labor movement.

2—That by adopting this program all unions and branches will have first-hand knowledge in voting for their choice.

How to Vote on SF Amendments

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this Sunday, 2:30 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness and Sutter. John D. Barry, well known columnist, will be chairman.

Speakers will include George Kidwell, progressive union leader; Henry Schmidt, President of ILA Local 38-79; Rev. Fuller Throckmorton, pastor of Grace United Church; Aubrey Grossman noted labor attorney.

A lawyer's brief, signed by 47 prominent attorneys, will be presented, showing the need for repeal of the anti-picket ordinance.

The Communist Party of San Francisco makes the following recommendations on the proposed charter amendments and propositions to be voted on next Tuesday:

No. 1—YES; No. 2—YES; No. 3—YES; No. 4—YES; No. 5—YES; No. 6—YES; No. 7—YES; No. 8—YES; No. 9—No. This amendment limits the work day to 8 hours and provides for highest general prevailing rate of wages to be paid. The building trades is in the midst of a struggle for the 6-hour day. But most dangerous is the provision that bars the employment of workers who have not yet become citizens. This discrimination sets a dangerous precedent. No. 10—YES; No. 11—YES; No. 12—No. This would centralize police powers in the hands of the chief of police, and has many other objectionable features from labor's viewpoint. No. 13—YES; No. 15—YES; No. 16—No. Provides for raise in wages of members of Board of Supervisors—not a full-time job.

No. 17—YES; No. 18—NO. This covers an attempt to introduce the 1-man bus.

No. 19—YES. THIS IS THE PROPOSITION WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE ANTI-LABOR ANTI-PICKETING ORDINANCE!

No. 20—YES.

Challenged to send a speaker to the mass meeting, the Civic Welfare League will send Mr. Gerry Watkins.

Senate Approves "Neutrality"

WASHINGTON—The Administration's so-called Pittman "Neutrality" Bill, in which one provision was directly aimed at throttling the fight of the legal, democratic Spanish government's fight against Fascism, passed the Senate last Wednesday by a 62-6 vote.

Other national political developments were:

Wages and Hours

President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress pointing toward re-establishing legislation on wages and hours, of NRA-type, transmitting a report written by his Committee on Industrial Analysis after study of the old NRA. A bill is reported prepared establishing a 40-hour week for industry, legality of collective bargaining, and creating a three-man administrative board to regulate hours and wages.

In the Pittman Bill, Roosevelt expanded his program of "neutrality" which is based upon the old and discredited "theory of isolation"—that the U. S. can maintain neutrality and keep out of any large war—inst operating with all world peace to curb th stigating Fascist-milit tions, Nazi Germany Italy and Japan.

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LOS ANGELES— 000 persons are face ual starvation in L County because of the Department of Board of Supervisor March 2, voted large creases for County Spence D. Turner a bers of his staff.

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Prominent among visors who approved es was wealthy dair Jessup, chairman of who only last week dile tears about th nates" who would be starvation as the re bankrupt Departmen ity.

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Boost Drive Associated O

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Craft Unionis Make Deal Lockout Em

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Frank Slaby, presid UAW local here, had sit-down strike was b ned at present.

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rty Leader, Clement sked "Is trading with who are rebelling constitutional govern ct which should be d by a friendly pow ourselves?" Viscount Cranborne, under-secretary for foreign affairs, replied "Now that's a much broader question. I must see that on paper."

BOSTON—British Consul Hugh A. Ford here admitted receiving dozens of telegrams favoring action on the demands of the crew of the Linerea, including messages from the crews of two other British ships.

The crew remained firm, refusing to sail. The consul awaited further cables from England.

Prestes Trial on 'Desertion' Is Postponed

RIO DE JANEIRO—Court martial trial of Carlos Luiz Prestes, Brazilian National Liberation leader, was postponed in order to give him time to prepare self defense.

The court martial trial is on charges of desertion from the Brazilian army, in which he once held the rank of captain. Another trial on charges of participation in the revolt of November, 1935, is scheduled before the National Security Tribunal, which was set up by the Vargas dictatorship especially to deal with political prisoners.

At one time this trial was reported already in prgoress.

PHILIPPINES STRIKERS FACE ARMED FORCES

300 on Strike for Recognition of Their Union

BATANGAS, Philippine Islands—Soldiers, armed with riot guns, were called out to protect strikebreakers and to quell the strike of 300 drivers and conductors working for the Batangas Transportation Company.

The strikers' demands were: (1) That the strike leaders be re-employed by the company; (2) that the Mutual Aid Association of Drivers and Conductors be recognized, (3) that medical aid be given to sick employees, (4) that the workmen's compensation law be applied to all employees of the company.

While the local officials, strike leaders and investigator for the bureau of labor were consulting on a settlement, more soldiers were sent to guard other stations, garages and other premises of the company.

Italy Drafts All Men, 18 to 55, For War Service

ROME.—From the ages of 18 to 55 the men of Italy must be ready for the call to arms under the new, desperate and far-reaching program of militarization approved by the Fascist Grand Council here.

The session announced only the military mobilization features of its proceedings, although it was known that a report on the country's finances and another on its foreign relations was on the agenda. Undoubtedly scheduled for discussion was the question of the independence of Austria, where relations with Nazi Germany are becoming strained over the question of internal domination in Austria.

$8,000 for Spain Collected at Malraux Banquet

NEW YORK—$8,000 was collected to start provisioning a food ship to Spain at a banquet in honor of Andre Malraux, famous French author who commands a squadron of international fliers in the service of the Spanish government.

Malraux deeply moved an audience by his account of bravery and suffering in Spain. One story he told was of the distribution of toys sent to the children of Madrid from other countries. The only toys left untouched by the children were those of airplanes. Even the boys, said Malroux, kept away from them with a sort of mystic horror. "This little group of abandoned toys forever separates us from the Fascists," he added.

Fascist Boycott

ROME.—Authoritative reports here indicated that Italy will follow the lead of Nazi Germany in boycotting the League of Nations Conference on Raw Materials which will begin at Geneva, March 8.

Send Workers to Aid Spain

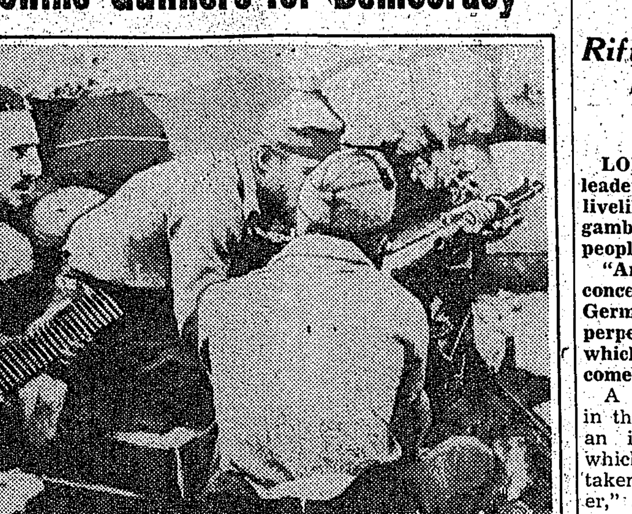
'You Must Listen!' Says Ralph Bates' Appeal for Funds

This appeal was sent out by the American Society for Techncal Aid to Spanish Democracy. It is written by Ralph Bates, famed novelist who has seen first-hand why this money is needed.

The West Coast office of the Society for Technical Aid is at 320 Market Street, room 227. It has numerous applications on file of experienced technical workers who want to go to Spain.

We will publish a list of the contributions received by the Society's office here. Start it going. In the first week after this call has been printed, let us print a long list of contributions received!

Machine Gunners for Democracy



A MACHINE-GUN battalion of loyalist army men on the Oviodo front, where Spanish Fascists have been taking a royal beating.

February 19, 1937.

Dear Friend:

It seems impossible that I do not know you—the civil war in Spain and what I have been through has torn away from my mind all its old reticence, all the barriers it had set between me and other men and women.

I was like any other democrat, I suppose—I had my beliefs, at times I had doubts, and sometimes I did not care. All that has gone.

I have seen desperate, half-armed, inexperienced democrats blunder forward through a hale of machine gun fire under a blazing sun—into certain death, to defend their liberty.

I have seen a man fall by my side and clutch at my feet in his last moments, saying: "Do not leave me." And the vacillation has gone out of me.

"I Have Seen"

I have seen a wounded mother drag her three-year-old son from beneath a tangle of iron and fallen masonry—**you must listen to me—you must force yourself to see this.**

I have seen a mother frantic with grief and her reason gone, beat the body of her little son with fumbling nerveless hands, in some blind, forgotten instinct striving to bring back life to him.

I also have had to crouch into cover as Italian Fascist planes roared overhead.

I say the vacillation has gone out of me—everything I can do I must do, this immense drama of liberty has taken possession of me.

I know I have the right to ask you to help. Your own imagination, placing you among the horrors of the Fascist invasion of Spain, will break down the wall between us.

"I Am Returning"

I am returning to fight in the ranks of the International brigade. I tell you we shall fight better for your help.

Your funds sent to this society will help send skilled workers to Spain to release more Spanish workers for active duty at the front.

One fights better when one is not lonely in the world, as our enemies would have us be.

Sincerely,

RALPH BATES.

USSR INDUSTRY FULFILS PLANS OF PAST YEAR

MOSCOW. — Commissars of Railways, Heavy Industry, Foods and Light Industry all submitted reports announcing over-fulfillment of the annual plans in their departments.

In railways Commissar L. M. Kaganovich reported 484.2 million tons of freight loaded, or 105.9 per cent of the planned 457 million tons. In ton-kilometers the plan was fulfilled 108.1 per cent. The specific phase of coal loadings fell short, to 94.2 per cent of the plan, although it was 102.4 per cent as compared to 1935.

Passenger-kilometers were reported at 109.9 per cent of the annual plan.

Heavy industry, as reported by the late Commissar Sergo Orjonikidse, had slightly overfulfilled its plan even by Dec. 14 when production had reached 31,430 roubles out of a plan calling for 31,373 million roubles.

The food industry, reported by Commissar A. Mikoyan, reported that by December 14 the plan of 9,145 million roubles had been overfulfilled by 15 millions roubles.

Light industry, reported by Commissar I. Lyubimov, had by Dec. 20 reached 100.2 per cent of the total plan of the year which was 7,642 million roubles. Production amounted to 7,658.9 millions. Eleven months' output showed an increase of 34.6 per cent over the corresponding period in 1935.

Prestes Daughter Born in Nazi Jail

LONDON—While Carlos Luiz Prestes, victim of South American reaction, lies in jail in Brazil for his part in forming the People's Front, his wife, Olga Prestes, has given birth to a daughter in a Nazi prison.

The Brazilian Government, happy with Luis Prestes in their clutches, thought the Nazis should have some fun, too. So, Olga Prestes, in advanced pregnancy, a German by birth, was deported from Brazil.

She was put aboard ship with Mrs. Ewert, wife of Arthur Ewert, former Reichstag deputy, who is also jailed with Prestes, and shipped to Germany.

Olga Prestes, despite her condition, was pitched into prison as soon as she arrived.

News of the birth of her daughter has leaked out to her friends.

They send her letters and clothes.

The Gestapo, Hitler's Secret Police, puts the lot in the dustbin.

But Hitler cannot take from her the name of her child.

She has called her Anita—after Anita Garibaldi, heroine of the Brazilian people.

Nationalist Party Makes Big Gains In Indian Election

MADRAS, India—The Congress or Indian Independence Party won 27 of the 31 seats for which it contested in the Madras Legislative Council or upper house of this important textile area. The elections give it a majority of the 46 seats.

In the assembly or lower house, the Congress Party won a clean sweep of all 32 contested seats for which results are known.

In the Bombay elections the Congress Party is known to have won 55 of the 124 contested seats for which results are so far known, including nine seats in the city of Bombay itself.

In the Central provinces, although only 90 out of 112 results are known so far, the Congress Party has already won 59 seats, a majority.

Despite Reaction Spanish Delegates Spoke in Monterey

MONTEREY.—Public pressure brought by supporters of Spanish democracy and of the right of the youth delegates from Spain to tell their story forced school authorities to allow the Spain meeting here to proceed in the high school as scheduled.

After oficials of the American Legion had caused the cancellation of the use of the school the committee arranged to use the Masonic Temple. When this was also cancelled, supporters of democracy and free speech got up in arms and went to the school board again.

They got the high school.

Broad Committee Sponsors Spain Meeting in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—On the United Youth Committee which sponsored the meeting for the Spanish youth delegates in Shrine Auditorium were the following: Baby Arizmedi, boxer; James Burford, leader of the recently organized conference for youth political action; Constance Eby, active participant in the Emergency Peace Campaign; Cornelius Johnson, Negro high jumper who tied for first place in the 1932 Olympic games while a high school student; Jean Muir, Newman, religious youth leader; Lois Brozier, Harold Buchman, Roberta Fischer, Jay Moss, Sherman Milinkoff and Harley Reed.

WORLD ARMS FOR MURDER

WASHINGTON — World costs for mass murder have more than doubled in the last two years, acording to a survey of the defense budgets of 60 nations completed and made public here by the Foreign Policy Association.

AUSTRIAN LABOR OUSTS FASCISTS FROM COUNCILS

VIENNA—Austria's Fascist regime has suffered a disastrous blow in the recent workers' councils elections throughout the country.

Almost everywhere the factory councils appointed by the fascist government after the civil war in 1934, have been defeated and labor's former spokesmen have been re-elected to these posts.

In twenty-eight furniture factories at Vienna, sixty of the sixty-nine newly elected council members are free trade unionists and members of the dissolved Social-Democrat Labor Party; seven belong to the former Christian-Social (Catholic) party; one is a Nazi adherent, and only one is a former government appointee.

At the leading automobile factory, Steyr, seven of the government appointees have been defeated and replaced by former free trade unionists.

The same is said to be true in al other industries, and despite the pressure from above, the workers' councils throughout Austria again consist almost entirely of regular trade unionists and opponents of the Fascist regime.

In one or two places where the government was determined not to permit the election of opponents the workers decided to refrain from taking part in the elections.

$1950 Raised At L.A. Spain Meet

LOS ANGELES.—$50 less than $2,000 was raised at the Shrine Auditorium last Wednesday, February 24, when 4,000 persons heard the Youth Delegation from Spain tell of the heroic fight being carried on by the Spanish people to save their democracy from fascist invasion.

Nearly fifty persons representing various Youth organizations, liberal and progressive groups were present on the stage with the delegation.

Irish Free State To Boycott Coronation

DUBLIN—The Irish Free State will not participate in the coronation ceremonies for King George VI. This announcement was made, in effect by President Eamon De Valera who said in the Dail, or Irish parliament.

"I have made it clear that our attitude toward the whole coronation ceremony must be one of detachment and protest while our country was partitioned and while the coronation service implied discrimination, as it still does, against the religion to which a majority of our people belong."

BANKERS SHOW NAZIS' SECRET ARMS BUDGET

Rift Comes to Light In Ruling Class Of England

LONDON—"German political leaders are gambling with the livelihoods, and are prepared to gamble with the lives of their people."

"Any financial or territorial concessions made to the present German regime would serve to perpetuate the gangster tyranny which has forced Europe to become an armed camp."

A sensation has been caused in the city (financial section) by an indictment of Hitler, from which the above quotations are taken, published in "The Banker," an organ of powerful interests connected with the "Financial News,' 'in a special number devoted to Nazi Germany.

Open Rift

The split in the British capitalist forces is thus openly revealed. The anti-Norman (Montagu Norman, chairman of the board of the Bank of England) interests are forced out into the open.

It is hardly usual for one set of "gentlemen" to speak so frankly about another set of "gentlemen." Listen to this kindly reference to Nazi Germany:

"A country dominated by men who worship force and have shown no hesitation in using murder as an instrument of domestic and foreign policy."

And again:

"The bluster and bad faith which have been the main ingredients of German foreign policy, have also characterized all Dr. Schacht's dealings with the English bankers and bondholders who have been foolish enough to put their trust in German promises."

What is the explanation? Behind this outburst lies the battle over British credits to Germany which has now reached its highest point.

The lack of welcome for the city barter corporation for trade with Germany, the cool reception gven by President Roosevelt to Walter Runciman's proposal for a German loan from America, have precipitated matters for that section dominant in the National Government which desires at all costs to aid Hitler in his desperate situation. Their determination in its turn has forced the anti-Norman section to kick over the traces.

Secret Budget Revealed

Figures, never before published, of Germany's real and not pretended budget, are revealed by "The Banker."

These figures show a deficit of 4,318 Reichsmarks, and a sum of 12,600 million Reichsmarks spent on armament, expenditure and nearly twice the entire total expenditure for all purposes admitted in the official Nazi budget.

Actual German armament expenditure, says "The Banker," during Hitler's four years of power, has been:

1933-4	3,000,000,000 Rm
1934-5	5,500,000,000 Rm
1935-6	10,000,000,000 Rm
1936-7	12,600,000,000 Rm

or a total of $11,250 millions at a rate of $2.900 millions a year.

"The Banker" declares: "Germany's ruthless foreign policy and the blatant threat to peace caused by her vast rearmament program is creating a real league of free nations.

"Can they restrain the Nazi leaders from a smash-and-grab raid on some neighboring foreign state? They can and will if it is clear that such a raid will be resisted by an overwhelming combination of countries!"

Bottomless Pit

And what is the conclusion that this authority reccommends to its clients

"The notion that English money would stem the tide of Communism from flowing into Germany is inherently ridiculous. Apart from the fact that it is contrary to public interest to grant credits to Germany, the writers of our survey have made it very clear that from the standpoint of the investor, Germany is a bottomless pit."

The fight is now raging among the English ruling classes, who know the true position of Germany.

Now is the time for the working class and peace movement, under the impetus of the unity campaign, to shatter the National Government's policy of support to Hitler.

Mezhlauk Named To Succeed Orjonikidse

MOSCOW — Valeri Mezhlauk, heretofore chairman of the State Planning Commission of the USSR and assistant chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, was selected by the Council to replace Sergo Ordjonikidse as People's Commissar for Heavy Industry.

During the October revolution Mezhlauk was an organizer of the Red Guards in Kharkov and the Donbas. For his outstanding work then and in the years since he was awarded the Order of Lenin in 1936. He has been a member of the Central Executive Committee of the USSR, and at the Seventeenth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union he was elected a member of the central committee.

PRAVDA HITS SABOTAGE OF CONTROL PLAN

Fascist Countries In Hypocritical Move To Gain Time

MOSCOW.—Sabotage by the fascist governments of effective control of war supplies and men going into Spain is attacked by the Soviet press in commenting on withdrawal of the Soviet Union from the International patrol scheduled to begin next Saturday.

The sabotage was deliberately instituted, Soviet newspapers charge, in order to gain more time to supply more weapons and soldiers to the fascist rebels in Spain.

Even now there are no grounds for considering that the Fascist powers have abandoned the idea of utilizing Portugal as a base for continuing intervention," writes Pravda. "Portugal had good reason to exert such efforts to reduce the number of controllers on the Portuguese-Spanish frontier and reduce control into a simple fiction."

Regarding the declaration of the Soviet Union to withdraw from participation in the sea control, Pravda writes:

"The opposition of the USSR to attempts of Germany and Italy to discriminate against the Soviet Union and form a privileged position for the group of countries arbitrarily indicated by them was dictated entirely by consideration of principle, since the question of the USSR's participation in the sea control has no practical importance.

"It must be remembered that the Soviet Union is not interested politically or any other way in the presence of Soviet sea forces in the Mediterranean or the Atlantic. The Soviet government does not intend to scatter its sea forces, whose basic task is to insure defense of the Soviet Union's sea frontiers from fascist aggressors."

Castle in Naziland

BERLIN — All Berlin apartment house owners were ordered by Nazi police to deposit keys to their buildings at the police stations of their districts to permit entrance of police at any hour.

THOREZ TALKS TO CATALONIA UNITED PARTY

Greetings Sent to Thank Stalin on His Message

BARCELONA—Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the Communist Party of France, greeted the embattled Spanish people in the name of the workers of France when he spoke before an enlarged meeting of the central committee of the United Socialist Party of Catalonia in February.

With the hall crowded to the rafters and crowds overflowing into the streets, Thorez paid a glowing tribute to the work of the United Socialist Party, which is affiliated to the Communist International and which was formed by the amalgamation of the Socialist and Communist Parties.

Spanish Leaders

He shared the platform not only with Catalonian leaders, but with Jose Diaz, general secretary of the Communist Party of Spain, and with Dolores Iburarri (La Pasionaria).

Thorez, paying tribute to the heroic fight being waged by Spanish democracy against the invading Fascists, showed that the Soviet Union and the Communists of France have fully understood the meaning of the words of Joseph Stalin when he said that the defense of Spanish democracy is the cause of all advanced and progressive mankind.

BARCELONA—The plenary session of the United Socialist Party of Catalonia sent its Bolshevik greetings to Joseph Stalin, thanking him for his "historical telegram to the Communist Party of Spain."

The principal task at the present time, declared La Pasionaria, is to win the war. All attempts at pseudo-revolutionary and premature collectivism in industry and agriculture must be fought, she said, pointing out that these steps cannot be forced, but must come from the desires of the peasants themselves.

Jose Diaz, speaking in the name of the Communist Party of Spain, declared that Catalonia up to that time had not done enough to help win the war. He called on the United Socialist Party to do its utmost to insure that Catalonia place all its forces at the service of the people.

In Los Angeles a new office of the Society has just been opened in the Continental Building, 408 S. Spring Street, Room 817.

Worker Killed

MEXICO CITY.—In the offices of the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) here news has been received of the murder of Hermenegildo Rodriguez, a worker in the textile mill of Cocolapan, near Orizaba in the state of Vera Cruz, presumably at the hands of the CROM, Mexican Regional Federation of Labor led by the exiled fascist Morones.

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Where Does West Really Stand?

IS MR. FRED WEST for, or against a successful campaign for the repeal of San Francisco's picketing ordinance?

We want to know.

This may seem like an odd question to ask about the gentleman who is assistant campaign manger of organized labor's Committee of 25 for the Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance. But, in view of the facts, it is a natural question.

The Western Worker has time and again sharply criticized the bureaucratic functioning of the Committee of 25. We pointed to the need of a broad campaign, involving as many of the rank and file trade unionists as possible. The Committee of 25 has consistently fought against this policy; has maintained the campaign as the personal property of the small committee; has even resented suggestions made by the broader organized labor conference.

Last Monday evening the Citizen's Committee for the Repeal of the Anti-Picketing ordinance urged the Committee of 25 to endorse a public symposium to be held Sunday, a symposium at which qualified speakers would outline the need for repeal to safeguard the interests of the people of San Francisco. The Citizen's Committee asked that spot announcements of the symposium be made over the radio during broadcasts by the Committee of 25.

Both requests were turned down.

The Committee of 25 not only refused to take steps to dramatize the issue, but declines to endorse moves by any other committee or organization to help bring the issue sharply before the voters.

Leading the forces of the Committee of 25—at a session, unfortunately, from which many progressives were absent—was Fred West, who declared "disruptive" elements or provocateurs might "cause trouble."

West's argument is ridiculous. It is difficult to believe in his sincerity. We fear disruptors not at the symposium Sunday—but before the symposium; to be plain, we refer to actions such as Mr. West's—disruptive of unity!

No wonder John Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, sharply criticized the set-up and functioning of the Committee of 25 Sunday.

We call for full support of the symposium Sunday being arranged by the Citizens' Committee—a symposium at which labor leaders, as well as liberals and professional people, will present arguments for the repeal of the ordinance.

We are certain that Tuesday will see a smashing victory for organized labor and all progressive forces registered in the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance—despite the tactics of Mr. West and his allies on the Committee of 25.

The people of San Francisco will not be fooled by the lying propaganda of the Chamber of Commerce and its window-dressing, the "Civic Welfare League."

Now we know why political grafters pile up such big bank accounts. A new ruling in Los Angeles provides that any one with $10 or even less in the bank, who applies for relief is liable to imprisonment.

A Victory in Steel

ORGANIZED LABOR and other progressive forces throughout the country thrilled early this week to the announcement of the stirring victory won by the CIO in steel.

This victory was won despite the bitter opposition of William Green and his henchmen on the AFL executive council; despite the determination of the steel barons, broadcast by them when the CIO first got under way, that the CIO would never organize the steel workers, and that company unions, with a majority of the organized workers, would resist the CIO drive; despite the attacks of every reactionary force in this county.

The three main reasons which forced the steel trust to recognize the CIO as the collective bargaining agency of the steel workers, and grant basic wage increases to the workers, were:

1—The speed at which the organization drive was progressing.

2—The affiliation of one company union after the other with the CIO.

3—The signal victory in the auto industry, which stimulated the drive in steel and demonstrated to the steel trust the mass support for the CIO.

This latest victory is more than a victory in steel. It will be a great stimulus to the organization drive in textile, rubber and other mass production industries.

And most important—it means a basic strengthing of the movement for independent political action of the people, for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Der Fuerher has postponed elections by German protestants "to choose their own controlling body" (Adolph's own words) for fear that the German Protestants would choose their own controlling body.

Popularize The Douglas Strike!

THE CAPITALIST press of Los Angeles, headed by the arch-reactionary L. A. Times, is uniting in a chorus, the theme of which is surrender of the sit-down strikers at the Douglas plant, the collapse of the strike. An excellent clinical example of wish-fulfillment.

Of the workers who entered the Douglas plant, only a minority are productive in the plant operations—and all key departments are at a standstill.

The mass picket line is growing.

Public sentiment is rapidly swinging in support of the strikers.

The spirit of the strikers is unbroken.

Headlines by Hearst and editorials by Harry Chandler will not defeat the Douglas strikers; naturally, the capitalist press does all in its power to organize sentiment against the strike. It is therefore most important that the strike committee take steps to popularize its action and demands among the people.

The Central Labor Council of Los Angeles should be the first to play a leading role in mustering public support for the strikers. There is no excuse for Mr. Buzzell's action in having the resolution for support of the strikers referred to the Executive Council. The issues involved are clear. Why, Mr. Buzzell's hesitancy?

Of more than passing interest in this strike is the picture of complete harmony among Mr. Douglas, Chief of Police Davis and District Attorney Byron Fitts—all working together to break the strike.

What does organized labor in Los Angeles think now of its endorsement of Mr. Fitts at the recent elections?

The AFL Executive Council, it is announced, plans to investigate the legality of sit-down strikes. What does William Green think he has been doing these many years? Breaking the law?

Defeat The McReynolds Bill

AS APRIL 30th nears, the question of neutrality legislation becomes a sharper issue, for on that day the present legislation expires.

The bill recently approved by the House foreign affairs committee is in one respect the most reactionary of all the proposals that have come out of either house. This bill, introduced by McReynolds, would prevent American citizens from soliciting financial support for any side in a foreign war.

If this passes, it will be illegal to collect funds for the aid of the heroic Spanish workers fighting against the world forces of Fascism.

This bill is a flagrant violation of every American principle and tradition: Americans have always been generous in their response to appeal for aid from oppressed people fighting reaction.

The McReynolds bill must not be allowed to pass. Its passage would be a blow against democracy the world over, and would strengthen the Fascist forces in their war against progress.

All anti-Fascists and peace forces should write to their congressmen urging defeat of the McReynolds Bill.

A survey of the Sunset district in San Francisco revealed some 500 homes without garbage cans. Has anybody searched City Hall?

Relief "Bankruptcy" In California

STATE RELIEF Administrator Pomeroy has told Governor Merriam that the relief administration of California cannot stand any greater strain than is at present being put on it. He warns of relief "bankruptcy" should retrenchment in the Federal WPA program throw even 10,000 additional persons onto the state relief rolls.

This is important in view of the fact that Washington has embarked on a retrenchment program which has as an objective the throwing of 600,000 off the world relief rolls.

When one also is reminded that from December 31st, 1936, to January 31st, 1937, one million people lost their jobs; that even the official AFL figures (always conservative) admit that unemployment has risen past the ten million mark for the first time in 12 months—then indeed are the people of California faced with a pressing problem.

The retrenchment policy of the administration must be halted. This can be done by the application of organized pressure on the Federal Relief Administration.

All progressive organizations in California, especially trade unions, must rally to support the Workers' Alliance campaign to force the retention of all workers now on the WPA, and for a further appropriation to meet the growing needs of the unemployed.

Despite some convictions, the infamous Black Legion still exists around Detroit, it is reported. With a strong and powerful Farmer-Labor Party in the U. S. A., the "hooded order" would soon become a hoodooed order.

Weeds That Are Poisonous!

Labor, Legislation and The Coming Elections

(Statement of Communist Party of Alameda County.)

Labor in Oakland and Alameda County is rapidly forging ahead for united progressive, political action on behalf of labor and its progressive allies—the issue being the people versus reaction.

Last fall the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, representing the eCntral Labor Council, the Building Trades Council and the Railroad Brotherhoods, decided that a Labor Platform should be put forward and candidates should be endorsed only on the basis of their commitment to such a platform. A decision was also made to call a meeting of the Federation, to decide on Labor's political action in the municipal elections.

Burning Issue

At its meeting on the 16th of January the Federation decided for "independent political action of labor, separated from existing political parties and party politics." This aroused the opposition of the reactionaries and supporters of old-line political machines with in the Labor movement. They worked feverishly to prevent the recommendations of the Federation's policy committee from reaching the membership of their unions, and misrepresented it; filibustered the Federations meeting held on Jan. 30, and prevented it from taking action.

The issue became a burning one. The Feb. 20th meeting of the Federation attended by nearly 200 delegates, showed the tremendous interest of labor. Almost half the delegates voted for independent action by labor in the municipal elections, in spite of the strategy of the reactionaries to confuse the issue and block the endorsement of a Labor platform and ticket.

Although the proposal for a Labor Ticket received a temporary set-back, the Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor of Alameda County must now be held more responsible than ever before to trade unionists and their progressive allies for leadership in progreesive political action, for advancing a platform of the immediate needs of labor and the people, and of nominating or endorsing only those candidates who commit themselves to this platform. The rank and file of labor must be alert and watchful; must prevent labor from being split and used by old-line politicians, particularly by the reactionary Kelly (Republican) machine. Those within the labor movemenet who block progress in order to maintain their own power and preserve the interests of reactionary, anti-labor forces, must be exposed and prevented from betraying the best niterests of labor.

Tactics of Reaction

Labor today knows full well that old line parties and machine politics cannot and will not support its struggle for immediate needs and demands. Capitalist political machines realize their growing bankruptcy and through their agents or influence in the ranks of labor are fighting hard to avert independent political action that will elect candidates who will stand on a platform for labor and who represent the rising progressive trend in the ranks.

You have witnessed the tactics of the representatives of reaction as they filibustered one meeting of the Federation; and rallied every agent of bureaucracy to thwart progress by hook or by crook at another.

The political interests of organized labor in Oakland are governed by the nefarious Mike Kelly-Republican machine, representing the industrialists, the chamber of commerce, and other anti-labor interests. This Kelly machine controls, and supports the candidates of the incumbent administration. The Democratic Party is maneuvering for jobs. Their announced slate does not represent a move for progress and for labor. They represent hunger for local patronage and for selfish control over our affairs and destinies.

The folly of endorsing candidates who profess a friendship for Labor, or who, perhaps, represent a less reactionary machine than another, has been proven. The fallacy of endorsing a blank check has been exposed. Without a program of minimum demands around which Labor can rally and which forces every candidate to take a clear stand, for or against, before giving its endorsement, Labor will have no gaurantee of true representation in city administration. Therefore all local unions will do well indeed, to insist on such a progressive, united labor program for the elections, to instruct their delegates to the Federation accordingly, and see that the Federation does not delay action in this matter which is of such vital concern to the welfare of the people of Oakland and Alameda County.

The Communist Party heralds the growth in the ranks of labor of the movement toward progressive, independent political action, and will continue to work energetically for a genuine and broad "Farmer-Labor Party" in California, based on Organized Labor and al progressive forces opposed to reaction.

Some Examples

The example of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington and other states show what real and substantial gains for Labor and the people result from United Political Action independent of the old machines.

In the absence of an Independent Labor Ticket, and to guarantee that a genuine labor and progressive program will be fully brought forward in the municipal elections, the Communist Party will nominate a number of its own candidates, but stands ready to endorse and support any genuine progressive labor candidate.

The Communist Party will fight for the following platform around which all progressive forces can rally:

1. For the guaranteed right of labor to organize, strike and picket. Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, and the outlawing of all strike-breaking agencies.

2. Labor representation on all municipal commissions and boards; strict limitation of the appointive powers of the Mayor, and a broadening of civil service authority. For union wages and conditions on all municipal projects.

3. Exemption of home-owners whose property is valued at $3,000 or less from municipal taxation with steeply graduated assessments in the higher brackets.

4. A broad building program to eliminate present overcrowding in lower schools; for adequate teachers' tenure and sick leave with pay; improved facilities for handicapped school children, and free medical care for all school children.

5. For a municipal program providing low cost housing, and adequate recreational centers for children. For adequate emergency hospital and ambulance facilities.

6. Repeal or revision of the "Major Disaster Plan," to prevent its use against labor.

7. Municipal ownership of public utilities. For a rapid-transit system and lower rates.

8. Support of progressive legislation by the State and Federal governments in the interests of Labor, the unemployed, and for civil and democratic rights.

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FINAL RESULTS IN BROWDER-FORD RECRUITING DRIVE, CALIFORNIA

(By State Organization Dept., Communist Party)

We are happy to give you final results of the Browder-Ford Membership Drive.

We want to congratulate all comrades who participated, in our Recruiting Drive and who were responsible for the fine showing of their units, branches, sections and counties, and offer our best wishes for greater achievements in the future.

State banners were awarded to San Francisco as the winner among the larger counties, and to Bakersfield and Monterey winners among the smaller sections.

Following is the composition of the new recruits:

760 are members of the AFL.
407 are women.
206 are youth for the YCL.
93 are Negro people.
203 are Spanish and Mexican workers.
100 are former Party members.
1115 are native born Americans.

We feel that this is a splendid achievement, and one that we must hold and maintain. Our main task now is to KEEP THESE NEW MEMBERS IN THE PARTY, AND ADVANCE THEIR POLITICAL EDUCATION BY HAVING THEM BECOME REGULAR READERS OF THE WESTERN WORKER. This is our task for TODAY:

Los Angeles, 825; San Francisco, 616; Alameda, 179; Monterey, 41; Santa Clara, 37; Bakersfield, 32; San Diego, 35; Sacramento, 32; Contra Costa, 25; Merced, 25; Santa Barbara, 20; San Bernardino, 16; Sonoma, 12; Tulare, 6; San Mateo, 5; Eureka, 4; Stockton, 4; Fort Bragg, 2; Fresno, 0; Arizona, 0; Nevada, 0; total, 1916.

AS WE SEE IT

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

Lessons of the Maritime Strik

(Continued)

There is no doubt, however, that although the poli won out in the end, the shipowners' maneuver and falling into their trap prolonged the strike for a number and took away the possibility of winning additional concessions on the part of the unions of licensed operators, marine engineers and masters, mates and pilots), as well as the sailors and marine firemen, and weakened the fight of the marine cooks and stewards for the 8-hour day, on which they had to eventually compromise. Nevertheless, the defeat of Lundeberg's policy forced the shipowners for the first time since the strike began, to enter into negotiations with the five other unions.

The Fink Book

The last question which held up the final strike settlement was the fight against the Copeland Continuous Discharge Book and the Certificate of Efficiency. The Pacific Coast Maritime Federation and the East Coast seamen had carried on such a determined and united struggle against these anti-union, blacklisting measures, that the government was forced to repeatedly postpone the issuance of these books since the Copeland Act went into efect on Dec. 26th.

But when through the strikebreaking activities of the top eadership of the ILA and ISU, Ryan, Hunter, Scharrenberg & Co., the effectiveness of the strike on Atlantic and Gulf seamen was seriously impaired, it became obvious that the same tactics could not be used in continuing the fight against the "Fink" Book, as would have been possible were the East Coast unions in as strong a position as those on the Pacific Coast.

The government, the shipowners, and the ISU officialdom carried on a combined drive to force the immediate acceptance of the Copeland Book on the East Coast seamen, as soon as their strike was terminated.

The syndicalist elements on the Pacific Coast, the same ones who previously advicated a separate vote on the tentative agreements, began agitating for a continuance of the strike or "job-action" until the Copeland Act was repealed. They spread rumors that the Communists advocated accepting the Fink Book, that Joe Curran had told the East Coast seamen to accept the Fink Book, and similar slanders.

This propaganda again played into the shipowners' hands, and seriously interfered with the negotiations in progress. The shipowners issued statements to the effect that even if agreements were signed with the unions, another strike "against the Government" would take place the following months against the Copeland Act. They used this as a pretext to stall in their negotiations with the ILA, and rejected some of the longshoremen's basic demands.

Lundeberg, Ferguson Actions

The issue came to a head on Jan. 27th, when Lundeberg and Ferguson resorted to an unprecedented action. They called a meeting of the three ISU unions on the Copeland Book, and attempted to railroad their policy through by strong-arm methods. They arbitrarily barred from the hall a delegation representing the Joint Strike Committee headed by Harry Bridges, and also barred all members of the three other seagoing crafts. The strikers in the hall were so enraged by this undemocratic procedure, that a big majority walked out of the hall in disgust, and the meeting broke up in disorder. The shipowners marked time in the negotiations, ready to take advantage of the rift in the unions' ranks.

The following day, in a tense atmosphere, the Joint Strike Committee called a meeting of all strikers, and the heads of all seven unions appeared before 10,000 members.

Bridges, the chairman, pointed out how disrupting the unity of the strike was playing into the shipowners' hands, and preventing a settlement when victory was in their grasp. He pointed to the dangers of an adventurist policy in regard to the Copeland Act; that after three months of struggle, the strike must be concluded as quickly as the unions reached satisfactory agreements with the employers; that the fight against the Copeland Book must be continued after the strike, by means of political action to back up their economic strength; that the main question was to maintain strong, united unions and the Maritime Federation, without which the unions would have to accept not only the Copeland Book, but eventually other pro-Fascist legislation, compulsory arbitration, etc.

In the face of the strong sentiment for unity at the meeting, and the overwhelmingly favorable response to the speech of Bridges, Lundeberg evaded any concrete proposals on how to fight the Copeland though he launched a tack on the Fa party, and tried to pear that its advo against fighting the Book now, but favors ten years for a Fa party."

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L. A. Debate Constitution

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Speaking for the Constitution will be Ingvoldstad, noted lecturer who has be ing a series of lectu Soviet Union.

Mr. Louis Euler, O attorney for the Con ciety, local semi-fasc tion, will defend the of the United States.

The debate is bein under the joint aus American Friends of Union and the Cons ciety.

Admission will be cents, and $1.

Judge Dudley Vale Superior Court will siding chairman.

Attempt to L.A. Negro

LOS ANGELES— one of the many fr lice attacks in innoc Baron Lawson, publi the Federal Theat and executive secre United Democratic manded Tuesday, M discharge of Claybo

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Breeders of War

But Trotzkyism is not only fighting against the Soviet Union. The labor movement everywhere is fighting for the worker's interests, is defending the worker's rights, is attacking fascism and is fighting against war. Trotzky and his conspirators, the Trotzkyites, play a treacherous role not only against the position of working class power in the Soviet Union; they play this role against the workers' positions and organizations everywhere.

The last years of capitalist crises—and the resulting mass misery of the workers have weakened the usefulness of the open agents of capitalist reaction within the ranks of the workers. The workers are awakening. They move toward independent political action. They move toward militant industrial unionism. They move toward becoming an ever more conscious force for progress.

In this emergency of capitalism Trotzkyism comes to its rescue. Under the cloak of revolutionary virtue Trotzkyism tries to play the role of saviour of capitalism in the ranks of the workers. The Ryans, Hutchesons, and Wolls are becoming more and more useless for the capitalists in this role because the workers are rapidly losing confidence in them.

That is why capitalism and its journalist agents go through their many contortions in efforts to save the memory of Trotzky as a revolutionist.

We, however, see Trotzky and the Trotzkyites as the trials in Moscow have revealed them—as treacherous counter-revolutionary allies and agents of capitalism and fascism, and as breeders of war.

A BARRISTER ON THE TRIAL

There is no question of a fake in the Moscow trial, says Mr. Dudley Collard, the only English barrister there.

"I have never heard such a tale of treachery, murder, spying, sabotage and terror as the prisoners have told with complete callousness and effrontery," he declares.

"No set of 17 men could act their parts so brilliantly without a slip.

"There is nothing to prevent them from saying that the charges have been framed. They have not done so.

"Radek strikes me as a poseur. He smirks and glances at the public to watch the effect of his answers."

S.P. Meet Backs Trial Verdicts

NEW ORLEANS—A large audience of Socialists heard Julius Reiss, state secretary of the Communist Party, speak on "The Moscow Trials and the Role of Trotzky," at a large meeting in the Socialist Party headquarters here.

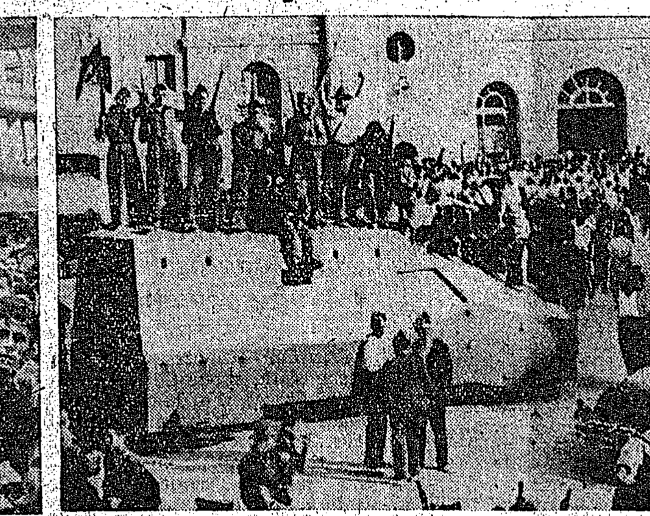
Most of the audience overwhelmingly approved the conviction of the Trotzky plotters against the Soviet Union.

San Diego C.P. Meeting Hails Trial Verdict

(Resolution passed unanimously by San Diego Convention, February 14, 1937.)

"The San Diego Section Convention congratulates the people of the Soviet Union on digging out and eliminating underground cliques of Trotzkyite assassins, spies and saboteurs, who, by their own confessions, were in the employ of the intelligence services of Japan and Germany."

Workers of Both Nations Condemn Trotzkyite-Fascists



AT LEFT, Soviet workers in a mass meeting at which money was collected to aid Spanish workers fight for democracy. At right, girl militiamen as they are about to leave Madrid for the front, to fight Fascists. Trotzkyites in both Soviet Union and Spain conspired with Fascists; they are on trial for treason in Madrid.

LEON TROTZKY—THE MOST HORRIBLE JUDAS IN ALL HISTORY

By MIKE GOLD

Boris Savinkov was for some twenty years leader of the terrorist groups who fought the Czar. He was a brave and reckless revolutionist who also was an artist. Savinkov's novels are fascinating records of one phase of the Russian Revolution.

Savinkov had a long revolutionary career. In some ways he was a better writer too. But he, too, turned against the Bolsheviks. To overthrow Lenin, Savinkov worked with all the White Guard and Czarist generals whom once he had bombed and pistolled to death. Finally Savinkov became a paid agent of British and French imperialism. At the end, he entered Russia, was caught, confessed and was executed.

Not a word of protest came then from the Western liberals who are now defending Trotzky. Why is Trotzky now a different or more honorable traitor than Savinkov?

I must admit all this sudden love for Trotzky among certain liberal intellectuals makes me want to laugh. What hypocrites! What liars some of them are! Up to this very moment, they have written and talked against every underlying principle on which the Soviet Union is founded. They are against a working class state, a working class culture. They have always hated Socialism and Communism.

Hitler's Demogogic Method

Now they appear as champions of "true" and "left" Communism—like the Nation "Communists." They call for Soviets, Soviets, tomorrow morning! Are they sincere? No, anyone can see Trotzky has given them a new and wily weapon for fighting Socialist Russia in the name of a fake Socialism — Hitler's demagogic method exactly.

To honest liberals I would say, read all the testimony. No one has to be a Communist to understand that the Moscow Trial was a fair and open trial. It is contained in those thousands of words of precise, detailed, documented testimony of the defendants. No one under torture or compulsion could tell such complex and circumstantial stories. No one suffering from "hypnotism" or a "truth drug" could remain in character like Radek—crack jokes and exhibit shameless depths of his soul. And why of those thirty-three so-called "Old Bolsheviks" did not one have revolutionary manliness enough to get up and say that the confessions had been forced from him—If they were?

Westerners are puzzled to understand the psychological reasons that made these men confess so freely. Some people have blamed it on the mysterious "Slavic soul." I think the explanation is simpler. I used to be a newspaper reporter, and over a period of eight or nine years covered at least fifty murders. I have listened to dozens of confessions. The best American detectives do not need to use the third degree to extract confessions. They do it by building up such an airtight case against the criminal and trapping him in so many contradictions that finally he can no longer maintain his innocence. It is then that he is glad to end the suspense and tell all.

The Trotzky criminals had led a dark and dangerous double life, and when confronted with all the facts, must have also cracked in the same manner. Much of their repentance on the witness stand and self-accusation is also a familiar phenomenon. How many of our own American murderers have gone to the chair warning youth not to follow in their steps?

These men are guilty. Trotzky is guilty. Read the testimony—the evidence is overwhelming and final. They began as Socialists, like Savinkov, and like him, were pushed by the morbid logic of oppositionists into the Fascist camp.

Whoever helps Trotzky now helps Fascism and war. This is the cold truth of the trials. The Soviet Union had nothing to gain now by bringing these people to trial. The Soviet leaders must have known this trial would bewilder and alarm many Western liberals. But it was a war measure of self-defense. Now we know what made Hitler and Japan so boastfully confident of success in a war against the Soviet Union. They had this Trotzkyist ace in the hole. They were led to believe that the Soviet Union was divided into warring factions.

No Roots In Masses

But the traitors in the highest places were caught red-handed and brought to trial. Most have been executed. The whole Soviet mass has rallied against them in a great burst of renewed and solemn unity. The trial has revealed that Trotzkyism had not struck the slightest root among the Soviet masses. It was only another handful of disgruntled, egotistic, power-mad intellectuals who betrayed the deepest hopes of mankind.

It is good that they were sentenced. Hitler and his Japanese Aryans have had the traitors flung in their faces. Now they have lost their chief allies in the Soviet Union to sabotage factories, to organize train wrecks, to kill women and children with poison germs, to plot a restoration of capitalism and agree to the ruin of their country and class.

Trotzky was, by all the testimony of these men at both trials, the general who ordered the train wrecks, poisonings and assassinations. He denies it, but I advise liberals again to read all the documents connected with Trotzky's history. Get a file of some Trotzky paper for the past five years and you will read enough to convince you, I believe, that Trotzkyism is a warphychology, with all that implies. And their war is against the Soviet Union, and all methods are lawful where such blind hate exists, and all allies are good allies.

Most Horrible Judas

To defend Trotzky now is to defend war and fascism, and to help destroy the first beautiful attempt at Socialism in the world.

What a load of awful guilt lies under all Trotzky's too-perfect phrases! To me now he seems a monster, the most horrible Judas of all history. I feel more deeply about this as a Jew; it is the Jew, Trotzky, crazy with egotism, who has made an alliance with Hitler against the land where Jews are at last free. A Jew who wants to restore capitalism and anti-Semitism to Russia? A "Communist" who orders murderous war on the working class in factories and mines? A leader who deserts his own followers on trial, and calls them liars? When will this supreme criminal finally break under his awful load of shame and bloody guilt?

After these two Moscow trials, if there were a spark of honor left in this incredible traitor, he would be silent forever. But he still goes on spinning those beautiful, perfect literary phrases like a cheap actor! He goes on plotting, bewildering the innocent, devising new publicity schemes for himself, making blanket denials, even claiming he believes in the defense of the Soviet Union! Yes, the man is a morbid genius—the most complete and remarkable traitor in history!

Ella Winter Likens Trotzky To the Assassin of Lincoln

Ella Winter, the writer of the statement on Trotzky which follows, is a noted publicist and writer, and author of a book on the Soviet Union, "Red Virtue." She is the widow of Lincoln Steffens.

By ELLA WINTER

It does not seem to me that the dislike of Soviet citizens today for a man who has for ten years avowedly been plotting assassination of their beloved and trusted leaders, is very different from the dislike of American citizens for John Wilkes Booth, who tried to and succeeded in assassinating their beloved President Lincoln on the assumption that he was a dictator ("Sic semper tyrannis.")

The mocking contempt of some American political commentators for loyal Soviet citizens, who have been expressing their affection for a regime which has been steadily improving their life, might have given way to some doubts had they patriotically remembered the loyalty of the American people to a popular President who brought good to his people.

JOSEPH STALIN ON TROTSKYISM

Stalin foresaw that with the overwhelming victory of Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union, the Trotzkyites would sink to new depths of degeneration and counter-revolutionary plotting. In January, 1933, in a speech delivered at the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, he warned prophetically:

"We must bear in mind that the growth of the power of the Soviet state will increase the resistance of the last remnants of the dying classes. It is precisely because they are dying and living their last days that they will pass from one form of attack to another, to sharper forms of attack, appeal to the backward strata of the population and mobilize them against the Soviet Union. There is no mischief and slander that these 'have beens' will not commit against the Soviet government and around which they will try to mobilize the backward elements. This may give ground for the revival of the activities of the defeated groups of the old counter-revolutionary parties; the Socialist-Revolutionaries, the Mensheviks and the bourgeois nationalists in the center and in the outlying regions; it may give grounds also for the revival of the activities of the fragments of counter-revolutionary opposition elements, the Trotzkyists and Right deviationists. Of course, there is nothing terrible in this. But we must bear all this in mind if we want to put an end to these elements quickly, and without great loss."

The revelations of Trotzky's plotting with secret Nazi police and Japanese agents for the wrecking of the Soviet Union bring home once again for the working class, for all honest people, the profound value of Stalin's historic warning as to the true nature of Trotzkyism.

Written in 1931, in a letter to the newspaper Proletarskaya Revolyutsia, Stalin gave, on the basis of his matchless Marxist-Leninist understanding, the keenest analysis of Trotzkyism and the counter-revolutionary character of its deeds. Had this historic warning been more universally understood, had it been acted on in good time everywhere, the task of purging the ranks of the working class of these agents of Fascist counter-revolution would have been tremendously facilitated. The value of Stalin's words are enormously enhanced for all fighters for peace, progress and Socialism since the revelations of the Moscow trials. Stalin's warning follows:

". . . Trotzkyism is the vanguard of the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie, which is carrying on the struggle against Communism, against the Soviet government, against the building of socialism in the USSR.

"Who gave the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie its intellectual weapon against Bolshevism, in the form of the thesis of the impossibility of building socialism in our country, in the form of the thesis of the inevitability of the degeneration of the Bolshevik, etc.? That weapon was given it by Trotzkyism. It is no accident that all anti-Soviet groupings in the USSR in their attempts to give grounds for their argument of the inevitability of the struggle against the Soviet government referred to the well-known thesis of Trotzkyism of the impossibility of building socialism in our country, of the inevitable degeneration of the Soviet government, of the probable return to capitalism.

"Who gave the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie in the USSR its tactical weapon in the form of attempts at open attacks on the Soviet government? This weapon was given to it by the Trotzkyists, who tried to organize anti-Soviet demonstrations in Moscow and Leningrad on November 7, 1927. It is a fact that the anti-Soviet actions of the Trotzkyists raised the spirit of the bourgeois specialists.

"Who gave the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie an organizational weapon in the form of attempts at organizing underground anti-Soviet organizations? This weapon was given to it by the Trotzkyists who founded their own anti-Bolshevik illegal group. It is a fact that the underground anti-Soviet work of the Trotzkyists facilitated the organized formation of the anti-Soviet groups within the USSR.

"Trotzkyism is the vanguard of the counter-revolutionary bourgeoisie.

"That is why liberalism towards Trotzkyism, even when the latter is shattered and concealed, is stupidity bordering on crime, bordering on treason to the working class."

THOMAS' SPONSORING OF THE TROTZKY "DEFENSE" AND "FRIENDSHIP" FOR U. S. S. R.

There is a famous scene in Cervantes' Don Quixote, known throughout the world, where the lean, mad knight rants against a poor barber who holds in his hand a dirty jug.

"You fool! This is not a jug, this is a knight's shining helmet," shouts Don Quixote to the astonished barber.

"But, my noble lord," answers the honest barber who does not dream that he can ignore certain tangible facts that stare him in the face, "this is a dirty, cracked jug which has a marvelously foul smell."

But to the crazed eyes of the Don, blinded by his prepossessions and prejudices, the barber's jug is a shining helmet. His poor mind will not be coerced by reality.

Is Norman Thomas ambitious for the role of the Don Quixote of the American labor movement? His latest statements and writings on the Moscow trials of the Trotzkyist plotters would give strong credence to the idea.

Jug of Trotzkyism

The filthy jug of Trotzkyism, filled with the rankest liquors, stands evilly and plainly before his eyes. But his eyes cannot see what is plainly before them. Where ordinarily clear eyes would see a vile object to be avoided, our latest Don Quixote will see only a night's shining helmet.

He has made himself responsible for utterances that must grieve the heart of any genuine Socialist. He is writing and speaking in a manner that must grieve all earnest friends of the Soviet Union who cannot but help see the effect of Thomas' unreality and the uses which the enemies of the Soviet Union could make of his false position. And he is certainly not doing the Socialist Party any good at all by his quixotism on the Trotzky issue. He is giving an open welcome to a political virus whose action is splitting and deadly.

He will write in the Socialist Call: "Concerning the charges against Trotzky, I do not positively affirm or deny them." But from this precarious "impartiality" he immediately tumbles into a description of the charges as "fantastically impossible . . . the trials have not given us the truth." It is obvious that his talk of suspended judgment is only the apologetics behind which there is a startling fixed prejudgment and a stubborn bias in favor of Trotzky.

"Tedious Moralizing"

This is apparent from the eager facility with which he will accept everything that comes from Trotzky in contrast to the towering and furious skepticism which seizes upon him as soon as he is confronted by overwhelming evidence from the courts of the first Workers and Peasants government. If for more than a week, the Trotzkyist defendants will pour out their confessions before the eyes of the world, and if these confessions are nothing but the logical and inevitable culmination of a political line which these defendants have been upholding for more than ten years, he will boldly have none of it. He is outraged. He treats us to a feast of what Marx called "tedious moralizing." He wants "justice." He is from Missouri.

But let Trotzky pitifully seize on a shred of the evidence and hypocritically call for an official memorandum from the Norwegian Government to verify his secret meeting with Piatakov, knowing damn well that such an official memorandum of a counter - revolutionary conspiracy could exist only in the mind of a political Baron Munchausen, then our furious skeptic hugs this to himself as a piece of solid ground in the midst of a raging sea.

Enemy of Unity

He is fantastic in argument. At the very moment that the Socialist Premier Caballero, commander-in-chief the Madrid armies, finds it vital to the life of the Spanish democracy to approve decisive police measures against the Trotzkyites, Norman Thomas who sends eloquent messages of support to Caballero, finds it needful here in the United States to plead for Trotzky and Trotzkyism in the name of "unity." Just as he is horrified that the Soviet people, and all oher labor groups reject "unity" with a group of political madmen who wrecked trains, burned plants, and sold military secrets to Hitler's agents, so he may be hurt that Caballero cannot have "unity" with the people who call for mutiny against the People's Front in the name of "world revolution."

In every country of the world, the harsh experience of the working class makes it clear that the smashing of Trotzkyism is a precondition for the establishment of unity, that Trotzkyism is the most virulent enemy of unity, and breeds ondisunity. But Norman Thomas, who can display a persistent passivity on the problem of unity in the face of many immediate working class issues, rises to sudden zeal for unity whenever it becomes a problem of defending the "rights" of Trotzkyists. Is there not something queer in this eagerness for unity with the professional agents of disunity, the Trotzkyists? Is not this to do harm to the cause of genuine working-class unity?

Norman Thomas does not scruple to show his love for the Soviet Union by labelling the Moscow trials as "similar to the methods of the Czars, or more accurately, the fascist dictators." Following this, he can sit down and pen to the New York Times, a letter in which he will repeat for the delectation of the capitalist press all these slanderous opinions, and top it off as follows: "But in saying this, I recognize the great and lasting achievements in Russia which is today the mighty bulwark aainst fascist aggression." Is not this astonishing? Remember that this comes hard upon the heels of his own echo of Trotzky's description of the Soviet Union as a "madhouse" and a "fascist totalitarian state." Toward the egomaniac adventurism of Trotzky he can turn with a disarming trustfulness. It is only toward the credibility of the Soviet Union that he directs his withering disbelief.

And let us recall that if the Soviet Union is today the unshakable bulwark against fascism, it is solely because the Soviet Union has been disregarding at every stage of its development the fond theories and criticisms of Norman Thomas himself.

Is it invidious of us to remind Norman Thomas that he fulminated most bitterly for the wronged kulaks when the Soviet Government was marching towards collectivization, and that he saw in this socialization of agriculture the same violations of "human freedom" that he now sees in the Moscow trials?

Would it be wrong of us to recall that the Red Army and the Soviet Government, which Thomas now correctly sees as the world's greatest bulwark against fascism, was attacked by him only in 1934 as representing possibly a "militaristic" threat? possibility "militaristic" threat? Of course, he wrapped this around with reservations and expressions of friendship no doubt sincerely meant. But he also wrote: "Militarism is militarism, and the dogmatic (sic!) teaching of the inevitable war of capitalism against Communism will make it very easy for rulers less wise and possibly less moderate than those now in power (in the Soviet Union) to lead forth their hosts in a kind of offensive which is the best defensive. Napoleon consecrated some of his most imperialistic victories in the name of revolution." Did he not also write then that "the ruling bureaucracy, out of mistaken fanaticism or some even less desirable quality might lead the regimented masses (of the USSR) in a war?" Where would the present bulwark against fascism, which he now admires, have been today if his short-sighted criticisms had been carried into life? Norman Thomas could not today comfort himself with the thought of the Soviet Union's strength—the Soviet Union would have long since been turned into a prize for fascist partitioning.

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Douglas "Sit-Down" by Strikers — Progressive Victory State Agricultural Conference—Alaska Cannery Union

DOUGLAS SIT-DOWN STRIKER WRITES STORY

Arrested, Jailed and Then Rushed Back on Picket Duty

By a Douglas "Sit-Downer"

LOS ANGELES—With a gang of police armed with clubs, guns, tear gas guns and bombs, lined up outside, we on the inside of the Douglas plant were waiting to see what they were going to do.

Water was passed around to all the fellows as word was spread that the police were making ready to tear-gas us.

Expected Tear-Gas

Lookouts on the roof of the plant and workers at the windows kept telling us what was going on outside. Everybody had wet their handkerchiefs in expectation of the tear-gas.

After Nylander and Biscaluz spoke and the boys had voted to leave the plant, we were loaded into "Black Maries" and started to be taken to the county jail.

We arrived at the jail about 6 o'clock. The cops were madder than ever, losing their hour's overtime booking us. It was the largest booking they ever had at one time.

No Sleep All Night

The first night we didn't sleep. They just booked us. They were finger printed, "mugged" and "spotted" from all sides.

After I was booked they gave me a bed. It was a mattress on the floor in the aisle. The aisle was about six feet wide. Mattresses, overlapped one another. We couldn't sleep. The jail was over-crowded.

We had breakfast the next morning. Hash! They said it was the best they had. It stank!

About 10 o'clock we were marched to the court room. We went to the court room. It was packed with 342 of the sit-downers. Our names were called, one by one, and we were told what we were charged with.

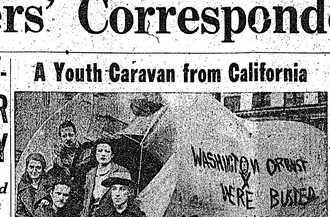
Finally Released

After we left the court room, we were questioned again by the police. Many of the fellows were released afterwards on their own recognizance.

About 119 of us were held over Saturday night. They kept shifting us from one cell to another. Separating us. We were released afterwards on their own recognizance.

About 119 of us were held over Saturday night. They kept shifting us from one cell to another. Separating us. We were finally released Sunday about noon after bail of $100 had been posted by the CIO.

We all beat it for the meeting at the ball park in Santa Monica. Tomorrow we will be on the picket line.



WEST COAST YOUTH shown in St. Louis en route to Washington, as part of the youth pilgrimage from every section of the country to urge passage of the National Youth Act.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

AS MANY TIMES OF OLD, the P. G. & E. is playing dirty politics in San Francisco in an effort to defeat Proposition No. 1 on the March 9th ballot, providing for municipal ownership of hydro-electric power at a public utility.

The P. G. & E's "Citizen's" Committee is flopping, so the public-robbing utility, in cooperation with other local exploiters of the people, has tried an underhanded strategem against Proposition No. 1—publicity for building a subway as more desirable than municipally-owned power. And the propaganda machine is trying to appeal to labor by saying that subway construction would create jobs.

A subway is desirable, but not at the expense of municipally-owned power, which would cause a big cut in rates to the people. There's no reason both projects could not be accomplished, and both financed by taxing the Nob Hill and St. Francis Wood "nabobs."

The Farmer-Labor Way . . .

Beginning April 1, all Minnesota state employees will work on a five-day week schedule, Governor Elmer Benson has ordered.

"The State as the largest employer of labor should lead the way in Minesota," said Benson.

That's the Farmer-Labor Party way of running a government, and would-be employers in Minesota have a tough time getting jobs on the basis of "contacts" with the old men and their ward-heelers.

More Threat Than Promise . . .

In Los Angeles, Mayor Rossi announced his candidacy for reelection in San Francisco in 1939.

It is reported that, due to rapidly increasing hatred and antagonism to the fat and red-nosed politician, Rossi may be "dumped" by the Tom Finn political machine "shizzers" announcement sounds more like a threat than a promise.

In fact, it can be almost a promise that there will be a labor ticket in the field in 1939 that will sweep the boards for all city offices.

California Next . . .

The U. S. Senate recently voted for outright repeal of the "red-rider" against District of Columbia teachers who dared to mention communism. It substituted outright repeal for a House bill subbing a new restriction "forbidding advocacy of Communism, but permitting teaching of the doctrine."

California has an infamous "red-rider" on the Teachers' Tenure Act. Ask your legislator to "dump" it.

"Loyal" Democrats . . .

A lot of Democrats in Washington are "agin" democracy and are among the foremost defenders of the autocratic Supreme Court.

Added to this list last week were Senator George (D-Ga.), who charged Roosevelt had "repudiated loyal Democrats" by proposing measures to curb the nine old men; Senator Copeland (N. Y.).

The bigger this list grows, the more reasons there are for a Farmer-Labor Party to elect representatives who will defend democracy.

"Dust Bowl" Legislation . . .

President Roosevelt has prepared a "model" soil conservation law, which includes creation of state committees with authority to form conservation districts within states to administer erosion control projects and preventative measures, and also delegation of power to the district committees to prescribe land use regulations for the prevention and control of erosion, each regulation to be submitted to local referendum before becoming effective.

But the President said not one word about relief for the drought-stricken farmers of the "Dust Bowl."

It will take a lot of organized pressure by the farmers, together with organized labor, to get relief for these impoverished farmers. And the best way to organize that pressure is to build a Farmer-Labor Party now.

Woolf Reports to Alaska Canners on Negotiations

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Brother Woolf, president and business agent of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, recently returned from Seattle and was given a rousing welcome at the general membership meeting last Sunday, February 28.

Woolf has been working in an advisory capacity and cooperating in every possible way with our sister union in Seattle.

More than 600 members listened attentively while Brother Woolf gave a report on his activities up north. He very clearly analyzed the forces at work, trying to create a split in the Seattle local.

"Correct action will defeat any attempt on the part of the 'phonies' to disrupt the unity of the workers," he said.

One thing the S. F. cannery workers are sure of, is that the Seattle local will not act as a separate unit and that it will go down the line with the S. F. local on all questions involving wages, hours, food, and living conditions for the 100 percent.

It was decided to send a delegate and an alternate to each cannery. The delegates are to be given a schooling prior to sailing for Alaska, based on rank-and-file unionism and on the written instructions that will be given them.

It was decided to elect two dispatchers at our next meeting, a chief and assistant.

Action for an emergency relief kitchen was withheld pending a final report of a committee that has been negotiating to take over the Maritime Relief Kitchen at 84 Embarcadero.

At the suggestion of Brother Woolf, and approved by the membership, the negotiating committee will go into action immediately Monday morning.

YOUNG WORKERS IN CANNERIES NEED ORGANIZATION

By a Cannery Worker

Between San Jose and Oakland there are over 40,000 cannery workers. Easily half of them are young people. Thirty-three and one-half an hour is the minimum wage for the girls and a little higher for the men. For that pay young girls work 10, 12, and even 14 hours per day. The canneries are not ventilated. Steam fills the air. You stand all day and night in water.

Similar conditions prevail throughout the central valley fruit and vegetable canneries.

That's what is part of what is back of the conference of agricultural and cannery union locals that will be held in San Francisco the weekend of February 27 and 28 by the State Federation of Labor.

This important conference is taking place right in the midst of an upsurge in the unionization drive.

In Oakland, the Heinz plant is shut down tight by a strike. In San Francisco, the Del Rey cannery has just signed up with the Cannery and Preserve Workers' Union. Down in San Jose, the Committee for Agricultural Organization of the Central Labor Council is going to town with wide leaflet distributions, radio broadcasts and the lastest up-to-date methods.

As it stands now there are four cannery union locals in California with federal charters. These are in Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose.

This conference offers an opportunity to decide on a single program of organization for the state. It can establish a joint leadership of the existing locals.

PEDRO GROUP HEARS STORY OF SIT-DOWN

Striker's Wife Tells of Douglas Plant Sit - Downers

SAN PEDRO—Mrs. Ed Weber, Ocean Park, spoke Sunday, February 28, at the Longshore club house here before a group of several hundred marine workers and their families, on behalf of the striking Douglas Airplane factory workers in Santa Monica.

Brought Strike News

"I am not a union member," she said, "but I have been on the picket line, from which I just came to bring you the latest news of the strike, since they arrested my husband, together with the other 340 striking workers who occupied the plant.

"Only this morning, the remaining 119 striking workers were released from the county jail after the CIO-affiliated Automobile Workers' Union posted the outrageous sum of $119,000 demanded by Judge Fricke for bail.

"Buron Fitts, the district attorney, remained adamant in his stand, and refused to lower the bail. He held these 119 men back in jail until this morning, because he considers them as ringleaders.

Women Picket

"However, tomorrow morning, Monday, all 341 workers who had been arrested for exercising their constitutional right of collective bargaining will join the picket line which we women, together with the rest of the strikers, maintained while our men were in jail.

"Today, the capitalists can't fool us or scare women any longer; if they jail our men, we take their places.

The Douglas Company through its reactionary, anti-labor Hearst and Chandler press, tried to fool the public. It said that only young and unskilled workers struck.

Company Lies

"Most of the men are between 30 and 50, and they are skilled mechanics. My husband and I are over 40, and we have a son. Although the three of us are working, we have not been able to put a penny away for our old age. Everything went for the high rents and for the high cost of living.

"Our son wanted to become an engineer. He studied, but we would not keep it up. And so he too had to go to work. Douglas pays him the generous sum of $18 a week.

Workers' Demands

"My husband, who is a highly skilled mechanic, and licensed by the U. S. government to work on the big bombing planes and other military aircraft, gets 72 cents an hour after eight years' work for the Douglas plant. The wages of the mechanics varies between 35 and 70 cents an hour. They struck for 15 cents more an hour, and, of course, for CIO union recognition.

"The entire staff of the Douglas plant in Santa Monica is 5600 employees. From these about 1000 belong to the technical and office workers.

"From the remaining 4600 factory workers over 3000 have joined the CIO union within the last month and a half, almost 70 per cent.

"And the Douglas company still refuses to recognize our union as the sole collective bargaining agency. Why, when the strike started, the men threw their Douglas Employees' Association buttons out of the windows.

AFL Unions Show Solidarity

"The Machinists and Welders Unions, AFL, have declared their solidarity with our cause. They will not pass our picket line. The entire town of Santa Monica is with us. This morning I spoke before a women's club, and they immediately made a collection for our children, and offered themselves to help out on our picket line.

"The men who occupied the plant only left, when Mr. James Carter and Mrs. J. C. Packard, attorneys for the CIO, and Dr. Wylander of the labor board, warned them that the gas, the police were ready to throw into the plant, would ignite the chemicals stored up in the factory, and cause an explosion, thereby blowing them and the plant sky-high to bits.

"Mr. Douglas, when informed about this imminent danger, replied: 'Never mind, blow them all up, I don't care, as long as I get them out.'"

Progressives Win Victory at State Agriculture Meet

By An Agricultural Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Agricultural Conference, which was called by the State Federation of Labor February 27-28 here, was a victory for progressive elements in the labor movement, and a great defeat for the reactionary, labor-faking group who were trying to chisel in as they usually do when they see a chance of a good position and a fat salary.

The Agricultural Committee, which it seems was composed of Walter Cowan and Fred West, presented a ready-made program, which they no doubt expected a dumb bunch of workers-delegates would fall for without inspection.

Workers Far From Dumb

But imagine their surprise when this program was pulled to pieces and carefully analyzed by a group of intelligent labor leaders who are organizing the agricultural workers at this time under federal charters.

The proposition of setting up a state charter was the object of this meeting. Walter Cowan, the chairman, ably assisted by Fred West, painted a flowery picture of how the organizing of the agricultural workers would go forward smoothly and with out a hitch if their plan was followed, and condemned anything else as unworkable, ridiculous and preposterous.

Many Grains of Salt

They started their addresses as usual by asserting their sincerity and assuring the delegates that they had no interest except to see the workers organized and expected nothing in return for their efforts.

This was taken with a grain of salt by most of the delegates, for they have many times seen examples of men who have spent their lives in the labor movement, expecting nothing but invariably winding up a long career with plenty of what it takes to keep them well from the door.

Lillian Monroe, the Trotzky leader from the South, was present and gave the assembled delegates a rather good demonstration on disrupting. But her efforts in this line were futile, and she was soon disposed of.

His Contribution: $50

Edward D. Vandeleur was also present. His sole contribution to the conference was a $50 donation to the expense fund of the southern delegates, and a couple of his characteristic speeches, which failed to cry over the sorry plight of the unorganized farm workers, as he usually does.

A letter from Harry Bridges, militant ILA leader, in which he urged the delegates to fight for a democratic, rank-and-file controlled set-up, was read by the chairman.

This advice was taken seriously, and some fine results were obtained.

Mahaffey Stood Out

Only a few of the vice-presidents of the State Federation of Labor were present. Walter Mahaffey, president of the State Central Labor Council and vice-president of the State Federation in that district, stood out far above the other vice-presidents.

As chairman of the organizing committee, Mahaffey introduced the first bit of democracy on the program up to that point. The program presented by this committee was a work of art, and gave the workers' rank-and-file control of the set-up from top to bottom. This program was adopted with hardly a dissenting vote.

Several good resolutions were passed, and some equally good were killed in committee. A resolution calling for a Joint Council of Agricultural and Cannery Workers' Unions was killed in the committee on Laws and Legislation because of a reactionary majority.

A resolution was introduced by V. L. Presser, of the Contra Costa County Labor Council, and was passed, calling for organizing the agricultural workers on a state-wide basis with no discrimination because of race, creed or nationality.

There were many resolutions passed that, if adhered to in principle under the new setup, will help in no small way to break down suspicion, racial and sectional hatred that, up to the present time, has helped keep the workers in the agricultural industry unorganized.

CANADA SIT-DOWN

WINNIPEG, Canada—The sit-down strike, making its first appearance in Winnipeg, ended in a victory for 30 unemployed men who squatted in the soup kitchen until they were given permanent relief.

Worker Seeks Info On Salinas Shed Workers' Union

By a Worker Correspondent

HARTFORD, Wash. — I have some questions I would like to ask. Could anyone give me the correct answers, to the following:

Is it true that Doc Doss is still drawing $40 per week, instead of the $20 the body voted to pay him earlier in the winter, and did he get a handout of $1400 in the strike in Salinas last fall?

What About It?

And was Ed Vandeleur in on the pay off?

And is it true than Attorney Aram, who was supposed to represent the union in Salinas last fall, was the first speaker on the program at a Farmer's Alliance meeting not so long ago?

I would just like to know all these things did really happen, just as an inquisitive bystander.

NOTE: Salinas lettuce-shed workers, a number of whom have written for this page, are urged to answer the above questions.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

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Wages Low for Field Workers; S... Not Helped by State Relief O... Writes Worker Correspond...

By An Agricultural Worker

PORTERVILLE—The workers here are w... need of organization.

Work is so scarce here on account of hi... freezing, that the spinach growers cut their ha... starvation wage of 30 cents per hour to 25 c... Grape-pruning is 22½ cents per hour.

The sprout-cutting is 50 cents per 100, and the way you have to cut these sprouts, the average can't get 200 per hour. Pulling oranges is three to four cents per box, and you have to grade them very close. These workers can make about $2 per day average. They also have to pay transportation and furnish their own orange bags.

Discrimination in Relief

I was in the SERA office and saw the face discrimination, which place sure needs a lot of airing. A Negro lady, who was soon expecting, stood up to the information counter for nearly two hours before the girls got so tired twiddling their thumbs and gossiping that they had to wait on her. She was then made to suffer a lot of hardships for her surplus commodity order of prunes and dried peas.

Starving Starving

The SERA office claims they are so overworked that it takes 10 days for your case to be filled out and sent in after it has been certified. It takes two weeks for the visitor to get your case certified. The poor workers in this district fairly starve before they give them any aid. It would only take a little organizing to get a thousand starving workers to form a hunger march.

We are all very much in need of an Agricultural Workers Union here.

HIT N. Y., POLICE

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...ALTH On Norman Thomas

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...BISSELL, M.D.

Legislation

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Workers ... Strike

...Asparagus Cutter ...ff.—The asparagus ...e farmers are ... strike. They were ...son, but this year ...afraid. The struggle ...s of the Filipino ...if they stick to ...obably won't last ...wo days, if that ...the Filipino work... ...the cutting prices ...100 pounds that ...medium, grass and ...These prices are ...fair. They should ...they do. I'm sure ...on victorious.

ANTI-FASCIST BROADCAST ON STATION KFWB

Film Writer Brings His Famed Books Up to Date

HOLLYWOOD — Democracy puts on a radio program against Fascism.

Written by Donald Ogden Stewart, novelist and one of Hollywood's most successful screen writers, it began Saturday night over KFWB at 7:30 p. m. under the auspices of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy.

It will run every Saturday night at 7:30.

The series is entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock in Germany."

Ten years ago "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock Abroad" and "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock in Paris" were humorous, non-political best-sellers. Now the Haddocks, along with some millions of other American citizens, are learning some facts of the world about them. This priest American middle-class family goes to Germany and, still humorously, tells the radio audience what life under Hitler is really like.

The actors in the skit are: Will Haddock—Ray Magee.

Little Schoolgirl—Mrs. Magee.

Mildred, their daughter—Helen Lynd.

German Waiter—Victor Killian.

All are well-known actors. The first program was so successful that before it was half over the station was flooded with telephone calls of congratulations.

Stewart, the author, is vice-president of the Western Writers' Congress and chairman of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—Italy, which loaned that country $4,000,000 gold francs in 1927 and agreed in 1931 to make ten additional loans of 10,000,000 francs each in return for domination of the country.

2—Lazaro Cardenas, leader of the National Revolutionary Party (P.N.R.), which belongs to the Popular Front.

3—Los Angeles, 1,238,018; San Francisco, 634,394; Oakland, 284,063; San Diego, 147,995; Long Beach, 142,032.

4—Eight years.

5—Los Angeles, incoming 4.6 million tons; outgoing, 0.9 million tons. San Francisco, incoming 3.9 million tons; outgoing 7.1 million tons (1934 figures).

Letters to The Western Worker

Hyde, Calif.

Dear Friends: I went to the Spanish meeting at Sacramento. It was surely a good meeting and it was one of the best that I have attended.

Four of my friends went with me. More of them would have gone if we had had good transportation. I have never before seen my friends so lively, and when the collection was taken, they certainly went into their pockets. They are still talking about it.

A.C.

Vienna Labor Gains In Council Elections

BRUNN.—In spite of the Austrian government's efforts to suppress news of its defeat in the recent election of works councils, details are gradually becoming known. Out of 69 delegates elected in 37 works' factories in Vienna, 60 belonged either to the trade unions or to the Social Democratic Labor Party, or to both. Fascist heads were suppressed. Of the other nine, seven are former members of the Catholic Christian Social Party, one is a Germanophil Nazist, and one is a supporter of the Austrian dictatorship.

Transcript of Radek Trial in Moscow News

The most complete transcript of the trial of the Piatakov-Radek-Trotzkyite Center in the Soviet Union yet available in magazine form is published in the February 3-10 issue of the Moscow News, now on sale on the Pacific Coast.

Double the usual size, the issue contains the full testimony of all the defendants, together with the speeches by the state prosecutor, defense attorneys and the final statements of all the accused.

Much of this has been available only in summary heretofore, and only small portions of the statements of the defendents were available.

The final statement of Radek is particularly valuable in showing what justification he accused could give to themselves for their treachery and in itself effectively routs the feeble charges of "incredibility" by which Trotzkyites attempted to discredit the trial and the Soviet Union.

GREEN'S DUAL UNIONISM

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — The United Radio and Electrical Workers Union (CIO) charges the Electricians Union is about to sign a contract with the Condenser Corp., even though the United has organized the plant.

Filmed: Heroic Drama of Spain

"BENEATH THESE ruins lie my children and grand-children" cries Juana Gabriel. One of the scenes from the authentic film record of the Spanish civil war "Spain in Flames," filmed by Loyalist and Soviet cameramen on the actual scene of combat. The production opens Saturday, March 13, at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

Appeals for Aid To Foreign Born

New York, N. Y.

Western Worker: The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is an independent, non-partisan body financed by voluntary contributions and affiliation fees.

Funds are urgently needed to aid in the defense of scores of persons who face deportation. The cases being handled by the American Committee involve many situations where families are threatened with separation, cases involving the principle of right of asylum, and also of individuals facing deportation because of their trade-union activity or political opinion.

Funds are needed also to enable the American Committee to continue its campaign to secure the passage of federal legislation which would tend to ameliorate the plight of the foreign-born in the United States.

We wish to appeal to the readers of the Western Worker to send their contributions to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Sincerely yours,

ABNER GREEN

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

2 L.A. Sections Over the Top In Press Quotas

LOS ANGELES — Showing other sections of the Party in Los Angeles County how it's done, Centinella and Hollywood sections were "over the top" in the Daily, and Western Worker Financial Drive last week.

Centinella Valley was first to fulfill its quota. Hollywood followed by turning in $1150 Sunday to go over their $500 quota by $30.31.

One of the smaller sections, Centinella, with a quota of $50, reached its goal last Monday night by turning in $12 at the Press Conference. Fifty dollars and fifty-six cents was raised by the Centinella comrades.

Congratulating the Centinella and Hollywood sections for fulfilling their quotas by March 1, the Workers' Press Conference urges the other sections to engage in Socialist competition to complete the drive by April 15.

With the message "so that the Daily and Western Worker might live," a collection of $10 was taken up in the Eastside section from the Jewish Workers' Sanatorium. Both workers and patients at the Sanatorium contributed to the collection.

Another donation of $12 was received by the Eastside section from the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association.

Women's Day on March 8 Carries on Struggle for Equality, Begun in U. S.

Occasion Inspired By Suffrage Movement, Started in 1910

On March 8, throughout the world, women will come to the foreground in the struggle for democracy against war and Fascism.

It is synonymous with this struggle that on March 8 they will also mobilize behind the demand for full social, political and economic equality.

When this struggle for equality first became a major campaign among women, fostered by the American Socialist Party in the early part of this century, it may have seemed a long way from attainment.

Today it is a reality in the most advanced center of Democracy, the Soviet Union. It is becoming a reality in that other advance guard of democracy, Spain, struggling against Fascism that would again subject women to the statuts of servitude.

International

March 8, like May Day, became an international occasion because of the militant struggles in America. It was set aside in 1908 as a special day of agitation for women's suffrage. In 1910, on motion of the great German woman leader, Clara Zetkin, the International Conference of Women Socialists at Copenhagen designated it as International Women's Day in every country in the world.

Women in the Parent Teachers' Associations, in Trade Unions and Trade Union Auxiliaries, women in the homes of the working and middle classes, all women who hold that peace and democracy must be defended against war and Fascism—these are the ones who must make March 8 a special occasion to show their solidarity and strength, their determination to play a vital and important role in the struggle against Fascism.

SPAIN STRUGGLE ON FILM TO RUN AT L.A. THEATER

LOS ANGELES — The fight against Franco's rebels and his foreign allies, by the Spanish people is glaringly depicted in "Spain in Flames," the new documentary film of the Spanish civil war which opens an engagement Saturday, March 13, at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand avenue.

"Spain in Flames," was photographed almost entirely in Spain.

It shows not only the fighting in Spain since the revolt of the Spanish Republic, but traces the background of the revolt, noting the semi-feudal condition from which the nation was trying to emerge.

Ambassador Speaks

The picture has an introduction by the Spanish ambassador, Ferdinando de los Rios, who points out that in 1932 and 1936 when the Spanish people were seeking in democratic fashion to obtain a more equitable system of land tenure, the wealthy landowners, aided and abetted by the army and the nobility, revolted against the government.

There are numerous fighting scenes in the picture. The siege of the Alcazar, the warfare in the Guadarrama mountains, and the bombing of Madrid is shown. Behind the lines women are shown making bandages and clothes for the soldiers, working in the fields and aiding hospitals. The explanatory narration is spoken in English.

Strike Movement Calls for Organized Support by Trade Union Auxiliaries

By a Trade Union Auxiliary Member

Each year special events and discussions about International Women's Day and women's work take place on March the 8th. However, International Women's Day is not just a celebration of the heroic work that women have done in the past. Its real significance lies in its challenge. What are we doing today? What will we be doing tomorrow?

In San Francisco, our work among the women must first of all reach the women in and close to the trade union movement, even more than it has in the past. The women whose husbands are trade unionists must be organized into auxiliaries. And these auxiliaries must be more than social clubs; they must become a part of the trade union movement, participating in its struggles and campaigns.

Maritime Strike

The splendid work that was done by the auxiliaries on the waterfront during the recent Maritime Strike, where the women became a recognized part of the strike apparatus, is just an indication of the role which women can play when they are organized.

With the wave of sit-down strikes which is sweeping this country, it is important that auxiliaries be built. Even more than ever before, the women are directly effected by these strikes, with a quota of $50 union movement. It is our task to help them get organized!

Today it is very rarely that women are barred from the trade union movement. However, their special problems as workers are often pushed to the background. More attention must be paid to the miserably low wages and long working hours the women are forced to accept.

Legislation

The national and state legislation which is proposed from time to time to cover these abuses, at least to some extent, must receive more support. The women in the trade unions must be better mobilized on these matters, and their sisters in the auxiliaries must back them up.

It is especially the most women have a hatred for war. This hatred must be transformed into a concrete struggle to prevent war. It is not enough that women read newspaper articles about the gathering war clouds. Women must be given a unified voice so that their shout against war will make the war mongers stop and listen!

Just as fast as the workers get higher wages for themselves, the capitalists try to take it away from them by raising prices. The San Francisco Fair is also being used as an excuse to boost prices. If they continue at the present rate, by the time the Fair actually takes place, the have to move out and hand the workers and their families will town over to the tourists.

Who knows this any better than the women? It is they who do most of the buying. Already, even in the capitalist press, there are signs of rebellion against this highway robbery. It is our responsibility to see that a struggle is organized. We must be alert to the needs of workers, both men and women.

The mobilization of the women in the trade union movement, and in the fight against war and the struggle against the high cost of living is not the responsibility of only a few women. It is the responsibility of each and every man and woman who would see the working class movement of America in a professional organization which shall function as an effective social force in the service of the people to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property rights."

Lawyers Also See Fit to Organize— "For Human Rights

WASHINGTON. — Electing former Chief Justice Guy Mallory, Minnesota Supreme Court Devaney as temporary president, naming a progressive board, and adopting a constitution and declaration of principles, delegates to the first convention of the Lawyers' Guild decided their course today.

"The National Lawyers Guild aims to unite the lawyers of America in a professional organization which shall function as an effective social force in the service of the people to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property rights."

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Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

The Accountant

By REB. RANEY

Figures held a session;
Books revealed their song;
Sad it was—unbalanced.
Discord. What was wrong?

Zeros spoke for nations;
Other figures prayed;
Then a deuce exploded:
"What we need is AID."

Time, the Great Accountant,
Came and saw and frowned.
Should he mend their errors,
Prove their ways unsound?

Time went on, in silence.
Man must do a feat:
Bring order out of chaos
And right his Balance-Sheet.

Santa Clara Cannery Organizing Drive Off With a B

MANY SIGN UP AT BIG MASS MEET

Big Guns Unlimbered In Main Center Of Canneries

SAN JOSE—"It would be a crime if you did not organize when the 54 unions in San Jose are absolutely behind you," stated Dr. Facci, president of the Labor Educational Board. "We workers of the world have the same thing in common and we must join together if we are to realize a state of peace, freedom and prosperity."

Need of Organizing

Assembled in the Labor Temple to discuss organization were over 200 cannery workers who came to hear Earl Moorehead, president of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council; Marcella Ryan, organizer of the Oakland Cannery Workers' Union; John L. Anderson, secretary of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council; Lloyd Lehmenn, secretary of the San Jose Cannery Workers' Union, and Kasper Bowers, international organizer of the Butchers' Union and chairman of the mass meeting.

"San Jose is the center of the Canning and packing of fruits of the world," explained Lloyd Lehmenn, secretary of the Cannery Workers' Union No. 20325. "We have in this valley 38 canneries—20 of which are located here in San Jose. We have 39 dried fruit companies and 66 fresh fruit concerns in Santa Clara valley. Our Cannery Workers' Union shall take in all of the workers, which number over 35,000."

Marcella Ryan, organizer of the Oakland Cannery Workers' Union, explained that: "In Oakland now we are striking against the Heinz Food Corporation and we can't lose because we have 4500 warehousemen and 2500 teamsters behind us. After realizing that the average wage for cannery workers is less than 50 dollars per month, then you will go out and make yourself an organizer so at your next meeting you will have 2000 workers present instead of 200."

"We are fighting the banks and nobody else," exclaimed Earl Moorehead, president of the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County. "I know—I was in Salinas and saw what happened there. It is the profit system that causes child labor and it was the organized labor movement that made possible free education."

The meeting closed with the speakers receiving a tremendous ovation from the cannery workers and a large part of those present joined the Santa Clara County Cannery Workers' Union No. 20325.

Culinary Union In San Jose Gets Ahead Fast Now

SAN JOSE—The Bartenders' and Culinary Workers' Union, Local 180, San Jose, is laying plans for its spring drive. Last year Local 180 started out with one hundred and twenty-five members. At the present time the local has three hundred and fifty-six members. This large amount of new members was gained through progressive action.

New agreements are being drawn up at the present time to be presented to the employers in the near future. They are asking for wage increases and job control.

Douglas Aircraft Strike Notes

Mrs. Ed Weber reported that she spoke before the league of Women Shoppers. The support of these women was so enthusiastic that they immediately dug into their purses to the tune of $53. They promised to send food as soon as possible and asked whether they could join the picket line. Let's give them a hand.

Brother Walter N. Wells, Vice President of the United Automobile Workers, who came here from Detroit to tell us that the CIO is with us 100 percent in our fight, spoke last night. He said that the CIO of some two million members placed every resource within its power at our disposal to win this fight. "But," he said, "the fight must be won on the picket line by Douglas men and women. Brother Wells spoke at some length about the CIO and its purposes.

Back Among His Brother Union Men

LAWRENCE SIMPSON, in the West now on a national tour, is here shown telling seamen's union members in New York about his experiences in a Nazi prison.

BUZZELL DOES HIS DARNDEST TO HURT THE STRIKE OF AIRCRAFT

(This report was received too late for the last issue. It deals with the meeting of last week.)

LOS ANGELES—Buzzell presented a resolution calling for a committee of three to visit District Attorney Fitts to "demand an explanation" for his action in obtaining indictments against the sit-down strikers.

"Because Buron Fitts has been for so many years supported by the Los Angeles Labor movement," was Buzzell's reason for the resolution.

When Delegate Pellman proposed an amendment which called a "strong protest" to be registered by the Council, Buzzell opposed it on the grounds that he would make his visit strong enough.

A final compromise was reached when Buzzell agreed to incorporate a suggestion of Delegate Baron of the Fur Workers' Union, which called for the committee to "sharply protest" to Fitts. The resolution was unanimously carried.

Following a lengthy talk by Secretary of the Central Labor Council J. W. Buzzell, in which he termed the sit-down strike at the Douglas Aircraft plant a "deliberate trap," and a "strike pulled by a small minority," a resolution calling upon the Council to "support the sit-down strikers" was referred to the Executive Board by a vote of 108-85.

Presented by a delegate from the Santa Monica Painters' Union, the resolution provoked heated discussion. Delegate after delegate arose in support of it, pointing out that regardless of any dispute that may exist between the CIO and the AFL, the aircraft workers were out on strike and it was the duty of the Council to support them.

Pellman Applauded

Thunderous applause and overwhelming approval greeted a talk by Delegate Pellman of the Millmen's Union, who pointed out that the preservation of unity in the labor movement in Los Angeles depended on the entire movement supporting the present strike at the Douglas plant.

Arising to speak for the first time on the resolution, Buzzell declared: "I had hoped that this wouldn't come up tonight."

He then launched into a vicious attack on the strike. He said that it was a failure, had done immeasurable damage to the local labor movement and placed the blame for it entirely on the shoulders of its leaders.

When however, it became apparent that Buzzell's talk had done little to damage the enthusiastic spirit of solidarity that existed in the Council—demonstrated by the number of delegates who continued to speak in favor of he resolution. Delegate Mae Stoneman of the Waitress' Union, arose to make her usual motion to "refer to the executive board."

Provoking more discussion that steadily seemed to sweep the tide of favor away from Buzzell and his machine, many delegates protested this motion of Delegate Stoneman's.

Need All Labor's Support

One of the leaders of the aircraft strike, and organizer of the United Rubber Workers of America, Bob Roberts, spoke to defeat the motion to refer and emphasized the necessity for the urgent support of all labor to be put behind the aircraft workers' strike.

A vote for the "previous question" was taken to be passed by 138-51. Here, on a request for "personal privilege," Secretary Buzzell arose again and redoubled his attack on the original resolution.

"Ths strike was called," he stated, "to block an organizational drive among the aircraft workers being carried on by the Central Labor Council."

He declared that he and his friends on the executive board had been "investigating" the strike, had been "circulating" around through the strikers, and had found that the greatest majority of the men were against the strike.

In complete contradiction to the true facts, Buzzell said that a vote taken a few days ago had showed that 97 per cent of the men were in favor of returning to work. That this was entirely incorrect is shown by the fact that in that vote, only the Company union, the Douglas Employees' Association, voted.

None of the strikers, or the union members participated in the balloting. He furthermore declared that it was a secret ballot, when the facts show that the men were forced to vote with their pay-roll numbers identified on the ballot.

When Buzzell finished speaking, it was close to eleven o'clock, no one else was allowed to talk, and the final vote was in favor of referring the resolutio nto the executive board.

Earlier in the evening, Buzzell had announced that the executive board had reached a decision on a motion made the previous week by Mae Stoneman to put the Council into secret "executive session indefinitely."

He declared that in the future the last two rows of the Council would be reserved for visitors, that voting cards were to be provided for delegates. He further said that if any unauthorized versions of the meetings are published—since he knows "that the delegates wouldn't do it"—he would ask for executive session.

Another resolution presented by Buzzell was adopted which proposed to memorialize the State Legislature to conduct an investigation into the uses to which depositors' money is put by Los Angeles banks.

Stating that there is strong evidence that the banks in Los Angeles are lending their money to the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association for it to carry on its anti-labor activities, and that this lending is strictly illegal, the resolution called upon the legislature to conduct a thorough investigation.

J. W. Gillette of the Musicians' Union, who had been appointed a delegate to attend the Committee for Freedom of Mooney and Billings, reported on the committee's meeting last February 21.

He made a stirring appeal for labor "officially" to get behind the drive to free Mooney. He showed that the whole future of the labor movement in California depended on the success of the present drive.

Bldg. Trades In Big L.A. Rally

LOS ANGELES—As part of the concerted organizational drive under way by the Building Trades Council here, a mass rally was held in the Labor Temple, Wednesday evening, March 3rd.

Hundreds of workers in the building trades were present as a result of the slogan adopted by the union members: every member a committee of one to contact those outside the union.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY MAKING WEALTHY PAY

Minn. Shows How Peoples Party Can Benefit Masses

(We print the news item below to show Californians what happens when a Farmer-Labor Party gains control of a legislature, as is the case in Minnesota.)

ST. PAUL—The Farmer-Labor tax program is now before the state legislature. It includes far-reaching tax revisions based upon "ability to pay."

Tax measures have been carefully worked out in conjunction with Gov. Elmer A. Benson's office. It was Benson who said, in his inaugural address this winter: "If you adopt a tax revision program in accordance with ability to pay, we need have no fear that the state will be unable to meet all of its obligations to its citizens."

Thus the theme for tax laws has been laid along the Farmer-Labor program of betterment of the living conditions of the workers and farmers in the state. During the 1936 campaign the Republicans first accepted, then repudiated under a storm of remonstrance, a tax program based upon a general sales tax. Currently, the opposition to taxation based upon ability to pay is offering the Republican sales tax program, disguised under a "gross income tax" which one tax expert declares is the most vicious form of tax ever imposed in this or any other state.

Make Wealthy Pay

It is a tax upon gross receipts under which a consumer would pay a sales tax not once but three times. It is based upon the idea of taxing property instead of wealth.

On the other hand, the administration's proposals would increase taxes on public utilities, mining companies which have never paid their just share, inheritances, high incomes, and chain stores. Gross earnings of railroads, pipe lines and all public utilities will be taxed at a higher rate than at present, if the Farmer-Labor program carries.

Meanwhile, bills to benefit the people have been introduced by party leaders and others, one calling for reductions in rural credit rates to 3 per cent, another outlawing deficiency judgments, and a third, of special interest to farmers, exempting a greater proportion of livestock from tax valuation.

Winding up the tax innovations is a concurrent resolution urging passage of a federal constitutional amendment prohibiting issuance of tax-exempt securities. The resolution states: "The purchasers of tax-exempt securities are avoiding their fair share of taxes, and such securities are purchased by those best able to pay taxes."

Other events on the Farmer-Labor front: Introduction of a bill setting up a new department of public welfare—the unemployed person in need of relief no longer to be treated as one requiring special care, as do orphans and the insane, but rather is considered a victim of a faulty social order.

Gov. Benson has asked the LaFollette Committee to investigate the former Citizens' Alliance of Minneapolis to determine whether that employers' body hired thugs and labor spies during the recent labor ferments.

The conservative senate is holding up the seed loan bill, by which farmers would be able to obtain seed for spring planting, but pressure from the rural areas is about to get some action.

Spokane WPA Sit-Downers Spirited

SPOKANE, Wash.—Refusing to leave WPA headquarters until their demands are met, 300 WPA workers stuck solid in their sit-down-strike, which started Feb. 23.

They were unmindful of hard floors and benches, but whiled away the time playing cards, reading and just talking.

The sitdowners asked for additional WPA job opportunities and recognition of the Workers Alliance as sole collective bargaining agency.

"We'll stay here until some of us get as grey-haired and bald as some of you WPA officials," Edgar Lehman, an Alliance leader, said.

Picket in the Air

SANTA MONICA. — Jack Barrett, young Douglas aircraft striker is going to fly a small sport plane, to picket the sky over the big Douglas aircraft plant, while his fellow-strikers picket the ground below.

Highlights at San Jose Cannery Meet

(IN SAN JOSE, FEB. 24)

Earl Moorehead:

"I am not only a butcher, but a cannery worker too. I got my start in the Canneries in Santa Clara County—years ago, and had to work from 7 a. m. to 12 midnight to get money for my school books.

"Twenty-four hours a day is not enough for me to organize in. I wish the days were longer for me.

"Everybody sees the profit system in all parts of the world and realizes what it is.

"It is good business for the employer when he buys our labor, but it is not good business for us.

"You are going to fight the banks here, as they did in Salinas. Are you ready! We are!

"We are not afraid of the banks or Chief Black. In fact, we invited him here, but I don't see him present.

"You, yourselves, must determine if you want to organize or not. We'll put fifty-four organizations and the Central Labor Council behind the Cannery Workers."

Marcella Ryan:

"You have twenty thousand cannery workers in Santa Clara County. We have only 15,000 in Oakland. We are organizing them and you can do it too! We had many, many problems and obstacles thrown in our path in Oakland, but we have learned to organize and combat the vicious propaganda of the Canners' League.

"The government says that each family should have an income of $1800 a year, but statistics show that the agriculture and cannery workers receive an average of $50 per month.

"We cannot lose in Oakland, because we have 2500 warehousemen and 1500 teamsters behind us.

"Heinz Cannery in Oakland had a spotless record before, but it sure has a black eye now.

"Heinz has always advertised its 57 varieties—well it has 58 now—the addition is a good fighting union—and that is the best variety of all."

John J. Anderson:

"All of the labor movement in California is backing up the agriculture workers."

Lloyd Lehmenn:

"Santa Clara County is the largest canning, packing and shipping center in the world and we are going to organize it.

"The unions here have formed a Committee for Agricultural Organization (CAO) who are backing the organizing work and financing it.

"We have an agricultural paper printed here in San Jose—official organ of the CAO; The Farmer-Labor News, only agriculture workers paper in California.

"We shall take in field workers, orchard workers, and cannery workers in our union.

"The workers themselves are the only ones who can raise their wages. Nobody else can do it. You must band together in a union and work as one.

"Workers in this basic industry of Santa Clara County must join together in a union and form a united front with the rest of the labor movement."

Expulsion Notice

The State Executive Committee of the Communist Party has expelled Harry and Adeline Jacobson, from the Party on recommendation of the San Bernardino Section.

Harry Jacobson was removed as Section Organizer by decision of a general membership meeting of the Party, because of his pleading guilty to the police for distributing leaflets in Riverside.

He and his wife failed to give a satisfactory explanation to the membership on a number of suspicious circumstances, regarding activity, and refused to cooperate in an investigation of same.

All Party members and working class organizations are warned to have nothing to do with these suspicious characters.

State Executive Committee,
Communist Party, USA

PAINTERS IN OK TO DRIVE FOR 6 HOURS

Vote is 281 to 1 for Endorsing Plan For Less Hours

SAN FRANCISCO.—The fight for a 6-hour day in the building trades here took another step forward here recently, when Painters Local 1158 voted, 281 to 1, for the 6-hour day resolution, originated by the Building Trades 6-Hour Conference.

At least 14 locals had previously endorsed the resolution, which is the subject of a referendum of building locals.

The meeting was attended by about 300, and was one of the most enthusiastic the Painters have ever had. The meeting also approved the report of the delegates to the Peoples Legislative Conference in Sacramento.

L.A. Council Lauds LaFollette Probe

LOS ANGELES—Lauding the work of the La Follette Senatorial Investigating Committee and demanding its continuation with an increased appropriation of $200,000, a resolution to this effect has been adopted by the Central Labor Council.

The resolution was adopted in answer to a similar one proposed by the International Longshoremen's Association in San Pedro. It stressed the importance of investigating the labor situation in Southern California.

Score Attack On Youth Pilgrimage

WASHINGTON.—"Police action terminating in the arrest of William W. Hinckley national chairman of the American Youth Congress and Abbot Simon, legislative director, at the American Youth Act Pilgrimage to Washington, at the end of our orderly parade was entirely unjustified," announced the National Council of the American Youth Congress which met directly after the parade.

Hinckley said, "There was no sit down strike on the part of youth, on the contrary we were very much on the move."

The alleged "sit down strike" occurred after 4500 youth from all parts of the country paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue up to the White House to present a million signatures to the President demanding passage of the Youth Act.

Hinckley explained, "It seems the papers and police are a bit jittery over the success of the workers and when we told the groups at the parade to rest until the petitions could be brought up from blocks away, the impression created apparently, was that we had quietly occupied West Executive Avenue, that is, quietly, until the motorcycle police began riding through the delegates."

Charges against Hinckley were dropped at the request of President Roosevelt, who remarked, "I was arrested 5 times in one day in Germany."

Grieve For Death of Leo Alper, L.A. Union Painter

LOS ANGELES.—To Mary Alper, member of Unit C-1, Goodyear Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, send their deepest sympathy in memory of the death of her husband, and their comrade, Leo Alper, who died Tuesday, February 16.

Heart failure brought about by over-work was the cause of his death. Comrade Alper, a member of the Painters' Union, had worked all day Monday, through two shifts. With no signs of illness when he returned home in the evening, he ate a normal dinner, went to bed early, and never awakened. He was buried Saturday, February 20.

Always an enthusiastic worker, and whole-heartedly devoted to the cause of the workers, Unit C-1 feels keenly this loss of its comrade.

(Signed, Unit C-1, Goodyear Section, Communist Party, Los Angeles County.)

FARMER-LABOR SLATE

CHICAGO.—A full ticket for the April township elections was selected by 250 Norwood Park residents, and launched by the Farmer-Labor Club, with a 50-50 chance conceded against the Re-

An Open Shopper On Spot

SAN FRANCISCO—The Citizen's Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picket Ordinance has called the bluff of Mr. Norman Elkington, of the so-called Civil Welfare League, that picketing is violent, and has challenged him to appear at the big mass meeting this Sunday.

Read what the Citizen's Committee has to say to Mr. Elkington:

Mr. Norman Elkington,
General Chairman,
Civic Welfare League of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California.
My Dear Sir:

In view of the grave social consequences involved in the question of repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, we are of the firm opinion that the public must be completely informed of the issue which they will decide at the special election on March 9. To this end the Citizen's Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance is holding a large mass meeting at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, March 7, at 2:30 p. m.

Position of Labor

Such prominent trade union leaders as Mr. Henry Schmidt and Mr. George Kidwell, and such civic leaders as the Reverend Dillon Throckmorton and Mr. Aubrey Grossman, attorney, have agreed to be on the platform to present the position of labor and the professionals on this issue.

The Civic Welfare League has made the blanket charge that picketing is violent. It has extensively used quotations from President Roosevelt in its advertising, intentionally giving the false impression that the President is opposed to the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance.

In a telegram addressed to Mr. Edward P. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, Mr. Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, has stated:

"I am officially directed to inform you that the statement issued by the President on March 25, 1934, dealt with the automobile situation and had no relation whatever to picketing, peaceful or otherwise. Picketing was in no way involved in the controversy. The sentence being used on advertisement quoted referred only and solely to forms of employe organizations and representation. To any otherwise is misrepresentation."

(Signed) Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

We therefore issue to you this public challenge to appear at the forthcoming meeting on March 7, 1937, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, and there to publicly defend the position of the Civic Welfare League.

Copies of this challenge have been sent to the press.

Very truly yours,
The Citizen's Committee for Repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance.

Lemon Pickers In Ventura Walkout

VENTURA.—Aroused over a reduction in bonuses, 125 lemon pickers have struck against the Fillmore Lemon Association.

The reduction was from 15 cents a box for all over 10 boxes to 12 cents a box to all over 14 boxes.

The Associated Farmers of Los Angeles County makes a reduction in bonuses annually this time of the year, but the lemon pickers do not propose to stand for it any longer.

L.A. Labor Behind Change in Court

LOS ANGELES—A resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's proposed changes in the Supreme Court has been enthusiastically adopted by the Central Labor Council here.

Wage Increase For Asbestos Workers

PITTSBURGH, Calif. — Two hundred Johns-Mansville Asbestos Co. employees have been granted a 5 cents an hour wage increase. It is the result of organized labor's march in Contra Costa County.

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Western Worker

PEOPLE'S CHAMPION OF LIBERTY, PROGRESS AND PEACE

New Features — Reminiscences of Calif. Labor—Page 4; Workers History of Calif.,—P. 7

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Strike on WPA Looms

Alliance Joint Strike Committee Is Elected

Threatened with the laying off of 28,700 workers from WPA in California and the possible complete shut-down of SERA following drastic cuts in the rolls ordered by the California State Relief Commission February 27 the Workers Alliance Executive Committees of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties have decided that strike action on the threat of it is the only means to prevent wholesale cutting of relief.

A Joint Strike Committee has been elected composed of ten members, five from each side of the bay.

Cardinal Demands

Two cardinal demands are being raised, for a 10 per cent raise and no layoffs on WPA.

Other demands are for a $5,000,000 emergency appropriation from the legislature and trade union rates of pay, with a minimum rate of 75 cents per hour.

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CIO Spreads Work of Organizing Calif.

California power workers will be organized into the CIO, on industrial lines, according to an announcement by President Glasson of the executive board of the Utility Gas and Electric Workers' Union, which has affiliated with the United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union.

At a meeting of PG&E workers, Classon said, 3000 men pledged to join the union. Organizers will sign up Southern California Edison and Midland Counties workers as well as PG&E.

Formation of an East Bay CIO committee is announced. It will organzie steel, auto, oil and other industries. Frank Slaby of the Auto Workers is chairman; Pat Lydon, vice-chairman; James Smith, Machinists 284, director, and Miles Humphreys, secretary.

Slaby said the committee does not regard itself as dual to the AFL, but will cooperate with all craft and other AFL groups in organization work.

Charges against Slaby and Humphreys, arrested last week on vagrancy charges in a crude frameup attempt, have been dismissed.

The two CIO organizers may sue Thorvald Brown for false arrest.

Eureka to Ballot On Water System

EUREKA—This city will ballot March 30 on a proposed bond issue to provide an additional $625,000 to complete the city's Mad River water system, now under construction.

It is not yet known whether attempts once made to halt the work, led by ex-state senator Nelson, will again be made.

SPAIN READY TO BEAT OFF MASS ATTACK

New Troops Brought To Madrid Front From Malaga

MADRID—Unified defenses on the Central Front stand ready to meet an expected major Fascist assault on Madrid.

Eighteen thousand Italian troops have been brought up to the front from Malaga and Bilbao. The loyalist command announced that it is expecting the assault as soon as weather permits it.

Meanwhile, government artillery was clearing out the last of the Fascist forces which had barricaded themselves in the Clinico hospital on the outskirts of Madrid.

Fascist air attacks continued on the Jarama front southeast of Madrid and in a wide semicircle around Madrid.

The government destroyer Jose Luis Diez beat off an insurgent cruiser and captured an Esthonian vessel which was reported carrying munitions for the Fascists, with the cruiser in escort. The capture took place off the coast of Bilbao.

Doubt Cargo Lost

WASHINGTON—Persons close to the Spanish government, declared they doubted that the Mar Cantabrico's cargo of planes and munitions were lost when the ship was sunk. They said a definite plan had been made to transfer the cargo at sea to another ship, to trick the Fascists.

INSIST WEAVER RETRACT LIES

California Communist Party Hits Slander

A public retraction has been demanded by the Communist Party of California, of Joseph B. Weaver, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, who in Copeland Act hearings last week asserted the Party had participated in a sea murder plot.

A wire branding the Weaver statement false has been sent to Congressman Sirovich. The wire follows:

March 7, 1937.
Congressman William Sirovich,

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Richmond Meet by Peoples Lobby

MARTINEZ—A mass meeting in Richmond on March 19 will carry forward the work of the newly-formed Contra Costa Peoples Legislative Conference.

The meeting was planned by the executive board last Friday. A finance and publicity committee has been elected and leaflets explaining the aims of the conference will be issued on a mass scale. Letters will be sent to all unions and civic organizations inviting affiliation to the conference.

Senator De Lap and Assemblyman Suwallisch will be invited to speak in Richmond and endorse the Legislative conference bills.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 13

SOUTH POLE is discovered by Amundsen, Norwegian explorer.

SAN FRANCISCO — Central Labor Council to oppose merger of two telephone companies.

MARCH 14

SAN FRANCISCO—Olaf A. Tveitmoe and Eugene A. Clancy, labor leaders, take steps to fight extradition to Indianapolis in dynamiting frameup.

MARCH 15

LOS ANGELES — A Burns agent named McLaren reports that J. B. McNamara is threatened with death due to heavy work in the San Quentin jute mill.

A Lesson in the Need for a Farmer-Labor Party

SITDOWN STRIKERS at the Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. plant, Waukegan, Ill., exhibit the injunction which ordered them to leave the plant. They stayed in, until $3000 worth of vomit gas was used by local police to evict them and all union members were ordered arrested. They saw Democratic and Republican party judges, city officials and county officials work against them at every turn—and it was a lesson in the need for a Farmer-Labor Party, whose office-holders would not issue or enforce injunctions, nor use the police against the unions.

Green Edict Filed in S.F., Kern County

Stinging Rebuke to Executive Council's Splitting Actions; CIO Achievements Lauded by Craft Unionists

WASHINGTON—A CIO meeting here, to start Tuesday, March 9, is expected to result in tremendously important decisions.

SACRAMENTO—The Central Labor Council in Sacramento has voted to file William Green's letter aimed at expulsion of the CIO unions from labor bodies.

BAKERSFIELD—Unanimously filed without comment!

Such was the scornful reply of the Kern County Central Labor Council to the letter from William Green ordering the disaffiliation of all unions affiliated with the CIO.

The delegates felt that the CIO unions have done nothing to warrant expulsion.

In Oakland, a motion to concur in President Green's attack on the CIO, was defeated in the Central Labor Council by a 3-1 voice vote, after an amendment to lay it on the table for two weeks was defeated 71-49. The letter on Green's expulsion from the UMWA was rejected by a 3-1 voice vote.

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Central Labor Council has administered a stinging rebuke to William Green's splitting policies, voting 4 to 1 to table Green's letter which in effect called for expulsion of CIO unions from state federations and central labor bodies.

The vote to file was 158 to 44. Most of the craft union delegates voted against Green's proposals.

See Through Plan

Under the guise of "renewing their pledge of loyalty to the AFL," the Green letter called for endorsement of "such actions as the facts may justify against any individuals or organizations extending support to any CIO organizations."

Secretary O'Connell immedi-

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Solons To Debate Mooney Pardon

SAN FRANCISCO — Herbert Resner, attorney and secretary of the San Francisco Bay Area AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, in a letter printed in Sunday's San Francisco Chronicle, denied charges of Attorney General U. S. Webb that an Assembly pardon for Mooney would be illegal.

Resner said:

"The constitution of California provides that 'neither the governor nor the legislature shall have power to grant pardons—in any case where the convict has been twice convicted of a felony unles upon written recommendation of a majority of the Judges of the Supreme

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HINT DOUGLAS FRAMEUP IN FITTS SHOOTING

But Few Are Fooled; Douglas Strikers Tighten Apparatus

(See Page 2 for Further Douglas News)

LOS ANGELES—Very few people are being kidded by the attempt to link up the shooting of District Attorney Buron Fitts with the Douglas Aircraft strike, or with "radicals."

Fitts' well known intimate connection with graft and racketeering gangs leaves little doubt as to who took the pot-shot at Fitts. The D. A. was struck in the forearm. The shooting was the work of four men in a car.

Fitts claims he received threatening calls after his arrest and indictment of 345 Douglas sit-down strikers. The so-called

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Probe on Power Co. Politics Shelved

SACRAMENTO—Thanks to influence among reactionary assamblymen, the power interests are breathing a bit easier today.

The Assembly Public Utilities Commision has voted to table a resolution calling for investigation of the political connections and rate structure of the power companies.

Assemblyman Patterson of King City introduced the resolution. Aim of the resolution was to obtain data as a basis for legislation in 1939 for state aquisition of utilities.

NEVADA COUNTY VIGILANTES IN ANTI CIO MOVE

Smeltermen's Union Fast Organizing Ore Diggers

GRASS VALLEY—The vigilantes are threatening to tar, feather and otherwise terrorize again.

This time, they're being led by the Chamber of Commerce, against the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, which is fast organizing Nevada County's 2000 miners.

About 7000 vigilantes held a midnight meeting in Memorial Hall last Friday.

Loyle Freeman, president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, presided at the meeting. He said the vigilantes will concentrate their efforts against Mine, Mill and Smelter local 283, the Twin Cities local.

The vigilantes showed in whose

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U.S. Strike Wave Is Intensified

While craft union leaders on the AFL Executive Council further expressed their futility by threatening a boycott against goods made by members of all CIO unions intensity of the nation-wide strike wave grew.

New sit-down strikes began in Chevrolet plants in Flint, Michigan. The strike of 2500 steel workers in Bethlehem Steel plants at Lebanon threatened to extend to nearby Steelton. The steel workers demand CIO recognition. The strike spread to iron mines at Cornwall.

In Oakland, six Warehousemen's Union pickets were arrested when strikers and scabs clashed at the California Packing Co. Monday.

In San Francisco a strike of 800 Yellow Taxi employees seemed averted only by granting of a $4.50 scale.

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BRIDGES QUITS S. F. HOSPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO—Here's news to cheer the maritime workers!

Harry Bridges has left St. Luke's Hospital, where for almost three weeks he has been undergoing treatment for stomach ulcers which were aggravated by arduous duties in the 99-day maritime strike.

Political Kidnap in L.A.

City Hall Gang Tries To Keep Johnson Off Ballot

LOS ANGELES — Charging fraud, menace and duress, Grover Johnson, well-known labor attorney and candidate for City Council, 13th District, secured a writ of mandamus last Saturday in Appellate court, ordering City Clerk Dominguez to place Johnson's name on the ballot or show cause on Tuesday, March 9, why he has not done so.

Dominguez disqualified Johnson March 2, claiming 115 sig-

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Vallejo Endorses Agriculture Plan

VALLEJO—The Vallejo Central Labor Council has gone on record as endorsing the program adopted by the delegates to the recent State Federation of Labor's state agricultural conference.

The Contra Costa Central Labor Council has taken the same action.

The Vallejo Council pledged to endorse the work of the conference financially and morally.

AGREE SEAMEN MAY TURN DOWN COPELAND BOOK

Certificate Can't Contain Entries of Record

WASHINGTON — Provisions that seamen may accept or reject the Copeland continuous discharge books at will, without discrimination by the shipowner, were agreed upon here as a final solution to the dispute over the "fink" books.

As an alternative seamen may accept a certificate containing photo, fingerprints, and other means of identification, but no entries of any sort, such as regarding record.

Such a recommendation will be made to the House by the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, as a proposal satisfactory to the government and rank and file seamen. Sen Royal Copeland, author of the act calling for the "fink" books, was reported agreeable to the proposal, thus assuring passage in the Senate.

At hearings before the House committee at which representatives of the rank and file seamen, and government officials testified, the seamen contended that the Copeland books constitute a blacklist of union men.

SENATE GROUP IS FOR OIL PIRACY

SACRAMENTO—A senate investigating committee is proposing that big oil companies be given a free hand in piracy of tideland oil lands owned by the State.

The committee recommends that the State carry out agreements with trespassing oil companies drilling on state tidelands.

No recommendation was made that the State do its own drilling, as was demanded by Senator Culbert Olsen of Los Angeles.

Western Worker Drive

Speedy Work Needed in Drive

An open letter from the State Committee of the Communist Party to all readers of the WESTERN WORKER, points out the need for speedy results in the $12,000 drive. It follows:

Dear Western Worker Reader:

Hundreds of you, who are not organizationally connected with the Communist Party, welcome every issue of the "Western Worker." You read with interest of the ever-increasing struggles of the labor movement. You follow eagerly the historic developments in the people's struggle against Fascism. You have come to realize that the "Western Worker" is a friend, whose absence you would sorely miss.

Amidst the deluge of lies and slanders so freely poured forth by Hearst and his allies, what other paper can you find that honestly reflects the problems of the worker in industry and agriculture What other papers so devisively tore away the veil of misrepresentation with which the recently-won Maritime Strike was shrouded in the capitalist press? What other paper has given you the real significance of the world-shaking struggle between

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Vandeleur's $163 Watch Turns Out To Be Non-Union

SAN FRANCISCO — Would you call this irony?

The $163 watch presented recently by the officers of Labor Council to Ed Vandeleur on his retirement as president, now turns out to be a non-union watch.

What's more, the Jewelry Workers' Union delegate in the Council reports that the watch could have been bought in a union house.

LEO GALLAGHER ASKS FITTS SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS REGARDING DOUGLAS ARRESTS

The D.A. Uses the Law in Strange Ways, To Suit the Convenience of the Interests Whose Lickspittle He Happens to Be

LOS ANGELES—Protesting the vicious grand jury indictment that District Attorney Buron Fitts obtained to arrest 345 aircraft strikers at the Douglas plant last Thursday, Leo Gallagher, famous International Labor Defense attorney has written the following letter to Fitts:

"I observe from the press that you got all heated up about defending the Constitution. It is common knowledge in the United States that for years, while civil liberties were being raped here in Los Angeles, you had nothing to say. You allowed the Los Angeles Police Department to scrap the Bill of Rights. But as soon as property rights are involved, you immediately get into a lather.

Strange Contrast

"Last summer I tried to get your office to do something towards protecting individuals who were beaten up in the Sheriff's substations. Through handy cooperation of your office, identication of the responsible deputy sheriffs at the Whittier substation was made impossible, and your chief deputy refused to issue John Doe warrants, because such a thing would be illegal.

"It is strange how flexible the law is when you can get out hundreds of John Doe warrants when property rights are involved.

"You require $1,000 bail for responsible workmen, whose only offense is that they are attempting to establish a minimum standard of living so as to be able to support wives and children. A $10 bail would be adequate in such a case. To require $1,000 bail from striking workers is again to violate constitutional guaranties.

"You received the endorsement of the Labor fakirs of Los Angeles on the theory that you were a worthy candidate for the office of District Attorney.

Basing your judgment on the endorsement of the reactionary forces such as the Los Angeles Times, you may think that you are getting places, but be assured "The old order changeth, giving place to new" and it will not be long before you and the other public officials who ignore human rights to protect property rights will be relegated to the limbo of forgotten men."

JUDGE IN L. A. AFFIRMS UNION STRIKE RIGHTS

Thrifty Drug Order For Injunction Is Flatly Denied

LOS ANGELES—In a decision constituting a sweeping indictment of the vicious restraining injunctions that have been ordered recently against organized labor, Judge Henry Willis, Superior Court, has denied Thrifty Drug Stores' petition for a permanent restraining order against the Pharmacists' Union, local 840.

Union Determined

With the denial of the petition automatically dissolving the temporary restraining order given out by Superior Court Judge Ruben Schmidt last December 14, the Pharmacists announce greater concentration of effort and a determination to carry on the strike against the unfair Thrifty Stores.

Outlining the rights of labor in any dispute, Judge Willis pointed out that a union has the "right to strike and the right to picket."

Furthermore, the Judge declared that the union possesses the right to persuade workers to join the strike, to visit them at their jobs or at their homes, to carry placards on the picket line, to use newspapers as placards, to sell or give away these newspapers for information, and to conduct a primary or secondary boycott.

U. S. Strike Wave Is Intensified

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A sit-down at National Youth Administrative offices in San Francisco Monday ended when it was agreed that transfers to other projects would not entail a wage cut.

A strike of 350 wholesale butcher and egg employees in San Francisco is scheduled for next Monday unless 50c to 70c an hour and a 40-hour week is granted Butchers' Union members.

The 110 workers of USL Battery in Oakland won their 158-day strike when an 8-cents-an-hour wage increase was granted the Federal local members.

John P. Frey, head of the AFL Metal Trades Dept., reached the ultimate in treachery when he left for Pittsburgh to aid the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company union in its fight against the CIO.

Sit-down strikes in Detroit and Flint plants of Chrysler, Hudson and General Motors affected 75,000 workers. They were called to force speedy settlement of the demands of the United Auto Workers' Union, now in Negotiation.

The Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union in Seattle gave the employers one week to raise wages 10 cents an hour or face a general strike in Washington and Oregon, which would affect 75,000 workers.

Boston ILA members struck and won recognition on the Merchant and Miners docks. 400 men were out.

The tie-up of Akron's rubber industry is again threatened by sitdowners.

A strike of 8000 workers in Westinghouse Electric, Pittsburgh, looms, the workers demanding recognition of the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union.

The 2500 Chicago Yellow and Checker tax strikers have petitioned the CIO for affiliation.

Eight hundred continue on strike at the Illinois Watch Case plant, Elgin, Ill. These are but a fraction of the many strikes now going on throughout the country.

Girl sit-downers in Detroit Woolworth stores have won pay raises.

GREAT TASKS

VICE-PREMIER Valery Mezhlauk, outstanding Soviet economist, who succeeds the late Gregory K. Ordzhonikidze as Commisar of Heavy Industry. He has traveled extensively in U. S. and is well acquainted with American industrial technique.

Solons to Debate Pardon to Mooney

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Court.' It therefore follows, by implication, that the legislature has power to pardon a person only once convicted of a felony. Particularly has the legislature the power to pardon where the power is not expressly prohibited to it under the principle that the legislature has all powers not denied it."

SACRAMENTO—Assembly debate will begin Wednesday over a resolution caling for a legislative pardon to Tom Mooney.

The resolution is expected to go through the Assembly, but to strike a snag among the reactionary members of the Senate.

Mooney sympathizers deny the truth of Attorney-General Webb's statement that the legislature has no authority to pardon.

How Did "Queen Helen" Know?

LOS ANGELES—"I knew they wouldn't find us guilty," cried Mrs. Helen Werner last Friday night in a superior court room.

Maybe she did know, for the jury surprisingly brought in a "not guilty" verdict after four hours. Mrs. Pearl Matthewson, of Venice, a jury member, gave as reason for the acquittal that Joseph Weinblott, politician, turned stae's evidence!

The two Werners, "Petticoat Pete" and "Queen Helen," had been on trial for conspiracy to solicit a bribe. In a previous trial, a jury deadlocked 7-5 for acquittal.

Both Werners have long been prominent in the more shady side of the city's political life. Werner was formerly city attorney and his wife was such a notorious "string puller" that she early gained the title "Queen" among the city hall gang.

SAN FRANCISCO—When Abel (I-won't-talk) Ducayla refused to testify before the Police Commision trial of Patrolman David Dillon last Thursday night, Dillon was returned to his beat and his old badge, 810.

Ducayla had testified before the grand jury that Dillon took bribes to "protect" houses of prostitution, but because some one apparently "got to him" since that time, refused to testify in open court.

Strike Looms On Cal. WPA Jobs

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or all lower brackets.

More complete union recognition of the union and protection for job stewards are also demanded.

In Alameda County a strike "sentiment" vote is being taken and of the eleven locals that have already voted, one was two to one and all the others unanimous in favor of strike if necessary.

If the strike materializes it will immediately involve over 13,000 WPA workers in the three bay counties.

The rural districts are also talking strike and it may become a statewide action.

Union Pushes for Punishment in Bridge Crash

SAN FRANCISCO—There may be a desire on the part of the Pacific Bridge Co. and certain public officials to hush up the real facts relating to the cause of the Golden Gate Bridge crash two weeks ago, but Laborers' Union, Local 261 intends to see that those guilty of the murder of 10 union men are unearthed and punished.

Union Proves Co. Neglect

The union has already proven that victims were put to work on travelling scaffolds which did not have proper and enough safety bolts. No railings protected the scaffolds, and there was no tie-back or safety cable.

Criminal prosecution for the bridge deaths is demanded by the Laborers' Union through business agents Jack Leonard and J. L. Roche.

Three Laborers' Union members who miraculously escaped death in the disaster furnished evidence proving the above mentioned charges.

One, Jack Ledrick, says:

"I noticed some of the safety lock bolts were missing from the trolley hangers. I heard Wellman ask an iron worker known as Blackie, where the safety lock bolts were. Blackie replied that they hadn't all arrived yet."

Another laborer, Martin Adams, charges that bolts were missing.

If there were an unprejudiced hearing, the men's testimony would be available, union attorney Delaney says.

What becomes of the families of the dead men? Let business agent Leonard answer:

"Nothing will be paid for the deaths of single men whose bodies are lost, unless they had direct dependents. If one of the victims had sent $100 to his mother within the year, the mother would be allowed only three times that amount—$300.

"It is an erroneous idea that victims' families will receive $5000. That is the maximum. The compensation for deaths of the laborers, because their pay is less, would be around $3500. But even there the payment is only where dependency can be proved. Insurance companies get premiums on single men. Then they should pay for the loss of their lives."

REACTIONARIES IN SAN DIEGO FACE RECALL

Council Officers First Appointed, By Joe Casey

SAN DIEGO—Reactionary officials of the Federated Trade and Labor Council are faced with a recall election as a result of last Wednesday's meeting of the organization. The move was initiated by progressive unions which recently affiliated with the Council after a 14 months' boycott by a majority of the unions had reduced the Council to an ineffective and unrepresentative body.

Early in the meeting a letter was read requesting a recall election of all officers. It was signed by the Teamsters' Union, under the name of Jack Poteet, agent.

Bill Coffey, delegate of the Laborers' Union, who was last year voted a life membership in that organization in recognition of his oratorical talents, moved concurrence in the request.

It passed without opposition, indicating that the present officials of the Council realize that sufficient sentiment exists within the Council to oust them.

Immediately afterwards a motion was carried over feeble opposition, to adjourn the meeting.

First Appointed By Casey

Present officers of the Council were first appointed by Joseph Casey, past AFL Organizer for the Pacific Coast, and later "elected" to their offices by the clever expedient of barring progressive union from the organization. This was accomplished by demanding sums in per capita taxes which for some unions amounted to hundreds of dollars.

Among those scheduled to be removed from office is Albert G. Rogers, editor of the weekly Labor Leader for almost a score of years. Rogers, a former Socialist, has become a rabid reactionary and his removal has been demanded by progressives for the past two years.

It was the action of the Central Council in attempting to remove Rogers from his editorship a year ago, which resulted in the Council being dissolved by Joe Casey. Before progressive organizations would re-affiliate to the Council this year, they demanded and received assurances from Rowland Watson, present Pacific Coast AFL Organizer, that all present officials can be removed by a two-thirds vote of the organization.

Condemn Canadian Ban of "Western"

Barring of the Western Worker by the Canadian government has resulted in a strong protest from the Communist Party of California. The wire sent to Premier King follows:

Prime Minister McKenzie King Ottowa, Canada,

We have been informed by some of our Canadian subscribers that the Canadian Customs has barred the Western Worker from Canada. The Western Worker is the official organ of the Communist Party a legal political party in the United States and we strongly protest against this outrageous violation of democratic rights. We demand that this ban which smacks of Hitlerism be removed.

Wm Schneiderman,
Communist Party U.S.A.
121 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif.

A LETTER ON WESTERN WORKER

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democracy and fascism in Spain? What other paper has exposed the miserable Trotzkyist servants of fascism as bitter enemies of labor and would-be destroyers of the Soviet Union?

For five full years the "Western Worker" has lived and grown, through strikes and through teror always alert to help you and thousands of others by pointing the way to a better life. Now, the "Western Worker" needs your help; it cannot live unless you give it. $12,000 must be raised in the present financial drive to maintain the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker in 1937. Will you do your share?

Perhaps you feel that the small contribution you can afford will make no material difference. But it is the small contributions from thousands upon thousands of toiling men and women throughout California that will build the $12,000 fund so greatly needed. Send in your donation immediately. Set aside one-day's pay and contribute that. More, go to some of your friends who read the "Western Worker," and urge them to help. The State Committee of the Communist Party has undertaken a quota of $1,050 of the $12,000. We must go over the top in filling it, and we cannot do so without your support.

The "Western Worker" is the voice of the Communist Party calling for a united people's movement, a Farmer-Labor Party that will hurl the threat of war and the menace of fascism back into the faces of the reactionaries, pointing the road to peace, democracy and security. Do your part now, so that that voice may not be silenced! Mail in your contribution to me to 121 Haight St., San Francisco, Calif., to insure that the "Western Worker" will go forth to new thousands in California, guiding and helping them as it has helped you!

Anita Whitney, chairman of California State Committee, Communist Party.

Calif. Purchasers of Tear Gas, Guns Revealed in Inquiry

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—Dolbur and Carson Lumber Co.; Hammond Lumber Co.; Holmes Eureka Lumber Co.; Eureka Stevedoring Co.; Fairfield—Solano Company; Fillmore—Police Dept.; Fullerton—Police Dept.; Hayward—Police Dept.; Huntington Park—City; Inglewood—Northrop Corp.; Jackson—Amador County; King City—Police Dept.; Long Beach—Police Dept.; Los Angeles—Los Angeles County (nine sales); J. S. Stembridge, care Paramount Prod.; L. A. Railway Corp.; Marysville—Police Dept.

Yuba County—Maywood—Police Dept.; Montebello—City; Monterey—Police Dept.; Napa—Napa County; Oakland—City (three sales); Orange—Police; Oxnard—Police; Petaluma—Police; Pajarao—Monterey County; Reding—Police; Riverside—Riverside County; Sacramento—Sacramento County; State Highway Patrol; Salinas—Police Dept. ($10,268); Samoa—Hammond Lumber Co.; San Bernardino—San Bernardino County; San Diego—San Diego County.

San Francisco—American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.; Associated Terminal Co.; Ralph Hill; San Francisco Printing Co.; Schirmer Stevedoring Co.; (report also says "Federal Labs. letter dated July 23, 1934, from Oberdick to al Federal export agents states $30,000 sold during Longshoreman's strike," $16,000 of which was listed in an earlier exhibit); San Leandro—City; San Pedro—G. C. Carle, F. J. McGowen; San Rafael—Marin County, Police; Santa Ana—City; Orange County Santa Barbara—Santa Barbara County.

Douglas Aircraft

Santa Monica—City; Douglas Aircraft Co.; Socita—Pacific Lumber Co.; Signal Hill—Police Dept.; South Gate City—Stockton Department.

Vernon—Cornelius Bros., Ltd.; Visalia—California State Highway Patrol; Watsonville—Police; Westwood—Red River Lumber Co.; Wilmington—Captain Wm. Hynes, Police Dept.; Strike Detail (six sales); Yreka—Siskiyou County; Yuba City—Police; Sutter County.

Machine Guns

Six purchases of machine guns were said to have been made by industrial concerns in California. These were listed as follows:

M. Haiae, San Francisco, three; Idaho—Maryland Mines Co., Grass Valley, three.

The Standard Oil Company of California was reported to have purchased 22 sawed-off shotguns; the Los Angeles Railway Company, four; the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co., Alameda, one, and Los Angeles Gas & Electric Co., one.

The report listed purchase of three riot guns by the Banning Co. of Wilmington, and four by the Metropolitan Stevedore Co., also of Wilmington.

Bribery Rumors In Legislature

SACRAMENTO—Bribery rumors involving reactionary Republican and Democratic legislators, revolved around the bills providing for a second horse-race track in Southern California.

Lobbyists for this track were reported very active in the legislative halls and corridors.

Less Democratic

Democratic representation of the people in the State Legislature would be cut down under a constitutional amendment providing a one-house legislature, introduced by State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Los Angeles Democrat.

Olson's measure would establish 80 legislative districts for the one house, where now there are 80 Assembly Districts and 40 State Senate Districts.

H. E. POMEROY THROWS 1500 INTO STREETS

"Unemployable," So-Called, Left To Starve in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—"Let them starve!"

Thus, with his actions virtually amounting to this statement, State Relief Administrator, Harold E. Pomery has thrown 1500 aged and so-called unemployable people in Los Angeles County off relief rolls, onto the streets to await starvation.

Pomeroy's action, Los Angeles Superintendent of Charities Rev. Thomson declared, "violated the unwritten law of relief administration and amounts to throwing the persons into the streets."

Further spreading havoc and misery throughout the county, Pomeroy ordered that supplementary aid to 1500 WPA workers be discontinued. In the past workers with large families have received a little above their $55 monthly budgets in order to stave off complete starvation.

Thomson charged that Pomeroy made his ruthless decision in face of a 5-3 opposing vote of the State Relief Commission.

"The SRA made absolutely no provision for them to receive aid elsewhere. The move is contrary to humane principles," Thomson said.

"The SRA carried these cases for two years and gave us no notice whatsoever that they would be dropped," he continued. "Even if we were not faced with the probability of having to drop our current load of 53,000 persons from relief, we could not legally take many of these persons. As for those said to be eligible for old age pensions, it will take about five months for them to get pensions, if they are eligible."

Cal. Labor Bodies Reject CIO Ban

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ately moved that the letter be complied with, but Delegate Ernst, of the Culinary Crafts amended the motion, urging that the letter be filed.

Ernst stated that the letter court not be presented at a more inopportune time, "when the CIO has organized hundreds of thousands of the mass production industry workers.

"Our international is loyal to the AFL; our president is on the AFL executive board, but our rank and file has twice gone on record supporting the ideals of the CIO.

"Green, Woll, and Frey are in the same category in which the President has placed the superannuated members of the Supreme Court.

"Green is asking us to split our Labor Council wide open, nullifying all the efforts we in San Francisco have put in to organize workers, spurred on by the activities of the CIO.

"Are we going to submit to the dictates of the executive council in Washington to preserve their high salaried jobs?"

Delegate McLaughlin of the Teamsters, who recently visited Green in Washington to obtain the order grabbing most of the Warehousemen away from the ILA, demanded that Green's letter be complied with. He threatened that the Teamsters would bolt the Council if this was not done.

McLaughlin was loudly booed.

Among those speaking for the amendment to file were Delegates Shaw, ILA 38-79; Edminister, Laborers' 261; Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers.

Kidwell said the letter was very vague, but it was apparent that it was a "sounding board," indicating definitely what is in the minds of the executive council, to be followed by an order of dissassociation if they get enough councils behind them. I hope the CIO organizes every mass production industry in this country. I don't know what the attitude of the Teamsters' international representatives is, but I don't care!"

BOSTON—The Massachusetts State Federation of Labor has flatly rejected William Green's letter for expulsion of CIO unions. "All unions share in a common objective," the federation told Green.

Controller Riley in "Tough" Threat Against Jobless

SACRAMENTO — State Controller Harry B. Riley, in announcing dispatch of a special squad of auditors against so-called relief "chiselers," declared: "We are going to be tough about this."

CIO IN MINES, NEVADA COUNTY

Will Place Demand for 10 Per Cent Boost In Pay

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interests they are acting when they announced 100 per cent support for the Nevada County Mine Workers' Protective League, company union.

Grass Valley and Nevada City mine operators, due to the gains of the CIO, have just announced "recognition" of the company union.

John Shupper, CIO leader here, showed plenty of daring in getting up at the vigilante's midnight meeting and demanding the right to speak.

Shouts of "kill him" came from the vigilantes. As he left Schupper shouted "Take a good look at me, for you're going to see plenty of me."

GRASS VALLEY—CIO organizers are making so much headway among miners in this area that they will demand a $1 a day pay boost in a few days.

Twin Cities Local 283 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers is already near to representing a majority of the miners.

Nearly 500 Nevada County miners have already signed up.

The Nevada County Miners' Protective Assn., a company union outfit, is not expected to be a serious obstacle.

500 at Rally for Picket Ban Repeal

SAN FRANCISCO—The Civic Welfare League, which had promised in a letter to send a spear to discuss the anti-picket law repeal, failed to have its representative at the Communist Party's open forum at 121 Haight street last Sunday night.

SAN FRANCISCO—Five hundred persons listened to arguments for and against repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance, No. 19 on the ballot, at a mass meeting in Scottish Rite Auditorium last Sunday afternoon.

Representatives of organized labor and the professions answered the arguments of Gerry Watkins, representing the Civic Welfare League, opposing repeal.

The motives of the Welfare League were attacked by John D. Barry, who presided at the meeting. Speakers who were in favor of repeal included Rev. Dillon Throckmorton, of Grace United Church, the Rev. Herrick J. Lane, of Cavalry Presbyterian Church, John Schoemaker, of the International Longshoremen's Association, and Aubrey Grossman, attorney for the Warehousemen's Union.

On the platform were Andrew Gallagher, former supervisor, the Rev. Donald M. Chase, H. C. Carrasco, of the railroad brotherhoods, and Thelma Haut secretary of the Citizens' Committee for Repeal.

Demand Weaver Retract on Lies

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House Merchant Marine Com., Washington, D. C.

Communist Party of California brands as false and slanderous testimony of Joseph B. Weaver asserting Communist participation sea murder plot and that Lawrence Ross, editor of Western Worker, California Communist Party organ, paid money to Wallace convicted for slaying. Communist Party opposes acts of violence and terrorism. Simultaneously wiring Weaver demanding retraction. Ask this be entered on record.

California State Committee Communist Party, William Schneiderman, State Sec.

The wire to Weaver states:

March 7, 1937.

Joseph B. Weaver, Bureau Marine Inspection and Navigation, Washington, D. C.

Communist Party of California demands public retraction your testimony before House Committee, asserting Communist participation murder plot and that Lawrence Ross, editor of Western Worker California Communist Party organ, paid money to Wallace convicted for slaying. Communist Party opposes acts of violence and terrorism.

California State Committee Communist Party, William Schneiderman, State Sec.

Plumas Woodsmen Solid in Strike

PORTOLA—Union organizers in this Plumas County area have begun negotiations with the Feather River Lumber Co., after having signed up most of the workers in the struck Delleker Box factory.

PORT OF WESTMIN… CALLED …

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SEATTLE — Offi… Maritime Federation declared the port of … minster, B. C., ope… The action, accord… Meehan, secretary… the Pacific Coast D… ILA, was taken to … er tie-up."

Vancouver Not…

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SANTA MONICA— … ports that the ma… the strong picket … Douglas Aircraft pl… gether with the e… militancy of the s… had a marked effec… "Duck" Douglas, w… by a CIO negotia… tee's report.

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From the Intern… ciation of Machinist… official letter stati… ists' Lodge No. 11… express its sympath… idarity in your effo… for a cause for wh… are fighting.

(Signed) "George … Recording…

SAN FRANCISCO— … Francisco Central La… has strongly condem… geles District Atto… Fitts for his arrest of … las sit-down strikers… nation of Gov. Merri… proving Fitts' action … voted. Fitts and M… receive copies of th… passed.

The action was tak… the protests of Secre… nell, who stated: "W… be asking the Gove… lot of favors, and w… them."

SHOE WORKERS G…

BOSTON—Wage … 15 per cent were wo… New England shoe w… struck. They were … United Shoe and Lea… ers' Union, with CIO …

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…ACH—A hearing on … f the Port Watch… collective bargain… r all port watchmen … eld in Los Angeles, … Dr. Towns Nylander … r Relations Board.

Japanese Labor in Motion to Offset High Living Costs

TOKYO, Japan—Workers throughout Japan, faced with the problem of stretching starvation wages further than ever before to meet the rising cost of living, are indicating that they do not intend to take it lying down.

According to figures released by the Bank of Japan, the average rise in commodity prices from December to January was 4.5 per cent, with increases in food and clothing prices of over 6 per cent. It is expected that figures for February will show a similar rise over those for January.

Reaction to this has come from workers in many parts of Japan.

Iron Workers Out

A delegation representing the 30,000 workers of the Iwata Iron Works held a conference with the executives of the company to demand an increase in wages or payment of special allowances to cover the increased prices. The company authorities refused to grant the demand.

A meeting of the workers immediately following this conference decided to send a number of representatives to Tokyo to deal with the authorities concerned. In the meantime they are to build up funds to tide them over in the event of a strike.

In view of the tax increase schemes which are almost certain to pass the Diet, and also because of the sharp rise in commodity prices 200,000 employees of the government railways are demanding that their salaries be raised to the level prevailing before the reductions were effected in 1931.

Higher ranking seamen numbering 13,000 are now contemplating a demand for retirement allowances from their employers.

A child labor bill providing for a reduction in working hours has been drafted by the social affairs bureau of the Home Office and will be presented to the Diet. The present law allows an eleven-hour day for children!

Workers of the Osaka street car service are demanding a 30 per cent increase in wages. The two unions to which the workers belong are reported on the verge of amalgamation.

A petition asking for an increase of 10 per cent in wages was submitted by representatives of the Kobe City Tram Workers' Union, which has 1,200 members.

19 Hours a Day

Because of the alarming revelation that some factories are causing their men to work as long as 19 hours a day, the Osaka Prefectural Government promised to restrict extra working hours.

According to the investigations recently made by the Osaka Prefectural Factory Section more than half the 12,000 factories in that prefecture are working beyond the official working hours, that is, over an eight-hour day.

Rumania Moves to Break The Fascist Organizations

BUCHAREST—The Rumanian government opened a counter attack against the provocations of Nazi agents here with measures designed to break up the Fascist organizations, including the Iron Guard.

The government ordered the closing of all universities, where the Fascists have established virtual hotbeds, and demanded the expulsion from them of all Fascist students and the dissolution of Fascist organizations.

minister to Spain, who had sent a wreath to be put on the graves of two "Iron Guard" men who had been sent to fight the Spanish government. A Fascist demonstration in Bucharest for these same "heroes" was the occasion for a precious strong protest of the government against ambassadors of Germany and Italy who participated in it.

Thirty Fascists were arrested at Jassy University, when the government accused the Jewbaiting Iron Guard with responsibility for an attack on Dr. J. Trajan Bratu, member of the National Peasant Party.

The cabinet also adopted a law restricting the activities of non-Rumanian enterprises, a measure which particularly affects Nazi firms.

British Keep Tax Against Irish Cattle and Hogs

DUBLIN—England's economic overlordship of Ireland continues unabated with the announcement of the terms of a new trade pact by President Eamon De Valera.

Through import quotas and tariffs on Irish goods, England is collecting upwards of five million pounds a year from Ireland in lieu of the land annuity charges which Irish sentiment has witheld.

The new treaty, however, makes a further move to increase the British hold on Ireland. DeValera's compaign of suppression against the Irish Republican Army has already become a major means of attaining this.

In the new trade pact, while the tax on cattle and hogs remains in effect, the tax on horses has been removed.

Without decreasing English revenues, the British government has moved to get further support from horse breeders who are numericaly unimportant as compared to the mass of small producers who are concerned with the tax on cattle and hogs.

…ction Attacks Irish Republicans

Widow of Easter Week Hero Appeals to Irish-Americans For Aid Against the Attacks of De Valera and His Military Tribunal.

…nne MacBride, wi… or John MacBride … killed during the … ellion of 1916, sent … anying letter to a … isco friend under … nuary 3, 1937.

— Dublin … y years of work for … dence I have never … inst such a stone … ce, such complete … Republican expres… ght.

… here is completely … r censorship of the … unal; no letter of … nst the inhuman … political prisoners, … our speeches at … ings may be pub… newspapers.

… our speakers, for … risoners' meetings, … Hill, sentenced by … Tribunal. None of … prisoners have … to see a newspaper … arrest, not even …

…s parcels were al… sent into the pri… ear though even the British allowed this, and in Belfast the governor allowed Chrismas parcels to be sent.

Treated As Convicts

The Republican prisoners in Belfast are treated as ordinary convicts and obliged to wear prison clothes. Remember that none of the political prisoners have committed any offence which they could have been sentenced under the ordinary law.

The courage and spirit of all these young soldiers of the Republic gives one faith in Ireland. They would all be released from this cruel imprisonment if they would sign an undertaking to leave the IRA and no longer fight for the Republic.

Young Glynn, two days before his murder in Arbor Hill, was offered this undertaking to sign and refused. The governor of Arbor Hill, Capt. O'Duffy swore this in evidence at the inquest.

Because of the impossibility of getting the facts published here I am writing you to ask if you can help by getting those facts published in America, and if you can get pressure from Irish - American organizations brought to bear on Mr. De Valera . . . It is my only hope for the prisoners.

Our own paper, An Phoblacht, was as you know suppressed by the Military Tribunal.

We Republicans had a sad Christmas with so many of our best men in jail and so many others on the run, unable to return to their homes.

Can't See Son

I dare not see my only son, as the police, CID, are raiding for him His wife and family are living with me; that is my only comfort.

It is very hard to get enough money to keep the families of many of the men in jail from suffering actual want and hunger as they are deprived of their breadwinners; we are doing our best but the Free State Government has forbidden all raffles and the usual means we had of collecting money.

Even Christmas boxes for the dependents of the political prisoners have been seized by the police.

In spite of all, I know the Republic will win in the end, but the road is hard and I am very old and weary. It is far worse whan these wicked things are being done by Irishmen than when they were being done directly by England.

If you can help by getting pressure brought from Irish-America on De Valera, asking to release the Republican prisoners and stop coercion, we would all be deeply grateful.

With best wishes for the New Year to all our friends in America, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
MAUD GONNE MacBRIDE
Roebuck House,
Clonskea, Co. Dublin.

ASKS BAR ON NITRATES FOR SPAIN REBELS

Bernard Scores Aid To Fascism Under "Neutrality"

WASHINGTON — Farmer-Labor Congressman John Bernard of Minnesota, pointing out the discrimination which the "neutrality" policy is fostering against the Spanish government, made a stirring appeal to the House of Representatives to stop the shipment to Spanish Fascists of nitrate used for "the most deadly weapons of modern warfare."

Bernard spoke with direct reference to the British freighter Lineria, recently tied up by the solidarity action of its British crew in Boston Harbor.

He read a telegram from Rev. Donald G. Lathrop, chairman of the Greater Boston Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, calling attention to the strike and appealing for action to Bernard as the one who "took a lone stand against the neutrality law jammed through to prevent the shipment of airplanes to the legitimate government of spain.

Broke Precedent

"We broke a precedent of 150 years," said Bernard; "for the first time in our history, we placed an embargo against a friendly democratically elected government."

No opposition, Bernard pointed out, is being made to the fact "that nitrate is used in manufacturing the most deadly weapon known in modern warfare and we are allowing nitrates to be sent to the rebel forces in Spain."

Knowingly or unknowingly," Bernard concluded, "We have bowed to the forces of Fascism in America, and I sincerely hope that those who are in control of this House and are close to the administration will see to it that in the name of fair play and justice an embargo is placed on nitrates to the rebel forces."

'Borrowed'

FUSHUN, China — Starving peasants in this district have resorted to taking rice from the rice junks anchored in the river, in order to feed themselves and their families. Thousands of peasants emptied six junks within a few minutes.

Bukarin and Rykov Expelled

MOSCOW—Nikolai Bukharin, former editor of Izvestia, and Alexei Rykov, former people's Commissar for Communications, have been expelled from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Both were implicated in the recent trial of the Trotzky-Piatakov-Radek terrorist center.

No announcement has been made of court procedure against them and still others who were implicated in the Trotzkyite plots of wrecking and sabotage in the Soviet Union in conjunction with the Nazi and Japanese governments.

NEW PRESIDENT

KYOSTI KALLIO, member of the Agrarian Party, elected new president of Finland, when Socialists and all non-Fascist parties combined to defeat Fascist candidate.

BREAKING ALL PRECEDENTS TO DAMAGE SPAIN

Department of State Shows Its Favor For Fascism

WASHINGTON—Details of the state department's systematic discrimination against democratic Spain in violation of every precedent of the past to help the governments in power were shown here in the copyrighted "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column of Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen.

It is like "pulling teeth of a wounded bull," the columnists declared, to get any information of airplane shipments to Japan. Likewise it was pointed out: That the state department had openly permitted the American fliers and American planes to be used by the Chinese government at a time when it was carrying on a war against the workers and peasants of China.

That Italian officers openly recruited in New York for the criminal war against Ethiopia without protest from the state department.

That during the Mexican Revolution the government openly arranged to sell shells and rifles to the Mexican government.

That during the Brazilian people's revolt the state department interceded directly with the Navy department to postpone acceptance of several bombing planes in order to let the Brazilian government get immediate delivery.

The Tables Turned

Despite all this, the state department shouted horror and published details of a shipment of airplanes to the Spanish government by the Vimalert Company of Jersey City.

Since then the state department has interceded with the Justice Department to prosecute citizens paying passage for those who wanted to enlist for Spain against the Fascists.

The latest state department ruling, against even the sending of medical assistance including ambulance units to Spain, ties in directly with the vicious "neutrality" legislation railroaded through congress in defiance of every precedent of this and previous administrations to aid foreign governments during insurrections.

This aid to the Fascists through the back door of "neutrality," said the columnists, has been carried on despite advice from the attorney general's office that there is no legal precedent for it.

Waterfront Book Store Opened In Portland

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTLAND, Oregon — How about a little mention for our waterfront shop—gratis — until we have a pay-day? It is the 20th Century Book Store, located at 28 N.W. Second St., Portland, and we carry a complete line of working-class books, magazines, phamphlets and newspapers. Later on we will be able to advertise in the Western Worker, so please send your advertising rates.

Assembly Probe of State Relief

SACRAMENTO—Dropping of 2000 from the Los Angeles relief rolls has caused the Assembly to empower its Welfare Committee to investigate the State Relief Administration.

The resolution was introduced by Assemblyman Lore, Los Angeles Epic and Typo Union member.

TOKYO PRESS AMITS SPIES USED IN USSR

Trotzky Spies Gave Information, Says War Minister

MOSCOW — The Japanese Times, English language spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office, openly admitted that the Japanese government is carrying on espionage work in the Soviet Union and concluded:

"Neither Japan nor Germany will do themselves any good by taking offense at the evidence given before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR."

The trial had disclosed that these agents were Trotzkyist agents.

It was further reported that on March 1 in the Japanese Diet war Minister Sugiyama stated that the Japanese general staff possesses information on the Soviet Railways from Trotzkyists.

Useless Denial

In Berlin General Hermann Goering and Dr. Paul-Josephs Goebbels, Hitler's close coworkers, had simultaneously called Trotzky the "eternal revolutionary" but denied any connection with him.

But the Japan Times on January 28 wrote:

"It must be taken as fact that both Germany and Japan are naturally trying to obtain any information on the USSR capable of having military value."

LIBERALS SCORE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SPAIN

Ask Congress to Rescind Action Aiding Franco

NEW YORK—Resumption of normal commercial relations between the U. S. and the recognized Spanish government, to be brought about by reconsideration of the Congressional resolution of Jan. 7, is urged by a group of prominent American liberals in a letter to the House foreign affairs committee at Washington.

The January resolution, by putting the rebels and the recognized government on the same footing, "is in principle an encouragement to revolution," the signers state, "for if it establishes a precedent, then any faction which loses at the ballot box in any country can turn to arms with the assurance that the recognized government will receive no greater consideration from the U. S. than the rebels against it.

"In this connection, we may be permitted to call attention to the attitude of our own government in the civil war. We insisted then upon our right to purchase war supplies abroad and denied that right to the confederacy."

Signers are Bishop Robert L. Padodck, Roger N. Baldwin, Prof. Morris Cohen, Devere Allen, Vito Marcantonio, Pres. William Allen Neilson of Smith College, Prof. Harry A. Overstreet and Charles Edward Russell.

The communication was sent as reactionaries in Congress pressed for legislation to curb collection of aid, and as the State Department ruled that all persons seeking passports must make affidavit they do not intend to go to Spain. This, the department announced, is meant to bar even medical personnel from volunteering for humanitarian service.

Now an "Offense" To Go to Spain

WASHINGTON — The U. S. government has made it an offense for an American citizen now obtaining a passport to use that passport in Spain.

The state department anounced that those applying for passports must state on affidavit that the passport will not be used for travel in Spain, and furthermore that it is not even his intention to go to Spain.

Vallejo Supervisors Reconsider Act

VALLEJO — Labor pressure has compelled the Solano County Board of Supervisors to reconsider the drastic anti-picket law recently adopted.

One of the three supervisors who voted for the ordinance has agreed to change his vote when the matter comes up again.

PEACE CENTER OPENED IN S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—A Peace Center, housing organizations carrying on the struggle against war and Fascism, has been opened at 715 Ashbury street, near Masonic.

Headquarters of the American League Against War and Fascism, The American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy and the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy are already located in the building.

It is expected that the French Popular Front Federation will also open an office there.

The phone number is HEmlock 8101.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG WILL TALK IN S. F.

Report on Spain Will Be Given Mar. 18 At Dreamland

SAN FRANCISCO—Anna Louise Strong, noted author and lecturer recently returned from Spain, wil' speak at a mass meeting in Dreamland Auditorium Thursday night, March 18, under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Her subject will be "Democracy or Fascism."

John D. Barry, noted liberal and columnist on the San Francisco News, will preside.

Tickets will be priced at 25 and 40 cents.

Miss Strong, as an American labor journalist, went to the Soviet Union in 1925 and became associate editor of the Moscow News. Her book: "I Change Worlds," has been widely read and praised.

Recently she wrote a series of articles, resulting from her extensive tour in the Spanish loyalist trenches and behind the lines. Sent out by Federated press these articles are being extensively printed in labor and liberal journals.

26 Million Children in Soviet Schools

MOSCOW—More than a million copies of Shakespeare's works have been sold in the U.S.S.R. in the last few years. This is not so wonderful when the great changes that have taken place in the educational system are considered.

There are now twenty-six million children in primary and secondary schools as against seven million in 1913.

Before the war there were 2,700,000 newspapers sold each day and 100,000,000 books published in a year. In 1935 there were 37,000,000 newspapers circulated each day and 500,000,000 books published.

The classics share the book boom. Thirty million children's books were produced last year.

Correct Figures On Vacaville's Aid To Spanish Democracy

By a Worker Correspondent

VACAVILLE.—I want to call your attention to an error regarding the amount of money raised at our last meeting of February 20 when the Spanish delegates spoke. You give us credit for $1250 and indicate there were 450 present.

The amount raised was $1030.36. There were about 700 present.

On November 19, 1936, we had a meeting of about 600 and raised $528. Collection lists have been circulated freely, and the money has been sent to the Spanish Embassy in Washington. We calculate we have collected about $3000.

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NEWS GUILD MAN DIED AS SPAIN HERO

Ben Leider is Shot Down in Jarama Air Battle

VALENCIA — (By cable to FP)—Ben Leider, American Newspaper Guild member and first American to die in action in Spain, was shot down in the fiercely-contested battle in the Jarama valley, where Franco's drive on the Valencia-Madrid road was hurled back and the precious lines of communication were preserved.

Details of the flying reporter's death Feb. 19 have reached here in eye-witness accounts. Four loyalist planes, one of them piloted by Leader, were in combat with seven Fascist planes.

A terrific battle took place in which several rebel planes were shot down and others fled. Then the government planes flew long over an insurgent trench, machine-gunning the position.

Suddenly Leider's plane was hit by anti-aircraft guns. It burst into flames. He maneuvered, seeking to put out the fire and get back to layalist territory. Before he could do so, there was an explosion, the plane went to pieces, and Leider fell directly into enemy territory.

When Leider first went to Spain he was assigned to pilot a big transport plane between the front and cities in the rear, carrying military officials and supplies. He begged for combat service and received training as a combat pilot before going into action.

INDIA RAILROAD STRIKE SPREADS

National Congress Extends Sympathy to Strikers

NAGPUR, India—The strike of the workers of the Bengal Nagpur Railway, which began on December 13, grows stronger every day, and has spread until now it involves more than half the workers on the entire system.

Officials of the union made every effort to effect settlement of the dispute before the strike was called. They have continued their efforts since the beginning of the strike, with no success.

They even made an application to the Government of India asking for a board of conciliation under the trade Disputes Act. The government, however, rejected the request.

Workers all over the country, particularly those on the railways, have expressed solidarity with the strike.

The Indian National Congress at its Faizpur session passed a resolution sympathizing with the cause of the strikers. At various places arrangements are being made to collect funds for strike relief.

Spokane's WPA Sit-Down in 2nd Week

SPOKANE, Wash.—Firm in their demands for increased WPA jobs, Spokane Workers' Alliance members are in their second week of a sit-down strike at WPA headquarters.

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Roosevelt Hits Straight From The Shoulder

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT hit stright out from the shoulder and pulled no punches in his radio address on his Supreme Court proposals last Thursday. The sharpness of his attack against those ultra-reactionaries who are leading the fight against the proposals answered the intensive barrage against him engineered by the country's leading reactionaries.

Those very pro-Fascist elements who supported Landon, who called Roosevelt a Communist, who used every device in order to defeat democracy and further Fascism in this country by the election of Landon—have the iron-clad gall to attack Roosevelt as a dictator!

Roosevelt's speech defended the interests of the people; the issue of the Supreme Court is one that vitally affects the standard of living of the people. One of Roosevelt's statements, especially, is of great significance: the declaration **that the fate of American democracy depends on whether or not living standards of the people can be raised!**

In his last radio campaign address, on the eve of election day last November, Roosevelt outlined a number of pressing needs of the people, declaring that **"for these things we have only just begun to fight!"**

Roosevelt's fight on the Supreme Court issue is a blow at the heart of the enemy—the du Ponts, Morgans, Rockefellers and other openshoppers—all those reactionaries who are working night and day to strangle American democracy in order to render ineffective the fight of the people for these everyday needs.

The people who elected Roosevelt did so on a platform of fighting for their needs. They had faith in Roosevelt. A faith which Roosevelt has not always justified since his election—especially in the matter of the appropriations for relief and the cutting of 600,000 off the WPA rolls, and the "neutrality" legislation which helped the Fascist forces fighting against Spanish democracy.

But on the Supreme Court issue, Roosevelt has thus far fought uncompromisingly. We agree with the President when he said that the need is NOW. We quote the concluding sentence of his radio address:

"If we would keep faith with those who had faith in us, if we would make democracy succeed, I say we must act—NOW!"

"If Henry Ford doesn't like the 20th century, let him go back to the 19th century where he came from."—Wyndham Mortimer, vice-president of the United Auto Workers' Union.

Rally Support for the California Youth Act!

ON APRIL 9th the Assembly Committee on Social Service and Welfare will conduct a public hearing on the California Youth Act, introduced by Assemblyman Elmer Lore and twenty-one co-signers.

This bill, drawn up by the California Youth Assembly and adpoted by the California People's Legislative Conference, is the expression of 200,000 organized youth of California, and is a practical measure for opening up employment and educational facilities to the youth of the State.

The House of Representatives in the State of Washington has already passed the Washington Youth Bill by a vote of 57 to 27.

Progressives in the labor movement must do all possible to support the bill. We urge that every progressive organization, especially the trade unions, adopt resolutions supporting the California Youth Act and send copies of the resolution to the assemblyman and senator of its district.

The lead in this should be taken by those unions who had delegates at the California Assembly of Youth and those whose delegates were at the Sacramento People's Legislative Conference.

We suggest that first these resolutions—including letters from their constituents—be sent to the members of the Committee on Social Welfare and Security, in order to obtain a favorable report out of committee. We list below the names of the assemblymen on that committee and their districts

James E. Thorpe, 12th district, San Joaquin; Ellis E. Patterson, 35th district, Monterey; Jack B. Tenney, 46th district, Los Angeles; Elmer E. Lore, Chairman 42nd district, Los Angeles; Hugh P. Donnelly, 32nd district, Stanislaus; Wm. B. Hornblower, 23rd district, San Francisco; Gardiner Johnson, 19th district, Alameda; Geoffrey F. Morgan, 60th district, Los Angeles; Clyde A. Watson, 24th district, Orange County.

The campaign for the California Youth Act is an integral part of the struggle of the people of California against the reactionary interests of the state, which is interested not in creating jobs and opportunities for youth, but in keeping large numbers of youth unemployed for the purpose of introducing lower wages and worse conditions in industry.

"Flat tires disturb CIO Strike Parley," reads a capitalist press headline on the Douglas Aircraft strike. We never thought of that name for Bill Green.

Another Victory for the Line of The Communist International

THE RAPIDLY approaching conclusion of an agreement between Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communist Party for a Chinese All-People's Front to resist Japanese imperialist invasion is a splendid victory for the line of the Communist International.

The Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, in the summer of 1935, declared the immediate objective of the Chinese Communist Party was to struggle for a unified China to resist the encroachments of Japanese imperialism. It was the work of the Chinese Communist Party which made possible the crystallization of the sentiment among the masses for united resistance to Japan.

It was the excellent work of the Chinese Communist Party that stimulated the organization and growth of the Groups for National Salvation which, at a convention, formed the All-China Federation of National Salvation Unions—a powerful mass weapon in the struggle for national unity against Japan.

Chiang Kai-shek has had to react to such powerful mass pressure for unity and drop his policy of "internal pacification"—a policy which in effect meant the launching of a series of drives against the Chinese Soviet areas and attempts to wipe out the Chinese Red Army; attempts which were beaten back time and again, while Japan advanced from Manchuria into North China.

The effect of Chinese unity against Japanese imperialism will be far-reaching; it will strengthen the resistance of democrary against Fascist aggression throughout the world.

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Assn. in Los Angeles demands "the unquestioned right of truck drivers to work," says the Los Angeles Times. No, it doesn't mean to take over the job of the Workers' Alliance.

Support the Mooney Pardon Bill

WITH the favorable report by the Assembly Rules Committee of the resolution calling for the freedom of Tom Mooney, the greatest possible pressure must be brought to bear on the legislators to ensure adoption of the resolution.

It is true that immediate pardon would not follow the passing of the Free Mooney Bill; the power of the legislature to pardon would be put up to interpretation by Attorney General U. S. Webb. But the adoption of the resolution would express the will of every man and woman in California, with the exception of the handful of reactionary industrialists, bankers and landowners. And it would also have a tremendous influence in the hearing of the Mooney frame-up before the United States Supreme Court, should the Attorney General decide the legislature is not invested with pardon powers, and be upheld in that opinion by the State Supreme Court.

In the meantime, all those who are convinced of Mooney's innocence—especially trade unions—should act to let their legislature know how they stand, and demand favorable action on the resolution.

It is high time this major blot be erased from California record. Tom Mooney must be restored to the fighting ranks of American and California labor.

The Rat is Out of the Bag

THE SLIP made by the Japan Times, English-language newspaper published in Tokio, has let the rat out of the bag. This paper, referring to the spying activity "naturally" carried on by Japan in the Soviet Union as "normal" activities of any impartial power against a potential war-time enemy, declared on January 28th:

"Neither Japan nor Germany will do themselves any good by taking offense at the evidence given before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR."

This is an admission of the fact that the Trotzkyites worked with and under the direction of the Japanese Intelligence Service, as revealed in the Moscow trial last month. A fact which at first both the Japanese and German governments made haste to deny.

In addition to this editorial slip, the reported statement by War Minister Suguyama that the Japanese General Staff possesses information on the Soviet Railways from the Trotzkyists, completely refutes the denials of the Japanese Government and knocks another prop from under Trotzky's lying structure of attacks against the Soviet Union.

—But Ethiopian People Still Resist Mussolini's Armies

ON A VISIT to Rome, Ras Seyum and Ras Ghetacciu, Ethiopian chieftains, are received by Mussolini with one of their aides. But the Ethiopian people still resist Fascist armies. How popular Mussolini is in Ethiopia was recently shown by attempt to assassinate Viceroy Graziani, for which hundreds of Ethiopians were executed in Addis Ababa.

A New Feature--

Reminiscences of the Calif. Labor Movement

(The author of this series is an old-timer in the labor movement of California. He was at one time editor of the old-time Oakland "World", a Socialist paper; he was prominent in the original Tom Mooney committee; he was editor of the "Western Worker", a Socialist paper in 1921; he was once assistant editor of the Los Angeles "Citizen." His articles will help in understanding the background of the California labor movement.)

By J. E. Snyder

The labor movement of California has been a front page story throughout its history. The antagonism between the employers' associations and the organized labor forces have been outstanding. Organized labor has had to fight every inch of its way both in industry and the political field.

Harrison Grey Otis of the Los Angeles Times was a relentless foe of organized labor and backed every anti-union shop or business in the State. Like his father who fought abolition and Lincoln he appealed to prejudice. He kept the agricultural and fruit industries prejudiced against all attempts at union organization.

Many of these industries call themselves cooperatives, but they are really cooperatives owned and controlled by the larger industrial corporations. Otis created hate and even instigated murder against the organized labor forces.

The labor history of California centers around the battles with power and light companies, the iron works, the big packing and shipping interests. A vicious spy system, a series of frame-ups and corruption of labor leaders and labor politicians have been the policy of a large section of the employing class. In all of the battles, Harrison Otis used his widely circulated Los Angeles Times as poison.

The race question has entered into labor problems of the state. Organized labor's tactic has often been to keep the orientals and negroes out of the unions, and many battles have been waged to keep them out of the state.

In spite of all negative action against foreign and Negro labor forces the bosses brought them in by thousands and pitted them against the union forces. Much distrust therefore confronts those unions now approaching them. Otis and his ilk have been adept masters at the business of creating hate.

The oil combines, the steel trust, the automotive industry, the meat industry, both packing and pastoral, the packing industries, of the entire nation, in fact internationally have been organized in the merchants and manufacturers associations and the chamber of commerce to combat organized labor in industry and government.

Labor in California has also taken on national and international scope. The Mooney case, the MacNamara case and many others have created world-wide interest and support and have taught the nature of frame-ups and the spy system to millions of the workers of the world.

In presenting a series of articles on this subject they will necessarily center around individuals, so we—shall—take up some of the chief actors who lead out at this time in the larger and more scientific approach to the organization of labor.

It is encouraging to sit in on labor meetings these days and hear even some of the most conservative labor leaders say, "Regardless of race, nationality, color or creed," also to see the People's Legislative Councils approaching political and industrial problems with order and militancy, meeting the enemy with the weapons of solidarity and enthusiasm against their cold, hard millions of dollars. We've come a long way in California since the first of the 20th Century. We have a long way to go yet. But we're well on our way.

(To Be Continued)

How the Trotzkyites Disrupted at the California State Agricultural Meeting

Trotzkyites again gave proof that their object in the labor movement is to cause as much disruption as possible. This time it was at the Agricultural conference sponsored by the State Federation of Labor last Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28.

A noisy individual, not an agricultural worker, named Lilian Monroe, was chief spokesman for the Trotzkyites.

Let it be first pointed out that though Monroe figured she had the independent union delegates corralled, she found out to her sorrow that Trotzkyite disruption does not suit these workers—the Filipinos and Mexicans. Therefore very few of these workers voted the way the Trotzkytes wanted them to.

At the conference those on the State Federaton executive board who are reactionary, headed by Ed Vandeleur, wanted to force through a set-up contrary to democratic principles—the locals would surrender their charters before a state charter was procured; the state federation officials would be the controlling body. The delegates wanted, and decided on forming branches in central labor body areas, under the state charter, and on election of sub-organizers by the branches.

Lilian Monroe said: "I'd rather throw the whole thing up than see the plan of the organization committee adopted (the plan the delegates voted for, with some changes)."

Monroe, the Trotzkyite, by the waly, was the only one who red-baited at the conference; even Vandeleur didn't dare to. She attacked branches, saying: "There may be seven, possibly, of the Communist Party who would call themselves a branch."

This red-baiting attack on local autonomy taught many of the delegates just what Trotzkyites stand for. Here they saw the few Trotzkyites present siding constantly with the state federation reactionaries of the Vandeleur stripe, and against the majority of the delegates.

No wonder Vandeleur shook hands with Julius Nathan, Trotzkyite, as the former left the conference hall.

When Monroe threatened to walk out, delegates shouted: "You can go, all right!"

The Trotzkyites annoyed the delegates, when some of the former who were visitors signalled other Trotzkyites how to vote; they continually passed remarks, even though they were not delegates. Delegates insisted that this be stopped.

Anthony Ramuglia, a Trotzkyite who edits a paper in Los Angeles, called the "United Field Worker," had to put in his two cents and urge "full confidence in the state federation." He also spoke against the democratic set up for which the delegates voted.

Lillian Monroe again hysterically yelled: "I say, let's adjourn the conference and call it off. We're not going to get a state charter anyway."

The delegates didn't agree with her; they didn't see any need to adjourn until they completed the purpose for which they had come, and they believe they're going to get a state charter, on democratic terms.

UNION FOE FIRED

FLINT—City Manager Barringer, foe of the auto strikers, has been fired by the City Commission, by a 5 to 3 vote.

Rathborne Attends Non-Partisan Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — Mervyn Rathborne, representative of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific at Copeland Act hearings in Washington, was to represent San Francisco at the Labor's Non-Partisan League National meeting, in New York last Monday.

At a preliminary meeting here last Thursday, delegates from eight, or nine unions and observers from as many more unions agreed to select Rathborne as representative for the national meeting, and elected a local planning committee of one delegate from each union to call a mass conference for Labor's Non-Partisan League here in the near future.

Pedro Caulkers in Solid Strike

LOS ANGELES—In an attempt to stop picketing by the Ship Carpenters' Caulkers' Union and AFL organization, The Harbor Boat Building Company of San Pedro seeks a restraining injunction in Superior Court.

Striking at the A. Larson Yards and the Harbor Boat Building Company since February 22, the union is demanding a basic wage scale of $1 per hour, forty-hour week, and union recognition.

The union claims that of 13 boat yards in the harbor district, all but four have given union recognition. The other two companies, to which the strike may spread, are the Fellows and Stewart plant and the Wilmington boat yard.

Strike in Large S.F. Dept Store Is a Possibility

SAN FRANCISCO — Spurred on by news of the sit-down strike of department store girls in Detroit, San Francisco's Department Store Employees are organizing a strong union.

With over 600 girls present at a meeting last Wednesday, another meeting open to all department store employees is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 10.

Over 300 were present at a meeting called last Friday by the new Department Employees Union, for employees of the Emporium, in which 200 are employed.

The new union has demanded reinstatement of a dismissed Emporium worker. The company has stalled, and strike action looms. The new union has most of the key Emporium employees. Warehousemen and culinary crafts are assisting the new union which will be on an industrial basis.

Tunnel Sitdown

BANNING.— The CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Tunnel Local will take up negotiations on grievances of over 200 workers who have ended a sitdown strike at the Potrero Tunnel.

Tasks of the Communist P Alameda County

RESOLUTION ON TASKS OF COMMUNIST P ALAMEDA COUNTY
(By Alameda County Committee)

The policy and direction of our Central and Sta as applied in Alameda County, have brought about development of the movement for the People's Front dent Political Action among the Trade Unions, as by the strong support within the Non Partisan Politi of Labor, and for progressive legislation around the People's Legislative Conference.

A Challenge to the Party

The fight for the extension of democratic rights and social security can and must be greatly extended, and the municipal elections are a challenge to our Party, as our major task, to give most active leadership in this field.

Party policy and activity in the trade Union field has contributed largely to the gains of Labor in the organization of the unorganized, the growing progressiveness and unity in the Trade Union movement, the success in strikes and in winning broad public support and has resulted in the tripling of our Trade Union membership; and this situation presents us with increased responsibilities and problems.

The fight for peace, against Fascism and for Spanish democracy, has been leadership by our Party, and has had considerable support, and grown; but our guidance and organizational help has not been sufficient to meet the needs of the situation—since aid to Spain, support of the Soviet peace policy, exposure of Trotzkyism and the fight against the embargo and "neutrality" proposals are burning issues with a wide sentiment of support.

The immediate strengthening of our Party, **in every way**, is most vital and urgent if we are to meet the challenge to give leadership to the workers and middle class people in the rapid building of the People's Front, against Fascism—and leading them on the path to Socialism.

Tightening Up Apparatus

There is a great need for tightening up, and efficient functioning of our Party apparatus, its committees and executive bureaus, for the training of functionaries, education of our 179 new members, and for the consolidation of our gains.

The circulation of the Western Worker and basic Party literature has not kept pace with our growth in members and influence.

We resolve:

1. That the county and section committees give their main and most active attention to the election campaign now before us, and the developments of the political—People's Front — movement in the unions, electoral districts and neighborhoods, and give increased attention to the People's Legislative Conference.

2. That an Industrial Section be set up; our Trade Union work be strengthened by improved fraction leadership; that the county committee concentrate its new efforts on cannery and agriculture, in this field; and that three shop units be established by June 1st.

3. That the county committee immediately strengthen its aid to the movements against War and Fascism and to aid Spanish democracy.

4. That the county committee take immediate steps to consolidate our gains and tighten and improve our organizational setup.

5. That further steps be taken to establish the authority of the county and section committees, by developing collective political leadership and insisting on individual responsibility and example.

Goal of 350 By May 1

6. That every unit and branch have a membership director, in order to strengthen the newly set up county apparatus.

7. That we set a goal of having 350 dues-paying members by May 1st.

8. That the establishment of the New Members Units and classes with prop be a main task of and section commi

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10. That we dou lation of the Weste three months, an ways and means o life the slogan "Member a Reader ern Worker."

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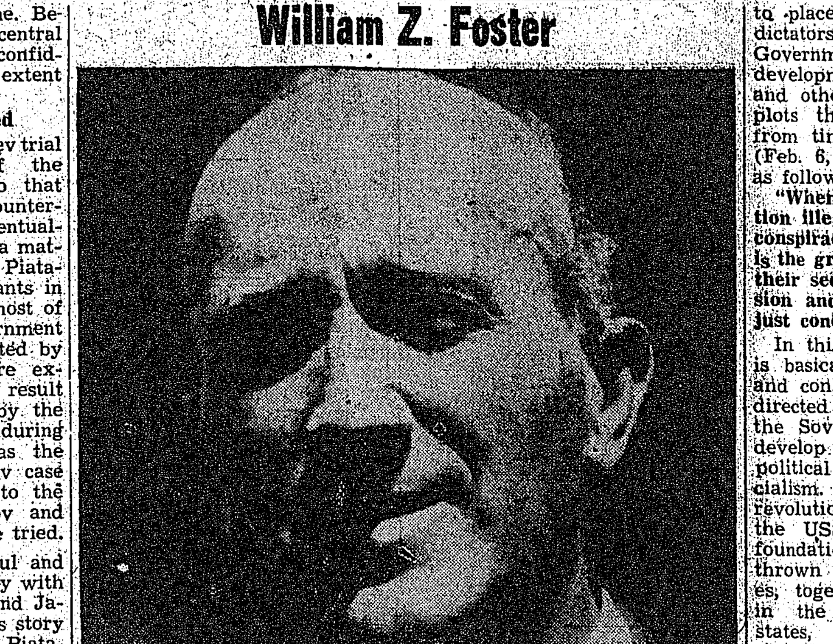

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How Plot Was Exposed

Nevertheless, the Zinoviev trial did uncover enough of the Trotzky-fascist alliance so that the full extent of this counter-revolutionary plot was eventually brought to light. It is a matter of record that Radek, Piatakov and the other defendants in the recent Moscow trial, most of whom occupied high government posts and were quite trusted by the Party leadership, were exposed and arrested as a result of the revelations made by the Trotzkyites themselves during the Zinoviev trial. It was the testimony of the Zinoviev case defendants also that led to the arrest of Bukharin, Rykov and others, who are yet to be tried.

That is how the shameful and criminal alliance of Trotzky with the fascists of Germany and Japan was exposed. Trotzky's story of a suicide agreement of Piatakov, Radek and the rest with Stalin is a bed-time story for political infants. The two Moscow treason trials were not and could not have been frame-ups. To use such a contemptible device as the frame-up against people whom Trotzky calls revolutionists would be utterly alien to the very nature of the Socialist regime in the USSR. Moreover, there was no possible political or personal motive for such a frame-up. To show that the whole Trotzky frame-up charge is utterly baseless, it suffices to repeat that the organization of a frame-up among so many defendants facing the firing squad and the heaping of eternal disgrace upon their names would have been physically and psychologically impossible. Trotzky's latest attempt to prove his frame-up charge by pointing out an alleged contradiction between the Zinoviev and Piatakov trials is futile. There was no such contradiction and Trotzky's synthetic story that Stalin organized a "frame-up" against the Trotzkyite defendants is of a piece with the more fanciful flights in imagination of Baron Munchausen.

Ever since the rise of Hitler to power in Germany it has been increasingly the fashion among enemies of the working class everywhere to say that the Soviet proletarian dictatorship and the German fascist dictatorship are alike; to paint the Hitler despotism and the Socialist Soviet Government in the same dark color. Such people, with an air of complete finality, vociferously declare that there is no difference between the two systems of society. Both are dictatorships, they say; both are ruled arbitrarily by one man; both oppress the masses; both suppress democracy, both eliminate their opposition by blood purges, and so on. The occasion of the Moscow trials has caused a fresh outburst in the press, over the radio, etc., of this "all dictatorships are alike" theory and many people have thereby been deceived.

But this whole line of capitalist propaganda—for that is what it is— violently contradicts the facts. In reality, fascism and Socialism are extreme opposites. They are poles apart and have nothing in common. They are the mutually hostile crystallizations of the most antagonistic political and cultural elements in human society. They are bitter enemies and in irreconcilable conflict with each other. Their theories, methods of organizations and purposes are fundamentally different. Fascism defends outworn, dying capitalism; the Soviets represent the coming new order of society, the next stage in social evolution, Socialism.

Decisive in determining the character of a social system is the question of which class owns the industries and the land and, therefore, which class controls the government. In Fascist Germany, as in Italy and all other fascist countries, the industries and the bulk of the land are owned by the capitalist class, and it is these parasitic elements who also control the government. The workers and other toilers have suffered a temporary but severe defeat. Fascism is the naked dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of the capitalist exploiters, and its consequence has been a rapid impoverishment of the German people. In the Soviet Union an exactly opposite situation prevails. The former exploiting classes have been completely smashed. The industries and the land are entirely owned by the people's government, which means the workers, farmers and other toilers. There are no capitalists, no landlords, no social parasites of any sort. Exploitation of man by man has been completely abolished. Production is carried on for use, not profit; and the great toiling masses get the full benefit of every advance in industrial technique. The dictatorship of the proletariat or the Workers and Farmers Government, is the rule by these victorious toiling millions, and its results are unparalleled improvement in the conditions of the Soviet masses.

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Fascism is opposed in principal to liberty and freedom. It is based on the principles of the leader deciding everything and it considers democracy a menace to capitalist class rule. It has destroyed all the workers' organization; their political parties, trade unions, cooperatives, cultural groups, etc. It has also wiped out the basic farmers' organizations and crushed the political parties of the middle class. The whole people have been regimented into iron-bound, capitalist controlled organizations, whose sole aim is to enchain the masses so that they can be the more readily exploited. The sword point of fascism is directed against the toiling millions.

The Soviet Government, on the contrary, is founded on the liberty of the masses. Despite the lies of international capitalist mouthpieces, in no country in the world is there so much real democracy as in the Soviet Union. Nowhere have the toilers such a great political organization as the Communist Party, and their trade unions, cooperatives, and cultural organizations exist on a scale that utterly dwarfs those in other countries, both regarding their size and the breadth of their functions. The new Soviet Constitution raises this fundamental and growing liberty to a higher stage. This document is, as Stalin says, "the only thoroughly democratic constitution in all the world." It is characteristic that world democracy, now so viciously attacked by the fascists in Spain and every country finds in the Soviet Government its most consistent and resolute defenders. The sword point of the preletarian dictatorship is directed against the enemies and oppressors of the people and all their agents, at home and abroad.

"But," says the critics, "if the Soviet Union is a democracy why is only one party allowed to exist? Stalin has given the complete answer to this question as follows:

"The party is part of the class, its advance guard, several parties and consequently freedom of parties can only exist in a society where antagonistic classes exist whose interests are hostile and irreconcilable, where there are capitalists and workers, landlords and peasants, kulaks and poor peasants.

"But in the USSR there no longer are such classes as capitalists, landlords, kulaks, etc. In the USSR there are only two classes, workers and peasants, where interests not only are not antagonistic but, on the contrary, amicable—consequently there are no grounds for the existence of several parties, and therefore for the existence of the freedom for such parties in the USSR. There are grounds for only one party, the Communist Party, in the USSR. Only one party can exist, the Communist Party, which boldly defends the interests of the workers and peasants to the very end."

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Hitler is the puppet of the great German capitalists and maintained in power by demagogy and terrorism. Stalin is not a dictator, but the freely chosen leader of a great democratic people. His tremendous prestige is not due to such leader manufacturing tactics as those of German fascism, but to his brilliant services in leading the Soviet masses victoriously in the tremendous task of building Socialism. Hitler is a tyrant and a despot; Stalin is a great captain of the world's oppressed millions, as was Lenin, his gigantic predecessor.

Tales about the Soviet Union being overrun with secret police and about private life of the peoples being everywhere spied upon and about the masses living in terror are a tissue of lies. They are part of the world capitalist campaign that has been built up in their attempt to discredit the Soviet Union before the eyes of the world's toiling masses. The extent, activities, efficiency and ruthlessness of the former OGPU has been enormously exaggerated by enemies of the Soviet Government. The masses have no fear of this organization, which is one of their defenses against the counter-revolution. It is only the white guards, wreckers, and political assassins who dread it. And an excellent demonstration that it does not pry into the lives of the people is furnished by the fact that the wide ramifications of the Trotzky treason, assassination and sabotage could go on for so long without being exposed.

Fascism is imperialistic, and in its mad race for more territory and markets it is deliberately planning to plunge the world into a frightful war. Fascism preaches race and national hatred; it oppresses the Jews and it seeks to subordinate all people to its absurd Aryan superiority theories. Fascism, the bookburner, has enchained science and destroyed real culture; it systematically cultivates superstition and is actually trying to reinstate the pagan gods of ancient German mythology.

At the antipodes of all this new fascist barbarism, the Soviet Government stands as the world's great advocate of peace. It is the principal barrier to the war plans of the fascist butchers. In line with all this Socialism makes the cultivation of anti-Semitism and race hatred a heavily punishable crime, and the many different races and peoples within its borders live together peaceably, in equality and friendly cooperation. Socialism has stricken all shackles from science; it is the inveterate enemy of ignorance and superstition in every form; it has set under way incomparably the greatest mass culture movement in all history.

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It is an outrage to put the enlightened Soviet Government in the same category as the barbarous Hitler and Mussolini tyrannies. Fascism is night; Socialism day. Fascism represents social reaction and decay; Socialism means the steady progress and betterment of the masses. Fascism brings tyranny and oppression to the people; Socialism brings a growing freedom and increased mass well-being. The fascist regime is the twilight of the outworn capitalist system; the Socialist order is the dawn of the new society towards which the general complex of modern social forces is drawing humanity. The misery, oppression and terror of Hitler Germany are the death agony of capitalism; the struggles and hardships of the masses in the Soviet Union, of which the recent Moscow trials are an expression, are the birth pangs of Socialism. Instead of being the same, the Fascist and Soviet systems, irreconcilable enemies, and alien to each other in every respect, represent two different worlds.

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Does the Proletarian Dictatorship Breed Conspiracies?

Conscious enemies of the Soviet Union, as well as some confused liberal friends, undertake to place upon the proletarian dictatorship itself, the Soviet Government, the blame for the development of the Trotzkyite and other counter-revolutionary plots that have been exposed from time to time. The Nation (Feb. 6, 1937), voices this idea as follows:

"When a regime makes opposition illegal it sows the seeds of conspiracy; the inevitable result is the growth of plots which find their sequel in ruthless repression and in trials like the one just concluded."

In this statement The Nation is basically in error. The plots and conspiracies that have been directed so continuously against the Soviet Government do not develop because of a lack of political democracy under socialism. They arise out of the revolutionary situation in which the USSR has been since its foundation in 1917. The overthrown Russian exploiting classes, together with their fellows in the neighboring capitalist states, are quite irreconcilable to the Soviet regime. They realize fully that they have not the slightest change to gain control of the Soviet Government by peaceful means, so they constantly seize upon whatever methods the changing situation offers—armed revolt, counter-revolutionary kulak strikes, industrial wrecking, espionage, assassination, etc.—in order to destroy violently the Soviet system. The conspiratorial groups in the USSR which, during the past 20 years, have plotted and used violence against the Soviet Government, including the present Trotzkyist gang, have been the spokesmen and banner-bearers of this irreconcilable and ever-watchful counter-revolution. Extending democratic civil rights to such inveterate enemies, instead of softening their antagonism, only facilitates and stimulates their anti-Soviet conspiracies.

The Record of Soviet History

This is shown clearly by a glance at Soviet history. For the first three years after the revolution there was not only the Communist Party in legal existence, but many other parties. I remember a meeting of the Moscow Soviet in 1921 which I attended where there were at least a dozen minority parties and grouping represented, although of course, not the openly Czarist and capitalist parties, which were illegal. Did the prevailing freedom of speech, organization action for the legal parties other than the Communist Party after the revolution prevent counter-revolutionary conspiracies and revolt from developing among them? Most emphaticaly it did not. Tested in the crucible of the revolution, their policies proved unrevolutionary. These parties became the rallying points of the overthrown ruling classes; they inevitably turned from parliamentary opposition to open struggle. It is a matter of historical record that it was precisely in this period of several legal parties that the left Social-Revolutionists carried through their armed attempt to seize the government, and it was also then that the Anarchists openly supported the counter-revolutionary Kronstadt uprising and furnished arms to their bandit leaders, Mahkno, in the Ukraine.

Within the scope of Soviet democracy free criticism is permitted, provided it is based upon a constructive attitude towards socialism. But, correctly enough, counter-revolutionary agitation and action is sternly repressed. Thus it was in the early years under Lenin's leadership, and so it is now with Stalin at the helm. The history of the Trotzky fight against the Communist Party and the Soviet Government bears out these statements.

The Opposition Groups

After Lenin's death, when the Soviet Government began to enter very actively into the enormously complicated and difficult task of building socialist industry and collectivizing agriculture, a whole series of big opposition movements took shape inside the Communist Party. Each of these, confounded by the difficulties of the country's tasks, developed its own distinct political program in opposition to that of the Central Committee of the Party. Without going into all the complications of these events, suffice it to say that there was first an opposition movement by Trotzky; then followed one led by Kamenev and Zinoviev; later developed another headed by Bukharin, Rykoff and Tomsky, and finally all three groups—of Trotzky, of Zinoviev, and of Bukharin — combined themselves into one bloc under Trotzky's leadership and carried on a vigorous struggle against the Central Committee of the Party, led by Stalin.

These opposition groups, each in its turn and also when they were combined, were extended the greatest freedom within the Party to present their policies to the membership. This was quite in accord with the Leninist tradition. Trotzky shouts all over the world that he never had a chance to discuss his program with the Party members. But this is a brazen lie. How, for instance, could it have been possible, even if Stalin had desired it, to prevent from being heard such powerful figures as Trotzky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Bukharin, Rykoff, Tomsky and other prominent figures, all of whom occupied high posts?

Five Years of Discussion

The fact is that these leaders fully expounded their policies to the Party membership and to the masses. From 1924 to 1929 the entire Party and its press rang with the historic discussion and so, also, did the whole Communist International. It was a prolonged, widespread, penetrating and intense mass political debate. Vote after vote among the Party members, in executive committees and in conventions, was taken. And the final result of it all was that the realistic policies put forth by Stalin and the Central Committee was repeatedly ratified by majorities running from 90 per cent to 98 per cent. The Russian toiling masses, as a result of the profound discussion, were able to see the disastrous implications of Trotzky's theory that socialism could not be built in the USSR and despite its many well-known defenders, they rejected it decisively.

Up to this point no restrictions whatever had been used against the Trotzky opposition. These restrictions began when Trotzky refused to accept the decisions of the Party, violated Party discipline, built an underground conspiratorial organization, and started a campaign to overthrow the Party leadership and its policies by force. And as the Trotzky group and its program gradually degenerated more and more politically, and eventually the Trotzkyites took to assassination, sabotage, espionage, treason, and cooperation with Hitler, the Soviet Government had no other recourse in self-defense than correspondingly to gradually increase its repression of the Trotzky movement and finally to outlaw it altogether as counter-revolutionary and the advance guard of fascism.

Fullest Democracy

Contrary to The Nation's statement, the degeneration of the Trotzky opposition into a gang of counter-revolutionaries, and the development of its treasonable conspiracy is not due to any lack of democracy in the Soviet Union, but to the fundamentally anti-socialist character of Trotzkyism, to its counter-revolutionary heart which was exposed to view by the severe pressure of the revolutionary struggle in the Soviet Union and internationally.

In Soviet democracy there is ample room for honest differences of socialist opinion; but there is no place for capitalist parties or conspiratorial gangs seeking to overthrow the workers' and peasants' government and to re-establish capitalism.

CRIME AGAINST THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF U. S.

The Trotzkyites, worming their way into the Socialist Party, have just slipped something over which should bring a blush of shame and a feeling of great alarm to every Socialist whose heart beats with the struggle of his comrades in Madrid.

It is a scandalous and outrageous fact that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party has just seen fit to pass a resolution, mind you, rebuking the brave Spanish Socialist Party, and its leader, Premier Caballero.

And just for what is it that the National Executive Committee of the S.P. found it necessary to rebuke the Spanish Socialists who face machine-gun bullets of the fascists and whose wives and children crouch under a hail of fascist bombs?

The American Socialist leadership finds it in its province to condemn the Spanish Socialists for arresting and jailing the traitorous Trotzkyites in Madrid!

The fighter Caballero, and his heroic Socialist comrades, found that life-and-death necessity forced them to act against the Trotzkyites because the Trotzkyites have been calling for violence against the Madrid Government and for mutiny in the Madrid Army.

In short, in order to save the lives of his comrades and the anti-Fascist people of Madrid, Caballero and the Spanish So-

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Would You Eat Poison?

By MIKE GOLD

It is significant, in America, that there is only one trade union that I can think of which has been affected through its Trotzkyite leaders by Trotzkyism (I mean the Minneapolis teamsters). Most other Trotzkyism is found among the literary and professional circles in a few big cities. But this is serious enough; I, for one, hate to see names like John Dos Passos, John Dewey and the like, signed to Trotzkyite documents.

Most of these intellectuals are the drifter type in politics, however. They don't subscribe to the complete program of Trotzky, which is simply enough: Kill Stalin and overthrow the Soviet Government! Only a few intellectuals with an extreme case of poisoning go the whole hog; as did Max Eastman at a recent meeting, where he denounced Soviet Russia as a Fascist state, and called for a counter - revolution against the Soviets!

No, the intellectuals who have been occasionally seduced into signing Trotzkyite documents are not going to be very active in their counter-revolution. Many of them find Trotzkyism merely a swell alibi that covers them on their capitalist jobs. They can criticize the Soviet Union harshly, denounce the Communist "dictatorship," Keep their capitalist standing, and at the same time, feel virtuous and revolutionary with Trotzky. Personally, I cannot respect anyone whose main revolutionary job is on the Times, Tribune, or Hearst Journal, fighting the Soviets.

Other more honest intellectuals wander into this dubious company, not because they believe Kirov and Stalin ought to be assassinated, but because they have an unreasoning sympathy for the "under-dog" in all situations, and Trotzky seems to them an "under-dog" who has been deeply wronged by the Soviets.

Intellectuals Who Do Not Read

This is a position that has to be understood and respected. It is true such people are lazy-minded. You cannot get them to make a serious study of all the facts and documents in the case They are intellectuals, but they don't read.

They don't want to hear about the four or five years that Trotzky engaged in which to freely spread his program among the Soviet masses, using the whole Soviet press and Party machine for his propaganda. He lost out with the masses, however, and then did what every egotist does—formed a personal, secret faction.

This is history, but many American intellectuals don't design to study revolutionary history. They think it is enough to take an emotional attitude toward Trotzky. The fact that they have no responsibility for the fate of 180 milion Soviet citizens adds to their light-hearted approach to the whole Trotzky case.

Trotzky has not been given a fair trial, they say. But have they given the Soviet Union a fair trial?

How monstrously unfair, how ignorantly slanderous they can be, when so lightly, they can accuse the Soviet leaders of pulling a Reichstag fire frame-up trial in Moscow recently! Even an American police court magistrate is fairer than these intellectuals. When a man charged with drukenness or vagrancy appears, and defends himself by saying he is a worker, the judge often looks at his hands, to see if they are a workers's hands.

The hands of the Soviet leaders are workers' hands, that have built and are building the first Socialist society in history. How could such hands commit a frame-up?

And that Trotzkyites would turn to conspiracy and assassination should not be too incredible—Boris Souvaraine, a French Tortzkyite, was openly preaching assassination in his paper a few years ago.

Read! Read! Think!

If I were one of these intellectuals who are being used by the Trotzkyites I would think twice before joining the counter-revolution.

I would think twice before I joined in the attempt to assassinate in France and Spain and other countries, the united front which is our last dike against fascism.

I would worry a little lest I might be helping fascism, in helping this "under-dog" Trotzky. I would read and think in this grave hour, not merely emote.

MEMORIAL FOR FLYER

NEW YORK—A Ben Leider Memorial Fund is being raised by fellow newspaper men for the aviator who was killed in the services of the Spanish loyalist government.

TROTZKYITES BRANDED AS MINERS' FOE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—"Trotzkyism is a disruptive force and always plays into the hands of reaction" declares the Subdistrict committee of the Illinois Communist Party, outlining the activities of the Trotzkyites in the Illinois mine fields, and showing that they are enemies of workers unity, and friends of the exploiting coal barons.

"In the Illinois coal fields, their role of disruption and reaction dates back many years," the Party group declares. "Of late their position has penetrated and has influenced members of the Socialist Party to follow their path of reaction. In 1932 when the Progressive Miners o America was organized, sever members of the PMA who we influenced by Trotzkyism we in leading positions in the uni

When the fight started betwe the progressive forces and forces of reaction, these Trotzky influenced people gave in with out a struggle. At every tu of the fight they gave in a influenced other miners to q their fight against the reacti aries in the PMA. This po of reaction leads them again the side of the coal operat It leads them into the sa camp with the forces that alw oppose any progressive move places them on the side of reactionary, Fascist-minded ficials of the PMA, who are ing their utmost to defeat unification of the Illinois ers.

Hail USSR Trials

"Today," the statement co ues, "the Illinois miners fighting for unity. April approaching. The struggle a new agreement, for a 30-week and increases in pay and a solid unified orga tion of the miners in the fields. In the struggle for un we see the Trotzkyite influen at work to keep the miners sp and hopeless against the operators. In the elections to the Scale Convention, some Socialists under Trotzkyite influence refused to run, thus giving their place to the reactionary opponents of unity. The officials of the PMA are the ones to welcome such a move. They have issued a warning in their press against the election of progressive, militant miners to the scale convention. This refusal by the socialists to run in the elections plays right into their hands. What more proof is needed to show that Trotzkyism is only the tool of reaction and despite any words of these people, leads into the camp of reaction.

"But the work of the Trotzkytes and those so influenced, is daily being repudiated by many members of the Socialist Party and other progressive workers. The Communist Party of Illinois coal fields calls to all those who stand for peace and progress to fight against this poisonous sect and to drive them once and for all from the American labor movement.

"We hail the action of the proletarian court of the USSR againt these agents of Hitler and Japan. We are proud that in one-sixth of the world, the workers have the power to deal justice as these rats deserve. We pledge to fight for the Soviet Union and against any attempts to attack us, and any threat to the peace of the world."

Hollywood C. P. Members Hail the Fight on Trotzky

RESOLUTION

Because of the attack made upon the Builders of Socialism in the Soviet Union and because of the threat to the World Revolutionary movement; 100 assembled in General Membership meeting in the Hollywood Section, Feb. 14, 1937, unanimously condemn the counter-revolutionary action of the would-be wreckers of Socialism and fully agree to the justice meted out to them by our brothers in the U.S.S.R.

We hereby express our solidarity with the rest of our American comrades in clarifying the issue made muddy by the American counter-part of the Trotzkyite wreckers and pledge our full support to our Central Committee of our Party and to weed out all Trotzkyites from the ranks of the working class.

General Membership, Communist Party,
Holywood, California.

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LEGISLATION MEETS IN E. BAY SUCCESS

5 Assembly District Rallies Support People's Bills

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Last of the series of meetings in the assembly districts in relation to the California People's Legislative Conference program was held Friday evening, February 26, Lowell Jr. High School. About 200 attended.

Charley Wagner was the main speaker and said the people would never get to first base unless they organized in a broad group like the California People's Legislative Conference, and worked together to get their bills through.

Off to Good Start

George Beers, Workers' Alliance, talked on the social security bills. Ishmael Florey, of National Negro Congress stated that the large number of persons who had signed up to work in the campaign at assembly district meetings, was an indication that we had gotten off to a good start.

Assemblyman E. E. Patterson, Monterey County, was not scheduled to speak but was called. He praised the start the Conference had made as a movement in the right direction.

Assemblyman Breed (16th Dist.) was sent a registered invitation to speak at the meeting, but didn't answer. Senator Knowland regretted because he expected to be in Southern California on that date, and Assemblyman Meehan (17th Dist.) regretted because he said he had to be in Sacramento but could not be counted on to support "all labor and humanitarian bills."

Needs People's Pressure

At the 18th Assembly District meeting on February 25, Assemblyman Dannenbrink pointed out he had introduced some of the bills on the Conference program, and said out of all the hundred bills, there were three he was not sure he would support—anti-vigilante, repeal of sales tax, and removing compulsory military training for college and high school students.

Assemblyman Cassidy didn't answer a registered invitation to the 13th Assembly District meeting on February 25 at Lockwood School. Speakers were Anga Bjornson, Glenn Mayfield, V. V. Dart, Carpenters' Union, and Clarence Anderson, Workers' Alliance.

Assemblyman Johnson "Stalled"

At the 14th Assembly District meeting at Haight School, Alameda, on February 23, Assemblyman Miller spoke.

Assemblyman Donihue couldn't attend the 15th Assembly District meeting because of work in Sacramento. Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson spoke at the 19th Assembly District meeting on February 17, but didn't talk on the program or anything else, just stalled.

OIL UNION GOING TO TOWN AMONG SPRINGS FIELDS

Wilshire Co. Solicits Meet As Union Grows Fast

By An Oil Worker

SANTA FE SPRINGS, L. A. County—Storm and rain have not retarded the union drive of the Santa Fe Springs oil workers.

Nearly 50 new members were initiated at the meeting on Thursday, February 25. All union men are working hard to bring their fellow workers into the union. Exceptional credit must be given to Joe Longeval in the Wilshire Refinery.

Wilshire Coming to Time

The hall was packed and all standing room taken. A feeling of good fellowship and unity prevailed, and everyone wanted to talk at once.

Many workers from the Texaco, General Petroleum, Union and Shell companies are coming in.

The Wilshire management has already solicited a conference. Don Weaver, Wilshire superintendent of drilling and production, called a meeting of the workers in his departments. He said: "The rumor has gone around that I am opposed to the union. You fellows have got me wrong. If any man wants to join the union, it's no concern of mine."

Phoney Trick

He pointed out, however, that the union leaders were "outside" men, and were not as familiar with the needs of Wilshire employees as the men themselves. The workers should organize into small groups, he suggested, according to the gangs in which they worked, and each elect a representative. Weaver said he would deal with each representative separately and "go to the bat" for them with the management.

So far the workers in the drilling and production departments are the only hold-back to making the Wilshire 100 per cent union.

Junior Union Is Organizing Now In The Islands

By a Worker Correspondent

HONOLULU — Bootblacks and newsboys in this city are organizing into a union with the assistance of the waterfront workers.

This union was started about three or four weeks ago and is growing. It is similar to the Junior Union of Bootblacks and Newsboys on the San Francisco waterfront, with headquarters at 32 Clay St.

All children doing bootblack work or selling newspapers are urged to join either union.

UNION NEEDED IN CANNERIES IN MODESTO

Wage Increases Won From 2 Canning Companies

By a Cannery Worker

MODESTO—Wage increases of 10 to 15 per cent were announced by the Pratt-Low Preserving Co. cannery, located in Modesto, and the Turlock Cooperative Growers' canneries, one of which is located in Turlock and the other is located six miles north of Modesto on the McHenry Highway and is known as the Sun Garden Cannery.

This increase in pay will make the wages about 50 cents an hour for men and 40 cents an hour for women.

Infamous Exploiters

The Pacific Grape Products Cannery and the Tri - Valley Cannery, both located in Modesto, will not make any statements as to a raise in pay or not. The Pacific Grape Products Cannery is putting in new machinery to run spinach this year, which will be their first run in spinach.

Both the Pacific Grape Products Cannery and the Tri-Valley Cannery are noted for their cheap wages, paying 35 cents an hour to men, while other canneries are paying 40 cents an hour.

All the canneries are noted for their long, health-breaking hours.

Need Organization

Workers of Modesto will always be confronted with cheap chiselers, who glorify with paying their employees small wages and working them long hours, as long as the workers are passive and unorganized.

Persons who work in canneries, dry yards or in the orchards, who are interested in organizing for better wages, shorter hours, safer and healthier working conditions should leave their name and address at the Labor Temple, 606 10th St., Modesto, so that they can be contacted.

'Revolutionists' To Be Shown In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Soviet pictures dealing with the revolution have heretofore dealt mainly with events since that change came. In "Revolutionists" which comes to the Clay Theater, for one week opening Saturday, March 6, the film goes back to 1896 and shows the methods of the men who promulgated and carried forward the work of bringing freedom to the people of the Czar.

Even a study in customs, costumes and the civic status of the ordinary man in the street in Russia under the old regime "Revolutionists" is a fine picture. It needs no imagined story for its thrills, since the lives and adventures of the men and women who dared to band together was so exciting it needed to be set down as lived in order to make an entertaining story. The dialogue is in Russian but there are full English titles.

UPHOLSTERERS STILL BATTLE OPEN-SHOP CO.

Los Angeles Union Is Backed by Labor And Farmers

By An Upholsterer

LOS ANGELES—For the last five months, Upholsterers' Local 15 has carried on a vigorous fight against the Krohler Manufacturing Co. in Inglewood. Mass picket lines continue despite intimidation by police and an anti-picketing ordinance, and the arrests of nine pickets.

The strikers are stil solid 100 per cent. No worker has broken ranks. The members of the union enthusiastically donate five per cent of their weekly wages to carry on the fight.

Farmers and Labor Aid in U. S.

At the present, a national labor boycott is being instituted against Krohler. Stores are being picketed in Eastern cities as well as in Los Angeles. Picketing and boycott is carried on in the east in conjunction with Farmers' Holiday Assn.

Recently Local 15 conducted picket lines around Stocking and Hypes Furniture Store, 1938 East 1st St. The picket line lasted two hours and the owner gave in and removed Krohler furniture from show windows, promising not to sell Krohler furniture.

Another mass picket line took place at Pico Furniture, 5025 West Pico Blvd., and will continue until we lick him.

Plan Picketing in Pedro

A large committee went to San Pedro to arrange mass picket lines there at Montgomery, Ward & Co., which is a clearing house for Krohler, taking 80 per cent of Krohler's furniture for sale. They were once warned, but defied the union.

We must get an okay from the San Pedro Labor Council, because retail clerks in Montgomery Ward are organized, which will be arranged. The labor movement will also picket some furniture stores in Oakland. The Krohler plant in San Francisco is shut tight for five months.

This general fight against Krohler will no doubt awaken and eventually win collective bargaining for the workers. Demands are prevailing union wage, union recognition, no discrimination and no layoffs.

Standard and Shell Trying to Evade Social Security

By a Filling Station Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—Obviously to evade the Social Security Act, the Standard Oil and Shell Oil, starting March 1, will lease to their employees, the stations such employees are operating now.

The person who reports this is owner of an independent station. He also adds that all major oil companies will do that so as to do away with paying out any money at all for social security.

However, the registration of employees ended last December 31. Does a lease break that record in any way?

SIT-DOWN IN CAFES

DETROIT—Several restaurants have been closed down by sitdown strikes of waiters, waitresses and cooks in this city.

As War Preparations Increase

A NEW DEVICE, intended for use of hospital patients and invalids, is demonstrated in London. The mask, permitting wearer to move about freely without discomfort, is equipped with a hand air pump for use against poison gas attacks from the air. People's peace movement must be built to prevent war.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally
By John Broman

SPEAKER WM. MOSLEY JONES, of the State Assembly, has taken offices in the McAdoo suite in Los Angeles. No more need be said about this used-to-be Epic, but it's interesting to note that Assemblyman Patterson, Monterey County, charged that Jones made a deal to get McAdoo's support for lieutenant-governor in 1938.

Sacramento Sets Pace . . .

Sacramento Federated Trades Council is now setting the pace in the growing movement for independent political action by labor. Last week it elected five progressive delegates as a committee to organize a conference for independent political action by labor, liberals and progressives.

The committee members are Dudley, president of the Switchmen's Union; Bingham, president of the Warehousemen's Union, ILA; Smith, Stationary Engineers; Patton, Electrical Workers, and Titus, Typographical Union.

There's Money Enough . . .

Administration spokesmen in Congress tell leaders of labor, the unemployed, etc., that their program for social legislation, adequate relief, a real slumclearance and low rent housing project, old age pensions, etc., would cost too much money.

Last week the House received a favorable report on Roosevelt's program for U. S. Navy expansion—for war preparations—to the tune of half a billion dollars.

The "Neutrality" Act, prepared by the Administration, does not say a work against the U. S. preparing for a war.

Back Where He Came From . . .

Lieutenant Governor Hatfield recently spoke to a Legionnaire meeting in Riverside, and, as is his custom, he shouted: "The radicals and Communists must be sent back where they came from."

This recalls an incident in which a Los Angeles relief executive shouted that he was going to have Clyde Champion, unemployed leader, sent back where he came from.

"Where to" asked Champion. "To Texas?"

Anyway, with the papidly advancing Labor Party movement in California, it looks like the people of our state might send Lieutenant Governor Hatfield back where he came from—after the 1938 elections. And that would be back to his old career as a shyster lawyer.

Old People Betrayed . . .

During and immediately after the 1936 election campaign many state assemblymen were talking high, wide and handsome about what they were going to do for the aged of California. Tom Finn's man, Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of the 20th District, San Francisco, even introduced a bill increasing the minimum payment to pensioners to $50 monthly.

Now that elections are over until 1938, Maloney and the other fakers who went out for Townsend votes on the basis of "promises," are deciding that it would be too expensive to increase pensions.

Maloney said there would be virtually no increase in old-age pensions unless the federal government "cooperates by assuming some share of the added cost."

Pensions adequate for the aged would be expensive, but not too expensive if the costs are borne primarily by those who can afford them—the rich.

Jack up the taxes on the higher incomes, on corporate profits, on inheritances, and you'll have more than enough money to insure a decent old age for those who have served their time in American industry and agriculture.

ALAMEDA COPS HERDING SCABS AT CAL. PACK.

Police Dept.'s Autos Used for Carrying Strike-breakers

By a Worker Correspondent

ALAMEDA — The warehouse employees of the California Packing Corp. at Encinal Terminals are out on strike.

The company is hiring scabs furnishing cars and guarding and transporting these scabs to and from work. This has been going on ever since the waterfront strike has been settled.

This came to my attention today, when the landlord where I live told me of seeing eight police cars in front of his place. He asked what the trouble was and the reply was that there was no trouble. He asked then what all the machines were there for. He got no reply but in a few minutes, there were a number of men came and got in the machines, and the machines drove away.

May Be From Salinas

I told a friend of mine who works in a store, about this incident, and he said that he was told that the officers doing this were not part of the regular city force. The ones doing this are supposed to be a special force organized during the Salinas lettuce strike, and they are supposed to be sent from place to place wherever there is labor trouble.

I have not been able to check up on this, but my landlord said he recognized several city police officers among the crowd he saw. He said there were some among them that he didn't know.

So it is possible that there may be such a force, of scabherders to go from place to place, and coach the local police in the fine art of running scabs and handling a strike according to the wishes of such firms as the Cal. Pack.

Note for Alaska Cannery Workers

In the Western Worker of Thursday, February 25, an article was printed attacking Brother Colman, recording secretary of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, which was sent in to the Western Worker by a worker correspondent.

This article does not represent either the opinions of the rank-and-file of the ACWA, or the opinions of the Communists in the union.

The editorial staff of the Western Worker printed the article on the basis of insufficient and incorrect information, and regrets that the article was printed. It is not the policy of the Western Worker to conduct unwarranted attacks or criticisms upon labor leaders.

(Signed) ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS UNIT, COMMUNIST PARTY, SAN FRANCISCO.

Strength in Union Found by Dyers And Cleaners

By a Cleaning Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The cleaners and dyers in the F. Thomas & Allec plants are quickly taking initiative. They are beginning to realize that in unity, collective bargaining is a gain for all the workers.

There is peace and understanding in the shop since the dismissal of the forelady, as demanded by the union. The manager has also changed in disposition, and now the workers feel they can work without feeling "The Man With a Whip" is behind them.

Women Getting Active

The workers are attentive at union meetings and gradually losing the fear often noticed in new members. I believe also that it is safe to announce the women members will be taking active part. I am exerting everything in my power toward rallying to the aid of the women members who take the floor at union meetings and express themselves.

Although our organization is a young union, it is apparent that espionage by the bosses and their agents is not going to undermine our members.

On the whole, watch the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union and see it grow. There is the making of a fine union.

Warehousers Keep Up Alameda Picket

ALAMEDA — The Warehousemens Union, ILA will continue picketing the Alameda City Hall until officials there quit stalling and prosecute D.S. Dodge, murderous California Packing Corp. guard.

The Warehousemen insist on a felony charge against Dodge, who wounded Al Marino, 23-year old warehouseman, in an attack on the Cal-Pak picket line last Thursday.

The warehousemen at first conducted a sit-down inside the City Hall, and have been picketing peacefully at the City Hall since last Friday.

FALSE ISSU... BROUGHT... PILE-DR...

Reactionaries Pit Local ... Local in S...

By a Pile-D...

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Our efforts must ... to the election of ... rank-and-file delega...

GREEN ENJOINED...

COLUMBUS O.— ... injunction restrain... Green from revokin... labor council's chart... won. The council ... condemn the CIO.

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1936 Alaska Trip--The Final Chapter

By an Alaska Canner
(Concluded from Previous Issues)

Worker's Story Of '36 Trip to Alaska Ends

This installment concludes one of the most outstanding workers' correspondence stories ever printed in the "Western"—the story of the 1936 trip to Alaska, the first trip following organization of the workers into the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, for the first time in 85 years. Shortly after this series began, the writer, who is a member of the union, received one of our book prizes given worker correspondents. — Workers' Correspondence Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO—At last, on board the S.S. "Glacier," could be seen a dim rim of soft light arched in the heavens, like a garland crowning a giant unseen head.

The huge Golden Gate Bridge slawly took shape. It seemed suspended in the air. The piers were invisible in the heavy, lowhanging fog. The effect was frightful and beautiful at the same time—fantastic but real.

The hills of Marin, right from the water's edge, roll up and away into space. The S.S. "Glacier" glided under the bridge, and the lights of the Presidio blinked a silent welcome. A deep silence prevailed on deck for a moment. Then everybody began to laugh and talk at once.

The crap game broke up for lack of customers. (I wonder who won the pool.) Everybody began to carry their luggage on deck. The sailors, in preparation for the landing, could hardly make their way through the swarm of men. Everybody was in everybody else's way.

We rounded the point and headed midstream. Familiar landmarks were pointed out by the men, as though to bolster their own memory. As we swung around for the pier, a Vallejo ferry came scooting around. It slowed us up. After an age, it passed, and we drifted into Pier 21.

Fourth Man Ashore

Some one on the pier caught the line that was thrown over, putting it over a cleat. With the winches working, we drew up a foot at a time. The "Glacier" was finally made fast.

A Jacob's ladder was thrown over the side. Then the gang plank followed. There were not enough men to handle the gang plank below. Some started over the side and down the ladder. I was the fourth man over, being unhindered with baggage.

It seemed as though everybody wanted to land via the ladder, retarding the landing of the men as a whole. A sea - bag was thrown over the side. It belonged to my friend Wamsley. He fought his way to the ladder. I waited for him, and we started for the street.

A large group of men, women and children were on hand to meet the ship, waiting for their loved ones. I looked them all over, hoping to catch a glimpse of the young lady who had waved a farewell to me (and 475 other men), curious to know if she was on hand to extend a welcome.

Nope—no use romancing — I always said that women were fickle. That romance boloney is the bunk.

Anyway, under a society like this, you can buy romance—with the $10 shore money.

As we turned for the custom officers wanted to inspect my friend's sea-bag. He did so in a casual, good-natured way. Finished with the sea-bag, he turned to me and asked if I had any baggage.

Better Conditions for 1937

I replied that everything I had went overboard, and that I had returned empty-handed, that all there was in Alaska was wind, water, mashland and misery. I had left all that behind. In 1937, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union expects to improve a lot of conditions for the workers who go to Alaska.

We were allowed to pass, and as we hit the deserted Embarcadero, the joyous shouts of welcome floated out to us. The rest of the boys had landed.

(THE END)

...EEING RED
BY MICHAEL QUIN

...n lice are fond of themselves and argue with ...ut whether one is lousier than another.

...he January issue of "Readers Digest" an article ...urein entitled "Scabs' Paradise." In it, Durein ...experience as a strikebreaker during the 1934 Pa...ime strike. He was one of the rats who infested ... quartered aboard the famous scab ship "Diana ...

...ild statements indicate that Durein is probably a ...a scab. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of his ...

...g, he claims that the scabs accomplished as much ...ular stevedores, and as efficiently, thus enabling ...o break the strike. The fact of the matter is, to ...rposes, not a vessel saided out of San Francisco ... and not an ounce of cargo moved—regardless of ...y the scabs may have hoisted the merchandise ...e covered docks.

... says of the scabs: "The only job in which they ...petent as the old hand was that of stowing cargo ...hat it wouldn't shift at sea. This, it seems, takes ...nce and a sixth sense."

...much as to say, a butcher can cut out your appen...y as a doctor; the only difference being that he ... in the process.

... shifts in the hold of a vessel at sea, the vessel gen... That is what happened to the ill-fated "Vestris." ...lish enough to book passage on a vessel loaded by ...t just as well go canoeing with an epileptic.

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... to Durein, the scabs were pampered and indulged ...ch of "fagots" in an East Indian harem. They had ...ms, running water, shower baths, clean linen and ...nd "Number One Boys" to clean up after them. ..., he says: "The best of everything was served at ... seen a worker (he means a scab.—Q) tuck away ... it off with strawberry shortcake smothered in ice ...sh it down with a quart of milk. We had two ... with the latest talkies, newsreels and cartoons. ...ee, offered as inducements to keep us in confine...rmous pay checks were clear profit.

...there were ways to spend money. There was the ...r instance. The first barber vanished after several ... savings of a number of lambs he had shorn two ...re was really no sense in banking with the barber. ...anks had office hours on the ship weekly. One ... that some of the boys banked over $1,000 during ...ey were earning better than $90 a week."

...owners can afford to give wages and living condi... above to scabs, there is, of course, no reason why ...t give the same to honest workers. In view of ...seem logical for the seamen to demand beef steak ... shortcake smothered in ice cream at every meal. ...es on to say: "Then there was beer which could ...by the case at the cafeteria, and tobacco, clothes, ...sual prices at the store. The last and easiest way ...oney was in gambling. Blackjack and craps flour...ing saloon every night."

...ays my understanding that gambling was against ... I guess as rats, these men were regarded as part ...ker Zoo, and thus exempt from the statutes.

...es his fellow scabs as: "—mostly pasty-faced clerks, ... salesmen, college students and a motley array of ...ho had never shouldered anything heavier than a ...ore."

... remembered that at that time the shipowners re... scabs as their "loyal empoyees who did not want ...

...o says: "Some of the scabs were hard nuts, im...reakers from Los Angeles and Chicago."

...ters: *From Readers of The Western Worker*

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...ours,
... Labor Esperanto ...rth America, P. O. ...ew York City.

...rn Worker:

...ently printed in the ...nt a long way to...g my wife over ...arty. It quoted the ... of Ireland, Father ...nagan, praising the ...le's Front, damning ...d also praising ...nion. It also con...nts by Frank Ryan ...Republican leader, ...rwin, of the Old ...de, Irish Republi... favor of the Span...nt.

...s Irish, and when ...t these famous Irish ... stated, it was a ... her. These state...be broadcast among ...e in California, and particularly among the Irish Catholics.

Comradely yours,
L. P.

Verse, Wyo.

Western Worker:

Please find enclosed my contribution of $1 as I promised. I also sent $1 in the latter part of December, and I'll send another 25 cents pay day from now on.

My donation is so that our paper can reach the $12,000 quota, and then I can be sure of enjoying the kind of a newspaper I like.

A.J.

Keep It Coming

Editor: Keep the Western Worker coming. We are new readers, but enjoy it very much and feel it is the only news we can rely on.

Mrs. H. W.

Long eBech, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker: I have been watching our Western Worker drive for funds, and our unit is again giving a house party this month. We hope it is as successful as our big turkey dinner was.

—E. W.

Commonwealth Fed. Scores Victory At Seattle Polls

SEATTLE — Hugh DeLacy, whose dismissal as University of Washington instructor for political activity made him the storm center of municipal affairs, appears certain of election to the city council following a sweeping Washington Commonwealth Federation victory in the primaries.

Every labor and liberal group is supporting DeLacy in the March 9 final election. The Central Labor Council endorsed him unanimously.

The W.C.F. and over 40 trade unions supported DeLacy and his running mate, Earl Gunther, in the primaries, but the latter missed nomination by a narrow margin.

California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

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THERE was nothing idyllic about the "civilization" brought by the Spanish grandees to the native Indians of California.

Once baptized into the Church the Indians were looked upon as part of the mission's property. Freedom was a thing of the past.

The Indians ate, slept, worked, as and when they were ordered by the Friars. The lash, the stocks, and even death were the lot of the Indian who relaxed in the slightest from the stiff discipline laid down by the friars.

With the gradual growth of the white population, the use A. Robinson, who wrote at a later date of the Indians' lot under the friars, describes it as similar to that of convicts working in the prison factory. He writes of Alcaldes driven to religious services under the lash of the Alcades' whips.

Feudal Serfs

Alexander Forbes, in his "Life in Upper and Lower California," insists that the lot of the Christianized Indians was that of feudal serfs.

Desertions by the Indians grew more frequent. Armed expeditions sent to bring the Indians back met with sharper resistance. The once peaceful Indians of California were being goaded into warlike action.

In 1801 there were less than 1500 whites in California. Mainly they were the priests, the soldiery, and grandees.

Soon sailors who jumped ship to escape the horrible sea-going conditions of the way, or who had been shipwrecked, began to add to the white population. Of Mexicans and Spaniards to perform more the skilled tasks became common. Their wages were little better than those of the Indians: $3 to $10 a month and board.

The lot of the Indians continued to be that of slavery in the missions. It was not until September 25, 1829, that slavery was abolished at least in theory in California. The abolition was indeed only one of theory, for the lot of the Indians continued much as before.

(To be continued.)

Your Health

By F. E. BISSEL, M.D.

Varicose Leg Ulcers

"AFTER a bad case of Phlebitis," writes M. B., Santa Cruz, **ulcers formed on my legs, which I have had ever since. now have one big ulcer on my leg. I would also like to inquire how I can join the Workers' Alliance."**

Answer—You should have a blood Wassermann test to rule our venereal disease. If the test is negative, your ulcers are undoubtedly due to varicose veins.

The varicose veins should be treated by the modern injection method. There are many forms of treatment for the ulcers and many must be tried before a successful treatment will be found. The following are some forms of treatment which have been found to be effective: The Unna Paste Boot, treatment with an elastic bandage, and treatment with "Elastoplast."

You should ask that all this be done for you at the county clinic and should write me just what form of treatment you are receiving. I don't believe that there is a Workers' Alliance local in Santa Cruz, but it seems to me that there are enough militant unemployed there to form a good local.

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Stomach Ulcers

Merced, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bissell: My husband has had stomach ulcers for the past three years and at the same time he has become so radical that he is a fanatic. He is 45 years of age and his manhood is not as strong as it used to be.

— A. M.

Answer—Between the ages of 40 and 60, the sexual life of both men and women is normally reduced. There is nothing that can be done to change this.

There are very few cases of stomach ulcers that cannot be cured. A medical treatment should be first tried and for this it is necessary to go to bed for a month at least. If you are unable to afford private medical service, your husband should insist that he be placed in the county hospital for this period. In case medical treatment fails, it is usually necessary to operate and cut out the ulcerous areas from the stomach.

Crime Against U.S. Socialist Party

(Continued from Page 5)

cialists **SIMPLY HAD TO SMASH TROTZKYISM.**

And now the Trotzkyites in the Socialist Party have the damnable gall to sneak over a decision on the rest of the Party condemning the heroic Spanish Socialists, and they have the gall to speak in the name of unity!

But it was in order to crush the most contemptible and treacherous foe of unity that the brave Spanish Party was forced by life itself to deliver a smashing blow at Trotzkyism! It was to **cement unity** that the Trotzkyites had to be arrested.

There is not a single observer in Madrid who would not admit that the seizure of the Trotzkyites has been greeted with joy by the **UNITED DEFENDERS OF MADRID.**

The question for every Socialist now is—If Trotzkyism had been unmasked by the greatest Socialist in Spain, Largo Caballero, as a viper to be crushed, **then will Trotzkyism find its latest defender in the leading body of the American Socialist Party?**

Do American Socialists want to become identified with the traitorous enemies of Caballero and the Spanish comrades who are spilling their blood in battle?

The decision of the NEC is a hideous blot, a crime against the Madrid Government, a crime against all American Socialists.

Honest Socialists will lose no time in seeing that it is wiped off the record, and the Trotzkyite scoundrels responsible for it driven out of a working class party.

Back After a Flight Across the Arctic

ENDING A 20,000 mile flight across the Siberia arctic wastes, this 8-ton twin-motored Soviet plane returns to Moscow. It was equipped with a special heating apparatus to combat degrees of 70 below zero.

Hollywood Review

Some Stars and Franco

Hollywood — A report from Salamanca states that Franco's would be Spanish white government has forbidden all films made in Hollywood and bearing the names of Actors Paul Muni or Luise Rainer, Directors Lewis Milestone or Frank Tuttle, Writers Upton Sinclair, Clifford Odets, Liam O'Flaherty, Dudley Nichols or Humphrey Cobb, or Producer Kenneth MacGowan.

The reason, not given in the report, is very simple. Those are some of the people who have attended dinners in behalf of Spain's legal government out here, and who have given money and sent wires of encouragement. All that we can say, is that Franco is very ill-informed for 10 times this many Hollywoodians have been working actively for the peoples government, and will go on, Franco bans notwithstanding.

Where Was He When Fights Went On

When the mike went dead at the Youth Dance of Hollywood's Anti-Nazi League, Fred Keating, who was master of ceremonies, quietly asked: "Is Howard Emmet Rogers in the house?" There was a panic of laughter. Rogers is the writer who attends all the labor meetings, to keep tab on "subversive" personalities in the film industry.

Recent sitdown strike victories are giving new impetus to the unionizing drive in show business. Latest group to start organizing are radio announcers. Work is quitely going on toward forming a union for them, then affiliate it with the American Federation of Labor.

Along the same lines, independent movie operators in Southern California, who have been having constant labor trouble because some among them hold out against union projectionists, have decided to give up the fight. It means a closed shop in the independent theaters. Major movie houses in the region are already in agreement with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

Ernest Toller's Play On Federal Boards

"No More Peace," the new play by Ernest Toller, exiled German playwright now at M. G.M. will go into all the main theatres of the Federal Theatre Porject setup.

A poll of critics taken by the Milleapolis Journal names Mr. Deeds goes to Town as the best picture of the year, with the Great Ziegfield second; Paul Muni in Pasteur and Luise Rainer, in Ziegfield lead actors and actresses. Ruth Nurmi, University of Southern California high-diver and said to be a niece of famed long distance runner Paavo Nurmi, is making screen tests for Warners.

It Must Have Made The Colonel Sputter

Best story in an age, to us is the one about that famous comedian, with eyes of two different colors, who, being in a New York restaurant recently was told by the waiter that a gentlemen at a nearby table wanted his autograph. Flattered, the dailectician glanced at his admirer. The man was very obviously a wealthy southern plantation owner. So, quick as a whip, the comedian wrote the autograph. But above his signature, he inscribed: "Free the Scottsboro Boys!"

Our Mailbag: H.F. Chicago: We suggest you do not count too heavily on the Disney studio ads for young artists which you enclose. First of all, the Cartoonists Guild is organizing strongly and it is possible Disney is looking for eventual strikebreakers; second, he has always used numerous "apprentices," very few of whom have ever been promoted to full artist rating.

L.A. Labor In Sharp Protest at Douglas Sit-Down Arrests

LOS ANGELES—Carrying out the resolution enthusiastically adopted at the meeting of the Central Labor Council last Friday, J. W. Buzzell, Secretary of the Council, J. W. Gillette of the Musicians' Union, and Aubrey Blair of the Screen Actors' Guild Tuesday, March 2, visited District Attorney Buron Fitts, and "sharply protested" his arrest of 342 sit-down strikers last Thursday at the Douglas aircraft plant.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Allowance

A child of eight was brought before a judge.
Her clothes were made of silk, and wool, with fur
A guardian accompanied the child;
Beside her seat, he turned and bowed to her.

Allowance for the child? The judge decreed:
Six hundred dollars monthly, free of fees,
The little girl to get this sum as Due,—
A part of lawful tribute Wealth receives.

A child of eight, in rags and holey shoes,
Was slowly picking cotton in a field.
In tears, she dragged her feet from plant to plant.
Her eyes acknowledged wounds that can't be healed.

Allowance for the child? A shack, some straw,
Where wind and rain and hunger often came,
To see if childhood, shorn of joy by Want,
Would hide its aching heart and take the blame.

98 Writers Hit Spain Fascists

NEW YORK — Ninety-eight prominent American writers issued a joint statement here condemned the Fascist attack in Spain and declared their belief "that the policy of neutrality adopted by the government of the United States toward the opposing forces in Spain makes it the more necessary that the moral judgements of private citizens be freely and fearlessly expressed.

"We appeal to members of our own craft, to writers, artists, clergymen and teachers to lay aside political, racial and religious defferences and to take a stand in harmony with American traditions."

Among the signers were Louis Adamic, Sherwood Anderson, John Dewey, Erskine Caldwell, William Faulkner, Christopher Morley, an Wyck Brooks, Dorothy Parker, Elizabeth Madox Roberts, Carl Sandburg, Lee Simonson, Upton Sinclair, Granville Hicks, Lewis Mumford, Malcolm Cowley, Louis Untermeyer and W.E. Woodward.

L.A. Sitdown Wins Emergency Aid

LOS ANGELES—A sit-down strike and a militant picket line conducted by the Workers Alliance, caused County supervisor of charities Rex Thomson to quickly change his mind Saturday afternoon, March 6, when he offered emergency to aid Mrs. Savina Bocanegra, Mexican woman, and her five small children.

Slept in Alley

When a member of the Alliance found Mrs. Bocanegra and and her children sleeping in an alley Friday morning, a committee from the Alliance headed by Rex Benham along with the homeless victims went to Thomson and demanded aid for the mother and her children.

Thomson refused on the grounds that because the children's father was in Mexico, their home was with him.

Upon Thomson's refusal, the committee started a sit-down strike which ended about 6:30 in the evening when it was discovered that Thomson and his aides had gone home.

Saturday a picket-line of 100 militant Alliance members surrounded the Law Building at 139 North Broadway, while a committee of 12 staged another sit-down strike in the Charities Department offices on the 12th floor.

In granting the aid, Thomson declared that it would be only temporary until County Counsel Everett Mattoon can deliver a ruling on the case.

PRESTES' TRIAL

RIO DE JANIERO, Brazil—The long delayed trial of Luis Carlos Prestes, Brazilian Communist leader, and Arthur Ewert, German Communist leader, will be held in March, it is announced.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—Twenty-eight. Kansas, last week, was the latest state to ratify.

2—Columbia Steel in Torrance and Pittsburg, Cal.

3—United Mine Workers' leader and director of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee of the CIO.

4—International Longshoremen's Assn., Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Masters, Mates and Pilots of West Coast, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn., American Radio Telegraphists' Assn., Marine Firemen's Union of the Pacific, Marine Cooks and Stewards of the Pacific, Intl. Assn. of Machinists, Local 68 and 284.

5—800,000 in the unions of the non-operating crafts; 310,000 in the unions of the operating crafts.

MANY THANKS
Peggy Mallot
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Political Kidnap Aimed at Labor Candidate in L. A.

(Continued from Page 1)

natures collected by Mrs. Sally Egners as invalid when she signed an affidavit that she had registered at an address different from where she was living.

Capital of Political Gangsters

Evidence shows Mrs. Egners was intimidated, threatened by persons interested in keeping Johnson of fthe ballot kidnapped and is being held captive at the present time.

Johnson's petition for the writ charged collusion by City Clerk Dominguez, who refused to give though he later admitted he had given extra ones to other candidates.

Only other 13th District candidate is the reactionary incumbent Darwin W. Tate, who is known to have a strong political machine capable of using all dirty methods of removing a powerful opponent.

Machine Politicians

"This is just another evidence of machine politicians who have become so strong that they will brook no opposition whatsoever and will stoop to gangster methods of fraud and kidnapping in order to prevent a people's candidate from opposing them in the election," declared Johnson.

"It is acts of this kind, which if not counteracted by a strong protest of the people, undermine our democratic form of government and make it easy to establish a Fascist dictatorship."

Prof of Gangsterism

Ample proof that Mrs. Egners was threatened and intimidated is shown by many affidavits obtained from friends of Mrs. Egners declaring that she did live at the adress where she was registered.

Though her affidavit declares she really lived at 2127 Darwin Ave.—and address different from that given in her registration—it has been proved she worked at the Darwin address, and that the original address, 2123 Thomas St. was her residence.

Persons living in the same house where Mrs. Egners lived, state that it was her home, proving her registration had been correct.

Mrs. Egners Disappears

The Los Angeles County Relief Administration has been paying Mrs. Egner's rent at the Thomas St. address.

Affidavits also state that on the day following Mrs. Egner's disappearance, two men representing themselves as "deputies of the Clerk's office" removed Mrs. Egner's trunk and personal belongings to a Sunset Blvd. hotel where Mrs. Egners, in the company of a man and women, registered, paid a week's rent in advance, but slept in the room only one night. The trunk is still there; Mrs. Egners has never returned.

No Trace Found

An intensive search for her has failed.

"There is no question in my mind but what she is being held captive by persons interested in keeping my name off the ballot," Johnson declared.

On March 2, Johnson was called by County Registrar of Voters Kerr who told him Mrs. Egners was in his office requesting signatures she collected be cancelled because of her affidavit.

Kerr Is Involved

When Johnson arrived at Kerr's offcie, Mrs. Egners had a man beside her grasping her arm. Kerr was saying, "Do I understand, Mrs. Egners, that you wish me to cancel your signatures?"

Despite her "companion's" whispered orders to reply "yes," Mrs. Egners made no answer.

"I think Mrs. Egners should talk to her attorney before she speaks," said Johnson.

Kerr repeated his question. Again Mrs. Egners, whose face showed she had been crying, made no reply, and again Johnson said she should have an attorney. Finally Kerr asked who her attorney was, and Johnson declared he was.

Angrily, the man holding Mrs. Egners claimed he was her attorney.

"Well," Johnson replied, "I have been handling work for Mrs. Egners for several months and this is th efirst time I have known that I was fired."

Ker again questioned Mrs. Egners. She faltered, "Well, I guess so." She was thereupon hurried out of the office, and, since then, has not been seen.

These gangster-like methods have not been the only evidence of strong forces working against Johnson. From the very beginning, fraud and bribery were at work. A Mr. Lacavera, reported to be Tate's paid stooge, came on the scene offering five cents for signatures collected for Johnson.

Four petition lists—99 names were taken up by him but not turned in to Johnson.

Fake Petitions

Lacavera's contact was Louis B. Carr, chairman of the Lincoln High School Committee of the United Progressive Democrats who have endorsed Johnson.

Lacavera asked Carr if he would get persons to collect signatures for Johnson at five cents per name. Carr was able to get two of Jhonson's petitions for Lacavera, who had already six petitions.

These petitions were fake! Johnson had obtained 20 petitions from City Clerk Dominguez. None of the 20 had been given out until Carr gave Lacavera two. In some way—obviously by crooked means — Lacavera obtained six petitions.

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The Lessons of the Maritime Strike

By WM. SCHNEIDERMAN
(Conclusion)

Summing up the role of the Party in the strike, its main task was THE STRUGGLE FOR UNITY, which was the key to the victory finally won. Before and during the strike, the Party mobilized all its forces to actively participate in every phase of the struggle. Every Communist Party member and sympathizer in the maritime unions participated actively in some phase of strike activity, whether on the picket lines, in the various committees for organizing relief, publicity, finances, picketing, and in the Joint Strike Committees in every port.

But more important still, the tasks of the Communists and all progressive elements was in the fight to maintain unity between the licensed and unlicensed groups, between the seamen and longshoremen, and between the maritime strikers and the rest of the labor movement.

Fight for Unity Successful

On every question of policy, this was the main consideration. The strike was won because the fight for unity was successful, because the membership of the Maritime Federation, at every crucial point of the strike, was mobilized against every splitting maneuver and red-baiting, and never allowed itself to be stampeded into a position where that unity was broken, even by leaders such as Lundeberg, who often influenced some sections of the seamen with his syndicalist policies.

The spirit of solidarity spread far beyond the ranks of the maritime workers. It was evident not only in the tremendous financial and moral support of the shoreside unions, but in the slogan which has become a byword in the San Francisco Labor Council: "Union men will never pass through a picket line."

As a result, for over three months the teamsters, although under reactionary leadership, lived up to the great traditions of 1934 and refused to go through the picket lines not only of the maritime workers, but also of the striking warehousemen and the shipyards workers, contributing greatly to the successful conclusion of these strikes.

It was also the influence of the maritime unions, together with other unions rapidly becoming progressive, that ousted ward Vandeleur, notorious for sell-out of the San Francisco General Strike of 1934, the leadership of the Central Labor Council in the recent elections, and was instrumental electing Harry Bridges and number of other militants and progressives into leading positions.

Some Shortcomings

But the work of the Communists and their progressive allies the maritime unions had a number of shortcomings also. Precisely because of the increasing influence of the Party among the workers, the reactionaries the maritime unions who have been low for a long time because their policies were discredited, seize upon every difficult situation as a favorable opportunity to again raise their heads and voices, and with the most unscrupulous demagogy, posing as super-militants at times, carry on an unceasing struggle against the progressive leadership, and seek to confuse the membership and discredit the Communists and other progressives in the unions.

Unfortunately the policies and tactics of Lundeberg and his immediate circle of followers, who are influenced by the IWW ideology and poisoned by the handful of Trotzkyite disrupters, are playing into the hands of these reactionary elements and thereby endangering the unity of the Federation.

We must avoid, however, a narrow sectarian approach; it would be wrong to lump these syndicalist elements, among whom are honest elements who are confused and mislead, with the reactionaries.

The Communists have often allowed themselves to be provoked by their red-baiting into personal attacks, instead of sticking to discussion of policy in order to bring the issues clearly to the rank and file.

Throughout the strike it was shown that once the issues were clear to the membership, red-baiting and disruption were defeated. Only when the Communists were not able to raise the issue clearly of preserving unity on the basis of a correct policy, was it possible for such a policy to receive temporary setbacks in the Sailors' Union and among some of the licensed men.

This requires patient and persistent work on our part. The fight for unity will not be an easy one; there are a number of difficult questions ahead, in connection with the coming ILA District Convention in May, and the Maritime Federation Convention in June. The main question, of consolidating the gains and further cementing the unity of the seamen and longshoremen, requires vigilance against any adventurist policies.

There are, for instance, weaknesses in the seamen's agreements which the shipowners may attempt to use against the unions, and the seamen will have to fight against these attempts; there may be recurring questions of "hot cargo" from the Gulf and from Vancouver, due to jurisdictional disputes arising out of the strikebreaking policy of Ryan, Hunter, and Scharrengerg and the wholeslae revoking of charters of rank and file locals.

On Guard

While mobilizing the maximum amount of support of the Maritime Federation in support of the seamen's struggles, and of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast rank and file, the unions must be on guard against any adventurist actions which threatens the unity of the Federation or might precipitate a major struggle for which the unions are not prepared.

The continuation and intensification of the fight for a National Maritime Federation is especially important now because of the possibility of a convention of the ISU being called this year.

The ISU officialdom is in a precarious position because of the great advances made by the rank and file on the East Coast, and by the failure of Hunter and Scharrenberg to accomplish their splitting purpose on the West Coast when they revoked the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. Any move to break away from the ISU and AFL at this time, any let-up in the fight to regain the Sailors' Union charter, would play into the hands of Hunter and Scharrenberg.

Yet there are tendencies on the West Coast and the Gulf, which are being encouraged by Lundeberg, to organize an independent union of the seamen; in a vague, confused way the syndicalist elements are also advocating that the Maritime Federation become an indepedent, industrial union, a sort of "one big union" on a national scale. Although every such move has been blocked from the very beginning, thus far, the danger is not yet over.

It is necessary to carry on a campaign for the participation of the West Coast unions in the ISU convention, for the return of the Sailors' Union charter and their participation with full voting rights in the convention, and for every possible assistance to the struggle of the Atlantic and Gulf rank and file for democratic control of their unions. Only in this way will the fight for a National Maritime Federation be furthered.

Ryan met the growing sentiment for a National Maritime Federation with a dishonest maneuver, announcing during the strike that William Green and the AFL executive council had agreed to form a Maritime Trades Dept. of the AFL. The San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation answered this quite correctly, when it declared that it would welcome such a move, provided it was a really all-inclusive federation of maritime unions, with full expression of the rank and file and democratic control of the membership to determine policies, and not a bureaucratic clique of top officials which would only sabotage the unifying of the maritime workers on a national scale. Green, Ryan and Hunter, of course, cannot be depended upon to build a genuine national maritime federation, when one remembers their shameful role in the strike.

Role of the Government

From the first, the Party and the "Western Worker" had to warn and fight against the strong illusions among the workers that Roosevelt was going to "crack down" on the shipowners, while at the same time organizing mass pressure on the Administration to "Stop the Ship Subsidies!" The campaign in the labor movement around this slogan undoubtedly had its effect on the Administration, and did force some gestures from Washington. But it soon became clear to every striker that the "friendly gestures" of Roosevelt, Perkins, and McGrady would not win the strike, and that the Administration did not exert all the powers it had to put pressure on the shipowners.

In fact, at the very beginning of the strike, the U. S. Maritime Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt, became notorious for its open siding with the employers; since the strike, it has been revealed that the admirals on the Commission are openly favoring a company union for the licensed personnel of the seamen. Secretary of Commerce Roper and his lieutenant, Weaver, faithfully served the shipowners at every turn, in redbaiting attacks on the unions. Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady, who was sent to San Francisco for the first two months of the strike, described the strike as "sheer madness," and carried on a constant campaign for arbitration, although he could not always do it openly.

Joining The Maritime Strike

SCENES SHOWING seamen on ships arriving at West Coast ports being informed of the strike and directed to strike headquarters. Not a ship moved in the 99 days of the great West Coast maritime strike; solidarity of all unions was one of the greatest achievements in entire history of American labor movement

The catagoric refusal of the unions to consider arbitration prevented the Administration from yielding to the combined efforts of the shipowners, the Mayors' conference, and the newspapers to force arbitration on the unions.

Since the strike, a dangerous move to force arbitration on the maritime industry, going even further than the Railway Labor Act which has been held up as a "model," was made in the form of the Guffey Bill introduced into Congress, which in addition to compulsory arbitration clauses, is aimed directly at Harry Bridges under the guise of excluding non-citizens from representing the unions in collective bargaining. The whole labor movement must be aroused to fight against these anti-union strike-breaking measures.

Farmer-Labor Party

The Party and the "Western Worker" carried on a continuous campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party, linking up the maritime workers' struggles with the need for independent political action on a local, state, and national scale. During the election campaign, it utilized every possible opportunity to broadcast its position on the radio, dealing with the political aspects of the maritime strike, in San Pedro, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Only one such broadcast was suppressed in San Francisco, and that was the widely-advertised address of Roy Hudson, on the eve of election day. It made special efforts, both before and during the strike, to bring the waterfront workers to Party mass meetings for Browder, Ford, and Hudson, and at Nov. 7th and Lenin Memorial meetings, with some success.

The effects of the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party were reflected in a number of ways. The Sailors' Union in San Pedro adopted a Farmer-Labor Party resolution. ILA Local 38-79 of San Francisco went on record in support of Labor's Non-Partisan League and independent political action. A number of maritime unions participated in the California People's Legislative Conference, one of the broadest united front movements ever organized by the labor and progressive forces.

Organized Labor in San Francisco and Oakland launched a campaign to repeal the Anti-Picketing Ordinances, and these measures were placed on the ballot in the special spring elections. (It is reported that as a result of the campaign to register for these elections, eight hundred seamen in the San Francisco Bay area registered, who had never voted before).

Before the end of the strike, the issue of independent political action, especially in relation to the fight against the Copeland Act, became a central question for discussion among the strikers.

The majority of the maritime workers have not yet been won for a Farmer-Labor party; this is a great shortcoming of the work of the Communists, but there is no doubt that there is a greater understanding among the maritime workers on the need for labor's independent political action, and that the time is not far off when they will align themselves with other progressive forces for the building of a Farmer-Labor party, and will be in the forefront of an American People's Front against reaction, Fascism, and war.

One of the great weaknesses of our work was among the Negroes. In San Pedro, the ILA progressives inherited from the former reactionary leadership a situation where the Negroes were practically excluded from working on the waterfront, with the exception of the Cotton Compress Local.

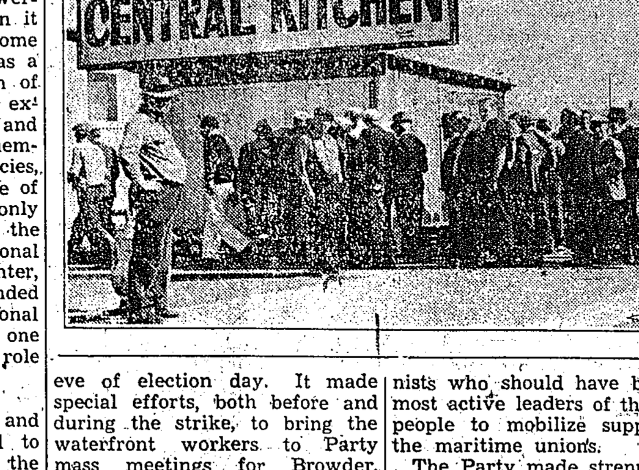
The progressives made some attempts to fight against this policy of discrimination, but insufficiently.

Work Among Negroes

The result was that the employers attempted to exploit this justified resentment among the Negroes to incite them against the maritime unions. Had an attempt been made to open the port of San Pedro, as was done during the 1934 strike, this might have had disastrous consequences.

Unfortunately, the National Negro Congress in Los Angeles did not react correctly to this threat, and failed to carry on an active campaign among the Negroes in support of the strike; there was resistance to this even among some Communists who should have been the most active leaders of the Negro people to mobilize support for the maritime unions.

Where San Pedro Strikers Were Fed



The Party made strenuous efforts to carry on such a campaign among the Negroes during the strike, but our big mistake was in waiting so long to take up the fight against discrimination in San Pedro.

In San Francisco, due to a correct policy adopted by the ILA against Negro discrimination since 1934, there was a better situation. A number of Negro workers were included on the leading committees of the strike. The National Negro Congress played an important role in winning the sympathy of the Negro population in the San Francisco Bay area for the strikers; John P. Davis, its national secretary, was invited to speak at strikers' meetings while on his California tour. But even here, too much was taken for granted. The shipowners' agent, Lee Holman and the armed thugs in his strikebreaking company-union agency made repeated attempts to provoke warfare between Negro and white workers.

Holman's Actions

Holman recruited a group of misled Negroes with the promise of jobs, and marched them down to the waterfront at the conclusion of the strike, to "demand jobs." His purpose was to precipitate a struggle which would alienate the sympathy of the Negro population toward the maritime unions.

The Communists in the unions must take the lead in fighting against every form of discrimination toward Negroes, and must especially be vigilant to expose and fight against the under-cover campaign of discrimination carried on by some reactionary elements in the ILA. The Party must also carry on patient work among the seamen to break down the prejudice and discrimination against the Filipinos, pointing out that unless this attitude is changed, the employers will take advantage of it to create a reserve of strikebreakers against the union.

Another phase of the strike which must be mentioned in the role of the women, particularly in the ILA Auxiliary, in actively participating in the organization of relief and other phases of strike activity, and the work of the young Communists among the youth, in organizing sports and other recreational and educational activty for the strikers around the Union Recreation Center on the waterfront.

The "Maritime Worker," weekly organ of the Waterfront Section of the Party, and the "Western Worker", were indispensable weapons in the fight for maintaining the unity of the strikers and in clarifying questions of policy, as well as explaining the broader political aspects of the struggle. The "Western Worker" was distributed in thousands of copies, regularly, in the union halls and on the picket lines, and was as widely read and discussed by the strikers as was the "Voice of the Federation," in spite of numerous attempts to bar it from the union halls.

The role and influence of the Party was reflected especially in the recruiting of over 300 new members to the Party from the strikers' ranks (nearly 2,000 new members were recruited into the Party throughout California, during the approximate period of the strike). The Party organization as a whole reacted well to its tasks during the strike. Learning from the experience of 1934, during the reign of terror and the vigilante raids, the Party was prepared if necessary to continue its work under emergency conditions. Nearly every section and unit was in a position to issue its own leaflets if necessary, and to continue uninterruptedly its activtiy in the neighborhoods and factories. Open mass activity was carried on during the whole 3-month period. To a lesser extent, this was also true in San Pedro, where in 1934 the terror had made this impossible. The Workers' Book Shop in San Pedro remained open, although it was repeatedly raided and wrecked by vigilantes, but the growing strength of the labor movement in San Pedro and its militancy made it very unhealthy for vigilantes.

The Party during the latter half of the strike organized more systematic political education for its new members, particularly among the seamen, in the form of the new members' classes, unit discussions, and the distribution of Party literature, but a great deal more of this could have been done. Another big shortcoming was the weakness in recruiting and political education among longshoremen.

Our tasks are not ended now that the strike is over. The Party must consolidate the gains it has made, politically and organizationally. The Communists in the maritime unions must rally all honest, progressive forces around them in the fight for maintaining and solidifying the unity of the workers, regardless of all difficulties and obstacles placed in the path. The Communists are not out to "control" or "capture" the unions for some sinister purpose. Our aim is to fight for such a policy as will strengthen and unify the ranks of the workers in their immediate struggles for the advancement of their economic and political interests, and to go forward to the building of an American People's Front which can defeat the threatening forces of reaction, fascism, and war.

The successful conclusion of the strike, and the far-reaching influence of the maritime unions in the labor movement of the Pacific Coast and nationally recall to mind the jubilant prediction, "Labor is Licked," made by a leading capitalist of San Francisco at the conclusion of the 1934 General Strike. These are his words as quoted in the press:

"The strike is the best thing that ever happend to San Francisco. It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs, we won't have to worry about them any more. Labor is licked."

He proved to be a false prophet indeed!

—The End—

SACTO. LABOR THINKS LABOR PARTY NEEDED

And It Tells Just Why It Feels That Way About It

SACRAMENTO — Organized labor tells why it thinks a Labor Party would be a good thing, in the following resolution, passed by its Federated Trades and Labor Council recently:

WHEREAS: Officials of the City and County of Sacramento have consistantly followed a policy of indifference to the welfare of organized labor, and,

Anti-Labor Acts

WHEREAS: This policy was conspicuously demonstrated recently when, after having received the unanimous indorsement of this Council for a position on the Civic Service Board, the President of this Federated Trades Council was eliminated as a qualified candidate by the chance tossing of a coin, and,

WHEREAS: Under the conditions that now prevail it is impossible to freely exercise our most fundamental rights of free speech, of free press and assembly despite our public declarations against any interference whatever with the free exercise of all of these rights, which are specifically guaranteed everyone of our citizens by both the Constitution of the U. S. and of the State of California, and also in spite of our every effort toward the repeal of all such restrictive and anti-labor legislation, and;

WHEREAS: It therefore becomes apparent that the only effective way to promote the welfare of labor and of all progressive people is to follow the example of the Alameda County and Los Angeles County Central Labor Councils in the formation of a Labor Party for independent political action.

Endorse Labor Party

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Federated Trades Council go on record endorsing such a Labor Party, and that we immediately elect a committee of five with instructions to contact all labor, liberal and progressive groups, inviting them to unite with our committee by selecting at least one member each from all such groups to serve with our committee in what shall be known as the Promotional Committee for Progressive Political Action, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we recommend to this Promotional Committee that a Labor Party conference be held in Sacramento not later than May 30, 1937, the purpose of which conference shall be to select and nominate candidates for 1937 election and to arrange for their support and to lay plans for any future political activity of affiliation that at the time may be deemed advisable.

Now Dept. Store People Unionize

SAN FRANCISCO — Success has been so great in the drive to organize department store employees here that sponsors of the drive have asked for a seperate charter for the Department Store Employees Union.

Over 200 applications have come in. Preliminary meetings were held under auspices of the Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmens Union, Local 410. A meeting held last Tuesday was addressed by President Warren G. Denton of the Warehousemens Union and Fred West of the Window Cleaners.

Marion Brown, organizer, has received the cooperation of Carmen Lucia of the Millinery Workers.

How the Heart of Donald Douglas Beats for Workers

SANTA MONICA—How the heart of Donald Douglas, wealthy owner of the Daugias Aircraft Company here, bleeds for the workers in his plant was clearly illustrated here Thursday, February 25, when someone mentioned the possibility of the workers being burned to death in the event police fired into the plant inflamables, and "kindhearted" Donald declared that he didn't "give a damn what happens to the workers."

Overhearing the remark, a worker pointed out that this was the same Mr. Douglas who would have the public believe that out of his great humanitarian heart he had worked night and day to build the company union, Douglas Employees' Association, all for the welfare of the workers.

FARMERS HELP OREGON LABOR

Fight On Reactionary Bill In Legislature

SALEM, Ore.—Labor has an important stake in two proposals before the present session of the Oregon legislature. First, to defeat the measure, supported by big merchants, industrialists and wealthy farmers, to provide for compulsory arbitration and executive control of strikes. The other, to pass state legislation similar to the Wagner labor relations law.

Compulsory Arbitration

The reactionary proposal would require industrial disputes to be submitted to a state board of conciliation, appointed by the governor, 30 days before a strike or lockout could occur, during which period picketing would be unlawful. Other bills supported by the same clique would outlaw sympathetic strikes and require registration of unions with the state corporation commissioner. The antilabor bills were reported out unfavorably by the house committee on labor and industry, and after a brief debate were referred back to the committee.

The State Grange has joined with organized labor in opposing the Tory bills, citing the similarity of the economic plight of farmer and worker and asserting that to give the governor arbitrary power to destroy an organization would negate the principles of democracy. The Grange is sponsoring a bill to provide for a farm labor board of conciliation, which would forbid strikes but which would aid in speeding arbitration and setting up temporary wage scales during critical harvest seasons. The board would be selected by the Farmers' Union, State Grange and State Federation of Labor.

The bill backed by labor and progressives would create an Oregon labor relations board of three members, empowered to bar company unions, ban unfair labor practices by employers, guarantee workers full liberty of joining a union and provide for collective bargaining. Circuit courts would enforce board orders. The bill states that economic stability and prosperity can come only through universal collective bargaining.

Contra Costa Hits Discrimination

RICHMOND—Leaders in the labor movement in Contra Costa County drew up and signed the following resolution dealing with racial discrimination in the organization of the unorganized. The resolution follows:

Whereas, We, the undersigned members of the A.F. of L., believe in organization of all workers and in the sanctity of human rights, and,

Whereas, We are opposed to discrimination being used in the organization of the unorganized with reference to race, creed, color, or nationality, do hereby

Resolve, That we go on record as endorsing and approving of the organization of agriculture workers on a state-wide basis, without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or nationality in the organization of unorganized workers.

signed: JAMES N. WILSON.
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VIOLA COX.

Iron Workers Want Punishment of Those Guilty in Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO—"The Iron Workers feel that labor should see that those responsible for the Golden Gate Bridge disaster, which killed 10 men, should not be whitewashed", Bill Sanders, of Structural Ornamental Union Workers Union told the Central Labor Council delegates here.

This Didn't Help Repeal of Anti-Picket Ordinance

SAN FRANCISCO—One way not to help repeal of the anti-picket law was practiced by Hugo Ernest, head of the Culinary Alliance. Ernest informed the Labor Council here that he had had all pickets withdrawn in the course of the drive for repeal "so as not to cause any rioting."

PICKET SUB PLANT

GROTON, Conn.—After their forcible eviction, sit-downers at the Electric Boat Co. (submarine plane) have transferred their picketing to outside the plant. The CIO is leading them.

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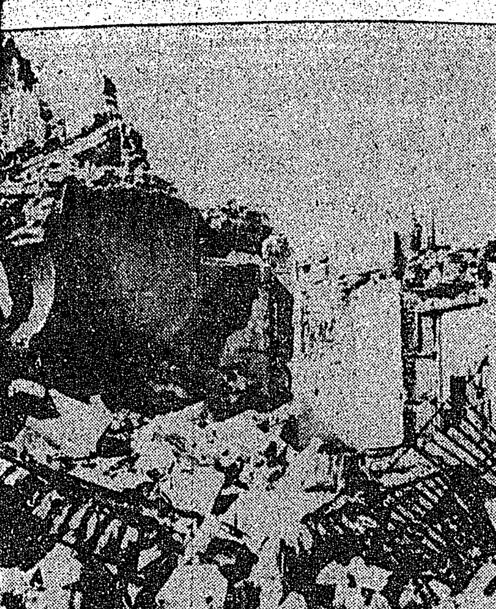

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CIO DRIVE

In Oil, Textile Opened Up STRIKE WAVE GROWING *Douglas Strike Is Won*

UNION - HATING WILEY AGAIN ON MARINE BOARD

Kennedy and Admiral Land Appointed by F. D.

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt has appointed the permanent five-man Maritime Commission, and it still contains two anti-labor minded admirals.

A hold-over from the former temporary commission is Admiral Henry A. Wiley.

In commenting on the new commission, Harry Bridges in San Francisco said: "I hope the commission does not follow the policies of Rear Admiral Henry A. Wley, who supported the employers in fostering company unions and opposed unions for licensed officers."

Joseph B. Kennedy, of New York, who was chairman of the Federal Securities Commission, heads the new Maritime Commission. Kennedy's record on the Securities Commission was reactionary.

Other members besides Kennedy and Wiley:

Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, for a 6-year term.

Edward C. Moran, Jr., former Maine Democratic congressman, 5-year term.

T. M. Woodward of Pennsylvania, for 3 years.

Kennedy will serve 2 years. He owns 110 shares of Todd Shipyard stock.

Suit Vs. Sta. Rosa Vigilantes Tried

SACRAMENTO—Attorneys for Silva W.A. Green in his $25,000 suit against Fred M. Cairns, leader of a Santa Rosa tar and feather mob, closed their case on Wednesday.

Cairns led the vigilantes who kidnaped Green and Sol Nitzberg in 1935, because of their militant labor activities.

Nitzberg, witness for Green, described the actions of the mob. He said that the vigilantes, who forced him to kiss the American flag, weren't fit to have that flag.

Cairn's attorney tried to make it seem that Communists insult the American flag. Nitzburg told the court that the flag "was born of revolution, the symbol of liberty which the Communist Party is striving for at the present time. They are the 20th century Americans."

Copeland Change Passed by House

WASHINGTON — Unanimous approval has been given the change in the Copeland Act by the House Merchant Marine Committee, and the House has passed it.

Under the new measure, the carrying of continuous discharge books is optional. Seamen may, if they prefer, carry certificates which contain only indentification marks, no entries of record.

MADRID FIGHTS NEW DRIVE OF ITALIAN ARMY

German Plane Bombs French Freighter Off Algeria

MADRID—Defenders of Madrid prepared to thrust back the most powerful onslaught of Italian troops yet to be hurled against the Spanish Fascist insurrection begun last August.

More than 21,000 troops, heavily mechanized with German artillery and tanks, were moving toward Madrid from the northeast.

Practically all semblance of a "Spanish" front, save the nominal leadership of the traitor General Francisco Franco, has disappeared from the military campaign of Italian and German Fascism to destroy the elected government of the Spanish people and to place the country completely under the rule of Italian and German militarism.

The prisoner said further that he arrived on the Italian transport Lombardia with nearly 5000 other Italians. Escorting it and another Italian transport landing at Cadiz was the Italian warship Armando Diaz.

MARSEILLES, France — A German Junker plane bombed and machine-gunned the French steamship Djebel-Antar between North Africa and the Balearic Islands, while a Spanish insur-

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F.D.R. RAPS FOES OF COURT CURB

Says Social Legislation Depends on His Plan

WASHINGTON—Foes of curbing the Supreme Court's usurped power to nullify social legislation, were flayed by President Roosevelt in a national radio address last Tuesday, as he spoke for his plan of appointing new justices to the court for every justice who did not retire at the age of 70, up to a total of 16 justices.

"I want to talk with you very simply about the need for present action in this crisis—the need to meet the unanswered challenge of one-third of a nation ill-nourished, ill-clad, ill-housed," declared Roosevelt.

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"Gifts" Protected Utilities Profits

SACRAMENTO — How huge public utility corporations fight to protect their profits by "gifts" of large sums of money to political groups, "goodwill organizations," chambers of commerce, etc., was exposed in startling detail in a report on file with the State Legislature from the

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Set Big Lumber Strike

75,000 Due To Go Cut Monday Unless Pay Boost Comes

PORTLAND—Lumber workers' union leaders are in this city for conferences on the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union demand for a 10 per cent wage increase.

If the conferences are unsuccessful, Kenneth Davis of the Puget Sound Council of the union said, then 60,000 workers in Washington and 15,000 in Oregon will hit the picket line Monday. Every union local has voted to strike if the wage increase is not granted.

It would be the largest strike of lumber workers yet known. The strike would quickly spread to California.

Seven Seattle saw mills are at present on strike.

C. P. SUPPORTS LABOR NOMINEE

Withdraws Own Candidate In L. A. Councilmanic Race

LOS ANGELES—Emphasizing the value of unity of all labor and progressive forces for independent political action, the Hollywood Section, Communist Party, has issued a statement explaining withdrawal of Emil Freed, councilmanic candidate:

"Mr. Henry J. Alberti of the Musicians' Union, local 147, has been endorsed by the joint executive board of the Central Labor Council and the progressive and liberal forces as candidate in the Second Councilmanic District.

"Mr. Alberti is running on a platform worked out by these groups. Although his platform does no go as far as one which would be proposed by a candidate put forth by our Party, we feel however that this platform expresses the immediate needs of labor and the people at large in the Second Councilmanic District.

"In the interests of maintaining and extending this unity, our Party has withdrawn its own candidate Comrade Freed, in this District. We will give our support to Mr. Alberti in this campaign and call upon the people of this community to add their energy in bringing his campaign in the Second Councilmanic District to a successful conclusion."

Oroville to Vote Municipal Power

OROVILLE, Butler County—The same power interests which fought the issue in San Francisco are fighting the amendment for revenue bonds for municipal power, on which Oroville citizens will vote April 12.

SANTA MONICA ADDED TO CIO TRIUMPH LIST

Recognition of The United Auto Union Is Conceded

SANTA MONICA — Another big CIO victory!

The 3000 Douglas Aircraft strikers have won their 18-day strike, led by the United Automobile Workers' Union. Douglas Aircraft has agreed to grant that CIO union recognition, and to arbitrate any other issues not yet agreed on.

President Donald Douglas of the aircraft company hurriedly made up his mind to grant recognition as he saw another picket line of over 1000 workers outside his plant on Thursday.

Douglas at first refused to take back any of the indicted 350 sit-down strikers, but later agreed to take back all but 38 at once, and to settle the question of the 38 later.

Northrup, a Douglas subsidiary, recognized the CIO union last week.

A 15 cents an hour pay increase is among the demands to be arbitrated. Meanwhile a 5 per cent increase, forced by the strike, holds good.

Under consideration by Superior Court Judge Emmet Wilson were demurrers, against the vicious indictments preferred by District Attorney Fitts, filed Tuesday, by union attorney John C. Packard.

BILL FOR C. S. REPEAL SOON UP

Urge Wires and Letters for Prisoners' Release

Assembly Bill 311, for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will come before the Crime Problems Committee of the Assembly early in April. The hearing will be public and calls are being sent to California organizations to elect delegates to join a bus and auto caravan that will go to Sacramento the evening the hearing is held. The call is being sent by the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Act.

At Approximately the same the Third District Court of Appeals, Sacramento, will hear the appeal of the Sacramento defendants. A committee from the delegation will visit the governor and demand immediate, unconditional release of the prisoners.

Demand Reversal

The conference urges that cards, letters and telegrams be sent to the clerk of the Third District Court of Appeals, Sacramento, calling for a reversal of the trial verdict and freedom of the prisoners.

Assembly Bill 311, for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, has been referred to the Crime Problems Committee, one of the most reactionary committees in

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A Brass Tacks Organizing Drive

HEADQUARTERS of a new Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers' local is a busy place, with that CIO union conducting an intensive drive to add several hundred thousand more workers to its ranks. Scene is in a Pennsylvania town.

The Unity of Labor

(Statement by Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.)
(Special to the Western Worker)

The fight for unity continues the foremost task of all trade union members. The new developments in the labor movement must be taken into account. First among these is the great achievement of the CIO among the auto, steel and other workers and the general tendency of the unorganized in other industries to organize under the banner of the CIO.

This demands in many cases an adjustment of policy as exemplified by the Douglas workers deciding to go with the CIO.

Second, we must take into account the further development of the strikebreaking and splitting activity of the AFL executive council as shown in the auto strike, in the Frey conference with the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company union agents, directed against the CIO, and finally Green's order to expel the CIO unions from the Central Labor Councils and State Federations.

The capitalist press tries to create the impression that John L. Lewis is taking the initiative in building a new Federation of Labor.

This should be exposed by showing that the decision of the last CIO conference on Tuesday calls only for the setting up of central bodies where the CIO forces are ousted.

Every trade unionist must continue the fight against expulsions, for maintaining the unity of the central bodies, and for support of all unions and central bodies to the organizing campaigns of the CIO, because all this means strengthening the trade union movement.

Only through quick action of the rank and file, especially in the craft unions, and simultaneous support of the CIO organizing campaigns can unity of the AFL be reestablished.

S.F. Labor Hails Picket Law Death

SAN FRANCISCO—Labor and the people swept the 20-year-old anti-picketing ordinance off the city's books by a vote of 77,421 to 68,249 in last Tuesday's balloting.

"The voters of San Francisco by repealing this ordinance have shown themselves in favor of picketing, which prevents violence and advertises those firms and empoyers which are unfair to labor," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast ILA head and president of Maritime Federation of the Pacific, District 2.

"The three-month demonstration of peaceful pickeing the waterfront passed through, is an example of the contention of

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CP Hails Repeal of SF Picket Act

Hailing the San Francisco voters' mandate to repeal the 20-year-old anti-picket ordinance, the San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party stated the labor victory was due largely to the progressives' push in the campaign. The statement follows:

(Statement by San Francisco County Committee, Communist Party)

The repeal of San Francisco's twenty-year-old anti-picketing ordinance is a significant and

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The Strike Wave—Coast to Coast

California labor played a leading part in strike struggle developments of the past few days.

Two ILA Warehousemen's Union pickets and two plain clothes policemen were injured and a score of others were hurt, when cops attacked pickets at the California Packing Corporation in Alameda in the Bay Region's worst outbreak of police terror since the 1934 strike.

One of the police, beaten by officers who mistook him for a striker, is expected to die.

Tear gas hurled by police covered the whole neighborhood and brought a flood of complaints of residents whose homes it penetrated. At least one child was known to be seriously affected. Marks of tear gas bombs roughened the smooth cement surface of sidewalks.

The motorcycle of a state patrolman was wrecked where he parked it in the middle of a street to direct the attack of private police against the strikers.

The battle was started when

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MORE COUNCILS REJECT BILL GREEN LETTER

Sta. Clara, Stockton Turn Down Letter From Green

WASHINGTON — William Green on Thursday definitely ordered all CIO unions expelled from state federations and central labor bodies. Many such bodies have already indicated they will refuse to carry out such an order.

Additional California Central Labor Councils to reject the letter of William Green which amounted to a CIO expulsion order are those of Santa Clara County and Stockton.

The San Francisco, Kern County, Sacramento, Alameda County Councils had already taken similar actions.

The CIO has set up a new office in California, that in Nevada City, Nevada County. The Nevada County office will be headquarters for the drive to organize the gold miners of the Nevada County area into Twin Cities Local 283, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

(Further details of the vigilantes' activities in that area are given on page 3. The Alameda County Central Labor Council scored the Nevada County vigilantes threats against the CIO.)

The CIO executives' meeting of Tuesday this week, did not set up a new federation of

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MOONEY PARDON GOES TO SENATE

Pressure Brings About Assembly Approval

SACRAMENTO—The Assembly's 45 to 28 vote for a full and complete pardon to Tom Mooney came despite rulings by Attorney General Webb and the State Legislative Counsel Wood that the legislature has no power to grant the pardon. The majority of Assemblymen do not agree that they lack the power.

The Assembly's action comes as a result of the recently intensified organized labor campaign for Mooney, expressed in setting up of local AFL committes and holding of conferences in most California cities.

The resolution for Mooney's pardon now goes to the Senate. Fight for the pasage of the resolution was led by Assemblyman Richie of San Diego and Maloney of San Francisco. All San Francisco Assemblymen voted for the resolution.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 16

CONSTANTINOPLE—Six hundred perish in Russian slaughters in Northern Persia.

LOS ANGELES—Trial of Clarence Darrow on "jury bribing" charges in McNamara case is set for May 14.

MARCH 17

SAN FRANCISCO — Central Labor Council passes resolution protesting police attack on Socialist meeting in Oakland.

MARCH 18

OAKLAND—500 at mass meeting called by Socialist Party pass resolution demanding recall of Oakland city administration or graft.

BOSTON—150,000 New England cotton and woolen mill workers get wage increase of 5 per cent and up, as result of Lawrence woolen strike.

MARCH 19

BERLIN—350,000 Westphalian coal miners go out on strike.

Western Worker Drive

Appreciation on S. F. Results

THE San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party hails the successful reaching of the quota of $3,000—our part of the Western Worker and Daily Worker Drive.

On this occasion we extend hearty congratulations to all Party members and friends of the Party whose work and contributions in the drive and the bazaar made this fine achievement possible.

The fact that our quota was reached on the scheduled time attests to the growing vitality of our organization and its growing capacity for vigorous response to our Party's campaigns and appeals. It is the same responsiveness that made possible our successful conclusion of the Browder-Ford Membership Drive, which doubled our San Francisco membership within the time of the drive.

Space does not permit the listing of all the Party and friendly organizations as well as individuals, whose work inspired all of us and spurred us to reach our goal. Some of them, however, must be mentioned in consideration of their outstanding achievements.

Among these are: the 23rd Assembly Branch of the Communist Party, which made an all-around record, more than tripling their quota; the Culinary Unit, who so skillfully and efficiently ran the bazaar restaurant; the Needle Trades Unit, whose handmade goods were a sensation at the bazaar and added a goodly

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L. A. CARPENTERS LOCAL GIVES ITS ENDORSEMENT TO STRIKE AT AIRCRAFT PLANTS, LED BY CIO

Reprimand Delegates to Labor Council Who Did Not Vote to Support Douglas and Northrup Aircraft Strikers

LOS ANGELES—The Carpenters' Union, local 25, representing 1500 men, have unanimously voted to indorse the strikers of the Douglas and Northrup Aircraft Plants.

The discussion on the motion was long and heated. Because, the delegates of local 25 had just reported the Carpenters' District Council and the Central Labor Council had tabled similar motions.

Local members questioned the delegates as to how they themselves had voted on the motion. Hence the members charged the delegates with not representing the will of the membership. Therefore the motion as passed by local 25 in reality was a reprimand and future instruction to their delegates.

The discussion brought out the fact that Buzzell and his AFL organizers after five weeks of effort to organize the aircraft workers into craft unions, lost out to the industrial union organizers of the CIO.

Therein lies the reactionary reason why the top leadership is trying to silence any efforts of the rank and file members to voice their opinion on the present aircraft strike.

District Attorney Fitts, for his vicious indictments against the 342 strikers, was also caustically condemned by many of the Local 25 members.

ALLIANCE AIDS DOUGLAS MEN'S RELIEF FIGHT

Tyrant Young Doesn't Seem to Read Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — Following the same tactics it used during the maritime strike, the Los Angeles County Relief Administration is playing the role of strike-breaker by refusing to give relief aid to the Douglas Aircraft strikers.

Doesn't Read Papers

At a meeting of the citizen's relief committee the committee voted to conduct an investigation to "determine" whether or not there is a strike at the Douglas Aircraft plant.

Archibald Young, soft-voiced, tyrant-like chairman of the committee, declared: "We have been informed by Douglas officials that the strikers can go back to work. As a matter of fact, I don't know that there is a strike at Douglas."

Accompanying the committee of 60 aircraft strikers, headed by Ken Hunter, who demanded relief from the committee and charged that the administration is trying to "force workers to starve or scab," was a committee from the Workers' Alliance, headed by Loretta Adams, assistant organizer for the county.

Mrs. Adams, who was active in securing relief for single strikers during the maritime strike, pledged the active cooperation of the Workers' Alliance in the aircraft strikers' efforts to obtain their rightful relief.

Marine Labor Not Sorry Weaver Out

WASHINGTON — Joseph B. Weaver is out as Director of the U. S. Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation.

The labor-hating director's resignation will take effect at the end of a two-months' leave. It followed a quarrel with Asst. Secretary of Commerce J. Monroe Jackson.

Weaven, proven to have accepted numerous favors from shipowners, was one of the main forces behind the Copeland fink book. He repeatedly expressed enmity to maritime unions.

NOVELIST FLYER

FAMOUS FRENCH author, André Malraux, leader of an international squadron fighting for Spanish democracy. He is now in this country on a tour in behalf of Spanish democracy.

S.F. POLITICIANS ENDANGER FOOD TO ILL CHILDREN

Bureaucracy May Tie Up School Meals

SAN FRANCISCO—Because of a bureaucratic dispute as to what department is to pay the bill, 2000 San Francisco school children inclined to ill-health may find themselves without the meals they have been getting in classes.

The dispute came as a result of the cutting of $5000 from the new Health Dept. budget by Chief Administrator A. J. Cleary.

Cleary argues that the School Dept. should pay for the meals. The Board of Education claims that the law forbids spending of school funds for free lunches to needy children.

San Mateo Council For Court Change

SAN MATEO—The San Mateo Central Labor Council has endorsed the proposed changes in the Supreme Court.

The council defeated by two votes last Monday, the resolution protesting the arrests of the 345 Douglas Aircraft sitdowners in Santa Monica, and condemning District Attorney Buron Fitts for his actions in the arrests.

The defeat came as a result of the treacherous statements of Secretary Al Randall and Crown of the Electricians, who claimed sitdown strikes are illegal. Randall shed tears at the workers' "gall" in remaining on company property.

A resolution requesting the State Federation to grant a state agricultural charter on the basis of the program adopted at the recent State Federation sponsored conference was referred to the executive committee.

Madrid Fighting New Hordes

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gent trawler, in French waters near Brest, fired on a Spanish freighter.

French authorities immediately dispatched four cruisers to protect Mediterranean sea routes and to protect French waters from the Fascists growing more and more provocative in their attempts to capture Spain.

Charge Assembly Committee Packed

SACRAMENTO—Speaker William Mosley Jones, McAdoo Democrat of Los Angeles, "stacked" the Assembly's public utilities committee against public ownership advocates, charged Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson of King City, last Monday.

The Assembly defeated Patterson's move to override the utilities committee and bring to the floor a resolution providing $10,000 for a legislative committee to investigate political activities of public utilities, by a 56-14 vote.

A resolution by Assemblyman Samuel Yorty, Los Angeles, to establish what stockholders held controlling interest in privately-owned utility corporations, was also defeated.

Bill for C.S. Act Repeal Up Soon

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the State Assembly. The following compose the committee: Paul A. Richie, 79 District, San Diego, Chairman, liberal and the only member of the committee who voted in 1935 to repeal the C.S. Act; Henry A. Dannenbrink, 18th District, a new member of the Assembly and the four following, all of whom voted against the repeal in 1935;

Gardiner Johnson, 19th District, Berkeley; Jefferson E. Peyser, 27th District, San Francisco; Eleanor Miller, 47th District, Pasadena; Clarence R. Walker, 77th District, Westmoreland.

To these last named four Assemblymen, a letter has been sent by the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, calling upon them to support the above measure and to vote to send it to the assembly with a "do pass" recommendation. Friends of repeal are urged to send similar letters to one or all of them.

The Marin County Central Labor Council has contributed $10 for the freedom of the C. S. prisoners.

S.F. AND WESTERN WORKER DRIVE

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sum of money; the Professional Section, which fulfilled its own quota, and has generously accepted a part of the Waterfront Section's quota—a condition growing out of the Maritime Strike.

One of the weaknesses in the drive was our inability to develop sufficient competition in the sale of the March 6 tickets, a condition which lowered the sale of same, thus compelling us to wind up the drive with a bazaar—an affair that generally takes our time and resources. While we failed to develop a sufficient corps of ticket-sellers as pace-setters, none the less several comrades did remarkably fine work in this phase. We therefore extend to them our hearty thanks.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Comrade Friedman, a militant trade union man and a grizzled veteran in the revolutionary movement, who as a result of his work in the drive will take a round trip to the Soviet Union. Comrade Friedman is now preparing to leave and spend May Day on the Moscow Red Square. We wish him bon voyage and good luck.

We will celebrate the successful reaching of our quota on Saturday night, March 20, at 121 Haight Street, at which time we will give the winner of the trip our comradely send-off and will render a full report on the drive to all assembled friends.

In reaching our quota, we are confident that our achievement will inspire all those Party organizations who have yet to reach theirs. We take our hats off to those sections who finished theirs ahead of us. All of us thus have given in the drive for our beloved Western and Daily Worker the best of our efforts and energies. We are within reach of the goal to assure the uninterrupted existence of our fighting organs in the ensuing year.

For the San Francisco organization it is imperative to finish our job properly, and this requires the immediate settlement by all branches and units and individual comrades for all moneys outstanding for tickets, program ads, and any other moneys due.

Our next job is to build the paid circulation of the Western Worker, and thereby strengthen it yet further. The finished drive paved the way.

Long live our Daily Worker and Western Worker, powerful fighters for the liberty, peace and prosperity of America's laboring folk!

SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

TRIGGS OFF TO BAD START IN LA RELIEF JOB

Says He Will Not Do Anything for 1500 Dropped by SERA

LOS ANGELES—A bad start was made by Clayton E. Triggs as he took over the job of county relief administrator, when he declared that his office would do nothing to help the 1500 aged and so-called unemployable persons dropped from county SERA rolls.

"I think they are legally the county's responsibility," he said. "When we had plenty of funds we could afford to be more liberal, but our liberal policies must stop now. Nor do I feel I could ask the Legislature for emergency funds in view of the fact that these persons are not our legal responsibility."

Meanwhile, the 1500 needy persons have been left to face starvation and County Superintendent of Charities, Rex Thomson, has declared that the Charities Department can do nothing for them.

CP Hails Repeal of SF Picket Act

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tremendous victory for the progressive labor movement and the people as a whole.

It was due mainly to the pushing of the campaign by the progressive forces that the issue was placed before the people. It was the energetic work of the American League Against War and Fascism that succeeded in first placing the matter before the Welfare Committee of the Board of Supervisors. It was the delegates of the Warehousemen's Union to the Central Labor Council who stimulated the interest of all progressive trade unionists in launching a fight to repeal the ordinance at the time a number of warehouse pickets were arrested in their organizational drive.

Pressure of Rank and File

It was the pressure of the rank and file in the trade unions that shook some of the lukewarmness out of the conservative labor leaders on the question of starting a vigorous campaign for repeal.

It was the constructive, and at times sharp criticism of the Communist Party that helped guide the activities of the trade union conference in the repeal campaign, and even prodded certain responsible leaders of the Committee of 25 to push the campaign more energetically.

History was made also in the effective role played by the Citizens' Committee, which aided the trade union movement immeasurably in bringing the issues before the people and exposing the distortions of the so-called Civic Welfare League, the creature of the Chamber of Commerce.

The victory of labor and progressive forces in securing the repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance is significant in that it points out the road labor must take in order to protect its interests politically as well as economically.

It is clear now that ALL anti-labor legislation—such as the criminal syndicalism law—can be repealed by organized labor and its progressive allies.

The greatest lesson contained in the repeal victory is that it points out what organized labor can do in the coming municipal elections.

If the anti-picketing ordinance can be repealed by the work of organized labor and its progressive allies, THE SAME SORT OF CAMPAIGN CAN ELECT PROGRESSIVES PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO OFFICE ON A MINIMUM PLATFORM BASED ON THE INTERESTS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE PEOPLE GENERALLY!

We urge that steps be taken to nominate and elect candidates on such a platform to fill the vacancies which will be voted on this fall in San Francisco.

This would be a tremendous stride forward in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party throughout the state, to defeat the reactionary, open-shop interests.

The repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance shows what can be done. Now is the time to take steps to do it.

WAGE DEMANDS

NEW YORK—The CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union, about to negotiate with General Electric, includes a 10 per cent wage increase.

Soviet Armenia Film To Be Shown Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO—A Soviet Armenian picture, for one showing only, will be given here Sunday morning, March 14, 11 o'clock, at Alhambra Theater, Green and Polk Streets. English sub-titles translate the conversation. Admission is 40 cents. The showing is sponsored by the Friends of Soviet Armenia.

WOMEN LEAD STRIKE

SHANGHAI, China—Workers of the famous Zoong Shing Cotton Mill have declared a strike over a dispute of wages.

INDIA UNREST

RAWAL PINDA, India—Thousands of British troops were dispatched to the Northwest to put down Mohammedan revolt.

How Many Did You Answer?

1—An association of Russian merchants who first entered the Pacific Coast and California fur trade, and held a monopoly for a time in the late 18th century.

2—It was a bloodless battle between the Spaniards and a group of Americans under Shaler and Cleveland, who engaged in contraband trading. The battle occurred on March 22, 1802.

3—Jerediah Strong Smith, a fur trader from New York state, whose party reached California in November, 1826.

4—Peter H. Burnett, who served from 1849 to 1851. He was a Democrat.

5—The acquisition of 45,000 square miles of Mexican territory south of Arizona and New Mexico, in 1845, to provide completion of a railroad to the Pacific Coast.

Simpson Meeting Being Arranged

SAN FRANCISCO — Unions and other organizations are asked to send delegates to the Provisional Committee to arrange the April 7 Dreamland Auditorium meeting for Lawrence Simpson, Sailors' Union of the Pacific member who was a prisoner for 18 months in a Hitler concentration camp.

The committee first met last Monday with delegates from 20 unions and other groups, and will meet again next Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at 268 Market St., Room 129, assembly hall of the American Telegraphists Assn. Call to the committee was jointly issued by the District Federation of the Pacific, and the International Labor Defense, Northern California District.

The Strike Wave—Coast to Coast

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30 autos loaded with strikebreakers attempted to break through picket lines and leave the plant.

Pickets sustaining the worse injuries were Manuel Relva, 50, who suffered a lacerated scalp and fractured arm; Edward Burns, 16, who received a possible skull fracture; and Henry Good, lacerated scalp and fractured arm.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council voted this week to place the National Automotive Bearing on its unfair list. This is the concern which locked out CIO Auto Workers' Union members.

Fearing a strike like the plague, Yellow Cab Co. in San Francisco finally decided to grant taxi union members a $5 a day scale, averting a strike scheduled to start last Wednesday.

Adding to the strike of 2500 Chicago taxi workers and drivers, 450 men in the Chicago Terminal underground lines began a sit-down strike this week.

The strike of 2500 Bethlehem steel workers in Lebanon, Pa., for CIO recognition, and the strike of 75,000 Chrysler, General Motors and Hudson auto workers in Detroit and Flint continued solid, as did the strike of close to 10,000 Akron rubber workers.

The Reo Motor Car works in Lansing, Mich, have been tied up by a sit-down strike of 1000 United Auto Workers' Union members.

General Motors plants in St. Louis have been closed by a strike of several thousand CIO Auto Workers' Union members.

A strike of 1500 Electric employees in St. Louis started the CIO drive in that area to organize the industry for the United Electric and Radio Workers' Union.

In San Francisco the 170-day Kroehler Furniture Strike of 150 men ended with wage increases and a week's vacation with pay.

Miami, Fla., printers are in a sit-down strike.

'No Cessation of Chinese Unity'

NANKING—"There will be no cessation in the formation of a united Chinese front to resist Japanese aggression in North China and elsewhere."

This announcement came in answer to the announcement by Japanese Foreign Minister Sato of "peaceful" intentions toward China. It was made by a spokesman of the Chinese Government.

When attention was called to the announcement that "Japan has no territorial designs on China," the Chinese spokesman asked; "What about Manchuria?"

Chinese officials indicated that "deeds and not words" will be considered as the basis for evaluating the announcement from Japan. At the same time, the Japanese statement was welcomed as an official assurance of Japan's policy.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG SPEAKS AT DREAMLAND

In S.F. March 18 To Tell of Democracy's Fight in Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—"Democracy or Fascism—What Does it Mean to America?" will be the subject of a meeting to be held at San Francisco's Dreamland Auditorium the night of Thursday, March 18th. Principal speaker will be Anna Louise Strong, American journalist and traveler just returned from battle-torn Spain.

To Tell of Spain

In her talk at Dreamland, Anna Louise Strong will speak on the worldwide struggle taking place today between the forces of Democracy and Fascism, with particular attention to the part played by the United States and its people.

"The same forces seeking to overthrow the popular Democratic government of Spain are at work here," Dr. Strong has said. "Repressive laws aimed against labor, against the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution, are being pushed through State Legislatures."

"There is no civil war in Spain," declares this world-famed writer and observer. "Spain has been invaded by thousands of troops of the regular armies of Fascist Italy and Germany, acting under direct orders from the governments of these countries. The elected Democratic government of Spain is being attacked by Fascist countries seeking to delude their suffering populations with the false and bloody glories of conquest."

The March 18th meeting will be Anna Louise Strong's only appearance here this year. Affiliated to the American League Against War and Fascism, sponsor of the meeting, are a large number of trade unions and liberal organizations locally and throughout the country.

Grover Johnson To Be on L. A. Ballot

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disqualified him on March 2, when Mrs. Sally Egners signed an affidavit asking that the 115 signatures she had obtained for Johnson's petition of candidacy be invalidated.

Still Held by Kidnapers

Johnson charged Mrs. Egners had been intimidated by persons representing corrupt forces in the city administration who are determined to "keep a people's candidate off the ballot."

Mrs. Egners then disappeared, is believed kidnaped and held by these forces, and her whereabouts is still unknown.

Only candidate opposing Johnson in the 13th District is reactionary incumbent Darwin Tate, who has a strong political machine.

Kerr, Dominguez on Spot

Carefully avoiding the charges of fraud and duress made by Johnson, neither Kerr nor Dominguez was able to present to Appellate Judges Houser, Doran and York, any legal precedent against qualification of Johnson.

Their whole argument was based on the affidavit made by Mrs. Egners, which they refused to consider as made under intimidation.

Afraid to Hear Gallagher

Obviously trying to prevent Johnson's attorney, Leo Gallagher, world-famous labor attorney, from presenting his evidence of the political corruption working to keep Johnson off the ballot, the three judges made a hurried decision based on Section 1106, Political Code, (that a registration is effective up to and until the registration is cancelled) and ordered Dominguez to put Johnson's name on the ballot.

Fight is Won

Judge York three times asked counsel for Dominguez if Johnson had enough signatures to qualify as a candidate. Each time the answer was "yes." The judge then asked if Johnson would go on the ballot. The answer was necessarily "yes."

Successful in this fight, Johnson and his campaign supporters were to open headquarters immediately at Sutherland St. and Sunset Blvd.

Endorsed by many trade unionists, progressive and liberal groups throughout the city, Johnson will enter the election race committed to progressive political action to serve the best interests of the people of Los Angeles.

WOOL STRIKE WON

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. — The strike of 650 workers in the National Worsted Mill here, led by the United Textile Workers, was won, with 25 per cent wage increases granted.

Writers Attack Bias of New Book's Anti-Soviet Authors

Protest against the announced publication of a book entitled "I Cover the World" was voiced by the executive committee of the Western Writers' Congress in a telegram to Harcourt, Brace, publishers.

In the name of the executive committee the following telegram was sent by Harry Carlisle, executive secretary:

"Executive Committee Western Writers' Congress notes announcement 'I Cover the World,' edited by Eugene Lyons. Chapter on Russia by William Henry Chamberlain. Both notorious for anti-Soviet bias. We protest what must inevitably be distortion of true facts and will register protest publicly."

Havenner 'Fronts' For Bail Brokers

SAN FRANCISCO—Labor and progressive forces here wondered just how progressive Congressman Havenner, 4th District, really is, following news last Tuesday that Havenner had introduced two bills providing for return of forfeited federal bail to McDonough Brothers, bail bond brokers.

Pete McDonough figured prominently in the fiasco police graft investigation here.

Because two persons jumped bail, McDonough Brothers had $20,000 bail forfeited, and want it back on the ground one man was subsequently captured and convicted, and the other surrendered and pleaded guilty.

Havenner admitted he personally "knows little of the details."

He Got Off Light!

SAN MATEO—"They gave me hell," commented Sheriff James J McGrath, after a session with the San Mateo County grand jury, which announced a war against gambling "to start with the little ones, but rest assured we'll then go after the big ones."

Bribe-Taker Again Indicted

LOS ANGELES — Released March 2 last, after serving a term in San Quentin for taking an $80,000 bribe as a Los Angeles County Supervisor, Sidney T. Graves faced another indictment here, brought by the federal grand jury for income tax evasion in 1930, the year of the bribe payoff.

Graves was convicted of taking a bribe from contractors in connection with an $830,000 payment by the county on the original San Gabriel Canyon Dam, later abandoned.

"Gifts" Protect Utilities Profits

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California Railroad Commission.

Under "Direct contributions to political campaigns," was listed the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.'s $45,000 to the "Municipal Light & Defense League" for a campaign against revenue bonds, which failed.

The Union Pacific Railway contributed $620.76, and the Market St. Railway Co. 620.76, to the "California Association Against Single Tax."

The commission's report listed Thomas M. Carlson as attorney for the State Water Authority and said he received $1300 from Southern Pacific and $450 from Pacific Gas & Electric.

Last Week Carlson told the Assembly utilities committee that passage of a resolution for investigating political activities of privately-owned utilities would injure the Central Valley Water Project. The resolution was tabled.

State Director of Public Works Kelly said Carlson was city attorney of Richmond and associated with the Contra Costa Canal Co.

For Defense of Profits

Utilities gave chambers of commerce $179,552.21. The Southern Pacific gave the State Chamber $15,500, San Francisco Chamber $4680 and Los Angeles Chamber $6000. The S.F. Chamber took $5000 from the P.G.& E. and $3006 from Pacific Telephone & Telegraph.

Industrial Associations in San Francisco took $2200 from Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, $1620 from P.T.&T.; $1500, Southern Pacific; $800 S.P. Golden Gate Ferries; $1587, Market Street Railway, $560, Pacific Greyhound Lines; $1050 Western Pacific Railroad.

The report also revealed salaries paid utilities heads. A.D. McDonald receives $50,000 from Southern Pacific; J. B. Black, $60,000 from P.G.&E.; Samuel Kahn, $37,500 from Market St. Railway; H. D. Pillsbury, $41,632, and H. R. Powley, $41,632, from Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. and subsidiaries.

ST. PAUL—A series of wage gains after strikes has sent the membership of Petroleum Workers' Union 18281 up to 500.

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PEASANT DEMONS...

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California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

We begin to arrive at the period in California history when the Americans play an increasingly important part in the life of the territory.

It is therefore of interest to trace our steps back a little, so that we may understand what first brought the Americans to California.

The first American "visitors" came from New England. Not the glorious climate, nor the beautiful scenery attracted them, for these men were hard-fisted New England merchants and traders.

They were drawn by the immense possibilities of the fur trade, and the opening of commerce with the Chinese Empire in the late last days of the 18th century.

The New England merchants were fascinated by the possibilities described by an Englishman, Captain James Cook, who led an expedition of two vessels from Plymouth, England. The expedition left Plymouth in 1776, when the colonists on the eastern seaboard were in the midst of a war of liberation, and when the Spanish colony of Alta California was in its infant clothes.

Cook and his sailors, who reached the Pacific Coast after a long stay in the South Sea Islands, found that they could buy luxurious skins from the Indians for comparatively trivial trinkets. When the expedition reached China, Cook's men found the furs in such demand that they fetched prices far beyond the Englishmens' expectations.

Thus began a highly profitable trade.

Although it was not until 1784 that Cook made public the results of his voyage, one of Cook's corporals, a colorful adventurer named John Ledyard, revealed to a few Americans the opportunities afforded by the Pacific fur trade.

Among the few Americans were Rebore Morris, John Paul Jones, and Thomas Jefferson.

Financed by Morris, a leading banker of the day, Ledyard engaged in several fruitless attempts to reach the Pacific Coast.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary sian traders were not slow to profit from Cook's experiences. By 1790 they were "visiting" the Coast in such numbers that the Spaniards took steps against them.

eManwhile, the Revolutionary War had come to a close. The American states faced severe economic problems. The New England merchants and shippers must now look to new channels of trade if complete stagnation of commerce was to be avoided. California's fur and the oriental trade seemed a solution.

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While the Germans Go Without Butter

THAT WELL known butcher, Colonel-General Hermann Wilhelm Goering ostensibly went to Poland to hunt wolves, but in reality discussed plans for a war on Soviet Union. He is shown with President Ignace Moskicki

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

As Harrison Grey Otis was the "Representative Man" in California of the capitalist side of the struggle, in the early part of this century, so Job Harriman was "the Representative Man" of Labor of the same period.

Although militant and a persistent warrior, Job Harriman personified the muddled state of mind that prevailed in the trade union and Socialist Party circles of the time. There was something in the man that drew people to choose him for leadership, only to be disappointed at the critical point, for he insisted, yes, persisted, on being the committee voice or else he would not play.

His opportunism and lining up the labor leaders to direct the political expression of Labor through the Socialist Party medium, always brought a bitter struggle within the ranks of the Socialist Party. The Constitution of the party forbade putting anyone on a ticket who had not been a member for at least one year. Harriman and his supporters rode rough-shod over this provision when it did not suit his purposes.

The followers of Eugene V. Debs were just as militant and carried on the educational and organizational campaign during off-political times, but the Harriman forces usually trimmed their sails to steer the political affairs when election times rolled around.

Debs and Chinese Exclusion

When Debs took a decided stand against Chinese exclusion Harriman and his forces did their best to keep him from coming into the state. There was a plank in the platform for Oriental exclusion.

During the early part of the McNamara-Los Angeles Times battle, Bill Haywood was touring the west and the Harriman forces kept him from speaking in Los Angeles. Haywood backers went ahead, but finally we got word that the McNamara boys had requested "Big Bill" not to speak in Los Angeles, and he refrained. The meeting at Anaheim was covered, the entire speech taken down and printed in the Los Angeles Citizen. This tightened the party lines of battle between the two forces. Job Harriman's political forces in the unions and the Socialist Party were laying their plans to capture the city of Los Angeles by electing Harriman as mayor.

They finally won full control of the city and state Party organizations.

The Constitution of the Socialist Party was in direct conflict with the ideas of Harriman for conducting this campaign and who should be on the ticket. People who were never in the party were signed up, after they were nominated on the ticket, because they were trade unionists or belonged to some large social body. As to the wisdom or non-wisdom of all that took place in that campaign, this will have to be dealt with in another article.

Harriman first came into conflict with Debs during the first Socialist campagin in 1900, when Debs was candidate for President and Harriman candidate for Vice-President.

Debs and Harriman

Debs had a decided reaction against Harriman's opportunism and his "Uriah Heep tactics" and vacillations. Both men saw the necessity of close relationship to the trade unions, but their way of going about it was in continuous conflict. Debs, a straight-from-the-shoulder advocate, followed the William Leibknecht policy of "no compromise, no political trading," and Harriman followed the policy of using any avenue to gain his ends, even to individually setting aside the constitution and platform of the Socialist Party.

The Harriman forces backed Fred Wheeler and other members of the Socialist Party who actually signed their names to a platform that was also signed by Republican and Democratic Party candidates, already in office, as was Fred Wheeler.

Although the group dubbed "Reds" were in control of the party machinery, the Harriman and Wheeler forces dubbed "yellows," working mostly outside the party, were able to swing the majority of the party membership to follow them in violating the constitution of the party.

The Constitution again forbade candidates running on any ticket or platform other than that of the Socialist Party. The idea seemed to be "What is a Socialist Party Constitution between Harriman and his friends?" The end always seemed to justify the means with Harriman.

The so-called "Reds" in opposing Harriman were consistent so far as their party organization was concerned, but allowed the ranks to be filled by another brand of opportunists in the critical periods of campaigns. We will deal with them in another article.

The weakness of the Harriman leadership was well demonstrated on the morning after the McNamara boys were betrayed into a so-called confession.

The streets were covered with Harriman buttons. Harriman was not one of the betrayers in this case and nearly fainted when he heard the news. Had the election taken place at that moment his vote would have been very small, but the trade union support was able to hold a good showing at the election. Harriman polled 50,000 votes for Mayor. Once over, however, the whole set-up broke down and Harriman went off into organizing Colonies.

No Practical Example

In the approach to political and industrial problems of the time, 1909 to 1913, neither the "Reds" or the "Yellows" had any real scientific knowledge by which to proceed. There was no practical example, such as the Soviet Union, where Socialism is at work. We had no party s c h o o l s. Individually-o w n e d newspapers, such as the "Appeal to Reason," the "International Socialist Review," and the "Christian Socialist," aided the confusion.

The Party-owned newspaper, the "Oakland World," was not the official paper at the time of the Harriman campaign, for it was "Red."

The "Social Democrat" was the official organ of the Socialist Party in the state and was the voice of the "Yellows" during the Harriman campaign.

The Los Angeles Citizen was the official organ of the Trade Unions under the editorship of Stanley B. Wilson. It was a sixteen-page paper and at first was opposed to the Harriman tactics, but had to finally surrender. Another article will appear later about Stanley B. Wilson, for around him and the "Citizen" there is much of importance, if we are to get a view of what was doing in the days when the California labor movement and the political line-up of Labor was in the making.

As to my right to speak of the period, I might say that I was a National Organizer of the Socialist Party, associate editor of the Citizen in the early stages of the McNamara case, and later Secretary of the Socialist Party of Los Angeles County.

In 1915 I became editor of the Oakland World and when it was suppressed in 1919 I became editor of the Western Worker, which ran for two and a half years during the time of the trials of our staff and the officers of the "Communist Labor Party."

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E. BAY LABOR TAKING STAND ON ELECTIONS

Progressives Seeking Minimum Labor Platform

OAKLAND — Progressives in labor movement are expected to introduce a platform expressing the immediate needs of labor, and to seek endorsement of only those candidates who commit themselves to this program, when the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor convenes here Saturday night, March 13.

The Federation meeting is called to formulate a position in regard to the municipal elections of April 20. The Federation includes the Central Labor Council, Building Trades Council and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

The Federation's move toward independent political action for the municipal elections, was blocked by reactionaries within the labor movement, who are tied to the Mike Kelly Republican machine.

PARIS—French deputies voted 470 to 46 for a defense loan of $585,000,000. About 100 rightist deputies abstained from voting, fearing to vote in opposition and refusing to uphold the government supported by the People's Front.

THE VIGILANTES AT WORK IN THE NEVADA AREA

At a meeting of the vigilantes of the Grass Valley and Nevada City mining districts, Friday, March 5, 1937, called to order by Lyle Freeman, President of the local Chamber of Commerce, a so-called citizens committee of five thousand, was formed.

In The Dark

Word of this midnight meeting was sent Paul Revere style from house to house in the late afternoon and evening. As of old, the vigilante meeting was held in the dark of night, midnight, in fact. In the opening address, it was stated that this committee was being formed to support the Grass Valley Miner's Protestice League in its efforts to become the sole collective bargaining agency in the entire district. The reason for this support being the well-known harmonious relations between the mine operators and their employees.

But bear this fact in mind, this League is composed of not miners, but small business men, professional men and other town citizens. The only thing in the past that this company union has had to offer its membership has been a small weekly sick benefit, not better working conditions or increase in wages.

Why this midnight vigilante meeting? Organizers of an Industrial Union were in this Grass Valley and Nevada City mining district at the request of the miners themselves, and were organizing men, not into this company union where they could be controlled by the employers, but into a bona fide union affiliated with the AFL.

Fear Union

The operators knew that this must be stopped, for if it was not stopped, the operators, who can afford to pay a mine manager such a salary that he can build a forty thousand dollar stable for his horses, would have to pay these miners a decent living wage, and could no longer sit around and clip their coupons.

This must be stopped, and the only way to stop it would be to call these vigilantes together and disrupt any further plans for organizing the men into an industrial union.

Where did these organizers come from? Out of a clear sky came word to the vigilantes that the organizers of the I.U.M.M. &.S.W. were in town. These organizers arrived on Tuesday. By Sunday hundreds were ready to sign up, and did sign up. Hundreds more were wanting to sign up.

Secret Committee

Then came this midnight meeting. A secret committee of thirteen was formed to sound a call whenever needed to stop this organizing. A call was made to the audience to come forward and support the purposes of this vigilante committee or else leave the hall.

Only a few responded. There were various speakers. The Rotary Club, Lions Club, and the local police department had speakers. It is a deplorable condition when an effort is made to disrupt and tear down any effort by any men to better their conditions and increase their wages.

In this free country men are supposed to have the right to band themselves into unions of their own choice. One of the speakers stated that they did not want or expect labor troubles in Grass Valley but if they did, that the traditions of vigilante actions had been handed down to them from the days of 49, and they would know what to do. Such vicious fascist tactics in any community must not be tolerated.

DEMOCRACY IS INCREASED BY C. P. OF USSR

New Party Elections To Be Held By May 20

MOSCOW—Further democratization of procedure of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, in keeping with the further democratization of the electoral system of the USSR, was announced following a plenary session of the Party's Central Committee.

The introduction of the new constitution of the USSR signifies a turning point in the political life of the country, the resolution of the Central Committee declares.

Constitution a Turning Point

Introducing the question of the effect of this change on party organization, a further resolution declares:

"The result of the introduction of universal, equal and direct election rights, with secret balloting, will be the further strengthening of the political activity of the masses, the drawing of new sections of the toilers into the management of the state.

"Thus the dictatorship of the proletariat becomes more flexible, and therefore a more powerful system of the management of the state by the working class of society.

At the Head

"In order to meet this turning point, the Party should stand at the head of the turn, and fully provide for its leading role in the forthcoming election to the supreme organs of the country."

The resolution then provided for an end to the practice of appointing members to party committees, a prohibition on voting by slates and substitution of voting for individual candidates, establishment of closed (secret) ballot, obligation of all party organs to carry out elections once a year in accordance with party statutes, and insistence on the holding of general party meetings in regions where these have been replaced by shop meetings and conferences.

Under these provisions, the Central Committee called for the complete re-election of all party organs and committees, from bottom to top, by May 20.

L. Beach Telegraph Boys Win Strike

LONG BEACH—The one-day strike of Long Beach messenger boys, which threatened to tie up the whole works, has forced local telegraph officials to urge central authorities to grant higher wages.

The messengers, who struck both Postal and Western Union, demand a 10 cents an hour increase and overtime pay.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

BRITISH GOV'T AIDED REBELS

BOSTON—Rather than aid the Fascists by carrying nitrates to Seville, the crew of the British Freighter Lineria accepted dishonorable discharges. Alex Robson, spokesman for the crew, himself a war veteran decorated for bravery, charged that the British government had refused to allow the boat to carry a cargo to the loyalist port of Barcelona, but granted a charter for the rebel port of Seville.

TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS ON MADRID FRONT

Miaja Scores Rumor of Abandoning Madrid

MADRID—Two complete Italian divisions, fighting in the Alaminos district 65 miles northeast of Madrid, are among an estimated 65 to 85 thousand Italian troops in Spain.

The divisions are commanded by an Italian general named Pocci.

An Italian division consists of approximately 14,000 men.

One of these divisions was revealed by three Italian prisoners as having landed at Cadiz on Feb. 22.

Government forces have resisted the troops in bloody conflicts.

In a radio broadcast, General Jose Miaja, commander on the Central Front, emphatically denied he had counseled the abandonment of Madrid as rebel radio stations had rumored in an effort to spread confusion.

Redwood Mfg. Gives Pay Boost in P'bg.

PITTSBURG, Cal.—Fear of a strike caused the Redwood Manufacturing Co. here to grant its 250 employees a basic scale of 53 cents an hour. Old scale was 43 cents. The increases take effect March 16.

UNITED CHINA FRONT FORCES NEW APPROACH

New Concessions Are Demanded At Geneva

TOKYO—Faced with the prospect of a powerful and united China and with increasing discontent among the masses at home, Japan has announced a significant change of tactics in its campaign of economic penetration of China.

Speaking before the Japanese parliament, Foreign Minister Naotake Sato indicated that Japan would seek a compromise with British Imperialism.

Simultaneously a representative of Japan at Geneva was demanding right of Japan to send her "excess population" to all "undeveloped" territories of the earth.

Sato announced "A fresh start on the basis of equality" (in dealing with China).

Further he declared, "We must do something definite to improve our present unfavorable relations with China which are highly disadvantageous to both countries—Recently Japan has clashed with British economic and trade interests in China. It is unwise for Japan to cause anxiety to other points with interests in China and it will be best for Japan to follow a peaceful course of cooperating with other nations."

Soft Pedaled

At the same time Sato soft-pedaled the Japanese attack on the Soviet Union, an obvious concession to Japanese public sentiment which recognizes the German-Japanese "anti-Communist" pact as involving Japan on a perilous course in international politics.

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Enough of Whitewash!

TWO WEEKS ago the WESTERN WORKER declared that the investigation into the mass murder of the ten workers killed on the Golden Gate Bridge must not be whitewashed, as others have been!

We declared we were certain that an attempt would be made to whitewash all concerned. Now the officials of the Pacific Bridge Company, testifying before the Grand Jury, declared they were at a loss to advance any reason for the cause of the grim disaster!

Will the Grand Jury calmly accept these statements—preposterous in face of the evidence that the Industrial Accident Commission warned the company twice of the unsafe condition of the scaffolding—at their face value?

These officials do more than express the most incredible ignorance as the cause of the accident." They imply it was the fault of a worker! We quote from the S. F. Chronicle story of last Tuesday:

"Although the witnesses unofficially admitted at least half a dozen theories had been considered, they declined to support any of them, leaving the implication that the accident may have been due to a workman having missed his assignment while the scaffolding was being removed."

There is no mystery as to the cause of the so-called "accident"—which was no accident at all, but criminal negligence which amounts to cold-blooded murder. **It was caused by the refusal of the company to heed the repeated warnings of the Industrial Accident Commission!**

Responsibility must be fixed—at once—where it belongs, and the guilty punished! We've had enough of whitewash!

Hitlerism in L.A. Politics

THE KIDNAPING, threatening and intimidation of a Los Angeles woman in a desperate attempt to keep the name of Grover Johnson, fighting labor attorney, off the ballot in the Councilmanic race, is an event of far-reaching and dangerous implications.

It is the application of Hitlerism to Los Angeles politics.

Grover Johnson's record as a fearless champion of labor's rights is well known in Los Angeles. There is every reason why the reactionaries in the Los Angeles City Administration should want to keep Johnson's name off the ballot. They resorted to Fascist methods in an attempt to achieve this.

The attempt was defeated—since a mass pressure was used to put the whole glare of publicity on those responsible. But even if Johnson's name did get on the ballot, there still remains the actual kidnaping itself, perpetrated by people who declared they represented the City Clerk.

If this brazen act is allowed to go unpunished a dangerous precedent will be set.

We demand a Grand Jury investigation into the kidnaping, with indictments against those responsible—those who planned it as well as those who carried it out!

Mr. Fitts Red-Baits

WHEN NEWS of the shooting of Buron Fitts reached us, we wondered how long it would be before Mr. Fitts, with his usual red-baiting tactics, would accuse the Communists of having either planned the attack or executed it, or both.

Mr. Fitts has "come through." He now accuses the Communists of having had him shot. We don't think that his accusation will make any serious impression on serious-minded people. The stand of the Communist Party against acts of violence and terrorism is well known. Such acts are stupid. They solve no problems—and actually hinder the workers from winning their justified demands. Organized mass economic action is the solution, and the only solution to the problems workers meet when they go out on strike for better conditions.

There have been other attempts made to paint the Communist Party with the brush of violence and terrorism. The King-Conner-Ramsay frame-up was the latest. But even here, the District Attorney and shipowners, after much loud talk, had to subside and admit they had nothing to base their accusations on.

Terror and violence is the weapon of the reactionary employers—not of the Communist Party!

Fitts' record of dealings with gangsters and racketeers, his close tie-up with the "inner circle" of grafters in Los Angeles, is such that the imagination is not taxed in wondering who is responsible for the shooting. But what is certain is that Fitts will make use of the incident to start an intensive red-baiting campaign.

The Douglas strikers must not be victimized by the tactics of Mr. Fitts. Red-baiting is the first weapon the open-shoppers use in their attempts to disrupt unity and break a strike.

The WPA Lay-off Program Must Be Defeated!

THE THREATENED discharge of tens of thousands of WPA workers in California from their jobs beginning April 1st is being met by the organized resistance of the Workers' Alliance. Locals in the Bay area have already signified their intention to meet the lay-offs with strike action.

The time is past when the relief authorities can cut workers off the rolls as casually as they break their morning toast, with no organized action by the workers.

In San Francisco the Workers' Alliance is also demanding the putting into effect of the 10 per cent raise already won to meet the increased cost of living.

While the healthy sentiment of the members of the Workers' Alliance is for strike, steps should be taken at once to involve those WPA workers on the projects who are not yet in the Workers' Alliance. The strike action should be discussed on every project, every worker involved in the decision, **and simultaneously a recruiting drive carried on to build the Workers' Alliance into a mighty mass weapon of the workers on the WPA and relief rolls!**

The lay-offs can be halted. The workers on WPA will not allow the relief administration to throw them off to starve! But what is needed to guarantee success is the united action of all the WPA workers, supporting their recognized collective bargaining agency, the Workers' Alliance!

Japanese Imperialism's Hypocrisy

WHEN Foreign Minister Sato declared a few days ago that "Japan has no territorial ambitions in China," he surely must have had his tongue in his cheek.

With Japanese imperialism's strangle hold on Manchukuo and intrenchment in North China, we wonder what Sato means by "territorial ambitions?"

What Sato really meant was that with the growing unity of the Chinese people, a unity welded by the consistent struggles of the Chinese Communist Party, now is not the opportune time to push for MORE territory. **Certainly, if the denial of territorial ambitions was anything more than a smooth and hypocritical political phrase, the first action would be the evacuation of Japanese troops from all Chinese territory!**

The Nationalist government at Nanking is used to Japan's phrases. This is why Nanking officials have said "deeds and not words" are what Nanking expects from Japan.

WESTERN WORKER–DAILY WORKER DRIVE STANDING

As of March 9th 1937

County or Section:	Quota	Received 3-1 to 3-9	Total Raised	Per Cent Raised	Yet to Be Raised
Merced	$ 50	$ 5.00	$65.65	131.3	
Santa Barbara	125		152.80	122.3	
Sonoma	150	10.00	168.75	112.5	
Tulare	50		50.15	100.3	
San Francisco	3000	1400.00	3001.00	100.0	
Nevada	25	8.00	22.50	90.00	$ 2.50
Sacramento	150	20.50	121.99	81.5	28.01
Bakersfield	50	6.00	36.91	73.8	13.09
Eureka	50	15.75	34.25	68.5	15.75
Fort Bragg	75		49.95	66.6	25.05
Contra Costa	100	20.10	64.56	64.5	35.44
Alameda	1000	11.00	633.30	63.3	366.70
Los Angeles	5000	325.00	3118.44	62.3	1881.56
San Diego	400	62.94	244.85	61.2	155.15
San Mateo	150	1.70	73.75	49.2	76.25
Arizona	25		11.47	45.9	13.53
Monterey	100		45.25	45.2	54.75
Santa Clara	150		60.67	40.4	89.33
Stockton	50		20.00	40.0	30.00
San Bernardino	100		37.25	37.2	62.75
Fresno	50		10.00	20.0	40.00
At Large	1050	4.62	148.23	14.0	901.77
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Total	$12000	$1890.61	$8171.78	68.1	$3828.22
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The Southern Tenant Farmers Organize

AN ORGANIZER addresses a local of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union at Crowley's ridge, Arkansas.

Why Millions Honor the Memory of Karl Marx

Karl Marx was born May 5, 1818, in the city of Trier, Germany. On March 14, 1883, Marx died, peacefully in his armchair. On this, the 54th anniversary of the death of Marx, tens of millions honor him throughout the world. Why they honor Karl Marx is told in the article we here print. It is written by a member of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute, Moscow.)

By L. Perchik

Karl Marx—This name is inscribed in flaming letters in the history of mankind.

Under the banner of Marx the working class is being rallied into a mighty force, delivering blow after blow to the capitalist system, smashing the bourgeois state in revolutionary battles, setting up its own revolutionary power—the proletarian dictatorship—under which there is neither exploitation nor oppression, and is building the new, classless, Communist society.

In Every Corner of The Earth

Karl Marx's name is renowned throughout the world, as is that of his closest friend and revolutionary collaborator, Frederick Engels, and those of Lenin and Stalin, the best disciples and perpetuators of their cause.

Everywhere, in the farthest corners and most outlying disdicts of every land, wherever beat the hearts of workers and toilers, the name of Marx is a beacon, lighting the way to Communism. At the same time his name, together with the names of Engels, Lenin and Stalin, is more detested than any other by the capitalists and landlords who exploit the labour of the millions, by those who enslave and oppress the proletariat, the peasantry and the colonial peoples.

Why is this so?

Why is Marx so loved by some and hated by others? Why is his name so near and dear to hundreds of millions of those who toil, so odious to those who live on the toil of these hundreds of millions?

Scientific Communism

It is because Marx was the first to work out the revolutionary doctrine of the proletariat—scientific Communism—this most important weapon in the hands of the workers which raises their class consciousness and closes their ranks against the old order of exploitation and oppression. Marx ranks among the greatest scientists of the proletariat; it was he who broke the chains that fettered the workers' minds. Simultaneously Marx devoted all his life to active participation in the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat, guiding this struggle as the best leader of the working class. Marx completely subordinated his theories to the interests of the proletarian clas struggle, upon which his theories are based.

Fifty years ago, Engels, in an excellent appraisal of Marx, referred to him as the great teacher and leader of the proletariat. In his speech over the grave of Marx on March 17, 1883, Engels said:

"Just as Darwin discovered the law of evolution in organic nature, so Marx discovered the law of evolution in human history; he discovered the simple fact, hitherto concealed by an overgrowth of idealogy, that mankind must first of all eat and drink, have shelter and clothing, before it can pursue politics, science, religion, art, etc.; and that therefore the production of the immediate material means of life and consequently the degree of economic development atained by a given people or during a given epoch form the foundation upon which the forms of government, the legal conceptions, the art and even the religious ideas of the people concerned have been evolved, and in the light of which these things must therefore be explained, instead of vice versa as had hitherto been the case.

But that is not all. Marx also discovered the special law of motion governing the present-day capitalist method of production and the bourgeois society that this method of production and the discovery of surplus value suddenly threw light on the problem in trying to solve which all previous investigators, both bourgeois economists and socialist critics, had been groping in the dark. . .

This was the man of science. But this was not even half the man. . . For Marx was before all else a revolutionary . . .

And consequently Marx was the best hated and most calumniated man of his times. Governments, both absolutist and republican, deported him from their territories. The bourgeoisie, whether conservative or extreme democrat, vied with one another in heaping slanders upon him. All this he brushed aside as though it were cobwebs, ignoring them, answering only when necessity compelled him. And now he has died—beloved, revered and mourned by millions of revolutionary fellow-workers—from the mines of Siberia to California, in all parts of Europe and America. . . (The fourteenth of March, 1883, International Publishers, pp. 11-13.)

Marx devoted the whole of his life exclusively to the proletariat, to its revolutionary struggle, to its education and organization along class lines. Marx was first among those in the foremost ranks of the proletariat, a surpassing theoretical genius, a steadfast Communist, a stern revolutionary who never retreated in the face of difficulties, the first, the most skillful leader of the revolutionary armies of the working class.

This explains why Marx's name is so cherished by every worker. This is why Marx's revolutionary activities and his liberating doctrine—scientific Communism—are studied by every class-conscious worker.

The All Important Task Now Is To Consolidate Communist Party Gains

This column, which will be a weekly feature, belongs to members and friends of the Communist Party, and also to those workers who are just becoming interested in the Party and want to see what it is and how it works. Its object is to improve the Party units and branches in all their work by exchanging information, personal experiences, helpful suggestions, etc., and to answer all questions addressed by the workers to the Party Life Editor.

Following are excerpts from the State Membership Director's reports to the Party Builders' Congress of February 6-7.

"It is a happy event and task to be able to report to you on the achievements of our Browder Ford Recruiting Drive. At this time we should take a balance sheet of this accomplishment. These 1916 new people in our party have come from different races, nationalities and have a variety of intrests. The analysis of these people tells us that of these 1916 new comrades, 905 are members of the AFL; 450 are women; 206 are youth for the YCL; 105 are Negro people; 165 are Spanish and Mexican workers; 100 are former Party members who have rejoined; and 1245 are native born Americans.

Recruited 616

"The outstanding achievement of our party was the accomplishment of our San Francisco comrades who under the leadership of comrade Spector the county organizer, recruited 616 members of whom 437 are members of the AFL.

"Let us review briefly the plan adopted at the beginning of the Recruiting Drive. The first step was the establishment of the State Recruiting Committee. The first suggestion that this committee made was the establishment of recruiting committees in all counties and sections and the assigning of responsible comrades in units and branches to be directly responsible for recruiting. In this respect, comrades we can say we had a weak situation. It was not until one half of the Drive was over that the majority of the units and branches had established such committees — and only where such committees or individual comrades were functioning, was recruiting systematic.

"Our second weakness was in our inability to maintain close contact with lower bodies. These two, resulted in us being unable to involve the majority of our Party members, so that the Drive was not a part and parcel of our whole Party, but one in which only 30 to 35% of our members were involved. If we realize that 30% can recruit 2000 new members, what could we have accomplished if our entire Party, 100% strong had carried on a day to day recruiting.

"But now our Drive is over and our main task is to CONSOLIDATE the gains made during the past few months. And to keep thousands of our new comrades in our Party. With the objective of raising our dues membership to 4000 by May 1st and reducing our fluctuations to an absolute minimum. How are we going to do this? We have several proposals based upon our experiences during the Recruiting Drive.

"First, it is absolutely necessary that our present functioning recruiting drive committees and directors be retained. Where such committees do not exist it should be the immediate task of our leading buros to see that they are established. It is the task of these membership directors to see that the new members are given proper political education in our New Member Units and that later they are given the type of work in which they are interest. It is their duty to see that Recruiting is kept always in the foreground in their units and branches.

Continue Recruiting

"You comrades, who have done such splendid work can do a great deal to see that this is put into practice by raising this question sharply in your units and branches.

"At this time we have an opportunity to continue recruiting at an even greater tempo. We have 2000 new comrades who have thousands of friends and contacts that have never before been approached by a member of the Party. We should make it our central task to see that these 2000 new members bring their friends, relatives and shopmates into the Party as well.

"At this time we want to thank you for the splendid work you have done and ask you to remember the experiences that you will hear here this day and to put them into practice, so that by May 1 we will have 4000 dues paying members and a minimum of fluctuation in our Party."

Virginia's First Sitdown is Won

SALUDA, Va. — Thirty-two high school students here staged and won the state's first sitdown strike.

They refused to leave the school bus until running water had been installed in the school building. The school principal gave the excuse that he couldn't find a well digger to clean the well on which the school depended. But he found one.

AS WE SEE

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party

Organize Agriculture!

THE COMING meeting of the executive committe Federation of Labor will have on its order question of agriculture. The State Federation has of making up for much lost time by immediate intensive drive to organize the agricultural and ca along the lines of the program adopted by the recent state convention o fagricultural and cannery workers' unions, and appropriating funds for the drive.

There is a disquieting lack of interest on the part of State Federation officials, since they were unable to put over their bureaucratic and undemocratic proposals at the recent agricultural convention. If Vandeleur sabotages the granting of the promised state charter, it will be the greatest crime committed against the agricultural workers since the sell-out of the Salinas strike.

Ignored for Years

For years the State Federation of Labor completely ignored the most bitterly exploited workers in the State. The Communists carried the brunt of the pioneer work in the agricultural fields, which the farm-laborers have never forgotten. The distrust and suspicion with which the agricultural workers looked upon AFL officials was understandable.

The Communist Party was nevertheless the first to carry on patient, persistent work among them to break down the prejudice against the AFL. It was the work of the Communists that was to a large extent instrumental in bringing the agricultural workers into AFL Federal locals. We fought for local autonomy and full democracy for the rank and file, while at the same time fighting for the establishment of a state-wide organization, and an international. We fought for an organizing drive to be undertaken directly by the State Federation of Labor.

A great forward step in that direction was taken at the 1936 convention of the State Federation, but little or nothing was done since then to carry out its decisions. One of the biggest setbacks was the manner in which Vandeleur bungled and finally sold out the Salinas strike.

Vandeleur and Salinas

The "settlement" was so raw, that even the capitalist courts couldn't stomach it. The recent action of a judge in granting a restraining order against the growers' "hiring hall" blacklist of strikers, is evidence of the kind of settlement that Vandeleur and his red-baiting attorney, A. J. Aram, put over on the strikers.

Nevertheless there is an almost spontaneous outburst of struggles in the agricultural fields, which shows the crying need for organization. Last year an agricultural conference called in Stockton also adopted a constructive organization program; but because the Trotzkyites who were working hand in glove with Vandeleur and Fred West, couldn't get control of the apparatus to put over their disruptive program, the decisions of that conference were ignored and sabotaged.

Now, half a year after the State Federation of Labor decided on an organizing drive, the same sabotage is threatened by Vandeleur because the rank and file at the recent agricultural convention took things in their own hands and insisted on full democracy in the union to be established under a state charter.

The situation is a challenge to every militant and progressive trade unionist in California. If their voice is heard in every local and central labor council, there is still time to force the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor to grant the state charter, appropriate funds, and launch the organization drive in agriculture.

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BRANDS FRASER, TROTZKYITE TRAITOR ABOR MOVEMENT FOR DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS RECENT SAN DIEGO COUNTY CELERY STRIKE

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(4) We further accuse and charge said Dick Fraser with attempting to bring discredit upon the unions involved and their duly elected officers, and we suspect that he entered into the union to take part in the strike for pecuniary gain.

After his election to the central strike committee he (Dick Frazer) proposed and insisted upon a sit-down strike in the incorporated area of the city of Chula Vista, although being fully aware that the union members employed in said areas or fields were a very small and insignificant minority, and notwithstanding the fact that it was pointed out to him that such tactics would be ineffective at such a time and place, and that the many arrests would decrease our picket line and jeopardize our chances of victory.

He insisted htat he desired a RIOT so that we will obtain large HEADLINES in the newspapers and MONEY will flow into our coffers, or words to that effect.

Sabotaged Picketing

(5) We further accuse Dick Fraser of attempting to, and discouraging our pickets from going to the picket line by instilling fear into them by his constant references to Chet Moore and violence, and by himself setting the example of not appearing where there was action.

(6) We further accuse and charge Dick Frazer with DELIBERATE SABOTAGE and making false reports in order to BREAK the strike. Although having advised the central strike committee as certain that the non-partisan labor defense will guarantee to pay for the gas and oil for the use of picketing, such was proved false. His report that the non-partisan labor defense will furnish and pay for the defense attorney proved just as false, the unions were notified to pay the attorney.

(7) We further accuse and charge said Dick Fraser with **cowardice** and disregard to the will of the majority as expressed by the vote of the membership of both unions.

Refusing to abide by the will of the majority in regard to the so-called truce, and disregarding the fact that the major victories of the strike were gained after the so-called truce was over, he publicly acclaimed that the strike is LOST, and two days later being ordered to the picket line, he refused to go, and further stated to all within hearing that he will not send out any more pickets on "more wild goose chases," thus breaking the morale of the pickets.

(8) We further accuse and charge Dick Fraser that his constant sabotaging, constant lying, constant DISRUPTING was the main and contributing factor for the suspension of the strike. Although Dick Fraser was instructed **not to refuse** any offers of assistance, he deliberately rejected and refused assistance offered to the unions by the International Labor Defense thereby causing our fellow workers to linger in jail and strikers and their families to suffer hunger and want, thus being the major contribution to the breaking of the morale and the spirit of many of the strikers, and the suspension of the strike.

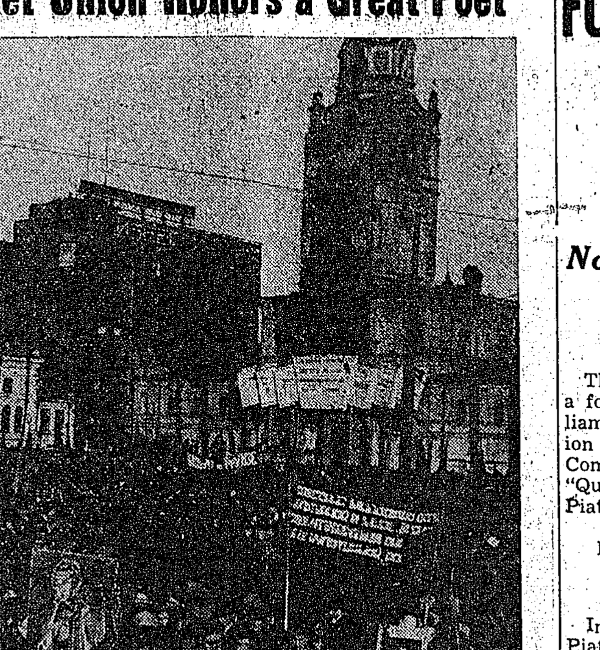
(5) We further accuse Dick Fraser that by uttering and publishing in "Labor Action" (the official organ of the Socialist Party of California) many deliberate lies and falsehoods about our unions and the conduct of the elected officers during the strike, that his real intention and purpose was and is—to wreck the Agricultural Workers' Union in San Diego County. This we charge (and it is self-evident) that Dick Fraser is a LABOR FAKER OF THE WORSE AND LOWEST DESCRIPTION, and an ENEMY of ORGANIZED LABOR.

Alliance Band

LOS ANGELES — The Workers' Alliance is organizing a brass band.

All musicians who wish to play in the band are asked to send a post card to 121½ South Broadway, stating the name, address, and instrument.

Soviet Union Honors a Great Poet



TENS OF thousands of people of Moscow gather around statue of great poet Pushkin, to commemorate the 100th aniversary of his death.

Trotzkyite Disruptors at Work

Who Are Self-Appointed "Saviors" Of Workers Alliance of America?

About a month ago, announcement was made that there had been formed a "Provisional Committee for a Progressive Group in the Workers Alliance." This portentous announcement came in the form of a printed leaflet entitled "A Call to Militant Members of the Workers Alliance."

The authors of this leaflet were modest. They failed to reveal their indentity! But they were less modest and reserved in describing their "noble" purpose. According to their leaflet which they distributed in Washington at the time of the National Demonstration of Jan. 15, they were sacrificing their energies and resources in order to "Make the Workers Alliance a fighting working class union, not a football for 'liberal' politicians."

The Workers Alliance of America is the organization that represents the many unemployed organizations that survived because they followed a policy of militant struggle against these politicians as a ncessary part of their struggle for the basic needs of the unemployed.

The leadership of the Workers Alliance is composed of workers who have distinguished themselves, developed the ability to lead, and won the confidence of the militant rank and file, precisely because they proved through years of bitter struggle that they were the best fighters against all enemies of the working class.

It is of course true that the Workers Alliance and its leadership are not perfect. It is true that there is need for constant improvement and that this improvement must be achieved through constant frank self criticism by the membership and leadership of the organization. There is even need for improvement as far as making possible a better exchange of experience and criticism.

But it requires no group to do that which the organization as such and as a whole must do and is trying to do. These are some of the reasons why the National Executive Board of the Workers Alliance, unanimously and correctly declared that:

"We consider the Provisional Committee for a Progressive Group . . . is an unprincipled group, engaged in a malicious effort to disrupt the Workers Alliance as a united organization of unemployed and WPA workers and we conclude from the contents of the leaflet, as well as the manner in which it was distributed, that the group responsible for it has nothing in common with the best interests of the Workers Alliance."

Trotzkyist Disruption and Double-Dealing

Although the authors of this leaflet preferred to hide their indentity, it was not difficult to determine who was behind this unprincipled, malcious attempt to disrupt the united organization of unemployed and WPA workers. Even of those who distributed the leaflet in Washington had remained unindentified, a mere reading of the leaflet, observation of the manner in which it was distributed and defended, would be sufficent to identify the leaflet and its sponsors as the products of Trotzkyism.

Who else would attempt to disrupt an organization which represents a successful achievement of the united front for which the Communist Party is fighting? Who else would use the methods of the agent provocateur within a militant working class organization? Who else would try to conceal the ugly purpose of such an attack by using "ultra-revolutionary" phrases and urging an "ultra-leftist" program?

Who else would try to justify the introduction of dissension and factionalism on the grounds that "the Workers Alliance leadership has adopted a policy of playing off the so-called 'liberal' politicians against the 'so-called' (!) reactionary politicians"? Who else would make the supid and irresponsible charge that when the Workers Alliance organized the biggest mass demonstration in Washington since the National Hunger March of 1932, it is pursuing the policy of a "People's Lobby, which carries petitions, hat in hand, to the 'liberal' politicians"?

Who else would try to discredit and sabotage the fight of the unemployed for expansion of the Works Program by arguing that "The Workers Alliance fails to recognize that WPA is a method of cutting relief standards"!? (Average wages on WPA are $52 a month, average direct relief amounts to $21.73 a month per family.)

Surely some of our Socialist friends who cannot understand how Trotzky, Zinoviev, Radek, et al., could have organized assassinations in view of their professed abhorence of such tactics, might well pause to think of their own experience with the Trotzkyist vermin whom they have admitted into the Socialist Party and Workers Alliance.

Makes Trotzkyism A Greater Menace

In the month that has passed since the plan to split the Workers Alliance was first openly announced, the Trotzkyists have greatly intensified their disruptive activity. The "Provisional Committee" has become the "Progressive Left Wing." Through their Socialist Party connections, they have been able to obtain mailing lists and circularize the units of the Alliance.

Since they have no base in the membership of the organization, they are not at all discouraged by the fact that their communications have been met with condemnation wherever they have been received. On the contrary, they intensify their efforts to disseminate their irresponsible, malicious slander in the hope that they may somehow, somewhere secure support. To this end, they announce plans to publish their own newspaper. It is evident that, since they have no support in the membership of the Alliance, their financial support comes from some outside source.

Unfortunately in this as in other instances, the Socialists show greater concern about preserving the "democratic rights" of the Trotzkyites than to safeguard the interests of the membership of the Workers Alliance and of the masses of unemployed and WPA workers whom the Alliance must serve. While recognizing the despicable purpose of the Trotzkyist disrupters, the Socialists still insist that they must treat them as Socialist comrades.

Accordingly, therefore, the Socialists allow these disrupters to help determine the policy that is to be pursued in meeting the admittedly malicious effort to disrupt the united organization of the unemployed. As a consequence, the Socialists not only fail to take vigorous steps to expose the Trotzkyist wrecking crew, but on the contrary take occasion to come to their defense when honest workers denounce these vile traitors.

The Socialists accept at face value the claim of the Trotzkyites that they are not associated with the "Progressive Group." They allow themselves to be misled by the fact that the individual who now signs himself as secretary of the group is one of the Trotzkyites who has not yet joined the Socialist Party. But they choose to overlook the fact that the Trotzkyists who are within the S.P. make the same arguments, and follow the same course as those who have openly associated themselves with this disruptive group.

Socialist Call and The Trotzkyites

The Socialist Call has made no mention of this sinister attempt to split the unemployed movement. On the contrary, it has gleefully reported distorted accounts of Trotzkyist "victories" over "Communists" in the Workers Alliance. The Socialist Call has failed to report the fact that the Trotzkyists obstructed and prevented affiliation of the Minneapolis unemployed organizations, despite the pleas of David Lasser, leading Socialist and president of the Workers Alliance, who made two trips to Minnesota for this purpose. The Socialist Call was silent when the Trotzkyist sheet "Labor Action" published a slanderous report to the effect that it was Lasser and Benjamin who tried to split the unemployed movement of Minnesota.

The Socialist Call has been silent about the attempt of the New Jersey Trotzkyites to prepare a split in the Workers Alliance of that State by rejecting the official membership books of the Alliance on the grounds that it carries an endorsement of independent political action through a Farmer-Labor Party. But, it gleefully reports the "victory" of these same Trotzkyites in that "Support of Labor's Non-Partisan League and a People's Front policy was defeated" and that the Trotzkyist splitters Kaempf, Rosenberg and "other Socialists" were elected to the State Executive Board in the New Jersey Alliance.

In the same manner, the Socialist Call of the previous week carried a report under a gleeful headline "Ohio Jobless Heads Given Clean Slate." This was a falsified inaccurate account of the trial before the Ohio Board of charges against the Trotzkyists Selander, Preiss and others. According to this account the serious charges against these leading disruptionists, which were brought and supported by honest non-party workers, represented " a deliberate attempt by the Communist clipue to frame them up."

The Struggle for Unity

These are but a few of many possible examples of the manner in which the Socialist Party lends aid and comfort to enemies of the working class and of their mass organizations. No one can claim that the Socialist Party and the Socialists in the Workers Alliance are behind the "Progressive Left Wing in the Workers Alliance." On the contrary that group is waging war against the honest Socialists as well as against the Communists who have built and who continue to build the united organization of the unemployed.

But it is nevertheless a fact that by giving the Trotzkyists the protection of Socialist Party membership; by taking the position that the Trotzkyists must therefore be supported against

FOSTER EXPLAINS WHY TROTZKYITE FASCIST PLOTTERS CONFESSED AT THEIR TRIALS BY SOVIET PEOPLE'S COURT IN MOSCOW RECENTLY

No Promises, No Terrorism, But They Confessed Because Proof of Their Guilt Was So Overwhelming That They Were Left No Other Alternative But to Confess Their Plotting

The following is a section of a forthcoming pamphlet by William Z. Foster, noted trade union leader and chairman of the Communist Party, USA, entitled "Questions and Answers on the Piatakov-Radek Trial."

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Why Did the Trotzkyites Confess?

In their attempt to brand the Piatakov-Radek trial as a frame-up, Trotzky and his sympathizers especially seek to discredit the testimony of the convicted plotters. They use many arguments, often of a most fantastic character, to prove that the confessions of the 17 defendants in this trial, as well as those of the 16 in the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial which preceded it, were all manufactured and part of a gigantic frame-up.

In previous pages we have seen that it would have been both politically and physically impossible to organize these trials as a frame-up, and now, in looking into the matter of these defendants' confessions, we shall see that a frame-up was also psychologically impossible.

Defenders of Trotzky charge that the confessions were wheedled or forced out of the men on trial, and they allege various ways by which this was done, all contradictory to each other. Most of these contentions are too absurd to require any refutation, such as the "theories" that the men were doped with an oriental "truth drug," that they had been subjected to a sinister light treatment, that they had been hypnotized, that black magic had been practiced upon them, that they were victims of a mass confession hysteria, that their admissions of guilt were an expression of the mysterious slav soul, etc., etc.

One widely expanded "explanation" has it that the defendants voluntarily sacrificed themselves upon the altar of socialism; that is, they confessed upon Stalin's bidding in order to discredit Trotzky and to strengthen generally the position of the Soviet Government at home and abroad. What a megalomaniac Trotzky is to consider himself so important that all these men would take their place before a firing squad just to ruin him politically. And how absurd to assert that these hard-boiled Trotzkyite leaders, who had been fighting Stalin for years, would suddenly agree to die in disgrace for the sake of him and his policies. Such drivel is fodder for morons.

No Promises

Another favorite Trotzkyite "analysis" of the confessions is that they were cajoled out of the men on trial by promises of leniency. But this, too, does not hold water any better than a sieve. Take the 16 defendants in the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial: They were experienced leaders, they knew quite well that there was surely a penalty of death for the crimes of political assassination and industrial wrecking and, consequently, they could not have failed to clearly realize that they, by confessing to these major offenses, were walking straight to their execution.

The Trotzkyites claim, however, that the Zinovievites were double-crossed; that is, that they were first promised leniency and then shot. But what about the 17 defendants in the Piatakov-Radek trial, several months later? They also were intelligent men, sophisticated leaders and determined opponents of the Stalin regime. It is utterly incredible that these men, with the fate of Zinoviev and the others fresh in their minds, could possibly have been induced by any kind of promises to plead guilty to the monstrous crimes which they committed.

The whole "promise" theory is thus utterly untenable. But this does not trouble Trotzky at all. Perhaps some unthinking people will believe it nevertheless. And for those who do not swallow this one, Trotzky has plenty more flimsy "explanations." One of the most publicized of these is that the men were terrorized into confessing.

No Terrorism

But this "terror" theory also will not bear examination. Firstly, there was not the slightest bodily sign upon the defendants to even suggest that they had been subjected to external physical or mental torture of any kind. Secondly, not one of them in the course of the extended testimony gave the least indication that he had been terrorized. This fact is very important. It must be remembered that the defendants, notwithstanding the crimes they had committed against socialism, were men who had formerly passed through many revolutionary struggles and were inured to hardship and danger. Surely one out of the 33 of them would have shown courage enough to protest at the trial, and thereby to the whole world, if his confession had been extorted from him by force. Such an individual, in any event, could not have had anything to fear in the way of physical harm from his jailers, and certainly not when supported by the world capitalist press. The reason that no such statement was made was because there had been no terror whatever used against the defendants, and if any one of those on trial had made such an accusation he would have been overwhelmingly proved a liar by the very man on trial with him.

In the celebrated Reichstag fire trial Dimitroff showed by his bold defiance of the Fascists that revolutionists do not quail before terror, and the brave Rakosi, in his recent trial, likewise demonstrated that his revolutionary spirit has not been broken after many years in Hungarian Fascist dungeons. Thaelmann in Germany and Prestes in Brazil will, we may be positive, show the same indomitable spirit when they are brought to trial. If the Trotzkyite leaders were revolutionists, as their friends maintain, how was it possible that they could have all remained silent, if they had been terrorized into confessing and let themselves go, without a protest to traitors' graves? The answer is that it was not possible.

The Real Basis of the Confessions

A sound analysis of the trials shows that it would have been psychologically impossible to secure the confessions from the Trotzkyite plotters by means of promises, terror or any of the bizarre methods alleged. The inescapable conclusion from an examination of the whole situation in that the confessions were voluntary and genuine.

Why, then, did the Trotzkyites confess? The true explanation is simple enough. They confessed because they were guilty; because the proof of their guilt that confronted them before the great tribunal of the revolution was so overwhelming that it left them no other alternative than confession.

A number of elements combined to make the Trotzkyites admit their crime, but promises, terror, "truth drugs," etc., were not among them. The principal immediate cause of their sense of guilt and their ultimate confessions lay in the fact that the group was politically bankrupt, and knew it. In the face of the tremendous advances of the Soviet Union on every front the old Trotzky theory that socialism could not be built in the USSR had become grotesque by its absurdity. Only needed to complete the bankruptcy of the Trotzky leaders, even in their own eyes, was the exposure of the Communists and all honest progressive and militants (including the most able and responsible Socialist mass leaders) the Socialist Party is lending effective support to groups who will stop at nothing in their effort to prevent the devlopment of a united working class and people's front.

Unity has made the Workers Alliance a powerful, influential organization. The results of unification of the unemployed organizations is proof of the need and possibility for unity in the common struggles of the masses on all fields. Those who value unity must recognize that it can be achieved and maintained only by constant struggle and complete defeat of all the agents of reactionary capitalism, or fascism, everywhere.

In the present moment the chief agents of the capitalists and fascists within the ranks of the working class are the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyite vermin. All honest workers must join to drive them out of our ranks! the plottings and their counter-revolutionary activities. When this was done in the preliminary investigations the road was thrown wide open to the confessions that eventually took place.

Some Really Repentant

It is clear from the testimony at the trials that a number of the defendants were genuinely repentant for the crimes they had committed against the revolution, and wanted to make reparation for what they had done. They were disillusioned with their political course and realized they had been led into a terrible trap by Trotzky. Such elements, who had long experience in the Leninist practice of self-criticism and admission of errors, would naturally take the lead in confessing the whole monstrous crime. Others of the defendants, who wanted to brazen the thing out, were thus confronted in these confessions with the certainty of being convicted in open court and of losing every possible chance for mercy. Thus they themselves in trun found it necessary to acknowledge their treason.

Radek, who in court was one of the most defiant of the defendants and who by his manner gave the lie completely to the Trotzkyist promise-terror-hypnotism theories of the trial, told how he was thus brought to make his admission of guilt. He said that for a long time in jail he refused to confess, as he did not want to compromise his friends among the accused; but he finally agreed to do so. He said:

"They told me, 'We have already got 15 depositions involving you, but if you want to gain time to think it over go ahead and think it over.' I thought it over for two and a half months. Then an investigator said, 'You are the last; so why waste time?' The next day I confessed."

We may be quite sure that the clever Radek made himself perfectly certain that the 15 depositions against him by his coplotters were absolutely genuine and that he had no other way out, before he made the confession that condemned him as a traitor to the cause of socialism and covered his name with eternal shame.

From whichever way the Moscow trials are fairly examined, the thesis of frame-up is seen to be totally inapplicable. Let it be repeated that a frame-up of the defendants was politically, organizationally and psychologically impossible. The Brooklyn Eagle, which is no friend of the Union, says (Feb. 1):

"Harold Denny, correspondent of the New York Times, by no means sympathetic to Communism, repeated that he had tried in vain to detect a false note in the trials that would indicate 'staging' or rehersal."

The Trotzky criminals were guilty. The evidence against them was overwhelming and they could not escape it. They had a fair trial, according to Soviet law. They were convicted fairly and openly before the bar of the great revolution which they had betrayed, before the masses of the Russian people who had made every sacrifice for the sake of socialism. Any unfounded charges of frame-up will not save these traitors from the obloquy which they deserve, nor prevent the masses of toilers in every country from learning the counter revolutionary character of Trotzkyism which these trials have so clearly exposed.

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ALAMEDA "BEST FAMILIES" GRIP LABOR'S RIGHTS

But Workers Organize Fight Against Labor-Haters

By a Worker Correspondent

ALAMEDA—For your information on the city government here, it must be understood that there are very few factories or large plants in this town.

But there are quite a few people living here who are bosses of one sort or another in shops and offices in Oakland and San Francisco. Also there are a number of families who have lived here for a generation or two and have gotten wealthy in real estate swindling of one kind or another, and naturally these "best families" have a very firm grip on the city government.

People Will Win Out

These same families have a large and determined hatred of the working class and their organizations, and they have made up their minds that "their" city will not be under the grip of anything like that.

Nevertheless, organization work is going on all the time, and in time it will be possible to get a city administration that will be more democratic and progressive than it is at present.

To illustrate the bootlicking attitude of the city council, a short time ago there was a picket line put around the Hunter Boat Co. at the foot of Park St., and a few scabs tried to get through. In the resulting action one of the scabs was mussed up and a car overturned.

Unions Can Bring "Union Lumber Co." to Time!

By a Farmer

FORT BRAGG—Here is a town where credit, social standing, and jobs are based on one consideration—to be a good slave of the Union Lumber Company.

Unless you are willing to put your neck into the yoke and fall into the clock step, you had better leave Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.

The chief of police is a former woods boss transferred to his present job for a reason which is to use the power of the law to force men to work for whatever wages pleases the Union Lumber Company.

Strong unions and a Farmer-Labor Party are the answer.

STORE CLERKS IN LONG BEACH SEEKING UNION

Labor Council Must Be Asleep, Says Correspondent

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH—I am writing the WESTERN WORKER to try and find out how workers here in Long Beach in department and chain stores can be organized.

In one certain chain store, in talking to a Negro worker, I found the boys in that store all wanted to join some kind of a union. This worker said the Los Angeles branch had been visited by some union representatives, but since the one visit had not been back to organize.

Why They Want Union

He also stated the workers in this certain chain store were very much excited and ready at the "drop of a hat" to join, as were the employees of the store here in Long Beach.

They are working 12 hours on week days and 14 hours on Saturdays with very small pay—the highest being, I believe he said, $18 a week. So you can really see why they want a union.

In a department store here also, an employee I talked to stated all employees were ready but as most of them were supporting families, they were afraid of what might happen, but although the hours are only eight in this store, the pay isn't so hot.

Labor Council Asleep

It seems to me the Central Labor Council here is very much asleep. I know if they were busy, these stores could have been organized long ago, for no one in Long Beach connected with labor unions has tried to start a union, so I'm told by these men I spoke to.

I don't know what can be done, but something must be done right away while these workers have other successful strikes still fresh in their minds.

Our Farmer-Labor Party cannot grow very strong as long as we leave things like this undone—and we all know that we must, if we wish to go forward, have a Farmer-Labor Party by our next national election—and one way we can help is to organize the employees in every department and chain store in our land.

Banning Tunnel Workers Seek Pay Increase

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING—We are still negotiating for more dough with the Metropolitan Water District officials. There is no definite information yet, but there will be a raise given. We voted for 20 per cent pay increase, recognition of our local 270, Tunnel, Subway and Aqueduct Workers.

Because Cops Didn't Club Pickets

For once in their lives at least, the police used their heads and didn't rush in and start clubbing the pickets.

The owners of the boat shop made a howl to the city council; and they promptly called the cops on the carpet and put six of them back on the graveyard watch and on the worst beats. This is the reward these men got for using their heads a little.

PROGRESSIVE MEETING OF FERRY UNION

Members Learn Need For Control by Rank-and-File

By An Inland Boatman

SAN FRANCISCO — At the last meeting, Feb. 24, of the Inland Boatmen's Union, a most interesting thing happened—apparently a few of the old-line reactionaries suddenly became liberal.

The best in its line was at this meeting, the dismissal wage agreement was disclosed in its true light, showing how the company can construe the provisions as they see fit.

Membership Sees Bureaucracy

Also the policies of the officials of the union were uncovered to the view of the membership, in which every move is made to destroy rank-and-file control—how the new constitution and by-laws place power into the hands of two men, while one of these (Deal) controls the other (Stillings), thus placing control in the hands of a monarch.

These two men compose the Executive Committee, whose authority it is to pass judgment on all violations and grievances. No appeal can be taken from their decision, which is final.

The encouraging thing about it all is the desire of the rank-and-file to take control, so long denied them; it was voiced from all quarters of the hall.

Remember Elections

We all hope that these progressive meetings will continue, and that when the election comes around this fall, the progressives will reap their hard-won reward.

More and more the Inland Boatmen realize that they can come into the Maritime Federation, only as progressives help to gain rank-and-file control. See what it has done for all other maritime unions on the Pacific Coast.

Everybody was entering into the discussion and expressing themselves as they should. For many years, it was difficult to get anyone on the floor to do this, but this meeting was different—very enlightening and encouraging. Let us strive to keep the meetnigs as interesting and as progressive as the one held two weeks ago.

—One Who Believes in Rank-and-File Control.

U. S. SMELTING CO. OPPRESSES MEN IN ALASKA

Pits Worker Against Worker For Jobs; Union Needed

By a Worker Correspondent

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—Every spring an over-supply of laborers comes into the interior of Alaska. This over-supply usulaly means that there are 10 men to every job; consequently, thos ewho are working are compelled to do two men's work, and if a man is unable to work under this strain, the job is givn to one who can.

The F. E. Company, local branch of the U. S. Smelting & Refining Co., which handles most of the gold mining in the Fairbanks district, likes to see these poor suckers at their door every morning in line looking for a job.

Low Pay for Hard Work

The wages for common labor are $5 a day, plus board, for nine and 10 hours work, and this pay is for those that are driving points in the frozen ground or in the mud up to thier necks all day long.

Therefore, the men coming up here spend $200 to go in search of such a job, and the chances are that in the end they get nothing, so the transportation company gets them coming and going.

Only strong union organization can remedy this situatoin.

Pass "Western" On!

When you finish reading this issue of the Western Worker, pass it on to your fellow worker in your shop or to your friend or neighbor. Then, when he's read it, ask him to subscribe.

They Flee to Escape Fascist Murder

SPANISH women and children are not spared in the Fascist bombardment of civilian quarters of Madrid. These Madrid residents are moving to a safe quarter.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

SOME 12 OR 13 YEARS AGO, California took the lead in the United States in passing important social legislation, by being the first state to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution.

The road to national prominence for progressive legislation now lies along the road of the California People's Legislative Conference—passing of such bills as outlawing anti-picketing ordinances, prohibiting transportation of strikebreakers across county lines, repealing the Criminal Syndicalism Act, abolishing "Jim Crow" bars against the Negro people, repeal of the sales tax, etc.

California can make national history with this program, if the people insist that their assemblymen and state senators support these bills.

Not Very Liberal . . .

How liberal is the "liberal" San Francisco News? Not very liberal, if you look at their recommendations on last Tuesday's city charter amendments and propositions.

For example, the S. F. News is against police pensions increase, as are Police Chief Quinn and the police commissioners and Mayor Rossi; for the reorganization of the police department, which would centralize police powers in the hands of Chief Quinn, and which has many objectionable features from labor's viewpoint; for increasing the salaries of the supervisors, a part-time job; and for No. 18, which concealed an attempt to run in the one-man trolley bus, which is so cordially hated by the people of San Francisco.

The News did finally come out in favor of No. 19, repeal of the anti-picket ordinance, but only at the last moment, after much pressure had been exerted by organized labor.

The "Democrat" of the "Times"

John Steven McGroarty, congressman from the 11th District, Los Angeles County, was elected as a Democrat.

Recently McGroarty took "advantage of my position as a member of The Times (L. A.) staff" to write a long article attacking President Roosevelt's measures to curb the autocratic Supreme Court.

The Times is one of the most reactionary, anti-labor, Republican newspapers in the U. S.

Conclusion: The Democratic Party is no party for labor or the people generally, and McGroarty is an object lesson for the organization of a Farmer-Labor Party.

Where to Cut Taxes . . .

Controller Harry B. Riley has reported receipts in sales taxes of nearly $42,000,000, and receipts in bank, corporation and insurance company taxes of only a little more than $11,000,000.

In Sacramento talk is developing for cutting tax rates—the reactionary Republicans and Democrats in the State Legislature want to cut the bank, corporation and insurance company taxes, and income taxes, and only want to cut the sales tax by one-sixth.

Our Communist tax program is, quite naturally, the opposite—abolish the sales tax altogether, and hike up the taxes on the rich to finance current expenses and also to finance more social legislation such as unemployment, relief, old-age pensions, California Youth Act, etc.

Our tax program is not revolutionary, although the bankers and industrialists may scream "confiscatory," but is a program that every working man and woman, every poor farmer, every middle-class person, can endorse whole-heartedly as the program which will help the people at the expense of those who can afford to pay, the rich.

The reactionary Democrats and the Republicans in Sacramento talk as if they are going to present a great gift to all the people in their tax-cutting program. It's always wise to look a gift horse in the mouth, and if you look at this "gift" you will find that it has teeth that bite only into the working people.

"Big 4" Tobacco Companies Profit —Not Workers

By a Tobacco Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — Two of the "Big Four" tobacco companies recently issued financial reports for 1936, and both show profits that make the treasury of Croesus look like the treasury of a child's toy bank.

Both show increasing profits, yet neither one has said a word about increasing wages to their "faithful employees," as the San Francisco plant bosses call them. If the workers talk about unionism, it may result in their services being "not required."

Wages Low—High Speedup

Liggett and Meyers showed in their report a net income for 1936 of $2,427,632, after interest, federal income taxes, federal taxes on undistributed profits, and many other items are charged off.

This is more profits by far than the net income of the same company for 1935, and no increase was made in wages, though the men and women employed in these sweat-shops are required to work much harder since the speedy machinery was installed in most plants in the latter part of 1933.

I work in the local Liggett & Meyers plant, and I know what I'm talking about.

This huge increase in profits is due to installation of new speed-up machinery, with no increase in the necessary labor power or in wages.

SAN FRANCISCO ENTERTAINERS FORMING LOCAL

Pay Low As $1.50 A Day on "Star-Dust" Trail

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — Music, dancing, lights—a table for two—an atmosphere of sophisticated gaiety and romance. The Silver Cuspidor Club invites you to be our honored guest for the evening (Adv.). So we came.

At a table we called for refreshments—"called," because the waiter was so busy he had to take orders on the run. Later we noticed there were only a few waiters and just a few girls operating from the service bar. They had to bus the tables as well.

Presently the floor show was on.

Organizing a Union

We naturally wanted to find out what it's like to make a living as an entertainer. I knew one of the girls, so we got to talking and inquired about working conditions.

"Well," they said, "yes and no, but mostly no! Haven't you heard?"

"Yes, we heard—you're organizing."

Further discussion brought out that in San Francisco today there are people working for as little as $1.50 per day. In Los Angeles, there are entertainers working in cafes, bars and clubs simply for their meals and whatever they can pick up in tips.

"What Price Art?"

Another told of how he applied for a singing job. He was expected to work in the kitchen five hours a day besides the time spent on his act.

There are cases, so common to all who make their living in this game, where an employer hamstrings along saying he would like to see a tryout first. Well, a tryout is booked, but somehow the boss, a very busy man, just wasn't able to be there that night. This may go on for two or three days.

Foul Trick

Often he's seen the act already some place else. Eventually, however, he gets around to saying that his second assistant manager or something informed him that the act wasn't going over so good—very sorry, but he can't engage them this time, maybe later if they brush it up a little.

Among entertainers this is well known as a racket. It means the employer gets at least a night's performance without paying a cent for it, since tryouts are done gratis. The workers are left holding the bag.

Until the entertainers can get together like the musicians, actors, writers, newspaper men, technicians, etc.; until they can get over the impression they are artists; until they realize the economic system under which they live stifles every artistic impulse—only until then will they as a group ever be anything but individuals sitting around hoping for the breaks—before they starve. The star-dust trail is lined with corpses.

Union Will Do the Trick

But they declare the time is in view when there will be no more hustling drinks for the house between performances and mingling with the customers, as often the girls are expected to do; no more tryouts up blind alleys; no more getting stranded on the road without funds, because there will be a fund established to take care of that, as well as sick and death benefit funds.

You can go down to the Musicians' Union, 230 Jones St., 2nd floor. Any day will do, but on Mondays at 1, the general membership meetings are held.

STRIKE CASE IN PASADENA NOW "OFF CALENDAR"

"Red-Baiting" By Prosecutor Proved to Be Boomerang

By a Worker Correspondent

PASADENA—On last December 28, Tom Lemin, a seaman, and Earl Tennery, sympathizer of the maritime strikers, were arrested while handing out "Maritime Strike News" at the Raymond Theater, pleaded not guilty, and were held on $500 bail.

On February 24, before a court room packed to overflowing, the case was declared "off calendar."

Previously, when a representative of the Maritime Federation from San Pedro attempted to see Lemin, he was contacted by Pasadena's red-baiting City Prosecutor, Joselyn, who "advised" them to have nothing to do with the case as Tennery was a Communist and it would damage the union.

Red-Baiting is Losing its Punch

In spite of the "walloping" that reactionaries and red-baiters received in the November 3rd election, he kept it up until the last date of trial.

A Pasadena trade union local sent a delegation to attend the trial. They also were contacted by the prosecutor, who is "saving Pasadena from the reds," and "advised" that this was not a labor issue, "but only a Communist publicity stunt." It did NOT take. One delegate remarked later that he would support the boys in this case "even if they were Republicans."

Pasadena labor is organizing and recognizing the value of SOLIDARITY. At this time workers of al categories should demand, under the leadership of the trade unions, the repeal of the "hand-bill ordinance," in its present form, and direct representation on the City Board of Directors.

Unemployed ... Field Season

By a Worker Co...

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WESTERN YOUTH

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AAU OFFICIAL IN PRAISE OF LABOR SPORTS

"Should Take More Active Part in The Future"

"If the establishment by labor of organizations like the Union Recreation Center is necessary to bring out the athletic talent in the unions, then by all means let's have more outfits like the Center," declared Al Sandell, San Francisco chairman of the Pacific Athletic Union, West Coast division of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The San Francisco sportsman said: "Labor should officially take a more active part in the sports movement than it has in the past. The Center's recent triumphs in sports circles should certainly strike a keynote for more of just such activity. There is a woeful lack of labor teams in amateur athletic tournaments but a great wealth of talent in the labor movement."

Follows Shelley

This statement following an equally encouraging declaration by John Shelley, president of the Central Labor Council, is expected to encourage further the calling of a conference to push labor sports.

The Union Recreation Center soccer team is in second place in the Golden Gate Soccer league competition, while its basketball team copped first honors in the Class B division of the City Recreation League.

The Center will enter a card in the forthcoming Pacific Athletic Union tryouts for the national AAU Boxing Tourney.

"Front," the new labor sports magazine issued by the URC, will throw a first annual Hi-jinks Ball on April 1.

Young Irish Group Takes the Name of Kevin Berry

DUBLIN, Ireland—Kevin Barry, hero to countless Irish lads, has given his name and his reputation to a new Irish organization pledged to carry on the fight against British influence in the Free State.

Martyred at 18 by the British in 1920 when he was hanged for participating in the activities of the Irish Republican Army, Barry is now coming to life again in the Kevin Barry Youth Movement, pledged to fight for the "ideals of Connolly, Pearse and Mellows." The Irish Republican Army waged civil war against the foe from across the Irish Sea for years after the Easter Rebellion in 1916.

The new youth movement aims to unite the Irish children nursed on the labor ideals of James Connolly and the republicanism of Padriag Pearse, its founders declare. Both Connolly and Pearse were executed at the time of the 1916 rebellion, almost twenty one years ago.

The new group would seem to reflect the noticeable revival of the ancient Irish nationalism which has bitterly fought the British for centuries.

L.A. Students in Picket Line at Douglas Aircraft

LOS ANGELES—Ten cars of Los Angeles high school and college students joined the picket line at the Douglas Aircraft strike Saturday, March 6, under the leadership of the American Student Union.

The students brought canned food and cigarettes collected by the union chapters in the various schools.

Richard Coleman, CIO organizer, and James Carter, strikers' attorney, spoke on the issues of the strike at the UCLA American Student Union meeting Sunday at the First Unitarian Church.

STANFORD AND CAL. APPROVE PEACE STRIKE

Students Respond to National Appeal For April 22

Decision by the Executive Committees of the student bodies at Stanford and the University of California to hold student peace meetings on April 22 at 11 AM as a part of the national student peace strike were the opening shots in the annual student peace campaign.

The call for a peace strike on April 22 has come from a national United Student Peace Committee consisting of the American Student Union, the National Student Federation of America, the student divisions of the YMCA and YWCA, the League of Nations Society, the Foreign Policy Association, the American League Against War and Fascism and the American Youth Congress.

The decision for a student meeting at California was interpreted as a significant victory since the authorities cancelled a previously scheduled administration-controlled meeting for that date.

Want Some That Went to Barbara

DETROIT—"I met a Million Dollar Union Baby in a 5 and 10 cent store!" It doesn't exactly fit the song, but, if you ask the sit down strikers now occupying the five and dime store here it's a big improvement over the original words.

The sit-down fever, generated by the auto strikers, in combination with long hours and low pay, finally got the gals. And brunettes, blonds and redheads, short, tall, lean and plump they're resting their tired dogs and sitting down in the Detroit Woolworth stores.

Walk by some night and you can hear them sing their own song, to the tune of "Madamoiselle from Armentieres."

Barbara Hutton has the dough, parlez-vous
Where she get it, sure we know, parlez-vous
We slave at Woolworth's five and dime,
The pay we get is sure a crime.
Hinkey Dinkey Parlez Vous.

YOUTH FIGURE IN DRIVE FOR AGRICULTURE

Progressive Role is Taken at Labor Conference

Youth had its two days at the state-wide conference called by the State Federation of Labor in San Francisco to organize the agricultural and cannery workers. Outstanding were Lloyd Lehmann, from the Santa Clara Committee for Agricultural Organization; Marcella Ryan, Oakland Cannery Workers' Union; Pauline Gordon, organizer of the San Francisco Cannery and Preserve Workers' Union, and others from Sacramento.

Lehmann played an outstanding role on the floor in carrying the position of the progressives. After the conference, he outlined what the organization drive meant to the young people of the Santa Clara Valley.

"I went to San Jose State College," he told us. "A very large portion of the student body works in the canneries during the summer in order to earn enough money to go through school in the fall and winter."

He is a tall, well built young man.

He is the only youth elected to the executive board of the conference. Upon him was placed the honor and responsibility of representing the agricultural and cannery workers of the State in pleading for a State charter before the executive board of the State Federation of Labor.

AFL Delegate

Miss Ryan is a small, wiry young girl. She was one of the few youth delegates to the last AFL convention in Tampa. She is a delegate to the Alameda County Central Labor Council. She is largely responsible for building the largest cannery union in the country.

Miss Gordon is full of enthusiasm and energy. Girlish, despite her two gruelling years' work in Bay Area canneries, she is a popular figure among cannery workers in San Francisco. In a month's time she led the building of the Cannery local in the city from nothing to 150 members, while concluding an agreement with the Del Rey cannery company. "I have worked in nearly all the canneries in San Francisco," she said. "When the season starts the hardships of the work are terrible. I have worked for twelve and fourteen hours a day for two and three months straight, six and seven days a week.

How They Work

"The canneries are hot. You stand in water up to your ankles. Sorting peas for twelve hours gets you so you can hardly stand up. There is no chance for young girls in the canneries to live a normal life in the season. Handling the sharp-edged cans cuts up your hands. The strong lye they put on the peaches gives you terrible rashes."

The thousands of young American, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian fellows and girls who slave through California's hot summers will soon lead a decent, happy, normal life if they "get wise and organize."

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Sportsmanship Will Out Even in Nazi Germany

by Lefty

Twelve thousand Berlin fight fans forgot all about Nazi racial theories and thunderously applauded the Belgian Negro Boxer, Al Beker, even though he lost a 12 round fight to Gustav Eder, of Germany.

Baker was floored for a count of three in the second round and again for a count of two in the third but recovered and to spectators and ringside critics apeared to have had the edge. The crowd carried Baker out on its shoulders after booing Eder. The excitement calmed down only when it was announced that Eder had agreed to a return match.

Here's to the Berkeley High School chapter of the American Student Union. The Union's basketball team recently got new gold and maroon uniforms following a string of victories. The last game in the Berkeley boy's schedule comes off next week with Willard Jr. High School. The game will make or break a perfect record so far.

You Never Can Tell, It Might Happen Here

Sit down at Yankee Stadium! With the score tied at 2-2, bases loaded and three men on in the eighth inning of the Yankee-Indian fray here yesterday, Gehrig sat down on the first sack, Tony Lazzeri took a seat at short, and Frisco's Di Mag plapped down in the sun spot. The fans in the bleachers unforled a banner and the players yelled it at the top of their lungs, "We Demand Union Recognition."

Now I won't predict that this will happen with the same sureness I predicted a couple of other things. But brethren, you can't never tell.

Frinstance, last week a group of progressive Congressmen, led by Cannon of Wisconsin introduced legislation which would make the formation of such a union possible. Cannon tried to organize a union of ball players in 1921.

Even the big boys in the game could stand a little solidarity. After all, their playing life is very short, even though the salary is high. But the real need comes from the average apple socker. The baseball owners have a powerful, well greased machine. They waft young players out of sight, into the bushes, or back to the work bench with the greatest of ease and something is badly needed to curb their king-like power.

Labor Sports Idea Moves Westward

Going West again. The tide of sports fever. First New York, now Cleveland. The YCL in Cleveland called a city wide membership meeting to launch a big spring sports drive.

Judge Mahoney, new AAU head spoke at the Second Conference of the Labor Sports Federation in New York. He praised the Labor Sports Carnival held annually in New York. And he promised that Americans would take part in the next Olympic Games in Japan, only if we receive an absolute guarantee that the Japanese government will not mix into the games.

The Fascists Made Them Homeless

A DESTITUTE mother and four children, their home destroyed by Fascist bombardment of Malaga, sit on a curbstone. Relief situation is acute, yet U. S. authorities seek to impede collection of relief funds.

Appeal to Calif. Youth for More Effort for Spain

Trifno Medrano, 21-year-old leader of the United Socialist Youth League, was killed by a bursting shell while on the Bilbao front. Medrano was a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Spain and the secretary of the Spanish Youth Communist League before its merger with the young Socialists.

Deeply moved by the news, Frank Carlson, state secretary of the Young Communist League, told the Western Worker: "Comrade Medrano was an outstanding leader of the Spanish young Communists.

"He was particularly responsible for the work which led to the unity of young Socialists and Communists in Spain.

"As a young Communist leader, he died in the front line trenches. If the leader of the Spanish young Communists was in that place of honor, at the head of the fight for democracy, why cannot our own American young Communists, facing far less serious risks and difficulties, also be at the head of the movement for Spanish democracy in this State?

"Young Communists in Spain fight in the trenches. Young Communists and all young people in California must fight here.

"California youth can make up for this loss to the Spanish people at least in a small way by continuing the work for Spain now that the youth delegates' meetings are over. Let's go ahead to collect money, food, clothing and medcial aid for the Spanish government!"

Students Forming Cooperatives

At Cal Tec., at Chico State, at College of Pacific, and at San Jose State College groups of young people are working on the formation of cooperative rooming and boarding houses.

In the absense of any comprehensive student help plan by the government these young people have taken this means of helping them get an education.

They plan to rent a house, do their own cooking, dishwashing, scrubbing, furnace-tending, cat-putting-out, etc. Expenses will be figured at the end of the year and all savings will be rebated.

Young People Most Against Lynching

Young people, more than any other group, want the enactment of a federal anti-lynching law, according to a poll taken by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

While the nation on the whole was revealed as being 70% for the anti-lynching measure, young people were listed as being 77% for and 23% opposed. Besides young people, the Institute polled women, relief clients, farmers, small towners, and the urban population.

The southern states were listed as 65% "yes" and 35% answering "no" to the question, "Should Congress enact a law which would make lynching a federal crime?"

MORE DRILLING FOR BOYS OF CCC

More than 55,000 enrollees in the Ninth Corps Area of the Civil Convervation Camps, which include eight Western states, will come more strictly under Army supervision as a result of a letter from Maj. Gen. George S. Simonds establishing educational committees in each of the 331 camps in the region.

The committees will consist of the camp commander, the camp educational advisor, the project superintendent and one enrollee to be selected by the camp commander. The commitees are instructed to meet at least twice per month to coordinate all educational activities.

First Sitdown in San Francisco Is Won by Youth

Youth of San Francisco copped honors for the first sit-down strike in the city when 47 young men and women on an NYA book project returned to work Wednesday morning after a one-day stay in had forced National Youth Administration officials to grant the strikers demands.

Noel McKay, 19, chairman of the strike committee, and executive secretary of the Northern California Assembly of Youth outlined the causes and results of the strike.

"As a part of the whole policy of cutting down on National Youth Administration benefits, plans were afoot to 'reclassify' the people on our project. 'Reclassification' would have meant that the workers on our project, now classed as professionals at $24.80 per month, would have been shifted to another project at lower wages."

Mrs. Strauss, San Francisco NYA administrator, and Paul Russell, state supervisor of work porjects finally gave the strikers assurance that they would be transfered to another project without any reduction in pay.

A few hours after the strike started on Tuesday at 901 Potrero Street, members of the Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist League responded by bringing a radio to the strikers.

S. Diego Employees Ask Pay Increases

SAN DIEGO — Citing recent price increases, San Diego city employees are demanding higher wages before the Civil Service Commission.

Send us news of your union.

Hearings on State Youth Act April 9; Passed in Olympia

April 9 has been set as the date for the committee hearings on the California Youth Act, to be held in Sacramento, the executive committee of the Assembly of Youth announced. A series of dances throughout California will serve as send-offs for delegates from youth organizations to the hearings.

More than 500 young people, from all parts of the State, are expected to appear as a mass delegation before the Assembly Committee to testify to the definite need and urgency for such an act.

After the hearing the young people plan to send a delegation to the Governor, while at the same time the delegates will visit their individual Senators and Assemblymen.

'Mock legal-appearing "subpoenas" are being sent to organizations and prominent individuals requesting that they appear at the hearings to testify.

Passed In Washington

Added zest was given to the work of the Assembly of Youth in their drive for the California Youth Act by the news from Olympia, Wash., that a similar bill had been passed by the Washington state house of representatives.

The Assembly of Youth is planning a weekly bulletin on the progress of the bill in the legislature, as well as issuing windshield stickers and bumper cards. They also hope to have at least one state-wide radio broadcast on the act.

Jewish Youth Vote To Joint League Against Fascism

The Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America voted to affiliate to the American League Against War and Fascism at the annual convention of the youth organization in Washington last week.

The affiliation resolution was passed on the floor of the convention in seminars on Peace, Communism, Fascism and Democracy and Cooperation.

The Young People's League includes most of the young people's groups meeting in synagogues througout the North American continent. The total membership is over 30,000.

The affiliation now awaits ratification by the National Executive Committee.

Are You?

Are you an F.C.Y.E.I.? Remedy this terrible condition, by reading the February Youth Edition of the Communist. Don't be a February Communist Youth Edition Ignoramus!

Pre-Convention Discussion

Some Fun Along With Deep Stuff

By ISABELLE BROWN and LUELLA ROSS

The Jack London Branch of Los Angeles, trying to make the branch a colorful youth club, has organized a group whose main work is developing attractive features.

Our pre-convention discussion was opened by applying a section of Gil Green's report to our problem. Our educational director spoke of "how we must develop a greater variety in forms of education." Particularly he stressed the need for a more human approach in this phase of our work. A lighter vein must be brought into our teaching methods, particularly with new members' classes.

He found that by evening, the comrades, after the day's grind, needed some fun along with serious study and so the group decided to give a banana split to the best student of the evening. You should have seen them work for the prize!

Put Up a Sign

The leader of the group that is concentrating on building a branch inner life told of the things that are already being done in the group. First, our center must become a lively neighborhood factor. It must be made attractive both in appearance and in the activity that goes on within it. We don't even have a sign on the outside. We are raising money to put one up as soon as possible.

A "Fix it, Make it Pretty Committee" is being organized. A window display on Spain, and other current topics would add attraction. Inside, the wall bulletin can be used for announcements, education and articles of general interest. Ping pong and checkers are already part of our fun, and we hope to have tournaments.

Weekly Dances

Some activity should be going on in the Center every evening. Among other things, we are going to start having weekly dances on Friday nights. In conjunction with the Circulation Library being instituted in the Center, there can be monthly book review socials with a variety of take-offs. There could be skits in connection with the theme of the book; if possible, a visit from the author.

We have immediate issues in which we can become a service organization in the neighborhood. For some time, various Eastside candidates, including Communist nominees, have been campaigning for a Junior College in our part of town; we can help. We should be the leaders in crystallizing the sentiment for five-cent fares. There is already a service organization growing up in our neighborhood; we can work within this organization, and use it as an example for that phase of our branch work.

What "Outsiders" Think

Our president spoke of the attitude the young people in his mass organization have toward us. Most of them are close to the YCL but refuse to join because they don't like us as people. When we develop a livelier organization, we can become the type of people that "outsiders" like to mingle with. He also mentioned the fact that when his organization was falling apart, he himself didn't have an exemplary YCL to guide him in resurrecting this organization.

We should bring our criticisms before the membership, and try always to make it as constructive as possible. The "Build the Branch Inner Life Group" makes a special point of "good and welfare" on its agenda to encourage criticism.

We badly need a membership committee in our branch to keep a constant check on our membership.

". . . The YCL must find such ways, such forms and methods of work as will assure the formation in the capitalist countries of a new type of mass youth organization to which no vital interest of the toiling youth will be alien; an organization which, without copying the Party, will fight for all the interests of the youth, bringing them up in the spirit of the class struggle of proletarian internationalism, in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism."—Dimitroff.

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Why Labor Would End Courts' Dictators

"Point of Order"
A TRADE UNION COLUMN
By Slim

ON THE high road to unionize 5,000,000 workers in steel, auto, textile, rubber, and a host of other basic mass production industries, the Committee for Industrial Organization gets a stab in the back.

The dagger is in the hands of William Green, and behind Green skulk the old craft union reactionaries of the AFL executive council.

The reason was well put by Hugo Ernst, of the Culinary Crafts, last Friday, in the San Francisco Central Labor Council. To protect their high-salaried jobs, the executive council members are willing to outlaw an organization which has added almost 2,000,000 men and women to the ranks of organized labor.

To that end instructions have gone out from Green which in effect demand the instant expulsion of all CIO unions, and the threat of expulsion of those who in any way express any kind of support for CIO unions.

As the Japanese militarists put it—any organization which "harbors dangerous thoughts."

The Machinists' Union in Santa Monica, which expressed its solidarity with the Douglas strikers, would come under Green's ex-communication edict.

San Francisco, Bakersfield, Sacramento, the Labor Councils in these cities are among those which have given Green a blistering answer—filing his letter.

That action should be taken in every Labor Council which receives the Green letter. The progressive delegates should move to file the letters. This should be followed by resolutions to be sent to the A. F. of L. Executive Council demanding that it rescind the expulsion order.

All locals should take the same action. Messages of solidarity and support from craft union locals to the CIO are in order.

Delegates to city centrals who flout the will of the membership for unity, by voting for Green's letter, should be recalled.

Kindred Spirits

WHAT Green's actions mean to the employers was shown last week when the Carnegie-Illinois Steel company union invited Green to come to Pittsburgh and advise them on how to maintain the company union. Green "respectfully declined," but the invitation still stands. The company unions are quick to recognize a friend.

Strictly Out!

WHOEVER started the idea of forcing the trade unions to incorporate and become legally liable for contracts (the move is actually under way in Washington legislative quarters) is about as original as the Tin Pan Alley song writers who borrow so freely from Beethoven and Bach.

Incorporation of trade unions would go a long way toward fascism. Any such idea is one for labor to step on, and step on hard.

John L. Lewis was quick on the draw when the idea again cropped out recently.

"Those who advocate incorporation of labor unions are those who hope to create a vehicle for destruction of trade unions," said Lewis. As far as organized labor is concerned, the idea is strictly out.

A Tip

WE don't claim to be Walter Winchell, but we've gotten the tip that a stool pigeon named Harris, whose testimony helped convict the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in Sacramento, is in Grass Valley and Nevada City, and has secured employment in one of the mines.

He has joined the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. A word to the wise, we are sure, will be sufficient.

CIO Auto Union Tops 200,000

DETROIT—The 200,000 mark in membership was passed with the issuing of March buttons by the United Automobile Workers of America. The occasion found the union going to bat with Chrysler in bargaining conferences, getting well along on negotiations with General Motors and engaged in several sitdown skirmishes with parts manufacturers.

Chrysler Demolished

The Chrysler Works Council (company union) was completely domolished on the first day of negotiations when Richard T. Frankensteen, U.A.W.A. Detroit organization director, presented Chrysler's vice-president, Herman I. Weckler, with the resignations of 103 out of 120 employe representatives to emphasize the union's demand for sole bargaining power. Other demands are straight seniority, 10c an hour wage increases, classification reforms and reduction of hours to [illegible] a week before layoffs.

CIO Tunnel Union Does Fast Work
Expect Parker Dam 100% Union in Few Weeks

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING—With the newly elected officers, Local 270 of Tunnel, Subway and Acqueduct Workers is away to a flying start. The brothers are rallying behind Local 270 with the greatest of confidence in the history of organized labor.

Organizer Hancock reports there are 325 paid up members in the Indio Sub-Local of 270. Also there are a great number of men waiting for pay day.

100% in Few Weeks

Brother Hancock passed through Banning on his way to Parker Dam, where the organizing of the dam is under way. He is doing wonderful work. Local 270 extends hearty congratulations, and hopes the good work never stops. It is reported Parker Dam will be 100% organized in a few weeks.

Organizer Gately of Local 270, in Los Angeles, reports the L. A. Sub-Local of Locals 270 and 279 is doing much better than expected. It is reported Brother Gately is advancing on the Blue Diamond, where there are 700 unorganized men. Local 270 wishes Brother Gately the greatest of success, and wishes to remind him it is behind him 100 per cent.

Local 270's newly-appointed organizer, Brother Brown, stepped into the harness like an old veteran and is planning a sub-local in the great center of the Fascist-minded Riverside. Local 270 is expecting great work of Brother Brown, who will surely do his part in making this branch of the industrial unions one of the greatest in the USA.

After Banning Demands

The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, branch of the CIO, is doing its part in making the USA safe for honest democracy—one for all, and all for one.

Step Toward Rank & File Control, Oil

RODEO—Local 326, Oil Workers' Union, unanimously endorsed a resolution favoring election of district councilmen by referendum in the districts where they are to serve.

It happens that District Councilman Jim Coulter (who certainly was not elected by any referendum) was present, and Brother Jim said absolutely nothing, for a very good reason. But Jim's position is now very clear, because he strenuously opposed it the following Sunday when it was presented to the district council meeting at Bakersfield. The rank and file of the California locals is yet to be heard from. If the policy is to be adopted, it will be done at the next International Convention at Kansas City in June. In the meantime, the local voted to send copies of the resolution to all California locals.

Jim's Hands Full

The reason why Brother Jim didn't oppose the resolution was that he was having his hands full selling the local, by a small majority, on the idea of taking in the workers on the Fleur Co. Construction job at Oleum. He reported that the company had a good agreement all ready to sign.

He also said it was the CIO and International Oil Workers' Policy, but the CIO heretofore has been too busy taking in workers who couldn't be organized in craft unions to get into any jurisdictional fights.

Later the building trades put a picket line around the job.

We will soon see what kind of an agreement Coulter got with Union Oil Company.

The local also endorsed the national drive to organize the oil industry, and reaffirmed its confidence in the CIO.

Labor's Non-Partisan League Executive Tells What Is At Stake For Organized Labor
Nine Old Men Are 'Constitutionally' Averse To Any and All Legislation Which Would Better Conditions of Organized Labor

By E. L. OLIVER, Executive Vice-President Labor's Non-Partisan League

WASHINGTON—Reform of the federal judiciary is an immediate and vital necessity to the working people of America. The living and working conditions of millions of people during the next decade—perhaps during the next generation—will depend upon the outcome of the effort now being made by President Roosevelt to modernize the courts.

This is the fundamental issue, and upon this ground the question should be decided. Our workers know that the palsied hands of men, appointed to our courts by Presidents long since dead or discredited, have blocked every effort to deal with our national economic problems through federal legislation—and the workers are increasingly determined that this blockade must be ended.

The 200 Who Control

What are our national problems? The greatest of all is the poverty of our workers. Poverty caused by cut-throat industrial competition; poverty caused by the helplessness of the farmer in marketing his products; poverty caused by the helplessness of the industrial worker in the face of opposition to his organization; poverty caused by the aggressive, insistent demand for increased power and wealth by the 200 men who control American industry.

The supreme court has held that the Federal Government does not have the power, constitutionally, to protect the people of the country; we are delivered over to the banking, steel, automobile, textile, oil, food, and other large corporations, if the decisions of the supreme court are allowed to stand.

The lines have thus been clearly drawn. If we are to preserve the right of self-government, and if we are to protect ourselves from the inhumanity and outright piracy of our powerful industrial and financial corporations, we must find a way over, around, or through these supreme court decisions.

It should be understood, first of all, that the supreme court very rarely interprets the constitution. That document says nothing about minimum wages, or maximum hours, or processing taxes—or about most of the issues passed upon by the chief justice and his associates. For many years, the court has been principally engaged in interpreting its own past decisions, applying them as binding precedents to new situations, with little, if any, reference to what the constitution actually says.

The Nine Old Men

The judge's decision is therefore no better than the judge. Our laws are being vetoed not because their provisions are opposed to the constitution, but because a majority of the supreme court members are themselves "constitutionally" opposed to the legislation. The personal constitutions of those judges are more significant than the intentions of the men who adopted the constitution of the United States. And there is nothing in the history of most of the nine old men now members of the court to justify the American people in believing that the attitudes of these gentlemen are a satisfactory substitute for representative democratic government.

And labor knows this oligarchy—knows it well. These federal courts have never hesitated to legislate against labor, in the form of injunctions which broke every effort to improve wages and working conditions, and which perpetuated and strengthened industrial serfdom. Labor knows these judges, and the judicial system. To speak to American workers or their leaders about dictatorship by the President is a waste of breath. The real dictatorship, the one from which labor has been desperately striving to escape for nearly 50 years, is the dictatorship by the federal courts.

We have not much time to curb that dictatorship, if we are to escape new and greater calamities than those which overtook us in 1929. Wages are today lagging behind production, millions of workers are on the streets who should be at work. Unless a federal legislative program can be enacted quickly, to assist in raising wages, to tackle this problem of unemployment, to permit labor organization—and to give to the farmers the assistance they so desperately need—we are headed straight into another major economic catastrophe, with the last one not yet out of sight.

The supreme courts as at present constituted, will almost certainly prevent any labor, humanitarian, or farmer legislation. We must end judicial dictatorship in America. The President's program is the first step.

Going Places In Santa Ana
Union Movement Is Making Headway

SANTA ANA—The trade union movement here is beginning to grow. Within the last few days two new locals have been set up. Due to work of organizers from Long Beach, the Butchers and the Culinary Alliance have been able to organize a group of workers.

The Culinary workers have already succeeded in signing up one cafe and are spreading out among the other cafes in town. The restaurant that has signed up is Shockley's, on East 4th St., in Santa Ana. With the assistance of the workers other shops will undoubtedly be brought into line.

The Butchers also intend to organize the town 100 per cent and then branch out into the other towns in Orange County. They urge that all butchers get in touch with them and sign up as soon as possible.

Teamsters Sign

At their last meeting the Teamsters signed up 15 new members and are getting new applications every day. Their local has grown from a very small group last summer to a strong union with over 200 members at the present time.

With these stirrings in the labor movement in Orange County, it looks as if there will be a strong group of unions here in a short time. This will surely be so if these unions give assistance to the agricultural workers, as these thousands of workers must be the backbone of the labor movement in Orange County.

Machinists Ask San Diego Poll

SAN DIEGO—The International Association of Machinists has filed an election petition with the National Labor Relations Board in an effort to establish its claim of majority representation at the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in San Diego.

The union claims a majority of the 3,000 employees of the company.

They Risked Their Lives in Epidemic; Here's The Reward

LOS ANGELES — Glaring charges of negligent cruelty have been flung at Los Angeles county by James B. Agnew, member of the 1936 grand jury, who exposed the bitter plight of 155 nurses stricken with infantile paralysis while fighting the 1934 epidemic that swept through the General Hospital.

Those nurses today are helpless invalids—due entirely, the grand jury report declares, to the miserable failure of the county adequately to care for them.

In his nine-page report which covers extensive investigation, Agnew further charges that the nurses, instead of receiving proper treatment in the General Hospital, have been placed in sanitariums where "insanitary, unmodern, and inadequate conditions.

LEADS DRIVE

VAN BITTNER, in charge of the CIO drive to organize steel in the Chicago-Great Lakes district, which takes in the great steel mills of Gary.

Railway Unions Ask Probe of S. P. Hospital
Big Four Invite Sacramento Shop Craft Unions

SACRAMENTO — The "Big Four" railroad unions are inviting the shop crafts to participate in action against the Southern Pacific Local Hospital here, investigating the poor treatment afforded patients.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and Sutter Lodge 340, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, sent a joint invitation to the following interested locals:

Electricians, Blacksmiths, Machinists, Sheet Metal Workers, Boilermakers, Moulders.

Sloppy Treatment

Delegates from the unions will collect data to present to a Northern California meeting of shop unions and "Big Four" unions, to be held in San Francisco in the near future. The San Francisco meeting will select a committee to file protests with Dr. Coffee, head doctor in this district for the Southern Pacific Railway.

Railroad workers describe the local hospital in Sacramento as a place where they wouldn't choose to go to have a cut finger dressed. Also, workers desiring treatment have to go during their regular working hours, thereby losing pay.

An Oil Field That Needs Tackling

LONG BEACH — Before the Central Labor Council here, Delegate Gahan of the International Longshoremen's Association called attention of the Oil Workers Union to the deplorable condition of the Wilmington Oil Field.

It is located right in the harbor area, and is the only open shop spot around there. The waterfront workers do not like it and offer aid in organizing the field.

There have been no failures drilled in this field. The city of Los Angeles issued 56 drilling permits a few days before. It is going to be a very active field.

Wants More Signers To Repeal Oakland Anti-Picketing Law

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—I wanted to sign the petition putting on the ballot the anti-picketing law repeal, and went to the Labor Temple.

The man in charge at the entrance had not read the petition nor heard of it, nor showed any interest in the matter whatever. A copy should be kept there, and every union man asked to sign, regardless of how few signatures are legally necessary. Every signer is a potential vote. My union is not represented in the central Labor Council. Can't some delegate bring this up at the next meeting? More interest is required if the law is to be repealed.

I. L. A. Local 38-79 & The Nine Old Men
Longshoremen Back Change Proposed On High Court

SAN FRANCISCO—ILA Local 38-79 is alive to political issues that are of vital importance to labor. Proof of it is again offered in the resolution passed by it on the Supreme Court—which ILA 38-79 asks other unions to adopt:

WHEREAS: President Roosevelt has proposed that Congress pass legislation calling for the resignation of all Supreme Court judges over the age of 70, and in the event that any of the judges over the age of 70 refuse to resign, empowering the President of the United States to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court one for every judge over 70, and

The Nine Old Men

WHEREAS: The Nine Old Men of the United States Supreme Court have, in direct opposition to the will of the majority of the people of the United States, rendered reactionary, anti-labor decisions which nullified social, progressive, and labor legislation passed by Congress, thereby usurping the democratic rights of the people of this country for which our forefathers fought and died, and betraying the principle of an American Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and

WHEREAS: The forces of reaction, for which the American people showed their contempt when they returned President Roosevelt to office by an overwhelming majority, are rallying behind the Supreme Court and intend to use it as a means to force their anti-labor, reactionary, selfish, un-American will upon this country, and

WHEREAS: Labor's Non-Partisan League, headed by Bro. John L. Lewis and George L. Berry, is calling upon all the forces of labor and progress to unite on President Roosevelt's program of Supreme Court Reform, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this local go on record as endorsing President Roosevelt's proposed reform of the United States Supreme Court as a step toward stopping judicial dictatorship in this country, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we immediately communicate with our Senators and Congressmen, instructing them to back up President Roosevelt's program for Supreme Court Reform, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt and the Supreme Court.

Long Beach Meet For Tom Mooney

LONG BEACH—First meeting of the Long Beach AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings will be held this Sunday, March 14, in the Labor Temple Auditorium.

Motion pictures of the prison life of Mooney and Billings will be shown. The meeting is open to the public.

Pedro Warehousers Begin to Take Negro Workers into Union

LOS ANGELES—Establishing a strong basis of solidarity between Negro and white workers, the Warehousemen's Union in San Pedro for the first time has taken a Negro worker into its membership.

In one of the warehouses in San Pedro, a Negro had worked for 16 years. When the warehouse was organized by the union, Local 38-119, a Negro worker was signed up with the rest of his brother workers.

LABOR SUPPORT

HUGH DE LACEY, who was fired as an instructor by the University of Washington, because of labor sympathies. He ran for Seattle city councilman on the Commonwealth Federation ticket, and labor elected him

Marine Unions Sponsor Tour By L. Simpson
Speaks At Dreamland and Meet in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Lawrence Simpson, American seaman released from a Nazi jail after a campaign of protest from this country, will speak at Dreamland Auditorium here on the night of April 7.

Now on a nation-wide tour, he will spend three days, April 5, 6 and 7, in San Francisco.

Under the auspices of Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 and the International Labor Defense a conference in preparation for the visit and mass meeting was scheduled for March 8, with 40 organizations invited.

At this time a broad sponsoring committee was expected to be set up.

New Oil Local is Formed at Fellows

LONG BEACH—Local 128, Oil Workers, voted to bring President Harvey Fremming to Long Beach to negotiate with Wilshire Oil Company. The workers expect to get an agreement for the closed shop and the check-off.

It may be a coincidence, but our secretary did not read the resolution from Seminole, Okla., local, which reached other locals in California.

Seminole, which recently conducted a sitdown strike, condemn-ing Freming for the way in which he conducted negotiations there. They were convinced that the union was in a position to get a much better agreement than the one he signed.

New Fellows Local

A new local has been formed near Fellows, to be named Midway Local. Forty charter members and 50 applications are reported. From Venice 30 applications have been received and Organizer Calloway predicts a membership of 100 to 150 in the vicinity shortly.

Calloway so far has not been able to make any definite showing in territory close to Long Beach where Fremming and Coulter are best known, but a giant mass meeting with Organizer Dalrymple of the CIO as Speaker is scheduled March 11.

The local is growing, with a membership now around 1300.

Arguing that we need membership, not money, and that the defense fund is a bad move, Jim Coulter now proposes to use this fund to finance organizers. The $1000 set aside in this fund January 1 has already grown to $1500 since $1 has been added to it from each initiation fee and 10 cents from each month's dues payment.

We can organize and have a defense fund too. Both are necessary. Brother Coulter is evidently afraid that a large defense fund will make the membership harder for him to control.

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NEW LIFE AND ACTIVITY WAKING UP SACRAMENTO LABOR MOV

SACRAMENTO—The March 2nd meeting of the Sacramento Federated Trades Council took action on several measures of a progressive nature.

Committee of Five

In accordance with a resolution passed at the previous meeting favoring the establishment of a committee of five to act as a committee for the promotion of a Labor Party, Brothers Bingman, Smith, Patton, Dudley and Titus were elected.

The committee will contact local unions and other progressive organizations to gain support for this movement for independent political action by labor in Sacramento. The committee is instructed to hold a delegated conference not later than May 30th.

This move aims at bringing Sacramento labor directly and openly on the field of political action in the fall elections. Assemblyman Gannon, who promised full support to labor in pre-election speeches, was sharply condemned by the Council for his absolute failure to live up to his promises.

The Trades Council reaffirmed its full support of President Roosevelt's measures affecting the Supreme Court. The Council will contact local Congressmen requesting their cooperation.

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Huge Fascist Offensive Is Turned Back
20 Captured Italian Munition Trucks In Madrid

MADRID—In the face of the biggest attack yet launched with an estimated 100,000 Italian troops in Spain, government armies not only turned back the Fascist assault on Guadalajara, but captured the Fascist held city of Cordoba in the South.

The capture of Cordoba was announced by the government radio station at Valencia.

The counter-attack against the Italian troops at Guadalajara, northwest of Madrid, came after the Italian troops had started what is generally conceded to be their largest major offensive to date.

The heavily motorized Italian army units, using a largest amount of German equipment, had rolled southward toward Madrid at a rapid rate capturing a series of smaller loyalist outposts.

The counter-attack at Guadalajara was assisted by tanks and aircraft. Loyalists captured one piece of heavy artillery, four anti-tank guns, fourteen machine (Continued on Page 8, Col. 7)

The Fascists Do Not Spare the Churches

FASCISTS BOMBED this church. While the Franco propaganda machine and the Hearst press get together on stories of loyalist atrocities in Spain, Fascist artillery and planes bombed churches, like this one in Madrid. The government's operations spare civilians and strike only at military objectives.

"10% WPA Wage Raise or We'll Strike on Job"
Three Counties Would Be Affected By Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO — Broken promises for a 10% wage increase may bring about a strike of all WPA workers in San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

In addition to the 10% wage increase, the Workers Alliance is demanding a halt to personnel reductions.

William Lawson, state WPA administrator, Ralph G. Wadsworth, asst. director, and employment director Emily Wooley were informed of the strike possibility by a committee representing WPA workers in the three counties. Increased living costs led to the demands.

Plan Mass Meet On '9 Old Men'

SAN FRANCISCO—Details of a mass meeting to be held the night of March 31 in support of President Roosevelt's plan to curb the Supreme Court, will be worked out by the San Francisco Committee of the California People's Legislative Conference at a meeting Wednesday, March 17, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Regularly elected delegates, as well as newly elected delegates and observers, are to attend.

Jury Decision For Vigilante Head

SACRAMENTO—A prejudiced jury here on Monday decided against Silva Green's $25,000 suit against Fred Cairns, leader of the tar and feather mob in Santa Rosa.

L. A. People's Lobby On Court
Support Proposals to Make Change

LOS ANGELES—In support of President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court reforms, C. R. Winkle, president of the Carpenters' District Council and first vice-president of the California People's Legislative Conference, has issued the following statement:

"The California People's Legislative Conference is wholeheartedly in favor of the President's proposed Supreme Court reforms.

"The adoption of this plan is necessary," he declared. "The progressive measures which the great majority of the people favored in the recent presidential election are not to be overridden.

"The California People's Legislative Conference is urging all its member organizations which represent three-quarters of a million people in the State to pass resolutions urging their Representatives and Senators in Congress to vote on the President's judicial reforms."

Milk Price Jacked Up in East Bay

OAKLAND—East Bay workers get another jolt in the already slim pocketbook, with a new increase of one cent a quart in the price of milk.

No Sympathy Here
Industrial Assn. Came to the Wrong Place

SAN FRANCISCO—Maybe the Industrial Assn. had the crust to think it was going to get sympathy from the Central Labor Council. If so, it was mistaken.

The Council last Friday received a letter from the Association to the effect that the Western Worker had carried an item stating that Henry Schmidt of the ILA had charged Lee Holman was being supported by the open-shop outfit. The Association denied that it had anything to do with Holman.

The letter was filed by the Council.

Blast New Oil Steal
Standard Would Get $5,000,000 Worth For $505,952

SACRAMENTO — A proposal by Standard Oil Company that it pay the State only $505,952 for oil it has pirated from the state-owned Huntington Beach tidelands smells so bad that many of the legislators have been moved to protest.

Legislative committees which had probed the outrageous robbery of oil drained by private companies off state oil pools refused to approve the agreement reached with Standard Oil by State Finance Director A. E. Stockburger.

Senator Culbert Olsen of Los Angeles described the proposal as giving Standard Oil over $5,000,000 worth of oil and gas for the trivial sum agreed on by Stockburger.

Sacto. Endorses Field Labor Plan

SACRAMENTO—With nearly 200 members attending, the Sacramento Agricultural Workers' local, AFL affiliate, has voted approval of the program adopted by the recent State Federation-sponsored agricultural conference in San Francisco.

Under auspices of Agricultural local 20241, meetings were held last Sunday in Isleton and Walnut Grove to discuss wage demands in asparagus.

SAN FRANCISCO—A meeting of the entire constitutional committee of the State Agricultural Conference was held last Sunday to consider the preliminary draft of a constitution for a state agricultural charter.

U.S. Mediator In Plumas Strike

PORTOLA, Plumas County — Federal Mediator Walter Matthewson is here in an attempt to arbitrate the strike of box factory and planing mill employees of the Feather River Lumber Co. The strike is at Delleker.

The 90 strikers have been out since March 1, demanding an increase in wages.

East Bay Labor Will Draw Up Labor Planks
Candidates to Pledge Before Receiving Endorsement

OAKLAND. — Meeting before the primary elections for the first time in 20 years, the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor last Saturday night voted to draw up a minimum platform, to which candidates must pledge themselves before receiving the Federation's endorsement.

In previous years, the Federation met after the primaries and endorsed "the best of the worst" candidate left in the finals.

A policy committee of 17 was elected to draw up a labor platform, after a motion to adopt (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Appeal Verdict Against Pickets

SAN FRANCISCO.—Notice of appeal of the conviction of nine anti-Fascists who picketed the German consulate in behalf of Spanish Democracy, was scheduled to be filed at the time of sentence Thursday morning in Judge Foley's court, Hall of Justice.

At the same time Attorney George Anderson will seek writs of habeas corpus for four of the pickets who were cited for contempt of court because, in accordance with their legal rights, they refused to give their addresses for the benefit of further vigilante and police brutality.

The nine, who picketed at the call of the American League Against War and Fascism, were found "guilty" of "refusal to move on." When the jury originally disagreed, Judge Foley virtually promised that he would extent "leniency" if a verdict could be reached.

Among those convicted was Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party.

Townsend Sentence Termed Attack on Pension Movement

WASHINGTON. — Townsend followers throughout the country interpreted sentencing of Dr. F. E. Townsend to 30 days in jail, and $100 fine, on charges of contempt of the House of Representatives, as an attack against their movement for old age pensions.

Strike Wave Continues In Its Intensity
New Wave of Sit-downs in Drive For Organization

As the nation-wide wave of strike struggles continued in full intensity in the fight for higher wages and organization of the unoranized the CIO United Automobile Workers Union obtained final settlement of its main demands on General Motors.

Lightening of the speed-up and granting of seniority are among the demands won. The final agreement gives the CIO union sole recognition in 17 plants which were recently struck.

The Auto Strikes

A new Danbury Hatters case was threatened against Chrysler auto strikers in Detroit, when Sheriff's officers served on thousands of sitdown strikers an injunction ordering them to evacuate nine Dodge-Chrysler plants or else face a $10,000,000 fine to be levied against all their belongings.

The strikers are members of the CIO United Auto Workers' Union.

Washington and Oregon leaders of the Sawmill and Lumber Workers' Union delayed a strike call which would affect 75,000 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Scathing Blast At Ship Bill
Fight on Guffey Bill is Urged By Unions

SAN FRANCISCO—The Maritime Federation, Council No. 2, is on record sharply condemning the Guffey "Ship Labor Act."

The proposed act, now before congress, is nothing but a compulsory arbitration attempt, according to the Council.

Its various provisions are carefully calculated to limit the growth of the maritime unions. The Council describes it as a counterpart of the infamous Railway Labor Act, and calls on all labor bodies to condemn it and all similar measures pending, which are of a Fascist nature.

'Plane Drive Goes on
Douglas Victory Enhances CIO Union Prestige

SANTA MONICA.—The Douglas Aircraft Co. on Monday agreed to bar all discrimination against Auto Workers' Union members, as final settlement was reached.

SANTA MONICA.—With the strike at the Douglas Aircraft Company ended here the evening of March 11 with important concessions won for all workers, union men were laying plans to tighten their organization not only in the Douglas and Northrup plants, but throughout the entire aircraft industry.

Big Gains

Pointing to the definite gains won by the strikers, the negotiating committee, headed by Dick Coleman, organizer of the Automobile Workers of America, reported the following basic points that had been achieved:

A 40-hour week; time and a half for overtime; double time for holidays; no layoffs to make up for overtime; two hours' pay for men who are asked to report to work, but who are not needed after they report; seniority rights; a five-cent per hour wage increase; and arbitration of all disputes by a board of three consisting of one representative from the CIO, one from the Douglas Company and one neutral person.

It has been reliably reported that although Douglas had throughout the several days o (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Curran Praises Big Victories of CIO

SAN FRANCISCO.—Atlantic coast seamen have been greatly impressed by the repeated successes of the Committee for Industrial Organization, says Joe Curran, East Coast rank and file seamen's leader, here in connection with East-West Coast seamen's problems.

"The rank and file of the International Seamen's Union is for industrial unionism," Curran said.

L. A. Defeats Green Letter; Big CIO Drive
S.F. Labor Council Seats CIO Textile Workers Local

Latest developments in the struggle for unity of the American labor movement and in the great CIO drive to organize the nation's 40,000,000 unorganized include:

LOS ANGELES.—Questioning at last Friday's meeting of the Labor Council here, of minutes of the previous meeting as they appeared in the "Citizen", which declared the Council had concurred in Green's letter tantamount to expulsion of CIO unions. The vote at the previous meeting had definitely rejected Green's letter.

The Green letter was defeated with the adoption of an amendment under which amendment the reactionaries' proposal not to support the Douglas strike was turned down. The reactionaries had included the Green letter with their proposal on Douglas, so that the adoption of the amendment meant defeat of the Green letter.

CIO Union Seated

SAN FRANCISCO—Seating by the Central Labor Council of the new Tubbs Cordage United Textile Workers local, despite the fact that Green has ordered the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Mooney Wires I. L. D. on Fight
Urges Mass Pressure in Fight For Pardon

Tom Mooney has wired the International Labor Defense as follows:

March 15, Western Union
Elaine Black
International Labor Defense
1005 Market, Room 410
San Francisco, California

We have splendid chance passing pardon resolution California Senate if sufficient time allowed. Tremendous campaign under way which reactionaries fear. They demand immediate action before force of pressure is felt. Pardon resolution vote set for Tuesday March 16 all possible speed necessary. Exert pressure on the lieutenant governor George J. Hatfield, senate chairman, urge sufficient time for Mooney adherents to properly present case in open public hearing senate. Marshal all possible pressure on Hatfield, overwhelm him with letters, telegrams, resolutions of individuals, organizations and influential persons. Warmest regards.

Tom Mooney.

Drivers Back

SAN DIEGO—Drivers who had struck two San Diego taxi companies have returned to work pending outcome of conferences on their protest against rates of 50 cents to $1 a day resulting from new schedules.

Delay Due to Accident

Due to an unavoidable accident in the shop, this issue of the Western Worker has had to be curtailed to six pages, and went to press 24 hours late. Succeeding issues will be the regular 8-page size.

Complete the Press Drive!

Two Weeks to Go: $1800 Per Week!

NOT IMAGINATION, but plain figures show that immediate and serious activity must be undertaken to raise the money necessary to sustain the Western and Daily Worker.

Only two weeks remain to collect $3589.09.

This can be done, but not unless those sections of the campaign which are lagging, really bestir themselves in the same way as those who have actually proved that they want the Western Worker to continue and to improve.

San Francisco had as heavy a burden as any during the strike. Yet San Francisco went over the top. Harbor Section in L. A. had its every resource strained during the strike, yet Harbor saw that the Western Worker is vital to the working class, and raised its quota.

On last Friday night, 15 members of International Workers' Order Slavonian Branch No. 4310 raised $42.

But though the drive as a whole is now at 70 per cent of fulfillment, Los Angeles County as a whole is only 64 per cent finished. This accounts for nearly half of what remains to be collected!

Los Angeles cannot rely on the benefit dance March 27 as (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

r Anna Louise Strong on Spain Thursday, Mar. 18, Dreamland Auditorium.

LABOR DEFENSE IS HEADING FIGHT AGAINST PRISONERS' MISTREATMENT, LOS ANGELES

Invites Progressive Organizations to Join; Prisoners Forced to Sleep on Cold Cement Floors

LOS ANGELES—Six members of a Prison Relief Committee of the International Labor Defense were given the "run around" by Chief Jailor of the notorious Lincoln Heights jail, Roy Steckel, Thursday, March 11, when they called to protest the Fascist-like treatment given the prisoners.

With Steckel (conveniently "out" the committee left its resolution and immediately drew up a registered letter to be sent to Steckel, making an appointment for Thursday, March 18, at which time the committee will ask various representative progressive organization to join in its protest.

The resolution presented by the committee follows:

Visiting Hours Cut

WHEREAS: The visiting hours of prisoners have been cut down from eight to three hours a week; and

WHEREAS: It is impossible for the hundreds of prisoners in the jail to have reasonable interviews with their relatives and friends in such a short time and under such crowded conditions; and

WHEREAS: The public is inconvenienced and forced to stand in line for hours in order to see a prisoner for a few moments; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of a term in prison is not to punish but to fit the prisoner for future usefulness to society; and

WHEREAS: Prisoners are now not allowed to have fruit, candy or any comforts sent in to them; and

Sleep on Floors

WHEREAS: It is reported to us that prisoners are actually forced to sleep on cement floors; and

WHEREAS: We know that the fod given to these prisoners will not sustain their health during even a short period; and

WHEREAS: Such treatment as is outlined above is a deliberate violation of human rights:

THEREFORE, WE DEMAND: That two visiting days a week be restored to the prisoners and that they be permitted to receive the few comforts previously allowed them.

CIO to Organize L.A. Industries

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Textile workers union expelled as a CIO union.

In addition, the Labor Council here has endorsed the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) drive to organize the Nevada County gold miners, Alemeda County Council had already done this.

LOS ANGELES. — Announcement by CIO of a drive to organize 20,000 Los Angeles rubber, steel and cotton garment workers. The great Douglas Aircraft victory, is expected to facilitate this job.

WASHINGTON — William Green is going forward with plans for a "special emergency AFL convention to expel all CIO unions. Green and the executive council have now definitely shown themselves as the ones out to split the American labor movement.

Green has sent organizers into many fields to spike CIO organization drives and to set up dual unions.

In Los Angeles, Labor Council secretary Buzzell, carrying out such plans of Green, has moved to get the United Automobile Workers Union declared ineligible to operate in the aircraft plants. He has filed such a contention with the Labor Board.

In Massachusetts, the state federation of labor has dealt Green a serious rebuff, refusing to carry out Green's orders to war upon the CIO drive to organize the New England shoe industry.

"All unions should seek a common objective," the state federation told Green.

The Maryland State Federation of Labor reactionary officials have moved to call a special convention and have announced they will bar all CIO unions, for fear of being outvoted.

On Monday conferences of the CIO United Electrical Workers Union and the huge General Electric Corp. began in New York, with the probability that the CIO union will win recognition.

Similar conferences are being prepared with Westinghouse Electric. The CIO union has also started organization of the telephone workers. All together 750,000 workers in these industries will be affected by the CIO organization drive.

URGES FIGHT FOR M'NAMARA AND SCHMIDT

Machinists' Leader Says Labor Can Get Him Out

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done in the way of organizing a labor campaign.

"It must not be thought that nothing has been done through legal processes, but the fact is that they will have to depend on the labor movement.

The Western Worker was anxious to get the comments of a progressive labor leader on this important matter which has been neglected since reactionary labor leaders first turned their backs on McNamara, after he had been tricked by false promises to plead guilty of the Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1911.

"Do you think," Dillon was asked, "that sentiment for the release of McNamara and Schmidt could be effectively started if locals of the trade unions would pass resolutions on the question and urge legislators to go on record for their release as they have gone on record in the case of Tom Mooney?"

"Certainly," was Dillon's immediate answer.

"And it must not be forgotten," he added, "that legislators are showing themselves to be a great deal more responsive than they have been in the past."

"I wonder what causes that?"

The reporter smiled and so did Dillon.

"Labor should work with any legislator who says he's for freedom of labor prisoners," Dillon continued, "but we know well enough that some who voted in the assembly for the Mooney pardon are no more sympathetic now than they were before."

Dillon did not think that the die-hard open shop attitude of the Times and of Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers should be used as an apology for not having started a campaign for McNamara and Schmidt sooner.

"It's true," he said, "that reactionary forces were responsible for their imprisonment, but the same is true of all labor prisoners. The reason why they are not free, or that a campaign is not being waged for their freedom, is simply that they have been neglected."

As for the much-vaunted entrenchment of the open shop in L. A., Dillon referred to recent successes of the labor movement there.

"The new trend in labor affairs, very noticeable at the present time, no doubt enhances the possibilities for freedom of all labor and class war prisoners. The result is a trend toward liberalism in the legislatures, and politicians are showing themselves a great deal more responsive.

"The coordination and crystalization of the efforts of liberal and labor groups, if it continues, can bring results that are virtually without limit."

Dillon, as well as the local of which he is head, are firmly on record in favor of a labor party.

"I firmly believe," he said, "that labor should never stop fighting for the prisoners who have gone to jail for work in its ranks."

Tom Mooney, Warren Billings, Earl King, Ernest Ramsay, Frank Conner, the Modesto boys—for all these labor is really carrying on an effective fight.

But McNamara and Schmidt have been neglected.

McNamara has been behind the bars 26 years. His body is weak, but his unbroken spirit resulted in his transfer last year to Folsom prison and further isolation. He has never applied for parole. He refuses to do so. He was persuaded to plead guilty by the promise that neither his brother nor Matt Schmidt would be prosecuted. The prosecutors and the Merchants and Manufacturers of Los Angeles broke both promises.

HEADS DRIVE

SIDNEY HILLMAN, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who heads the CIO Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, in charge of the drive to organize 1,250,000 textile and garment workers.

EAST BAY LABOR WILL DRAW UP LABOR PLANKS

Candidates to Pledge Before Receiving Endorsement

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the platform drawn up by previous policy committee was defeated 62-49. The committee will present the new platform at the Federation meeting next Saturday night at Carpenters' Hall.

Communists in Elections

OAKLAND.—The Communist Party of Alameda County has announced two candidates for office in the Oakland municipal elections this spring—David Adams, who will oppose incumbent Auditor Harry G. Williams; and Herbert Schultz, for City Council, District 6, against James A. De Paoli, incumbent.

Adams is a member of the Union of Professional Workers. Schultz is the former Epic executive secretary here, and in 1935 ran for councilman-at-large with Communist Party endorsement.

The Communist Party had also indorsed Vane V. Dart, of Carpenters' Local 36, a leading progressive in the labor movement, who is running for school director against George W. Hatch; William Wilkerson, of the National Negro Congress, for council against incumbent James H. Quinn.

Douglas Men Back With Big Gains

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negotiations refused to re-employ the 347 sit-downers, he finally capitulated and agreed that all might return to work, excepting 38 men, whom he charged with violence and sabotage.

Although the 38 men have not been named, it is hinted they are members of the strike committee. Inasmuch as Douglas, at the time he agreed to recognize the union, promised there would be no discrimination among the men for union activities, the generally expressed resentment on this issue by the several thousand workers is that a determined fight will be waged to reinstate the 38.

Since Douglas has repeatedly denied he had ever caused men to be fired for union activities, when, at the same time, it had been definitely established the opposite was true by numerous affidavits filed with the Federa. Labor Board by the discharged workers, the common understanding is that a broad strong union is the most feasible way to prevent him from backsliding on promises included in the agreement.

Poultry Producers In Efforts to Plant Stoolies in Union

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—They have organized the Poultry Producers of Central California 100 percent, and they are having a meeting to plot against the organization of the teamsters and the warehousemen here.

The management has demoted five of their straw bosses in order to get them into the union to stool pigeon, including Carl Pow, Hans Guels, Fritz Boysen and Cowoiter.

FIXES BRIDGE BLAME AS DUE TO CASTINGS

But It Wasn't Just "An Error of Judgment"

SAN FRANCISCO — Himself under fire from the Industrial Accident Commission, Joseph B. Strauss, chief engineer for the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District stuck to his guns in the charge that overloading of cast aluminum side plates caused the death of 10 men on the Golden Gate Bridge over two weeks ago.

No "Error in Judgment"

Strauss' findings made Laborers Union, 261, in whose ranks most of the dead men were, more determined than ever to see that the guilty persons are properly punished.

Where union members disagree with Strauss is in his statement that the deficiency blamed by Strauss was caused by "an error in judgment."

Such findings tends to absolve the Pacific Bridge Co. of guilt in disregarding human lives for the sake of greater profit.

OAKLAND OUT TO END PICKET LAW

S. F. Success Encourages Hopes in East Bay

OAKLAND. — Labor and all progressive citizens of Oakland too have a fight on their hands to abolish an anti-picket ordinance. And the success gained in San Francisco has sent Oakland labor's hope of repeal skyward.

Repeal of the anti-picket law here comes before voters on the April 20 municipal primary election ballot, as Amendment No. 5.

Superior Judge Tyrell's ruling last week that provision of Berkeley's ordinance relating to peaceful picketing are illegal has also encouraged the Oakland campaign.

CONTEST SHAW ON TOM MOONEY

Exceptions Filed As Fight Looms in State Senate

SACRAMENTO — A battle around the legislation pardon for Tom Mooney loomed in the State Senate, beginning on Tuesday. Reactionary opponents of the Mooney pardon expressed themselves through Senator Rich of Marysville, who exclaimed: "Let's vote the resolution down now and get it over with."

Against such an attitude proponents of a Mooney pardon have been marshalling their forces.

Meanwhile Mooney's counsel, George T. Davis, filed, in the state supreme court, a list of exceptions to the findings of Referee A. E. Shaw, denying Mooney's year-long petition for a habeas corpus writ.

Exceptions are based on the following counts:

1—It is contrary to law to appoint a referee to hear a writ of habeas corpus, and that the court should have heard the petition itself.

2—All of the referee's 41 findings were against Mooney.

3—All findings of Mooney's counsel were disregarded.

4—The testimony of Ed Nolan, Billings and Mrs. Rena Mooney was ignored.

5—Referee Shaw had a preconception of the case.

Two Weeks To Go--$1800 Per Week!

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the only means of raising more than $1750. Every unit and every party member and sympathizer must see to it that their own quotas are fulfilled.

The record in Alameda County is worse by percentage. Only $11 has been turned in in 20 days, while $366.70 remains to be collected.

Not only Los Angeles and Oakland, but the following additional sections are seriously lagging: Fresno, San Bernardino, Stockton, Santa Clara, Monterey, Fort Bragg, Arizona, and the Young Communist League.

This is a time when those who have already raised their quotas should carry the campaign further to make up deficits of other sections!

San Francisco workers especially should not stop now, any more than Los Angeles stopped last year after it had passed its quota!

Property Rights Held More Sacred Than Human Rights

LOS ANGELES — Property rights held murderous victory over human rights when Mrs. Florence Harris and her two girls, 12 and 16 years of age, were forcibly evicted from their home at 808 Clanton street and terrorized by brutal "red squad" policemen.

The Red Squad Shows Up

When sympathetic friends moved her furniture back into the house, members of the Red Squad came and arrested Mrs. Harris and her older girl and took them to the Newton Street Police Station.

Releasing her at ten o'clock in the evening, the "red squaders" told her: "If you are not out by midnight, we'll come and throw you out."

Friends made a small collection for her and rented a hotel room for the night.

CIO GOLD MINE DRIVE GROWING

Despite Nevada County Vigilante Threats

GRASS VALLEY.—Dismissal of over 100 gold miners from Nevada City and Grass Valley mines, threats by vigilantes of Nevada County — all this has failed to halt the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union determination to organize the mining industry in this area. The CIO union already has 1000 of the 2000 miners of this country.

Empire, North Star, Maryland and Murchie mines are among those to have dismissed the miners.

O. E. Schiffner, manager of the Lava Cap mine, called a meeting of nearly 300 employees and warned them against joining the CIO union.

He boosted the company union Mine Workers Protective League, which has just put up a bluff of asking a $1 a day wage increase.

Men between the ages of 25 and 45 are being mobilized against the CIO union for the "Nevada County Emergency Patrol."

The Sacramento Federated Trades Council has hit the formation of this vigilante group.

Last Sunday Pat Lyden, CIO organizer, addressed a mass meeting of the miners. He blasted the vigilantes.

Other speakers were John C. Williams, who was prominent in the Western Federation of Miners; Charles Bingman, Sacramento to Warehousemen's Union president; J. F. McCorkle, Sacramento to Carpenters; John R. McFayden, Sacramento Molders; Thomas French, once secretary of the Arizona State Federation of Labor, and now a constable at Newcastle; Mrs. J. O. Green, a miner's wife.

The new Twin Cities miners' local elected Reed Robinson president and John Sherwood secretary.

Anna L. Strong to Talk on Spain

SAN FRANCISCO — "The Spanish people do not want to fight. They have been invaded and are still being invaded."

Anna Louise Strong, just returned from Spain, told this to a banquet meeting here in advance of the mass meeting which she will address Thursday night, March 18, at Dreamland Auditorium.

Her subject at Dreamland will be "Democracy or Fascism," as it is related to the struggle going on in Spain.

American League Sponsorship

The meeting is sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism. It will be presided over by John D. Barry, columnist on the San Francisco News. Admission price will be 25 cents and 40 cents.

Following her return from Spain Miss Strong has written a series of articles for the liberal and labor press and, spoken in many cities and towns against the "neutrality" legislation and the reactionary actions of the state department which have aided the Fascists.

"Neutrality pacts are not neutral at all," she said at the recent San Francisco banquet. "They have served merely as a screen behind which countless numbers of men and millions of dollars' worth of ammunition have been sent to the rebels."

Miss Strong said that her present tour has helped her in the formation of the belief that the people of this country are behind the Spanish loyalists.

RAPID PROGRESS

KEARNEY, N. J.—The Marine and Shipbuilding Workers' Union reports fast progress in organizing the 3500 employees of the Federal Shipbuilding Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary. 90 per cent are in the union now.

PROTEST STORM AT BIG RELIEF SLASHES IN L. A.

Charity Groups Also Join in Condemning Pomeroy Action

LOS ANGELES — Storms of protest are coming from local private relief agencies following State Relief Administrator Harold Pomeroy's brutal ruling throwing 1500 so-called transient unemployables onto the streets to starve.

Agencies like Travelers' Aid Society, Jewish and Catholic charities, the Salvation Army, are swamped with work this week trying to provide food and shelter for these needy persons whom the arrogant relief administrator has denied even the basic fundamentals of life.

Thrown In Streets

"I'm not willing to set people down in the street. I can't look into faces of women who are sick and tell them they've got to go and jump off a bridge," angrily declared Mrs. Dorothy Wysor Smith, executive secretary of the Travelers' Aid.

"During the fifteen years I have been in this work, some public agency has taken care of the non-resident and transient indigents. This is the first time they have been thrown over to the private agencies and we are swamped."

Strike Wave Keeps Up Its Intensity

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workers, while a compromise wage increase proposal was considered.

Waiters and waitresses tied up the big Statler Hotel and three other big hotels in Detroit, in a sitdown strike for higher wages.

A strike of 1300 Midcontinent Oil Co. workers in Oklahoma was avoided when the CIO won its first big victory in the oil industry with settlement of all demands of the Oil Workers' Union.

Nearly 70,000 Chrysler, Reo and Hudson auto workers are on strike.

Two hundred girls in two F & W Grand 5 and 10 cent stores began a sitdown strike in New York, for a $20 weekly minimum wage.

Over 21,000 Tennessee Coal and Iron miners in Alabama have threatened a strike for recognition of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

The attack in Niles, Alameda County, by Deputy Sherrifs on strikers at the California Nursery Co. was another in the series of unwarranted attacks on strikers in that county. State Highway patrolmen and deputies clubbed and injured 16 pickets who were treated by Dr. Franklin Bissel. A Labor Council Committee was formed Monday to protest this brutality.

The Remington-Rand Corp., where 6000 employees in an AFL federal union have been on strike for many months in six plants in New York, Ohio and Connecticut, has been ordered by the Labor Relations Board to cease intimidation of union members, and to end its company union.

In Philadelphia 500 workers in the Franklin-Seder Department Store started a sitdown strike because the company violated an agreement.

In Philadelphia also, 1800 building supply truck drivers have struck. In that city 800 Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery Co. workers are on strike.

10,000 continue on strike in the Akron Ohio rubber plants, for union recognition.

A sitdown strike of 250 girl workers has begun in the Standard Cigar Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

Report $200,000 "Payoff" Sought

SACRAMENTO—State legislators—thus far unnamed—have made bids to officials of the Santa Anita race track to kill a bill granting an additional Los Angeles County race track permit, for a sum of $200,000, it was reported here.

Similar overtures have been paid to those seeking an additional track permit, it was declared.

One of the legislators was said to be a high official in one branch of the Legislature.

Mexican Workers in Jail, No Charges

SACRAMENTO — Two weeks in jail, and no charges filed!

That's what has happened to Mexican railway section hands, who on Monday appeared in superior court to seek their release from Sacramento city jail, in which they have been held, suspected of assault and robbery.

Pamphlet By Wm. Schneiderman on Maritime Strike

Important in its analysis of a major workingclass struggle is the pamphlet by William Schneiderman, called "The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike", which will be off the press and ready for sale on Monday March 22.

Issued by the Western Worker Publishers, the pamphlet will sell for 5 cents.

TRADE UNIONS MERGE; SPAIN UNITY GROWS

All Spanish Workers To Be Organized In One Union

MADRID—Merger of the two great trade union organizations of Spain is definitely scheduled, following the close association of the membership of the two organizations in the course of common fight in defense of Spain against Fascism.

The unions are the Anarchist C.N.T. (National Labor Confederation) and the U.G.T. (General Workers' Union) led by Socialist Premier Largo Caballero.

Already in Cabinet

Representatives of the Anarchist unions have been in the Cabellero cabinet and in the government of Catalonia for some time.

An article in the official Anarchist newspaper said, "Without the union of the proletariat the workers will never win the war."

Announcement of the forthcoming unification of the two unions seals the unity of action that has been growing at a fast pace since the Fascist insurrection began last August.

The Anarchists discarded their prejudice against political action when they participated in the elections of February, 1936, which gave the People's Front a majority.

Widely Discussed

Later their representatives entered the government officially while the discussion was carried on in all parts of the labor movement on the unification of the two unions. In many places they were already unified on a local scale when the general announcement came.

Recently the four Anarchist representatives in the Cabellero government extended a new vote of confidence in the government and in Caballero himself. This algamation of the unions, indicates that the unity of the Spanish people against Fascism is more complete than ever before.

Spanish Loyalists Capture Cordoba

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guns and a number of Italian supply trucks. Twenty of the latter were brought to Madrid to demonstrate the fact that they were of Ialian manufacture.

Despite the huge Fascist mobilization, the capture of Cordoba indicates that the government is continuing to take the initiative and to spread the front of battle.

In this the government is continuing a campaign begun shortly after the fall of Malaga, when the offensive was renewed on a large scale at Oviedo and on a wide semi-circle south of Madrid. Last week, government troops were reported as having entered outskirts of Toledo and threatening the capture of the city itself.

Many lives were reported lost on both sides when the government beat back the Fascists at Guadalajara. Among them was an 18 year old American, Joseph Seligmann, from Louisville, Ky.

25 Years Ago---1912

MARCH 20

WASHINGTON—Commissioner of Corporations Knox reported 10 great groups of interests, General Electric the biggest, control 60 per cent of developed commercial waterpower in the U. S.

MARCH 21

WASHINGTON—Rep. Garrett warned of "alarming spread of Socialism," due to unequal tax burden, in speaking on income tax.

MARCH 22

SAN DIEGO—Attorney Fred Moore took over defense of 10 IWW members.

PETALUMA — W. M. Boyd, Socialist editor, beaten up by National Guardsmen at meeting.

MARCH 23

LOS ANGELES — Meat prices hit top, 1 cent per lb. increase on all beef cuts.

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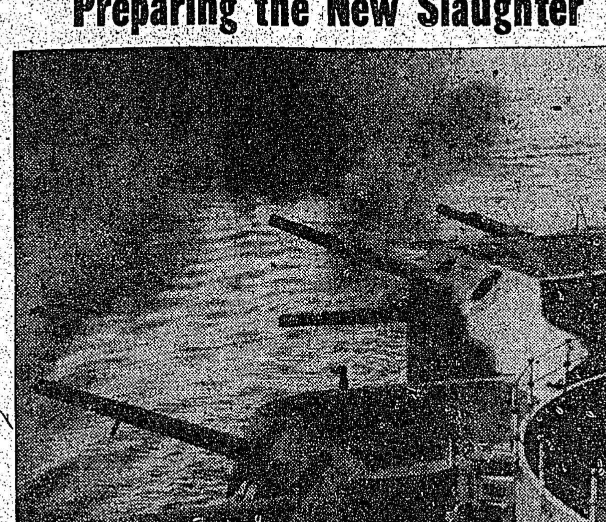

GUNS ON H. M. S. Rodney, British warship, firing a broadside from her 6-inch guns during target practice of the home fleet. British government's 5-year arms expansion scheme will cost $7,500,000,000.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have always maintained a united front, in Los Angeles, against organized labor. Much of the citizenship is builded out of an influx of people from Iowa, Texas, and many other states who live on moderate incomes from homesteads rented out back home, or on the results of earnings from small business or artisan shops.

Many of these people are robbed through speculation in oil, real estate investments, etc., and forced into the labor market. Many have to supplement their incomes with wage earnings. They usually come steeped in sectional prejudice. State groups meet each year and as high as a hundred thousand attend.

Big Business has taken advantage of this situation to keep this element well supplied with "dope" through such institutions as Angelus Temple and spreading Aimee McPherson all over the front page of the kept press.

A goodly supply of left-over politicians and small town newspaper men, who saved their earnings and rake-offs, come to Los Angeles, and of course, being artists at back-slapping and handshaking, they make up a very handy political bootlicking nucleus in the various states, groups for the Employers' Association.

Speak to many of these people about workers' demands for more pay and they at once spring the old one on you, that "I worked for a dollar a day and made good, and anybody can do it if they'll quit spending their money in riotous living, and use their heads as I did." If he talks long enough, however, this "home" merchant will ask you to help vote the chain store out, as it's about to take all his business away.

There is another element of "foreigners" that the "Native Son" cries out against. They are the defeated farmers of the Central Northern states who have nothing left but the old Ford and a few household goods. They come and live along the river banks in "Hoover" shacks and the cry of "deport" is raised against them.

All Didn't Oppose Labor

This is not a new thing. As far back as 1910, the Machinists, the building tradesmen and the union men in general, had to go up against the continuous flow of unorganized, cheap-wage minded people.

Thus you get an idea of the resistance power against unions that was at the command of Harrison Grey Otis to overcome and break down organizational campaigns.

Fortunately all these people did not react against Labor, and they had sons and daughters who soon learned when once thrown into the proper environment. Many thousands of the youth are now in the front ranks of the struggle of labor, owing to the lessons learned in the period of the early years of the 20th Century.

There has always been a large foreign population and they brought the lessons from the class struggle of their own countries and their children have played an important part in building the present trend toward industrial union organization.

No Soft Job

Such men of labor as Ed Nolan, Curley Grow, Stanley B. Wilson, Claude Showen, Job Harriman, Fred Wheeler, Fred Stone and others had no easy job on their hands; and frameup after frameup, slander, and even murder of organizers made life anything but an easy path for any of them.

The workers were badly divided and muddled both politically and industrially and this played into the hands of the employer enemy.

The cheap moral reasoning in Los Angeles when the McNamara case collapsed was a hangover from "Sunday School" training about morals. As soon as an organizer of Labor is even accused of murder, that is enough to upset the moral atmosphere of many "labor leaders." With the capitalists it is different. When one of their kind is accused, they unite behind him and their morality does not condemn him unless the case is entirely hopeless to defend. Even then he gets quick parole.

The Socialists began to divide into Factions along about 1910.

By 1911 and 1912 the big break came. Debs, Bill Haywood, Tom Hickey, H. C. Tuck, Charles H. Kerr, publisher; Fred Warren, Editor Appeal to Reason; Tom Lewis, Author Morrow Lewis, Austin Lewis, Lena Morrow Lewis and others, through tours and writings, began to get a following in California.

Opposition groups were set up in the locals to battle against the Victor Berger of Milwaukee and Morris Hilquit of New York influence. By 1912 the Job Harriman followers were in control and able to play a big part in national affairs in the Socialist Party.

Several preachers and lawyers of whom I will speak later, were elected on the National Committee and some of them were on the National Executive Committee. So far as I remember only a couple of industrial wage earners from California got on any of the National Organization Committees. In fact that was true of the whole National and Executive Committee in 1913.

"Christian Socialists"

Speakers found it easier to give the low down to their audiences that "Jesus was a Socialist," than to expound the science of Karl Marx. A. W. Ricker and J. Stitt Wilson wrote tracts to prove that "Jesus and Moses were Socialists," and the Encyclopedia Britannica was quoted: "The ethics of Christianity and Socialism are identical." This became so much the understanding of the membership that when the statements of Marx and Engels were quoted against us by enemies, especially the one that "Religion is the Opiate of the People," the membership were horrified at the "slander" and once I was urged by a comrade to take the platform and challenge the speaker on that statement, and deny it.

I said: "He is quoting Marx correctly. He knows more about what Socialism is, than you."

To save my reputation with this Comrade, I hade to dig up the quotations and show him right from the books written by Marx. This Comrade was one of thousands misled by the so-called "Christian Socialists" who dominated the reading and thinking of many in the Socialist Party.

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CONGRESSMAN CHARGES NAZI SPIES IN U. S. A.

Dickstein Brings Out Data Exposed By John Spivak

WASHINGTON—Congressman Dickstein, New York Democrat who led the House committee investigating "subversive activities" in 1935, declared before the House Rules Committee that there are 100 direct Nazi agents in this country seeking to establish a Fascist government.

Dickstein said that these Nazis lead organizations totaling 200,000 in fourteen states and are training men in uniform.

His charges immediately followed publication in the Sunday Worker of the first of a series of articles by John L. Spivak disclosing Nazi activities.

In this series, Spivak began disclosures showing that Nazi espionage, which was largely curtailed in the New Masses two years ago, has been resumed on an even larger scale.

Spivak also declared that Nazi agents were active in the Coughlin campaign and behind Landon during the recent election campaign, that Nazi ships are violating U. S. laws, smuggling literature into this country, that Nazi diplomats secretly guide and pay for anti-democratic activity against the American government, that powerful industrial magnates such as Henry Ford help to pay for these activities, that a Nazi news agency in Washington was organized as an American agency commenting on American affairs while concealing its real identity, and that Nazi agents in America are getting help from numerous ministers and professors in leading universities.

How $11,350 Was Raised For Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—Following is a summary of funds collected in northern California between Jan. 1 and March 1 and sent to Spain through the American League Against War and Fascism. The accounting includes money collected directly by the League and through the tours of Spanish delegates sponsored by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Sums collected during 1936 and sent through American League.

Redwood City		$146.37
Vacaville		628.60
Alaska Cannery Workers		250.00
German Freethinkers		100.00
Miscellaneous donations		284.13
TOTAL RECEIVED		$1309.10
Tour of Spanish Delegation		
Redwood Committee		$621.21
Sunnyvale Committee		679.46
East Bay Committee		955.27
San Francisco		2538.84
TOTAL RECEIVED		$4794.78
Paid Mr. A. A. McLeod		300.00
BALANCE		$4494.78
Tour of Spanish Youth Delegation		
San Jose		$ 98.82
Berkeley		104.36
Oakland		502.61
Chico		83.80
Vacaville		1010.34
Sunnyvale		898.25
Sacramento		973.43
Monterey		527.55
San Francisco		1808.83
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Tom Mooney, Moulders Def.	100.00	
Russian Workers	200.00	
No. Calif. News Guild	5.00	
Spanish Masonic Lodge	50.00	
Miscellaneous Emp. Union No. 110	50.00	
Alaska Cannery Workers	20.00	
Jt. Bd. ILGWU	15.00	
South Slav. Workers	10.00	
Communist Party	25.00	
San Francisco Committee	983.83	
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TOTAL RECEIVED		$6007.99
Paid to Delegates	$424.10	
Paid expenses at Stanford, San Leandro	37.58	
TOTAL EXPENSES	$461.68	461.68
BALANCE SENT TO SPAIN		$5546.31

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Date: March 1, 1937.

L.A. Fingerprint Plan is Flayed

LOS ANGELES — Under the sheepskin of "protection both for employees and employers," a vicious plan for the fingerprinting of all servants in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Pasadena is being launched by "Peanut Hitler," Chief of Police, Davis, Chief Blair of Beverly Hills, and Chief Kelley of Pasadena.

Recent jewelry robberies serve as the excuse for this Fascist-like effort to regiment these workers to the point where no worker will be able to get a job without the permission of the police department.

Strong Protest Movement

Police chiefs declare that it will prevent criminals from obtaining positions of confidence and at the same time allow those workers with "clear records" to obtain employment.

A strong movement among democratic, progressive people is getting under way to protest this move of reactionary Chief Davis. Letters are being written demanding that an immediate stop be put to these plans.

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WILD RAGE OF NAZIS STARTED BY LA GUARDIA

Complaint Coincides With Disclosure of Spying

BERLIN—Coincident with disclosure in congress of widespread Nazi spying activities in the United States, Ambassador William E. Dodd delivered a scathing protest to Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath as an outgrowth of Nazi press attacks resulting from the "La Guardia incident."

"The language of the German press," Dodd was quoted as saying verbally to von Neurath, "is probably unparalleled in its coarse and indecent character and shocking to all decent minded, especially since there was no human provocation which would justify it."

Dodd condemned the "sweeping vituperation, unfounded statement and attacks upon American womanhood and institutions."

The attacks in the German press followed the remark of La Guardia before an audience of New York women that a statue of Adolf Hitler should be placed in the "Chamber of Horrors" at the New York Exposition in 1939. Secretary of State Hull apologized to the German ambassador in Washington, while pointing out that Americans have the right to express their opinions.

Berlin journals, however, who speak only with permission of the Nazi government, printed diatribes that were even obscene and unprintable in this country, reflecting on the character of the Jewish women in La Guardia's audience.

Union in S.F. Dept. Store Booming

SAN FRANCISCO. — With a significant victory to its credit, the new Department Store Employees' Union is going forward fast in its important field of organization.

The threat of a picket line forced the huge Emporium store to reinstate a union member who had been fired. Now the big City of Paris store has fired a girl for soliciting union members and this company faces a determined fight.

Another Big Meeting

Another big mass meeting of the new union will be held this Wednesday. It will be held in the Bartenders' Union Hall, because the Department Store Employees' hall can no longer provide room for the great numbers who have been attending recent meetings.

The last meeting, last week, saw 750 department store workers present. Hundreds have signed up since then.

Emporium is facing another fight, having dismissed three culinary workers because they wanted higher wages.

Because they believe in industrial unionism, the Warehousemen and Culinary unions have turned over to the new union all the stores who might come under their jurisdictions.

Mar Cantabrico Load Landed

NEW YORK—Food and medical supplies on board the Mar Cantabrico were landed before the sinking or capture of the ship by a rebel warship in the Bay of Biscay, according to information received here by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, from sources which cannot be revealed. The ship carried 500,000 lbs. of food and medical supplies raised by the committee.

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Douglas Victory Advances All L. A. Labor

THE VICTORY of the Douglas strikers is a far-reaching one for the CIO—its first on the West Coast.

Not only does it mean the unionization of all the Douglas aircraft workers through the recognition of the United Automobile Workers; **it gives a tremendous spur to the organization drive throughout Los Angeles.**

The victory of the Douglas strikers, owing to the unity between the rank and file members of the International Association of Machinists in the plant with the UAW, **illustrates the necessity for fighting to maintain unity in each industry between CIO and craft union workers, in order to push forward the struggle for a unified American Federation of Labor—against the expulsion policy of the AFL executive council!**

The efforts of some of the misleaders of the AFL in Los Angeles to maneuver a head-on collision among the Douglas workers between the IAM and the CIO were thus sharply and decisively defeated.

Now pressure must be intensified to dismiss the indictments against 350 of the sit-down strikers, still held for trial.

Buron Fitts, re-elected as District Attorney through the endorsement of large sections of the labor movement in L. A. County, has openly revealed himself as working as the faithful lapdog of all the reactionary and open-shop interests.

We believe a movement to recall Buron Fitts, instituted now, would receive the endorsement and support of organized labor and would carry.

A district attorney representing labor would be a tremendous help in the drive to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town!

President Roosevelt referred to "hardening of the judicial arteries" on the Supreme Court. The "nine old men" also seem to be "case-hardened."

Rush Aid to Spain in Hour of Crisis!

THE MEANS used by Mussolini to trick Italian soldiers into "enlisting" to fight for Franco and Fascism was revealed by the two score Italian soldiers captured by the People's Front government forces, who had been told they were being sent to Ethiopia, and instead, found themselves fighting in Franco's army against the Spanish people.

There are now approximately 80,000 Italian troops and 40,000 German troops in Spain, fighting against democracy. These troops are taking the lead in the new Fascist offensive against Madrid—as it was Italian troops that captured Malaga. Besides, there are approximately 25,000 Nazi troops in the field as part of Franco's "Spanish" army of Moors.

This wholesale invasion of Spain continues despite the sessions and decisions of the "non-intervention" committee. These decisions have been numerous—and all ineffective in stopping the pouring of Italian and German troops, tanks, planes and munitions into Spain.

The proposed border patrol would leave a large section of the Spanish coast under the supervision of the German navy only—and the Portuguese border practically without any sort of check except by Britain, whose policy has been to wink at aid to Franco and, in fact, encourage such aid despite official protestations!

The activities of the "non-intervention committee" are characterized as follows by the special correspondent of the London Times, a conservative newspaper:

"Nobody in London actually believes that . . . the proposal of the non-intervention committee is anything but an idle dream."

This clearly shows that all enemies of Fascism, all friends of democracy must redouble their efforts to aid Spanish democracy.

Certainly the people of Spain cannot rely on Germany or Italy—or England—to cooperate in any really effective non-intervention measures. They must look to friends of freedom and progress throughout the world for aid.

The time is critical. The Fascist invaders are engaged in a desperate drive to crush the people. Rush all aid to Spain through the Society for Technical Aid to Spain! Demand the repeal of the so-called "neutrality" policy of the United States which in effect is a boycott of the Spanish government and gives aid to the Fascists!

John P. Frey, William Green's henchman, attacked the CIO because "the Communists are supporting it." We Communists support the fight for higher wages; are you against that fight too, Mr. Frey?

The Firm of Chester Rowell & Harry Chandler

WE EXPECT to see reactionaries gnash their teeth at the action of the Assembly in voting to pardon Tom Mooney. We were not surprised to read in Harry Chandler's reactionary L. A. Times that "Up went the flag of Tom Mooney and underfoot went the State constitution" when the Assembly cast its pardon vote—although we believe the writer would have liked to write: "Up went the RED flag of Tom Mooney."

But we were mildly surprised to have Chester Rowell, "liberal" columnist of the S. F. Chronicle, greet the Assembly's action as "a mere characteristic exhibition of cheap politics."

But on second thought it was obvious that Rowell's reaction was a logical one. For it surely is logical for a person who defends Fascism as "a lesser evil than Communism," to prefer to see Mooney remain behind the bars.

It may seem inconceivable to Mr. Rowell, but there actually are a number of Assemblymen who believe in Mooney's innocence to the point of being willing and eager to put up a fight for his freedom.

Every intelligent man acquainted with the record in the Mooney trial knows him to be innocent and the victim of as foul a frame-up as ever was perpetrated. Yet Mr. Rowell is angered at an act which, without considering at this minute its constitutionality, amounts to a protest from the State Assembly against the frame-up and a demand for Mooney's release!

Still, we say nothing about Mr. Rowell's intelligence.

No matter what ruling is made by the Attorney General or the State Supreme Court—the fight for Mooney's unconditional release must go forward on all fronts.

Governor Merriam must be informed, in an avalanche of resolutions and letters, that it is the will of the people of California that Tom Mooney be restored to the ranks of labor!

Famous last words, by the S. F. "Civic League"—"We are confident the women and men wage earners, especially the women, will register their opposition to any movement by certain groups to abolish this (anti-picketing) law, which has served both the worker and the employer so well during the last 20 years." Let the hearse roll on!

Push The Fight To Repeal The C. S. Law

ONE of the most important bills before the State Assembly is that which calls for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law. This bill is one of the few picked out by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers as the special target for their concentration in their campaign against all pro-labor legislation.

It is especially urgent that all possible pressure be put on the assembly and senate to pass this bill, since the State Prison Board will soon hear the cases of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, which set aside the conviction of Dirk De Jonge for criminal syndicalism, has a most direct and important bearing on the Sacramento prisoners' conviction and on the C. S. law itself. This is shown by the action of the Assembly in the State of Washington, which passed a resolution for the repeal of Washington's criminal syndicalism law shortly after the De Jonge reversal was made public.

It is especially important that trade unions send resolutions to their Assemblymen urging the passing of the repeal bill, introduced as Assembly Bill No. 311. The vital importance of the repeal movement to trade unionists was reflected in the recent action of Local 38-79 of the ILA, which voted to send the Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law $25 a week until the campaign is over.

The repeal bill is actively supported by the People's Legislative Conference, held at Sacramento January 17th. Those central labor councils and locals affiliated to the Conference should be the first to take action on the repeal bill.

Bring Pressure on Congressmen To Support Supreme Court Proposals

AS THE STRUGGLE between the progressive and reactionary forces around the Supreme Court proposals grows sharper, it becomes more than ever evident that a decisive part is being played by the people.

It is extremely important that all progressive organizations and individuals write their Congressmen and Senators demanding support of the President's proposals. When the proposals were first made, Congress was flooded with a barrage of letters and telegrams demanding defeat of the proposed Supreme Court changes—but investigation revealed that this was a fake "popular demonstration," instigated by public utility interests and the most reactionary, labor-hating "pay-triotic" industrialists and organizations.

As this fake campaign spent itself, and the people began to realize the importance of the President's proposals the tide of letters received by Congressmen has turned in favor of the Supreme Court changes.

The intensification of this favorable trend is necessary in swinging support from a number of Congressmen and Senators who have so far remained on the fence, waiting to see which side produces the heaviest battalions.

In face of this vital struggle, which sees class lines becoming sharply drawn, the Trotzkyites with their usual effect of weakening the struggle against reaction and attempting to split the growing unity of the people, declare there is no issue at all in the President's proposals!

Work of the Communists In the Big Maritime Strike

(Resolution to be Read and Discussed, in All Party Units)

The Pacific Coast maritime strike, which after 99 days ended in victory, has exerted an enormous influence on the whole labor movement. Its lessons are of tremendous importance to the Party in facing the immediate tasks ahead of us. The Party played a great role in the struggle to maintain the unity of the workers, without which the strike could not have been successful.

In Every Phase of Struggle

The Communists in the maritime unions, both before and during the strike, participated in every phase of the struggle, whether on the picket-lines, in the various committees for organizing relief, publicity, finances, picketing, and in the leading Strike Committees. But more important still, the Communists in the face of red-baiting, mobilized all honest, progressive forces in the unions to fight for a correct policy, and rallied the membership of the Maritime Federation, at every crucial point of the strike, against every splitting maneuver, whether on the part of the shipowners or within the unions' ranks, which threatened the success of the strike.

One of the major factors in the success of the strike was the correct policy of the Communists and other progressive forces, in laying the basis before last Sept. 30th for joint action of all maritime unions, by fighting for the ILA to throw its support behind the seamen's demands by solidarity action on a Coast-wide scale.

This was a glaring contrast to the situation in 1935, when the reactionaries still in control of the ILA district leadership at that time, prevented any ILA support to the seamen's demands. The election of a progressive leadership in the ILA was an endorsement by the rank-and-file of the policy of unity which strengthened the Maritime Federation and made possible an effective, united struggle of seamen and longshoremen.

Defeat of Trotzkyites

Another major factor was the crushing defeat of the disruptive and splitting tactics and policies of the handful of Trotzkyite disrupters, who influenced and incited the syndicalist elements among the seamen to follow a line which was an obstacle to unity and at times seriously threatened the outcome of the strike.

The despicable role of the Trotzkyites, and their attempt to utilize the "Voice of the Federation" against the strike leadership and its policies strengthened the hand of the shipowners and can be described as nothing less than strikebreaking, in keeping with the Trotzkyites' counter-revolutionary role internationally in alliance with the fascists against the People's Front and against the Soviet Union.

The Party also carried on a mass campaign to win the support of the whole labor movement to the cause of the maritime workers. This spirit of solidarity spread far beyond the ranks of the maritime workers. It was evident not only in the generous financial and moral support of the other unions, but in the slogan which has become a by-word in the San Francisco Labor Council: "Union men don't go through a picket line". As a result, for over three months the teamsters, although under reactionary leadership, lived up to the traditions of 1934 and refused to go through the picket-lines not only of the maritime workers, but also of the striking warehousemen and shipyard workers, contributing greatly to the successful conclusion of all these strikes.

It was also the influence of the maritime unions, together with other unions rapidly becoming progressive, that ousted Edward Vandeleur, notorious for his sell-out of the San Francisco General Strike in 1934, from the leadership of the Central Labor Council in the recent elections, and was instrumental in electing a number of militants and progressives into leading positions of the Central Labor Council and State Federation of Labor.

Gestures from Washington

From the first, the Party had to warn and fight against the strong illusions among the workers that Roosevelt was going to "crack down" on the shipowners, while at the same time calling for organizing mass pressure on the administration to "Stop the Ship Subsidies!"

The campaign in the labor movement around this slogan undoubtedly had its effect on the administration, and did force some gestures from Washington. But it soon became clear to every striker that the "friendly" gestures of Roosevelt, Perkins, and McGrady would not win the strike, and that the Administration did not exert all the power it had to put pressure on the shipowners.

The categoric refusal of the unions to consider arbitration, however, prevented the Administration from yielding to the demands of the shipowners to force arbitration on them. Since the strike, a dangerous move to force compulsory arbitration on the maritime industry is being made through the Guffey Bill in Congress, which goes even further than the Railway Labor Act and is aimed against the Maritime Unions, right to strike and to select representatives of their own choice. The whole labor movement must be aroused to fight against these anti-union strike-breaking measures.

The Party carried on a campaign among the strikers for a Farmer-Labor Party, linking up the maritime workers' struggles with the need for independent political action on a local, state and national scale. During the election campaign, it utilized the radio to broadcast its position, dealing with the political aspects of the maritime strike.

The Party was slow and very weak in bringing the presidential election campaign and its issues to the waterfront workers. It made some efforts, however, both before and during the strike, to bring the waterfront workers to Party mass meetings for Browder, Ford, and Hudson, and at Nov. 7th and Lenin Memorial meetings, with some success.

Farmer-Labor Party Campaign

The effects of the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party were reflected in a number of ways. A number of maritime unions participated in the California People's Legislative Conference, one of the broadest united front movements ever organized by the labor and progressive forces. Organized labor in San Francisco and Oakland launched a campaign to repeal the Anti-Picketing ordinances, and these measures were placed on the ballot in the special spring elections.

The repeal of the 20-year old anti-picketing ordinance at the special election of March 9th in San Francisco is a major victory for Labor's independent political action. Before the end of the strike, the issue of independent political action, especially in relation to the fight against the Copeland Act, became a central question for discussion among the strikers. The majority of the maritime workers have not yet been won for a Farmer-Labor Party; this is a great shortcoming of the work of the Communists.

But there is a greater understanding among the maritime workers on the need for labor's active participation in politics, and that the time is not far off when they will align themselves with other progressive forces for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, and will be in the forefront of an American People's Front against reaction, fascism and war.

Work Among Negroes

One of the great weaknesses of our work was among the Negroes. In San Pedro, the ILA progressives inherited from the former reactionary leadership a situation where the Negroes were practically excluded from working on the waterfront, with the exception of the Cotton Compress local. The Communists and progressives made some attempts to fight against this policy of discrimination, but insufficiently. The employers attempted to exploit this justified resentment among the Negroes to incite them against the maritime unions.

The National Negro Congress in Los Angeles did not react correctly to this threat and failed to carry on an active campaign among the Negroes in support of the strike; there was resistance to this even among some Communists who should have been the most active leaders of the Negro people to mobilize support for the maritime unions. The Party made some efforts to carry on such a campaign among the Negroes during the strike, but it was a big mistake to wait so long to take up the fight against discrimination in San Pedro.

In San Francisco, owing to a correct policy adopted by the ILA against Negro discrimination since 1934, there were less difficulties. A number of Negro workers were included on the leading committees of the strike. The National Negro Congress played an important role in winning the sympathy of the Negro population in the San Francisco Bay Area for the strikers.

But even here too much was taken for granted; some reactionary elements in the ILA were permitted to carry on an under-cover campaign of discrimination in issuing work-permits in the past. The shipowners' agent Lee Holman, and the armed thugs in his strike-breaking company-union agency made repeated attempts to precipitate a struggle which would alienate the sympathy of the Negro population toward the maritime unions.

The Communists in the unions must take the lead in fighting against every form of discrimination toward Negroes, and must especially be vigilant to expose and fight against the under-cover discrimination carried on by some reactionary elements in the ILA. The Party must also carry on patient work among the seamen to break down the prejudice and discrimination against Filipinos, pointing out that unless this attitude is changed, the employers will take advantage of it to create a reserve of strikebreakers against the union.

Role of The Women

Another important phase of the strike was the role of the women, particularly in the ILA Auxiliary, in actively participating in the organization of relief and other phases of strike activity; and the work of the Young Communists among the youth, in organizing sports and other recreational and educational activity for the strikers around the Union Recreation Center on the waterfront.

The "Maritime Worker", weekly organ of the Waterfront Section of the Party, and the "Western Worker", were indispensable weapons in the fight for maintaining the unity of the strikers and in clarifying questions of policy, as well as explaining the broader political aspects of the struggle.

The "Western Worker" was distributed in thousands of copies, regularly, in the union halls and on the picket-lines, and was as widely read and discussed as the "Voice of the Federation", in spite of red-baiting attacks and numerous attempts to bar it from the union halls.

The role and influence of the Party reflected especially in the recruiting of over 300 new members to the Party from the strikers' ranks. The Party organization as a whole reacted well to its tasks during the strike.

Learning from the experiences of 1934, during the reign of terror and vigilante raids, the Party was prepared if necessary to continue its work under emergency conditions. Nearly every section and unit was in a position to issue its own leaflets if necessary, and to continue uninterruptedly its activity in the neighborhoods and factories.

Open mass activity was carried on during the 3-month period. To a lesser extent, this was also true in San Pedro, where in 1934 the terror had made this impossible. The Workers Bookshop in San Pedro remained open, although repeatedly raided and wrecked by vigilantes, but vigilante terrorism did not make any headway.

Political Education

The Party during the latter half of the strike organized more systematic political education for its new members, particularly among the seamen, in the form of new members' classes, unit discussions, and the distribution of Party literature, but a great deal more of this could have been done. A big shortcoming was the weakness in recruiting and political education among longshoremen.

The work of the Communists and their progressive allies in the maritime unions had a number of shortcomings also. Precisely because of the increasing influence of the Party among the workers, the reactionaries in the maritime unions, who have lain low for a long time because their policies were discredited, seize upon every difficult situation as a favorable opportunity to again raise their heads and voices, and with the most unscrupulous demagogy, posing as super-militants at times, carry on an unceasing struggle against the progressive leadership, and seek to confuse the membership and discredit the Communists and other progressives in the unions.

The policies and tactics of Lundeberg and his immediate circle of followers, who are influenced by the IWW ideology and poisoned by the handful of Trotzkyite disrupters, are playing into the hands of these reactionary elements and thereby endangering the unity of the Federation. We must avoid, however, a narrow sectarian approach; it would be wrong to lump these syndicalist elements, among whom are honest elements who are confused and misled, with the reactionaries.

The Communists have too often allowed themselves to be provoked by their red-baiting into personal attacks, instead of sticking to discussion of policy in order to bring the issue clearly to the rank-and-file. Throughout the strike it was shown that once the issues were clear to the membership, red-baiting and disruption were defeated. Only when the Communists were not able to raise the issue clearly of preserving unity on the basis of a correct policy, was it possible for such a policy to receive temporary setbacks in the Sailors Union and among some of the licensed men.

Patient Work

This requires patient and persistent work on our part. The fight for unity will not be an easy one; there are a number of difficult questions ahead, in connection with the coming ILA District Convention in May, and the Maritime Convention in June. The main question, of consolidating the gains and further cementing the unity of the seamen and longshoremen, requires vigilance against any adventurist policies.

The continuation and intensification of the fight for a National Maritime Federation is especially important now because of the possibility of a convention of the ISU being called this year. Any move to break away from the ISU at this time, any let-up in the fight to regain the Sailors Union charter would play into the hands of Hunter and Scharrenberg.

There are tendencies, which are being encouraged by Lundeberg, to organize an independent union of the seamen; in a vague, confused way the syndicalist elements are also advocating that the Maritime Federation become an independent, industrial "union, a sort of "one big union" on a national scale. Although every such move has been blocked from the very beginning, thus far, the danger is not yet over.

It is necessary to carry on a campaign for the participation of the West Coast unions in the ISU Convention, for the return of the Sailors Union charter and their participation with full voting rights in the convention, and for every possible assistance to the struggle of the Atlantic and Gulf rank and file for democratic control of their unions. Only in this way will the fight for a National Maritime Federation be furthered.

Our tasks are not ended now that the strike is over. The Party must consolidate the gains it has made, politically and organizationally. The Communists in the maritime unions must rally all honest, progressive forces around them in the fight for maintaining and solidifying the unity of the workers, regardless of all difficulties and obstacles placed in their path.

The Communists are not out to "control" or "capture" the unions for some sinister purpose. Our aim is to fight for such a policy as will strengthen and unify the ranks of the workers in their immediate struggles for the advancement of their economic and political interests, and to go forward to the building of an American People's Front which can defeat the threatening forces of reaction, fascism, and war.

A Question o[n] U.S. Supreme [Court]

Question: Don't you think we are mistaken in our propaganda on the Supreme Court issue? The Court never usurped power. It was the gentlemen who wrote the Constitution who did the usurping, since it was they who gave the Court the implied power. They frankly intended the Court to be the rampart of property. This is clear from the record of the Constitutional Convention.

S.E.A.

Answer: No, it is not true that the Supreme Court was ever given the power by the Constitutional Convention to veto laws passed by Congress. The Court's powers are clearly defined in the Constitution, and nothing is said about such powers.

What happened at the Constitutional Convention is this: there were at the Convention two factions, one representing the bolder wing of the revolution believing more in democracy, and the conservative wing of big property and the landlords fighting against democracy. The conservative wing sought on four seperate occasions to have the Convention give the Supreme Court the explicit power to veto legislation of Congress, but was defeated every time. However, the reactionaries continued their fight, and under the leadership of Adams had a law passed creating the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and appointed John Marshall, their agent, to the office. It was Marshall, in 1803, who then created the theory of the "implied" powers of the Court. But even then, the Supreme Court did not dare to use this power against Congress until 1857, when they used it for the first time in the Dred Scott case.

The facts, therefore, are that the fight ov[er] the Court w[...] Constitutional [...] have been [...] through our h[...] ferson nor Li[ncoln] the Court had [...] acts of Congr[ess.] The position [...] ist Party is [...] with the histo[...] line with our [...] movement to [...] of the monop[...] dicial agents [...] fight for a cu[...] powers is to [...] volutionary [...] country, and i[...] the working c[...] people.

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Workers' Correspondence Page

Enter New Prize Contest Today
Film Workers Fight Gangsters

[...]MA WORKERS GETTING [...]NIZED, DESPITE ANTI-[UNI]ON DRIVE OF EMPLOYERS

[...]vers and Warehousemen Sign Up [...] Poultry Producers Fume And [...]lot to Keep Low Wages

By a Worker Correspondent

[...]MA—Forwarding the following report will in[terest ...] being used in Sonoma County and especially [...] sabotage and destroy active labor unions, and [...]sed to defeat the purpose of farmers cooperative organizations.

On Tuesday, February 23, a well-attended meeting was held in Union League Hall at 8 p. m., represented by truck drivers of San Rafael, Petaluma and Santa Rosa, and some of the smaller towns of this area.

Majority Join Union

A large majority of drivers signed membership applications and were initiated into the union. As yet I do not know what the local number here will be. This branch will be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The warehousemen of the Poultry Producers of Central California, Petaluma, also organized, admitting a large majority to membership.

This unionization in Petaluma is a severe blow to the open-shopper of anti-union policies, many of whom have and are still dictating to the workers with imperialistic tyranny.

New Era for Petaluma

The inception of unions in this city will mark a new era for the welfare of people in this community. The low wages being paid here by various concerns (and wage-cutting of today) are retarding the growth and development of this district.

In contrast, there was an employer-sponsored meeting earlier in the week, held in the Poultry Producers' plant at Petaluma, the object being to prevent the truck drivers and warehouse men from forming a real union.

Anti-Unionist Meet

This meeting was attended by P. P. managers and members of the P. P. board of directors, namely, Mr. Iver Pederson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Nielson, Mr. John Berkstedt, Mr. Sam Smith, the P. P. local egg department manager—also Mr. McCorey, Santa Rosa P. P. director.

A Mr. Langworthy, manager of the egg house of Nye and Nisson, now only a trade name and in reality serving the wholesale jobbers of New York City, Baum and Gartner, and financed by Wall Street bankers, was present.

The George P. McNear Co. was represented by Mr. George Murphy, their assistant manager. Mr. George Woodson, of the Poultry Producers' Mill Dept., was also present. He is a mill boss and an American Legion member. A Mr. Floyd Baumgartel seemed to be very sympathetic for the hard-pressed board of directors and stooges representing financial interests that are sucking the life blood of our people with their interest collecting, or rather extracting plan, from our labors.

Against Poor Farmers

Mr. John Lawler, the George P. McNear Co. banker, got himself a $14,000-a-year job in the Poultry Producers of Central California, when they saw the chicken ranchers were determined to have an organization. He was present.

Rat Was Present

A rat in the person of Clinton Miller of Petaluma was also present. The slick rat was one of a committee that organized a number of men in the P. P. feed mill, and subsequently they were discharged by this same employer-stooge group named above, through this rat's stool pigeoning.

This rat was not present a few nights later when the workers joined a real union affiliated with the AFL.

This employer group made threatening speeches, the sum of which amounted to trying to prevent unionization. Parts of the speeches were as follows:

Drivers Didn't Scare

By Dan Smith: "You know, boys, when we had that trouble with the union in San Francisco, the railroad company spotted a car right in front of our door without even asking for it."

This was meant to intimidate the truck drivers. It didn't.

Other parts of speeches were, not to have anything to do with outsiders, but if you must have a union, go up and see, Mr. Warmoth of the Central Labor Council of Sonoma County and have a local union to suit local conditions, and don't let outsiders come in and tell you what to do. Among the above group was another prize slave driver by the name of Ealles, manager of the feed department of the P. P. in Petaluma.

Warmoth Should Explain

These above-mentioned prize birds represent a crosscut of Petaluma feed and egg department managers, employed by the bankers to sweat out interest on their invested money.

Perhaps Mr. Warmoth could explain the significance of his position in the Labor Council in regard to these employers and many more in Petaluma who were not at this meeting.

[...] UNIONS' INLAND [PE]TALUMA

[...] Enthusiasm [...] Tactics [...]osses

[By a Worker] Correspondent

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A Lesson On Need for Labor Party

THAT'S WHAT Buron Fitts' indictment of 345 Douglas Aircraft sit-down strikers taught labor.

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

HOW A FARMER-LABOR PARTY WORKS will be of interest to all Western Worker readers, so here's an item from The Minnesota Leader, organ of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association:

"Rank and file conrtol is the power of the membership to mold and design the policies of any organization. The Farmer-Labor Party owes its existence to the lack of this type of control in the two old major parties in Minnesota. The only way to keep such control in the rank and file is through adding new members to your local club. If there is no club in your community we shall be glad to help you organize a unit. Do it today—"

In case you've forgotten, the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party is represented by two U. S. Senators, five Representatives, Governor Benson, and a majority in both houses of the State Legislature.

Farmer-Labor Democracy . . .

At the Minneapolis Farmer-city convention held February 27-28 with 500 delegates attending, another example of how such a people's party works was seen. The Minnesota Leader reports:

"All aldermen previously endorsed by the various wards were upheld by the convention with the exception of Edwin Hendricks of the sixth ward. Opposition was not to the candidacy of Hendricks but to the manner of choosing the candidate by the ward club, which was not considered representative of the entire ward by the executive committee.

"All candidates were requested to sign specially prepared statements agreeing to uphold and support the principles and platform of the Farmer-Labor Association. The majority of candidates have already signed these statements."

Democratic control of the Association, and control of the candidates by the people who put them in office are cardinal principles of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party.

No Communism, Gen. Johnson!

Senator Nye's bill to nationalize the munitions industry in the United States riles General Hugh Johnson. It offends him from the top of his head to his military heels.

The bill is "pure Communism" snorts the general.

We assure Johnson it is not Communism at all, but it is a swell idea. We suggest, in return, that it is pure capitalist reaction to oppose such a bill.

The general's heart bleeds for DuPont and Morgan.

Note to Alaska Canners' Union of Seattle

By a Vegetable Worker

HARTFORD, Wash.—In an article from Seattle, Wash., written by an Alaska canner, were mentioned the names of the committee for negotiations, including a party by the name of Frank Meneces.

This party doesn't happen to be the Meneces from Watsonville, does he?

If so, I feel it is my duty to warn the cannery workers, or whoever he is representing, to keep tab on him. They can find out plenty about him, if he is the Meneces I have reference to, by inquiring of rank and file members of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union at Salinas, California.

He was one of the fakers that helped to lose the strike down there last fall. I sincerely hope that if the man is the same, they don't place too much confidence in him.

L.A. Peoples Lobby Broadens Scope

LOS ANGELES—Making concentrated efforts to broaden its campaign and draw into its work professional workers and trade unions, the Southern California branch of the California People's Legislative Conference is conducting an intensive publicity drive to put through in the Legislature its "must" bills.

Among the bills upon which the Conference is expending its greatest efforts to put through the Legislature are the following: The Social Service bill 1879, as amended by the progressive social welfare amendments; the law guaranteeing collective bargaining, A. B. 538 and S. B. 603; the retrying of false convictions like the Mooney and Modesto cases, A. B. 1028; the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, A. B. 311; the California Youth Act, A. B. 1361.

Send us news of your union.

STUDIO WORKER HITS GANGSTER UNION-CONTROL

Progressive "White Rats" Fight For Democracy

By a Studio Worker

HOLLYWOOD—As you see, we need help here. We were sold out in a strike in 1933, one of the major strikes in the United States, under Roosevelt. We were out five weeks, then gangsters and labor racketeers came in and look over the union. We have had no voice since.

We are paying $9 a month dues, are going to be assessed two per cent of our salary each week. It is 100 per cent Fascism all the way through.

For Industrial Unionism

Ninety-eight per cent of all studio workers want to join John L. Lewis because the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees is now almost a vertical industrial set-up, only the workers cannot control it.

We have many crafts within the IATSE, such as painters, carpenters, grips, electricians, prop makers, property men, green men, cameramen, sound men, and many others. Besides, we have a studio basic agreement. Also, every Monday morning the Screen Actors' Guild and other crafts meet for their mutual benefit.

At Producers' Mercy

We are supposed to have a closed shop. The charter of the IATSE was closed January 2, 1936. Our charter of Local 37 was taken away from us after we had been out on strike for five weeks.

We are at the dictates of the producers, who are in cahoots with the top leadership of the IATSE. When John Lewis was suspended by the AFL, George Browne, our president, was elected to fill Lewis' post as vice-president.

Something is rotten, somewhere. Can you start working towards our benefit and welfare? I belong to the White Rats, an organization that is growing fast among studio workers. The letter I enclose, submitting protests to President Browne against the two per cent assessment, is an example of how we are going at it.

Asks Cooperation

I did some work with longshoremen in regard to actors carrying a union ticket, and twice have actors and others been called off location because they did not have a union card—Paramount Pictures and Columbia pictures. Now if the longshoremen would cooperate with the White Rats, it will help, for at the present, due to settlement of the strike, we have to work with finks and scabs now who took our jobs.

See what you can do for us in the way of concerted action and publicity.

Racketeers in Labor

Our labor leaders came from Chicago. Two factions fought for control of the top leadership of the IATSE. I believe Thomas Malloy was shot in Chicago over the dispute.

You see, the dumb guys rob and hold up banks and oil stations; but the wise guys, the racketeers and gangsters, nowadays seize hold of labor unions —it's much easier.

Browne gets $20,000 a year, $100 a day expenses, smokes big cigars, rides across the country, while a man in the studio is making $40 a week, pays $3 a month dues, two per cent assessment of weekly salary which would be 80 cents a week, about 80 cents to Roosevelt's starvation impossible insecurity, $1 every time a member dies.

Look us up, will you? Not me, but the White Rats.

CAN WORKERS' UNION FORCES PAY INCREASE

By a Can Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — At a meeting last week of the Can Workers' Union, called for the purpose of voting on a walkout the following day, a representative of the employers offered the workers, men and women, an increase of 10 cents per hour.

Previously women workers were getting 40 cents per hour, men 50 cents per hour.

The demand for time and a half for overtime was also won.

Previously union demands were 65 cents per hour for men, 55 cents per hour for women.

No time was lost as the workers were told to return to work next day. A one-year agreement was signed.

Invaluable Books May Go to YOU!

The prize is invaluable—the contest is easy to qualify for—so put your oar in today, and get going!

"Soviet Communism," by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, two volumes that sell at $7.50, is the grand prize offered to the "Western's" worker correspondents.

Here are the rules:

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer. Names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

If you think it's hard to write such a letter, just read the following tips and find out how easy it is:

1. Write up a story about some happening, issue, or general conditions in the factory where you work, or in your union; in the agricultural fields; in your farm area; or in your neighborhood.

2. Send in your story to the Workers' Correspondence Editor and at the same time order a bundle, small or large as you can handle for sale or distribution among your fellow workers or neighbors.

3. "Follow up" by contacting your fellow workers or neighbors to whom you have sold the "Western" containing your story, and asking them what they think of the "Western" and how it helps them in their day-to-day struggles. This last point will give you the best possible material to write about in your contest letter.

If you want advice or further suggestions, just write the Workers' Correspondence Editor for full cooperation.

Get out your pencil, or dip your pen in ink, and write your entry in this prize contest of a lifetime. On with the deluge!

This Professor Needs to Get An Education!

By a Worker Correspondent

YUMA, Ariz.—At the March meeting of the Gadsden Farm Bureau, Gadsden, Ariz., Professor Valentine, of the Arizona Extension Service, spoke on unemployment, strikes and labor problems.

The professor thinks that strikes are detrimental to our society; that the farmers need better laborers; that unemployment is so great the farmers should get farm help at a very low price.

Get Some Real Information

I suggest he make the rounds with our county physician into the so-called homes, located in shacks, tents, and even some living on ditch banks without even a roof over their heads.

If he would gather information, real first-hand information on the farm labor question, let him inquire into the average yearly earning of each farm hand.

Property comes into existence only by labor. Farm produce is in reality the product of labor. Just suppose, Professor Valentine, that you owned all of Yuma Valley, but no one would work for you at all: Your stock would soon perish and the soil be a desert waste.

Compare with Soviet Union

Now, professor, I suggest you take thought of the real cause of the anxiety of the farmers and other workers. That is the greedy, profiteering Capitalist system, which tells the farmer what he must take for his produce, and tells everyone what he must pay for what he buys.

Further, I sugest that you compare the conditions in our capitalist America, where millions are destiute in the midst of plenty, with the conditions in the USSR where there is no unemployment; and where the Constitution forbids anyone to make money off another's labor. Also, professor, you may gain information on the labor question, throughout the nation, if you should become an ardent reader of the Western Worker.

JAIL FOR FASCISTS

DETROIT. — Nine Black Legionnaires have begun serving one to five year prison terms for a plot to kill publisher Kingsley of Highland Park.

WHITE COLLARS FOR PICKETING

Office Workers Toss Away "Vote No on 19" Leaflets

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — On my way home from work on the evening preceding our local election, I noticed, as I passed the classy One Eleven office building on Sutter St., two men, poorly clothed yet resembling thugs rather than workers, handing leaflets printed "vote no on 19 (anti-picket repeal ordinance, which carried)" to the pale, tired office workers.

The "aristocrats of labor," neatly dressed, (a large part of their skimpy wages goes for clothes to keep up appearances for their jobs) took the leaflets. Then, as they glanced at the yellow paper, they quickly threw them away in disgust on the sidewalk.

They said nothing, but their grim, angry countenances bespoke a thunder of protest.

Needless to say, the sidewalk was completely smothered with the discarded leaflets, and I saw the same sort of mess outside another building in the next block. What a job for the street cleaner!

Wy don't some CIO organizers get busy and unionize the office workers? There is a crying need for unions among the office and store workers, which can best be met by the CIO large scale methods.

TOLEDO, Ohio.—A two-week sit-down strike ended when the Conklin Pen Co. granted a 40-hour week and wage increases. The CIO led the strike.

PORTERVILLE ALLIANCE IS BIG SUCCESS

Win First Grievances As Exeter, Pixley Organizing

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTERVILLE—The Workers Alliance set up a union here on March 3, and took a few new relief cases and two grievances to the relief office in Visalia on March 4.

As soon as the drones in the office found out for sure that we had set up a union, they came to life and put our cases ahead of about 50 other cases. In all these cases, they were told they would be investigated in three days.

One case which needed help immediately received an $11 grocery order on any store in Porterville.

Shows Alliance Value

We let one single man go by himself as a non-union man, against two single men that are union, for a test of the union's reaction on the SRA. The non-union man was turned down flat and was told they couldn't do a thing for him, while the two union men were promised a visitor's investigation in three days and surplus commodities.

You can see the discrimination between union and non-union, so we are looking forward to a large union.

A letter of "residence verification" was handed the union head from the SERA of Visalia, that was written on March 1 and got to Porterville on March 8. That SERA office sure needs a good dose of the speed-up system.

Two More Branches Organizing

The workers in Exeter and Pixley are organizing a Workers' Alliance union. The Porterville Branch will send a delegate to these places to help them get organized.

By these unions having a large majority of agricultural workers, it will be a wonderful opportunity to organize an Agricultural Workers' Union.

Send in news of your union.

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"AFL Stake in Douglas Strike Big As CIO's"

SO L.A. LABOR COUNCIL TOLD BY DELEGATES

Reactionaries Did Not Succeed in "Outlawing"

(The story below may be a bit belated, but it is of great importance in showing the sentiment of the rank and file for the organization of the unorganized, a sentiment which made it impossible to declare the Douglas Aircraft strike outlaw.)

LOS ANGELES—At the Central Labor Council meeting Friday, March 5, a report of the Council Executive Board declaring the Douglas sit-down strike an outlaw strike and refusing it any support was overwhelmingly rejected by a vote of 120-105.

All visitors were asked to leave the Council hall after a motion put forward by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, calling for executive session had been adopted by the delegates.

The secretary then read the report of the executive board, which dealt with the question of supporting the Douglas sit-down strikers. Under this head Buzzell read a letter from Hugh Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Calling the CIO a "dual organization" and "fomenter of the AFL," the letter declared that "now the labor movement has got to draw the line" and calling on all AFL bodies—Central Labor Councils and State Federations—"to refuse to give any aid, support, or comfort to any CIO organizations."

After reading the letter from Green, which forcefully denounced the splitting tactics of the president, the executive board report declared the Douglas strike an outlaw strike, attacked the leadership, and refused the strikers any support.

Indignant Protest

Heated and lively discussion immediately arose as a result of this report. Many delegates indignantly protested what one delegate termed a "battle cry to split the labor movement."

Delegate Bellenger of the Musicians' Union, Reed of the Studio Painters, Pellman of the Millmen's Union, and several others arose to speak against the report and to urge unity within the ranks of the labor movement.

Stating that "the defeat of this strike would be a defeat for the whole labor movement," Brother Pellman said: "The AFL has as great a stake in this as the CIO. If we would go further and to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town, we must support this strike."

This issue was not one of disloyalty to the AFL, he said. "It is my loyalty to the AFL that makes me take the position that I do. I say this strike would be a serious defeat to the Los Angeles labor movement.

"You're going to twiddle your thumbs about jurisdiction, when thousands of workers on the picket line are asking for our support?"

Buzzell and Lewis

In speaking for the Executive Board's report and against the support of the strike, Secretary Buzzell bitterly attacked the leadership of the strike—a strike which he termed "alleged" and "outlaw."

To support this strike, he declared, would be to support everything foreign to the American Federation of Labor."

Attacking John L. Lewis, CIO leader, Buzzell claimed that the automobile strike settlement in **Flint was a "betrayal of the interests of the auto workers."**

Finally a motion was made to accept the executive board report omitting the section dealing with the Douglas strike, and this motion carried with a vote of 120-105.

Chairman Sherman, flaunting democratic procedure, refused to recognize a motion to support the strikers, and, on appeal, the motion lost.

Delegate Haggerty of the Building Trades Council then made a motion to take a neutral position in this affair." This motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Reveal Profiteering In Food Prices

WASHINGTON — Food costs dropped throughout the U. S. by the small margin of 1-10 of one per cent, but not on the West Coast. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the figures on retail prices. The specific area rose 2.7 per cent during the month ended February 15 and prices in Los Angeles rose 3.4 per cent.

WAGE DEMAND

RAILROAD unions are demanding a 20 per cent wage increase, which the railroad companies, with tremendously increased profits, can well afford to pay. Above is A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, whose union joins in this demand.

50% EAST BAY UNIONS FAVOR A LABOR PARTY

OAKLAND—Despite attempts of reactionaries to block progressive political action, the Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation is making strides toward furthering the initiative and influence of labor in the coming municipal elections, April 20.

Since last fall, when the Federation decided to reconvene Jan. 16, 1937, to decide on action in this campaign, until today, with the next Federation meeting slated for March 13, several significant advances can be noted.

A Platform For Labor

The resolution passed by the Central Labor Council preceding January 16 meeting which called for independent political action by labor slate and labor program, foreshadowed the Federation decision, reversed, which was climaxed on February 20, when approximately half the delegates recorded themselves in favor of this action. A close majority for the reactionaries forestalled labor's independent action, and a breakaway from old-line politics.

Progressives in the Federation, which includes the Alameda County Central Labor and Building Trades Councils and the Railroad Brotherhoods, are now fighting for a platform expressing the immediate needs of labor and the endorsement of only those candidates who commit themselves to this platform at the March 13 Federation meeting. Steps will be taken so these fundamental positions can be joined as a basis for further political action and for assurance of representation of labor's interests in city government.

Fingers of both Republican and Democratic machines are both with interest into the workings of the Federation. The dominant Oakland machine, the Knowland-Kelly group, controls the incumbent city council. James Quinn, editor of the Eastbay Labor Journal (Central Labor Council organ) and a member of the Council, is the link between Kelly and the labor movement. Although Quinn supported Roosevelt in 1936, today he professes dissatisfaction with the administration and supports the politics of his Republican cohorts.

Showing Their Colors

In Federation meetings, Quinn and his henchmen of the Kelly machine—Wm. Tyrell, G.A. Silverthorn, Wm. Morris—have shown their colors by their disruptive tactics which thwarted any action on January 30 and by their concentration of known reactionaries on February 20. Quinn is now active among his friends and officials of several unions, obtaining their endorsement of his candidacy as labor's representative on the city council. A Quinn - Councilman Club has already been established on this basis.

Thus the most reactionary anti-labor forces in Oakland, the Kelly machine, maintains a superficial attitude of sympathy with labor, with the help of corrupt representatives within the labor movement.

The Democratic Party, however, is now making a strong bid in this campaign. In an unprecedented move, the Clyde Sherwood controlled Democratic County Central Committee advanced a partisan ticket in a traditionally non-partisan campaign. This is their move for local patronage to supplant dwindling national spoils and for the 1938 elections, when their ambitions center on the state administration. They nominated Gene Gaillac, Electrical Workers business agent, who has aligned himself with progressive positions within the labor movement in the past. Gaillac entered the race over the objections of labor and their awareness of the demands for progressiveness by labor generally.

Half of Unions on Record

The situation within the Democratic Party is not crystal clear. Sen. John V. Lewis, McAdoo's right-hand man here, has expressed opposition to the Democratic slate and his support of the incumbents. This, of course, represents the fight of McAdoo forces for control of this committee. In a further move, some 60 Democratic clubs, under leadership of R. Beldleman, former councilman, are meeting to protest the action of the Sherwood committee.

The situation briefly finds almost half the unions in the Federation on record for independent political action. Nearly all unions have discussed the question. That independent action has not been taken is due to the feverish activities of reactionaries and machine politicians to avert it. But progress is reflected in the fact that the wavers of these reactionaries.

With adoption of a program expressing fundamental needs of labor and progressives generally, the Federation will be able to assure itself that candidates who put themselves to this program will represent the interests of labor.

The Republicans are interested in maintaining control over the city, while the Democrats are lob-hungry and plan an active partisan campaign. Both prefer the traditional policy that the Federation, true to tradition, be endorsing certain candidates who profess sympathy with labor or who perhaps are not quite as bloodily reactionary as the other. In their growing bankruptcy, the old-line parties recognize the importance of the labor vote in their machines. Their politics, therefore, have been to avoid alienation of labor by using and by using connecting links in the labor movement.

But labor knows that the administration's anti-labor bias is proved in its refusal to guarantee workers their fundamental rights to organize, to strike and picket, and by its neglect of considering or enacting any progressive legislation. The Democratic Party likewise advances no program to satisfy these immediate needs, or candidates who by their reputation warrant labor's support. The movement for independent political action will be speeded when these realities and representatives of machine politics have been swept out of office.

This is the first article on the Oakland municipal elections. Following articles will discuss issues, platforms and candidates, and the position of the Communist Party.)

LABOR FACTS ON THE MOTOR BEARING CASE

Sifting The Truth From Falsehoods In East Bay

OAKLAND—In the lock-out of workers of the National Motor Bearing Co. history repeats itself. But also, a new and quite interesting phase of labor struggle has developed.

In the matter of history repeating itself, we again witness the splitting tactics of a reactionary union official. This time it is Business Agent Vernon, Auto Mechanics, Local 1546.

Same Slanderous Attacks

Summoned by National Motor Bearing Co. employers for the purpose of side-tracking determined organizational efforts of employees, Vernon and an unrecognized accomplice directed a vituperative attack on the Federal Labor Union, terming it an "outlaw" organization and urged workers to join an AFL union. That Federal Labor Union is affiliated with the AFL, Vernon evidently is not aware.

Vernon is the business agent who contrived with at least one known garage owner to deprive a union mechanic from receiving time-and-a-half for overtime.

The temper of his reception is expressed in the indignant statement of workers: "Vernon has a lot of gall, waiting till we organize, then coming around and trying to split us up!"

Repeating his Hitlerite tactics of the USL strike, Capt. Brown, Eastern Police Station, forced out a committee of workers headed by Frank Slaby, President United Automobile Workers, Local 76, from the office of the firm.

Enter Capt. Brown

The brutally inclined Brown entered the NMB Co. waiting room and viciously growled at the committee awaiting an interview with the employers: "What-are youse guys doin' here? Youse guys are locked-out, so get out before I arrests the lot of you!"

No accusing finger was pointed at the grievance committee seated in that anteroom, so by what right did the aspiring Hitler of Oakland enter a private establishment and order the committee to leave? Under whose orders does Capt. Brown work, the employers or those of the tax-paying citizens who pay his salary? Perhaps the bosses pay him in that event, let Brown get out — resign — and work in the capacity of private cop.

A few months ago, a petition was circulated, demanding Brown's immediate removal because of his liberty - crushing drive against USL strikers.

The Labor Council wants him removed.

A two-day old worker in Bearing plant, Emeryville, is circulating among the workers for the purpose, as he himself admits, "of learning the attitude of the locked - out workers. Questioned by vigilant picket, he referred them to two foremen and one stock-holder for credentials.

The Motor Bearing workers had not planned strike action, but the Oakland Enquirer and Knowland Tribune stated. They were, however, fast organizing into the Federal Labor Union. With the co-operation of Business Agent Vernon, the employers hoped to prevent their workers from doing so. It was my privilege, however, to witness the signing of at least three unit cards, formation within a period of five minutes on Monday morning, when the Johnsons, D.A.S. and L. A. respectively, were still wearing their night caps.

L. A. Carpenters in Solidarity Bond

LOS ANGELES — Local 25, Carpenters' Union, has stretched out the hand of fellowship to the Millinery Workers' organization drive to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town for the millinery.

The Carpenters purchased 20 tickets to the Milliners' big dance and, furthermore, came across with $20 for an "ad" in the dance program.

Get in touch with the Millinery, 3024 South Spring Street, phone VAndike 3364, and come to their dance to be held Saturday night, April 3.

Brother Roberts, the business agent, and the girls, deserve the support of all the workers.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT LED TO THE AIRCRAFT STRIKE IN DOUGLAS COM

By E. B.

SANTA MONICA—A few side glances at the conditions that led to the sit-down strike in California's infant aircraft factory easily explains the holiday spirit it that exists among the aircraft workers in Santa Monica.

All the smouldering hatred for the company and the system which has so systematically robbed the workers of their real wages for years, has burst into flame.

Could No Longer Stand It

Men who have so long been repressed and silent, afraid to say a word against the rotten system that existed in the plant because the spy system and the blackmailing tactics of the infamous company union meant instant discharge for such an act, now openly and with all the enthusiasm of freed slaves, air their grievances. There, in no more fear, the men feel strong and confident in the strength of their own union and in the solidarity that is greeting them from other workers, friends, and their own families.

Clerks in Chico (Butte County) Make Demands

CHICO—Retail store clerks prepared to present employers with demands for better working conditions, including shorter hours and possibly higher wages.

Officers, elected after a series of meetings, are: Herbert Walker, president; Henry Allen, vice-president; Maurice Murphy, secretary, and Orville Giles, treasurer.

Many of the clerks are compelled to work as high as 14 hours daily, leaders charged. The unit will apply for a charter to affiliate with the National Association of Retail Clerks.

Expose Buck As Enemy of Labor

By a Worker Correspondent

VACAVILLE — Enclosed you will find a clipping from the Vacaville Reporter, the local paper. In it you will see the progressive reactionary congressman, Frank H. Buck, takes on the Supreme Court issue, attacking the right to recall the court.

Of course, we are not a bit surprised, as his record has been one of the most reactionary of all the congressmen.

As he always posed as a friend of labor and has managed to get the support of organized labor, leaders especially around election time, I think it is timely we start exposing this rat that poses as a friend of labor and a liberal Democrat, when he is actually in the employ of the Liberty League and of the reactionary Associated Farmers.

It's also timely to start building a Farmer-Labor Party.

MODESTO MEN AND FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Vic Johnson Backs Bill Sponsored By Labor Defense

That the Modesto boys are interested in labor's fight for civil rights is seen from a letter by Vic Johnson to the International Labor Defense:

California State Prison
San Quentin, Calif.

International Labor Defense,
1005 Market St., San Francisco.

Friends:

The Modesto defendants have been informed that there is to be introduced shortly into Congress a bill, sponsored by the International Labor Defense, the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners and other liberal and labor groups, to create a special status for labor and political prisoners.

Rights for Labor Prisoners

Besides establishing a distinction between those imprisoned as the result of criminal pursuits and those incarcerated for political beliefs or labor activities, the bill is to provide special privileges, including freedom of mail from censorship, the right to have visitors at all reasonable hours, to have books and literature of their own choosing, to wear civilian clothes, if so desired, and other privileges now denied labor and political prisoners confined in institutions established primarily for those of criminal pursuits and tendencies.

As a labor prisoner, may I extend to you my thanks for your efforts on my behalf and for others who are now or who may be in my present predicament?

Labor and the minority political parties are not asking too much when they seek to change the status of the imprisoned victims of the class struggle from that of medievally-treated criminals to a state bordering on modern toleration and humanitarian principles. The bill deserves the support of every class conscious worker and every friend of labor and champion of political freedom.

Fraternally yours,
Vic Johnson, 58032

Shaw Commission On L.A. Teamsters

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Frank L. Shaw's much publicized commission to solve the problems between the Teamsters' Union and the truck owners in San Pedro, was finally announced after all pickets had been withdrawn from the harbor area.

Those on the commission are: Adolph Hoch, past president of the State Federation of Labor and vice president of the mayor's Board of Works; John C. Austin, past president of the Chamber of Commerce; and the Reverend Willsie Martin, pastor of the Wilshire Methodist Episcopal Church.

Carpenters Think They Can Judge

LOS ANGELES — Carpenters local 25 recently rescinded the old law that any delegate, delegation, or outside speaker must obtain credentials from the Central Labor Council or the Carpenters' District Council before being permitted to address Local 25.

This action was taken because Local 25 feels that it is strong enough to do its judging of who will or who won't address them.

A hearty welcome is extended to any and all speakers.

Fort Bragg Held in Bondage by Union Lumber Company

By a Farmer

FORT BRAGG — The Union Lumber Company fought good roads and kept them out of Fort Bragg for years, simply that the county might be held in bondage, compelled to buy from the company store and to haul freight over their railroad.

Fort Bragg has been and is yet to a great extent an example of how a town—its politics, social activities and people—can be held in bondage by a Wall Street satellite for profit.

Starved to Death

SACRAMENTO—The body of an unidentified man, obviously dead from starvation and exposure, was found in a Southern Pacific box car near Elverta. The man had been dead about two days.

Mid-Continent Co. Oil Workers Vote on Strike

TULSA, Okla.—Members of the Intl. Assn. of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America employed by the Mid-Continent Oil Corp. have overwhelmingly voted in three separate meetings to empower their negotiations committee to call them out on strike if necessary.

The company employs about 1,300 workers. The union is demanding recognition.

The Tulsa meeting gave an enthusiastic rising vote to "back up the negotiations committee 100 per cent." At Drumright, union employes of the company, production, pipeline and gasoline departments voted unanimously to answer a strike call if one were issued. About 80 per cent of the union employes in the Wewoka area voted to empower the negotiations committee to issue a strike order.

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A TRADE UNION COLUM

by Slim

YOU'VE HEARD and you'll be hearing a lot of s flung by reactionaries to the effect that the CI dual union movement from the start.

Such teeth may be scarce, but still scarcer is the AFL constitution which illegalizes the setting u unions in the AFL to speed organizing of the unorg

If you want to know who fosters dual unionism, some of the more recent actions of William Green executive council.

The United Textile Workers has always had fu over the textile industry. So long as a feeble and decrepit Greenlike sort of president, McMahan, kept the UTW in the shell of a union, the Executive Council was content.

Now that the UTW, under the CIO program has organized close to 200,000 workers and is about to organize the entire south, the Executive Council has chartered two new textile international, something the cat drug in".

One has been dignified with the name of the Lace Spinners International, the second International Union of Spinners. Both have been confined to small areas in New England, and have in the past consistently fought the AFL and refused to enter it.

Is that dual unionism, or is it dual unionism?

Even Too Raw For Company Union

TRAFFICKING with organizations which have consistently fought the AFL, seems to be strictly "kosher" with the AFL Executive Council nowadays. Despite a first denial, Green sent John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department, to Pittsburgh to offer the Executive Council's services to the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation's employee-representative outfit, a company union.

Be it noted that here again Green's action came after the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers had signed up close to 200,000 workers, and had, with CIO backing, obtained a U. S. Steel agreement.

Even the company union officials can't stomach Green and Frey, for they rejected the Executive Council's offer.

What the CIO Did and Didn't Do

DID the CIO executive board decide the other day to pull locals or labor councils out of the AFL?

It did not.

The CIO plans to issue certificates of affiliation to national, international, state, regional, city, central and local groups "whenever it is deemed such action is advisable."

The CIO executive specifically explains that this will apply merely to CIO unions and locals expelled by the executive council, and to such bodies expelled as in Ohio and Maryland, for refusing to endorse Green's order to eject the CIO unions.

No new federation has been formed. The line of progressives in the trade unions still remain, first to prevent the split from widening; to balk every attempt to expel unions; to fight to file any orders from the executive council looking to clearing the way for expulsion; to call on the Executive Council of the AFL to rescind any expulsion orders or any letters like that of Green paving the way for expulsion.

And the fight for reinstatement of the CIO unions on a basis of the CIO program of organizing the unorganized in the mass production industries still remains in force.

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SPREAD LIKE A DISEASE DESPITE THE DELIBERATE, CONSCIOUS SABOTAGE AND LACK OF COOPERATION ON THE PART OF MAYOR ROSSI AND THE POLICE COMMISSION, ATHERTON HAS SECURED FACTS PROVING THE EXISTENCE OF A CITY-WIDE NETWORK OF GRAFT AND BRIBERY, BASED ON "PROTECTION" OF HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION, ILLEGAL GAMBLING, LOTTERIES, BOOK-MAKING, SHAKEDOWNS, AND OTHER DANGEROUS AND INSIDIOUS RACKETS.

LIKE A DREAM, THIS CORRUPTION HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; SANCTIONED AND EVEN PARTICIPATED IN BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION AND OTHER LOCAL FIGURES WHO ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE POLITICAL MACHINE CONTROLLING SAN FRANCISCO.

Not only have individuals built up a regular income from such sources, but political groupings have even used the police force to extort money from vice dens

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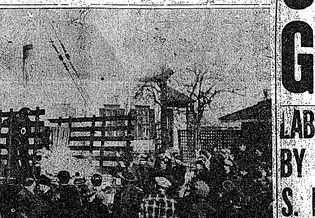

ING THE COUNTRY.

The strike wave and the demand for organization has hit every nook and cranny of the nation. Here are a few scenes from the great strike wave the United States. Barbara Hutton, 5 and 10 cents princess, laughed her way around the world, but the laugh goes worth 5 and 10 sales girls, shown above at left during their sit-down strike in Detroit. They won wage increases, Rhode Island Teamsters, shown at right stopping a scab chauffeur at the Rhode Island-Massachusetts state line.

Indicted 350 Vow Drive In Aircraft

Douglas Sit-Downers Pledge to Make Southern California Plants Closed Shops

LOS ANGELES—Pleading not guilty to indictments charging conspiracy, nearly 350 recent Douglas Aircraft sit-down strikers have been ordered to trial April 26, at 10 a. m., by Superior Judge Emmett H. Wilson.

Working hand in glove with Fitts' deputies, Judge Wilson cut short union attorney John Packard's argument to dismiss the charges against the workers when he concurred with arguments of district attorneys based on new indictments obtained from the grand jury after the old ones had been thrown out by attorneys to be rife with errors.

Drive to Continue

Meanwhile, ex-sit-downers are continued to register with the Douglas plant in Santa Monica for return to work, following their considerable victory in the 5-day strike.

Openly stating their intention to continue organizing the nonunion Douglas workers, many of the men under indictment have expressed the belief that with in a comparatively short time, and in spite of the most formidable tactic of intimidation by company officials and legal authorities, the aircraft industry in

Plot Against East Bay C.P. Nominee

OAKLAND—Fearing popular resentment against Harry G. Wilson, Republican mayoralty nominee trying to eliminate his sole opponent in the municipal election here April 20, the Machinists Lodge 1546 have filed suit in Supreme Court in San Francisco last Tuesday, trying to eliminate David Adams, Communist candidate, from the ballot.

The suit was a petition for a writ of mandate to prevent City Clerk W. W. Chappell, Oakland, from having Adams' name put on the ballot, claiming that Adams is not a citizen. United States election laws do not state that a candidate must run for office under his birth name.

Rap Butte County School Firetraps

PARADISE, Butte County—Residents here are demanding that the Board of Education because it has allowed intolerable conditions in the Paradise schools.

Charges that the buildings, so poorly heated that pupils must wear overcoats during winters, are fire traps, the American Legion post joined the attack.

Curbing Supreme Ct.

SAN FRANCISCO—While the Senate judiciary committee continued hearings in Washington on the President's proposals to curtail the Supreme Court's usurpation of power, the California People's Legislative Conference carried forward plans for a people's meeting here in support of curbing the "nine old men."

The meeting will be held at Scottish Rite Auditorium on March 31, 8 p. m.

VIGILANTES IN SIERRA FAILURE AGAINST C. I. O.

Lumber Workers Signing Up Despite Kidnaping

LOYALTON, Sierra County.—The lumber corporations ruling this county are due for a sad awakening, if they think that their vigilante acts they use in encouraging can stop CIO organization of the lumber workers.

Organizer Kidnaped

CIO efforts to organize employees of the powerful Clover Valley Lumber Co. got of the Calpine Lumber Co. in Calpine have aroused the desperation of the lumber barons, and Henry Jewson, CIO organizer, reveals that a vigilante band kidnaped him last week-end and took him to the California-Nevada line, ordering him not to return. Jewson returned.

Organizers charged the Clover Valley Co. has discharged 68 employees for signing up with the CIO.

3 Mateo Unions OK Labor Party Idea

SAN MATEO — Meeting in joint session, the Lathers, Plasterers and Hodcarriers Unions have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived for independent political action in the municipal elections.

Although the action came too late to file a labor candidate for City Councilman, the unions nevertheless called on the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils to call a conference in the immediate future for the purpose of formulating a progressive labor political program.

This program would be sent to all candidates for endorsement.

The Western Worker appears twice weekly—on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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Court Re Labor Act

WASHINGTON Supreme Court The steady grow behind Roosevelt posals to increase sulted in Court's ability to act swiftly on the issue of unionization, attacking the constitutionality of the National Labor Relations Act.

One of the cases before the court is that of Jones Shipbuilding Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., refusing its San Francisco counterpart, which has been declared illegal by the National Labor Relations Board.

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NEW MOVES FOR MOONEY; SACTO & WASHINGTON

President and Calif. Governor Are Both Urged To Act

WASHINGTON — A group of signed by more than 50 representatives and Senators, petitions asking a presidential pardon for Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, is being circulated in Congress.

New Calif. Moves

SACRAMENTO — The Senate defeat of the Mooney legislative pardon resolution has not halted the fight for Mooney's freedom. A new resolution, this time urging Gov. Merriam to pardon Mooney, has been introduced by Assemblyman Ritchie, San Diego.

In the Senate, movements are calling on Governor Merriam to commute Mooney's sentence immediately has been started by Senator Downey, San Francisco. Many of the Senators stated they refused to vote for the legislative pardon because they thought it unconstitutional, but stated that they would support a move for commutation.

ORE. REPEALS ITS C S LAW

Follows Reversal of De Jonge Conviction

SALEM, Ore.—This state repealed its criminal syndicalism law when Gov. Charles Martin signed a repeal measure which recently passed both houses of the Oregon legislature by wide majorities.

Washington also recently repealed its C. S. Act.

The campaign for repeal of the reprehensible law has been waged for several years by the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations. The Oregon State Grange has been a vigorous opponent of the act, and its support did much to speed enactment of repeal.

Recently the U. S. Supreme Court reversed the conviction of a Communist, De Jonge, under the act, and further discredited the unpopular law.

How Many Can You Answer?

1—What notorious political machine ruled San Francisco from 1902 to 1908?

2—What was the "Dutch Flat Fraud?"

3—Who discovered gold in California some time before the 1848 gold rush?

4—Who first began the development of hydro-electric power in California?

5—When did California's greatest drought occur?

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CONTRA COSTA TELLS GREEN QUASH ORDER

LABOR ROUSED BY REPORT OF S. F. GRAFTING

Mayor Rossi - Quinn Machine Deeply Involved

RICHMOND—In a brief but pithy resolution, the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council last Wednesday night demanded that William Green and the AFL Executive Council rescind all letters it has sent out which declare the CIO dual unions or which "hint or actually call for expulsion of CIO unions."

File Green Letter

Just prior to this, the Council had voted to file Green's letter which declared the CIO union outlaw and which threatened expulsion of these unions from all city central and state labor bodies.

The vote to file the Green letter was unanimous except for Russ Roberts of the Maritime Painters and George Wiese of the Carpenters 2046. These two walked out of the Council as a result of the vote. The resolution Green's letter declared "null and void" was unanimously adopted.

The resolution reads:

WHEREAS: A united labor movement is most essential at the present time, in order to facilitate the task of organizing the unorganized of this country, and

WHEREAS: The employers of this country are united as never before in order to crush the trade unions, and

WHEREAS: Any hint, threat, or actual move to expel any trade union group from any American Federation of Labor body would only serve to divide the ranks of organized labor, and

WHEREAS: Both threats and actual moves to expel CIO locals from AFL bodies have been made by the Executive Council, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this council calls on William Green and the AFL Executive Council to rescind all letters it has sent out, which declare the CIO unions as dual unions, or which hint at or actually call for expulsion of the CIO unions.

Wiese, Carpenters Business Agent, announced that his union would leave the council.

Ash Panishment of Vigilante Head

SACRAMENTO—The American Civil Liberties Union has asked that disciplinary action be taken against Capt. Jack Schryver of the Sonora County unit of the state highway patrol for his participation in the tar and feather vigilante mob which kidnaped three progressives in Santa Rosa in August, 1935.

"Why, the Dirty Communist!"

CIO SIGNS UP BIG ELECTRIC, STEEL CORPS.

Takes First Steps In Organizing Rubber Industry, L.A.

Appointment of Frank C. Sykes to succeed Thomas C. Shumate as police commissioner was the appointment of a member of the state board of prison directors, whose record has been anti-labor consistently. Shumate, who admitted his financial indebtedness to Pete McDonough, bail broker, resigned when the Atherton report made things too hot for him.

SAN FRANCISCO—Shades of Boss Tweed and the Tammany Hall graft scandal of the last century settled around San Francisco's City Hall last Tuesday, enveloping Mayor Rossi, Police Chief Quinn, Police Commissioners Roche and Shumate, and also the "power behind the throne," McDonough Bros., bail bond brokers.

It was last Tuesday that Edwin N. Atherton, chief police graft investigator, deposited his report on the investigation of graft in San Francisco with the District Attorney Matt Brady and the grand jury.

More Indictments

Amid paragraph after paragraph of the report describing the ramifications of graft, estimated to run beyond $1,000,000 a year, and also the attempts made by Quinn, the Police Commission and Rossi to stifle the investigation, labor fixed its eyes on one particular paragraph

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URGE CAL FARM LABOR CHARTER

Cal. AFL Executive Board Meets Saturday and Sunday

SAN MATEO—With the executive board of the State Federation meeting next Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, to consider a state agricultural charter, the San Mateo County Central Labor Council has endorsed a resolution urging the executive board to grant a state charter.

The council urged it be based on the program adopted by the recent state agricultural conference.

The San Mateo Labor Council also urged the state federation to adequately finance the drive to organize agriculture.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

The nation-wide wave for higher wages, and an expression of the great desire of the unorganized to organize, continued strong as the WESTERN WORKER went to press.

In Detroit the court injunction ordering Chrysler auto strikers to withdraw from the plant found not a man or woman budging from behind the barricades the strikers had thrown up against the plant gates.

40 Detroit Strikes

Detroit has 40 strikes on at the present moment. They affect auto plants, lumber companies, tobacco factories, stores, teamsters, and laundries.

Over 60,000 are on strike in Chrysler, 10,000 in Hudson auto, 2200 in Reo auto.

Emeryville, in Alameda County, had its first sitdown with 40 workers of the Spirella Corset Co. holding the plant. 55 are women. The strikers whiled away the time by dancing, singing, playing the radio. The

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NEVADA COUNTY VIGILANTES QUIT AFTER PROTEST

Business Men Force Them To Dissolve Committee

GRASS VALLEY.—The protests of business men of Nevada County has forced the disbanding of the vigilante Committee of 5000 which was formed to terrorize the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union in their drive to organize 2000 gold miners. The CIO has 1000 already organized.

The vigilante committee was organized at a recent midnight meeting. It has been dissolved by a vote of its executive committee.

The business men demanded dissolution of the vigilantes, stating that its activity was hurting their business.

Loyle Freeman, president of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, said "the executive committee had no right to dissolve the committee." They intended to call another vigilante mass meeting.

Paris Commune Mass Meeting in S.F. Park

SAN FRANCISCO—Under International Labor Defense Auspices, the Paris Commune commemoration mass meeting will be held in Jefferson Park at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday.

Complete the Press Drive!

Los Angeles Aims at Quota in Big Frolic

LOS ANGELES—To complete the quota of $5,000 accepted by Los Angeles County in the Western and Daily Worker Press Fund Drive, a "March Frolic and Dance" will be given by the Workers' Press Conference at the Sons of Herman Hall, 120 East 25th Street, Saturday, March 27.

With the amount raised by Los Angeles only $3,200 so far, an additional $1,800 must be raised by the end of the drive which is April 3rd. Only three sections in the county that have gone over their quotas are Centinella Valley, Harbor, and Hollywood.

Planning to surpass all other dances and parties that have been given throughout the Drive, the Workers' Press Conference assures every one that at the March 27th "Frolic," he will have a "swell time, at a swell place, to swell the Workers' Press Fund."

The admission will be 35c.

Teamsters Fight Frameup In Yuba

MARYSVILLE. — Teamsters Union leaders of Yuba County have demanded a jury trial, in fighting a frameup attempt against them.

J. A. Landerman, Teamsters business agent, and T. P. Rose, president, have been held guilty to assaulting Merle Douglas, a non-union driver, and have posted $200 bail bond each.

BAY AREA MARITIME COUNCIL, COOKS' UNION ASK GUILD TO PROBE TROTZKYITE B. MAYES

Have Proof He Sabotaged King-Ramsey-Conner Defense; He Made Statements Derogatory To Defense Committee

SAN FRANCISCO—Because the Trotzkyite Barney Mayes, former editor of the Voice of the Federation (organ of the Maritime Federation) has sabotaged the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense, the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union and the Bay Area Council of the Maritime Federation have both passed resolutions calling on the Northern California Newspaper Guild to conduct an investigation of Mayes.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS: Barney Mayes, a member of the Northern California Newspaper Guild, on February 28, 1937, at a public meeting made statements deprecatory to the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, which has been endorsed by the California State Federation of Labor and by organized labor as a whole; and

WHEREAS: As editor of the Voice of the Federation, said Barney Mayes not only failed to cooperate in the campaign to free these men, but definitely attempted to sabotage said campaign; and

Commttee Has Proof

WHEREAS: The King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee is prepared to furnish evidence to support these charges; and

WHEREAS: During the period said Barney Mayes has been a member of the Northern California Newspaper Guild he has been accused in resolutions passed by maritime unions of activities detrimental to the interests of organized labor; and

WHEREAS: The interests of the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee are identical with those of organized labor and therefore with those of the Northern California Newspaper Guild; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee requests the Northern California Newspaper Guild to conduct an investigation of said Barney Mayes, not only for its own sake, but for the sake of this committee and organized labor as a whole; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the local unions of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and to the four District Councils of the Federation, and that concurrence in this resolution is hereby requested.

The Northern California Newspaper Guild has appointed an investigation committee, it is reported.

SENATORS OF 2 PARTIES SHOW HATE OF LABOR

Hiram Johnson Joins Democrats, Attack Sitdowns

WASHINGTON — Republican and Democratic Senators alike ganged up on the trade union movement and condemned sitdown strikes.

Democratic Senate leader Robinson, of Arkansas, stated that sitdown strikes are "manifestly unlawful."

A Lesson for Labor

Senator Hiram Johnson of California called the sit-down strike "the most ominous thing in our national economic life."

Senator King of Utah, a Democrat, took the occasion not only to attack sitdowns, but also the CIO.

It was a clear lesson to organized labor on the need for having its own Farmer-Labor Party senators.

Labor Board Says Not for Co. Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Labor Relations Board has denied the truth of any implications that it had in any way approved or encouraged the formation of the company union Offshore Licensed Officers' Assn. The latter was formed by Capt. Emil Topp, a former naval lieutenant commander.

A statement by board member Donald W. Smith said:

"About the middle of February it was brought to the attention of the National Labor Relations Board that Capt. Emil Topp had addressed letters to officers of offshore vessels, steamship operators and various trade associations in which he unwarrantedly made it appear the NLRB had indicated its intention to recognize an organization known as the Offshore Licensed Officers' Association.

"As the board suspected there was no basis in fact or otherwise for these statements, on Feb. 18, the board, through its chairman, J. Warren Madden, addressed a communication to Capt. Todd, directing his attention to these misleading statements and asking for a prompt explanation of whatever basis he may have had for such statements."

Labor Hits Pettis For State Post

SACRAMENTO — Representatives of Organized Labor have organized in protest against the proposed appointment of John A. Pettis as chief assistant and legal adviser to State Labor Commissioner Nolan.

Nolan asked the Industrial Accident Commission to name Pettis despite the fact that the latter was for years an anti-labor lobbyist.

Victory Banquet, Dance, In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party will entertain with a victory banquet and dance Saturday evening at 121 Haight Street, celebrating the conclusion of its drive for $3000 in the Western and Daily Worker campaign.

The banquet will serve as a farewell to Friedman, whose activity in the drive brought him a trip to the Soviet Union, which will take him to the Red Square for May Day.

Prizes will be awarded to units, sections and branches whose work in the drive was outstanding. Admission to dinner and dance will be 50 cents; to the dance alone, 25 cents. Dinner starts at 6 p. m., the dance at 9 p. m.

Spain Govt. Halts Big Fascist Drive

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lery and air forces began a withering barrage behind the Fascist lines in the Fascist-held towns of Brihuego and Siguenza.

Italian Retreat

General Miaja spent an entire day in the Guadalajara sector. Loyalist soldiers reported that Italian troops were definitely falling back and that Government planes had killed at least 1000 Italians.

Attacking the Fascists from a new direction, government troops captured the town of Moranchel, in the mountains 28 miles northeast of Guadalajara.

The Fascists' "big push" had centered in the heavy concentration moving from the Northeast toward the capital. Loyalists not only have met and stopped this attack, but have taken the offensive in the Cordoba province, necessitating the reinforcement of Moorish troops in this vicinity by an additional 8000 Italian troops.

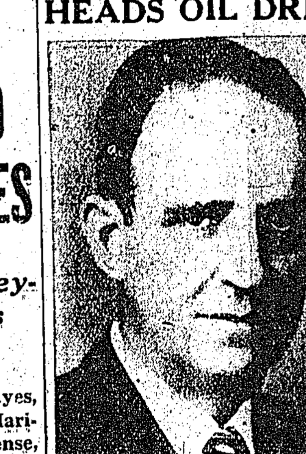
An earlier report that the city of Cordoba was captured by Loyalists was not confirmed by later dispatches which said that the Loyalist offensive is still in the Northern part of Cordoba province, with the Italian reinforcements now attempting a new counter-attack.

Richmond People's Lobby Meet, Apr. 3

RICHMOND.—To carry on the campaign for labor and other important progressive legislation, the newly-formed Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference will hold a mass meeting here, at Lincoln School on April 3. The mass meeting was postponed from March 19.

The Contra Costa County People's Legislative Conference was born out of a recent conference in which many of the trade unions in the county participated.

HEADS OIL DRIVE



CHARLES P. HOWARD, president of the Intl. Typographical Union, who will be chairman of the CIO Oil Workers' Organizing Committee.

C. COSTA FLAYS SIT - DOWN BILL

Demands Its Legislators Vote Against It

RODEO — Both Oil Workers Local 326 and the Contra Costa Central Labor Council have gone on record in sharp opposition to the Welch sitdown bill, which would make sitdown strikes a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

The Welch bill, now before the legislature, is tricky in that by making sitdowns a misdemeanor, it legally establishes the sitdown strike as a crime. The Contra Costa unions pointed this out in their resolutions and stated that they do not regard sitdowns as any sort of crime.

The Council calls on Senator De Lap and Assemblyman Suwallisch to vote against the bill.

2000 L.A. Cleaners May Strike Apr. 1

LOS ANGELES — More than 2000 Los Angeles union cleaners and dyers may strike April 1 unless demands for a 20 per cent wage increase and a 40-hour week are granted.

The latter demands are included among terms the union proposes for the new agreement. Elimination of "chop sueying," or the practice of shops bringing garments to cleaning plants rather than sending them by union truck drivers is also demanded.

Recognition of the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union by individual shops is another demand.

Alameda Co. Hits Trotzky Fascists

Resolution passed at Alameda County Convention of the Communist Party, Feb. 28th, 1937.

WHEREAS: The Trotzkyites in the Soviet Union have been the spearhead of counter-revolutionary activities, resorting to murder, sabotage, espionage, and treasonable plots with the Fascist enemy for dismembering the Soviet Union and destroying its Socialist victories, and have confessed their acts when confronted with the damning evidence of their guilt; and

Bring Dissension

WHEREAS, The Trotzkyites in every land are taking their logical place alongside the most reactionary forces, working to disrupt the broad movement of the people against Fascism and war, seeking by their mock-revolutionary words to confuse the forces of democracy, progress and peace, and

WHEREAS, in the United States the Trotzkyites, under various disguises, are working to bring dissension and ruin into the great organiational drive in the mass production industries, and to disrupt the emerging Farmer-Labor Party movement, thus playing into the hands of the most reactionary groups in America; and

WHEREAS, In California and in the East Bay the Trotzkyites completely dominate and boss the Socialist Party, and create constant disruption in certain Workers' Alliance locals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Convention of the Communist Party of Alameda County, held this 28th day of February, 1937, go on record as denouncing and condemning the Trotzkyites, under whatever name they may try to hide, as dangerous enemies of the working class and the people; enemies with whom no compromise is possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we undertake as a revolutionary duty to expose all the treacherous, disruptive activities of these Trotzkyites, so that the workers will recognize them as traitors and agents of Fascism and will drive them from all contact with the labor movement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our hearty approval and support of the trials and the sentences by which working class justice disposed of the Trotzkyite terrorists in the Soviet Union.

SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE AGAIN ON IN FRESNO

Poor Farmers Get Little or No Compensation

FRESNO.—Poor farmers are aroused as local authorities have again begun seizing cattle for slaughter, under Fresno County's bovine tuberculosis control ordinance.

No Repayment

The poor farmers do not object to destruction of tubercular cattle, but they have had a long standing grievance of cattle being destroyed even when not diseased. And the poor farmers are either not compensated at all or very poorly repaid for slaughtered cattle.

Twenty-seven head of cattle and two calves were seized by the county Deputy Sheriff from dairy farmer P. V. Lawrence. Lawrence had first ordered the deputy's party off his farm.

Farmers allege that the tests being made by state and federal authorities are not true or accurate and are not considered infallible.

Mayor Rossi Must Go As SF Mayor!

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in order to carry on their election campaigns.

In face of the evidence presented, we have no assurances that any part of our municipal administration has been kept free of graft to serve the interests of the people honestly. And the growth and development of this vicious system must be laid directly at the doors of the responsible head of our city—Mayor Rossi—under whose very eyes and with whose doubtless connivance, it has increased to even greater proportions! Specific mention has been made in the Atherton report, in fact, pointing to the manner in which Mayor Rossi completely ignored, and even hindered, the investigation.

Citizens of San Francisco must take determined action to purge this city of graft and bribery, to rid it of the shame that a rotten administration has brought.

The resignation of Mayor Rossi and the long-corrupted Police Commission is an immediate and essential condition!

In the event that the Mayor's resignation is not forthcoming, we call upon the people to exercise their constitutional right of recall to oust him from his position!

We call upon the California State Assembly to set up an Assembly Investigating Committee, similar to the Committee organized to make a thorough report of the Modesto Case in Stanislaus County, which will not include any Assemblymen from San Francisco, and which will have complete power to uncover all facts relative to the graft and bribery existing in San Francisco County!

We call upon every citizen of this city, every organization that is concerned with the principles of good government and civic welfare, to join in a unified movement to cleanse San Francisco of graft, corruption and bribery.

Rossi Must Go!

We call upon the Central Labor Council and organized labor as a whole to take a leading part in such a movement. Labor showed its tremendous power in smashing the Anti-Picketing Ordinance on March 9. Labor can go further by leading a people's movement to rid our city of the blight of a corrupt to the core city administration. Mayor Rossi's anti-labor record is well known. A record of this nature goes hand in hand with graft and corruption—a bitter lesson learned by the American people in its history.

Rossi Must Go—demand his immediate resignation!

Flood the State Assembly with demands for the immediate setup of an Assembly Investigating Committee. Rid our city of graft and corruption. Build a Farmer Labor Party as the best guarantee for clean and honest city government.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

New Trial of ILD Attorney Arrested At Douglas Plant

SANTA MONICA—Arrested at the Douglas Aircraft plant and jailed on charges of "resisting an officer," Henry Eaton, International Labor Defense field organizer, won a victory in his trial, when his jury disagreed 11-1 for acquittal.

Defending himself, Eaton immediately asked for a complete dismissal, but the prosecuting attorney, prompted by reactionary forces to continue the attack against labor and its friends, insisted upon a new trial. Date set for the new trial is March 25th.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

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strike is led by the Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The strike of 200 Durkee Famous Food workers in Berkeley has been ended with an agreement as to recognition of Federal Union 20218.

In Chicago 2500 marching taxi strikers battled police who attacked them.

In New Jersey, 900 Lewis Cigar workers are on a sitdown strike at Newark and 150 Pacific Slipper workers are on a sitdown at Passaic.

Colorado's first sitdown came with a strike of 125 National Broom Co. workers for a 25 per cent wage increase.

Officials of the California Packing Co. and of the Warehousemen's Union were considering the union's proposed peace plan in Oakland.

Printers on all three Minneapolis, Ind., papers have struck for wage increases.

Sen. Swing Wants Gift to Standard

SACRAMENTO — The state-owned oil pool at Huntington Beach, valued at more than $5,000,000, would be turned over to Standard Oil Co. for 16 2-3 per cent royalties, approximately $833,000, under a proposal in the State Senate by Senator Ralph Swing.

Senator Culbert L. Olson proposed a 30 per cent minimum royalty if private companies were to be permitted to exploit the oil pool. This would amount to approximately $1,500,000.

It has also been proposed that the state itself exploit the pool, taking 100 per cent royalties.

Profits Up, But Not Jobs

Despite big increases in profits, the California unemployment problem is almost as bad today as it was two years ago, Relief Administrator Harold E. Pomeroy told the Senate Finance Committee.

Invitation to C.P. Members

SAN FRANCISCO—Anti-imperialists are recognizing the Communist Party as an ally.

Here is a copy of a letter with the letter head "Junta Patriotica Bi-Partidarista, Pro-Arguello-Espinoza R., 56 Sharon Street, San Francisco" The organization is fighting American Imperialist domination of Nicaragua and its puppet government.

Secretary of the Communist Party
121 Haight St.
San Francisco,

Dear Sir:

You, and the members of your organization as well as your personal friends, are cordially invited to attend the anti-Fascist Meeting at Building Temple, 505 Fourteenth St. (Corner of Guerrero) on Sunday, March 21, at 8 p.m.

This will be the first of a series of meetings in the campaign against the advance of world Fascism. We are all interested in bringing true democracy to the people of America, and we count on your warm cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,
CRUZ R. MIRANDA,
Secretary.

Verdict in Trial Hailed, Pasadena

Resolution unanimously adopted at open membership meeting of Pasadena section, Communist Party, Los Angeles County, Feb. 14, 1937.

We, fifty members of the Pasadena California Section of the Communist Party, U.S.A., send warmest proletarian greetings to the people of the Soviet Union, hand hail the verdict of the people's court in dendemning the murderous plotters who sought to endanger and destroy the success of socialism in the Soviet Union.

Pasadena Section, C.P., USA

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Rossi-Quinn Machine Deeply Involved By Atherton

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which particularly needs more facts and details:

"The (Maritime) strike had an increasingly damaging effect on the investigation from the time it first began to threaten seriously . . . Its major reactions were twofold. It made the investigation unpopular with business and industry. They considered that their interests required them to maintain favor with the Police Department by manifesting disapproval of any activity which might have a disturbing effect on police personnel."

Atherton's report stated the strike provided a "convenient refuge" for the Police Commission and Quinn, enabling them to "quibble, delay and deny certain vital requests with the explanation that compliance would be detrimental to the morale of the department."

Employers Involved

Waterfront workers, in particular, were quick to draw the conclusion that this paragraph related to refusal of police to take action against the Lee Holman gang of thugs and strikebreakers, which was financed by the Industrial Assn.

It was also remembered that the Industrial Assn. made a "gift" of $10,000 worth of teargas to the Police Department last summer, and that Rossi spoke for the Waterfront Employers in a national broadcast during the strike.

Progressive forces also sought further amplification of the following paragraph in Atherton's report:

How SF Officials Elected

"Reference was made to 'special assessments.' During local political campaigns the Police Department was an organized and powerful electioneering force. Members of the department were not only responsible for many thousands of votes for the favored candidates and measures, but they aided materially in raising campaign funds. Proprietors of illegel businesses were canvassed and informed that contributions were expected. In many cases the amount of the contribution was arbitrarily fixed and the proprietors paid it as a special item separate and apart from their regular tribute."

Shumate Breaks Down

Police Commissioner Shumate, who gives medical treatment to local prostitutes, declared Atherton, finally admitted being indebted to Peter P. McDonough, bail broker, to the tune of $20,000 but said it was "only a bookkeeping transaction."

All principals named in the graft report, issued denials. McDonough said he was going to consult his attorney, State Senator McGovern, and remarked: "He's accusing Mayor Rossi, Theodore Roche and Dr. Shumate. He will be naming the President of the United States next."

Mayor Rossi asked Atherton to produce proof of his charges, and commented on the prober's "solution" to the graft situation that of legalizing prostitution and gambling, as follows:

How About Illegal Vice?

"I have no intention of conducting a hearing with respect to the policy of my administration respecting vice. As long as I am Mayor there will be no legalization of prostitution or any form of vice in San Francisco, and certainly no arrangement will ever be sanctioned by me through which this great city will derive revenue from prostitution or gambling."

Rossi did not comment about illegal prostitution and vice.

Atherton's report summarized the extent of graft in San Francisco, as follows:

Million Dollar Payoffs

Payoffs of at least $324,000 a year on 135 houses of prostitution; payoff of at least $60,000 on "call houses" of prostitution; at least $10,000 to $20,000 on streetwalkers; at least $180,000 on bookmaking joints; "petty graft" on slot-machines and pinball games, unestimated (at least one slot-machine place in San Francisco pays off $100 a week for protection—Ed.); lotteries, unestimated graft; public gambling houses, unestimated graft; illicit liquor, illegal abortions, receiving of stolen goods, car-towing racket—all unestimated as to amount of payoffs.

Atherton declared: "Computed conservatively, the only conclusion to be reached is that it approximated, if it did not exceed one million dollars a year (in payoffs)."

The investigator said the graft probe was impeded and hamstrung in many ways. First, it was difficult to get graft payers to talk, due to fear. Second, Chief Quinn ruled that police officers did not have to submit to questioning, and was upheld by Mayor Rossi.

Rossi Put on Spot

Chief responsibility was placed upon Rossi in the report:

"In making the statement that this investigation was not supported by certain public officials, I had Mayor Rossi in mind, among others. His attitude appears to have been that because he approved the appropriations (to carry on the probe) his responsibility ended. I do not agree. As the chief executive of the city, with direct appointive power over the commissioners, who control the Police Department, he is ultimately responsible for conditions in the department."

But They Do Nothing For The Hungry

LOS ANGELES. — Not content that hundreds of people have been thrown upon the streets without food or lodging by arbitrary relief agency rulings, the City Council, Monday, March 15, declared that begging in residential areas would be illegal.

Already it is illegal to beg in the business section of the city. Thus the new ruling makes it a legal offense to beg anywhere within the city.

Patting itself on the back because it had taken a step toward "stamping out crime," the City Council made no alternative for the needy and starving persons who are reduced to begging.

TRIAL VERDICT IS HAILED IN LONG BEACH

Long Beach—In adopting a two months' plan of work for the Communist Party in Long Beach, the assembled membership of the Units E1 and E10 express their complete agreement with the line of the Party and their complete confidence in the Party leadership.

The resolute action of the Soviet Government in stamping out the Trotzkyite vipers before their bite could weaken the international working class, is applauded by this conference.

We who are struggling for unemployment relief, for the right to organize and picket, for higher wages and shorter hours, for the retention and expansion of our democratic rights, for the right to be free from the nightmare of another imperialist war, know from long experience what strength and fortitude come from the knowledge that the international working class has a Socialist Fatherland. Only madmen or downright counter-revolutionaries can maintain that the defeat of the Soviet Union would benefit the international proletariat. We know that such a defeat would be a terrible blow to the workers of the whole world. And it would usher in a period of reaction which would out-do the horrors of Hitler Germany.

The Soviet beacon light must never be put out, to leave the working class once more floundering in a sea of capitalist darkness. We pledge ourselves to build a revolutionary movement in Long Beach which will serve the interests of the working class on every front of their struggle and which will be free of Trotzkyites — people who, while holding up false slogans of revolution, stab the working class in the heart.

SF Labor Approves Fight of Teachers

SAN FRANCISCO—Following demands of the Central Labor Council and other progressive groups, Proposition No. 1 on the March 9 ballot may be submitted to the people at a special election next month, it was indicated in the Board of Supervisors' special Hetch Hetchy power committee.

Passage of the proposition, a charter amendment calling for the city to take over power sale and distribution now illegally conducted by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., is necessary in order for the city to comply with the federal Raker Act. The proposition lost by a narrow margin on March 9.

Machinists Win Recognition in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The International Association of Machinists, AFL, won recognition of the union as exclusive collective bargaining agency from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

PHILADELPHIA — Electric Storage Battery Co. workers, who recently won a sitdown strike, have voted to affiliate with the CIO United Electric and Radio Workers' Union.

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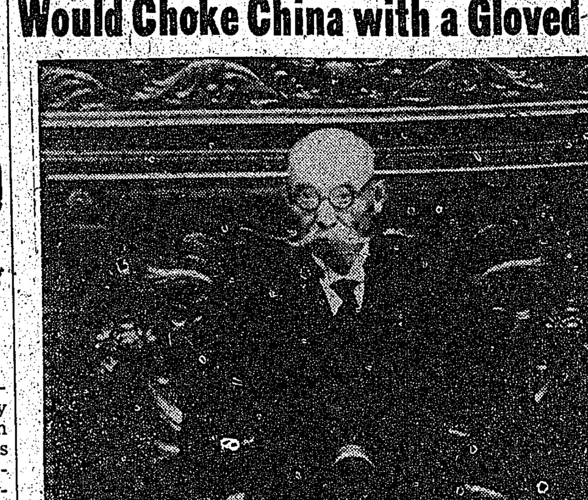

GENERAL SENJURI HAYASHI, new Japanese premier, who says his government has no territorial ambitions in China—not much. What has happened is that growing unity of Chinese people has scared Japanese militarists, who are talking of choking China with the gloved hand rather than mauling her with the mailed fist.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

Newspapers play a big part in the class war. "The Los Angeles Citizen" under the editorship of Stanley B. Wilson and controlled by a board of labor leaders, devoted its sixteen pages to the Los Angeles battles of Labor with the Baker and other iron works.

The Machinists Union was a militant organization and members from its ranks went to prison from the Los Angeles District for the part they took in the struggle.

Stanley B. Wilson

Stanley B. Wilson, who died this last January, was well liked as a man among men. He was poet and scholar and always in demand as an orator. As an editor he was able and produced a paper that was filled with militant material.

It was his bent to print the side of Labor in the struggle. He delighted in striking hard blows against Labor's enemies. He sought out writers who could say it with hard knocks. He knew, the most revolutionary poems, from the pens of the best poets, and quoted these in his paper and to the audiences before whom he spoke.

The Citizen was a good labor paper, at the start of a struggle, but a weak Labor Paper at the close, for Stanley B. Wilson was the kind that surrendered. As an associate editor would steam up and say something to the point Stanley would say, "that's good," and proceed to print it, but this often got a comeback from the one or many whom it hit, and the associate suffered for his efforts even to being fired.

During the early stages of the Harriman campaign for Mayor, I was one of these associate editors. I wrote an editorial about the compromise campaign being carried on by the Harriman forces and I headed my article, "They have taken down the Red Flag of Socialism and put a Yellow Streak in it."

This Stanley B. applauded, but three weeks later enough pressure had been brought to bear that I lost my job.

During the time that I was on the Citizen we published enough about the MacNamara case to fill a large volume. What we published was fact as based on history.

It was my duty to find out about frameups. This I did, going to French, German and English history I found aplenty.

In the beginning days of capitalism the landowning and the capitalists framed one labor group after the other and border lines did not count, for the conspiracies reached into the police circles internationally all during the 18th century.

The Haymarket case and the Eight-Hour battle in the eighties, was thoroughly gone into, and Governor Altgeld's "Why I Pardoned the Anarchists" played a big part in our approach.

I recounted a case wherein I was close up. It was a frame up against the "Non-Conformist Farmers' Alliance", official organ in Winfield, Kansas, back at the same time as the Haymarket frameup in Chicago. The editors were accused of attempting to bring dynamite into Winfield to blow up the Courier, Republican paper. In this case the evidence was so clear against the framers that they turned tail and ran for cover. It involved the highest authorities in the State, right up to the Governor.

An old reporter on the Citizen showed the structure of the Times Building and its interior as a veritable fire trip. "Accumulated dust from ink and oil barrels was similar to the mine dust that causes such terrific explosions. The little hole in the pavement outside the Times door, where the explosion took place, was not enough to cause the damage done. The explosion that killed the twenty-one workers was not a dynamite explosion."

I still think he was right and that the old firetrap was the main thing so far as actual physical cause figures in the case. It was condemned. The Times was planning on moving at the time.

The circulation of the Citizen leaped up and extended all over the world. We were handicapped with its size and although I urged a reduction in size for outside-states the bookkeeper could not see it.

(To Be Continued)

MALRAUX TO SPEAK TUES., LOS ANGELES

Will Tell of Struggle In Spain in Which He Participated

LOS ANGELES—Andre Malraux, Commander of the International Air Squadron of the Loyalist government will personally speak at the Shrine Auditorium on Tuesday, March 23, in conjunction with the showing of the first authentic film from the Spanish front, "Spain in Flames."

The author of "Man's Fate" has served with the government forces since the first days of the invasion.

The film is contemporary history itself, a document made for the most part while the headlines are flinging the news of history in the making around the world.

Documented History

Here before your eyes are the masses of men, women and children who may at this moment still be fighting for their lives where the cameramen left them. Here is history of today documented with actual scenes from film libraries of the events now transpiring. "Actors" in the film include King Alphonse, Lerroux, President Asana, Gonzales Pena, Dolores Ibarruri (La Passionaria), Jose Diaz, secretary of the Communist Party of Spain.

The film was screened by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, whose executive board consists of Donald Ogden Stewart, Franchot Tone, Lewis Milestone, Herbert Biberman, Dudley Nichols, George Gershwin, Samson Raphaelson, Humphrey Cobb, Florence Eldridge, and Madeleine Ruthven.

$500,000 U. S. SPAIN MEDICAL CENTER, PLAN

Second Unit of U. S. Medical Mission Sets Sail

NEW YORK.—A $500,000 American medical center will rise in loyalist Spain!

The action of Secretary of State Hull in permitting American medical personnel to sail for Spain, after thousands of protests were made against his previous ruling which refused them passports, makes the great project of mercy possible.

The generosity of democracy-loving Americans will make it a living reality. There will be a pediatric unit with material sufficient for immunization of 50,000 children against diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid; an American Institute for Anesthesia & Pain Relief, with sufficient anesthesia material to serve all needs in Spanish government areas and an American Institute of Child Care to care for orphans and repatriate child refugees.

Second Unit Sails

The second unit of the American medical mission—two surgeons, seven nurses, two ambulance drivers, four ambulances and 10 tons of medical supplies—was scheduled to sail March 18 on the Normandie.

The announcement was made by Dr. William J. Crookston, general secretary of the Medical Bureau, American Friends of Spanish Democracy, 20 Vesey St., New York City. He was colonel and chief surgeon in the 28th Division, AEF, and headed the American Red Cross mission in Hungary in 1915.

Newton D. Baker Hits Trotzky's Fascist Plotting

CHICAGO—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Woodrow Wilson, told the fourth annual Women's Congress here that Leon Trotzky had plotted against world peace with the Fascist nations.

Baker charged Trotzky with plotting with Hitler and the Japanese militarists, hoping they would defeat the Soviet Union and return him to power.

From the same platform U. S. Senator Gerald P. Nye offered an eight-point peace program which called for: increased education on causes of war, dramatization and celebration of peace, confining armament programs to requirements for repulsing aggressors, ending war profits, destruction of profit which promotes armament races, enactment of a constitutional amendment providing referenda on wars, provision for property conscription and strong neutrality legislation.

Davies Applauds Soviet Industry

MOSCOW — "It's amazing what has been done."

So said U. S. Ambassador Joseph E. Davies at the conclusion of a 1250-mile tour in which he surveyed the industrial progress of the Soviet Union.

WASHINGTON SITDOWN

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"Every Donation A Nail In The Coffin of Franco"

LOS ANGELES. — With the slogan "Every Contribution is a Nail in Franco's Coffin," a benefit dance to aid Spanish Democracy will be given Saturday, March 20, in the Cultural Center, 230 South Spring St. A contribution of 25c is the price of admission.

Chief features on the evening's program will be a Spanish floor-show with a good orchestra, and refreshments. The dance is to be given under the auspices of the Cultural Center Dance Club.

L. A. FIGHT ON TROTZKYITES IS PLEDGED

Membership Meeting Hears of Their Disruption

LOS ANGELES.—In expression of their determination to carry on ceaseless warfare against counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism, more than one thousand persons, in attendance at a special General Membership meeting of the Communist Party of Los Angeles County, March 13, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"A General Membership Meeting of the Communist Party of Los Angeles County, after hearing a report on the counter-revolutionary role of Trotzkyism resolves:

Wing of Fascism

"We hail the just verdict of proletarian justice against the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyite 'Parallel Center'. In the trial, Trotzkyism was definitely exposed as a wing of Fascism. We must fight Trotzkyism wherever it appears in order to defeat Fascism and enable the working class, unhampered, to continue its struggle for its every day needs as part of the struggle for power.

"We declare that the outcome of the trial, proves the strength of the Soviet Union and its vigilance and ability to beat back any attempt to destroy or weaken the building of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

"We greet the beloved leader of the Soviet masses, the Communist Party, of the Soviet Union, and the leader of the world proletariat, Comrade Stalin, whose Marxist-Leninist leadership brought the Soviet Union to its splendid victories in Socialist construction.

Disruption in L.A.

"In the city of Los Angeles the splitting tactics and the counter-revolutionary line of fascist-Trotzkyism is to be observed in every field of activity, in the Trade Unions, etc.

"We pledge to carry out the line of our Central Committee in the struggle against Trotzkyism in this city—to drive them out of the labor movement—which will guarantee preserving the unity and militancy of the Labor movement."

Betty Gannett, Los Angeles County organizer, addressed the meeting—forcefully pointing out the vicious and murderous work of the Trotzkyite traitors in the Soviet Union, condemning their acts of sabotage and disruption in the Spanish people's glorious fight for freedom and democracy.

Exposing the work of the Trotzkyites in Southern California—in agriculture where they have done all they could to frustrate any attempt of the workers to organize, in the Douglas strike where they launched constant attacks against the AFL, alienating the CIO forces and working towards a split rather than toward unity, Comrade Gannett declared.

"We must take up the task of ousting the Trotzkyites from the labor movement, from the Socialist Party, to make possible the effective building of a People's Front."

GEN'L STRIKE IN FRANCE TO HIT FASCISTS

Blum Scored For Use Of Mobile Guard In Clichy

PARIS—Two million workers in the Paris region completely stopped the city's activity in a solid general strike which emphatically answered the Fascist provocations in Clichy a few days ago.

Five persons were killed and more than five hundred injured when the government Mobile guards fired on Socialist and Communist demonstrators who had gathered in Clichy to protest a mobilization by the Fascist "Social Party" of the renegade Jacques Doriot.

The action of Premier Leon Blum in permitting the Mobile Guards to be used against the anti-Fascist demonstrators is the outcome of a long series of concessions which Blum has been making to rightists, including the "neutrality" which handicaps the French people in giving aid to the legal government of Spain.

Comfort to Fascists

Rightist hopes immediately arose that Blum would use the occasion to break with the Communists in his cabinet.

The demonstration Friday, in which French workers and all democratic people of France are expected to demonstrate their demand for unity and opposition to Fascism in no uncertain terms, will have a part in forcing the Blum cabinet to lift its ban on political demonstrations and to act against the Fascist provocateurs.

Soviets to Observe Pact Only If Fascists Observe It

LONDON—The Soviet Union welcomes the decision for the international patrol for non-intervention in Spain, but will consider itself bound to observe the decisions of the non-intervention committee only to the extent that all other member countries observe it.

This stand of the Soviet government was stated to the International Non-Intervention Committee here by Ivan Maisky, Soviet representative.

'May Be a Fake'

S. F. News Used It

Spain 'Atrocity'

SAN FRANCISCO—"We also think it may be a fake."

So the secretary of the city editor of the San Francisco News told the Western Worker about an atrocity picture printed in the March 15th issue.

"Chained to His Gun—A Tragedy of War," said the caption over the picture, and underneath was an explanation: "This Spanish Loyalist volunteer was chained to his gun before a battle started. When Rebels captured the machine gun nest they found him dead, still chained to the instrument of death he operated."

But the bearded dead man appeared to have been dead for days, and the picture itself could well have been taken out of a Hearst file of world war vintage.

Despite the admission that it "might be a fake," the News printed the picture. Its source was revealed as the Newspaper Enterprise Association, a syndicated service.

REPORT SEDITION BILL

WASHINGTON — The McCormack sedition bill, bitterly fought by liberals, has been reported without recommendation to the House judiciary committee, by a sub-committee.

ASSEMBLYMEN RAP STATE COP USE IN STRIKES

Bill On Highway Patrol Occasions Sharp Talk

SACRAMENTO.—Liberal Assemblymen were quick to see the catch in a bill on the State Highway Patrol which on the surface looked harmless.

"Emergency" Means Strikes

The measure being considered provides that those applying for positions in the patrol must reside six months before appointment in the county to which they are assigned. The bill also stipulates that highway patrolmen can be transferred from county to county for more than a week only "if an emergency exists."

Liberal assemblymen sought to know whether "emergency" meant strikes. Assemblyman Reeves of San Pedro took the opportunity to blast the use of state highway police in labor disputes, and remarked that they were inclined to be too free in their use of tear gas.

The bill was defeated 42 to 27, but on motion of Assemblyman Garland of Woodlake will come before the house again.

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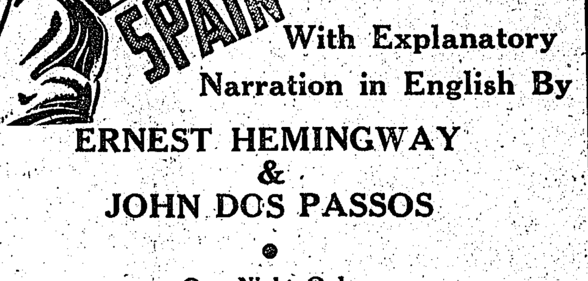

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We Demand Indictments

THE investigating committee of the Building Trades Council of San Francisco has found that the guilt for the murder of 10 workers on the Golden Gate Bridge lies on the shoulders of the officials of the Pacific Bridge Co., who failed to heed warnings that the scaffolding was unsafe, and Chief Engineer Joseph B. Strauss, who **"failed to enforce conditions of the contracts in such manner as to prevent the use of dangerous scaffolding."**

We agree with the recommendations of that committee that the law be amended to give power to the Industrial Accident Commission to stop work when and where it finds unsafe conditions without first having to hold a hearing. **That is good—but what about those guilty for the murder of the ten workers?**

The capitalist press almost daily displays stories of individual murders, where some poor, crazed individuals, either mentally deranged or the victim of powerful emotions, kills one of his fellow-men. The press always demands swift punishment for the murderer.

How about these "respectable" gentlemen, who calmly and cynically allowed 10 men to plunge to death merely because it might have cut in a bit on their profits to stop work and replace the unsafe scaffolding?

Chief Engineer Strauss will receive $1,000,000 for his services, it is reported. **How much will the dependents of the murdered men receive?**

We demand criminal indictments be issued against those responsible for the mass murder! We demand full, life-time compensation for the dependents of the ten murdered men!

A single Sunday issue of the New York Times wipes out 225 acres of timber, that paper boasts. And how many acres of facts?

Seattle Shows the Way

THE ELECTION of Hugh DeLacy to the Seattle City Council by a vote of 50,000 was a defeat for reaction and a significant victory for the Washington Commonwealth Federation. Delacy ran on a straight platform of Labor's Civil Rights, and had previously been expelled from his job as instructor in the University of Washington because of "political activity."

DeLacy was supported in his campaign by all the progressive forces of Seattle, including the Communist Party. The issue on the municipal elections was clear-cut: progress versus reaction.

The forces of reaction, out to defeat DeLacy and other candidates endorsed by labor and progressive forces, received a sound drubbing at the hands of the Seattle people at the polls, when the progressive candidates were voted in.

The victory of these progressives in Seattle shows what can be accomplished by the united political action of labor and progressive forces.

The repeal of San Francisco's anti-picketing ordinance was a significant demonstration in that city of labor's effectiveness. This must be followed up by building similar unity between labor and progressive forces in the November municipal elections. Seattle has shown the way.

A Teachres' College survey shows that high school students know more about medieval Europe than about contemporary U. S .A. They're being taught about the wrong kind of robber barons.

A New "Declaration of Independence"

ALL PROGRESSIVE labor forces hail as a step forward the revised "Declaration of Independence" adopted by the national convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League held at Washington last week.

We fully agree with Labor's Non-Partisan League's statement that **"the primary purpose of independent labor political action is to assist, by every legitimate political means, in the improvement of the wages and working and living conditions of American labor."**

The basis for broadening the League is contained in the declaration that it **"will work with every progressive group whose purpose is to secure enactment of liberal and humanitarian legislation."**

Recognizing the necessity of applying as much pressure as possible from all sections of the country in order to force favorable action on social and labor legislation, the convention decided to launch a campaign to **"extend its organization into every county in the United States in which any substantial number of wage earners are employed."**

Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues in several states have adopted and are pushing for the enactment of a series of progressive legislative measures. These measures are very similar to the list of bills adopted and introduced into the California legislature by the People's Legislative Conference held in Sacramento January 17th.

In California, wherever Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues are organized, they would do well to establish fraternal relationships with the county committees of the People's Legislative Conference. The program of both are in harmony—and cooperation would hasten the process of broadening the movement for independent action of labor and progressive forces in municipal and state elections.

Donald Douglas is still up in the air against the aircraft strikers in Santa Monica, but don't worry—the union will see that he makes a forced landing.

The People Face Grave Issues This May Day

MAL DAY, 1937, has tremendous significance for the American people.

This traditionally American day of demonstrating the unity of the working class and its allies in the struggle for immediate demands finds a number of extremely grave issues facing the people.

Reactionary interests have mustered their forces in a frontal attack against the proposals of President Roosevelt to unpack the Supreme Court. In making and fighting for these proposals, President Roosevelt is carrying out the mandate of the people. The Supreme Court must not be allowed to remain a tool in the hands of the reactionaries to defeat all progressive and labor legislation!

May Day must be used to demonstrate the support of labor and its allies for the proposals to unpack the Supreme Court!

Today labor history is being written across the face of the country in bold, large letters. The CIO forces, with victories in auto and steel to their credit, are in the midst of a huge drive to organize the unorganized in the mass production industries. The CIO forces are fighting not only the open-shoppers, but also the splitting tactics and sabotage of the Executive Council of the AFL. The drive to organize the unorganized is part of the movement to build the Farmer-Labor Party, to defeat reaction and Fascism!

What better occasion than May Day to demonstrate labor's solidarity and the support of the people behind the CIO, against Green's splitting maneuvers, for trade union unity! Demonstrate May Day to make every city and town in America 100 per cent union!

In Spain, the people are fighting heroically, not alone for Spanish democracy, but for world democracy. They are facing the invading armies of Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco's Moors. Their struggle is the grave concern of every anti-Fascist, every progressive, every enemy of war! Spain is the battlefield of the world struggle between democracy and Fascism!

On May Day—the day of international solidarity—the people must demonstrate their support of their heroic Spanish brothers!

MAKE MAY DAY, 1937, THE BROADEST POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF WORKING CLASS UNITY ON THESE THREE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES!

The Los Angeles Citizen, Labor Council organ, referred to the "Alleged strike at Douglas Aircraft" in Santa Monica. Yessir, the alleged strike was allegedly won, and the workers got alleged pay increases with which they can buy more alleged commodities!

"Peace Pacts" As The Fascists See Them

THE PLAN proposed by Italy and Germany for a new Locarno pact is about as far from a peace pact as anything could be. In fact, it is nothing short of a scheme to ensure the security of both Fascist powers while they carry forward their aggressive actions against weaker nations in preparation for the "big push" against the Soviet Union.

It is too much to ask even a gullible world to believe that Italy would ever agree to calling itself an aggressor nation, and so invoke upon herself the joint action of all countries which have mutual assistance pacts with the attacked country. We simply cannot imagine Italy blaming herself for her aggressive acts upon Ethiopia—or for her invasion of the Republic of Spain! Neither can we see Italy designating her Fascist ally, Germany, an aggressor when Hitler gets ready to launch an attack against the Soviet Union on some pretext or other!

The note by Hitler to Britain, almost identical with that submitted by Italy, would designate Italy and Britain as the two powers who are to determine an aggressor country, instead of the Council of the League of Nations. **Both Britain and Italy would have to agree on the aggressor.**

Besides actually paralyzing the mutual assistance pact system which France has set up (its chief aim is to wreck the Franco-Soviet pact), the proposed new Locarno pact would do away for all time with the League of Nations as an instrument of collective security for peace, isolate France, and give Hitler and Mussolini a free hand in Europe—as long as England shares in the spoils.

Says John P. Frey, AFL vice-president: "We are determined to go forward alone in all the mass production industries." ALONE is correct.

The CIO Doesn't Rest On Its Laurels

ONCE AGAIN Secretary of Labor Perkins sends a hurry call for John L. Lewis, as Chrysler auto workers take over nine plants in Detroit area. The CIO Auto Workers' Union strikers always stick solid until their demands are granted.

Some Methods of Building Young Communist League

The Commission on League Building, held at the recent National Commission Meeting of the YCL in Chicago, which combined the problems of organization with those of education, placed its greatest emphasis on the work and life of the branches and units, and on the development of new organizational and educational forms and activities.

It proposed that there be the greatest flexibility and encouragement of experimentation and application of new methods of work in the preparations of the Convention. Some of the proposals of the Commission follow:

Branches and Local Issues

1) In order that Young Communist League branches may become established as constructive factors in the life of their communities and its organizations, the execution of national campaigns must center around the branches themselves and the local issues.

Branches must know every organization, the type of young people within them, the kinds of schools, housing conditions, recreational facilities in their neighborhood. Campaigns on national issues such as that of the American Youth Act, must be taken up by the branches with an eye to the job, vocational and educational problems of the community itself. Concrete action on local conditions should enhance the value of the national and state campaigns.

2) The project form of activity was suggested. Of course, this requires considerable reorganization, but some experiences should be secured before the Convention on this form. According to such a plan of work, the problem of every branch being overloaded with too many activities, mostly of a national and district character, would be eliminated by having groups within a branch, or certain branches in a section, or entire sections whose activity for a given period of time will center on one thing.

The projects should combine within themselves theory with practice. For example, suppose one project was established on Spain. This group would not alone work out means by which to raise aid, set up a broad neighborhood committee, etc., but would also make close and thorough study of the issues involved in Spain and in this manner become rooted in a number of basic Marxist-Leninist questions.

Age Question

3) The age question has long been an important one in the YCL. Since the majority of the 16-18 age group in the YCL are high school students, the organization of a high school section of the League was recommended, and in the pre-Convention discussion this, together with the proposal for a student division of the YCL, should receive careful consideration in all districts. The methods of maintaining a necessary link between the student units and the rest of the League should be kept in mind in working out this proposal.

4) The lack of ceremony or any organizational procedure in admitting new members to the League was criticized. The Boston District recommended one of their experiences, where the branch Executive Committee discussed with all new members, their interests, the reasons they joined the YCL, their personal problems, etc., thus placing them in a position to assimilate new members in branch life and getting the best contributions from the new members.

5) The question of election of leading bodies, especially in the branches, received considerable discussion. The South Side Chicago branch recommended a procedure which proved very successful there. A special class for all prospective branch organizers was arranged. A real election campaign was run. The candidates all made their proposals as to how the branch could improve its work.

Recreational Needs

6) The activity of the YCL in small towns was discussed primarily from the point of view of answering the cultural and recreational needs of the youth in such towns. A primary job is that of remedying the dreariness of existence in many of these towns. Youth centers where dramatics, sports, entertainment of various types can be organized should be established. In certain towns, it will be advisable to form broader youth clubs of a progressive character, but not affiliated to the YCL. This, of course, in addition to building the YCL.

7) A comprehensive plan of activity in three fields, was stressed: dramatics, sports and music. March of Time skits, one-act plays, have been shown to be excellent in brightening up the branch meetings, in explaining current events, and answering the needs of young people who are interested in that type of activity. Similarly, the organization of a chorus, quartets, song sheets distributed at branch meetings, was recommended. Finally, preparations now for soft ball and baseball teams in the Spring time, was strongly recommended. District competition with possible national play-offs were suggested. The National Committee is to issue athletics letters, to be worn by all members of YCL teams.

8) The League should invite professional people, actors, writers, dancers, teachers, doctors and intellectuals for our manifold activities.

9) The need of getting all members of the League paid up to date in dues was brought forward very sharply, especially in view of the fact that representation at the National Convention will be on the basis of dues payments.

10) With regard to work on the problems facing Negro youth, and more attention to recruiting Negro youth into the YCL, the Commission showed the need of concentrating more than before on youth in industry.

In work among Negro youth, education of youth on the history of the Negro people and the contribution of the Negro people to American culture, must occupy a prominent place.

A Message to Friends of Irish Freedom

By VERNON D. HEALEY

The letter from the widow of one of Ireland's illustrious martyrs, Major John MacBride, carries a message of importance to the real friends of Irish freedom.

The startling news conveyed in the letter of Maude Gonne MacBridge fully convinces us of that fact.

Indicts De Valera Govt.

Its contents are an indictment against the De Valera government, that puts previous governments of Ireland in the shade.

Irish men and women of America may find it hard to place De Valera, who has been held in their estimation as one of Ireland's great ledaers, among the worst of Ireland's traitors. Mrs. McBride in her letter says:

"In my fifty years of work for Irish independence I have never been up against such a stone wall of silence, such complete stifling of all Republican expression of thought."

The turn that appears to have taken place in De Valera is not a sudden change in the character of the man himself—nor in the class that he represents.

Years ago they supported separation from England, because by this separation they could vision a stronger hand for themselves to exploit the Irish workers and farmers. The results of a successful revolution if such were possible, therefore, meant to them only a change of masters. Prior to the end of the Black and Tan outrages, when leaders of the Harry Boland type stated that the government of Ireland would be a people's government, panic and fear pierced the hearts of Irish finance.

The Hand of Reaction

As far back as the termination of the Black and Tan war of 1923, when the men of Ireland had England's back to the wall, the hand of reaction began to show itself in leaders of the present day.

The moves by the De Valera government to stifle all Republican expression are not new. They were made when Michael Collins and his colleagues were sent to England in order to prevent the revolution of that time from developing into a revolution of the workers and farmers.

In order to more fully understand the moves that are taking place, we must forget for the time that Ireland is a small island close to her oppressor. Let us picture her as a part of this world, divided into two distinct classes, the workers on the one side and the capitalists on the other. World economics have developed to such a degree that no longer is it possible for one country to set itself aloof from the others, and particularly is this true of colonial countries, and more so again if they are small and weak.

It is well to point out to Irish revolutionists in America the part we must play in this tragic drama of Irish history. It is our responsibility to arouse the Irish masses of workers.

Only by participation of Irish men and women in the world revolutionary struggle, moving toward the abolition of the capitalist system can Ireland march to that goal of freedom so long prayed and wished for by generations of Irishmen. In the words of that great revolutionary leader of 1916, James Connolly, "there cannot be a free Ireland with a subject working class, nor a subject Ireland with a free working class."

Guam People Ask For Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A delegation from Navy-ruled Guam has come to Washington asking congress to live up to a promise made in 1898 when Guam was taken from Spain by the Spanish-American War.

One thing is being asked: American citizenship.

The people of Guam live under the American flag. They are obligated by all responsibilities of allegiance, yet they have no vote whatsoever.

Two bills granting citizenship to the people of Guam are now before congress, yet an effort is being made to shelve both.

Although the island has a legislative assembly, it has little power, and the Navy has assumed virtually complete civil and military power.

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AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party

A Challenge To Labor

THE CHARGES of the National Labor Relations the union-wrecking and vigilante activities of of Salinas during last year's lettuce strike, brings the do-nothing policy of the leadership of the State Labor in regard to agriculture. A labor leaders not face the problem of organizing the most shamefully exploited workers in California must admit bankruptcy and go the way of all labor officials who stood in the way of progress in the American labor movement.

Side by side with the organization of agriculture is the necessity for a genuine struggle in defense of civil liberties and against vigilantism, the greatest threat to Organized Labor. These tasks are a challenge to the whole labor movement, and it is about time that the top officialdom of the State Federation of Labor stopped talking about it, and got down to business, or they will have much to answer for at the next State Federation convention.

For months Vandeleur & Co. have been stalling on this question, because they are obsessed with the fear of the "reds," by which term they designate all the most active militant forces that are doing what they can to organize the agricultural workers. When Vandeleur, Cowan, and West were finally prodded into action, they worked out an ingenious scheme for a "state industrial union," without locals or any means of democratic control by the rank and file, but a bureaucratic apparatus of officials with arbitrary powers.

In such a "safe" set-up, a place was reserved for a handful of discredited Trotzkyite disrupters, on whom Vandeleur depending to carry the brunt of red-baiting demagogy to "weed out" those suspected of being Communists. The Trotzkyites and their press, business engaged in calling the Communists "reactionary," lined up with the reactionary Vandeleur for such a program at the Feb. 28th state convention of agricultural unions.

But it seems that red-baiters are not faring so well in the labor movement recently. Vandeleur found that he had bet on the wrong horse. The agricultural convention delegates refused to be stampeded by red-baiting. The convention was wary of any scheme that would take democracy and autonomy away from the locals and the rank and file.

Any experienced organizer in agriculture knows how much suspicion and distrust has to be broken down among the workers, before an organizing drive can be successful.

Any program which does not take into account the need for full democracy for the rank and file, a certain amount of autonomy for local organizations consistent with the functioning of a state organization, and the need for a low-dues system for these poorly paid workers, is doomed to failure. Organizing agriculture is no soft berth for high salaried officials. It will require the support of the whole labor movement of California. In the same way that the miners and other CIO unions threw all their resources into the organizing drives in the steel and auto industry, so must agriculture be tackled.

If the Executive Board of the State Federation of Labor really desires to do something about organizing the agricultural and cannery workers, now is the time to mobilize the resources of the whole California labor movement for such a drive. The Communists are pledged to be among the most active, loyal supporters of an organizing campaign in agriculture, as they have been in steel and auto. We have no other interest than that of building a strong, united labor movement which can fight for the rights of labor, and which is the most powerful bulwark against the threatening forces of reaction and Fascism. Agriculture is a challenge to the whole California labor movement.

WHITHER THE SAILORS' UNION?

The question of unity in the labor movement issue in every u since the splitt Green and the council against t are threatening t encouraging actio number of Centra cils in California to bar the CIO that the rank and to maintain a movement. This important for the ions, which have ple to the rest movement, since tion of a powerful eration on the Pa Every seaman man realizes tha Maritime Federati never have made vances they did s is the great lesso 37 maritime strike casion to point o of dangers, durin that threatened unity of the Fede solidarity betwee longshoremen.

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OAKLAND — grand theft in liquor graft, Geo man, former judge, was sen months in the put on five years Wednesday. Hicke gave notice of app

Workers' Correspondence Page

Have You Entered Big Prize Contest Yet? — S.F. Seaman Writes on the Maritime Strike

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mittee composed of lineburg, president of , and Carl Beardsley, was elected to visit y Board meeting at seat, Fairfield, and inst the passage of ordinance.

-Worn "Excuse"

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Candy Worker

NCISCO.—The Bak- fectionary Workers Union, No. 24, will s soon as they are etely organized in ndustry, to establish l and operate under shop system. This idered necessary to g and protect the boss-hired reaction-

Sacto. Bee Lies About Alaska Canner Union

SAN FRANCISCO—Due to an article that appeared in the Sacramento Bee, lies that the Alaska Canenry Workers' Union's books were open to take in 250 new member workers, from that city men are coming daily to the offices of the union asking for work.

It is believed by these workers that the anti-union Sacramento Bee put this article in the paper to get the unemployed workers out of that city and off the relief rolls.

The books of the union are closed and will not be open until late in March.

MORE OF WALL ST. HITLERISM

This Time It's "Christian Free Press" In L. A.

By a Worker Correspondent

LA CRESCENTA.—I found in my post office box a copy of "Christian Free Press," addressed simply "Boxholder, Local," indicating they are delivered wholesale to the post office and that institution attends to the distribution.

"Christian Free Press," editor unknown, is published in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Bldg., headquarters of the labor - hating open - shoppers, whose principles (or lack of them) it advocates.

Chiefly it is devoted to attacks on President Roosevelt and his Administration, accusing them of subserviency to "the Jewish Agency and its financial organ, the Bank of International Settlements, to which Roosevelt is planning to mortgage the farms and industries of the nation."

Like Hitler—Against Unions

The President's stand on collective bargaining gives "Christian Free Press" the jitters. The paper states collective bargaining means strikes.

It is rather the refusal of employers to undertake collective bargaining that brings on strikes. The attitude of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants & Manufacturers Assn. is strike-breeding because these organizations are opposed to collective bargaining.

This anti-Roosevelt, anti-Jew, anti-union and, of course, anti-Communist publication must have some pretty rich backing to be able to finance its wholesale free distribution through the mail.

Figures Prove 15 Million Jobless In United States

By An Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Approximately 15 million persons were unemployed in November, 1936, according to the fifth annual unemployment estimate of Labor Research Assn., including 3,748,000 on WPA and other emergency relief jobs. Deducting this number leaves nearly 11,000,000 unemployed in the county.

The AFL stated 10,041,000 are unemployed.

The total of 15 million unemployed in America is calculated after various check-ups.

RED-BAITING NO SCARE TO FARM WOMAN

Would Have People's Lobby Bill Check Fingerprinting

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO.—I have tried to find a representative of the People's Legislative Council in Sacramento, but without success.

I went to the Labor Temple and to the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, and the gentlemen there, no doubt the business agent, told me in a low confidential tone, "Lady, you don't want to go there, it's Communistic!"

"Red-Baiting" Doesn't Scare Her

I told him it didn't matter to me if they were Communistic, as long as they would interest themselves in getting correct weights for my farm products.

He sent me to the State Federation of Labor. I didn't go as I thought they would not be very interested in my problem, that of getting correct weights for our products through a law with teeth, being that they had not interested themselves in progressive measures outside of their own labor measures.

I also wanted to have a bill brought forward making it a crime to fingerprint anyone not convicted of crime above misdemeanors.

Hits Fingerprinting

Here in Sacramento is a chief of police who must be a jewel, since it was necessary for our Fascist-minded city manager to search throughout the U.S. and call on Mr. Edgar Hoover (the same Mr. Hoover who busies himself in catching little gangsters and little thieves), in order to find him.

In Sacramento also, the sheriff calls for volunteers to be fingerprinted—a move backed by the Chamber of Commerce. Employers are being fingerpinted. I presume next they will urge their employees to do the same on pain of being suspected of non-cooperation.

Why doesn't labor stop this from going any further? They would if the labor officials were progressive-minded.

Cost in Lives of Profit System

By a Worker Correspondent

PHITO, Mendocino County — We should think of the tremendous cost in human life, due to the Wall St. program of speed-up for profits and power.

I would mention a couple of families nearly wiped out in Visalia by typhoid due to no sanitation, hunger and cold. Also of an old man 60 years old, found starving to death and freezing between Tulare and Tipton, California. He had fainted by the roadside.

Then, too, there is the old man found frozen to death, or dead of hunger, on the train between Willits and Fort Bragg last December.

There are, of course, millions of such cases in America, where warehouses are piled high with all kinds of things to eat and wear and use.

PRAISES CIO

JOE CURRAN, leader of East and Gulf Coast seamen, who was in San Francisco the other day, told of the admiration seamen on East Coast have for achievements of the CIO.

WORKER BLASTS 'ANTI - FASCIST'

Scores L. A. Paper for Its Anti-Sсviet Slanders

By a Spanish Worker

VACAVILLE. — In a recent issue of "El Anti-Fascista" of Los Angeles, an article appeared on the first page pertaining to the taking of Malaga, written by one Mr. Oria, one of the editors of same.

In this article he makes a vicious attack against the Soviet Union and Stalin.

Unpardonable Slander

Such vile slander emanating from a paper that calls itself anti-Fascist is unpardonable. The Soviet Union stands as the guiding light of the world working class in its struggle for peace and progress. It's the Soviet Union that is in the foremost ranks in the defense of Spanish Democracy, both morally and materially.

I ask Mr. Oria what nation was the first to unmask the neutrality farce, and what nation was the first and foremost in supplying the legal government with food, clothing and medical supplies?

What nation takes the lead in unmasking the Hitler and Mussolini violations of the neutrality pact?

Does Mr. Oria want the Soviet Union to send its armies and navy to Spain and take part in direct intervention, and give the mad wolves of Japan, Germany and Italy, backed up by world reaction, a chance to attack the Soviet Union and destroy the only workers' country in the world?

Trotzky would be tickled to death if such a thing would come to pass. I would like to suggest to the editors of El Anti-Fascista that if you permit this Trotzkyite poison to smear your paper, you will find yourself isolated from the masses and in the camp of counter-revolution and Fascism, together with the most despicable traitor and enemy of the working class.

Alameda Peoples' Lobby Hits Terror

OAKLAND. — The Alameda County Council of the Peoples Legislative Conference has sent sharp protests to city, state and county officials against vigilante actions and police brutality recently displaced against strike pickets in Alameda and Niles.

Issues at I. S. U. Convention

S. F. LUGGAGE UNION PICKETS STOP SCABBING

Picket Ordinance Out But Cops Still Intimidating

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Luggage Workers' Union, Local No. 1, has been on strike since the first of March for the following demands:

40-hour week; $25 per week minimum pay; time and one-half for overtime.

It has finally succeeded, with the aid of some maritime workers, in forcing five of the scabs who obstinately refused to come out on strike with the rest of the workers, to get their paycheck and quit scabbing.

Scabs Forced To Quit

These five scabs were trailed, when they came out from the shop, by a group of luggage workers pickets and maritime workers who were assisting them, through the Mission St. traffic and finally trapped on a side street.

The scabs begged to be left alone. This was done when they showed their paychecks, saying that they had quit scabbing.

At the door of the shop in question, the Balkan Trunk and Suitcase Co., 946 Mission St., the police as usual were on hand to give the scabs protection, and to tell the pickets who were peacefully picketing, to go home and leave the scabs alone or they would be arrested.

Police Intimidation

When a maritime worker told the police that the anti-picketing law had been repealed and that he was an American citizen fighting for his bread and butter and for his fellow workers, the police did not attempt to arrest the pickets but just told them to refrain from violence, which was unnecessary to tell them.

In accord with one of the luggage workers on picket duty, the Balkan Trunk and Suitcase Co. had been working the men without pay on Saturday and straight time on Sunday.

The union is out for complete recognition as the legal agency for collective bargaining for all of its workers, and out to abolish un-American conditions existing in all the shops they work in.

Expect Victory

Most of these workers expect the shop operators to sign up in a few days, in view of the fact that no scabs are working now in any of the shops.

Waterfront workers have promised to give them assistance, when and if ever necessary as the luggage workers realize the importance of all unions sticking together to fight miserable conditions and exploitation.

FIRST TEXAS SIT-DOWN

HOUSTON.—Texas' first sit-down strike began when 100 employes of the Emsco Derrick Co. pulled switches and shut down the plant. They ask wage raises and Machinists' Union recognition.

Have You Entered Contest?

Wouldn't you like to own "Soviet Communism," the $7.50-priced two volumes by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, that made history?

If you can write a letter, you have your big opportunity to own this invaluable work FREE! Just read the rules in the box, get out your pencil and start to work!

If you get stumped on how to write your entry, it's very simple to get straightened out. Write up a worker's correspondence story on your factory, your union, your farm area or your neighborhood and mail it in, with a bundle order for the issue your story will appear in. Then sell and distribute this issue among your fellow workers and neighbors, ask them how they like the "Western," then write up what they say.

It sounds simple, and it is. Get busy and send in your entry for the big prize contest!

Follow the Rules

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer. Names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please, but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

Union Swampers and Drivers Win Their Demands in S.F.

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Vegetable and Fruit Workers Union, of which the truck drivers and swampers working for these houses are also members, will not go out on strike as was planned due to the fact their demands have been granted. The demands will be in effect March 15—continuation of 8-hour day, hiring hall, $33 minimum pay per week for a 48-hour week.

Soviet Armenia Film To Be Shown in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — The Soviet Armenian film, "Pepo," will be shown from noon to midnight for one day only, Sunday, March 21, at Roosevelt Theatre, 842 S. Main Street. Admission, 40 cents. Children 10 cents. The showing is sponsored by the Friends of Soviet Armenia.

SCHNEIDERMAN'S ANALYSIS OF MARITIME STRIKE GIVEN PRAISE BY "FRONT" WORKER

H. J. Mayes Gives Opinions on Convention of I.S.U. to be Held Soon (See "As We See It" Column, Page 4)

By H. J. Mayes,
Marine Cooks & Stewards' Union

AN FRANCISCO—I read William Schneiderman's brilliant analysis of the maritime strike with keen interest, as well as the role of the Communist Party in relation to the strike and the struggle for unity.

I believe that all fair-minded persons will agree that you have covered the question from all angles, displaying a marked restraint from personalities, and a truthful analysis, as it is possible to read.

Solidarity Pays Well

The question of the solidarity of the ranks of the Maritime Federation and the tremendous impetus given to the rest of organized labor is a point of marked significance, that will be demonstrated in the near future.

With regard to the struggles in the Maritime Federation, this is due to jealousy on the part of certain officials drunk with the wine of approbation from certain newspapers. This action is due to ignorance, or worse, as will be recognized in the policies of certain unions in swallowing the bait of the shipowners without pausing to see if there was any hook attached to it.

On the question of being "on guard" with reference to the policies to be adopted at the coming I.S.U. convention, it is of primary importance, as will be revealed in the coming ISU convention, and the role of some of the so-called "rank-and-file industrial union" officials that they will play at that particular convention. Right here is the only weak spot in your analysis.

On ISU Convention

It is not the intention of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific to fight against the restoration of the charter. On the contrary it is the very opposite.

The first order of business will be the restoration of the charter and there is going to be little or no opposition by the fakers on the East Coast. Why? Because the fakers are in a tough spot right now, and the logical action is to get the heat taken off and restored to good standing.

The next move will be to table any resolution sponsoring industrial unionism, as having no bearing on the present convention. This will create a stink but it will go over all right with the votes of the fakers.

Beware of Split in Ranks

The next move will be to attempt to secede from the Federation, and forming in its place an organization of crafts, strictly of the seafaring personnel. This, of course, is apparent, that it will not include the Longshoremen's Association. Here you have the longwaited split that will put over unless something is done in the meantime.

Concerning the Negro question, it is essential that the Communist Party carry on the fight against discrimination. Any attempt to segregate the Negroes on the West Coast, as was done in the East by Grange, must be bitterly contested, using all the instrumentalities at our command, as King David might put it.

For Farmer-Labor Party

As regards the vote played by the women in the strike, words fail me to express my admiration of their tireless efforts to lighten the burden of the strikers.

The question of the Farmer-Labor Party should have the support of the entire maritime groups, as the Democratic Party has failed the workers, despite the assertion that Roosevelt was going to show the way to a bigger and brighter day.

All things considered, I believe you have covered all the angles relative to the role of the Communist Party in the maritime strike, and we have nothing to be ashamed of. On the other hand, no one can point the finger of scorn at the Communist Party, and say they were weighed and found wanting.

Pamphlet Ready March 22

In conclusion, I maintain that you have written a masterful analysis. This is my honest opinion, and you can take it for what it is worth, and furthermore, I contend that the Party should publish the same in pamphlet form, as an historical document of the great maritime strike.

(Editor's Note: Comrade Schneiderman's articles will be published in pamphlet form, "The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike," off the press March 22.)

Editorial Note

For an analysis of the questions raised in this article by H. J. Mayes, see William Schneiderman's column: "As We See It," on Page 4 of this issue.

WOMEN'S DAY IN SANTA BARBARA

Report Workers' Alliance Is Growing In Sta. Barbara

By a Woman Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA.—International Women's Day was celebrated at 208 West Canon Perdido St. on March 6, and the wide range of subjects handled emphasized women's struggle for equality of opportunity and the gains made by those of present day history in making the world safe for democracy.

Lenin's deep and far-reaching view of what could be accomplished by women, was the theme of the meeting.

One speaker ended her talk by quoting from Robert Whittaker's latest poem, "Madrid."

As a means to add to the Western Worker fund, Granville Hicks' book on John Reed was raffled, and of course we closed that part of the program with the singing of the Internationale.

Then the good cheer which the refreshments always bring, brought our meeting to a close.

A number of friends from the Workers' Alliance were present. We understand this group is making great headway in Santa Barbara and has a most efficient grievance committee.

Cal. Farm Bureau for Court Plan

OROVILLE, Butte County — Butte County farm bureau federation leaders have been given to understand by President W. R. Blackburn that the California Farm Bureau Federation will support the Roosevelt proposals for changes in the Supreme Court.

Ross Will Speak On Far East Events

SAN FRANCISCO.—Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, will speak on "Japan" in the first two open forums at the Communist Party Sunday Night Forum at 121 Haight St., February 21. Next Sunday Comrade Ross will speak on China.

Time of the forum is now 7:30 p.m. Late comers find that it starts exactly on time, according to Director Beatrice Kinkead who expects the audience to form the habit of being prompt.

An audience of ninety heard Dr. Edward J. Livingstone speak on the Supreme Court March 14. Speakers for future occasions include John Powell, acting head of the Meikeljohn School, April 4; and Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, date to be announced.

Redwood Empire Is "Green Hell" for Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

PHITO, Mendocino County — Let us think of the great Redwood Empire — home of the everlasting redwood. This county is supposed to be a little Arcadia, a bit of paradise tucked away among laughing brooks, singing birds, evergreen forests and verdant hills, where people live in peace and plenty all the days of their life.

As a matter of fact, it is a "green hell" and always has been. Into these hills came the Spanish dons with dogs, lariats and guns to hunt the poor Indians for slaves. In these hills hibernated Black Bart and his gang, who were the profiteers and financiers of the early days—true executives who let others do the work while Bart and his gang took the credit and the profit, with their six-guns and rifles.

Cattle Kings' Era

In these hills lived White, the cattle king, who murdered settlers to build a cattle empire, until a lot of ex-soldiers from the Confederate and Union armies took a notion to settle in Round Valley. Then occurred a war on a small scale, whereby the White gang went down in blood and gun smoke on the saloon steps in Longvale.

In these hills the lumber barons stole claims by the hundreds from unsuspecting settlers who made all improvements, cabins, fences, barns, and overstayed their leave a day or a week when away working for a winter grub stake and came back to find a company scab holding their property with a gun.

Old O'Neil, a surveyor who knew all claims open and being settled, made a business of placing scab settlers on claims to steal them for these lumber barons. An old man lives in Boonville now, who lost a wonderful timberclaim that way—Tony Bloker.

Frontier Methods

This backfired for the L. E. Lumber Co. of Greenwood Calif. This company put a gang of gunmen on a claim belonging to Bishop from Point Arena. Bishop was an old-timer with the cunning, courage and resources of the old-time frontiersman, also with their disregard for human life. So a few days later Bishop appeared at the office in Greenwood, herding a dozen very frightened and terrified gunmen with a 30-30.

He succeeded in convincing both the officials and the gunmen that crime didn't pay in his own particular case. Just how he did it no one will ever know.

These methods of legal robbery through the law courts built the great timber holdings of Mendocino County.

Lumber Robber Barons

The lumber barons are responsible for the name and fame of the timber beast—the men who are driven half insane by living in a miserable, lonely, dark and dreary canyon, eating poor food, sleeping in a cold, damp and dirty cabin.

The lumber barons curse the foreigner as a traitor to Wall St. and wish to send him back to Europe — from where they brought them to work in these woods for $20 a month, because they had to pay the "Blue Nose" and the Irish $60 to $100. Yes, they brought men who talked in Swedish, Italian, Portuguese, so they wouldn't talk and associate with the oldtime woodsmen and so forced wages down, down, down—and profits up!

Good Union Men Now

The irony of it is some of the grandsons of these wage slaves brought from Europe, really are fighting bravely for the working man now. The sons and grandsons of these men have forced the company here to give them better wages and conditions.

However, hundreds perished from poor food, poor shelter and the lack of any safety devices or rules. They were fed "shell cows" (really T. B., I know now), "old bulls", and other low quality food. They had no butter, no sugar, and had to furnish bedding and build a bunk of boughs and limbs. They worked 14 hours or more per day, Sunday and all.

This timber work in those days with bulls, jack screws and skit-roads, was entirely different to the machinery logging now. It was terrible, beastly, miserable, yet profitable to the lumber barons.

"Green Hell" for Workers

Yes, the Redwood Empire has always been a "green hell" for the working man, and no mistake.

Here now are growing up the dude ranch and the secluded auto camp—where strange men in large cars stop in, accompanied by very beautiful girls, some painted hard-looking and others starry-eyed kids, and drink, live the life of the money hog a few days here, and are gone back into the city. What a mess!

These are the men who get up in Rotarian, Chamber of Commerce and church meetings to talk on the moral decadence and downfall of the young men and women of our age! How well they know!

Workers Go Hungry

These are the hills where the game warden, like the gamekeeper of the mdidle ages, hired and tipped by the millionaire game clubs of Frisco, L. A. and other big cities, searches houses of the starving woodsmen or jackrabbit ranchers for a fish or a deer. And if the warden finds meat or fish, the poor man is forced to pay a fine of $50 or $150 or go to jail. Yes—go to jail!

Yet when the rich sportsmen come up, he kills many deer — any deer, as he can't tall a fawn from a buck in many cases — lets the does and fawns rot, and carries many bucks to San Francisco, where, being spoiled by hauling so far, they are thrown away.

Come all ye fools and live in the Redwood Empire—the Green Hell of Northern California!

Johnson Starts Whirlwind Campaign for L. A. Coun

VICTORY OVER REACTIONARIES SPURS ACTIVITY

L.A. Labor Attorney States Position On Issues

LOS ANGELES—With setting up of neighborhood committees and headquarters at 1453 Sunset Blvd., initial steps have been taken in the campaign of Grover Johnson, progressive labor attorney, for election to the City Council, 13th District.

New life-blood was injected into the campaign when Johnson won a smashing victory, March 9th, with City Clerk Dominguez ordered to place his name on the ballot.

Reactionary forces, headed by the corrupt political machine built up by incumbent Councilman Darwin Tate—Johnson's only opponent—had resorted to intimidation and kidnapping of Sally Egner, one of Johnson's petition circulators, in an effort to keep him off the ballot.

Threatened with prison, Mrs. Egner had signed an affidavit cancelling her registration, and Dominguez had disqualified Johnson. The court ruled, however, that the cancellation of registration did not affect the petitions as they had been filed a week before she cancelled her registration.

Many civic and political leaders have rallied around Johnson's campaign. As well as progressive and liberal organizations and trade unionists.

In an interview with a Western Worker representative, Johnson declared: "I believe and will fight for the right of labor to organize, strike, and picket."

Fights Anti-Picket Laws

Councilman Stephen Cunningham is trying to extend the anti-picketing ordinance. Johnson will fight for "repeal of anti-picketing laws as well as continual opposition to any moves for strengthening of those laws. And "I will fight for the right of free press, peaceful assemblage, and all rights guaranteed under the constitution."

Johnson's opponent, the reactionary Tate, is chairman of the Planning Commission and is notorious for "spot" zoning which has permitted factories and slaughterhouses to be built in residential areas.

Will Hit Privileged Interests

"It is common knowledge that many such privileges are extended to private interests without official meeting of the Planning Commission," Johnson declared.

Johnson will fight to retain the present license tax. Tate on January 6 voted to repeal it which would have thrown an additional burden of $1,250,000 on property owners.

Johnson will vigilantly oppose spending of public funds for promotion of private enterprises or for sending public "leaders" on junketing trips. When Wm. May Garland, real estate operator, wanted to take the Olympic flags to Berlin last summer, Tate voted for a $2000 appropriation for his expenses.

Aid for Transients

Recognizing that a special transient problem confronts California, Johnson will advocate federal grants to care for transients in California without means of existence. Johnson stated: "A local problem, if we are to retain democracy, cannot be cured by setting aside provisions of the constitution. Therefore, all persons must be afforded full constitutional rights of ingress and egress to and from the state of California and must be treated as human beings with the best means that can be provided by the city until such a time as Federal aid can be obtained."

Johnson's campaign committee is planning neighborhood meetings and rallies, with literature exposing in full the corrupt tactics of the Tate machine.

Thousands Protest Ban on Collections To Aid Spain Govt.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Thousands of letters and postcards protesting the proposed ban on collecting contributions for Spain have been received by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

During a few days 2000 postcards alone came in. Many of the messages also protested the application of embargoes in event of a civil war.

The McReynolds neutrality bill includes the ban on "soliciting or collecting contributions," and is directly aimed against the legal democratic Spanish government.

Two Heroes of Labor—Fight For Them!

TOM MOONEY'S FIGHT for freedom is in its critical stage, and so is that of Angelo Herndon, young Negro working class leader facing an 18-20 year Georgia chain gang sentence. The fight for them must be redoubled by labor!

LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally
By John Broman

Los Angeles

Dear Comrades:

In your March 11 issue, under "Bribery Rumors in Legislature," is reported Senator Culbert L. Olson's proposed amendment to the State Constitution abolishing the Senate and providing for a one-house Legislature. The item comments: "Olson's measure would establish 80 assembly districts and 40 state senate districts."

This comment might lead the reader to infer that the people's representation would be curtailed. As a matter of fact, the existence of the Senate ("House of Lords") is in itself too often a curtailment of representation, by its veto power over the Assembly ("House of Commons"). Senator Olson should be commended for his proposal.

Comradely yours, P. W.

We Infer Just That . . .

The "Western" meant just what it said in that article. Democracy would be curtailed under this proposed legislative set-up; and Senator Olson should NOT be commended.

This proposed set-up, however, needs clarification. The writer correctly points out the reactionary character of the present State Senate, which is dominated by the Republican Party. But up until the last elections, the Assembly was also Republican-controlled and even now only has a small bloc of truly progressive members.

The Senate is a representative body, and therefore the people can vote out the reactionaries and put in real progressive labor men, if they organized to do so. Of course, only a powerful Farmer-Labor Party in California can elect a majority of labor progressives, men who would truly be responsible to the people.

Improvements Are In Order . . .

Of course, some real improvements can be made in the present legislative set-up, to make it more responsive to the will of the people.

For example, we would favor an amendment which would cut the term of office in the State Senate from four to two years.

And we would also favor reallotment of the senatorial districts to provide that each State Senator would represent approximately the same population, instead of as at present, where Los Angeles County has but one State Senator for almost 3,000,000 population, while other districts only contain a few hundred thousand people.

Communist Leadership . . .

A typical example of Communist leadership on the political field, as well as on the economic field, was shown in San Francisco on March 9 when a Communist convinced the other members of the deck gang of the steam schooner Wapama, to knock off at 8:30 a.m. in order to vote for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance.

NEW STEEL LOCAL

NEWARK, N. J.—Workers at the Atha Works of the Crucible Steel Co. here were chartered as Lodge 1289 of the Amalgamated Steel Union.

Municipal Election Stand of Labor Council in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—With exception of two recommendations, the Central Labor Council last Friday night accepted by a majority oral vote the joint executive board's recommendations for candidates in the coming municipal elections.

A progressive amendment to accept the recommendations with the exception of Gordon L. McDonough for mayor, and the reactionary Darwin W. Tate, City Council incumbent, who is opposing Grover Johnson in the 13th District, was voted down by 130-57.

Labor Unity Move

J. W. Gillette, Musicians' Union, presented a resolution asking Roosevelt to call a meeting of Wm. Green, AFL president, and John Lewis, CIO chairman, with the aim of restoring and preserving unity in the labor movement. It was unanimously adopted.

Recommendations follow:

For mayor, Gordon L. McDonough, present supervisor; for city attorney, Judge Irvin Taplin; for board of education, John Dalton, C. W. Pierce, J. Paul Elliot, and Newton Van Why.

Two candidates for municipal courts recommended so far, are Lucius P. Green, Office No. 4; and the reactionary, antilabor incumbent, Arthur Guerin, Office No. 8.

Candidates recommended for city council are H. J. Alberti, District 2; Richard R. Burke, 3; Ted Merrill, 5; Will Kindig, 7; G. Vernon Bennett, incumbent, 10; Ernest O. Voight, 11; Darwin W. Tate, incumbent, 13; Edwin L. Thrasher, incumbent, 14; Fred A. Draper, 15.

Buzzell Red-Baits

Council Secretary J. W. Buzzell declared Tate had proved himself a "friend of labor."

"We have two men," he said, "one, who has time and again proved himself to be a friend of labor. On the other hand, we have a man, a well known attorney here in the city, who supports and works with the Communists.

"I do not think that the time has come," he added, "when the labor movement can afford to, or this Council should, vote for a Communist."

Delegate Exposes Tate

Delegate Baron, Fur Workers' Union, outlined attempts made by corrupt political interests—fostered by the notorious Tate machine—to keep Johnson's name off the ballot, showing how fraud, intimidation, and kidnaping had been used.

Proving Tate is no "friend of labor," Baron pointed to antilabor votes by Tate in the council, such as voting against an amendment to the proposed franchise for the Associated Telephone Co., Wilmington, which would have enforced the right to collective bargaining.

Another anti-labor vote Tate made was his vote for a charter amendment to blanket in under civil service the Fascist-minded police chief Davis—virtually assuring him a life-long term.

TROTZKYISTS ARE FLAYED BY SOCIALIST

Bridgeport Alderman Resigns from S. P. In Protest

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 9. — Michael Gratt, Socialist alderman, denounced the Trotskyites in the Socialist Party today in his resignation from the party.

His letter of resignation follows:

"I have been asked to state why I have left the Socialist Party of the U. S. A. Many others have addressed the same inquiry to me.

Urges Saving of S. P.

"Because I feel that the crisis in the Socialist Party is the affair of all sincere and progressive workers I am making this statement with the hope that sincere Socialists will become aware of the necessity of acting immediately to save the Socialist Party from complete disintegration and falsification.

"When the Socialist Party in Connecticut split at the convention in Harford last summer, I remained loyal to the left-wing despite the fact that every other city official went with the right-wingers, with the exception of Alderman Silverston. I believed at that time that the Socialist Party, having broken with the Old Guard, would now become an active force at the head of the labor movement. Now I must admit that I was disillusioned.

"As the first town chairman of the Socialist Party (Left Wing) in Bridgeport I sought to institute a policy of cooperating with the McLevy administration on all points where the proposals of the administration coincided with the best interests of the masses. This together with the possibility of uniting the two parties and all other progressive forces around a program of progressive legislation were the thoughts uppermost in my mind.

Hits Disunity

But the left wing saw nothing but their personal political disappointments and their personal hatred for McLevy. And rather than have the Socialist Party act as the unifier of all progressive forces, they insisted on devising means of embarrassing the Administration.

"This policy of direct opposition to unified action for the best interest of the masses is typical Trotzkyism. I could not stomach this policy.

In the State executive committee, I was the only one who voted against the admission of the Trotzkyites, who, because of their history, I knew as professional disrupters and as enemies of the working class.

Trotzkyists' Role of Disruption

Two weeks after my unsuccessful opposition, I received a vitriolic letter from Bernarnd Wolf, present American secretary to Leon Trotzky, denouncing me as a Communist and openly stating that they (the Trotzkyites) wanted to get into the Socialist Party to prevent the united front between the Socialist and Communist parties. These are the reasons why I left the Socialist Party.

Urges Purging of Trotzkyists

"The Socialist Party will be holding a convention soon. There they will have an opportunity to drive out of their ranks the Trotzkyites, these enemies of Socialism, and to embark on the road of militant aggressive Socialist leadership and on the road to united front such as the French and Spanish Socialist parties have done. If and when this takes place I will resume my position in the Socialist Party once again."

ASK INQUIRY

GROTON, Conn.—The Marine and Shipbuilding Union has asked for a congressional inquiry into the financial and labor policies of the struck Electric Boat Corp.

American Labor Party Picketed Assemblyman

NEW YORK CITY — The New York State Assembly refused to ratify the Child Labor Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, but not until after a strong fight had been put up in the interests of the amendment.

In the 10th Assembly District here, the American Labor Party branch picketed the home of Republican Assemblyman Herbert Brownell, Jr., demanding he support the amendment.

TROTZKYISM HIT BY RESOLUTION AT CONVENTION

Monterey County C.P. Shows Up Anti-Labor Trotzkyites

The disruptive, counter-revolutionary role of the Trotzkyites, in the American labor movement as all over the world, was scored in a resolution adopted by the Monterey County convention of the Communist Party on March 14, as follows:

"Whereas: In the recent trials held in the Soviet Union, the Trotzkyite groups were proved to be beyond a doubt outright murderers of the outstanding leaders of the working class, and also to have direct connections with the Fascist mad dogs of Germany, Italy and Japan, and

"Whereas: It is now becoming a national question in the United States on the issue of the Trotzkyites' role in the American labor movement because of their disruptive tactics and slanderous attacks on all militant working-class leaders who are seeking to stem the Fascist tide in America, and

"Whereas: We can witness the every day attempts of the kept press to repeat their vicious attacks against the strong sentiment for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, thus proving the Trotzkyites openly to be fighting in the interests of the capitalist class and against the working class, and

"Whereas: The Communist Party of Monterey County has come into contact with the Trotzkyite elements in the agricultural fields and witnessed their continual disruptive tactics in isolating the Mexican and the Filipino from entering into the AFL for the purpose of raising their miserable living and working conditions, by the Trotzkyite policy of dual unionism, now therefore

"Be It Resolved: That the Monterey County Convention of the Communist Party hails the verdict of the proletarian court of the Soviet Union against the 17 Trotzkyites on trial recently as a blow against world Fascism and for the safeguarding of socialist construction in the Soviet Union, and be it further

"Resolved: That we denounce the Trotzkyites no matter under what label they seek to disguise themselves as irreconcilable and natural enemies of the working class, and pledge ourselves to do everything possible to expose them as such and isolate and drive them out of the labor movement."

Anti-Spotter Bill In the Assembly

SACRAMENTO—The Assembly "labor and capital" committee has recommended passage of the Hawkins-Miller "anti-spotter" bill AM No. 269.

The bill provides that when a detective or spotter is employed to spy on workers, the workers shall be confronted by such informers before being subjected to discharge or any discriminatory action.

Farmer-Labor Party Wins Clean Sweep in New Hampshire City

BERLIN, N. H.—The Farmer-Labor Party made a clean sweep of municipal elections here in New Hampshire's northernmost city, re-electing Mayor Arthur J. Bergeron to his third term and winning a majority in the city council. The Farmer-Labor Party got a decisive majority in all four wards.

A HUMAN CHAIN

PHILADELPHIA — Sit-down strikers at the Franklin and Seder department store here saved themselves from eviction by locking arms and refusing to move.

PARTY LIFE NOTES—HOW TO RECRUIT

Two Reports Given at Party Builders' Congress

Report by Saunders, Waterfront Section, San Francisco.

Important results were shown on the Waterfront during the Recruiting Drive, but the results of the outlying sections prove that we are beginning to penetrate to the American workers and reach them where they live and work.

On the Waterfront we had a tough job, with a strike on our hands and a recruiting drive, but we were able to make them go hand in hand. Because we had such a tough fight, more recruits came in than we could take care of.

Finally, we were able to establish a school where over 100 seamen and others went through classes twice a week. Everyone got a fundamental idea of our Party and what it stands for. The weakness was that only 100, out of 326 recruits went to school.

Judging New Comrades

We have been crying for leadership, and scared to push our new recruits to the front, with the result that we didn't trust anyone.

We should judge our recruits on the basis of their willingness to work and their political understanding, and we have more and more of such comrades coming to the fore. The waterfront won't be handicapped by lack of leadership.

Push the "Western"

Now we are faced with the need for giving education and help to our new comrades. They would sit in the unit meeting and never say a word, and they would sit in the Union meeting and wouldn't say anything either. As a result, we would have a fraction of 50, but only 3 would speak in the Union. We therefore began to encourage them to express themselves in unit and fraction meetings, and as a result they are now taking the floor in all the Unions, and the Lundbergites are very desperate.

In all this, the Western Worker is most important. The state has given 21,000 copies of the Western Worker to the Waterfront Section, all of which have been given out. This has done more than any other single thing to maintain solidarity, to bring our program to the maritime workers, to expose the disruptive role of the Trotzkyites, and has brought recruits to our Party. We appreciate and understand what the Western has done to help us win our Strike. We therefore propose:

1. That our comrades go back to the units and branches and make their first task the leadership for the sucessful conclusion of the Western Worker Drive. We will do it on the Waterfront, and we want you comrades to do it too. Go back and call a meeting and lay concrete plans for putting the Drive over 100%. Each comrade should set an example by adopting a personal quota and making certain that it is fufilled.

Report by Citron, Waterfront Section, San Pedro, Recruited 17.

I also represent the Waterfront Section, but in San Pedro. I want to report a personal experience in this Drive. The Drive started in September, but for me personally, it didn't start till January, due to the fact that I was sick. But in two Sundays I recruited 171 members, and the composition of these is 14 fishermen, 4 longshoremen, 2 seamen, and 3 youth.

The easiest thing is to recruit. First of all I ask the worker what he does, and having a little knowledge of the conditions in the trade, I point out that in order to have a good union we must have Communists within the union to conduct its work and give it guidance, and on this basis it is easy to recruit them.

In San Pedro we have a peculiar situation. We have established a school for seamen with an attendance of 25, and I don't think that any student is over 25 years of age. We could have more, but we have no larger place to hold the school. One of our problems is to find places where to meet. Our Party is a legal Party and there is no reason why we can't come out in the open.

In one evening I recruited 17 members, when the Fishermen's Union was being organized. That shows we can have lots more than 4000 members by May 1st. Party Builders must set an example to the new members on how to recruit.

Bare S.F. Housing Dangers!

SAN FRANCISCO.—Subnormal living conditions in obsolete buildings and houses, constitute the lot of 40 percent of San Francisco's population, it was revealed in a survey conducted by relief workers in four sections of the city.

Last year the S.F. fire chief declared that if present fire laws were enforced, 50 percent of the city's dwellings would have to be torn down.

The survey did not include Chinatown or North Beach, where housing conditions are notoriously bad.

88% Violate Law

Hotels and rooming house structures in the Western Addition-Panhandle district are particularly dangerous, the survey revealed, 88 percent containing violations of the state housing act.

Many families with children eat and sleep in the same room. Sixty-six percent of all families with children live in one to three-room apartments.

In this area 1995 buildings need repairs and 510 are unfit for occupancy.

Geiger's "Remedy"

Mission - Twin Peaks area showed conditions nearly as bad.

The survey was made for the Dept. of Public Health, but Health Director J. C. Geiger proposed only one "remedy" for the situation—that "private enterprise should be encouraged in large scale housing programs."

Officials claimed the city "is now free from any location which may properly be described as "slums"!

The housing inspection division of the department brought forward the "excuse" that it needs a larger building inspection force.

Widespread Violations of Law

The Workers' Alliance demands that the federal and state governments appropriate funds for large scale slum clearance and erection of low-rent housing projects.

Violations of the state housing act include unsafe buildings; overcrowding; eating and sleeping in the same room; lack of proper sanitary facilities, use of basement apartments, and the dangerous use of rubber tubing.

Many workers died during last winter's cold, due to use of gas heaters and rubber tubing for gas conveyance.

Sen. P.G.E. Silly SAYS

"I well remember the speech I made that got me elected, back in 1916. I was talking to the Chamber of Commerce and I said:

"'My opponent, Senator S. P. Shortchange, has had his hand in the public treasury for 20 years. All I ask is that you give me a chance.'"

Labor Plans Fight On Child Labor in New York Elections

NEW YORK CITY—American Labor Party will make child labor a cardinal issue in the coming fall elections, declared Luigui Antonini, state chairman of the party, who charged many state assemblymen had flouted the will of the voters in voting against the Child Labor Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"The American Labor Party is preparing to use all its power and influence to see that those assemblymen are defeated at the polls to be replaced by those who really represent the will of the people," said Antonini.

LABOR SLA CHALKS IN SEA

The Commo Fed. Candi Is Elect

SEATTLE — Hu Washington Commonw eration candidate, e organized labor swe fice in a clean-cut vi elections here. He re than 50,000 votes fo cilman.

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BY MICHAEL QUIN

OW how Pierpont Morgan died? He starved to ing you. That's a sober fact.

I don't mean the present J. P. Morgan. I mean introduced trusts, syndicates and holding compa; obtained practical monopolies on the railroads, y and life insurance; who dominated banking and et like a dictator; manipulated hundreds of mil gathered unto himself half the art treasures of ndowed churches and starved to death in Rome

ems to me the greatest irony in history. Here was ved millions in the process of piling up a moun between himself and hunger, and who ended up death himself.

t was not want or poverty that starved Morgan. his death, fresh eggs and butter were being sent way from his Cragston farm at Highland Falls. at at the age of seventy-five his throat muscles ion and he could not swallow. Liquid nourish ed into him, but his body refused to assimilate it. s he lay in a semi-comatose state, slowly wasting ends, relatives and flunkies stood at his bedside ce handkerchiefs. On Monday, March 31, 1913, at t noon, he died of starvation.

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HE MAN whose acquisitive powers shook the earth acles of his influence reached out in all directions ines, plants, acres, railroads and industrial empires of a cyclone.

azine, in the day when it was a leading comic blished a cartoon, under which it said: made the world, Charles?" made the world in 4004 B. C., but it was reorgan James J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan, and John D.

s, bald-headed man with a huge bulbous nose and mustaches, he loved beauty and could not stand around him who was not good looking. Seated in his henchmen, he looked like a vulture squat es.

H. Harriman and J. P. Morgan battled each other the nation's railroads. They sat in their offices dollar thunderbolts which rocked the nation and usands of small business men. In their eagerness ther they almost ruined the nation by precipitating t terrible financial panics in history. Men blew , children starved and women wept while the two Wall Street tore at each other's throats.

ing year, prompted by tremendous public anger onopolists, President Theodore Roosevelt brought organ under the terms of the Sherman Anti-Trust fumed with rage and intrenched himself behind ourt which, in 1895, had made a decision favoring famous Knight case.

ET attacked Roosevelt with a barrage of epi y decried him as a radical and accused him of preme Court."

a lunatic," declared Morgan. "He is worse than ven vote the Democratic ticket to get that fellow House. If he had his way, we'd all do business ts."

rote later in his autobiography: "It was necessary Knight case in the interest of the people against rivilege just as it had been necessary to reverse case in the interest of the people against slavery."

ng Feminine Clothes For nd a Limited Budget

BRADLEY

s ballyhoo is in for the year— histle and navy" nd dark blue, in a lovely combi you sink your in a thistle and along about the mer, your dress st spring."

y enough to have to spend on r clothes econo ou don't make eady, for good now. For a min can have clothes look better, and etter than ready-

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of less than $11 the two-piece of dark wool, acket for after rt jacket-blouse h the skirt. The trimmed in crisp l outfit for gen ver, if you work frequently, you y.

I would sug more colorful Here is where y dark skirt of seful. Wear it blouse of this e or georgette, e it, a piece of jewelry. Buy ol to make one rt-sleeved bole ow. This, worn t-sleeved crepe lining or re pe. And when vy" is out of can be worn rt, and the bolero (the trimming removed) can be worn with the navy skirt and a colored blouse.

Something Sporty In Colors

So far, a dark dress for general wear, and a timely afternoon costume. How about something a little more sporty? Try making a simple tailored jacket-blouse buttoning down the front like a waist-coat, with a snug-fitting bodice. I saw one very attractive model with v-neck, long sleeves, and high patch pockets. When you choose your material (narrow-wale corduroy, or velveteen), forget about colors that are "good this year" or that you've "always worn." Pick out several bright, clear colors, and try them in front of a mirror until you find the right one. Whatever you choose—vermilion, chartreuse, electric blue, lemon, or cherry-red—it should be a shade that brings out the best in your coloring. With this jacket, wear a white pique ascot scarf tucked into the v-neck, and you have an outfit as smart and colorful as it is inexpensive.

Further suggestions are endless. If you knit, by all means add a gray sweater and a red kerchief scarf. For the office or school girl, a pink or yellow linen blouse is invaluable for warm weather.

In the next edition of the Western Worker, I will itemize the expenses of making this spring outfit, and take up the question of the accessories to be worn with it.

Soviet Dancer to Give Recital

Pauline Koner, foremost Soviet concert dancer, will make her Pacific Coast debut at the Los Angeles Biltmore Theater

Thursday night, March 25, followed by a second recital at the same theater at a Saturday matinee, March 27.

She will give a recital in San Francisco at the Curran Theater at a Sunday matinee, April 4. Miss Koner comes to California directly from the Kamerny Theater, Moscow. This is her first American tour.

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

"The Itch"

DEAR DOCTOR: I have been troubled for two years with what the doctor called scabies.
W. K.

Answer: If the diagnosis is correct, the following treatment will almost certainly clear up the condition.

Scabies, commonly called "the itch," is caused by a small mite which burrows into the skin. The disease is contracted by personal contact, or contact with infested clothing or bed linen. The condition is not difficult to cure, but treatment must be carried out carefully according to directions.

1. The first evening, take a tub bath with tincture of green soap using a flesh brush to rub the tops from all lesions. Dry yourself well.
2. Apply one-third of the ointment to the entire body surface from the neck down, being careful to cover the entire skin surface. Lesions are never found above the neck, except in young infants.
3. The next morning, apply another third of the ointment from the neck down.
4. That evening, apply the rest of the ointment to the same region.
5. The next morning take a tub bath with tincture of green soap and water. Dry yourself well and cover the body with talcum powder.
6. Change all sheets and pillow cases, and place the rest of the bed clothing out to air, if possible.
7. Put on clean underclothing and hang outer clothing, such as coats and suits out to air, if possible.
8. If itching persists, under no consideration apply any more ointment without first seeing your physician.

Your druggist can put up the following ointment which should be used:

Sulphur-Balsam of Peru Ointment

Sulphur praecip	12.0
Balsam peru	12.0
Petrolatum	
Lanolin aa. q. s. ad.	120.0

How Many Did You Answer?

1—The Ruef-Schmitz machine. Schmitz was nominally mayor, but Abe Ruef was the real leader of the organization.

2—The obtaining by Collis P. Huntington and the Central Pacific Railroad monopoly of large government subsidies in 1864, to build a railroad between Sacramento and Donner Pass, which actually those who obtained the subsidies had no intention of building.

3—In 1841, seven years before the gold rush, Francis Lopez, a native Californian, discovered gold in the Santa Feliciana Canon of the San Fernando Hills.

4—The Chaffey brothers, in Ontario in 1882.

5—In the fall of 1863. Springs and water holes dried up; the great ranges were eaten bare of every kind of feed. Three-fourths of all the cattle in Los Angeles County perished.

John Spivak, Famed Journalist, Speaks In L.A. Next Week

LOS ANGELES — Author of many a clear-cut, vivid expose of the ruthless, Fascist forces seeking to undermine American democracy, John Spivak, noted journalist, will speak at Philharmonic Auditorium, Monday evening, March 22, and Wednesday evening, March 24.

Under auspices of the Modern Forum, Spivak will talk Monday on "Europe Aground and Underground," and Wednesday on "It Can Happen Here."

Theater Notes
Skits for Sitdowners—Steel—Mice and Men—A Coastwise Confab

You eagerly followed the dramatic course of the General Motors sit-down strike. You experienced the recent maritime strike. And you certainly know about the tremendous wave of organization in steel. But have you heard—

Of the Detroit Contemporary Theatre, which performed skits in union halls jammed with strikers?

Or did you ever see the Union Recreation Center, packed to the rafters with enthusiastic and vocal strikers at the Wednesday night skits of the S. F. Theater Union? Or did you hear the four nights weekly broadcasts of the Maritime Unions, with the same actors taking part? Or maybe the Seattle Repertory Playhouse benefit performance for the Unions?

And did you know that two companies are being sent into steel towns of the East to give John Wexley's play, "Steel," by the ILGWU and other unions?

Taken all together—with the Federal Theaters, and the young New York companies bucking Broadway competition with socially minded plays—it adds up to one thing. You're bound to see the growth of a theater which is rooted in the very vitals of the common people. The American people are going to take the theater for their own, and make of it an honest-to-God son of the people instead of an artificial plaything of the rich.

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Pacific Coast Panorama . . .

Coming home to current theater events we find:

A Pacific Coast New Theater League Conference to be held in San Francisco May 15th and 16th. Theaters in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Los Angeles have received a call issued by the S. F. Council of the New Theater League inviting them to participate. The conference is endorsed by the Repertory Playhouse and Experimental Players of Seattle, the S. F. Theater Union, and the East Bay Theater Union.

"Mice and Men", a dramatized version of the John Steinbeck novel, and "Bury the Dead," will be S. F. Theater Union productions for the next few months. "Mice and Men"—scheduled for the middle of April, is considered an experiment by Steinbeck and the Theater Union, and should be interesting.

"Bury the Dead," for which San Francisco rights have at last been granted, will open May 15th, co-incidentally with the opening of the New Theater League Conference.

"Path of Flowers" by Katayev, the Russian dramatist, is in rehearsal by the Pine Street Players; and will be seen by San Francisco audiences within the next month. It is a comedy ridiculing the flowery, highflown type of Soviet intellectual, and is a new type of play for the Pine Street Players. It remains to be seen if Director Phil Mathias and his actors are capable of understandingly interpreting the satirical self-criticism of the play.

East Bay Theater Union is rehearsing "Triple A Plowed Under," for early production.

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Among the Federal Theaters . . .

Ernst Toller, now writing for the movies in Hollywood, has written a new play, "No More Peace," which will be produced by the Federal Theaters.

The Los Angeles Federal Theater has a variety of productions running, six in all, ranging from musical revues to the classic, but the one that sounds most interesting is the Paul Green play, "The House of Connelly," now at the Mayan.

Do you want this theater column to appear in every Friday issue hereafter? If so, send a line to the editor.

And while you're at it, would you like to see an exclusive movie column written by a competent Hollywood writer for the Western Worker? One that not only tells who your favorite movie star makes eyes at, but how he or she lines up in the fight against Fascism?

Make yourself heard. Shall we?

"Touch of Brimstone," current S. F. Federal Theater offering at the Columbia, is pretty piddling fare after the thrilling "Battle Hymn."

Note . . .

Herb Kline, former editor of New Theater (have you seen the New Theater & Film) resigned in January, in order to take up correspondent work with the Loyalist forces in Spain. Which is a reminder. What about the New Theater League theaters on this coast, which have a program against fascism, doing something to defeat fascism in Spain? There've been New Theater nights for a lot of other causes.

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Commercial . . .

If you can afford it, you'll get a lot of fun out of "Tovarich," which opens Monday night at the Curran in San Francisco, and later in Los Angeles. It's a lot of frothy nonsense about a pair of noble Russian exiles who take service as butler and maid in a wealthy home, and according to all reports, is the season's outstanding contribution to merriment.

The only other possibility in what seems to be a very dull commercial theater scene is the perennial, "Boy Meets Girl," at the Los Angeles El Captain.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Apology

By REB. RANEY

You poor little things!—the babies of Labor,
brought into this misgoverned world, uninformed;
not aware that brutal forces claim your life;
not aware that you'll be used to stuff their purse.

You poor little things!—lovely as morning light,—
trusting,—ready to be taught humility; ready
to be taught to endure needless pain; ready to
be taught to take orders from wolves.

You poor little things!—sentenced to hardship's
wheel; sentenced to do nerve-racking, back-
breaking tasks; sentenced to serve corrupt,
merciless vultures; sentenced to give your all
and receive but dregs.

You poor little things! Time apologizes; and,
in the name of rule-to-be, promises: That
you'll become part of Labor's unchained hosts;
that you shall have the chance to live and be
glad.

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Hollywood

Academy Tries to Carry on

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD — The annual prizes of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, each year more farcical than the year before, have come and gone once again. This year the really big names of the industry that attend the company union's blow-out could be counted on two hands.

And while several of the choicest found public favor, the choice of "The Great Ziegfeld" as the best production of the year, and of Academy Pres. Frank Capra as leading director, as well as a number of the minor prizes, bore out more than ever the completely politics-ridden caliber of the awards.

Luise Rainer finally consented to show up at the banquet, to receive her award. The next day, Metro gave her a new contract—and most people feel there was a definite connection between the two events.

The Snub

The awards banquet was peopled with as many outside notables as possible, in order to minimize the snub Hollywood's actors, writers and directors gave it. But the bright remarks of Victor McLaglen and such showed up the farce for what it was.

McLaglen proved he never should have gotten the prize last year, that his great performance in "The Informer" had been due to the direction of John Ford, not in the slightest to himself.

Carole Lombard and Clark Gable, who, by studio politics, had been maneuvered into the position of being academy mainstays, gave Fink Hall the cold shoulder on this year's awards; next year they'll probably attend the Screen Actors' Guild Ball.

Los Angeles local of the Newspaper Guild has decided that Hollywood correspondents are eligible for membership. This gives the means of bringing A. N. G. members, members of the SPANCS and of the Foreign Press Society, and unorganized writers, all together under one banner.

Flying Colors

James Basevi's miniature work in the shipwreck scene is only one of the highlights of "History is Made at Night," which, while by no means the outstanding film that it might have been, for the first time gives Charles Boyer a chance to show what he really can do. And he comes through with flying colors, as perhaps the finest and best-modulated actor on the screen today. David Abel has also overcome difficulties other cameramen have previously had in photographing him.

And now, having finally put through a fink writers' agreement by way of the stooge Screen Playwrights Inc., the producers are refusing to give the new pact preference over the old Academy contract. And the fink writers are learning to play the role of "them who get slapped."

UTILITIES PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON—Senator Norris of Nebraska says he has information that the utilities corporations are plannig a new vicious drive against public ownership.

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The Workers' Press Drive

2 Weeks Remain To Complete the $12,000 Quota!

The drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker now stands at $8410.91—only a trifle over 70 per cent of the $12,000 total which must be raised before the extended drive ends on April 1.

But only two weeks remain! Although five sections, including San Francisco, have raised their full quotas, 18 sections have not. Moreover, two of the most important, Los Angeles and Alameda Counties, are lagging so seriously that every available force must be directed toward changing the dangerous situation which their delay brings about.

Here are the figures since the general tabulation in last issue:

Previously acknowledged	**$8171.78**
Received 3-9 to 3-13	**239.13**
Yet to be raised	**3589.09**

In contrast to the shortcomings of Alameda and Los Angeles, there is Santa Barbara, long since past its quota. Another $2 in the last few days.

Los Angeles accounted for $125 since the last tabulation, but this is insignificant in the face of the $1756 yet to be raised on the $5000 quota. Only two weeks remain!

This story was written for last issue and omitted because of an accident which curtailed two pages.

The total now stands: Received to date, $8615.93, or 71.8 per cent. Yet to come, $3384.07, or 28.2 per cent.

A full tabulation and list of current contributions will be published in the next issue.

Some Good Work Proves That Others Are Slack

Some sections in L. A. could certainly profit by the example of others. Centinella Valley was long since over the top. Hollywood followed. And Harbor Section!

If Harbor Section, despite the strike, can go over the top on a $150 quota, what is holding back the others?

San Diego sent in $90.93, proceeds of a bazaar. However, this raises San Diego's standing to terey also sent in $5 and Fres- $335.78, or 83.9 per cent of its $400. Two weeks, $64.22, San Diego.

Since the last tabulation Monno $10.

Comrade Dolli G., of Bellflower, sent in $5 collected there without benefit of any unit to aid the work. Comrade G. has been one of the most faithful supporters of the Western Worker since its founding.

Letters: From Readers of The Western Worker

Latin American Join the C.P.

San Francisco,
(Translated)

Latin American Comrades:

The voice of necessity calls us to perform our duty. Necessities inspire us and a change in the political situation is indispensable.

Comrades, the Communist Party is the only party that is able to rectify the many injustices that our employers commit against the working class.

The party, comrades, offers us a chance to practice our belief with devotion. You are well able to improve the situation of the entire world and this is what I ask you to help. You are well able to help us in this manner. Enroll yourself in the Communist Party to obtain a free and prosperous America!

—FELIS.

"Go Left Young Man, Go Left"

Editor, Western Worker:

Artesia, Calif.

Enclosed is my letter to Byron N. Scott regarding the embargo resolution on Germany, Italy and Portugal:

"I am just reading that Congressman Bernard, you and Voorhis are sponsoring a resolution in Congress for arms embargo against Germany, Italy and Portugal.

"This naturally has my wholehearted approval, and I am glad you go that way, 'Go West, my boy, go West' is the old saying but now it is 'Go left, my boy, go left.'

"As for local news I should tell you that labor is getting rapidly unionized, and you can be assured of labor's support as long as you go left and need not flirt any more with McAdoo, Ham Cotton and whatever remains of the old school of so-called Democrats.

"After all, democracy doesn't mean a thing if it only means to the American people that they have an every two years privilege to vote for an extension of mass poverty.

"Yours, Harry Smits."

What the American Tradition Really Is

Phito, Mendocino County

Editor, Western Worker:

I am an old American, since "Mad Cap" Early from Virginia, a relation of my mother's people, fought for this country when it used a rattlesnake and a pine tree for a flag, with the words, "Don't tread on me."

All of my people were here at that time, so perhaps others were in it too.

So since I have had a tradition handed down of what Americanism really is, I get a great joke of such men as Hearst, who are out-and-out Tories and who would surely have been hung by the Americans who really first taught Americanism, or else banished to a land of bigotry and despotism.

yours respectfully,
F.M.

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San Francisco Street Carmen and Municipal Power Distribution; Setting Out to Organize Santa Clara County Canneries; OTHER LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR

CIO Is Organizing L. A. Clay Workers

MINE AND MILL UNION MAKING FAST HEADWAY

Companies Raise Pay In Attempt To Head Off Campaign

LOS ANGELES — Under the leadership of the CIO International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, organization of clay workers in Southern California is going ahead in leaps and bounds.

Already, four meetings have been held of the newly formed Southern California Clayworkers' Union with approximately 150 signed up for membership. So strong has the organizational drive become that two clay produce companies have granted pay increases in an effort to forestall the drive.

Where Workers Joined

Companies represented among the workers that have joined the union are the Pacific Clay Products Plants, 4 and 6; Hollywood Hills; Vernon Potteries; Gladding McBean; Tudor Potteries; Bauer Potteries; and Alhambra Kilns.

Members say that the meetings, which are held every Wednesday night, are enthusiastically attended with Mexican, Negro, and Italian, men and women workers present.

Headquarters of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union is at 321 West Second Street.

Carmen Union For Municipal Power

SAN FRANCISCO — Street Carmen's Union Division 518 has gone on record favoring issuance of revenue bonds for municipal distribution of power.

The union requests that the Board of Supervisors resubmit in the November elections the amendment for such a bond issue. Called Amendment No. 1, it was defeated by a close vote on March 9.

Ventura Lemon Pickers Win

VENTURA. — The strike of 118 Ventura County lemon pickers, which lasted six days, ended with a victory.

Under the new agreement with the Fillmore Lemon Association the pickers now receive a minimum of 28 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, with 6 cents additional for all boxes picked.

Hold Up Marine Board Appointee

WASHINGTON. — A Senate sub-committee on commerce is holding up confirmation of Joseph B. Kennedy's appointment as head of the U.S. Maritime Commission.

The question of Kennedy's eligibility is raised on grounds that the new Roosevelt appointee holds a large block of stock in the Todd Shipbuilding Corp.

O'Connell Statement Hurts Strike of SF Garment Cutters

SAN FRANCISCO—Going out of his way to injure the strike of Local 45, United Garment Workers' Cutters, for a $42 wage scale, Secretary John O'Connell of the Central Labor Council publicly branded "false" a statement that the Council executive committee had endorsed the strike.

Three firms have stated their willingness to pay the $42 scale, the union local states.

Tintypes

Council Secretary

O'Regan's the name. John Francis O'Regan.

He's been secretary of our Labor Council so long that when they decided to install new furniture the moving men were about to move old John too.

They'd have done it too, if Ed. Chandelier, who used to be our president, hadn't come along and stopped them.

When old John reads the communications, you doze off and dream about that blonde.

It'd be cruelty to take the communications away from John. He wouldn't know what to do if you did.

When he gets one about the Ladies Garment Workers giving a dance, he gets belligerent and tells the Council he can shake a leg along with the youngest of you fellows.

You young pups talking about old fogies! Why I was a labor official when you fellows still had your lips wet.

Old John got good and sore the other day. One of those young pups put in a motion to condemn the Governor because he said it was a good thing to arrest those sitdown strikers.

"Why, we've got a lot of favors to ask of the Governor," roared old John. "We'll never get 'em if we act like that."

He may be old, but there's plenty of life in the old dog yet.

If you don't believe it, you ought to hear him read a communication about civil service examinations for a cinder-remover down at City Hall.

What feeling! What meaning! What fire he gets into it!

But when there's a resolution to be read from "one of them waterfront unions."

———Well, old John doesn't like that.

San Jose Canners Are Going Places

SAN JOSE.—The last regular bi-monthly meeting of cannery workers' union members here brought out over 100 workers. Four such meetings have been held since granting of a charter.

Business Agent Lloyd Lehman reported on the State Federation's agricultural conference held recently in San Francisco. Lehman is on the executive committee which was elected by the conference.

Organizational committees have been elected for areas taking in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Mayfield, Campbell, San Jose and Santa Clara.

Aim Trespass Act At Sit-Downers

SACRAMENTO—Speaking for the large ranchowners and not poor farmers Von T. Ellsworth, lobbyist for the California Farm Bureau, has asked for stricter tightening of the State Trespassing Act. The request is aimed at sit-down strikers.

A measure before the legislature, introduced by Assemblyman Call of San Mateo County would make it a misdemeanor to enter upon a person's property without consent of the owner.

The Call measure is aimed at sitdown strikers and at agricultural organizers who approach farm workers while they are in the fields.

A vigorous fight by labor against this measure is essential.

New Charters for Painters, Redondo

REDONDO BEACH. — New Painters Union charters have been installed here in Compton. The Redondo Beach charter takes in all the territory of Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches.

Each of the new Painters locals begin with membership of more than 50 each.

BLDG. TRADE UNIONS SEEKING BOOST IN PAY

Include 6 - Hour Day Among Demands Being Sought

SACRAMENTO—A number of crafts in the building trades here have presented demands for new agreements and increases ranging from 5 to 25 per cent above existing scales.

Six-Hour Day

Under the new proposals plasterers and bricklayers are requesting $1.75 an hour for a six-hour day, with double time for overtime.

Present scale for these two crafts is $12 a day based on an eight-hour day, 40-hour week.

Painters also have submitted demands for a six-hour day at $1.50 an hour with double pay for overtime. The scale now is $8.80 per day for an eight-hour day, 40-hour week.

The present scales for the building trades were fixed under an agreement signed April 1, of last year. More than 50 crafts are represented in the agreement.

Boost in Pay For Sta. Clara Millmen

SAN JOSE.—A 50-cents per day wage increase goes into effect March 29 for journeymen cabinet makers, beach hands, millmen and all those engaged in operating woodworking machinery for the Pacific Manufacturing Co. of Santa Clara.

The raise is granted despite the fact that the present agreement runs until June 15. The workers affected are members of the Millmen's Union, Carpenters International.

Assembly Approves Bill on Conditions

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly "labor and capital committee has aproved AB 2100, introduced by Maloney and Williamson, a bill bringing laws and working conditions and labor regulations together into a general state code."

Pedro Tugboatmen Back with Gains

SAN PEDRO—Tugboat members of the Inland Boatmens' Union are back at work after a month old strike had won them a $150 monthly wage, 60-hour working week, and cash for overtime.

Tugboat masters have won a $245 scale and chief engineers $235. Work has now been resumed on the final segment of the San Pedro breakwater extension.

Building Crafts In Sacto. Get Offer of Compromise Wages

SACRAMENTO—A conference board of three has proposed a compromise 5% wage increase for all building trades crafts, in the new agreement starting April 1.

The Building Trades Council, Builders Exchange and Sacramento Master Builders compose the board. The unions have demanded 5 to 25% wage increases and a six-hour day.

RAPID PROGRESS

KEARNEY, N. J.—The Marine and Shipbuilding Workers' Union reports fast progress in organizing the 3500 employees of the Federal Shipbuilding Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary. 90 per cent are in the union now.

—Nor Iron Bars a Cell

"STONE WALLS do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cell." Not for long, anyway, as these two Fansteel Metallurgical strike leaders were concerned. Melvin Pitzele and Joseph Weber were jailed in Waukegan, Ill., for refusing to urge the sit-downers to evacuate the plant, but no sooner were they bailed out than they were back in leadership.

"Point of Order"

A TRADE UNION COLUMN

by Slim

Take the Guff Out of Guffey; Organized Labor and the Ship Labor Act; Dangers of the Act Exist For Every Trade Union Organization; The Labor Party, the CIO and the Fink Book; One Answer to the Agricultural Workers' Prayers.

"WE DON'T CARE whom the maritime unions chose as their representatives as long as they chose whom we want."

That's what the Guffey Ship Labor Bill says, in effect.

It talks about "free choice of representatives," and then goes on to stipulate that the unions can choose only native-born Americans.

The Ship Labor Act would take away marine labor's right to strike and picket, for it is merely another compulsory arbitration plan, so like the National Railway Labor Act that Siamese twins look like strangers in comparison.

Labor helped the maritime unions take the worst anti-labor stings out of the Copeland Act; organized labor is going to help the maritime unions whip the newest vicious attempt to crush the maritime unions.

Congressmen understand one kind of language. It's called mass pressure. That means resolutions, telegrams, adopted by unions and sent to the congressmen from the unions' districts, demanding that the congressmen vote against the Guffey Ship Labor Act.

Let the Ship Labor Act go through and the next thing is a Building Labor Act, a Metal Trades Labor Act, a Culinary Labor Act, and so on down the line.

And that, my friends, would in the long run mean no more unions.

That's why action now against the Guffey Ship Labor Act can save a lot of headaches later on.

Quick to support the fight for the amendments to the Copeland Act was the American Labor Party of New York. The Committee for Industrial Organization through John L. Lewis similarly blasted away at the fink book. The Democratic and Republican Parties either fought for the fink book or kept silent. William Green and the AFL Executive Council backed the fink book, along with Scharrenberg and Ivan Hunter.

Put all those facts together and you draw the same conclusion as we do.

EMPLOYEE: I've been around this plant for ten years, doing three men's work for one man's pay, and now I want a raise.

EMPLOYER: I can't give you that, but tell me the names of the other two men and I'll fire them.

The Field and Cannery Worker, published in San Jose, is out. It's a lulu. It's the paper agricultural and cannery workers have been hoping for many a long year.

And it deserves the support of every member and every section of organized labor in California. Its first issue, dated March, deals with the latest news and developments in agriculture, and deals with those vital matters in a concise way, packed with a punch.

Get your union to take bundles of it. It's published at 72 North Second Street, San Jose.

MESSENGER BOYS WIN

TOLEDO, Ohio. — Striking Western Union messenger boys here won a 25 per cent increase in wages. Postal Telegraph boys remain on strike.

LA Sitdown Ruling Shows Court Role

LOS ANGELES—Another barrier has been erected by reactionary courts of law to prevent labor from obtaining any betterment in its living standards with Superior Judge Wilson's ruling, to the effect that sitdown strikes are illegal and constitute "unlawful trespass."

The case in point was the hearing on a petition for an injunction restraining the 10 sit-down bakers at the Plecity Bakery from continuing a sit-down strike which had been filed by William Plecity, owner of the bakery.

"The employees do not own or claim to own any interest in the plaintiff's business, plant or machinery," the Judge said. "Not being upon the premises as owners, employees, or customers, nor with the consent, either expressed or implied, of the owner, but occupying the same against the owners' will and for the purpose of enforcing demands upon him, who formerly was their employer, they are trespassers."

Rule for ILA On Steam Schooners

LOS ANGELES.—Despite opposition by the local Waterfront Employers Assn., Dr. Paul Dodd of UCLA, maritime labor relations arbitrator has ruled that steamschooner hatches and winches must be tended by members of the International Longshoremen's Assn.

Dodd also ruled that longshore gangs must be kept intact and not interspersed with ship crew members.

Senate Committee OK's New Sea Act

WASHINGTON—The Senate commerce committee has followed the House commerce committee in reporting favorably on the compromise in the Copeland Act.

Under the new plan, seamen would not have to accept the continuous discharge book, but instead could take a certificate containing merely indentification marks.

Alberti's Program For Labor in L.

DEFEND RIGHT TO STRIKE AND TO ORGANIZE

Also Defending Sit-Down Strikers' Rights

LOS ANGELES — With the Central Labor Council Joint Executive Board's recommendation endorsement and the support of liberal and progressive groups, the campaign for the election of Henry J. Alberti to the City Council in the 2nd District, is well under way with headquarters opened at 5540 Hollywood Boulevard.

Unequivocally dedicating himself to the defence of civil liberties and to the furtherance of the inherent rights of labor, professionals, and the small-business man, Alberti's program represents in the broadest sense the needs and demands of the people of Los Angeles.

"I stand for the defence of civil liberties," he declared, in an interview with a Western Worker correspondent, "especially for minority political groups—guaranteeing absolute freedom of speech."

"I recognize the right of labor to strike, picket and bargain collectively."

"I will fight for the repeal of anti-picketing laws," he added.

Other things for which Alberti stands include the "fostering of public works at union wages to relieve unemployment," the "building of recreational centers," the "provision of adequate hospitalisation at cost."

In reference to recreational centers, Alberti declared "it is significant that in a district where more than 150,000 people live, there is only one small park—that on De Longpre Avenue."

Commenting on the existing hospitals, he said: "There are so many of these so-called 'non-profit,' 'tax-exempt,' institutions. But they charge you $5 to share a room, charge extra for all accessories, and if you want to use the operating room, it costs you $100 per hour."

On Sit-Down Strkie

Asked for a statement on the Douglas sit-down strike, Alberti stated: "I am a delegate to the Central Labor Council and I believe that the unity of the workers should be defended at all costs. With the majority of the Council delegates, my sympathies were wholly with the strikers at Douglas."

Vigorously condemning the vicious Criminal Syndicalism law, he said: "It is often said that a Councilman has no province in the State government. However, I do believe that the City Council could go on record against the Criminal Syndicalism law."

"If I have a voice in the Council I shall surely propose that the Council go on record for the repeal of that law."

Questioned on his attitude toward the fight for democracy in Spain, he declared: "Along with all the hundreds of thousands of progressive, democracy-loving people in the United States, I am completely in sympathy with the Spanish loyalist government."

By profession a cellist, Alberti has long been an active member of the Musicians' Union, local 47. In his union, he has always actively fought for thorough unity between the musicians and other workers.

The list of the persons and organizations endorsing Alberti include the Joint Executive Board of the Central Labor Council, the Coordinating Committee, the Continuations Committee of Southern California, the End Poverty League, Doctor E. P. Ryland, the Workers' Alliance, Doctor Frederick Conliffe, Assemblyman Jack Tenny; the International Workers' Order; the Pharmacists' Union, local 840; J. W. Gillette, of the Musicians' Union; Emil Freed, Doctor Floyd Seaman, Oliver Thornton, the Youth Federation for United Political Action, Leo Gallagher, Doctor Ralph Peters, the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists, and Technicians; R. N. Schindler, the Utopia Society, and Rube Burroughs of the Municipal League.

Business Agent Bob Says - - -

Once there was a man, who was lugging home a pay envelope, the result of lots of hard work.

Some hijackers lay in wait for him. But when they came to grab the pay envelope, they began to scrap among themselves. Each hijacker wanted the entire pay envelope for himself.

That's what's happened with the AFL executive council's "large scale plans" for an organizing drive in the territories in which the CIO has had such great success. The craft officials have already begun scrapping over jurisdictional rights, over workers whom the CIO counts as loyal followers.

The Executive Council's 50 organizers had been mobilized for "big things"; but John P. Frey, president of the metal trades department, flashed the stoplight of craft claims.

Pacific Electric Shopmen on 5 Days

LOS ANGELES — Shop craft employes of the Pacific Electric Railway returned to a five-day work week basis March 1, after having been on a part time schedule for the last seven years.

About 700 members of the various A. F. of L. shop craft organizations are affected by the change, which was negotiated with the management by a union committee.

Probe of Salinas Blacklist, Terror

SALINAS—In this city, on March 29, an accounting will be demanded of the Growers-Shippers Assn. of the Salinas Valley. On that date, the National Labor Relations Board will begin hearings of vicious anti-labor practices, which took place during last fall's lettuce strike and have continued since the strike.

Charges against the lettuce growers and shippers include: Unlawful searches and seizures; use of secret headquarters from which a reign of terror was directed; unnecessary use of tear-gas and nauseating gas; tear gas bombing of the Labor Temple; use of deputized vigilantes.

Twenty-nine concerns and individuals are named in the complaint. A special trial examiner from Washington will in all likelihood help conduct the hearings.

Among those named in the complaint are the Associated Farmers of Monterey County; the Salinas Valley Citizens Assn.; the Western Growers' Protective Assn.; law enforcement officers of the cities of Salinas, and Watsonville, of Monterery, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, and of the state of California.

The complaint is signed by E. S. Neal, who is acting regional director of the Labor Relations Board.

The charges were filed by the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. Other charges are restraint of trade, through the growers' pressure on the Tracy-Waldron Fruit Co., which desired to sign an agreement with the union and was forced out of business, and extensive blacklisting after the strike.

SF Legion Talks of Anti-Strike Plan

SAN FRANCISCO — Proposed "test drills" for "disasters" were discussed at a meeting of the American Legion District Relief Conference here.

Masquerading as preparedness for natural disasters, the "disaster" plans of the Legion have long been known to be aimed at rapid mobilization against unions in strikes.

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MILITARIZED

FORMER U. S. Army Chief General Douglas McArthur has even got the boys as young as 10 under arms in the Philippines.

G. JOHNSON IN FIGHT ON HIGH PRICES IN L. A.

Will Expose Meat and Milk Monopolies

LOS ANGELES—Hotly condemning the "disgraceful manner in which county hospital employees were cared for after suffering from the recent poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis epidemic," Grover Johnson, People's candidate for the City Council in the 13th district, declared.

"I firmly believe in, and I will fight for the pensioning of public employees in the same manner that I, as a disabled war veteran, am pensioned by the government."

Johnson's statement arose (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Glenn County Has Its First Union

ORLAND—Glenn County has its first real trade union.

Employees of the Golden State Dairy Co. have signed up 100 per cent with the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, Teamsters' affiliate. The new union intends to let no grass grow under its feet, and will demand an increase in minimum wages from $82.50 to $120 monthly.

WPA STRIKE IS NEAR; MEETING CALLED IN S. F.

Urge Public Attend Mass Meeting At Scottish Rite

SAN FRANCISCO—Prepared for strike action on all Bay Area WPA projects to stop the announced mass layoffs, WPA workers will hold an open mass meeting Wednesday night in Scottish Rite Auditorium. The public, including trade unionists especially, has been urged to attend.

Among those invited to speak are representatives of the San Francisco Labor Council, and the waterfront unions, together with State Senator Culbert L. Olson, Supervisor Reilly, Assemblyman Elmer E. Lore and a representative of State WPA Administrator Lawson.

Against Layoffs

By an overwhelming vote the four locals of the Workers' Alliance in San Francisco voted to take strike action if necessary to maintain present WPA quotas and gain a ten per cent raise in wages, according to their representatives reporting Sunday to the Bay Area Committee of Action.

Local 236 of the American Federation of Government Employees, representing the white collar project employees in San Francisco, was scheduled to take a strike vote Monday night.

The announced program of the WPA calls for dismissals be- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

WHITEWASH FOR GRAFTING COPS

Atherton Tells "Western" He Expects No Action in S. F.

(See Editorial, Page 4)

SAN FRANCISCO—Edwin N. Atherton, whose report as an investigator of graft in the San Francisco Police Department last week provided a startling expose of the Mayor Rossi-McDonough political machine, told a Western Worker representative that he did not expect anything but a "whitewash" to come of his efforts.

Atherton refused to comment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Complete the Press Drive!

Support Oakland and L. A. Affairs!

Los Angeles and Oakland—get a move on!

Although lagging in the Western Worker Drive emergency, with $1965.44 to raise between them of the $2968.02 that must be brought in by March 31 to carry the "Western" through the year, these two counties have the opportunity to go over the top with two big affairs scheduled for next Saturday night, March 27.

Communist Party members in particular, and all friends and readers of the "Western," are urged to attend these affairs in a body:

LOS ANGELES—The "March Frolic" at Sons of Herman Hall, 120 East 25th St., with a snappy orchestra and entertainment. Admission 25 cents.

OAKLAND—"International Night" at Odd Fellows Hall, 11th and Franklin Sts., with chicken and dumpling dinner from 5:30 to 8 p. m., at 50 cents, including admission; dramatic program of all nations from 8 p. m., to 11 p. m., and Frank Spector as speaker, with 25 cents admission for the program.

Although "over the top" in last year's drive, L. A. has raised only $3343.40, or 66.8 per cent of its quota, and MUST raise $1656.60 more!

Oakland has raised only $690.66, or 69 per cent of its quota, and MUST raise $309.34 more!

SPIKES GREEN

President George DeNucci of the Columbus, Ohio, Federation of Labor, the charter of which was revoked by William Green because it refused to expel CIO unions. Injunction held the action up and De Nucci was re-elected in a vote of confidence.

CONVENTION OF COAST I. L. A. STARTS MAY 3RD

Call Is Out; To Be Held In Seattle, Washington

The call has gone out for the 1937 annual convention of the Pacific Coast District, International Longshoremen's Assn.

The convention will start the first Monday in May, in Seattle. ILA Local 38-79 has voted to send 10 delegates, and nominations are now being made.

They will be voted on by the membership at a special meeting on March 29. Convention resolutions and other convention matters will be dealt with at the same meeting.

Lockout Threat On San Pedro Docks

SAN PEDRO—The ILA was to meet Tuesday, as the Western Worker went to press, to decide what to do about the Waterfront Employers Assn.

Announcement that it will shut down the port due to a refusal of ILA members to pass through a seamens' picket line around the East Coast freighter Lancaster.

The Lancaster is being picketed because, according to the Sailors and Firmen, 25 members of its crew did not take part in the East Coast strike.

Big Progressive S. Diego Labor Win

SAN DIEGO—Headed by John D. Lydick, unopposed nominee for secretary of the Federated Trades Council, progressives were swept into every office of the organization at the special election held last Wednesday night. Lydick is secretary of the Plasterers' Union and during the past year he has been a prominent leader of the Building Trades Council. J. Wallace Brown, business agent of the Waiters and Bartenders' Union, was named president, succeeding Walter Stutz, reactionary Projectionist delegate, who declined to run again for the office.

The progressive ticket was unopposed in almost all fields and the two or three reactionary candidate for minor offices were unable to muster a score of votes although more than 100 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

CAL. A.F.L. HITS AT REAL DRIVE IN AGRICULTURE

Refuses To Ask For State Charter As Conference Voted

Meeting over the week-end, the executive board of the California State Federation of Labor trampled on the desires of the recent state agricultural conference, and declined to request a state charter based on the program adopted by that conference.

Instead, the executive committee decided to make immediate application to Washington for a state agricultural charter limited only to field workers, leaving out cannery, dried fruit, nut and vegetable packing workers.

No Expulsions

At the same time, the executive committee went on record to support William Green against the Committee for Industrial Organization, but stressed the fact that it was not expelling any CIO unions or any unions sympathetic to the CIO.

The State Federation went back on the overwhelming number of labor councils in California which have filed and refused to agree with anything in William Green's letter which paves the way for expulsion, although the executive council paid heed to the council's pressure in not calling for CIO expulsion as yet.

Flouting the expressed desire of the great majority of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

NEED FIGHT ON SHIP LABOR ACT

Eastman Statement Is a Warning to All Unions

WASHINGTON—With organized labor being rallied behind the fight on the Guffey compulsory arbitration bill, known as the Ship Labor Act, Joseph B. Eastman (former transportation coordinator and now a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission) has joined the shipowners' hue and cry for compulsory arbitration in the marine industry.

Eastman stated that "voluntary machinery" for adjustment of disputes has not worked out, particularly on the West Coast.

In the same breath he admitted that there have been "union gains of longshoremen and seamen" under the present negotiations system.

All union and progressive organizations are urged by the Maritime Federation to insist that their congressmen vote against the Ship Labor Bill and all other similar pending legislation.

Dore, Shelley Talk on Court Changes

SAN FRANCISCO—An imposing array of speakers will take part, on Wednesday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the big Scottish Rite Auditorium mass meeting to back the changes in the Supreme Court proposed by President Roosevelt.

The big mass meeting in under auspices of the Peoples Legislative Conference. Speakers will include Mayor John F. Dore of Seattle, John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, Professor Samuel May, University of California. Chairman will be George P. Davis, attorney for Tom Mooney.

All Help To Madrid

A POSTER appearing in all chief cities in Loyalist areas of Spain, urging the populace to send foodstuffs and clothing to the heroic people of Madrid, who have so long helped withstand the siege by Spanish, Italian and Nazi Fascist troops.

'Plane Union Grows

CIO Now Has 3300 Out of 5400 in Douglas Plant

SANTA MONICA—"The strike is over but the fight for our demands has just begun."

This was the expressed sentiment of over 1000 Douglas Aircraft workers at a mass meeting held on the ocean front here at Municipal Auditorium to hear union leaders report that the company president Donald Douglas had so far shamelessly refused to abide by his verbal agreement that ended the strike.

Organized Labor Support

Organized labor all over Los (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Butte County Folk Back Court Change

OROVILLE, Butte County—In this farming county, the Butte County Independence Club has adopted a resolution recommending that the State Senate vote to obtain a pardon for Tom Mooney.

The resolution is signed by Alvin Washburn and Lou Keener. It stated that Mooney's innocence has been fully proven.

The Independence Club also wired President Roosevelt, backing the Supreme Court reform proposals.

Bravery the Mark of Lincoln Brigade

VALENCIA. — Although suffering seriously from casualties during the heavy fighting on the Jarama front, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of American volunteers is still an important factor in that sector.

MOBILIZE BACK OF C. S. REPEAL ACT IN SACTO.

Demand Freedom for Victims Of Act; Plan Caravan

Labor and progressive forces throughout California have started mobilizing the widest possible support for Assembly Bill 311, repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act, and for freedom of the eight young men and women union organizers convicted under this law two years ago, whose appeal comes up in the Third District Court of Appeals, Sacramento, next month.

Bus Caravan to Sacto.

The California Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act appeals to all Northern California unions and other progressive organizations to pass a resolution demanding passage of A. B. 311 and freedom of the Sacramento C.S. defendants; and to name one or two representatives to join the bus and auto caravan to Sacramento on the evening in April when the Assembly Committee holds the public hearing on A. B. 311.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

Threat of a general auto strike in Detroit has forced Mayor Couzens to promise not to attempt further eviction of sitdown strikers. The threat of a general strike was made by the CIO auto workers union to halt evictions of any sitdowners in any industry.

Chicago police, heavily armed, evicted 1200 sitdown strikers in three plants.

Meanwhile 6000 sitdown strikers at the Chrysler plants continued to defy a court injunction which carried a threat of a $10,000,000 fine.

The union has organized a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

NEGRO LEADERS IN L. A. BOOST C. I. O. POLICIES

Auto Union Demands Recognition In Studebaker

(See Page 2 for ILA Warehousemens Story.)

Adding to the growing list of California Central Labor Councils to reject the William Green letter paving the way for CIO expulsion, the Labor Councils of Santa Monica, Monterey and Salinas have filed the union-splitting communication.

In the case of the Santa Monica Central Labor Council, the vote was to "ignore" Green's letter.

The Santa Monica Council extended its full support to the recent Douglas Aircraft strike.

In Vernon, near Los Angeles, the CIO Automobile Workers Union has begun negotiations with the Studebaker Auto Co. for union recognition and reinstatement of two men fired for union activity.

Seeing in it an effective weapon in the fight against race discrimination, Los Angeles Negro labor leaders issued a public statement last week enthusiastically endorsing the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Signed by Robert J. Landry, president of Red Cap Station Porters' union; John E. Hargrove, vice-president Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters; Douglas DeVaughn, president, Local 582 and Clarence R. Johnson, Pacific Coast general chairman Dining Car Employees, the statement declared:

"Seldom in the world's history has a social movement achieved such speedy and spectacular success as has the CIO. The establishment of bona fide unionism in the Steel Industry and the winning of an agreement from the Carnegie-Illinois Corporation, chief subsidiary of the United States Steel, has broken the backbone of employing-class opposition to labor organization in the United States."

Noting the remarkable success the CIO has made during its short existence and condemning the defeatist, reactionary opposition of AFL leaders, the statement continues,

"In the brief span of its exist- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Other CIO Developments:—

New York Central Labor Council shelves Green letter which paves way for CIO unions' expulsion.

Because CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers have organized 1000 out of 2000 of Nevada County, Cal. gold miners, employers offer 50 cents a day wage increase.

As CIO Textile Workers Organizing Committee began its drive, New England textile companies announced a wage increase.

Texas Federation of Labor suspends Oil Workers and Garment Workers, CIO. unions Plans large scale CIO oil drive under way.

Laundry Women Win First Hawaii Sitdown Strike

HONOLULU — Honolulu's first sit-down strike has ended with a victory.

Women who struck the American-Sanitary Laundry and went on a "singing" sitdown strike, received increases which brought wages up from a 13 cents an hour minimum to 17 cents.

REACTIONARY PLAN TO HAVE LABOR COUNCIL REGULATE ALL UNIONS' PICKETING SCORED

"Would Substitute New Anti-Picket Laws For One Recently Repealed"; Plan Is Sent to Executive Board in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Another attempt by reactionary union officials to substitute a new kind of restriction for the recently repealed anti-picket law, was made in the Central Labor Council last Friday night, and some who like to be known as progressives tried to help it go through.

At the previous Council Meeting a resolution, introduced by Fred West of the Window Cleaners, calling on the executive board of the Council to set up regulations of picketing, was filed.

Lengthy Debate

This time those backing such a scheme used Delegate Lotti of the Chauffeurs' Union, to introduce a similar resolution. After more than an hour's debate, an amendment to refer to the executive board was declared carried.

Lotti's resolution referred to "reckless picketing," and used other such terms to attack unions which display energetic measures in winning strikes.

The Lotti resolution called for appointment of a joint committee of three representatives each from the Building Trades Council, Joint Teamsters' Council and Labor Council to work out a plan for control of picketing.

President Shelley moved that it be referred to the executive board and Delegate Watson of Miscellaneous Culinary Workers' 110, that it be filed.

"A New Anti-Picketing Law"

Watson again, as he did the week before, characterized such an idea as "some of our dear brothers pulling a lot of new anti-picketing ordinances out of their vest pockets after we have gotten rid of one set of laws."

Delegate Goldblatt of the Warehousemen (ILA 38-44) stated that the only type of discipline worth anything is that imposed by the unions themselves.

Such reactionaries as Andy Gallegher of the printing trades; Secretary John O'Connell, and McLaughlin, of the Teamsters were joined by Jack Shelley and Hugo Ernst in arguing for control of picketing.

McLaughlin's Threat

Delegate Schmidt of the ILA, 38-79, and Sam Jaye, Miscellaneous Culinary Workers' 110, joined in arguing against control of picketing by the Councils.

McLaughlin went so far as to serve notice that the Teamsters will be instructed to walk through picket lines soon.

Schmidt told how the maritime unions, in their recent 99-day strike, had picketed peacefully, controlling their activities by their own police, all that was needed.

O'Connell, McLaughlin and Lotti did not blame the openshoppers for the anti-picket law which existed from 1916 to 1937, but put the blame on "unions doing as they please."

WAREHOUSERS OF SEATTLE DEFY W. GREEN

Insist On Staying In ILA, Where They Have Won Gains

SEATTLE—Hugh Bradshaw, Seattle business agent for the Weighers, Warehousemen and Cereal Workers' Union, has defied the American Federation of Labor to place the Union under the jurisdiction of the Teamsters' Union instead of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Not a Local Issue

He said the Warehousemen here demanded the jurisdictional dispute be submitted to a vote of all the Pacific Coast Warehousemen involved.

"This is no longer a local issue," Bradshaw said. "Nearly 900 men here, another 900 in the Columbia River area, 4,500 in one San Francisco local and more at Sacramento, Stockton and Wilmington are involved.

"William Green, or two or three men back in Washington, D. C., are not going to dictate to us. The law gives us the right to choose our own bargaining agency as we did in Seattle when we voted unanimously to stay with the Longshoremen."

A strike of the drug firm workers has been settled by agreement with the employers, but the Teamsters' action has prevented their reopening.

ON STRIKE—From Coast to Coast

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"minute men's brigade" for defense of sitdown strikers.

Lumber workers, on strike in seven Seattle mills, and in other Washington cities, returned to work Monday under the 7½ cents an hour wage increase granted by employers.

Negotiations will continue for an additional 2½ cents increase demanded by the Sawmill and Lumber Workers Union.

New strikes included a walkout of 600 Toledo Ohio, taxi drivers for wage increases and a strike of 1600 Philadelphia ash truck drivers, which ended quickly with a promise of better wages.

A city-wide strike of Providence, R.I., store workers has been voted, under CIO leadership. A 10% wage increase is demanded.

The sitdown strike of 25 employees of the Spirella Corset Co. in Emeryville, Alameda County, continued.

WPA Strike Near in San Francisco

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ginning April 1 to cut approximately 29,000 workers off WPA in California, including approximately 4000 in San Francisco.

The San Francisco locals, at separate elections, voted to join WPA workers of the East Bay districts in placing authority in the hands of a committee to call a strike when and as considered necessary.

Three Counties Represented

The committee, of which Ben Legere is executive secretary, represents not only the Workers' Alliance, but the American Federation of Government Employees, having a mandate from al the organized WPA workers in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

East Bay locals of the Workers' Alliance have scheduled a mass meeting Monday night, March 29, in the Oakland Auditorium Theater.

In announcing the San Francisco strike vote and the vesting of authority in the hands of the Bay Area Committee of Action, Mack Posey, Alliance chairman in San Francisco, said:

"Thousands of families face absolute destitution if these cuts are made."

More Cal. Councils Blast Green Bill

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ence covering only a year and a few months, the CIO has not only brought the idea of labor unionism for the millions to the attention of anyone who can read or listen in the United States, but it has itself become a mighty force for working class solidarity, establishing itself firmly in the heart of American industry, daily attracting new thousands to its ranks.

"The benefits that workers are now enjoying as a result of its brilliant leadership are benefits which black workers share alike with white. Because the basic philosophy of organization within the CIO is industrial, the very tenets of these principles will ultimately destroy racial antagonism and segregation within the American labor movement.

"Certainly black workers have more to gain within the CIO, under its leadership than could be hoped for anywhere else along industrial and economic lines—Moreover, black workers will have a definite place in the realm of activities of the CIO in formulating and assisting in directing of those basic principles and policies to which the CIO will direct its energies in the interests of the forty-six million wage earners in America."

In the Alameda Central Labor Council, a telegram from William Green demanding that the National Motor Bearing Co. be taken off the unfair list resulted in such action being taken Monday night. Green's letter contained threats of expulsion for CIO unions. The plant is organized into the CIO United Auto Workers Union, whose members are locked out.

GREAT FUTURE

THIS SOVIET tot, already getting acquainted with aviation technique, can look forward to a bright future as an engineer.

G. JOHNSON IN FIGHT ON HIGH PRICES IN L. A.

Will Expose Meat and Milk Monopolies

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from the recent grand jury expose of Los Angeles County's criminal neglect of General Hospital nurses who today are helpless invalids from infantile paralysis, contracted when they served in the hospital during the 1934 epidemic.

Meanwhile, with a program dedicated to the protection of the rights of labor, small business men, small home owners, youth, and professionals, the campaign for Johnson's election is being carried forward among the people of his district. Campaign workers report enthusiastic response with many offers of help and contributions of money.

Chief in Johnson's program are his pledges to oppose anti-picketing laws or any legislation that will restrict the rights of labor to organize, strike, picket, and bargain collectively; to support and fight for all rights of citizens guaranteed under the Constitution, such as free speech, free assembly, free press; to fight for legislation designed to protect and raise the living standards of labor.

Fights Monopolies

Stressing his support of adequate health legislation, Johnson said;

"I will fight and expose the meat and milk monopolists that are now dictating the policies of the health department in the hope that no more meat or milk scandals will occur in Los Angeles."

Among organizations and people backing him are Parley Parker Christiansen, the United Progressive Democrats, the Municipal Bus League, the End Poverty League, the Municipal League, Rube Burroughs, Anthony Pratt, the Co-ordinating Council, and the Workers' Alliance.

Cal. AFL Hits at Farm Labor Drive

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delegates to the recent state agricultural conference, which the state federation itself sponsored, the executive committee announced that it will control all organization moves itself, and appointed Walter Cowan secretary of the "new" union until the state charter is obtained.

The recent conference had elected, by democratic vote, an executive committee, and had decided that branches were to be set up in each central labor council area. The conference voted in addition that the branches were to elect their own sub-organizers, while state organizers were to be elected by the rank and file.

The state federation executive council's decisions paid absolutely no attention to their desire.

George Woolf, who had been elected to head the executive committee chosen by the recent conference, stated the committee would continue even though state federation secretary Vandeleur had said the conference committee must now go out of existence.

"It is capable of going ahead with its plans for state-wide organization. The executive committee will have to answer for its action to the state convention in September."

The State Federation Executive Board, while sabotaging the decisions of the agricultural conference, gave a hearing at the Sunday session to the Trotzkyite, J. B. Nathan, who represents nobody but himself, and who supported Vandeleur's stand against the rank-and-file representatives.

L. A. WORKERS IRED AT COPS' STRIKE ATTACK

Triggs Ordered the Brutal Eviction of Jobless

LOS ANGELES—Workers here are still seething with indignation over last week's police brutality, when, waging a determined struggle against enforced starvation, 50 needy unemployed workers, members of the Workers' Alliance, conducted a two-day sit-down strike in Los Angeles county relief offices, March 16 and 17.

With the protest demonstration against state relief administrator Pomeroy's ruthless stopping of supplementary aid, starting in the Belvedere Gardens county relief office Tuesday, it spread Wednesday to the county relief headquarters at 741 South Flower street.

The "Red Squad" Arrives

There twenty-five workers sat down and stayed there until members of the "red squad" threw them out at 5:30 in the evening.

Significant was new county relief administrator Clayton Triggs' immediate demand that the "red squad" "put them out." More significant yet was his rage when police officials declared that because of a "change of policy," they would take no action unless charges were preferred against the workers by the administrator.

Despite nearing elections and the reluctance of the Fascist-like Shaw-Davis regime to take any action that would cost them votes, however, close to 15 plain clothes police threw the unemployed workers out — ordered them "in the name of the people of California" "to disperse."

No one was arrested and all the sit-downers joined the strong picket line on the outside of the building. Many of the workers had been in the strike since 9 a. m. the previous day, but all of them declared that they intended to keep the picket line going until their demands were met.

Characteristic of the reactionary officials, all toilets were declared "out of order" as soon as the men and women started the strike. Although members of the strike committee telephoned the Department of Health, and demanded that the toilets be fixed, no action was taken.

CIO Has 3300 Out of 5400 in Douglas

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Angeles is rallying to support a huge mass protest meeting called for March 26, 8 p.m., at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, to raise funds for the legal defense of the "400" ex-sitdowners now under indictment on conspiracy charges.

Meanwhile mounting indignation among the membership of the Santa Monica Central Labor Council was directed against Mayor Gillette, following a report that he had declared he intended "to put an end to union meetings in Santa Monica."

Pointing out that organized labor had practically put Gillette in office on his promise of sympathy to trade unions, Central Labor Council members, in support of the CIO, declare a recall movement hangs over his head at the first display of antagonism towards the Douglas workers.

Claiming a union membership of 3300, out of 5400, local 214 of the Automobile Workers' Union is firm in its conviction that Douglas can be compelled by the force of continued organizing to sign the agreement he has already agreed to verbally.

Apart from the 38 militant strikers and members of the strike committee refused re-employment by Douglas on the trumped-up charges of violence and sabotage, there has been no further discrimination of union men.

Blast Hutcheson, Court Change Foe

LOS ANGELES—With a unanimous vote, local 1561 of the Furniture Workers' Union at a meeting Wednesday, March 17, endorsed President Roosevelt's proposed changes of the Supreme Court. A wire containing the endorsement was sent to the President and a copy of it was sent to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

The action of the union arose as a spirited denunciation of the Carpenters' International president Hutcheson's statement condemning any Supreme Court reform.

Urge Inspection of Farm Labor Camps

SACRAMENTO — Many farm and labor leaders, as well as others directly concerned or sympathetic with the agricultural workers, came here Monday to urge legislation for farm labor camp inspection.

Hearings on the question began before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, describing the miserable conditions in farm labor camps.

A wire from R. F. Rypins of the Simon J. Lubin Society stated:

"The society in its program to better the living conditions of California agricultural workers considers vital the financial rehabilitation of the Division of Immigration and Housing; urges that your committee hold an open hearing so that representatives of the society may appear and be heard."

Among those to urge inspection legislation was A.F. Gaynor, legislative representative of the California Peoples Legislative Conference.

Those favoring adequate inspection propose restoring of the 1934 budget of $144,575 for the division, with a staff of 11 inspectors. Present, and inadequate appropriation is $78,000.

Big Progressive S. Diego Labor Win

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delegates were present.

The recalled officers were originally appointed by Joe Casey, past Pacific Coast AFL organizer, fourteen months ago when he arbitrarily disbanded the Council, then under the secretaryship of A. C. Rogers, prominent California progressive.

Later these reactionary officers were elected to office by a small group of unions supporting Casey's disruptive program. As a result of these actions, a majority of local unions began boycotting the Central Council in January, 1936. Attempts to have these unions re-affiliate to the Council became successful only recently.

Others Elected

Other officers were chosen as follows: Clarence Goad, Typographical delegate, was elected vice-president, and Lee Gregovich, president of the Cooks' and Waitresses' local, was named conductor. Delegates who with the addition of the president and secretary, will compose the executive committee, are Harry Steinmetz, southwestern vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers; Claude Jones, Carpenters' delegate, and P. H. Neary, secretary of the ILA.

Members elected to the powerful board of administration, which controls the finances and property of the Council, including the Labor Temple and the weekly Labor Leader, are: Louie Mehl, business agent of the Laborers and Hodcarriers; Jack Poteet, business agent of the Teamsters; and William Baker, Brewery Workers' delegate.

Members of the elected organizing committee are: M. Smolan, Claude Pierce, Otto Walters, Curtis Robbins and Carrol Hunnewell.

Secretary John Lydick stated that he will outline his policies at the next meeting of the Council. Following the counting of ballots, a motion carried without opposition to notify Republican State Senator Ed Fletcher and Democratic Assemblywoman Jeanette Daley, both from this district, that they no longer have the support of local organized labor, because of their action in voting against the legislative resolution to pardon Tom Mooney.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 27

SAN FRANCISCO—League for the Protection of Unemployed asked all unions and central labor bodies to print on their stationery that 30,000 were jobless in the city.

SACRAMENTO—Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. took over Bay Cities Telephone Co., furthering monopoly control.

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SANTA ROSALIA, Mexico—Pancho Villa in narrow escape from reactionary troops trying to overthrow Madero government.

SAN FRANCISCO — Alaska Salmon Packers' Union pickets, at "Star of Russia" dock, attacked by scabs, throwing bricks; several pickets arrested.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Nicholas Franco, scab in Southern Pacific shops, fired four shots at a picket line at Pacific Rolling Mills, and wounded a bystander.

LONDON—The British Parliament passed a minimum wage bill in connection with the three weeks old miners' strike.

RYAN OKEH TO ORDER AGAINST WAREHOUSERS

Dave Beck Crimps Negotiations By ILA Affiliate

Because William Green and the reactionary AFL Executive Board officials have ordered all non-waterfront warehouses taken away from the ILA, the Warehousemen's Union may have to start picketing the Dwight Edwards and Owl Warehouses in San Francisco.

Stealing of the inland warehousemen from the ILA by the Teamsters' officials (not the Teamsters' rank and file) has been sanctioned by ILA international president Joseph P. Ryan, who in a telegram to Teamsters' international representative Dave Beck, stated that he concurs with the AFL executive council decision.

The Green decision covers the entire West Coast, and is an edict demanding that this progressive union give a great part of its members up to the Teamsters' International.

Dave Beck Steps In

The two companies had signed up with the Warehousemen's Union when Dave Beck of Seattle, Teamsters' International representative, notified Attorney Crum that every Safeway outlet would be stopped up by the Teamsters if this was done.

To show how progressive the Warehousemen are under the ILA, they have added a new victory to their growing list—signing a contract with Woolworth's, granting a closed shop, hiring hall, another 15 per cent wage increase and a scale of 70 to 75 cents an hour.

Labor Cuts G.O.P. Tie in East Bay

OAKLAND — Alameda County Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, for 20 years a football of Republican machine politics, took another step away from old guardist policies, here last Saturday night when it adopted the platform drawn up by the original Policy Committee, except for three points.

Only candidates who commit themselves to the adopted platform, will be endorsed by the Federation, a progressive step forward. The Federation failed to endorse candidates last Saturday, voting 77 to 50 to postpone endorsements until after the primaries April 24, on recommendation of the present Policy Committee.

Republican Machine Seen

Hand of the Quinn-Kelly Republican machine is seen in rejection of three points in the original platform, by the predominantly reactionary Policy Committee now functioning. The points were:

"Taxes—revision of taxes according to the ability to pay, equitable assessments reflecting true value of all real estate; education—free medical, dental and optical care for all school children; public welfare—amendment to major disaster plan to guarantee organized labor equality of control."

Wm. A. Spooner, Federation secretary, announced there had been a 61-61 deadlock for the final Policy Committee position, and stated he did not summon either contestant for the position to the meeting. Both contestants were progressives. It was voted to include both candidates on the Committee.

First Closed Shop For SF Car Men

SAN FRANCISCO—The Market Street Car workers have won a closed shop for the first time in history.

In a new agreement, induced by a threat to strike, Street Carmen's local 1004 brings to its members not only the closed shop, but also checkoff for dues, an 8-hour day, time and a half for overtime, pay for extra men while waiting for jobs, a full day's pay in case of mechanical breakdown, 5 cents an hour wage increase for two-man carmen, and increase of 7½ cents for one-man carmen.

The members voted 1288 to 218 to accept the new terms.

Demand U. P. Stages Rehire Fired Men

SAN FRANCISCO—Reinstatement of drivers discharged for union membership by the Union Pacific Stages has been demanded by the Labor Relations Board. The Board has asked the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals here to compel reinstatement.

Oil Companies Rob State of Taxes

SACRAMENTO — Large oil companies were allowed to defraud the state of more than $6,000,000 in collection of gasoline taxes, it was charged in the report of the special Assembly committee headed by Leon Donihue, on its inquiry into inefficiency and graft in state government.

The State Board of Equalization permitted oil companies to evade payment of the tax on a "proper" basis, the report declared, by measuring the gasoline when it was cold, whereas the oil companies sold it at higher temperatures.

Gasoline contracts when it is cool and expands in volume under higher temperatures.

Having exposed widespread graft in liquor enforcement, the committee recommended removal of liquor enforcement from the control of the Equalization Board and creation of an alcohol beverage commission.

Full Report Spiked

Although sensational evidence was uncovered by the Assembly committee, the report was toned down to a mild document.

"Donihue had a reporter write a report which was full of scandal," explained one committee member. "We decided that while headlines were nice, we've had enough, so the report was rewritten and toned down."

WHITEWASH FOR GRAFTING COPS

Atherton Tells "Western" He Expects No Action in S. F.

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on attacks made by Mayor Rossi on his report, saying that his report spoke for itself, that he had finished his job and was now a private citizen.

Rossi Tries Smoke-Screen

The investigator turned over to District Attorney Brady a letter from Mayor Rossi inviting him to a "conference" to determine whether Atherton had any evidence.

"If Mayor Rossi wants anything along that line, he knows where to go—to the district attorney's office," declared Atherton, who had scored the mayor in his report as one of those obstructing the investigation, along with Police Chief Quinn and Police Commissioners Roche and Shumate.

Asked by the Western Worker representative for further details on a paragraph in his report, dealing with obstruction of the investigation by employers' groups during the recent maritime strike, Atherton replied that he had no further information.

"I make it my policy to stay out of cases involving labor, either for or against labor," he said.

Favored Open Hearing

"Under the city charter, the Board of Supervisors has the power to conduct an open investigation into police graft—would you be in favor of such an investigation?" Atherton was asked.

"I didn't know the supervisors had that power, although I know they have the power to subpoena, which would indicate that power," said Atherton. "I was in favor of a public hearing a year ago."

The Rossi Machine

In one section of his report, Atherton stated that the police officers were compelled to collect campaign funds for city candidates.

Asked which candidates, Atherton told the Western Worker reporter that he meant "the whole machine."

It was later learned that 12 police captains contributed $250 each, a total of $3000, to Mayor Rossi's campaign in 1935. Richard Barrett, Rossi's campaign manager, said he remembered hearing of requests for money from policemen during the campaign, but said:

Murphy "Doesn't Know"

"My knowledge was all second hand, for I was merely campaign director and did not handle campaign solicitations."

D.J. Murphy, Rossi's campaign treasurer, claimed: "I don't know anything about it. I handled the money, that's all. I didn't keep any books. I don't know who kept the books. I don't know whether any books were kept."

Labor Aroused

Organized labor, despite Atherton's statement that he ran across nothing in his investigation of an anti-labor character, was becoming aroused over the graft disclosures and many trade unionists were demanding the resignation of not only Police Chief Quinn and all police commissioners, but of Mayor Rossi as well.

Unionists held the obstructionist role played by employers during the waterfront strike, proved that employers were using the Police Department for their own selfish interests and against the interests of labor.

Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, wrote to Atherton last week as foll...

Atherton Cong...

"As editor of ... Worker, it is a ... extend to you my ... tions on your splend... ageous expose of ... corruption rampant ... department and th... city administration.

"The entire peop... Francisco owe you ... thanks for the serv... rendered them. I tr... facts you have pre... result in action of ... the people which w... fresh air into the ... istration and depar... very frenzied nature ... which those involve... the publication of y... practically an adm... truth of your charge...

"Assuring you of ... of our press in a ... rid the city admini... departments of graft...

CAMPAIGN ... ALBERTI TO PREC...

Labor Platf... Brought Di... L.A. Peo...

LOS ANGELES—... ward a program ba... of the small-busin... home owner, profe... ers, and labor, the ... the election of H. ... the City Council ... District, is meeting ... favorable response f... ple of the district.

Official endorse... berti's candidacy ... ceived from the or... movement in Los ... numerous liberal a... sive organizations ... ised their support.

Neighborhood ...

With headquarte... 5540 Hollywood Bo... in the campaign i... ward on a neighbo... basis. A campaig... has been set up ... Ralph Peters, ch... Betty Rosenhouse, ...

Alberti has rec... endorsement from ... Labor Council, th... and Wilmington L... and the Allied Pr... Building Trades, ... Trades Councils.

Chief among th... Alberti's platform ... signed to aid the s... man and the small ... guaranties of ... rights, and Labor's ... following are taken ... paign leaflet outli... program:

"Relief from ... tion now imposed ... home owner and ... ness man.

"Shifting of the ... ation from labor a... iness to the large... and giant chain ... more able to bear...

"A guarantee to ... of Los Angeles ... tutional rights—f... speech, the right ... sembly, freedom ... and, action to end ... police activities.

For Rights ...

"A guarantee ... labor to barga... strike, and picket...

"Protection of ... Los Angeles teach... and academic free...

"Insistence that ... be built with union ... ion wages.

"Adequate hosp... cost with day nurs... for children of ... work.

"Emphatic oppos... lay-offs and cuts." ...

Among the spe... berti's campaign ... organized labor a... man Jack B. Tenne... ers' Alliance, E... League, the Co-ordi... cil of Progressive ... Burrough, and the ... ation for United ... tion.

$10,000 Fin... Paper Mon...

SAN FRANCISCO ... joint fine has been ... the Federal Circu... Appeals against ... States Paper Comp... ecutives who admit... "in some respects" ... old federal trade co... cree.

On Dec. 29, 1923, ... sion issued a "cease ... order commanding ... nies and their trade ... to halt price fixing ... ence with sales of ... companies.

...HINISTS, ...STRIKES ...OOMING

...ns Strike ...Both; Will ...ike Vote

...ISCO—Two im... ...n machine shops ...looming in San ...

...arge shops affil... California Metal ...on has hindered ...iations with the ...shops, for a new ...to start April ...Machinists Lodge ...the Labor Coun... ...rning of April 1 ...lines around all ...strike vote will ...Wednesday.

Votes

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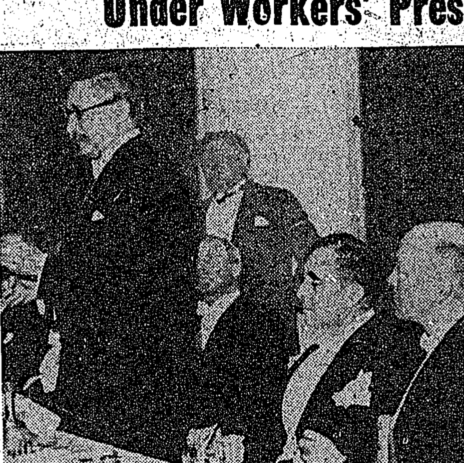
ssolini Takes Responsibility for Italian Forces in Spain

Under Workers' Pressure



LEON BLUM, premier of France, has been under increasing pressure from French masses for steps to completely outlaw Fascist organizations. Blum is shown addressing the American Club in Paris.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. F. SNYDER

Eugene V. Debs emerged from Woodstock jail for his activities in the A. R. U. strike in 1894, got an idea of establishing a Colony in the state of Washington, but the tide of industrial and political action on the part of the workers, then sweeping the country, caught Debs up and swept him far afield by 1900, from his utopian dream of solving the misery of the poor by isolating them in colonies. He was nominee for President—Harriman for Vice-President. The Socialist Party was a combination of small parties.

Harriman and Llano

Job Harriman at that time was with the Socialist Labor Party, political division of the Socialist movement in America. Debs was closed to the Social Democrats' line-up. As they marched down the years, Debs found no further time for colonies but Harriman wound up his days in an attempt to solve the problem of Labor through colonization. Bellamy's "Looking Backward" and "Equality" had a great deal of influence on the masses.

After the collapse of his campaign for Mayor of Los Angeles, in 1911, and being unable to grasp the meaning of the industrial and political situation growing out of the MacNamara trial and so-called "confession," Harriman rapidly drifted into his Llano Colony scheme.

The land secured in Antelope Valley, the people who joined the colony and the make-up of the board of directors are important. Many were disgusted with politics and the Colony looked like a way to make their dreams come true.

McCorkle, banker and promoter, saw to it that the two bodies were organized to control and develop the enterprise. The Colony organization was the usual "fair to all," one vote for each stockholder, etc., idea. The holding company organization in the Colony group, said to be necessary for legal purposes, was the all-important factor. They actually owned the Colony.

Banker McCorkle

Into the holding company, McCorkle and Harriman drew those who were in the Harriman campaign committee. It was a small group and was the business end of the Colony, when it came to taking in or spending the money.

The Socialist Party in 1912 divided into two factions, I was asked to take the City Secretaryship of Los Angeles. So in 1913, after being National Organizer for the party in the Southern States during the 1912 campaign, I accepted the job.

Along with a splendid group of rank and file workers, we built an organization of 35 branches and 800 members. This being an off-political period, we brought Debs to the city for a big mass meeting and carried on a militant propaganda campaign.

Harriman had not lost everything by any means. Fred Wheeler had been elected to the city council and others were elected later. As campaign time approached again the same old tactics came to the front and the "united" forces once more divided.

The Harriman Colony was working into every political and into every organized labor group from which to draw recruits for the Colony.

In my association with J. A. Wayland, while working as State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Kansas, and editing the Kansas news for the Appeal to Reason, I learned from him the story of the Tennessee Colony and its failure and the causes therefore. So when folks came to my office in Los Angeles and asked me about the Llano Colony, I told them to go and see for themselves, live there a while, investigate the books and the institutions.

Compare anything promised in the prospectus and what was actually there. To look into the matter of the Colony organization and the holding company, and other things that might interest them, such as climate, frosts, elevation, soil and what market they had for "cooperative produced products."

I discussed colonies and holding companies in general with them for I had visited several in my extensive journeys over the nation as a national speaker and organizer. Most of them were wrecked by warring religious-non-religious political factions.

This all led to complications. A number of them went out, stayed awhile and did not invest. They were comrades. I did not knock the colony, but my advice to investigate started a Harriman campaign against me. In a meeting in which the group behind me won out, Harriman pointed his finger at me and said: "Young man, your brains will yet follow your stomach!"

Well, Wheeler was forced out of the Party when he signed a platform with old Party candidates. Estelle Lawton Lindsey, who was Cynthia Grey on the Record (the Scripps paper) issued a statement that she was the candidate of the people instead of the party, and would not be bossed by a committee, so she went out of the party. Both were elected. They both refused to sign the undated resignation blank and Lindsey thought our group were political fools and monsters and so expressed themselves.

When Harriman and his holding company finally were forced to give up Llano and move to Louisiana, leaving most of the colonists broke and disheartened, the colonists left behind changed their minds about the tactics they backed up.

So far as I have been able to learn, Job Harriman sank about everything he had in the Colony scheme and the only person who got anything out of it, so I'm told, was banker McCorkle.

The Colony was in a frost belt. The water rights were not made secure. The dam they planned to build was never built. Many of the colonists were not farmers. The Colony did not belong to the colonists. There are many lessons to learn from Llano on how not to do things in solving economic problems and many lessons learned on how not to do things politically from the Harriman campaigns.

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May Sell H. O. L. C. Debts to Big Banks

WASHINGTON — A powerful lobby, representing big banks, insurance companies and building and loan corporations is working to persuade the Treasury Dept. and the Home Owners Corp. to sell all HOLC securities to the private interests.

Mortages totaling $3,000,000,000 are held by the HOLC, against small homeowners. The government has displayed ruthless tactics in foreclosing, and has aroused much criticism.

Instead of showing some patience with the small homeowners, the move now is toward turning the mortages over to the big financial sharks.

STANISLAUS COURTS FAVOR POWER CORPS.

Judge Who Favored Farmers on Water Rights Barred

MODESTO — Disqualification of Judge Anthony Caminetti to sit in riparian rights cases up for trial in Stanislaus County has been approved by the third district appeals court.

The judge's right to preside was questioned by the Southern California Edison and other power corporations. They contended he was prejudiced against the utility companies.

Riparian rights cases involve suits by small farmers for river and other water use, which the power companies have usurped.

25,009 Attend Clichy Funeral

PARIS—Twenty-five thousand anti-Fascists, attending the mass funeral of five young workers killed by Fascists in Clichy, shouted their repeated demands for the suppression of the Fascist league headed by Francois de la Rocque.

Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the Communist Party of France, and Leon Jauhaux, secretary of the General Confederation of Labor, were the principal speakers over the flag-draped coffins of the victims of the latest Fascist provocation.

Trying to Force Fascism on Japanese Seamen

OSAKA, Japan—Simultaneous with the attempt of the government authorities to force the leadership of the Japan Seamen's union and the New Japan Seamen's Union to merge their organizations, Osaka military police called officials of the two unions to their headquarters and instructed them to make the united union "a semi-military organization so that all the members can serve as soldiers in case of a national emergency."

The Osaka military police last September forced the practical dissolution of the Arsenal Workers Union.

Sue Motor Bearing Boss for $10,000

OAKLAND—Intending to show employers that they cannot pull attempted frameups and get away with it, Frank Slaby, president, and Miles Humphreys, organizer of the United Automobile Workers Union, have filed $10,000 damage suits against L.A. Johnson, vice-president and general manager of the National Motor Bearing Co.

In the course of the lockout by the company, Slaby and Humphreys were arrested, and quickly released, on vagrancy charges. The company was behind the arrests.

IN GERMANY

DUSSELDORF.—In the Industrial Port of Dusseldorf recently the following warning appeared in huge letters chalked to walls: LOOK OUT! Munitions are being shipped here!

'Fascist Invasion' In Spain, Say French, Belgians

VALENCIA—(By cable to F. P.)—"This is no longer a civil war but an heroic defense of the whole people against foreign invasion," the Franco-Belgian parliamentary commission declared on returning from three days at the Guadalajara front.

The French and Belgian deputies talked to Italian prisoners who told of the attack being made by four Italian divisions and two other divisions composed of Germans, Portuguese and Italians. Thirty-five thousand foreign troops, supported by 120 tanks and several air squadrons, heavy artillery and flame-throwers, were involved in the operations.

"We have thus obtained irrefutable and decisive evidence of duplicity in the policy of non-intervention, the commission reported. Italian and German armies are taking possession of strategic positions in Spain while the democratic nations remain neutral."

Thomas Predicts Spain Defeat; He Couldn't Wait

AKRON, O.—The Spanish People's Front armies had already begun their historic repulse of the Fascist drive at Guadalajara when Norman Thomas, head of the Socialist Party, gloomily tried to throw a damper over U.S. support to the Spanish people by predicting "the defeat of the Spanish People's Front government."

Thomas, who does not come out openly in opposition to a Farmer-Labor party in this country, but who frowns at every movement in that direction, could not restrain his defeatism even in the face of newly recorded gains of the Spanish people.

Tears, Not Support

Thomas was "sorry that he had to make such a statement which would tend to help the Fascists in Spain.

"Naturally, I hate to admit it," he told his audience, "but it looks now as though the Spanish People's Front government will be defeated."

Inasmuch as the Italian armies had already been stopped at the time Thomas made his talk, one might have expected a sympathizer of the Spanish government to restrain his pessimism. It might have been diminished a few days later when the Italian armies were in full rout from Guadalajara, but Norman Thomas could not be restrained.

What a Solace!

He "hoped that the Fascist victory would not be permanent."

He also disparaged local action in building a Farmer-Labor movement.

As for the Soviet Union, according to Thomas, it "used Fascistic methods in dealing with the Kirov assassination." He went out of his way to sympathize with the notorious white guard menshivik, Abramovich.

Arrest Holman

OAKLAND—Lee Holman, who went in for waterfront scabbing on a big scale, has been arrested on a San Francisco warrant charging violation of the state wage law.

MALRAUX TO SPEAK IN S.F. ON MARCH 27

Two Addresses Will Muster Aid For Spain Gov't

SAN FRANCISCO — Andre Malraux will speak twice in San Francisco on Saturday, March 27.

Both appearances will be under the auspices of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy.

When the management of Native Sons Hall cancelled arrangements for the San Francisco speech of Andre Malraux, the committee immediately transferred the meeting to the Trianon Ball room, on Sutter Street, a few doors east of Van Ness.

All San Francisco hall owners have been approached with intimidation to prevent the use of their halls for the Malraux meeting.

The famed French novelist, author of "Man's Fate" and "Days of Wrath," is in America on vacation from the fighting front in Spain, where as the leader of the "Malraux" squadron his plane was shot down and he was wounded by Italian air forces.

De La Rocque in Threat to Start Fascist Uprising

PARIS — Virtually a direct threat of a Fascist uprising was issued to Premier Leon Blum by Col. Francois de la Rocque, head of the former Fascist Croix de Feu which has now been amalgamated into the "Social Party."

The threat followed the tremendous demonstration against Fascism in the form of a general strike in the Paris district Thursday morning, which in turn had been caused by provocative attacks of Fascists on a People's Front mobilization in Clichy, a Paris suburb.

Couched in the form of an accusation against the Blum government, de la Rocque's statement said:

"I warn the chief of state and the government of the country that I cannot guarantee that administrative measures will prevent sporadic or general and practically uncontrollable uprisings of the masses from whom they would cut off my executive committee and myself."

If You Missed Seeing 'Gypsies,' You Have Another Chance

LOS ANGELES — Those who missed "Gypsies," one of the best soviet films of the past year, will have a last chance to see it at the Brooklyn Theater here March 30, 31 and April 1st.

Gypsy customs, music and dances are interwoven in the story dealing with the Soviet's attempts at leading the gypsies to abandon their rude primitive existence and settle on the land.

Do your part to fulfill the WESTERN WORKER drive for $12,000.

Laborde Entering Mexican Election

MEXICO CITY — Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, is a candidate for deputy from the Federal District in the congressional elections next July.

The Confederation of Mexican Workers has announced its support for Laborde.

NEW PUPPET STATE SET UP IN CHINA

Aggression Renewed Despite Screen of Equality

KALGAN, Charbar Province, China—That Japan's new policy of treating China on the basis of "equality" is nothing more than a smokescreen for continued aggression was made clearer by the report that the Japanese army has set up a new autonomous Mongol state in northern Charhar.

A renegade Mongol leader named Prince Teh Wang was reported as the puppet used by Japan for the purpose.

The new state is "the work of Japanese, not of Mongols," said Prince Shakter Chabu, president of the Suiyan Mongolian political council.

Immediately after the Hayashi cabinet in Japan set up the smoke screen of "equality" in dealings with China, it received approval from the Diet, or parliament, of an unprecedented military budget.

McReynolds Bill Opposition Voted

MT. VIEW—California representatives and senators were notified by resolution that Accion Democratica Espanol is opposed to the McReynolds Bill, which would prevent American citizens from soliciting financial support for "either side" in any foreign war.

The resolution points out that the bill is in effect an attack on Loyalist Spain, violating every American principle and tradition. The organization went on record "against the McReynolds Bill and all similar legislation and for the support of the Spanish people in their struggle against the invading Fascist armies of the world."

TELEGRAM IS FOUND AFTER HURRIED ROUT

'Receiving Reports'—Then Came The Retreat

MADRID—Mussolini, in a wireless telegram to an Italian general in Spain, proclaimed his own direct guidance and interest in the Italian Fascist armies attacking the Spanish people and their legally elected government.

Despite the reports in the capitalist press throughout the world in which it is an admitted fact that upwards of 100,000 Italian troops have invaded Spain, Mussolini is allowed in international politics to get away with the official proclamation that Italy is "neutral."

Left Behind

The telegram, addressed to General Manchini, was found in Italian headquarters in Brihuega after the Italian offensive in the Guadalajara district had been completely routed.

"I am receiving reports on the great battle taking place in the region of Guadalajara," Mussolini told the Italian general.

"I am following the details of the battle with a sure spirit, because I am certain that the impetus and tenacity of our legionaires will shatter the enemy's resistance.

"The crushing of the international forces will be a success of great importance in the political sense.

"Make known to the legionaires that hour by hour I follow their activities, which will be crowned with victory!"

Significantly, the telegram was found because the Italian forces were driven back in a complete rout, leaving tons of ammunition behind them in their haste.

Bolivia Ousts Standard Oil

WASHINGTON — Exploitation of Bolivian oil wells by the imperialistic Standard Oil Co., was put to a sudden stop by the Bolivian government as it confiscated the company's holdings and cancelled concessions granted, the Department of State here was informed by the representatives of the government of Bolivia.

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Will San Francisco Stand For Whitewash?

"I BELIEVE A FULL AND COMPLETE WHITEWASH WILL BE THE FATE OF MY REPORT."

These words were spoken by Investigator Atherton two days after the publication of his report on graft. The citizens of San Francisco are interested in the report, but, Atherton declared, "in a scattered, disorganized way. There is no coordinated movement, no crystallization of sentiment, no aroused public opinion."

Whether Investigator Atherton is aware of the full significance of these words we do not know. But he has pointed out, inferentially, that what is needed is a unified, organized movement, representing a crystallization of aroused public sentiment, to wipe out the shameful conditions reported in the expose, and to force those officials involved out of public life!

A Grand Jury investigation will not fill the bill!

The San Francisco County Grand Jury, the creature of San Francisco politicians, cannot be depended upon to conduct a thorough investigation and fix the guilt where it belongs—on the responsible heads of the city administration! And besides—the grand jury has a traditional weakness for whitewash in its color scheme; **what happened to its investigation of the bridge disaster in which 10 workers were wantonly murdered by the cynical greed of the Pacific Bridge Company?**

The Board of Supervisors has hypnotized itself into a deep sleep—and for the same reason that the Grand Jury cannot be depended upon. The supervisors are part of the snarl of inner city politics and politicians!

What is needed is the setting up of an Assembly Investigating Committee—with no San Francisco Assemblyman on it—to conduct a searching investigation of the facts revealed in the Atherton report, and if the findings warrant it—which we do not doubt for one moment—bring the resignation of Mayor Rossi, every member of the police commission, and every official connected with it who has not already resigned under fire!

A co-ordinated movement is called for—and what better body to organize such a movement than the Central Labor Council working jointly with a Citizens' Committee such as helped repeal the city's anti-picketing ordinance March 9th—in order to crystallize public sentiment for a broad movement to recall Mayor Rossi and other responsible officials!

Where is San Francisco's spirit of civic vigilance at this hour of great need?

The Communist Party urges unity of the great body of decent-minded, progressive people of San Francisco in a drive to clean up the city, out of its present situation. The Communist Party will whole-heartedly co-operate in such a movement.

This is the latest and most powerful in a series of lessons presented to the people of San Francisco in the name of a Farmer-Labor Party, based on a platform of the immediate needs of the people, with candidates nominated by and pledged to labor and progressive organizations!

May Day and the Supreme Court

THE entire progressive labor movement is behind President Roosevelt's proposals to unpack the Supreme Court. The sentiment of organized labor—and the effective registering of that sentiment upon Senators and Representatives at Washington, can decide the issue in favor of progress and the proposals, against the forces of reaction.

No final decision will be made on this vital issue until June, in all probability—allowing time for report of committees, hearings, and debate in both houses. This means that between now and the end of May the most effective mass pressure must be applied upon the national legislature to ensure favorable action.

One of the most effective means of bringing such pressure to bear would be a nation-wide demonstration of solidarity behind the President's proposals on May First, the traditional American labor day, the day which marks the victory of labor in its struggle for the 8-hour day.

Central Labor bodies—local unions—all progressive organizations should utilize May Day in the broadest possible demonstration of labor's stand on the Supreme Court issue.

We urge that progressive trade unions take the initiative in forming conferences on a city-wide scale in California, planning an effective, united celebration of May Day—with the Supreme Court question as one of the major issues.

Such actions would go a long way toward convincing some of the vacillating elements in Congress that the will of the people is for adoption of the President's proposals.

WPA Workers and the Right To Strike

THE W.P.A. worker has no right to take organized action to protect himself and dependents from starving, according to the theory of the S.F. Chronicle, which editorially declares that "the worker in private industry has an actual job to protect, the W.P.A. worker an artificial one," and "to walk off the relief roll job is equivalent to walking off the relief roll."

Thus does the "liberal" Chronicle take a step which on this issue lines it up with the most reactionary press. Obviously, carrying the Chronicle's editorial to its logical conclusion, if the WPA workers have no right to strike, they have neither need nor right to organize. And yet the WPA Administration at Washington, as well as in California, has found it necessary to recognize the Workers' Alliance as the official bargaining agency of the unemployed and project workers.

The right of the WPA workers to strike will not be settled in print. It will be asserted with-in two weeks—if their demands to stop lay-offs and effect the granted 10% increase are not met!

The pressure of the Workers' Alliance nationally has resulted in admissions "off the record" that the mass lay-offs will not be put through. The Whaley-Eaton Letter of March 18th declares: **"It is apparent that the WPA curtailment program, outlined in the budget, will not be carried through."** The Kiplinger Letter of the same date declares: **"WPA government-made work will be continued indefinitely, not cut."**

The objectives of the State Relief Administration in announcing thousands of WPA workers would be laid off, and effecting other so-called economies, **can be stopped by effective strike action!** That action should get the whole-hearted support of the labor movement and the public generally.

The WPA worker is not a "relief patient"—as he is characterized by the Chronicle. It is the system which is sick—and incurably sick; not the worker.

The Farce of 'Non-Intervention' Patrol

THE farce of the patrol system intended to carry into effect the "non-intervention" agreement by preventing troops and arms from landing in Spain is obvious from the fact that entire stretches of the Spanish coast will be patrolled by German battleships and other sections by Italian ships.

Surely no one is gullible enough to believe that an Italian warship which sights an Italian merchant ship carrying Italian troops to aid Franco will make that ship turn back, or fire upon her! Or if German ships were involved in the same operation.

It is much more conceivable that under the guise of patrolling the coast, Italian and German warships will not only allow fascist troops and arms to be landed, but will, as feared by the Spanish government, actually bombard the government ports of Barcelona and Valencia!

At the same time, Fascist warships and planes continue to prey upon and bombard neutral merchant vessels. These acts of piracy continue with little or no action to put a halt to it. A committee of the People's Front in France has denounced that the government has adopted a policy of capitulation against fascist warships which attack French merchantmen. Franco's ships should be dealt with summarily as pirates.

In this critical period—when there are over 120,000 Germans and Italians participating in a desperate drive against the Spanish people, when Hitler's and Mussolini's warships are preparing bombardments of government ports—now it is necessary for every friend of democracy to double his aid to the Spanish government!

Whom Do the 35 Senators Represent?

THE Assembly has again moved to obtain Mooney's freedom, this time through a resolution signed by 32 members requesting Merriam to grant an unconditional pardon.

Since the move, sponsored by Richel, was concurred in by Senators Olson and Westover, it may be brought to members of the Senate for their signatures to the same, or a similar resolution. Here the resolution is bound to hit a snag—as evidenced by the fact that last week only five out of the forty senators voted in favor of the bill to pardon Mooney.

The people of California should take steps to let the worthy Senators know that the will of the people is to have Mooney freed, unconditionally.

When election rolls around, the people will do well to recall those Senators who voted against the Mooney pardon bill, and register their disapproval at the polls.

Commutation of sentence to "time served"—a move being sponsored by several legislators, is not what Mooney or the people of California want. This retains the stigma of guilt, and perpetuates the frame-up.

Unconditional freedom is what both Mooney and the people demand. Legislators who block this demand stamp themselves as serving the interests of those same reactionaries who prepared and executed the vile frame-up against Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

They Should Be Bitter Enemies

AT LEFT, Harvey O. Fremming, international president of the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers' Union, for which the CIO announces a major organization drive. At right is old John D. Rockefeller, Standard Oil magnate. They should be bitter foes. Fremming is reactionary, needs rank-and-file pressure.

NEC of Socialist Party Approves Trotzky Acts

(This is the first of two articles by Alex Bittleman, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, on recent statements issued by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.)

At last the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party makes a reply to the letter of the Communist Party of November, 1936. It surely took a long time in answering, in which a bad enough. Worse still is the character of the answer itself. What it says and what it does not say.

The first question raised by the NEC reply is: whom is it trying to please? It certainly will not be considered pleasing or satisfactory to the honest and genuine Socialists, who have the interests of the working class at heart, and who are sincerely desirous of united action and eventual organic unity with the Communist Party. It is not that kind of reply. But, we venture to say, it will prove highly encouraging and pleasing to the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites, the disrupters of the S.P., the worst enemies of working class unity.

"All Inclusive"

The NEC reply was written quite evidently for "all-inclusive" Socialist Party, the pet scheme of the Trotzkyites and of Norman Thomas. So the contents of the reply are also "all-inclusive"; they try to please everybody. But the darlings of the all-inclusive scheme, those who are covered under it especially, are the Trotzkyites.

It is worth noting that the authors of the NEC reply couldn't muster sufficient courage to admit openly, what everybody knows to be a fact, that there are Trotzkyite groups in the SP. The NEC did not dare to say frankly that it assumes responsibility for and puts its approval upon the disruptive and anti-working class deeds of the organized Trotzkyite groups within the SP. But this is what the NEC reply says, in fact, by the same. It is giving the Trotzkyites a clean bill of health and permission to go ahead.

By its reply, the NEC puts its stamp of approval upon the disruption and sabotage of the Trotzkyites, in control of the SP in California, during the Longshore maritime strike. It okays the deeds of anti-labor gangsterism and Farmer-Labor Party disruption carried on by the Trotzkyites in Minnesota in the name of the SP. It endorses the splitting activities of the Trotzkyites—members of the SP—in the Workers' Alliance.

It is quite clear the authors of the NEC reply, those who are not themselves agents of Trotskyism, are badly frightened by the Trotzkyites.

How else can one explain the readiness with ease with which the NEC assumes responsibility for everything that the Trotzkyites are doing in the United States, in the name of the SP, as well as abroad? Why, the NEC reply comes very close to assuming responsibility even for the Trotzky-fascist alliance disclosed and proven at the Soviet trials! Without the slightest effort to analyze honestly the evidence at the trial, the NEC dismisses it all as non-existing, and in addition drags in a red herring to confuse and befuddle the membership.

The NEC wants you to dismiss the proven accusations against the Trotzkyites and thus to assume responsibility for the Trotzky-fascist alliance. All this on the ground, so the NEC says, that "yesterday" according to the Communist Party, we were all "counter-revolutionaries." But this is simply untrue. Neither yesterday nor the day before did the Communist Party consider all Trotzkyists counter-revolutionists. This was how the New leader used to misrepresent us, and the reward for Abe Cahan did the same thing. This was how the Kautsky and their like were and are sowing mistrust between the Socialist and Communist workers.

Are we coming to a point when the NEC of the SP will be doing the same and even worse? The Communists were and are fighting the Kautskyite revisionists and enemies of working class unity. The role of these reactionaries is counter-revolutionary. But does not the SP membership, the honest Socialists, share the same view today? Why, then, that the reason why the Waldman group split away from the SP?

The NEC is willing apparently to assume responsibility (are their shoulders so broad?) not only for the agents of Trotzky and Hitler, but also for the Russian Mensheviks — the same Mensheviks who stood with the capitalists against the socialist revolution in 1917, who later joined with foreign intervention (in the Caucasus and in the Ukraine) to crush the workers' state and to dismember the Soviet Union, and who still later were caught conspiring with foreign imperialism towards these same ends.

Assuming that the NEC has the best of motives, isn't it just a bit too much responsibility that the NEC is trying to assume? Isn't it again the Trotzkyites that are pushing and terrorizing the NEC to do all these things?

One Meaning

It is all very well for Norman Thomas and the NEC to prattle about an "all inclusive" Socialist Party, about "permitting a wide divergence of opinion and freest discussion within the party" as though it was some abstract question dealing with the man in the moon. But the genuine Socialists in the SP know that it is no such thing. They know that there is only one meaning to the present-time, and with the present condition of affairs in the SP, one and only one meaning. It is, to justify the presence in the SP of the agents of the Trotzky-fascist alliance. It is to enable these counter-revolutionary agents to carry on with their treacherous deeds. It is to allow them, with their secret cauceuses and machinations, further to undermine and disrupt the SP.

This and this mainly is the present meaning of the all inclusive SP." This and this mainly is responsible for the anti-united front reply of the NEC.

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Bothered apparently by a guilty conscience, the NEC returns once again and again to the awful mess that it made of the election campaign. The NEC seems to be afraid to let the membership learn the true lessons of this struggle. And that is very bad.

Do you remember, comrades, what Thomas said about Landon? Aside from the "flattery" offered to Landon, we refer to a declaration by Thomas which was published during the NEC election campaign. It is the declaration that a Landon victory will put iron into labor's blood and thus compel it to fight more militantly. Do you remember that? And what did it mean? It meant a choice between Roosevelt and Landon, a Landon victory was preferable.

Facts? Yes, did the Communist Party say? Did it cheer for Roosevelt, as the NEC alleges? We know, very well, that the Communists urged the defeat of Landon, the building of the labor party and the voting for the Communist Party. The Communists said that the electoral defeat of the candidate of capitalist reaction and imperialism —Landon—will accelerate the growth of labor's political independence and will arouse a great wave of confidence in the masses to carry forward the struggle against reaction in a more independent way and to fight militantly for their daily needs.

Now, in the light of the post election mass struggles, who was proven right, Thomas or the Communists?

Even the morrow after the elections, Thomas and the NEC were very pessimistic. All they saw was the victory of the two party system. And that was all they said. No realization at all that we were standing on the eve of most significant mass and class struggles.

But do you remember the post-election statement of the Communist Party? Do you remember its declaration that the defeat of Landon opened up a period of great advance for labor and its allies, that it inspired confidence in the strength of labor, that the masses are on the forward march? Do you remember that?

Now, in the light of what actually happened since, who was proven right, Thomas and the NEC or the Communist Party?

Spain Loyalists Pursue Fascists

(Continued from Page 1)

several munition trains at the railroad station. Still another government bombing squadron caught and destroyed a retreating Fascist supply train, reported as containing 1000 trucks.

No opportunity was being offered to the fleeing armies to rally their shattered forces.

This has been the answer of the Loyalist armies, whose strength has steadily increased by its experience under fire and by its gradual unification from the regular guerilla bands to a real army with a unified command.

Three weeks ago the invading armies, supplemented by the remaining Moorish troops and by German military leaders, planes and heavy army equipment, had started their biggest drive to date on Madrid.

But on the eve of the final assault, they suddenly found themselves confronted by a counter-offensive of the Loyalist armies, whose strength had increased by the addition of new units, by the organization of a unified command, by the experience of the Loyalist troops in the battle against Franco's mercenary hordes, by the disciplined spirit developed by the Loyalist militia.

Fascists Routed

The Fascist offensive from the north, it will be remembered, took place after Loyalist forces had been taken back an attempt of Fascist forces to cut the Madrid Valencia highway.

Fight in Cordoba

In the course of the advance from the north, two divisions of Italian troops were sent into the province to launch a drive toward Madrid from the south. Three separate attacks from this direction have been beaten back by the Loyalists. An Italian motorcycle courier, denouncing Mussolini's policies, stated that the Italians are led by the Italian Colonel Bertoneo.

Fascist headquarters in Spain, like the Italian press, were silent on the defeat at Guadalajara, a "disconcerting" statement typical of Fascism came from Fascist headquarters at Salamanca, which claimed that 3000 Loyalist soldiers were burned to death when Fascist planes set a huge forest fire north of Guadalajara, trapping a portion of the pursuing Loyalist army.

League Against Communism Hits F.D. Court Plan

BERKELEY — Everyone who favors President Roosevelt's plan for Supreme Court reform is a "Red," according to the American League Against Communism.

The league has announced plans for "peace patrols in every community of the country"—a fat-fetched ambition, in view of the small following behind the league even in this state.

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Pietro Nenni, Member of Executive International and International Leader, Exposes Their Treach

Those Socialists who, at close range in the battle against Fascism in Spain, observe the counter-revolutionary deeds of the Trotzkyites are speaking up in no uncertain terms. One fact has already been published that the Socialist Premier of Spain, Largo Caballero, with the support of the Socialist rank and file, giving their lives in the battle against Franco's mercenary hordes, has publicly declared that the Trotzkyists (hiding in the POUM) are open agents of Franco and that they must be treated like the foe.

Now Pietro Nenni, member of the Executive Committee of the Second (Socialist) International, one of the leaders of the International brigade from his experiences in the battle against Fascism, has come out with an exposure of the Trotzkyist line in Spain.

What a contrast there is between Nenni's exposure of the Trotzkyite "arguments" in Spain and the criminal resolution of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States actually giving aid and comfort to the Trotzkyist spies of General Franco!

Below we print an article by Nenni, published under the headline: "War and Revolution in Spain," which appeared in the French Socialist organ, Le Populaire, February 23, 1937.

The Madrid Front, February.

It cannot be said that Largo Caballero has an immoderate desire to speak, or that he makes speeches in which he says nothing. His speeches from the public platform are few but meaty. The solitary and taciturn worker prefers actions to words, that was because they were needed.

Today, however, I should like to appreciate at once its usefulness and its fruitfulness.

It is substance what did the leader of the Spanish People's Front say? He said that the war is war, not only at the front, but also at the rear. He said that discipline is necessary not only in the trenches, but also in the cities and the villages of the hinterland. He said that a boy with revolution and not bow to the hard discipline of war corresponds to exactly nothing. And it should be noted that these words before they came from the lips of Largo Caballero, were already upon the lips of all those who are following with attention and passion the magnificent effort of Spain.

War and Revolution Inseparable

There is a defeatist tendency here to separate and even to oppose the war and the revolution. There are people who will tell you that they are devoted to the revolution, leaving for others the cares, the worries and the woes of war.

Now the revolution is an expression of the war just as much as the war is an expression of the revolution. But the prime necessity in our case is the war. There is nothing more difficult to trace upon paper the harmonious outlines of the society which we wish to construct, and it is relatively simple to sketch and improvise a rich revolutionary legislation. But if the armies of Franco are not thrown far back from Madrid, if they are not crushed, there will not remain much of revolutionary legislation or human liberty.

Critics Fear Struggle

Hence the axiom of the Spanish Marxists: say nothing, do nothing which can weaken the unity of the people in the war; the sphere of politics, the formula used by the Communists and the Socialists: "People's Spain is fighting for the democratic republic of the world."

It has been remarked—and justly—that the criticism of this formula comes from those who are least anxious to wage actual warfare. They play the role of disciplined ones. They torture words instead of examining facts. For there are all kinds of democratic republics. The democratic Republic of Spain is as

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Napa WPA Project Workers Laid Off By Contractor

By a Worker Correspondent

NAPA—Ninety per cent of labor being used on rebuilding of local Napa Union High School is WPA. Federal, state, county and city funds are being used for the reconstruction of the school, after its having been burned out last summer. The funds are furnished so that it will be a benefit by putting local unemployed to work.

This is a "rush job," as it is desired that at least the auditorium be finished for graduation exercises this June.

The firm of Villadsen Bros. of Oakland, through their foreman, has laid off WPA workers, when they are so badly needed to complete the job, as they only have a good start.

BAUER HITS AT ATTORNEY ARAM

Aram Sounds Like Hitlerite At San Jose Mass Meet

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE — Friday night, March 12, San Jose was treated to a very unusual slate of speakers.

The Workers' Alliance held a mass meeting to discuss the pressing question of mass lay-off on WPA and SERA.

Earl Moorhead, president of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, chaired the meeting and called on all labor in San Jose to get behind the Workers' Alliance.

Dewey Anderson, former Assemblyman, talked on the capitalist system and the reasons for our unemployed problem.

Fraisor of Workers' Alliance

He said 15 to 20 per cent were unemployed in California, but, he could pick 10 workers per cent unionized.

Sounds Like Hitler

Alfred Aram, San Jose attorney, next jumped onto the platform, threw off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and said: "To hell with the statistics of Dewey Anderson; you can't tell me the figures of WPA. What you people need is to go hungry a while. Then you will get enough wrinkles in your belly to start action. It's about time you looked around to find out who your friends are. You're living in the richest country in the world and we talk about subsistence—and the organization is not yellow. Revolution marches on an empty stomach."

After Trade, Kasper Bauer, International Organizer of the Butchers' Union, took the platform. Bauer pointed out to the audience that in his own emotional appeals, Hitler had gained power in Germany.

He was probably thinking of Aram's statement: "To hell with political parties, I prefer to find the man I trust and follow him."

Bauer Urges Labor Party

Bauer pointed out to the audience that only by independent political action, by building their own Farmer-Labor Party, could the workers be sure of a certain amount of security.

Prune Pickers Get Only $1.50 A Day In Colusa District

By a Worker Correspondent

COLUSA, Cal.—Three-fourths of the prune orchards around here are in the hands of the banks. The prune industry is not due to the high cost of labor, because the average prune-picker, including children, gets only $1.50 per day for the average season of 25 days. The average day's work is from sun-up to sun-down. They work as long as there is enough daylight to see the prunes. Sometimes they work by lantern.

Many orchards are drying up as a result of very poor cultivation and irrigation, and the bankers are interested in it the money they can get from the crop.

Some workers expect improvement in working conditions next season, as attempts at organizing are being taken throughout California agriculture.

SF News Lies About Spain

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The S. F. News, which boasts and brags of a press operating of and for the workers, has opened up with a new form of propaganda in opposition to the Spanish workers' struggle against the bloody Fascists.

This new method is the "Photo News Flashes" on display at the corner of Mission & 5th. The written account on one photo, showing supposed Spanish "refugees" returning to Malaga, states: "Refugees after being driven out of Malaga by the 'red forces' are returning to the city after Franco Fascists restored law and order."

Protest This Lie

Now, everybody knows it was Franco's rebels that marched on and captured Malaga a month ago. It was the bloody rebels who raped and murdered brave loyal defenders of this town.

It was the bloody rebels against "democratic" S.F. News has the audacity to sponsor such a despicable piece of propaganda against the Spanish workers. Protests should be sent to the S.F. News by all workers in behalf of democratic publication.

Long Beach Starts Spain Aid Group

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH—We started a branch here of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. We all pledged ourselves to bring at least one can of milk apiece, to our next meeting. Between my husband and myself, we have had donated 11 cans of milk and have seven dollars to bring milk to us by tomorrow.

We know how bad those babies in Spain must suffer, and we hope we can have one case full by our second meeting.

Bandages Prepared

Also we have two trained nurses who are members of this group and are in charge of the medical side. They organized a "sewing bee" and a lot of work in preparing bandages, etc.

Everyone has heard the old saying that it is an unlucky wind that blows no good, so here that the 13 people present at our first meeting thought they were lucky to see alive to-day, say, "We are the first members of our new branch."

LAUNDRY UNION IS ORGANIZING FRENCH PLANTS

Worker Urges Union Cover All S. F. Laundries

By a Laundry Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—The first real concerted efforts on the part of Laundry Workers' Union, Local 26, to organize all branches of laundry workers are now being taken.

An organizing committee has been appointed from the membership, and, in connection with the executive board, is working on plans for organizing the unorganized workers into the union.

Organizing French Workers

At present their main efforts are being directed in a campaign to organize the French laundries. A mass meeting of French workers will be called in the near future, at which time the question of wages and hours agreement will be discussed.

The working conditions and wages in many of these small plants at the present time, are far from being up to standard.

Better Conditions For All

With the organizing of small plants of the laundry industry organized into a bona fide labor union, it will force the owners of the big plants to adopt a more healthy spirit when dealing with our Laundry Workers Union.

Now, let's go right on down the line and organize a group who are still further exploited—namely, those boys who work in the Chinese and Japanese laundries.

Let's have an example to show to the Laundry Workers' International Union — a town where the laundries are 100 percent unionized.

Monterey Cannery Worker Pointing For Book Prize

Monterey, Calif.
Workers' Correspondence
Editor:

Read about the contest in the Western Worker, and am very much interested in it. Would sure like to be the one to win the prize.

I buy the Western Worker from a fellow who is in our cannery union, and so I think that it is a very good paper for people interested in what is going on, to know about it, as it always prints what it knows and doesn't care who knows it.—D. L.

FIRST ENTRY IN PRIZE CONTEST!

Monterey Canner Gets Into Fray; Why Not YOU?

First entry in the big contest of worker correspondents for the prize two volumes of "Soviet Communism," by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, valued at $7.50, came in last week from a member of the Cannery Workers Union in Monterey.

To get your name in the field, just read the following rules:

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, telling concretely what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer, but names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please, but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

It's easy, isn't it?

Here's How to Win!

To make it still easier, here's a hot tip for you to follow, in order to get material to write about in your entry:

First, write up a story about some happening, issue or general conditions in the place where you work or in your neighborhood, and send in the story to the Workers' Correspondence Editor. At the same time order a bundle, small or large as you can handle, for distribution of the issue of your story in the paper, among your fellow workers and neighbors.

Second, help in getting and contacting the workers to whom you sold the "Western" containing the story, and ask them what they think of your story and the paper as a whole in the fight for better conditions. Their answers may give you plenty to write about!

The Monterey canner started the ball rolling—send in your entry today!

GET ORGANIZED, URGES WESTERN!

"Western" Shows the Way, Says Monterey Canner

By a Cannery Worker

MONTEREY. — Every human is entitled to a livelihood and in order to get it, we must organize.

Unions cannot grow in power and greatness without organization. You should minimize the importance of this factor.

Some workers are unknowingly cast aside organization. They have never had a chance to learn what organization really is. A paper like this gives you a chance to learn.

Every craft has a union. Join it and fight for your rights. The unemployed have the Workers' Alliance, which is the bargaining agent for the WPA and relief workers.

Get Rank-and-File Control

Read up on organization as there is always something one can learn. Read the union papers and learn what is going on up and down the coast in regard to organization. There is much to learn from these union papers.

Take an interest in union meetings. Weed out the finks. See that the rank-and-file keep control, so we can stick together and get a living wage.

That's what we did in Monterey.

The question of Philippine independence is being considered by a government committee.

BANNING UNION CAN STAND ON ITS OWN FEET

Tunnel Workers Win Potrero Shaft Demands

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING — Three hundred men went on a sit-down strike at Potrero shaft on the aqueduct, owing to unsafe conditions. It is a job strike and does not involve the union in any way. However, the union has asked the men to come out and let Local 279, Tunnel Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union, handle their grievance, which was agreed.

Local 270 got in touch with the state mine inspector. He was here within six hours—two of them. A committee of five workers were appointed to go to the heading with the state mine inspectors and to come to some decision as to how to work the heading in a safe manner.

Win Safety Control

This committee of five men have returned to work at the heading, and a committee of five miners was appointed as safety miners, and at any time the heading is unsafe to work, they have the authority to close the heading down, and send for the state mine inspectors.

As for the Superintendent Alex Simpson, he is just another superintendent to Local 270, and regardless of who is superintendent, the safety committee has the say.

The proposed wage scale by the company was rejected and sent back with a demand of $1 per man per day increase in wages. The Negotiations Committee, in Los Angeles before the board of directors when the strike was settled. They were to, return again Friday, March 12.

Local Proves Its Strength

It must be remembered that in the local here, there are members who are doctors, engineers and white collar men. As a matter of fact, they are here in Local 270, 100 per cent, and the company did not want to preclude them in the case. That is the main reason why their proposal was refused.

I would say Local 270 is one of the strongest organizations in the USA. We proved that when we asked the sit-down strikers to come out of the hole and let the tunnel handle their case, that no one else had a child and is to be transferred from SRA to food-order welfare status.

In the meantime, the sewing projects and the nursery school projects all over the country are being curtailed and nothing in the way of women's work projects opened up.

Race Discrimination

Why a mother with one child could not be prepared for return to San Francisco, when enough the initiative of Russian sectarian workers of San Francisco, headed by P. Gusoff, J. Kolodnoff and Wm. F. Popin, $190 was collected in San Francisco and among the Russian farmers of California to help the Spanish people in their struggle against imperialism and Fascism.

Collected in San Francisco—F. T. Susoeff, $15.50; W. F. Popin, $8.89; total $24.19.

Donated by Russian Mutual Society, S. F., $10.

Collected in Bottom Willow by F. T. Sisoeff, $38.66.

Collected in Sheridan by T. M. Popoff, $5.

Collected in Fresno and Kerman, by F. F. Kolodoff, P. Yakovovich, Andrew Shubin, J. Kolcen, Paul Bavin, $87.

Healey, Oregon, V.C. Dobrinin, $10.55.

Donated in Phoenix, Arizona: L. I. Kovaloff, $5.25.

Collected in Mantica, G.F. Ribin, $5.60.

Collected in Dixon by J. P. Popov, $4.

Total was $190.25. This money was turned in at the Spanish Youth Delegation Meeting, February 17 at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco.

IRRECONCILABLE

COPENHAGEN. — Virtually every night the suburbs of Addis Ababa and other Ethiopian cities are being attacked by Ethiopians irreconcilable to the Italian Fascist regime, according to reports brought back by Ilge-Rasmussen, special correspondent of "Politiken," official Danish government publication.

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Potrero Tunnel Sit-Down Is Won—Monterey Canner Gets In Correspondents' Contest

Was Buron Fitts Shot?

Eager for News of Spain

IN FAR-OFF Novsbersk, Siberia, Soviet school children follow with eagerness news of the struggle for democracy in Spain.

WOMAN OFFERED $3 WEEKLY PAY

And Orange County Projects For Women Are Cut Down

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA ANA—We are used, in this land of the brave, to letting the women pay—be it in loss of employment in depressions, in pay cuts in hard times, in residence and citizenship restrictions, and especially for the sin of getting married.

But it is something new in any social theory to take it out on mothers! Yet that is what the curtailing of work-relief projects for women seems bent on doing.

I know a young mother, intelligent, able and willing, who is eager to be earning, not only for herself and her one six-year old child, but also to be supplying her husband, in prison for strike activities, with an occasional sum of warm underwear, since we have in Orange County, a sheriff who prefers to spend our money for hospitalization after a cold is contracted than to spend it on clothing to prevent it.

This woman can sew well; is deft with her hands at any fine work; is experienced with laundry machines and is a most capable, artistic housekeeper. However, when she applied for work she was offered employment at $3 a week on the other side of the county from her home could not have her child with her—all day and all night employment—sleeping on a couch in the parlor.

When she said she could not accept such employment at $3 (the child being used to clean quarters and wholesome if sanely cared for), she was decreed "unemployable" because she had a child and is to be transferred from SRA to food-order welfare status.

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Why a mother with one child could not be prepared for return to San Francisco, why she can't be away from home night and day, I do not know. No man is supposed to be away from home night and day in industry. Nor any unmarried woman at anything but housework.

Why pick on mothers?

Vallejo Labor Hits "Sit-Down" Bill

VALLEJO—The Vallejo Central Labor Council has gone on record against the Welsh sit-down bill, which makes sit-down a misdemeanor instead of a felony. The Vallejo Council resolution declared that the way to fight for your rights is the way of making sit strikes a crime.

The reactionaries succeeded in tabling a resolution which called on William Green to rescind all letters hinting at or calling for expulsion of CIO unions.

Hearings for 20 Arrested Calif. Packing Pickets

ALAMEDA—With preliminary hearings for eight arrested California Packing pickets began, hearing for 12 other pickets has been set for the April police court calendar.

The 20 were arrested during recent clashes at the struck Calpack warehouse, which went into receivership under a police guard.

Fitts 'Shooting' Is Doubted by Worker Correspondent

Los Angeles.

Editor, Western Worker:

There have been so many conflicting statements made in the newspapers of this city about the shooting of Buron Fitts that it all seems to point to one fact: Was he shot at all? Or was it a prearranged scheme to turn the city-wide tide of hatred he has aroused against himself in the Douglas affair? I am enclosing two newspaper clippings and an article based on these clippings, that back up such a theory.

Henry Ford tried a similar trick several years ago when he aroused the anger of the Jews for Jew-baiting. He claimed that a car he was, riding in alone was driven in to a ditch by another car with curtains drawn.—Worker.

Children of Field Workers Denied All Schooling

By an Agriculture Worker

ISLETON, Cal.—One hundred of the workers coming to Sherman Island, Brandford Island and other smaller islands in the San Joaquin-Sacramento River, to pick asparagus, are school children between six and eighteen years of age.

In some cases children do not attend school because there are no schools on some of the small islands, even though it would be possible for the state to build a school, as about three and one-half months during the asparagus season and from 10 to 100 or more children would attend.

It's Work or Starve

In some cases, children do not attend school due to absence of transportation.

However, these children go there with no intention, to go to school, as many of them in most cases have been cut off from relief rolls and are forced to work or go hungry. The school and other authorities know this is trhe. Hence, children are permitted to work 8 and 10 hours per day, so families can exist.

In other words, a whole family works like slaves to exist.

Every Snohomish WPA Job Struck

LEVERETT, Wash. — Approximately 2500 WPA workers are on strike in Snohomish County, under the leadership of the Workers Alliance. The strikers are demanding union recognition, job discrimination, union hourly rates of pay, a $65 per month minimum wage, and a 20% increase in the higher brackets.

Virtually every project in the county is closed. Flying squads are contacting crews in outlying points of the county.

Culinary Unions "Quintuplets" Are Now "Sextuplets"

SAN FRANCISCO — The "quintuplets" making up the San Francisco Culinary Alliance are now sextuplets.

A charter has been received for the Alliance's newest affiliate, to cover service employees in hotels and apartment houses.

Over the Top on "Western" Drive

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH—Our Communist Party unit's second Press Party for the Western Worker was a huge success. We are "over the top" for our quota, and are we happy.

Curb Supreme Court!

PEOPLE CAN'T BE FOOLED ON NINE OLD MEN

AFL Clothing Union Journal Prints Arguments

The Advance, published by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL, recently printed the arguments for and against the President's proposals to curb the Supreme Court, concluding with a whipping all arguments of the Wall Street, gang against the proposals.

The arguments follow:

"THEY SAY—It's a shady device to "pack" the Court with justices who will find New Deal laws constitutional.

"WE SAY—No, it is merely upsetting the dictatorship which this court has exercised over the people by nullifying the laws passed by their representatives.

"THEY SAY—The President is threatening the judiciary and taking over its functions.

"WE SAY—No, the judiciary has been usurping legislative functions. We seek only to restore the balance.

"THEY SAY—If you must have legislation which the present court considers unconstitutional, go out and get a constitutional amendment to permit it.

"WE SAY—The need is too urgent. We cannot wait for the slow, cumbersome process of amendment. Our amending process makes it possible for a small stubborn minority to defeat the desires of the great mass of the people. Only one more March 10, on the question: "Which constitution guarantees society the highest form of democratic government—the Soviet Constitution or the Constitution of the United States?"

Dr. Fred W. Ingvoldstad supported the Soviet document, and Louis Euler, the U. S. Constitution.

Painting a broad clear picture of the Soviet Union's historical development under the Constitution, Dr. Ingvoldstad, famous lecturer and traveler, pointed out that even the construction of this work was democratic.

"The proposed constitution was in force for nine months, and on the basis of this discussion, 90 divisions, five of them major ones, were made," he said.

"The Soviet Constitution provides and guarantees the right of democratic liberties to racial minorities, inclusive of soldiers, sailors, kulaks, and all workers and intellectuals. Every rational person in the Soviet Union over the age of 18 has the right to vote.

"Compare this with the disfranchisement of the American Indians, native Mexicans, Negroes in the deep South, and the thousands of individuals who, because of property and poll taxes, of the right to vote here in the United States," said Ingvoldstad.

"No individual or small group in the Soviet Union has the right of veto such as is exercised by the President and the Supreme Court in the United States.

"One thing these two constitutions have in common; that is, the abolition of both constitutions of rebels. But, while our constitution was progressive in the seventeen hundreds, the Soviet Constitution is modern and up date. It is a product of the twentieth century. Moreover, it is not something to be striven for as a goal, but is in actual practice and the people of the Soviet Union enjoy its benefits.

"These two constitutions, while born in revolution, took different lines of development; the Soviet Constitution adapted to the machine age, and our constitution, consequent upon the era in which it was framed, adapted to the need of this country before the machine age."

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CREDITS FOR CONSUMERS' COOPS URGED

F. R. Commission In Recommendations For Action

WASHINGTON — Consumers' cooperatives should be assured the same government credit now available to business and to farmers' cooperatives, it has been recommended by President Roosevelt's Commission on Cooperatives in a 731-page report.

The commission recommended:

1. That a survey of consumers' and service cooperatives in the United States be made.

2. That an agency be established or designated to give information, research and advisory service to consumers' cooperatives.

3. That steps be taken to assure consumer cooperatives "credit parity."

Jacob Baker, commission member, said oil, gasoline and milk are among commodities particularly suited for cooperative distribution.

Consumers' cooperatives would help to stem the rising tide of prices.

TEIGAN SPEAKS, URGING BACKING OF COURT PLAN

Minn. Farmer-Laborite Hits Big Business Opposition

WASHINGTON—Urging widespread support of President Roosevelt's judiciary program, Rep. Henry C. Teigan, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite, stressed the point, in a radio speech, that the "economic royal groups are definitely lined up against it."

"Don't be deceived," said Teigan. "Big business alone has profited by the courts violation of our federal laws, and is now carrying on a vicious campaign against the bill.

"This is your fight, and a victory now will make legislation possible for the benefit of wealth producers as well as for all the people of the nation who today are being plundered by organized wealth."

Teigan emphasized he was speaking as a member of the Farmer-Labor Progressive group in Congress and that he is not a member of either of the two old political parties.

How to Support Court Curb Plan

California people can support the plan to curb the Supreme Court, as follows:

1. Protest to Senators McAdoo and Johnson for attacking the plan to curb California congressmen who oppose the plan.

2. Write letters to your congressmen and the senators demanding they support the plan.

3. Have your trade union or other organization pass resolutions supporting the plan and demanding that California senators and congressmen support it in Congress.

4. Support mass meetings called to explain the issue of curbing the "nine old men."

of the great power resident in it.

"THEY SAY—It is an attack on American institutions and American democracy.

"WE SAY—It is to save American democracy from the onslaughts of money-owned, judicial tyranny. And that's why the opposition fights the President's proposals.

"THEY SAY—We won't' stand for it! It won't go through!

"WE SAY—The people are for it—and they will not be denied!"

Repeal of C.S. Acts Spurred

NEW YORK CITY—Repeal of the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism Act and passage of the measure repealing the Washington State C. S. Act by the legislature, will spur similar moves in California, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Idaho and Pennsylvania, where repealers of criminal syndicalism or corresponding state laws have been introduced, declared the International Labor Defense.

Introduction of repealers in eleven of the 26 states which have such anti-labor laws is also expected.

In Georgia, the "sedition" law passed by the Senate, was defeated in the lower House. The bill was introduced to supplement the 1869 "insurrection" law of the Angelo Herndon case, which is now before the U. S. Supreme Court.

The Oregon repeal is the first time since 1920, when the C. S. law was passed, that one of them has been taken off the books by legislative action.

Candidates Fiiing For Berkeley City

BERKELEY — Candidates for the municipal elections here May 6, started filing for office last Saturday and will continue until a week from next Saturday. Four councilmen and two school board members are to be elected.

Georgia County For Court Curb Plan

CAMILLA, Ga. — Mitchell County, home of Rep. E. E. Cox, enemy of the President's plan to curb the Supreme Court, voted more than five to one here in favor of Roosevelt's proposals.

A Product of Soviet Progress

IN A TEST operation of a new machine designed by Soviet invenfor S. F. Fluks, coal is reloaded at the rate of 150 tons an hour. Unlike inventions in capitalist countries, this one won't put a single man out of work.

LABOR AND POLITICS

In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"ONLY TWO THINGS ARE SURE: Death and Taxes."

Every working man knows these are two things he hasn't been able to escape; and every rich man, while he can't escape death, breaks his neck to escape taxes—usually successfully.

The question of taxation came sharply to the foreground in Washington last week when Chairman Marriner S. Eccles, of the Federal Reserve Board, pointed out the dangerously rising prices throughout the country and proposed that the federal budget be balanced by higher taxes on incomes and profits if necessary.

Rich Fear Taxing Rich . . .

Many congressmen and many of "our better families" immediately raised their arms in horror, and then shouted: "No more taxes." Speaker Bankhead said: "That's a short and simple, work that folks don't like—tax-x."

Knowing that the people are more and more demanding taxation of the rich to finance social legislation, and fearing that mass pressure will force increased taxation on the rich that the rich will be compelled to pay and not evade, the reactionaries have already started to throw a smoke-screen around the budget-balancing issue.

General Johnson helps throw out the smoke in a recent column in which he states that increased taxes will mean increased prices, that the taxes will just be added onto commodity prices for the working people to pay.

An Exploded Idea . . .

This "theory" that increased taxes on incomes and profits will mean increased prices, is the same kind of "theory" that was advanced more than 100 years ago—that it was useless for workers to strike for higher wages, because they would only have to pay more for commodities.

Marx exploded that "theory" in 1849 in his pamphlet: "Wage Labor and Capital." Just as that idea was ridiculous, so equally is the idea that General Johnson throws out.

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L.A. POLITICAL KIDNAP VICTIM STILL MISSING

No Trace of Woman In Plot Against Johnson

LOS ANGELES. — Sally Egner is still missing!

Mrs. Egner, who was kidnapped March 4 by corrupt political forces interested in keeping Grover Johnson, labor attorney, off the ballot, has not yet been located through fraud, intimidation and actual kidnapping political gangsters forced Mrs. Egner to sign an affidavit cancelling her registration.

Kept Captive . . .

City Clerk Dominguez disqualified Johnson as a candidate for City Council, 13th District, but Appellate Court ordered Dominguez to place his name on the ballot as a duly certified candidate.

"The key figure to the whole filthy mess of political corruption, however, is being kept captive by the men who fear Johnson as a labor candidate, Darwin W. Tate, incumbent, is Johnson's only opponent in the election.

Despite numerous protests from friends of Mrs. Egner, law enforcement authorities have made no effort to locate Mrs. Egner.

Johnson's Campaign Booms

Meanwhile, strong response is coming in to the telegram sent to Johnson's campaign. Operating on a precinct basis, campaign committees have been set up to give help and financial contributions.

Headquarters for the campaign are at 1453 Sunset Blvd. Committees have been set up in each precinct, with house-to-house contact and distribution of literature being carried on.

Several meetings are planned where Johnson and outstanding liberal and progressive supporters will speak. On Thursday, March 25, at the Hillside St. School, Rube Burroughs of the Municipal League, and Edwin L. Thrasher, incumbent councilman in the 14th district, will speak in favor of Johnson's candidacy.

Among many progressive and liberal organizations supporting Johnson are the Coordinating Committee, the Continuations Committee of Southern California, Municipal League, and United Progressive Democrats.

Teachers Demand Former Salaries

LOS ANGELES. — Two hundred and fifty elected representatives of the Southern Council, California Teachers' Assn., demanded in a meeting at the Biltmore hotel on March 13, restoration of salary cuts made during the depression.

Representing 25,000 school teachers, the resolution embodying the demands cited the high cost of living amounted to a wage cut for the teachers whose salaries have remained at the low level of the depression.

Bill for Federal C.S. Act Killed

WASHINGTON — A federal criminal syndicalism law was nipped in the bud here, when the House Judiciary Committee killed a bill of Rep. McCormack (D., Mass.), along these lines.

Mrs. Armstrong Is Widely Supported For L.A. Council

LOS ANGELES. — Urging "Good Housekeeping in City Government," Mrs. Adelaide D. Armstrong, as candidate for city council in the 9th district, has opened headquarters at the Angelus Hotel, 4th and Spring St.

Long known as progressive, social welfare worker, Mrs. Armstrong has for the past two years acted as secretary to Parley Parker Christiansen, liberal incumbent in the 9th district, who refused to run again for the office.

C. P. Candidate Withdrew

It was in favor of Mrs. Armstrong as a candidate representing the strong movement for ward independent progressive political action, that Rose Cutler, Communist candidate who polled 6500 votes in the Congressional election race last November, withdrew as a candidate during that a platform in the interests of labor and the common people be drawn up.

A conference, consisting of all the progressive and liberal organizations, including the Communist Party, on the Eastside, is strongly supporting Mrs. Armstrong's campaign.

With a program covering general needs of the people, Mrs. Armstrong emphasizes the need for adequate housing.

For Good Housing

Mrs. Armstrong pledges to use the influence of her office to put through a better housing program, following the latest and most approved New York methods, with federal funds."

"Hospitalization," she states, "is another one of the infected house situation is remedied, and health authorities will be encouraged and assisted should there be any tendency to extend their program in this regard."

Rights of Labor

Other points in her program include full guarantees of Constitutional rights and liberties, recognition of the rights of labor to organize, picket, and bargain collectively, and extension of playground facilities.

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BY MICHAEL QUIN

ILSON descended from a long line of Scotch-Irish

His father was a preacher. "There have been rs in my family," Wilson once said, "that some- m making a speech, it is difficult for me to re- m not in the pulpit."

war, believed mightily in God, and could not ster state of human society than Capitalism.

ot a realistic bone in his body. Sincerity was ly wedded to foolishness than in the character of

rawny child who gazed at the world through gold- es and preferred the intellectual stimulation of hilarity of the playground. He made few friends years acted as secretary to Parley Parker Christiansen, liberal incumbent in the 9th district, who refused to run again for the office.

C. P. Candidate Withdrew

It was in favor of Mrs. Armstrong as a candidate representing the strong movement for ward independent progressive political action, that Rose Cutler, Communist candidate who polled 6500 votes in the Congressional election race last November, withdrew as a candidate during that a platform in the interests of labor and the common people be drawn up.

A conference, consisting of all the progressive and liberal organizations, including the Communist Party, on the Eastside, is strongly supporting Mrs. Armstrong's campaign.

With a program covering general needs of the people, Mrs. Armstrong emphasizes the need for adequate housing.

For Good Housing

Mrs. Armstrong pledges to use the influence of her office to put through a better housing program, following the latest and most approved New York methods, with federal funds."

"Hospitalization," she states, "is another one of the infected house situation is remedied, and health authorities will be encouraged and assisted should there be any tendency to extend their program in this regard."

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Election Platform For Labor Peoples' New Deal

ident of Princeton University, he gained fame for ures, his liberal and humanitarian ideas, his stern abuses of wealth.

soon recognized him as a man who had great that he said, and who was capable of winning the oint of view. When Woodrow Wilson talked, he in him and he believed in himself. Financiers at reatly alarmed at the growing popularity of Wilryan. They needed a man with similar crusading ere they could wrap around their fingers at nt Princeton idealist was their choice. The politi- pulled and Wilson was lifted from the Princeton governorship of New Jersey, from which he springs White House.

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and troubled world into which he sought to lift sm. There were revolution in Mexico and war in peace-loving professor found the carless rowboat fighting father and won in swift currents that he friend. In exasperation, he once asked: "I wish tell me what the Allies are fighting for?"

1917, he delivered his war message to Congress, and wept like a child. The man whose whole purto establish war, found himself the instrument his country was plunged into what his very war described as "the most terrible and disastrous of

ing idealism, he proclaimed that this was a war to ake the world safe for democracy. He really believed it. Wall Street was using Wilson's crusading zeal was rposes.

Wiseman, head of the British Secret Service in confidential memorandum to his government:

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ncement the Allied Governments can make, which better to satisfy the American people that their fices will reap the disinterested reward they hope fying to him, and in its ultimate result serve to yet more wholeheartedly to the task in hand.

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U.S. Reaction Tries to Ape Hitler in Curtailing Schools

Teachers, Children Alike Lose From Curtailment

By JAMES B. STEELE

HITLER threw thousands of students out of the German schools and universities as one of his first despotic acts, when he seized power. Schools cost money, and teaching even the simplest facts is unpleasant to the ruling class. Education costs money and makes too many people think "unsafe" thoughts.

American reactionaries have fought education almost as hard as Mussolini and Hitler have. They have fought it less openly, but none the less bitterly. Education costs money and comes to some extent out of the pockets of the upper classes. The fear of "dangerous" thoughts and the love of money have fought against the children of America as well as of Germany and Italy.

Even the Federal Government's drive for economy discloses many of the harsh facts. Its recent "Statistics of State School Systems" gives appalling facts.

Only 11 States Had Full Terms

Only 11 states kept schools open for the usual term of 180 days in 1934; some had less than 140 days of school. But this was for "white" schools. In the states that herded Negro children into jim-crow schools, the average number of days that schools were kept open for schooling was 111—and white children 134. In 31 states, nearly 100,000 children got less than 90 days of schooling during 1934 and 148,000 more got less than 110 days. The authorities admit that many more were never counted.

The depression school cuts affected young children most seriously. In the first grade there were 10.5 per cent fewer children in school in 1934 than in 1929, and in kindergartens there were 14.2 per cent fewer children.

In the high schools there were more students in 1934 than ever before because the millions of youth who could find no jobs continued in school even after graduation.

AIR MINDED Soviet school children examine a model hydroplane in a workshop in Moscow, using a U. S. airplane model.

Teachers Suffer With Children

In the midst of the depression years when the reactionary forces of America have been mounting munitions for war slaughter and slashing moneys for schools, the teachers have suffered as much as the cuts as the children. By 1934 the average annual salary had sunk to $1227 —less than the wage of a skilled workman. The average rank and file teacher's income was much less, because that figure included salaries of administrators.

One of the ways in which the schools were crippled was by placing more "responsibility" for school support on the state governments and less on the richer communities. In this way huge slashes were put over in North Carolina and other states that are most firmly in the grip of huge corporations.

In every state where Negroes are forced into jim-crow schools, their condition is even worse than that of the underprivileged white children. Terms are shorter, classes nearly twice as large, their teachers are paid about half as much as white teachers, and the amount of money spent on educating a Negro child is about half that for a white child. —In many states less (in Georgia and Alabama 1-4 as much).

'N.O.W.,' A New Anti-Nazi Paper

HOLLYWOOD—Southern California's newest publication, "News of the World" a weekly said to appear Monday, March 23, headlining the first of a series of exposés of Nazi activities in Los Angeles and vicinity. It was announced by Donald Ogden Stewart, chairman of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for Defense of American Democracy.

"N. O. W." will be issued bimonthly from the offices of the Anti-Nazi League, 6912 Hollywood Boulevard. It will supplant the League's current publication, "Hollywood Nazi Spy."

Marian Spitzer, Alan Campbell, Viola Brothers Shore, Lewis Milestone and Dudley Nichols are among the Hollywood personalities on the editorial board.

Forthcoming features include continued installments of Donald Ogden Stewart's satire on life under "the Third Reich, "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock in Germany."

American Youth Act Rallies Many in Joint Effort

Negro Discrimination Applied to Education

Just as the Negroes are a doubly exploited race, the country schools are exploited schools in the scheme of American profit-taking. Between 1932 and 1934 there were 43,666 fewer children in the city schools and 29,918 more in the country schools—the most overcrowded and hardest hit. Hundreds of thousands of families were forced from the cities into the country to exist on subsistence farms, and their children were forced into a subsistence education—when they get any at all.

In the Soviet Union school terms aren't cut, they are lengthened; classes aren't more crowded, they are made smaller and more adapted to the best teaching and the best learning; salaries aren't cut, they are raised; and jim-crowing a student would be a crime.

Americans used to know little of these things, but now they know more. And the depression is aiding them in action. Effective student strikes and demonstrations have brought results in Harlem, in Springfield, in Pennsylvania, the South, in the West. More and more parents are backing them.

Organization Is Growing To Combat the Menace

The various teachers' unions with the power of organized labor behind them, are increasingly combating reaction, repression, and the economic strangulation of budget cuts.

The organized pressure of young Communists, Socialists, and progressives is making a bold stand against reaction through the American Youth Congress and its American Youth Act—to press through Congress this Youth Act which will guarantee suitable education and training to all youth.

The depression and reaction went far toward strangling American education, but they have met a challenge in the increasing solidarity of progressive teachers, youth, and parents. The future holds many challenges and much hope.

Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

Bare Backs

By REB. RANEY

A stevedore went to the op'ra,
He saw a bare back in a box,
He pointed and said to his crony,
"They copy our ways—on some docks."

His stoker friend thought and then answered,
"I'll tell the world that dame's bold;
And still, it's a cinch she'd be snooty,
If her kind met mine—in the hold."

The stevedore's face became solemn;
"All backs are alike under skin;
"Too bad that all Workers don't know that
And honor the hides they are in."

The stoker smiled grimly and whispered,
As if to a far-away wind;
"They will, when the bare backs of Labor
Refuse to go on getting skinned."

California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

THE Oriental trade, begun as we have mentioned, brought fabulous wealth to New England shanks of the Eastern seaboard. It deeply influenced the course of California history for the next half century.

A pioneer in opening up the oriental trade routes for American merchants was the "old Salem Dean," who sailed on the "Empress of China" from Boston in 1784.

Like the supercargo on the "Empress," ultimately reached Canton, was able to fetch a goodly profit on his cargo, and thus began the fabulous fortune in the oriental trade currently in earnest.

Soon after, a group of New England merchants carried out a plan of acquiring a foothold in mainland Orient trade to bring the Pacific Coast and California into its scope.

The Burrell company sent two vessels to the West Coast in 1787. The "Columbia" and the "Lady Washington" touched only on the northwest area of the Pacific and China, but their voyages had an important bearing on the subsequent course of California history. Since furs were the chief item of the new trade routes, fur hunting was bound sooner or later to extend along the entire length of the Pacific Coast, from Alaska to Mexico.

The little known harbors of California fell into this orbit.

A Law Unto Themselves

Lack of heating facilities in China made fur an ever-increasing article of demand. The Canton merchants were not going to overlook such an opportunity.

Owing in the Pacific, the Yankee navigators were a law unto themselves. They evaded customs duties; they carried on contraband trade with a vengeance. They were not above taking out coffin ships, leaky and decrepit, in the near-grimple for a fortune in a new field of commerce.

Such conditions brought about frequent mutinies, and the West Coast seamen of today can look back to the early West Coast-Orient fur trade for the beginnings of maritime labor struggles on the Pacific.

The Russians had been first to enter the Pacific fur trade. Collision with them was avoided by the Americans through a mutual agreement, whereby the Russians furnished furs and Indian trappers to the American traders, and the New Englanders carried the furs to China and there sold them.

Seal and sea otter proved to be the most valuable part of the fur trade.

The Fur of the Sea Otter

Of chief importance to California history was the fur of the sea otter. It was responsible for the first contact of Americans with California. Captain Robert Gray, sailing from Catalina to Santa Cruz became the magnet which attracted increasing numbers of American vessels. San Francisco Bay was also a favorite hunting ground.

Prices paid by Indians for hair help to give us an idea of the fabulous profits to be accrued by the New England traders. Richards' travels tells of purchasing 300 valuable skins at a cost of two yards of cotton cloth each. In the Chinese market the traders resold the same skins for $23 apiece.

A profit of $284,000 was obtained in one case from an investment of $50,000.

From the Pacific Coast fur trade and the trade with China the American people obtained their first real knowledge of California — of its tremendous natural wealth, its great agricultural possibilities, its splendid climate.

And from it came the beginnings, of the movement for annexation of California by the United States.

(To be continued)

'Autobiography of a Communist M.P.

By CRAIG

Revolt in the Clyde — International Publishers, New York — price $2.50—296 pp.—author, William Gallacher.

"Revolt on the Clyde" is the autobiography of a Communist member of Parliament — More than more than any of a British subject living in Scotland and from childhood participating in the labor movement in the British Isles.

William Gallacher, from his youth, was a militant working class labor official. Untouchable, honest, and a fighter. The big and little capitalists approach him. Only one person hinted strongly to Gallacher on a sell-out proposition: Ramsay MacDonald, Labor premier. And the manner in which "Willie" Gallacher rebuffed the Honorable David Lloyd George is priceless. Never again did the "little giant" of the British capitalists approach Gallacher with "ideas or bettering" Gallacher's position in life.

Gallacher's book deals with events prior to the War and the days during the War. How the workers on the Clyde in Glasgow, under the leadership of the Communists, smashed the attempts of the profitmakers, the capitalists, to use the workers to make greater profits and lead the workers to slaughter on the battlefields of greed, profit and power.

The Clyde area in Glasgow is one of the greatest industrial sections in the British Isles, the Clyde yards in Glasgow and west through Glasgow. On both banks, factories, mills and foundries make the industrial products. Thousands of workers and their families pack the neighboring villages, living in hovels, huts and rickety wooden tenements. War. The profiteers attempt to raise the rent: Chapter 5 tells how the women unite with their husbands, sons, and class meets class in the shipyard's office. How the "mighty" forces in London are forced to pass the "Rent Restriction Act" in favor of the workers.

Intimate details of what are "sell-out," Ramsay MacDonald. A passing glimpse of Lenin. Leader of the Russian and the British Labor movement passes in review; the reader gets to know what it means to be an honest fighter for the working class. But to fight is not enough. There must be more than just "labor pride."

Gallacher finds this out the hard way. The policy of the many Labor groups is caved in, beaten to keep away from the recognized form of parliamentary action. Here Gallacher simply must learn how the labor movement must participate in capitalists' house of parliament. Gallacher arrives home with the idea that the working class, to free itself of the shackles of a dying system, must get into every

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1—United Textile Workers' Union and Amalgamated Clothing Workers, engaged in a joint drive to organize the cotton textile and cotton garment industries.

2—A union local which is in an industry where there is no international or national union. The federal local is directly affiliated with the AFL executive council.

3—Elmer F. Benson, Farmer-Labor Party governor of Minnesota.

4—Mayor Daniel Hoan of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

5—To organize the steel industry in South San Francisco, Torrence, and Contra Costa County; the rubber industry of Los Angeles; the utility industry of California; the gold miners of Nevada County; the auto industry in southern California, and Alameda County.

The Workers' Press Drive

Week to Go, $3000 To Come, But There Must Be More Push!

Less than $3000 to go!

Less than a week to do it in!

This is the standing of the drive to date, and the figures below show who are lagging and who have come through with flying colors.

If we had set the goal of $12,000 in the first place merely as "something to shoot at," we could feel comfortably satisfied now. That is not the case.

The Western Worker, unless it curtails its present budget, must have a full $10,000 for the year 1937. And $2000 must go to the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker as the California quota in the drive.

All Is Necessary

This is why the situation is serious, despite a month's extension of the drive. This is why the amount raised must be $12,000, not 10 or 11 thousand.

This is why we want at this time to single out Los Angeles and Alameda Counties and call their attention to the figures published in the accompanying tabulation. They show that these two leading sections alone account for $1965.94 of the "missing funds." If we add the $55.47 still due from the next largest section, San Diego, we find three sections which alone are responsible for $2022.41 of what remains to be collected.

Los Angeles and Alameda both have final benefit affairs scheduled. They must be made into mass affairs for the support of the Western Worker. In Alameda County it is the "International Night" March 27 at Odd Fellows Hall, 11th and Franklin streets, Oakland. From 5 to 8 o'clock there will be a dinner, from 8 to 11 p. m. it will be a dramatic program of all nations.

Logical Speaker

The speaker will be Frank Spector. Frank Spector is a logical speaker for such an occasion. He is the county organizer in San Francisco, where a $3000 quota is already raised and a victory banquet scheduled.

In Los Angeles it will be the "March Frolic" at the Sons of Herman Hall, 120 E. 25th street, on the same night, Saturday, March 27.

But meanwhile, what are the units and sections in these counties doing to raise their quotas?

Two Who Lag

You can see in the tabulation how two units are lagging. Not if the friends of the Western Worker there have seriously thought of the need they have, and of their paper. What will San Bernardino do in the coming week?

Sacramento, since the last tabulation, came close to the 100 per cent mark. Surely it will go over.

But to other sections, such as Nevada, Bakersfield, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Monterey, Arizona, Fresno, Stockton, we say: "Look at the figures. Let your conscience guide you!"

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The Cal-Pack Scabs, a Vicious Bunch of Ruffians; The Guffey Ship Labor Bill and What the Maritime Federation Thinks of It; Organizing the San Francisco Dep Store Employees; Another Stride Forward for Santa Clara County Cannery Union; A Red-Hot Answer to Bill Green.

WHY MARITIME UNIONS OPPOSE SHIP LABOR ACT

Maritime Federation Tells What Guffey Bill Would Do

The WESTERN WORKER has frequently of late dealt with the Guffey Ship Labor Act, and its union-smashing import.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Bay Area District Council No. 2, has adopted a resolution which throws further light on the Guffey Bill. Unions are urged to adopt this resolution.

The resolution, which was concurred in by the San Francisco Central Labor Council, states:

WHEREAS: The present Congress has pending before it a measure known as the Ship Labor Act, intended to establish provisions for the settlement of strikes of maritime workers, and

Compulsory Arbitration

WHEREAS: This bill provides compulsory arbitration for the workers before means of arriving at satisfactory negotiations have been fully exhausted, and

WHEREAS: It does not provide complete latitude for the employee in the selection of his representatives on the Mediation Board, reserving the right, in case of deadlock or objections, to appoint said representative, and

WHEREAS: Various provisions of the bill are carefully calculated to limit the militant growth of the Maritime Crafts through the postponement of important disputes, the bill designates which employee groups shall cast a vote in the event of dispute; such provision being contrary to labor union practices, and

WHEREAS: Should this bill become law, it would gradually tend towards the curtailment of employment in the maritime industries, as has been done through the past ten years' operation of the Railway Labor Act, of which this is a counterpart, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we go on record as condemning the Ship Labor Act and all similar measures pending or intended for the consideration of Congress as being anti-labor and of a Fascist nature, and be it further

An Un-American Idea

RESOLVED: That all crafts lend united support in combatting this bill, through the distribution to the ships' delegates on all American vessels of the bill and explanatory literature pointing out its detrimental features; that concurrence by these ships' crews be obtained and that they immediately dispatch letters of protest to Congressmen and the President, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the remaining representatives of maritime unions in Washington be instructed to protect the bill on the basis of being un-American; that our delegates to the San Francisco Central Labor Council introduce this resolution at the next business meeting of the Council and that copies of this resolution be sent to all labor organizations for concurrence.

SF Pilots Win 6-Wk. Strike on Towboats

SAN FRANCISCO — With a 20% increase in wages, a 40% reduction in hours, cash overtime and a day off a week, Local 40 of the Masters, Mates and Pilots has ended a six-weeks strike against towboat companies. The members are to vote on the agreement, and are expected to ratify it.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

I was reading where the Democratic-controlled New York State Assembly killed ratification of the child labor amendment the other day.

Postmaster General Jim Farley was accused of neglecting to put pressure on New York City district leaders, which might have pushed the bill through.

Those of us in the trade unions who don't see the need for a Farmer Labor Party can go to those sweat-shop kids for some education now.

"And a little child shall lead us."

LEADS SITDOWN

WYNDHAM MORTIMER, of the CIO United Automobile Workers' Union, leading the Chrysler sit-down strike.

ANOTHER STEP IN CANNERIES

100 Sign Up In Big Sunnyvale Meeting

SAN JOSE—Indicating the determination of cannery and agricultural labor to become organized, over 300 Mt. View and Sunnyvale workers enthusiastically greeted a mass meeting held recently in Sunnyvale under the sponsorship of Cannery Workers' Union No. 20325 of Santa Clara County. This meeting marked the extension of the Union's membership drive to the northern part of the county.

100 Apply

That these workers are in earnest was clearly demonstrated by 100 new applications for membership. The response accorded the slate of speakers and a collection amounting to $27 to cover the expenses of the meeting was further proof of the fact that cannery workers will be organized in Santa Clara County.

Paul Lyons, vice-president of the Alaska Cannery Union, spoke in Spanish about the success of the Alaska Canenry Union. Brother Emery, of the Monterey Cannery Union, spoke on the victories of his union.

Earl Moorhead, president of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, chaired the meeting and assured the agricultural workers of the support of every union in the county.

Mass Federation In Hot Reply To Bill Green Edict

BOSTON, Mass. — The reply of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor to William Green's demand that the state federation war upon the CIO shoe workers' drive was plainspoken.

Reject War On CIO

President John F. Gatelee and Secretary - treasurer Robert J. Watts told Green:

"The Massachusetts State Federation of Labor has received President Green's telegram and will, of course, cooperate in every way with the Boot and Shoe Workers International Union, in serving the interest of its members in Massachusetts.

"This is nothing new. The situation has not changed because of the fact that certain unaffiliated independent unions have chosen to group themselves together under another banner. We believe that the Boot and Shoe Workers Union has demonstrated for many years its ability to promote the well-being of its members.

"Here is Massachusetts we are fortunate in that American Federation of Labor unions and the new groups aim at a common objective.

"We expect that the international union will concentrate upon organization works, and the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor will continue its efforts to accomplish fully the official legislative program which all wage-earners support, but in the opinion of the leaders of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, it would be indeed most unfortunate if the wage-earners should be divided by the use of different methods when we all do share a common objective."

S.F. Labor Council Supports Teachers

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Labor Council has gone on record approving the fight for the Teachers' Union to obtain restoration of salary schedules for all public school teachers in this city.

JUST ANOTHER BETRAYAL BY JAS. COULTER

Boone and Stratton Lawyers for Bosses And for Unions

By JACK

LONG BEACH. — Betrayed again! That is what Long Beach labor thinks when it considers its predicament in connection with the law firm of Boone and Stratton.

When the truck drivers went to them in regards to a milk concern notoriously unfair, they reportedly found that the Stratton family had financial interest in this company and that Stratton is the attorney for this scabby outfit.

Both Ends Against The Middle

When the Taxi Drivers went to press their case against the worst taxi set-up ever to hit Long Beach, they were surprised that this firm of lawyers, who are receiving a retainer of $250 per month plus $15 to $25 per day court costs to represent the Harbor District and Orange County labor unions are also the attorneys for and are probably interested in the Dime-in-cab Company.

Consider the Dime-in-cab set up and decide for yourself if any real labor lawyer should be allied with them. Dime-in-cab drivers must buy their cars, buy their gas and get their repairs through the company, pay down an initial fee, and an additional $1.00 for every twelve hours that they operate.

They are limited in the hauling charges that they can make to three prices: 15, 20 and 25 cents according to zones that have been set up by city ordinance. One of the Councilmen gets in on the profits through a gasolene contract. Everyone connected with this firm gets a chance to make money but the suckers who try to make it by driving one of the cabs.

The Smart Man

James C. Coulter, Vice President of the State Federation of Labor, is the smart man who put this deal over, with an iron bound contract that is guaranteed to net this firm at least $1500 before it expires, whether Organized Labor likes it or not.

Wouldn't it be interesting to see Boone in court representing Labor in a case and opposing him his partner, Stratton? It seems to me that I saw an editorial in the Western Worker pointing out the danger of this sort of a labor defense set up. Well, it's just another Coulter betrayed.

Call For East Bay Clubber's Exit

OAKLAND—Captain Thorvald Brown's police brutality against picketing is arousing a storm of protest in Alameda County. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers' Local 41 (Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers) has adopted the following resolution against Brown's actions:

WHEREAS: Captain Brown of the Eastern police station has for many years used his position to interfere with labor's rights to organize and strike in East Oakland, and

WHEREAS: Captain Brown has illegally arrested two organizers for the United Automobile Workers' of America, Local No. 76, in order to prevent the unionization of auto workers in Oakland, and

WHEREAS: The acts of Captain Brown have been recognized as illegal through the district attorney's refusing to file complaints against the men he arrested, and

Ask Brown's Removal

WHEREAS: So long as Captain Brown continues in his present position he will use that position to prevent labor's exercising its most fundamental rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this organization complain to Police Chief Bodie Wallman, and the city council of Oakland against the activities of Captain Brown, and ask for his removal from his position in the police force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Chief of Police Bodie Wallman, the Oakland City Council, City Manager John Hassler, and the press.

"Point of Order"
A TRADE UNION COLUMN
by Slim

Long Beach Trade School Prostituting Training to Aid Open Shops; When a Welder is Not a Welder; Direct Cases of Scabbery; The San Jose Labor Movement and the Unemployed.

WE TURN part of this column over to Jack M., of Long Beach, who gives us a very illuminating picture of a trades school set-up and its anti-labor functions.

"Long Beach Trade Schools have launched a program that is against the best interests of Organized Labor. Under the guise of teaching a trade to youngsters it is using them to labor in direct opposition to trained union mechanics, and is giving special short courses of about six weeks to qualify students to do assembly line jobs for Ford and Gen. Motors Corp.

"A youth applying for a job is told to go to Long Beach and take the special course in spot welding. There the student is shown how to do only the special sort of spot welding that these motor companies are interested in; after completing the course, they get the job. By no stretch of the imagination could they be called welders. These boys are still unskilled laborers and a trade school turning out direct case of scabbery is the work that is just the opposite to the purpose for which it exists.

"Another and perhaps more direct case om scabbery is the practice of repairing the used cars of used car dealers with student labor, for which no charge is made, in direct competition with skilled union auto mechanics.

"At Poli-Hi the automotive school is full of these cars from used car lots being repaired free of all labor costs, by the students. If you try to get your car repaired there you will be more than likely told that you will have to get a clearance from W. J. Ward (used car dealer) 1427 Amer. Ave.

"Organized Labor of Long Beach accepts this challenge and should be careful to get someone that really has the interest of the workers of this city at heart elected to fill the vacancies on the school board at the coming election. This is another instance pointing to our need of a labor party whose candidates are from our own ranks and who will be pledged to protect our interests against the organized exploiters."

Down in San Jose the Central Labor Council does a lot of thinsgs that could be regarded as model behavior by other councils. And the same holds true of the progressive president of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council, Earl Moorhead, who spoke at a recent mass meeting, held under Workers' Alliance auspices, to discuss the vital question of mass layoffs on WPA and SRA.

In the first place, the Labor Temple was the scene of the meeting. In the second place, Moorhead was chairman at the meeting. And furthermore, Moorhead called on all organized labor to get behind the Workers' Alliance program.

For San Jose labor evidently realizes the value to organized labor of maintaining close relations and aiding the unemployed.

Sentence Pickets To 25 Day Terms

SAN FRANCISCO. — Judge Thomas Foley's promise of "leniency" which was largely responsible for the final agreement of the jury to convict nine picketers of the Nazi consulate, turned out to be cutting the usual sentence from 30 to 25 days on "refusal to move on."

Oral notice of appeal was entered by Attorney George Andersen of the International Labor Defense.

Those sentenced to 25 days, or $50 fine, were Anita Whitney, George Parker, Harriet Morton, Elmer Amidon, Joe Borman, Sarah Smith and Elaine Black. Mary Dana and Hayden Perry were sentenced to 10 days or $25 fine.

Two more charges against Elmer Amidon, who was mercilessly beaten by police, are set for March 23 before Judge Foley at which time date for trial will be set. Superior Court Judge Jacks will hear the argument for writs of habeas corpus on the contempt of court charges of four of the framed pickets on the same day on the third floor of the Hall of Justice.

Broun Invited To Guild's Frolic

SAN FRANCISCO—The working newspaper men and women of San Francisco and Oakland have announced plans for staging their annual FRONT PAGE FROLIC May 1 in Scottish Rite Auditorium at Van Ness avenue and Sutter street.

Northern California Newspaper Guild, comprising nearly 450 editorial workers in the two cities is sponsoring the Frolic.

Broun Invited

So successful have the two previous Frolics proved, news men predicted this year's event will be the most successful ever staged.

Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild, of which NCNG is a unit, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, member of the New York Newspaper Guild, have been invited.

Leading figures of radio and the entertainment world will furnish entertainment. Dancing will be held on two floors.

Personal introductions to columnists and the men and women who write the daily newspapers will be given, M. B. Frazier, secretary of the Frolic committee, announced. David R. Young, president, is chairman of the general committee.

Timbermen Get Full Autonomy

LONGVIEW, Wash.—800 delegates from Minnesota to Washington state—some of them from Canada, too—representing 100,000 organized timber and saw-mill workers, drew up a constitution for the Natl. Federation of Woodworkers and plan organizational work.

The constitution provides for district council autonomy and referendum votes on acts of the convention and federation. It places the federation on record as being an industrial union. Delegates set union hiring halls, the six-hour day, 30-hour week and wage increases of 10c an hour as union goals.

Fred Lequier, Chippewa Indian and president of the Minnesota Timber Workers' Union, evoked cheers when he paid tribute to Farmer-Labor Governor Benson's aid in the recent Minnesota timber strike.

Urge F.D. Support On Housing Bill

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt, in a telegram signed by the Labor Housing Conference and other groups, was urged to put all possible pressure behind immediate passage of the Wagner-Steagall housing bill providing for government aid in the construction of low cost housing.

The telegram told of the over 50 national organizations, 47 municipal governments and city councils, 31 official housing organizations, 40 state federations of labor, 39 private housing groups, and 196 social and civic organizations which have expressed themselves in favor of the bill.

Both the United Mine Workers and the American Federation of Labor have asked passage of the bill which last year was approved by the Senate but held up in a House committee.

BIG STRIDES IN UNIONIZING DEPT. STORES

Unions Cooperating To Help Build Up Big Organization

SAN FRANCISCO—Delegates representing seven unions waived jurisdiction over all employees in San Francisco department stores at a conference called last week by F.J. Desepte, International President of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association.

The conference was to clear the way for the granting of the charter to the newly formed Retail Department Store Employes' Union, which is organizing along industrial lines within the AFL.

Unions represented at the conference were the Shoe and Textile, Fruit and Vegetable, Grocery Clerks, Pharmacists, Automotive Parts, Culinary and Miscellaneous Workers and the Warehousemen.

Bright Prospects

There having been no previous joint discussion of the subject one delegate at first opposed waiving jurisdiction, but later, promised to reconsider and "give the matter further thought."

All expressed enthusiasm over the prospect of a retail department store union in San Francisco which bids fair to have a membership rivalling that of the ILA in numbers. Lou Gldblatt, representing the Warehousemen said, "I expect to see the union grow so fast that it won't be long before they pass the ILA by, and I hope they raise their hats to us when they do!"

The members representing the department stores agreed not to touch those workers in the stores who were already covered by unions, such as maintenance men, etc., unless that union willingly waived jurisdiction and the members concerned wished of their own accord to come into a union which embraced all employees. On the other hand, if there are any shoe men, grocery, pharmacists, etc., who are already in their respective craft unions and wish to transfer into the Retail Department Store Employees' Union in order to feel more in unity when presenting demands, the respective craft unions represented at that conference agreed not to object.

The R. D. S. E. Union further guaranteed to get the wages and conditions already established by those unions for those crafts who are organizing under their industrial banner.

The only point which was impossible to decide on at the meeting was that concerning the attitude of the Internationals. Desepte, speaking for himself, was willing to accept cooks and waitresses, even if they were Retail Clerks International but could not answer for the other members of the Executive Board. Walter Cowan, president of the Joint Board of Culinary and Miscellaneous Workers' stated that his International might have the same problem but recommended that the Retail Department Store Employees' Union take in culinary workers at least for the present.

Officers of the Union felt that the results of the conference constituted the second major victory of the new Union. They have been able to reinstate two discharged empoyees, one of whom is the president of the union, Stanley Scott. Now with the way cleared for the charter, which is expected within ten or twelve days, the officers feel that nothing can stop the union's growth.

The response to organization is already so heavy that the Retail Department Store Employees' Union was forced to move into a new hall to accommodate the crowds. The new hall is at 1623½ Market Street, first floor, and meetings will be held there every Wednesday night until that hall becomes too small.

Ask New SF Vote On City Power

SAN FRANCISCO—On request of the Street Carmen's Union, the San Francisco Central Labor Council has petitioned the Board of Supervisors that Amendment No. 1, calling for revenue bonds to finance municipal power distribution, be resubmitted to the voters as soon as possible.

The amendment was defeated by a small margin on March 9.

Tintypes

"WILD BILL" Hutcheson is president of the Carpenters' International. He's an old saw, all right.

He thinks everybody's a Red, except Alf Landon and himself, and he's not so sure of Alf Landon.

They say "Wild Bill" is thinking of giving up shaving. He cut himself the other day, and the blood was red.

But then Bill would have a beard, and they'd surely take him for a Red. So you can see the stew a man in Bill's position gets into.

"Wild Bill" is a fiend for writing letters. He writes 'em to the Carpenters' locals, and orders them to expel the Reds.

He means anyone who doesn't vote Republican.

Bill's done a lot to revive business in this country. He writes thousands of letters to the locals. That gives the men in the pulp and paper mills more work.

The Carpenters' locals throw the letters into the waste basket. That gives the waste basket factories more work.

And it gives the Carpenters a pain in the neck.

To Probe Hawaiian Sugar Conditions

SAN FRANCISCO—For the first time in its history, Hawaii is to have an investigation of its labor situation. Edward Berman, aggressive young editor of The Voice of Labor, Honolulu paper, came to San Francisco as the representative of longshoremen, who claim discrimination because of union activities, and has returned to Honolulu with E. J. Eagen, Natl. Labor Relations Board attorney.

While there, Eagen will also look into conditions on the sugar plantations, where a practical state of peonage is said to exist. "This is an historic event in the islands," Berman said. "Labor there has never had anyone to whom it could appeal. The Matson and Dollar lines and the big sugar planters have met all inquiries with the statement that everything was ideal. This is the first real probe of labor conditions we have ever had."

Kansas schools close because of Governor Landon's "budget balancing."

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THE CAL-PACK SCABS; WH ARE, HOW THEY PROVOKE P

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND. — The Republican Tribune and Davies' Enquirer enjoyed a Roman holiday during the recent Alameda ILA - Cal. Pack struggles—at the expense of the ILA men.

To naive readers who "know only what they read in the papers", ILA members were presented as violent rioters, brutal longshoremen and truck drivers who revel in combatting officers of the law and who strive to keep "honest" workers from the pursuit of their vocation.

Their True Character

Ostrich-like or criminally, the Tribune and Enquirer fail to observe the true character of these so-called officers of the law and "honest" workers, and gloss over the truth as to who injects violence into labor disputes.

As readers of the Tribune and Enquirer should do, I went down to the scene of activities and interviewed the picketers and participants right on the job.

In the first place, they are anything but violent or brutal longshoremen and truck drivers. The group that sits peacefully across the street from the ultra-cheap Cal Pack Corp. is comprised of boys from the age of 18 to greying men past 40.

"All we want is union recognition," they tell your earnestly.

They do not even carry placards. They just sit, sprawled on the lawn of a friend, playing at cards, spending the hours as they await the entrance and exit of strike-breakers. It is their duty as peaceful pickets to persuade the strike-breakers against working under anti-labor conditions. This right is guaranteed them under the United States Constitution.

But it is a coarse, degenerate group of scabs the ILA men must persuade, scabs palmed off on the public as "loyal" workers. A door opens and plant manager Garibaldi, the Mussolini of Cal-Pack, together with a thug in special police uniform, looks over the small bunch of pickets.

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—And Still They Fight On

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Unionists Defend "Western" In Long Beach—See Page 1 And 8 For Late L. B. News

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ILA 38-79 ASSAILS CIO EXPULSIONS

France, Soviet Union Denounce Italian Violations

MUSSOLINI'S WAR THREAT MADE ANEW

Germany, Italy Hurl Profane Charges in London

LONDON—"This is one of the most flagrant cases of foreign intervention ever known to history," declared the Soviet representative Ivan Maisky before the International Non-Intervention Committee, charging that 10,000 Italians went to Spain in the middle of February and that many of them were soldiers of the regular Italian army.

In Paris, concurrently, Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos announced that France has absolute proof that Italian fighting forces have landed in Spain even since the agreed ban of volunteers had gone into effect February 20.

From Rome, Italian government spokesmen angrily retorted that if France appealed to the League of Nations against dispatch of Italian reinforcements to Spain, Europe would be on the brink of war.

These dramatic charges took place in a situation where:

1. Mussolini's belligerent attacks on England, coupled with statements in the Italian press than Italy will not remove a single "volunteer" from Spain until the "civil war" is over, are making more difficult the task of British reaction in giving underhanded support to Franco.

2. France, through Foreign Minister Delbos, is attempting to call the hand of Nazi Germany by asking that the German government intercede in Rome to forestall any Italian scrapping of the Non-Intervention agreement.

Italian Threats

3. Indications from the Italian press and from the statements of Mussolini tend to indicate that Mussolini is attempting to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Italian Morale Lowers

Soldiers Hesitate To Fight, Say Many Observers

MADRID—With morale heightened throughout Loyalist Spain and new volunteers clamoring everywhere for enlistment, the Central front command of General Joseph Miaja is consolidating the gains made in its historic counter-offensive northeastward from Guadalajara.

Observers here, including many foreign correspondents, are attributing the classic rout of the Italians in a large measure to the unwillingness of the Italian soldiers to fight a war in which they have no interest apart from the artificial stimulation of Mussolini's exhortations to heroism.

"No Fight Whatever"

One correspondent, speaking of Italians deserted or directly captured, wrote: "These men showed no fight whatever and seemed to welcome capture; some even announced sympathy for the Spanish government cause."

German troops were noticeable for the first time in large and concentrated numbers, replacing the shattered Italian troops and rallying the invad- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

SPEAKS IN CAL.

ANDRE MALRAUX, world-famous French novelist, leader of a Spanish People's Air Squadron. He is now touring the country for aid to Spanish democracy. He speaks next Saturday in San Francisco, at Trianon Ball Room. (See P. 3)

Picket Law in Monica

Labor Movement Not Likely To Take It Lying Down

SANTA MONICA—Frantic in the face of the great gains made through the CIO, Santa Monica's supervisors have unanimously voted an ordinance which bans any kind of picketing whatsoever, no matter how peaceful.

The Santa Monica labor movement, which stood solid behind the Douglas Aircraft strike, is not likely to remain passive in the face of such an ordinance denying rights of free assembly.

In Los Angeles the District Court of Appeals has denied a petition by 345 indicted Douglas strikers, to prevent the Superior Court from trying the sitdowners on felony charges. The indictment was faulty, strikers' attorneys say.

I.L.A. CALLS FOR C. S. ACT REPEAL

Chooses Delegates to Go to Sacramento in April

SAN FRANCISCO—ILA local 38-79 has chose Henry Schmidt, Joe White and G. Bulke to represent the union at an Assembly hearing in April on repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

The local has petitioned the California Legislature to repeal the C.S. Act. An immediate and unconditional release for all the C.S. prisoners was also called for.

E. Bay Labor Body Cheers CIO Union

OAKLAND—Despite the opposition of Secretary William Spooner and other machine delegates, the Alameda County Central Labor Council is on record by a 61-54 vote to congratulate the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO affiliate) for its fight against the Chrysler Corp. Spooner attacked sitdown strikes.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—AFL metal trades unions have sent seven organizers here to organize the drydocks in this area.

WPA Workers OK Strike Demands

SAN FRANCISCO—In a mass meeting at the Scottish Rite Auditorium Wednesday night a group of 700 enthusiastic WPA workers endorsed the action of the Workers' Alliance and the American Federation of Government Employees in granting full power to the Bay Area Committee of Action to whatever action is necessary in gaining their demands. A similar mass meeting will be held for the WPA workers of Alameda County in the Oakland Auditorium on Monday night.

This action of the WPA work- **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)**

Sacto. Agriculture Union in Demands

SACRAMENTO — Demanding increased wages, asparagus workers will hold a meeting at Walnut Grove next Saturday, under auspices of the Sacramento agricultural Workers' Union. Well-known union leaders will speak.

The local Workers Alliance has pledged that its members will not accept lower rates of pay than those adopted by the Jan. 24 Sacramento-Stockton agricultural conference.

Asparagus cutters seek a scale ranging from $1.25 to $1.75 per hundred pounds (90 cents to $1.10 were last years rates).

A 40 cents hourly minimum is also sought.

Supervisors in L.A. Endorse Youth Act

LOS ANGELES—About a hundred young people attended the regular sessions of the Board of Supervisors, which conducted a hearing of the California Youth Act. Young students, unemployed youth and Nat'l Youth Administration workers formed a representative cross section of youth interested in the passage of the CYA, and heartily applauded the board's action in endorsing this bill.

Ellsworth Replogle, presenting the case for the youth, presented to the Supervisors a picture of the dire need for the enactment of the CYA, pointed to the proven inadequacy of the NYA, and after giving a short history of the bill asked that it be endorsed as a necessary practical measure.

GRANTED STAY

NEW YORK—Vincent Ferrero, California anti-Fascist facing deportation to Italy, has been granted a 3-month stay to enable him to make voluntary departure to some other country.

BRIDGES FLAYS CRIMP ON FARM LABOR DRIVE

State A. F. L. Board Ignored Wishes of Calif. Labor

The action of the State Federation of Labor, in ruthlessly brushing aside the request for a state agricultural charter along the lines voted by the recent agricultural conference, was hit by Harry Bridges as "dictated by machine politics."

Bridges and Roy Mahaffey of Stockton were the only two members of the State Federation executive board who voted against the refusal to apply for a state charter along democratic line, also voted against the attack on the CIO made by Vandeleur and his friends on the executive board.

The executive board, Bridges pointed out, paid no attention to actions of the labor councils in Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, Vallejo, Contra Costa, Stanislaus, Santa Clara and Kern Counties, which urged that a state agricultural charter be granted along the democratic lines voted by the recent conference held in San Francisco.

Instead, Bridges said, the reactionaries heeded the demand of one J. B. Nathan, who had no connection with the agricultural industry, and who supported the Edward Vandeleur program of excluding the cannery, dried fruit, nut and vegetable packers from a state set-up, and not permitting the workers themselves to choose their leaders.

(Nathan is a Trotzkyite, noted for his disruptive activities in the labor movement.)

Bridges' statement follows:

"The executive committee disregarded completely the basic necessity of organizing the state's 200,000 agricultural workers along industrial lines and ap- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

I.L.A. PREPARES COAST CONFAB

38-79 In Important Meet of Members Monday

SAN FRANCISCO—A special membership meeting of ILA local 38-79 next Monday in Eagles Hall will ratify nominations for the annual convention of the Pacific Coast District, ILA. The convention will start the first Monday in May, in Seattle.

The meeting next Monday is of great importance, for it will help determine policy for the coming year.

Local 38179 will elect 10 delegates to the coast ILA convention; six of whom will be sent to the Maritime Federation convention.

Many important problems will come up for settlement at this year's convention.

The Workers' Press Drive

L. B. Oil Workers Defend "Western"

More sharply than anything else, the following article shows the absolute necessity of insuring publication of the "Western" through 1937, by putting our $12,000 financial drive over the top by April 1:

By An Oil Worker

LONG BEACH—At the meeting of our local (128, Oil Workers' Union) here last night, James Coulter, the secretary, was clearly on the defensive regarding his attack on a newsboy selling the Western Worker outside the Labor Temple.

One after another, members of our union took the floor supporting the Western Worker and criticizing Coulter for his unprovoked attack. It was pointed out that the Western Worker was a union paper supporting correct union policies, that it carried the union label and that the union had already won a fight **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)**

L. A. PEOPLE'S LOBBY CONFAB ON APRIL 11

Unions Among Those Backing Southern Calif. Plans

LOS ANGELES—To continue and broaden the work of the California People's Legislative Conference, a Southern California Convention is to be called April 11, with representatives from trade unions, liberals and progressive organizations to be present.

Among the organizations already participating in the work of the Conference are the Millmen's Union, local 884; the International Fur Workers local 87; the Office Workers' Union; the League of Women Shoppers; and the Social Service Workers' Guild.

As part of the move to strengthen and consolidate its forces, the Conference in Southern California is planning on sending speakers out to various trade unions in an effort to draw them into its work and also to raise money for its activities.

Under way at the present time is a postcard campaign to get through the State Legislature the Conference's "must" bills.

This list includes the proposed bills dealing with guarantees of Civil Liberties, the right of labor to collective bargaining, repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, and Social Security bills.

Leaders Sponsor Court Symposium

SAN FRANCISCO—Sponsors for the March 31 symposium on curbing the Supreme Court, have been announced by the local committee of the California People's Legislative Conference.

Sponsors include George W. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union; Harry Dixon, Bertha Peoples, William Varley, John D. Barry, Dr. Guiseppe Facci, Dr. Maurice Korshet, Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, and Professor Harold Chapman Brown of Stanford University. Among the speakers will be Professor Samuel C. May of the University of California. Speakers include John. F. Shelley and Mayor Dore of Seattle.

The mass meeting will be held at Scottish Rite Auditorium on Wednesday, March 31, at 8 p. m.

Alliance Protests Discrimination

SACRAMENTO—The state relief commission heard a demand from the Workers Alliance of Sacramento that no SRA workers be lopped from the rolls for refusing to accept work at wages below union scales.

The demand was made through Michael Marvis, local Alliance president.

Labor leaders among them Woodrow Osler of the Sacramento to Cannery Workers Union, charged that relief workers carrying union cards find themselves discriminated against. The commission promised to investigate.

Water Rate Cut is Forced in Placer

AUBURN, Placer County — Farmers of Placer County have forced the Pacific Gas and Electric to reduce rates for irrigation water.

The poor farmers had been worst hit by the PG&E's exorbitant charges. The rates have been reduced from $45 to $36 per miner's inch.

Graft Hit by Labor

I.L.A. Urges Political Action by Labor As Graft Cure

SAN FRANCISCO—As the police graft probe reached broader proportions before the grand jury, organized labor began to make its voice heard on the exposures made by Edwin N. Atherton, investigator, in his recent report.

"Rossi Must Go!"

"I am in favor of immediate resignation of Mayor Rossi and his machine," declared George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, when interviewed by a Western Worker representative on the graft scandal.

"I hope a labor ticket will run this fall in the supervisorial elections. Labor candidates would **(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)**

1200 OBISPO PEA PICKERS ARE STARVING

Crop Delayed, They Were Left to Hunger

SAN LUIS OBISPO—So close to starvation are more than 1200 pea pickers in this county, that Federal authorities and the state relief administration have had to at last move in with at least a measure of relief.

The crops have been delayed for weeks, due to rains and frost. Growers provided no food or shelter for the pickers in the meantime. The pickers found shelter in packing box shacks.

'LITTLE WAGNER' BILL IS FAVORED

Assembly Committee In Recommendation

SACRAMENTO — The Labor Relations Bill, a California counterpart of the Wagner National Labor Relations Act, has received a "do pass" recommendation from the Assembly Labor and Capital Committee.

The bill establishes employees' rights for collective bargaining. It is endorsed by the People's Lagislative Conference.

Simpson Talks in San Diego and L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Recently released from Nazi Germany where for 18 months he had been a victim of brutal Hitler terrorism, Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman, will be the main speaker at an anti-Nazi meeting Friday night, April 2, at Trinity Auditorium, 847 South Grand Avenue.

Conducting a tour throughout the United States on behalf of all anti-fascist forces, Simpson while in Los Angeles will speak on the horrible conditions existing in Germany—particularly in the prisons and concentration camps.

SAN DIEGO—Lawrence Simpson will speak in San Diego at the Eagles Hall, April 1, 1937, at 8:15 p.m.

DEMAND REMOVAL

DETROIT—Wires to Governor Murphy from scores of unions demand the removal of police commissioner Picket of Detroit for his brutality against sitdown strikers.

CALLS FOR UNITY OF ALL LABOR

Endorses C. I. O. In Drive to Organize Unorganized

With over 3000 members from Los Angeles to the Bay Area, 12 locals of the Utility Workers' Union have voted to affiliate with the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union. Final vote was 2850 for the CIO unions, 150 for the Electrical Workers' Brotherhood (AFL craft union).

The power of 4500 members of the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-79, has been placed in support of the CIO campaign to organize the nation's unorganized.

In a statement adopted by its membership, the mighty ILA local at the same time expressed its determined opposition to any plans of William Green and the AFL executive council to expel the CIO unions from Central Labor Councils.

The ILA local's action came in response to a call for a conference on April 14 in which Bay Area CIO unions and those sympathetic to the CIO organization drives will plan ways of rallying financial and moral support to organizing the unorganized.

The sharp-spoken statement of the big ILA local said:

The call for the April 14 conference was signed by the United Automobile Workers' Union, through its local president, Frank Slaby.

It said in part:

"The continued activities of Mr. Green and the executive council, if carried to a logical conclusion, will split the labor movement and cause confusion and struggle between unions.

"It is in the interest of the CIO and all unions to maintain unity and cooperation in the labor movement. Such unity can only be maintained by discussing and clarifying the issues involved.

"We favor a program of unity (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

New Strikes Loom In S.F., Stockton

A membership meeting of Machinists Lodge 68 on Wednesday night voted to strike April 1, in 12 San Francisco shops, unless demands are granted. The strike would affect 150 men. A new agreement is sought with wages varying from 75 cents to $1.12½ cents an hour, and a 5-day, 40-hour week.

A meeting of 1500 hotel workers in Eagles Hall, San Francisco, last Tuesday empowered the Culinary Crafts Joint Board to take any steps necessary, including strike action, unless hotel owners grant wage, hours and working conditions demanded by the union.

The Stockton Bakery Wagon Drivers Union has threatened to strike unless demands for higher wages and lower hours are met. The union demands a $45 a week minimum, and a 6 a.m. starting time.

How Many Can You Answer?

1. How much does the California Youth Act provide for needy students?

2. How does the CYA help those now on NYA?

3. Will the help given young people by the CYA be deducted from the aid given their families if on relief?

4. What is the basis of eligibility for benefits under the CYA?

5. What will determine the rate of pay on CYA work projects?

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ALLIANCE IN E. BAY MAKES HASSLER MOVE

City Manager Forced To Protest WPA Layoffs

OAKLAND—As a result of a demand put upon the Oakland City Council by the Alameda County Workers Alliance on behalf of WPA workers facing a wholesale layoff this spring, City Manager Hassler frantically sent telegrams to President Roosevelt, and Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progess Administrator, protesting against the scheduled release of WPA workers.

Workers Alliance President Janes, addressing the Council, was informed by that august body that action in that direction was not in their jurisdiction, and City Manager Hassler was responsible for any such moves. The flow of telegrams from Hassler's office the following day resulted.

Hassler also, in compliance with a request of the Workers Alliance, granted them the use of the Oakland Civic Theatre free, on Monday, March 29, 8 p.m. for a giant mass meeting.

"Of immediate interest to WPA workers and the general public, underlying causes of the possible strike action will be thoroughly explained at this meeting," the Professional Worker, official organ of the Union of Progressional Workers announced.

The Bay Area Joint Committee of Action of the Workers Alliance is being voted power to call a strike when and if deemed necessary. Locals of San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa are included in the balloting.

Malraux Heard by 8000 in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Specialists to heal, was the appeal sounded by Andre Malreaux, French author and leader of the International Air Squadron of the Spanish Loyalist Government, when he spoke to more than 8000 persons at the Shrine Auditorium, Tuesday evening, March 23.

Presented by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, Malraux was followed on the program by "Spain in Flames," first authentic motion picture showing the heroic battle being waged by the Spanish people in defense of their democracy and freedom.

"Men to Heal!"

"Before the Fascists can send over more men to kill, you must send men to heal!" declared Malraux, pointing out that the State Department of the United States has just lifted the ban on medical aid to Spain.

Memorable for its strong, simple beauty, Malraux' talk was greeted by an overwhelmingly enthusiastic demonstration of hatred for Fascism—hatred for the murderers of the Spanish people. Speaking in French, Malraux was translated by Hankon Chavalier, Professor of French in the University of California.

Fresh from the horrors of Madrid where Fascist bombs have left bloody wounds in the living soul of Spain, Malraux showed in a few, damning statements the real role of the Fascist invaders in Spain.

"We destroyed the airdrome of Seville; but we did not bomb Seville."

"We took the town of Avila; but we did not bomb Avila."

"Yet," he cried, "for many days the Nazis have been bombing the streets of Madrid unremittingly!"

Glorious proof of international workers' solidarity against Fascism was shown when Malraux told of finding Fascist bombs that had not exploded.

"And when we opened them, inside were messages from Portuguese workers reading: 'This bomb will not explode'!"

Fearing CIO, Calif. Standard Ups Pay

Facing the inception of a big CIO drive, led by the Oil Workers Organizing Committee, Standard Oil of California has announced a 40 cents a day wage increase for field workers receiving under $7.50 a day, and 20 cents increase for those receiving over that sum.

The company will also pay time and a half for overtime. By these small concessions Standard Oil apparently hopes to head off success for the CIO drive.

The largest increase given is 6%, even though the company union itself had asked 15 to 20% increases.

Protecting Madrid's Civilians

"EVACUATE MADRID," says this sign in letters six feet high, facing the Puerta del Sol, in the center of Madrid. It warns civilians to leave the city, which is under constant bombardment by Fascists, who particularly mark congested areas for barbarous destruction.

Bridges Calls For Real Farm Drive

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proved the motion of Vandeleur (Edward Vandeleur, secretary-treasurer of the federation) to have the executive committee appoint Walter Cowan of the dishwashers' union as state secretary of the new union.

"It gives complete Hitler-like control, Cowan having power to appoint organizers and handle funds. The committee refused to pass my amendment to allow the men themselves to elect their secretary and other officers by referendum.

"In my opinion, the federation's plan cannot be successful. The outcome will be that there will be no organization because the rank and file of the field, cannery and packing house workers will repudiate such a setup.

"It has taken the federation all this time to lay down a program for organizing these workers, and it never even started until the conference took the initiative, Bridges said. "With such a setup those behind the State federation's move can form their own political organization. They claim it is only temporary until the convention can call an election, but a temporary organization can intrench itself.

"In addition to that, the convention itself is not rank and file. The conference plan for complete and immediate democratic control was a threat to the present political machine.

"What is going to happen? The State charter will be granted to agricultural workers only. That leaves out all the federal chartered unions—cannery workers, fruit and vegetable and dried nut packers' unions. Result is going to be a series of jurisdictional disputes, because this executive committee is trying to carry craft distinctions into an industry. Agriculture is an industry and demands industrial organization."

Bridges advised the agricultural workers to carry on the program adopted by their representatives at the recent state agricultural conference, despite the state federation action. He said that the executive committee headed by George Woolf, elected by the recent San Francisco conference would continue its work in order to organize California's 250,000 workers.

Marine Cooks Call For ISU Parley

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in the Maritime Federation, said he would support the ILA 100 per cent.

The Marine Firemen Thursday night referred the question of C. I. O. affiliation and other national questions to a national convention of the ISU, and the Marine Cooks again went on record demanding a national convention of the ISU, and if the ISU officials refuse to convene one, the Cooks favor calling a national convention of all districts of all ISU unions.

The Cooks will elect a ways and means committee next week, to work out this question with the Sailors, Firemen, and East and Gulf Coast representatives.

HOSPITAL SITDOWN

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Police used axed and pistols to drive out 132 sitdown strikers in the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. The strikers had arranged for care of patients during the strike.

WPA Workers OK Strike Demands

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ers was taken in order to secure their demands of no WPA lay-offs and a 10% increase in monthly wages.

Main speakers of the evening were Wallace Day, district director of the State Administration of WPA, Herbert Nugent, member of the AFGE and the Committee of Action, Alex Noral, organizer of the Workers' Alliance and Ben Legere, secretary of the Joint Committee of Action.

Jack Follett, representative of Maritime Federation of the Pacific, District Council Number 2, announced that that body had voted 100% support to the Joint Committee of Action.

Nugent, denounced the argument that industry is absorbing labor at a rate to justify WPA layoffs and quoted figures to prove that industry is laying off more men than it is hiring. In revealing the duplicity of the Hearst press which claimed that the strike had been called off when there had been no strike declared, he said that "the forces are still with us who spent millions on Landon in the last election and who are now trying to strike at the present administration by trying to cut the WPA."

Alex Noral told of the interview between President Roosevelt and David Lasser, national president of the Alliance, during which no definite commitment was made. He said the demands can be won if sufficient pressure is applied on the administration.

Legere Speaks

Ben Legere, secretary of the Joint Committee of Action, declared that if the WPA did go on strike here, it would merely be a strike to enforce the law which had been put through Congress. He said that the Joint Committee of Action representing San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties is definitely proceeding on a program of organizing for strike action, and urged every member in the audience to organize immediately and become a member either of the Workers' Alliance or the American Federation of Government Employees.

A large lineup of workers answered this call and filled out application blanks.

Copies of the resolution were sent to State WPA Administrator Lawson, Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, and President Roosevelt.

Italians Hesitate To Fight in Spain

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ing Fascists to defend Siguenza and the town of Almadrones a few miles south of Siguenza.

Heretofore German participation was noticeable for the most part only in the air forces, artillery and other equipment, and in the staff of German officers aiding the Franco command.

Adding to the significance of the appearance of German troops, Spanish Foreign Minister Del Vayo from Valencia announced information that a number of German airplanes had flown high over Switzerland, apparently en route to Spain.

Fascist air raids on Valencia, Guadalajara and Alcala de la Henares near Madrid were all driven off by government air defenses with relatively little damage.

M'REYNOLDS BILL CARRIES AFTER FIGHT

Progressive Drive For Amendments Beaten By Steamroller

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Despite the vigorous opposition put up by the small group of progressive congressmen, the McReynolds Neutrality Bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 374 to 12.

Led by Representative John T. Bernard of Minnesota, the progressives sought to amend the bill, and attacked it along three lines:

Bernard denounced the bill for failure to distinguish between aggressor and victim.

Coffee Aids Fight

Together with John M. Coffee, Commonwealth Federation Democrat from Washington, he sought to cut out of the bill the section authorizing embargoes in the case of "civil strife."

Representative Gerald J. Boileau, Wisconsin Progressive, led the fight to amend the bill in such a way as to permit collection of funds for medical aid, clothing and food to be sent to the Spanish government for noncombatants.

Still Vicious

As a result of the criticism, Representative Sam D. Reynolds, author of the bill, introduced a "clarifying amendment" providing for allowing organizations or individuals to solicit relief funds. The amendment also carried, although progressives bitterly contested a clause in it which provided that such solicitation could only be made "when not acting for or on behalf of any such government, or political faction wherein civil strike exists."

Mussolini in New Threat Over Spain

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throw overboard any pretense of "neutrality" and openly pour troops into Spain.

4. France began a "poll of allies" and announced her intention of seeking Britain's aid in blockading the Spanish coast unless Mussolini observes the nonintervention accord.

The tensity of the situation was given open demonstration when the Italian delegate in London, Dino Grandi, shouted profane invective at Soviet Minister Ivan Maisky, and was joined by angry abuse from German Ambassador Joachim von Ribbentrop and the Portuguese delegate.

England in Difficulty

Although semi-official announcements in England indicated that the British government would continue its "waiting" policy by which Mussolini has been given virtually a free hand to proceed under official pretenses of "non-intervention," the new developments are making this course more difficult.

Official England accepted at face value the Italian assurances that only medical aid had gone to the Franco armies since the ban on volunteers was presumably put into effect. At the same time, British reactionaries indicated their fear that Mussolini might resort to open scrapping of the agreement, a course that would make their deceptive policy more difficult to explain before the British people.

Another Big South City Steel Meet

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO — Steel workers were preparing another big organization mass meeting for this Friday, March 26, at Fraternal Hall.

The meeting is under auspices of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee, which defeated U.S. Steel, Bethlehem and other giants in the eastern steel areas.

Speakers: Ed Dillon, Machinists Lodge 68, and Sonya Baltrum, United Textile Workers organizer and leader of the recent bag workers.

The SWOC has organized over 600 South City steel workers into the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

Lodge 1069 of the A.A. held elections recently, and chose Tom Hallenbeck as president. He has been chairman of the employees' representatives joint committee at Bethlehem Steel, but has worked 100% with the bona fide unions. J.W.W. Thomson was elected recording secretary. Both were active in building the union.

Run-off elections for other officers take place Saturday, March 27.

Wealthy Fail To Oust Liberal S. Diego Pastor

SAN DIEGO — By an overwhelming majority the members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of San Diego, the largest church in the city, have voted Wednesday evening to retain Dr. Walter John Sherman as pastor. By the same vote they ousted the reactionary board of directors which had charged him with being a Communist and demanded his removal.

Since coming to San Diego November 1, 1935, Dr. Sherman has made many friends and has shown a determined stand against fascism; a sympathetic attitude toward the Spanish Loyalist government; opposition to child labor, and willingness to associate with and lecture before liberal groups.

Dr. Sherman has visited the Soviet Union and has had the courage to praise the evidence of progress, both economic and intellectual there. All this explains why the reactionary board sought his dismissal.

Among the former board members who previously dominated the church policies and who preferred the charges against the pastor were C.W. Wilson, banker, connected with the San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, W. J. Macy, Superintendent of the Police Identification Bureau, E.A. Bowman, Assistant Postmaster, and Leland G. Stanford, local attorney. Another member of the congregation who figured prominently in leadership in the church and the move against the pastor is Don Hanson, assistant manager of the Spreckles Company.

Dr. Sherman was fortunate in having the wholehearted support of Dr. James Edwin Dunning, District Superintendent and Bishop Chamberlain Baker who appointed him.

ILA 38-79 Hits at CIO Expulsions

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between AFL and CIO unions for the purpose of organizing the unorganized, thereby avoiding division and friction between the two groups," the resolution signed by Henry Schmidt, president, stated.

"The CIO ever since its inception and especially during recent weeks, has made tremendous strides in its program to organize the unorganized. It has clearly been demonstrated by the CIO that it is not its intention to divide the labor movement of America but rather to bring organization on an industrial basis to workers of mass production industries.

"The craft unions, under leadership of Wm. Green and the AFL executive council, have failed heretofore to organize those workers in said industries. The top leadership of the AFL has repeatedly attempted to hinder the campaign of the CIO by creating stumbling blocks of various kinds.

"All AFL unions and central labor bodies have received a lengthy communication from Green advocating, among other things, that delegates from CIO unions be unseated in central labor bodies. This communication was filed by the San Francisco Labor Council and has been filed by about six other councils in California.

"The continued activities of Mr. Green and the executive council, if carried to a logical conclusion, will split the labor movement and cause confusion and struggle between unions.

"It is in the interest of the CIO and all unions to maintain unity and cooperation in the labor movement. Such unity can only be maintained by discussing and clarifying the issues involved."

Probe Sabotage of Minimum Wage

SACRAMENTO — Failure of the State Division of Industrial Welfare to enforce the California Minimum law for women, is being investigated by a committee of three members of the Assembly, following charges, chiefly brought by State Federation of Labor representatives, that Mrs. Mabel Kinney, division chief, is sabotaging the law's enforcement.

The present set-up was termed "a deliberate attempt to wreck the minimum wage law for women."

The investigating committee includes Mrs. Jeanette E. Daley, San Diego; Hugh M. Burns, Fresno and C. Don Field, Glendale.

In the State Senate, bills on the Huntington Beach state-owned tideland oil pool were sent back to committee, following charges by progressives that the Swing-Rich bill would turn the oil over to Standard Oil Co. for a song.

The Olson bill provides for a 30 percent royalty to the state.

53,000 L. A. HUNGRY FACE STREETS SOON

"No Solution" Found As Yet By The Authorities

LOS ANGELES—With April 1st the deadline when county relief funds will be exhausted and thousands of aged persons and children will be thrown out on the streets, no solution has been found as yet for the County Charities Department empty coffers.

Really IOU's

One proposed solution is that the State Supreme Court sanction the issuance of registered warrants — in reality IOU's — which will be cashed by banks.

Meanwhile, pending a decision of the Supreme Court, Rex Thomson, director of County Charities, is in Washington trying to get Federal funds to take care of the 53,000 persons who will be affected when county funds are exhausted.

Graft Assailed by S. F. Labor

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give the city an honest and efficient administration."

The Warehousemen's Union, ILA 38-44, endorsed the Atherton graft report at its meeting last Wednesday night.

ILA Urges Labor Enter Politics

Citing the graft expose in the police department and the anti-labor role played by the police department in San Francisco, the publicity committee of the Longshoremen, ILA 38-79, issued a press release urging political action by labor.

"There is a simple solution in stopping graft and crooked politicians," said the release, "and that is for labor to elect their own candidates to office.

"As labor has made tremendous strides on the economic front, so can labor step forward on the political field. Some gains have already been registered, but these are nothing compared to what can be done by labor taking the correct political action, by following the lead of the CIO leaders, who advocate the setting up of Labor's Non-Partisan League to elect labor's representatives to the legislative bodies of the country."

Anti-Union Police Actions

The release pointed to the frame-up of Tom Mooney by San Francisco police, their frame-up of the Modesto Boys, and "Bloody Thursday" in the 1934 maritime strike, when S. F. police murdered two strikers at Mission and Steuart Streets.

"Recall Rossi!"

"Considerable loose talk about recalling Mayor Rossi is going the rounds," reported Arthur Caylor, local columnist. Caylor also reported there are 31 more vice establishments still existing in Central District alone, than were revealed in the whole city in the Atherton report.

Superior Court Judges I. L. Harris and Edmund P. Morgan were revealed as having "played ball" to get Leon G. Lauray, real estate broker with an underworld clientele, on the grand jury. Lauray denied knowing houses he rented were used for vice, but Asst. Dist. Atty. Gillen declared: "Why one hotel, the Oakland Hotel, has operated as a house of prostitution for 12 years!"

Mayor Rossi, in grandiose "moral" language, ordered the police department to clamp the lid on vice and, on prostitution, ordered: "Let us so deal with it here that it shall never again rear its ugly head to besmirch the fair name of this great metropolis."

Despite Rossi's order, gambling, prostitution and vice continued to exist throughout the city, although the "heat's on" word caused greater secrecy.

Plot Bars Nominee Of C.P. in E. Bay

OAKLAND—With City Attorney Fernhoff collaborating with City Auditor Harry G. Williams, the State Supreme Court granted Williams a peremptory writ of mandate forbidding Oakland's City Clerk Chappel to place on the ballot the name of David Adams, Communist, who was Williams' only opponent.

Fearing exposure of his anti-labor record, Williams sought the writ on the grounds that Adams' last name was actually Axelrod, although no state law requires a candidate must file for office under his birth name. The court took the reactionary stand that Adams couldn't run because no court had authorized a change of name.

25 Years Ago—1912

MARCH 30

SAN FRANCISCO — Police Chief White announced a "shake-up" in the police department.

INDIANAPOLIS — 400,000 United Mine Workers walked out on strike for seven-hour day.

SACRAMENTO — J. V. Beck denied a temporary injunction to stop Joseph Stewart from assuming duties as Building Trades president; Beck claimed election in violation of Council constitution.

MARCH 31

HOQUIAM, Wash.—150 pickets arrested in lumber mill strike at Lytle; strike effective at Raymond and Aberdeen.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—5000 laborers walked out on construction work on Canadian Northern Railroad, under leadership of IWW.

Lydick Moves To End S. Diego Council Board

SAN DIEGO—A proposal to abolish the democratically-elected executive board and the organizing committee was made Wednesday night by John Lydick, newly-elected secretary of the Federated Trades and Labor Council. To replace these committees, Lydick introduced a constitutional amendment to establish a "policy board" composed of the business agents of all local unions. The amendment would abolish all elective offices except three, the presidency and secretaryship.

Lydick defended his plan by stating that in the past executive and organizing committees have not functioned properly. He said the business agents are the only delegates able to do union work during daytime as all other delegates must work in private industry. The amendment received its first reading without debate. It will be read again next week, and will be finally debated and voted on at the following meeting.

Infringes on Democracy

Opponents of the proposal declare it is a drastic infringement of democracy in the Council. Once the "policy board" is authorized, they state, it will be permanently in charge of the Council's executive affairs. There is a widespread belief that the amendment is unconstitutional, as it denies the Council the right to choose its executive officers, or to remove them. From early indications, the progressive solid front of more than 90 delegates which fought successfully to oust the Council's reactionary former officials, will for the first time in over a year, be divided by this attempt to deprive the Council of its democratic rights.

A communication was received from the Santa Barbara Central Labor Council requesting the adoption of a resolution urging Wililam Green to take immediate steps to heal the split between the AFL and the CIO. The proposal was referred to the Council's executive board, with sentiment clearly favoring the resolution.

L.B. Oil Workers Defend "Western"

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to sell the Labor News (Central Labor Council paper) on the streets.

One of our members made the point that Coulter had no jurisdiction over the sidewalks! Another said he had read the Western Worker and that it was absolutely correct in its treatment of the CIO.

Seeing the way the discussion was going, Coulter assured us that this was a "personal" affair with him. He said he would fight anyone selling the Western Worker and if he was arrested, he himself would pay the costs—it wouldn't cost the union a cent.

Without opposition a resolution was passed barring the sale of "political" papers inside the Labor Temple. This will put the kibosh on Coughlin's petty-larceny scandal sheet—"Social Justice." We in the union want the sale of the Western Worker outside continued. From it we get more news of the labor movement here than we get from the Labor News.

Be There

Tuesday, April 6th—
8 P. M. Sharp
121 Haight St.—Auditorium.

Mass Conference of Western Worker readers. Auspices: Western Worker Editorial Staff. This is a long-awaited event. Pack the hall! Bring your friends and fellow workers.

FAKE PRO[...] ON STRIK[...] L. A. NU[...]

Criminal Negl[...] Those Who W[...] So Heroic[...]

LOS ANGELES—A[...] of tit tat to was pla[...] grand jury health [...] when it called befo[...] tionary supervisors R[...] and Gordon McDono[...] out why nurses str[...] infantile paralysis w[...] ceiving proper care [...] county.

Criminal Ne[...]

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Strikers of [...] Bearing Nee[...]

OAKLAND—Over [...] out workers of Ne[...] Bearing Co., 78th Av[...] are carrying on a [...] struggle against em[...] tal police under [...] Capt. Brown, Easter[...] tin, and William Gr[...] who seek to split [...] impotent particles.

In the words of [...] leader, "We are g[...] against those for[...] breath remains wit[...]

They express a w[...] tempt for William S[...] of the Central L[...] for Business Agent [...] mechanics, 1546, and [...] Green.

Capt. Brown's [...] breaking stand the[...] He is an acknowle[...] ary of the rulin[...] hate him for this [...] ples he represent[...] tion, and William G[...]

A soup kitchen [...] tablished in the [...] Oakland office, 172[...] to which donation[...] sent.

To replenish a fa[...] a treasury that b[...] the body and spirit [...] of a dozen plants [...] tors, Ry-Lock, U.S. [...] dance and entert[...] been planned, by [...] It is to be held [...] Club, 20th and B[...] Friday evening, Ap[...] dah and the KFW[...] will provide gala e[...]

Police Fire [...] Puerto Ric[...]

PONCE, Puerto R[...] alist demonstrators [...] day, demanding co[...] pendence from the [...] were fired on by [...] death toll in the [...] ee having mounted [...] fifty wounded.

Under the heel [...] imperialism, Puerto [...] landholders have b[...] squeezed out by the [...] ican-owned sugar [...] and by financial [...] remaining small ow[...] forced to mortgage [...] erty to the same in[...]

The demonstration [...] by police, who since [...] tained an "armed p[...] rorize the populace [...]

Spivak Tells [...] In L.A. of [...] Terror i[...]

LOS ANGELES—[...] not inevitable!" de[...] Spivak, noted jo[...] author of exposes [...] the United States, [...] dressed close to [...] at the Philharmonic [...] Monday evening, M[...]

"It can be stopp[...] tinued, "providing [...] groups opposing it, [...] they must work, t[...]

With his sup[...] Aground and Under[...] vak showed in tens[...] ments the terrible [...] suffering that has [...] in Germany and [...] fascist terrorism.

"We have terror [...] States", Spivak sa[...] have not the fa[...] what terror really [...] come to the fasc[...]

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[...]D — The Pacific [...] Corp., and other [...]orations lost out [...]nate last week [...]heavy lobbying [...]o bills providing [...] revenue bonds [...]nd constructing [...] utilities, passed [...] and were sent [...]

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[...] Harbor, an Italian Warship'

[...]eved Hearst,' But Not Any Longer

[...]efly told. Ital[...]an intervention. [...]s the church. [...]rality." Franco's [...] tactics.

[...]r from an Am[...] Frederick Lord, [...]e current issue [...]n of the Floyd [...]n Post, Ameri[...]

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[...]t Fighters

[...]e almost starv[...]ghters they are. [...]ill and as no [...]ad to quit and [...]s. Lord chased [...]nd finally lo[...]lencia on my [...] churches and [...] hooey. I too believed Hearst. But the churches were regular Fascist assemblies in Spain. In Basque country churches all open—priests there are different. Everyone goes to church.

"In Valencia and Barcelona I saw churches which were regular forts. Right or wrong, they asked for it.

"Screwy war. Bombed in Alicante for five hours by Italian planes flying from the Balearic Islands. In the harbor was Italian warship focussing searchlights on government buildings. When destroyed by planes would focus on another building.

Chopped Up Pilot

"We were never allowed to bomb a town. Franco does every day. Franco chopped up one of our pilots—put in box and dropped on our drome. I have pictures.

"The wife got caught in several raids. All 350 pound stuff that completely wrecks a building.

"Have been working on several munitions deals. Got arrested and kicked out of England last week. They're tough there. Scotland Yard practically slept with me—they followed me so close. Cheerio! ! !—Frederick Lord."

Hitler Didn't Apologize to Him

WILLIAM E. DODD, U. S. Ambassador to Germany, was instructed by Secretary of State Hull to make "emphatic comment" to Nazis on insults to America in official Nazi press. But the Hitler government didn't apologize, as Hull has twice done over New York Mayor LaGuardia's statement about Hitler.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

The Railway Brotherhoods on strike in 1911 and again in 1922 was a house divided against itself. Of the sixteen railway organizations, "The Big Four"—the Conductors, Engineers, Brakemen and Firemen Unions—refused to strike. The Maintenance of Waymen voted ninety-eight percent to strike in 1922 and the officials even then refused to order the men out.

Engineers and firemen, conductors and brakemen took out trains, and after leaving the roundhouse, some were known to have done repair work on the engines and cars.

Tricked Into Strikebreaking

In 1911 the employers went abroad and told the foreign workers that jobs were going to waste over here for lack of men. The men there were not told that strike conditions prevailed. Thousands of them came by ship to Ellis Island and were rushed by train to the railway yards and were not taken from the trains until they were in the stockades. They had no newspapers and so they became strikebreakers against the American workers.

In 1922 when the strike was called, these same foreigners were among the best union men and did picket duty and other assignments for the union with absolute faithfulness to the union.

The workers in the other crafts, where I happened to go, were pretty solidly behind the strikers. Whenever we had commissaries they helped out with funds and food.

At San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Sacramento and other points where we had commissaries, the strike was won.

At Sacramento where I helped to conduct the commissary in 1922, we secured ninety tons of produce and could have gotten much more if we had needed it. The farmers donated most of this food. We got all the tomatoes, potatoes, onions, pears, peaches, plums, watermelons that we could truck in. The only produce we paid for was the potatoes, and we got them for fifty cents a hundred and twenty-five pound sacks.

We secured the help of Socialist and former Trade Union farmers to work with us in securing products from their neighbors. Dr. Wilenger of Elk Grove did splendid work for us in this. He had many patients among the farmers, especially among the Japanese. He would explain that if the railway men lost the strike then wages would go down and they could not buy what the farmers raised.

Of the ninety tons of produce brought in, the Japanese supplied thirty tons of it and even brought part of it on for us. The whole Japanese Association helped. We got whole groves and patches of products. All we had to do was to go out, pick it up and truck it in.

Jack London wrote "The Dream of Debs." He wrote of a dream Debs had of a General Strike in San Francisco and how the farmers helped the workers win the strike with food. We demonstrated by the Commissaries that Debs' dream could be made to come true.

The Japanese Help the Strike

The Japanese Association Secretary told us that if we found any Japanese scabbing to tell him and he'd pull them out. We found none.

The Mexican workers were good strikers. They were faithful pickets.

We organized the women to help. They organized a committee and went to the stores and secured cloth and made garments for themselves and children. They put up fruit. A sewing machine room was set up in the Labor Temple and a crew of women were kept busy.

During the strike our President of the strike committee was shot by a scab. It was a cold-blooded murder. The funeral procession reached for many blocks. But when the scab came to trial he got acquitted. The citizenship was with us, but the courts were not.

The point of weakness was the lack of preparation in advance for the strike. A cocksureness that the strike could be won in a few days or weeks at most, was costly. Once however we got the commissary going we took care of everybody.

The commissary helped us to keep those railway men who were weak in their union solidarity from taking jobs at the canneries. We did not have many of these cases, but a few were caught, and they obeyed union rules from then on, and lived from the commissary which had an ample supply for all, supplemented by cash for flour, etc. A few at first dubbed going to the farmers as "begging," but we also overcame that, and showed them that the very act of going to the farmer was of great value in making friends for the cause.

(To Be Continued)

World Issues

JAPAN ALTERS TACTICS, BUT NOT POLICIES

Kuomintang Doesn't Guide China By Statements

If there were illusions that the Hayashi cabinet intended to alter more than the tactics of Japanese imperialism when it announced the "equality" attitude toward China, let these illusions be shed now.

It becomes difficult to see how even the tactics are altered greatly apart from the slightly more soothing nature of the Japanese pronunciamentos.

Following the report of a new Japanese puppet state in inner Mongolia, the Japanese diet is informed by Foreign Minister Sato of another "border incident" wherein cavalrymen of the outer-Mongolian People's Republic are charged with having raided across the border of Manchukuo. The long history of these "border incidents" makes it a veritable certainty that just the opposite has taken place.

This charge of Sato's was by way of explaining why Japan did not enter into a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union.

The Chinese People Will Have Unity

Following the plenary session of the executive committee of the Kuomintang, Chiang Kai Shek announced that the anti-Communist campaign would end, and that China would be a united nation determined to defend its territorial integrity.

It may be surprising that virtually the opposite was the actual decision of the Kuomintang session, but Chinese political documents often have virtually no relation either to what the masses want or even to what must actually be the resultant policy of official bodies.

The manifesto of the session actually said: "In regard to the Communist elements in China, the cardinal policy of the central authorities should be—the uprooting of the latter."

The sentiment and action of the Chinese people are the authors of the policy of Chinese unity against Japan, despite every sabotage by pro-Japanese elements in official positions. This sabotage has and does retard the movements, but cannot stop it.

The Detention of Chiang Kai Shek

The March issue of "China Today" gives for the first time a full picture of the situation in Sian on December 12 when Chiang Kai Shek was detained—not kidnapped by a single group, but help by many elements among the Sian authorities as a result of his direct threat of terror against the Sian people, including the importation of terrorist "Blue Shirts" to suppress the anti-Japanese movement.

The article, by R. A. Howell on the basis of direct correspondence from Sian, should be read in its entirety. Quoting briefly:

"These statements show clearly that the Communists had nothing to do with the detention itself, and that immediately after the detention they threw their influence on the side of peace, and opposed the use of force for the settlement of the difference.

". . . statements of the Communists also indicate the basic principles which must be adopted in order to bring about resistance (to Japan), and the general form it will take. It is clear that resistance against Japanese military aggression in Suiyuan must be continued and pushed with increasing vigor. Whether resistence necessarily means war, depends upon the invaders."

Says Davies of The Red Army

U. S. Ambassador Davies in Moscow toasted the Red Army as "an army of citizenry devoted to peace." Defense Commissar Voroshilov, replying, said that the Soviets will disband the army when the peace of Europe appears secure.

The offer of the Soviet Union to disband all armies if other nations would do likewise, was made first in 1921, and holds good today.

Maybe He Didn't Boast Hard Enough

The desperation with which Fascism and its puppet Franco seek to bolster up the courage of reactionaries in France and elsewhere was indicated by the reckless abandon with which Franco boasted of his Italian support in an interview with a correspondent of the French Fascist paper, Gringoire.

Franco was directly quoted: "Certain military critics have reproached me with making a frontal attack on Madrid instead of encircling it. But how could I at that time have succeeded in such an encirclement? I was without men and materials, which today I have abundantly at my disposal. What I could not do then I can do now. I can do it when I want to, and as I want to."

At Guadalajara, for instance?

Hitler Backs Down Before Protestants

BERLIN — Apparently fearful of a fight on two fronts against German religious freedom, the Nazi government announced its complete backing down on the demand that the German protestant church conduct a general synodical election.

Knowing how Nazism "influences" elections, German protestants had recognized this as a means of putting the church under more complete Nazi domination.

Dept. Store Union Now a Power in SF

SAN FRANCISCO—With over 1000 workers present at its last meeting, the new Department Store Employees Union has rapidly established itself as a power to be reckoned with.

The huge Emporium store has been forced to reinstate with back pay, three employees fired in the culinary department. They were discharged for union activities, though the company tried to deny this.

500 Joined

Close to 500 more department store workers have applied for union membership in the past week.

The Emporium issued a statement to its employees informing them that they could join any union of their choice. The company since organization of the new union, has established a 40-hour week and granted 7 holidays with full pay.

MALRAUX TO TELL FASCIST ATROCITIES

Speaks In San Francisco March 27 On Tour for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO — Andre Malraux, one of the most distinguished of modern French novelists, will speak in San Francisco Saturday, March 27, on his brief tour of the United States.

The internationally known author and Spanish war hero will also speak at an evening meeting at the Trianon Hall, 8 p.m. of the same day. Malraux will tell of his experiences in Spain and discuss the general European situation.

Organizer and leader of the Andre Malraux Air Squadron with the International Brigade in Madrid, the famous author was wounded in an encounter with Italian airmen. During his convalescence he is touring the United States to plead for American aid to the Loyalist Democratic forces of Spain.

"When Franco's rebellion took on the character of an international invasion by the armies of Hitler and Mussolini," said Malraux, he volunteered with the Spanish Loyalists. A recognized authority on China, Malraux is the author of "DAYS OF WRATH" and "MAN'S FATE," among others. The last named is considered by French critics a classic of modern French literature.

Following a brief appearance in Los Angeles, Malraux will come to San Francisco where he will be greeted by a reception committee of prominent local writers and professional people at a luncheon at the Sir Francis Drake, Saturday, March 27th at 1 p.m.

Dr. Haakon Chevalier, English translator of Malraux' works and chairman of the reception committee, announces that the luncheon is open to the public. Reservations may be made by telephoning the hotel in advance.

JAILED BY FASCISTS

LONDON — The International Federation of Journalists has demanded the release of Arthur Koestler, London News-Chronicle correspondent held in a Malaga jail by Spanish Fascists.

ASK R. R. REGULATION

WASHINGTON — Clear cut regulatory powers for the Interstate Commerce Commission over giant railroad holding companies was recommended by a senate investigating committee.

France Takes Over New Munitions & Airplane Plants

PARIS — Three aircraft manufacturing plants and an important accessory plant to the munitions industry were brought under direct government control, as the French government continued its drive to nationalize the entire munitions and defense industry.

The decree left the Renault Munitions plant as the olny major war industry with the management still in private hands.

Plans of the air ministry under Pierre Cot call for assuming complete control of all military airplane accessory plants by April 1.

PEOPLES LOBBY (ALAMEDA) FOR COURT CHANGE

Special Committee Aids in Anti-Picketing Repeal

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Council of the California People's Legislative Conference, an affiliated body, has gone on record in support of the President's Supreme Court proposal and sent letters to that effect to Senators McAdoo and Johnson and Representatives Carter and Tolan.

A special committee was appointed to coordinate with the Alameda County Central Labor Council for repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance in Oakland.

A delegation is to protest beating up of strickers picketing the California Packing Co. by city police and state highway patrolmen.

Correction

In the issue of March 22, the Western Worker incorrectly reported the Los Angeles Central Labor Council supported recommendation of the Joint Executive Board of Gordon L. McDonough for mayor. McDonough was voted down, although no other recommendation was accepted.

POPE OBJECTS TO VIOLATIONS OF CONCORDAT

Nazis Dispute Right of Criticism by Pulpit

BERLIN—Nazi persecution of the Catholic Church in Germany reached the point of an open raid to suppress copies of Pope Pius XI's apostolic letter which had made a charge of Nazi violations of the 1933 concordat with the Vatican.

Following the raid the Nazi government, semi-officially, issued a statement charging that instead of Nazi persecutions of the church the Catholic Church had "invited" the German public against the government.

Catholics, who have been told by the Vatican and other leaders of Catholicism that Communism is the menace today, were served with an example of the real source of religious persecution when the Fascist government announcement continued that neither the pulpit nor a "foreign state," persumably the Vatican, was the proper place for criticism such as that of the Pope.

His "criticism" has been the charge that the Nazis violated their agreement and denied Catholics the liberty accorded to them by it.

To confiscate copies of the Apostolic letter, Nazi secret police raided headquarters of the Berlin Bishopric of the Church, indicating that the letter will even be denied publication in the Catholic parish papers.

It was read Sunday from the pulpits of all Catholic Churches in Germany.

The Nazi controlled press of Germany not only failed to publish any part of the letter, but made no comment on it whatsoever. The propaganda ministry issued its formal denial that any official ban had been issued on any, of the privileges guaranteed in the concordat.

Nazi methods in persecuting the church and all forms of civil and religious liberties often proceed without any formal government declaration.

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Angelo Rossi's Hypocrisy

MAYOR ROSSI'S latest pose as a Knight in Shining Armor isn't a very convincing one.

His armor of civic virtue is pierced in too many places, and is tarnished from head to foot.

His blustering order to "close up the town"—the product of a synthetic righteous wrath—fools no one. It is a verbal smoke screen.

To borrow a phrase from Shakespeare, it is "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

What further proof of this is needed—even if one were to disregard Rossi's long record as a pliant tool of reactionaries and protector of grafters—than the admission by the bookmakers that they had been ordered to cease OPEN operations, but to continue taking bets SECRETLY!

If Rossi were really deeply concerned about vice and graft, why was his "voice of virtue" silent when the investigation was launched over a year ago? Why did he wait until his executive secretary, Maurice Rapheld, was exposed as a protector of gambling dens, before his "virtue" found expression?

The truth is that Mayor Rossi—more than any other appointed or elected city official—bears the chief responsibility for that corruption which has spread the name of San Francisco across the front page of every newspaper in the country!

Certainly Mayor Rossi cannot believe that the people of San Francisco are so gullible as to accept his pose of innocence and outraged virtue?

While Peter McDonough may be the vice lord of San Francisco, Angelo Rossi is the kingpin.

Angelo Rossi must go. His pose is shattered. His corruption stands revealed in all its ugly nakedness. His continuation as mayor is an insult to the decent-minded and progressive citizens of San Francisco!

The Grand Jury investigation will not do the job demanded by the people. Inviting those jurors to withdraw who might be embarrassed by the proceedings because their friends or associates are involved, is an empty gesture. Naturally no one responded to the invitation. The one place any friend of those under fire would want to be is on the grand jury!

This "invitation" was issued in order to lay the basis later for the claim that the jury was fair; that there had been no whitewash. Even though the Grand Jury investigation may result in indictments against some officials—**those higher up will no doubt be whitewashed!**

We call for an Assembly Investigating Committee with full power of subpoena, to conduct a thorough investigation, and force out of public life all those who have lived like leeches off vice and corruption.

Such an investigation would soon force Mayor Rossi out of office!

Act to Rescind WPA Lay-Offs!

SO FAR THERE has been no move from Washington to rescind the order which would lay off 28,500 workers from the WPA projects in California. And the state relief administration still insists that the lay-offs will take place on and after April first, as scheduled.

While the WPA workers in the Bay Area are preparing to strike against the lay-offs and for the 10 per cent increase to meet the increased cost of living, it is up to organized labor and other progressive organizations to support the workers on the projects.

Between now and the date the strike is called—if strike action has to be resorted to—the utmost pressure must be brought to bear upon the government, the WPA Administration and upon Congress to rescind the sweeping lay-off order.

The workers on WPA—like those employed in private industry—do not like to strike. These project workers will use the strike weapon only if all other means fail to satisfy their demands for jobs at a living wage. Project workers, like others, have the right to bargain collectively and have their recognized bargaining agencies. This right must be supported by all progressive people.

Trade unions and other progressive organizations are urged to adopt resolutions calling for the rescinding of the lay-offs, and forward them to Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins, with copies to President Roosevelt.

Resolutions should also be forwarded to California's three progressive Congressmen—Byron Scott of Los Angeles, Frank Havenner of San Francisco, and Jerry Voorhees of San Dimas, urging them to act in Washington to have the lay-offs rescinded, and enlist the aid of the Progressive bloc in Congress.

Trotzkyists Out in The Open

IN MINNESOTA and Wisconsin, the two states with the strongest Farmer-Labor Party movements, the Trotzkyites are working most feverishly to wreck the Socialist Party, split and disrupt the Farmer-Labor Party and carry on their vicious anti-Communist campaign.

In Minnesota the Trotzkyites have allied themselves with the strike-breaking mayor of Minneapolis in an attempted split of the Farmer-Labor Party of Hennepin County by calling a rump convention and demanding the expulsion of Communists from the Farmer-Labor Party. **And the reason these "pure revolutionists" give is that the Communists believe in revolution!**

This open marriage of Trotzkyism with the most reactionary enemies of labor will convince even those members of the Socialist Party who were hesitant about condemning Trotzkyism, who asked "for more concrete proof," **that the Trotzkyites are consciously out to wreck the Socialist Party and must be expelled if the Socialist Party is to live.**

In Wisconsin the role of the Trotzkyites has been so thoroughly exposed that 35 Socialist Party members, including the State Secretary, have signed an open letter demanding that their national convention expel the Trotzkyites.

In California, numbers of Socialists have either dropped out of the Socialist Party, or retain their membership, but don't attend meetings since the Trotzkyites' domination of the State organization. **Those Socialists who are deeply concerned with the future of their party should resume activity within the Party and organize the struggle to rid their ranks of the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites!**

The line of Trotzkyism throughout the world is collaboration with the most reactionary enemies of the people. No wonder Trotzky's books and pamphlets are being sold openly throughout Italy!

The Voice of Fascism

"THERE IS only one movement in this country which I consider dangerous to it and which must be destroyed at all hazards. That is the labor movement."

The person who made this statement is not an official of either the Hitler or Mussolini government. **Technically, he is an American.** He occupies one of the highest appointive positions in the country. His opinions are powerful in affecting the future of the American people. He is a Justice of the United States Supreme Court—Justice McReynolds.

It is Fascist views of this nature—concurred in, if not so openly, by other Justices—which dominate the Supreme Court. It is this set-up of a body of reactionaries which arrogantly declares itself above Congress and the people that the President's proposal is designed to smash.

A formidable list of brilliant legal minds and public figures has appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee and testified to the crying need of letting some fresh air into the dank and cobwebbed chambers of the Supreme Court, making it a body more receptive to the will of the people. The people cannot all appear before this body, but they can and must register their will upon it.

All progressive organizations are urged to adopt resolutions supporting the President's court proposals, and forward them to the Senate Judiciary Committee, with copies to the local Congressman and Senator. Massed public opinion can and must defeat the reactionaries!

In San Francisco, all progressive people should attend the mass meeting being held by the California People's Legislative Conference, March 31st, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, and demonstrate their support of the Supreme Court proposals.

The voice of the labor-hating McReynolds is the voice of Fascism. The adoption of the President's proposals on the Supreme Court will help isolate that voice.

Labor Sports and Unionism

WE GREET the growing interest of trade unions in the development of labor sports. Already several unions in San Francisco have taken the initial steps to organize sports actively within their locals, and unions in other parts of the State would do well to take similar action.

The trail on the West Coast was blazed by the Maritime Recreation Center in San Francisco. Now San Pedro is moving toward the organization of a similar center—but little has been done in the uptown unions.

In New York recently a mass conference of trade union delegates was held, at which an apparatus was set up, with the Amateur Athletic Union, to develop a whole series of labor sports activities, working towards a gala labor sports carnival.

The importance of this movement cannot be overemphasized. The existence of a strong sports movement among the trade unions would help cement a feeling of comradeship which would itself strengthen the position of organized labor. **Also, it would effectively counteract the company-sports movement initiated by the larger industrialists and merchandising concerns, such as the organization of company teams by the Safeway Stores in San Jose. These are designed to stimulate "company spirit" and act as an aid to the company union in promoting stimulating loyalty to the employers.**

We would like to see the time soon when the various Central Labor Councils in California would call county or district conferences for the purpose of organizing labor sports activities.

Tip By Fascist Spies Led to Capture

THE SPANISH loyalist freighter Mar Cantabrico, captured by Fascists as it neared Spain. A tip from a Fascist spy in New York is reported to have tipped off its movements. Fascist spies—Nazi, Italian and others, are operating in this country with full knowledge of authorities, on whom pressure must be brought to stop such a condition.

Leading Wisconsin S. P. Members Hit Trotskyites

The following statement of leading Wisconsin Socialists demanding the expulsion of Trotzkyites from the Socialist Party was forwarded to the Daily Worker with an explanatory letter. We are glad to bring it to the attention of our readers.

The letter and statement follow:

Dear Editor:

Enclosed find a copy of a statement issued by a number of Socialists of Wisconsin on the question of the growth and danger of Trotzkyism in the Socialist Party.

This statement was sent to the Milwaukee Leader, American Guardian, Socialist Call and Socialist Action. To date none have seen it fit or advisable to print the statement.

Since our convention is drawing near we believe the statement bears importance for the problems of our convention as well as those facing the entire labor movement.

I take this means of getting the statement into print. I hope you will print it in your paper.

Yours fraternally,
One of the Signers of Statement on Trotzkyism.

THE STATEMENT

To the:
State Executive Board,
Wisconsin Socialist Party
Milwaukee County Board,
Socialist Party
Dear Comrades:

In view of the activity of several members of our party in the movement for the "Defense of Leon Trotzky," we believe that it is necessary for members of our party to express themselves on the matter in order to eliminate such practices.

We are of the opinion that whatever viewpoints may be held regarding certain detailed aspects of the recent Moscow trials of Radek and sixteen other Trotzkyites, we can agree with the opinions of the noted Beatrice and Sidney Webb who held that courts and tribunals of the Soviet Union are the courts and tribunals of working class justice.

We are equally convinced of this not only because of the evidence submitted by the Soviet courts, not only because of the confirmation of this evidence by a score of impartial foreign correspondents, such as Walter Duranty, but also because of the fact that today the chief defenders and spokesmen of Trotzky and the Trotzkyites are Hearst and the yellow press. If for nothing else, the fact that the capitalist press and the Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky is attempting to use the Moscow trials as a means of slandering and attacking the Soviet Union, should arouse all Socialists to take a firm stand in opposition to Hearst and the Trotzkyites.

Leaving all trials out of the picture, the indictment against the Trotzkyites still stands. Their current record is clearly one of disruption and pro-fascism. In Europe, and particularly in Spain today, they have worked to split the working class. These tactics reached a climax in Spain recently when the Loyalist, democratic government of Spain, headed by the Socialist Party and our Socialist leader Caballero, had to dissolve the Trotzkyist "Workers Marxist Party" and expel them from the People's Front.

Here in America the Trotzkyites, operating through our Party, are the bitter opponents of the principles of the Socialist Party. They carry on an active hostile opposition to the Farmer-Labor Party in general, and to the formation of the Farmer-Labor Progressive movement in particular. They oppose and combat the progressive center of the trade union movement, the Committee for Industrial Organization and attack not only John L. Lewis, but our Socialist comrades active in the trade unions, Leo Krzycki, Powers Hapgood, etc. Within the Workers Alliance, the Trotzkyites are attempting to disrupt the growing movement around the demand for the continuance and extension of WPA and they particularly single out for attack David Lasser, leader of the Workers Alliance.

Our position as Socialists towards the Soviet Union has been ably stated by leading British Socialists (Henderson, Brailsford, Cole and Laski). Laski's words in particular have special importance today: "Granted all its errors and blunders, Russia is, for Socialists, the one great fact of help in a gloomy outlook—the greater her strength, the more real hope of international peace. She is one great power in the world today whose class-relations are such as to give her a genuine and permanent interest in peace."

We do not oppose friendly criticism of the Soviet Union within our Party, but we do oppose Party members appearing on the same platform and being associated by the public with the attackers of Socialism. Above all, we recognize our enemy in the capitalist class and we are not going to leave any openings in the world Socialist position for those enemies to enter and disrupt.

Therefore, we earnestly urge that the Party forbid its members to make public statements injurious to the cause of world Socialism and that all Socialists dissociate themselves from the so-called Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotzky, an organization under which guise the reactionary anti-Socialist forces are gathered for attack upon the Soviet Union and the international labor movement. We call upon the Party members, and particularly our leaders, to guard closely our ranks to keep out those pro-fascist allies, who mask their purposes with ultra-revolutionary phrases.

In line with this, we urge that the national convention of our Party shall expel from our ranks all Trotzkyites, who are functioning as an alien anti-Socialist Party within our Party, and who, in the words of Comrade Porter in his recent pamphlet "are conducting a policy of calculated disrupton that is seriously injuring the influence of all Socialists" and who are seeking to destroy our Party and defeat the cause of socialism.

Big Steel Meet In Pittsburg Sunday

PITTSBURG, Cal—All Columbia Steel workers have been invited to a mass meeting under CIO auspices, to be held this coming Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2 p.m. at Gatto Hall.

The 2400 Columbia Employees will be told by J.G. Thimmes, representative from Chicago of the Steel Organizing Committee, and by William Dalrymple, field director of the SWOC, what the recent signed contract between the Columbia Steel and the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers calls for.

PLEA TO OUST TROTZKYITES IS SIGNED BY LEADING SOCIALISTS

The above statement, demanding the expulsion of the Trotzkyites from the Socialist Party, was signed by Mrs. Meta Berger, widow of the late Socialist Congressman, Victor Berger, and 35 other leading Wisconsin Socialists, including the state secretary of the Socialist Party and eight members of the Milwaukee County Central Committee.

The list of signers, all members of the Socialist Party of Wisconsin, follows:

Irving Ameringer, 15th Ward Branch.
Mrs. Meta Berger, member, 18th Ward Branch; member, Milwaukee County Executive Board, Socialist Party.
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Harold Christoffel, member, 7th Ward Branch; President Allis Chalmers Federal Union.
Professor J. R. Cotton, member 18th Ward Branch.
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Edward Friebert, Sr., member, 26th Ward Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee.
Milton Ebel, member, 22nd Ward Branch.
William Frederickson, member, 12th Ward Branch.
Harlan Fenske, County Secretary, Socialist Party, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; State Chairman, Wisconsin Workers' Alliance.
Max E. Geline, member, 18th Ward Branch.
Julius Grimm, member, 19th Ward Branch.
Arend Heukers, member, 20th Ward Branch.
Hartley B. Hutchinson, member, 13th Ward Branch, Socialist Party; Business Agent, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Thomas Johnson, member, 1st Ward Branch.
Arnold Johnson, member, West Allis Branch.
Elmer Libert, member, 2nd Ward Branch.
William Luebke, member, West Milwaukee Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee.
Mrs. Augusta Luchsinger, member, West Side Women's Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee.
Martin Lieblang, member, German Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee and YPSL Welfare Board.
Carl Minkley, State Secretary of the Wisconsin Socialist Party.
Leo McStroul, member, 6th Ward Branch.
Josephine Nordstrand, Secretary, 21st Ward Branch; Secretary, Milwaukee County Educational Committee.
Severino Pollo, member, 20th Ward Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee.
W. O. Sonneman, member 15th Ward Branch.
Morris Silber, member, 10th Ward Branch.
Arthur Schmidt, member, West Allis Branch.
Herman Schendel, member, 22nd Ward Branch; Instructor, Milwaukee County Educational Committee.
Donald Sell, member, Milwaukee County Executive Board, YPSL.
Joseph Turcswinski, member, 11th Ward Branch.
Arthur Wolstenholme, member, 20th Ward Branch; member, Milwaukee County Central Committee.
E. A. Wierstal, member, 27th Ward Branch.
Arthur H. Zander, member, 27th Ward Branch; member, Milwaukee Country Central Committee.

AS WE SEE [IT]

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party

The Socialist Convention

THE Emergency National Convention of the [S. P.] which is opening this week, will have the [ta]sk [of deciding] whether the Socialist Party will be a progressive [force in the] American labor movement, or whether it will con[tinue to degen]erate into a maze of warring cliques, poisoned by [the reac]tionary Trotzkyite influence and obstructing every progressive move for the unity of the American people against the threatening forces of reaction and Fascism.

The deadly poison of Trotzkyism has already nearly wrecked the Socialist Party and done incalculable harm to the American labor movement. It has driven a large number of honest, sincere Socialists out of the Party in disgust, as in California.

Rising In Arms

But fortunately, the membership of the Socialist Party in many states is beginning to rise up in arms against the disruptive influence of the Trotzkyite disrupters, and is raising the demand for the expulsion of these elements from the party.

The statement of a long and imposing list of leading Wisconsin Socialists, headed by Mrs. Victor Berger and the state secretary of the party, demanding the expulsion of the Trotzkyites, is a healthy sign that genuine Socialists are becoming aroused to the danger of the destruction of their party as a progressive force in the American labor movement, and that they are demanding that the national leadership do something about it.

It is a sign that the desire for a united front of the labor and progressive forces, for which the Communist Party has led the fight, has penetrated deeply into the ranks of the Socialist Party, piercing the smoke screen of Trotzkyite propaganda which has unfortunately influenced a number of Socialist leaders, including Norman Thomas.

The recent state convention of the Socialist Party in California was a sorry spectacle of what Trotzkyist disruption (of Cannon, Mayes & Co.) has accomplished to wreck what is left of the party. Last year the Socialist state convention seemed well on the way, although in a hesitating and confused manner, toward a progressive path of united front and for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. Shortly after the convention, a handful of Trotzkyites were permitted to enter the party and take over the leadership and dominant position of the local and state apparatus.

Many Socialists "voted with their feet" against Trotzkyism by dropping out of the party, thus leaving it entirely at the mercy of people whose program was based on one main idea, hatred of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union, thus leading to opposition and disruption of unity of the progressive forces fighting for democracy and peace against the forces of Fascism and war.

Long List of Indictments

The shameful role that the Trotzkyites played in the maritime strike, in the campaign for support of the Spanish people's front, and generally in the labor movement would make a long list of damning indictments.

The most recent example, of national importance, is their attempt to split the Farmer-Labor party of Minnesota, by supporting the strike-breaking Mayor Latimer of Minneapolis against the Farmer-Labor candidate in the municipal elections, and thus strengthening the chances of electing a Republican candidate. Honest Socialists are indignant that the name of the Socialist Party should be besmirched by such wrecking work, and these forces are demanding the ousting of the Trotzkyites from the party.

The recent California state convention of the S. P. was rent by factional strife, and already the beginning of an opposition to Cannon, Mayes & Co. made itself felt, a reflection of the resentment of the rank-and-file Socialists, both inside and outside of the party, against their policies. But their counter-revolutionary line was still evident in the resolutions adopted, which opposed the People's Front, opposed a Farmer-Labor party, and opposed ev[...] policy in the [...] movement, and [...] tack at every opp[...] Communist Party [...] Union.

These are the [...] are further isola[...] ist Party from [...] labor movement, [...] it as a construct[...]

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Editor's Note: [...] pamphlet: "Which [...] Socialist Party?" [...] ter, issued by the [...] tive Board of the [...] cialist Party.

On the Ma[...] Springs Oi[l]

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2. Shall the Wils[...] pany collect your [...] from your check? [...]

Both carried by [...] majority.

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By WILLIAM SCH[...]

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Petaluma's Union Drive; Unity Needed by Hollywood Unions; Tulare County Jobless Unionize

[UPHO]LSTERER [CHAR]GES KING [WITH B]ETRAYAL

[Vi]ce - President [of] S.F. Local's [Busi]ness Agent

[By] An Upholsterer

[SAN FR]ANCISCO—After car[rying on a] strike for almost six [months ag]ainst the Kroehler [...] Co., in conjunction [with Los] Angeles Local 15 of [...]nternational, and with [...]ight, Business Agent [...] of Local 28, San [...] Upholsterers' Union, [...]n the strike commit[tee ...] has little experience [...] movement, to agree [...]e strikers back to [...]ut any definite gains [...]t any consideration [...]A. local and strikers. [...]rning of this treach[...]he president and re[...]etary of L. A. Local [...]ernational vice-presi[...] Deamer came up to [...]sco to find out the [...]y to save the situ[...]

[...]ers Astonished

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[...]f of Sellout

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[...]rs Need Help

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[Be]auty Shops [Unfair to th]e Public

[By a B]eauty Operator

[SAN FRA]NCISCO—Several of [...]hops around Clayton [...] Sts. have arranged to [...]r and raise the prices [...]omers.

[...]y will not be passed [...]ators, because I am [...] and I KNOW. This [...]ners' club for their [...] The shops interest[...] the prices are Mit[...]Shop, 1360 Haight St; [...]612 Clayton St.; El[...]bury St.; Kut-Kurl, [...] St.; Emanuel's, 1681 [...] Emanuel's 600 Ash[...]

[...]ave written is ab[...]e! Please give a few [...]r paper about this

[...] Aid "W.W."

[By a Wor]ker Correspondent

[...] way to help build [...] Worker, is to send [...]our factories, unions, [...]en to see that the [...] know read the issue [...]run in. It's easy to [...]aders that way.

Follow Rules To Win Prize!

"Soviet Communism," the two volumes by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, valued at $7.50, made history when it appeared last year. And it can become yours FREE, in this new contest for our worker correspondents!

Just follow these rules:

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, telling what the "Western" means to you and your fellow workers in factory, dock, ship, farm or neighborhood; concrete examples can best show this.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer. Names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please, but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

RETAIL CLERKS' PICKET FREED IN SAN DIEGO

Labor's Solid Support Wins Out Against Frame-Up

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO—A picket, framed on charges of "disturbing the peace," was found not guilty by Police Judge Clarence Terry, March 17, due to labor's support and the number of witnesses who appeared in his defense.

The strike was that of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, AFL, against Streicher's Shoe Store. The strike has been in duration for over two months, with the union demanding a stoppage of discrimination, reinstatement of fired union men, a 48-hour week, and $18 weekly guarantee.

The Clerk's Union picket, Dan Taylor, had been having success on this day, March 12, and counted 17 pairs of shoes leave the store in five hours, when they normally sell 100.

Manager Turned Down

The manager of the store came out early in the afternoon and aproached people in near by parked cars, asking them to swear out a warrant against Taylor for disturbing the peace. Several said: "Not on your life," or "Go chase yourself," afterward reporting it to the picket.

Three mail carriers passed during the afternoon at different times, each making encouraging remarks. A fourth waved his arms and grew red in the face upon seeing the picket, then headed for the store. Taylor thinking he was a union brother as were the first three, said, "where are you going?"

Smelled Like Frame-up

This incensed the mail carrier, who shouted maledictions and curses at the picket, then went inside. Half an hour later the police drove up with a warrant signed by the mail carrier and two of Streicher's clerks.

Taylor says that the entire affair smelled like a pre-arranged frame-up.

Taylor reports his surprise when the police apologized for arresting him, and encouraged him in his union's strike. They said that Lewis' organizing drive was the best thing that ever happened in the country. He was not searched, and was freed in a short time when a union official came to the jail asking for him.

"Case Dismissed!"

Five persons testified against Taylor, four in the employ of Streichers, who said the he intimidated and insulted women and freightened everybody who walked in the store, not to mention insulting the mail carrier.

The union picket had several more witnesses than this, all swearing to his character and behavior on picket line. Taylor mentioned a similar trial in Oakland and told the judge to look it up.

The judge did so, before passing sentence, which was, "In view of the evidence presented, I fail to find you guilty of the charges—case dismissed."

San Mateo County's Coroner Accused of Illegal Activities

SAN MATEO — Charges that Coroner Wm. F. Crosby of San Mateo County, carried on illegal political activity, has business interests in estates he was handling as public administrator, and is engaging in private business while on the county pay roll in violation of the county charter, were brought before the Board of Supervisors here last Wednesday by Attorney Edmund Scott, representing 10 undertakers.

MAYBE SHE WILL BE LUCKY – AND SO MIGHT YOU!

Worker Correspondents! Get Your Entry in TODAY!

Long Beach, Calif.

Workers' Correspondence Editor:

In reading today's paper, Monday, March 15, I notice you are once again giving a prize for the best article. I sure would love to win those books, as both my husband and I love to read and have so little money to spend on books. Maybe I'll be lucky—who knows?

Comradely yours,
Mrs. K.W.

Maybe she will be lucky! But you have just as good a chance—the field's open and may our best correspondent win the prize of "Soviet Communism" by the Webbs!

See box above for rules of the contest, and then get busy yourself.

What the "Western" particularly wants is letters telling in concrete facts and details, how our paper builds and strengthens the organizations of the workers and the poor farmers in their day-to-day fights for better conditions.

How to Get Your Facts

The best way to get these facts it, first, to write up a story dealing with conditions in the shop where you work or in your neighborhood and send it in to the Workers' Correspondence Editor, with an order for a bundle of copies of the issue your story will appear in. Then sell or distribute the papers to your fellow-workers and neighbors; when they've read it, ask them how they like it. Their answers are the best material in the world for your entry in the prize contest.

Another angle you might write about—perhaps workers in your union or other organization have gotten up in meetings and spoken about progressive issues they first read about in the "Western." This is also good material for your entry.

The prize is more than worthwhile working for, so get your entry in TODAY!

Monterey Alliance Organizing WPA

By a Worker Correspondent

MONTEREY—On a mission to organize WPA projects and distribute leaflets for a meeting, a committee for three came in contact with a boss who didn't think his men should join the Workers' Alliance.

He told us it was just a temporary job and they should get other employment. I asked him why he didn't quit and get another job. Finally he came around to our way of thinking, after we cornered him. But such finks are all the same.

Suffering of Jobless

Whilst out trying to organize the workers, we came in contact with a man who was working on WPA for $44 a month, and has 11 in family.

How this man manages to keep his family alive, I do not know, but it seems to me they must be very ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-clothed.

We are only two in our family and we can't manage on $32.50 a month.

So you see this is only one case of suffering here in Monterey, but there are many more and the Workers' Alliance will do all in its power to adjust these conditions, with the cooperation of other unions, and make America a better place in which to live.

POOR FARMER IS CAUGHT IN MILLSTONES

Is Squeezed Between Low Selling And High Buying

By a Small Farmer

PHITO, Mendocino County—You will notice from inclosed government statistics that 50 per cent of the money spent for dams and construction work goes for steel, for autos and other products of big business.

When you add the profits of the contractor and the salaries paid patronage government employees, you can plainly see the real worker gets but a very small piece of the mighty PWA and Reclamation pie.

Between Millstones

Then consider the case of the poor farmer who has been beaten by drought, by the Wall St.-made depression, by the robbery tactics of selling low and buying high.

Squeezed between the nether millstone of low prices for his products, and high taxes, high prices for everything he buys, and all the bad luck possible, what chance has the farmer?

Nearly 80 per cent of the farm population has a mere subsistence income and lives without the conveniences of electricity, running water, etc.

Then the reclamation agent tells me I must have $2500 cash before I can even start farming.

Bankers Grab It

Who, I ask, is getting the benefit of this reclamation? It is not the farmer, who really needs it. It is the investor, the gentleman farmer, and the finance company or bank.

Why doesn't the government give the real farmer a chance to come back and become self-supporting? Who is getting the benefit of the Farm Relief, AAA checks, and soil conservation checks? Landlords, banks and big investment companies?

Believe me, the big landlords, banks and investments companies have gotten millions in relief checks, and they are the very ones who are howling about the unemployed worker getting relief. They get relief checks for doing nothing, while the worker must struggle on WPA, PWA or Resettlement slave jobs.

Bankhead Act and Bugs

We were farming when we first went to Tulare County several years ago, but the Bankhead Act and the bugs got us.

We were refused a loan because our land was new land. I couldn't plant any cotton because of the Bankhead act. Imagine me with $250 sunk and no chance. The hoppers got my grapes, and if I had only had cotton, I would have cleared $1500, maybe more.

Discrimination Is Rapped by Unions

By an Agricultural Worker

SACRAMENTO — Three committees representing the Agricultural and Cannery Unions and the Workers' Alliance, appeared before the State Relief Commission last Monday and protested the action of an auditor from the state controller's office who tried to prevent a Cannery Union member from getting his relief check for having union leaflets on his person.

Hits Proposed Layoffs

This auditor is a grower named Anderson who questioned the union-man and also stated he would find him a job.

The committees also protested the contemplated layoffs which Relief Director Pomeroy stated would occur to the sum of 20,000 before the end of March. The commission stated there was to be no union discrimination and ordered a full report of the attempt to kick the union members off relief.

Unions Disown Nathan

The State Federation of Labor met on March 21. This notorious Nathan spoke in front of the Federation and said that he was representing unions from the south.

The same unions he pretended to represent, had delegates at the meeting and denied having anything to do with such a character and further stated he was so well-known that even strangers could smell him a mile off.

He certainly should be exposed for his damage is being felt wherever he goes around agricultural meetings.

MORE ABOUT PETALUMA'S SWEATSHOPS

"New Union Broom" Set for 100% Clean-up

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—I read in the last issue where someone from here had written in commenting on certain reactionary outfits, among them the cherry factory and Petaluma Box Corp.

The cherry factory is a processing department for California Cherry Grower's Assn., and it moved here from San Francisco as a run-away from the unions there.

May Try New Run-Away

Now there is a rumor that they are going to close down here—evidently a move to try to evade unionization, as there is evidence to support the belief that this will soon be a 100 per cent closed shop town.

This is a vicious sweatshop with no consideration for the welfare of its workers, many of whom have had their hands ruined by the caustic solutions the cherries are processed in. It should be permanently closed down everywhere if it persists in its inhuman exploitation of the girls working for it.

A slight error was made in regards to the box factory. Your correspondent said it was probably the worst of those named.

It's Worst in Whole Area

This is an understatement. It is the worst not only of those named, but of all in this area!

This scabby open-shop corporation and the skinflints who run it have a reputation here for setting the standard for poor wages and speed-up.

They make shook for all kinds of wooden cases and packing boxes, supplying not only the egg and butter plants here but also breweries, paint manufacturers, etc., all over the state.

Union Will Kill Open-Shop Infection

The workers in the mill are forming a union now to put a stop to the wage cutting plans of Moore, Frazier, et al, and expect support from unions in all plants using products of the Petaluma Box Corp.

The successful organization of this mill will not only act as an incentive to other mills to organize, but will also remove the source of a lot of open-shop infection from this community.

There's an old saying: "A new broom sweeps clean."

The new union broom is sure sweeping the camouflage clean off a lot of buzzards around here, who have been masquerading as doves.

BIG WPA STRIKE IN WASH. STATE

Strikers Ready to Starve Fighting If Necessary

By a Worker Correspondent

EVERETT, Wash.—The Snohomish County WPA strike, led by the Workers' Alliance, spread rapidly and completely closed 18 projects involving approximately 1325 WPA workers in this county.

Demands of Workers

The strikers' demands are: Recognition of the Workers' Alliance of Washington as the sole collective bargaining agency for all WPA workers; a $65 per month minimum wage on all jobs, with 20 per cent increase in higher brackets; for union hourly rates of pay and re-classification of the workers; for six-hour day, five-day week; no discrimination against workers for union or strike activies; immediate rescinding of executive order concering re-classification of workers, hourly pay rates, monthly earning and other conditions of employment; full pay for all time lost due to inclement weather, shortage of materials, sickness and other conditions beyond control of the workers; the same agreement granted workers in their WPA strike in King County.

Democratic Control of Strike

Each project democratically voted on the question and in most instances the vast majority elected to strike. A Central Strike Committee of delegates from each job, established headquarters at Workers' Alliance Hall, 2314 Hewitt Ave., Everett, with flying squads and pickets dispatched from central location.

The morale of the strikers is high and the sentiment expressed is that it is better to starve fighting than to expire working for the starvation $48 per month wage paid on WPA here.

Hit By State AFL Reactionaries

ORANGE COUNTY agricultural workers, who want to organize along democratically-controlled lines. They were hit by the decision of reactionaries on State Federation executive committee, refusing to ask for state charter on basis adopted by recent state agricultural conference.

Tulare County's Jobless Unionize

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTERVILLE—The Porterville Branch of the Workers' Alliance of California is making a membership drive to bring in all the unorganized workers in Tulare County.

The different offices of WPA, SRA and PWA in this county are so muddled up in their corrupt operations, and so bold about it, that the workers are forced to make a move or starve.

Meeting in Pixley

We sent a committee to Pixley to set up a branch on March 18. They met in R. J. Richner's home. The meeting was a wonderful success, with a good attendance. This is a place where a local is needed and where it will advance rapidly, and do a great deal for the community as a whole.

There was also a committee there from the Visalia Branch of the Workers' Alliance, No. 70. They had two good speakers who gave talks on unions and the growing need of organization.

Mayor Says Public Can't Criticize

By a Worker Correspondent

ALAMEDA—A protesting committee from the local Workers' Alliance, presented their disapproval recently of police violence against union members from the ILA 38-44, the Warehousemen, picketing Cal. Pack Corporation in defense of their jobs against strikebreakers.

At the first statement of the Alliance speaker before the City Council, charging the police with creating violence and attacking a peaceful picket assembly, Mayor Roebke stated: "We do not accept criticsm of the police here."

Sounds Like "Der Fuhrer"

"To whom do we bring our criticism?"

"Criticism of the police department does not belong with the public," said the mayor.

This dictatorial statement was met with a murmur throughout the council chambers. The fact that the Council, highest authority in the city, refused to condemn the police action gave their silent consent to the action.

Monterey to Hold Spain Aid Dance

By a Cannery Worker

MONTEREY—We liked L.A.'s slogan for the Spanish Democracy, "Every Donation is a Nail in Franco's Coffin." Here's hoping we can send more nails and also a shovel to dig his grave.

The Accion Democrata Espanola of Monterey is giving a benefit dance for the orphans and widows of the Spanish workers of Spain on Saturday, March 27. They will raffle a beautiful Spanish shawl and we think it will be a great success. The dance will be held at the K.P. Hall on Main St.

Send in news of your union.

VISALIA JOBLESS UNION BOOMING!

Prospers After Reactionary Secretary Given Boot

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTERVILLE — I made a visit to the Visalia Workers' Alliance, and their union is prospering good now, after they had to kick out their reactionary secretary who didn't seem to know he was still a poor worker even though he was keeping books in the surplus commodity store.

He probably was easily influenced by his boss with a little money or a future job.

There must be a lot of rake-off on the SRA by the way they fight and cut each others' throats to get and keep their jobs.

They are organizing a Workers' Alliance in Pixley.

The workers over there are all like one big family. Everyone knows everybody, and they are all well aware of the fact that unionization is the only outlet for the present conditions that the capitalists have gotten us into.

Political Action By Labor Urged

By an Agricultural Worker

HUGHSON, Cal.—Just a few lines to labor—come alive! With the elections coming on and a chance to do something for yourselves, support someone in sympathy with you. Only last fall at the election, you could have elected, say, a district attorney, a judge and a sheriff. It looks to me like it would have been a big help, but you turned down the chance, this particularly in the Bay district and in Los Angeles.

If you are old enough to vote, you should be old enough to see through the smokescreen.

Now there is some talk about organizing the farm laborer. He needs it too.

I am just a fruit tramp, drift around and live in a tent. We get by in the summer pretty fair, but when winter comes around, we are about even, and if we go around the damnable relief dumps, they ask us why we don't save up our money in the summer.

Some broad-minded ones say strikes are so bad for the worker.

The C. S. Victims

We would still be getting 20 cents an hour instead of 30, only for the strikes a few years back. Now some of those martyrs that helped to put it over, are in the big rock-house — so much for "liberty and justice."

I am 61 years old and expect to live long enough to see a big change in the system under which we live.

HOLLYWOOD'S FILM UNIONS NEED UNITY!

Should Have United Forces for Meet With Producers

By a Studio Worker

HOLLYWOOD — In the next few weeks, the chief employers of labor in the motion picture industry will face the representatives of that industry's organized labor. The producer-labor conference, to be held in New York, will determine the conditions under which nearly all studio workers will live for the next year.

What is labor doing to prepare for that eventful meeting? The most progressive labor forces, at present, are painters and actors.

The painters are presenting a closed shop demand, and have taken a strike vote to put teeth in that demand. The actors are determined to gain recognition and a closed shop.

For months there has been a movement to bring together the 12 unrecognized locals. Steps have been taken for joint action in specific cases.

Follow Up For Unity

But this good work has not been followed up. Instead the locals are mistakenly following separate paths, Before presenting demands to producers, all 12 locals should have prepared to enforce these demands, if not granted, by a strike vote. It is not too late, however, to present a solid unbreakable front to the producers.

Every local not yet recognized should hold special meetings before the conference. The membership should thoroughly understand the demands. And the membership should prepare itself to act jointly in defense of joint demands. The time has come for the principle of labor unity to take concrete form in the studios.

For years the producers have divided the crafts, playing one against the other, and have dealt with each separately. Unfortunately many labor leaders have followed the producers' line—obstructing unity.

It is because of this division and separation that studio labor is in its present ridiculous situation—half recognized and half unrecognized. There is only one immediate solution to this situation—joint demands made as a Federation of Labor should make them—as one indivisible force.

Hollywood feels a new impulse stirring its working men and women. That impulse must focus itself during March. Brushing obstructors aside, the members of the studio unions must band themselves together into a determined whole, with one program, one invincible front, and one slogan:

"Studio Labor Cannot Advance Half Recognized and Half Unrecognized!"

Anti-Labor Outfit Broadcasts Again

By a Worker Correspondent

PALO ALTO—The other Black Legion of the country is on the air, "The Crusaders," at 8:15 Monday evening on KFRC and, I think, the Don Lee system.

Get the dope on this. In the name of Americanism, they attack labor unions and progressives. For 13 weeks they will be on the aid to attack progressive legislation in Sacramento. Listen in, and as the station announces it is open to all political candidates and issues before and after the broadcast and is non-responsible and non-partisan, the People's Legislative Conference should broadcast once maybe.

Protests should pour into KFRC and the Don Lee chain for allowing the capitalistic Fascist hysterics of "The Crusaders."

Martinez Oil Union For Referendum

MARTINEZ—Local 5 of the Oil Workers' Union has unanimously endorsed the resolution of Rodeo Local going on record in favor of the referendum election of district councilmen of the union. The resolution proposes a constitutional change at the coming international convention.

The resolution was sent by Rodeo Local to all other California locals, asking for their concurrence. In addition it is recorded in the minutes of the last district council meeting.

Minnesota Trotzkyites Join Strikebreaker Against F[armer-Labor Party]

ASSIST ANTI-LABOR MAYOR IN SPLITTING

Trotzkyites in Split When Convention Dumps Latimer

MINNEAPOLIS—The Trotzkyites are trying to split the Farmer-Labor Association of Hennepin County (Minneapolis), and have lined up with strikebreaking Mayor T. E. Latimer and the worst reactionaries.

When the Association's regular legally called county convention refused to renominate Latimer because of his reactionary record, the Trotzkyites joined with the Latimer crowd in calling a rump convention, where Latimer was renominated and steps taken to set up a rival county committee.

Governor Elmer Benson's plea to delay action until the differences could be ironed out, was ignored by the rump convention.

Trotzkyites Unmasked

The regular party convention nominated Kenneth Haycroft, state old-age director, as mayoralty candidate. The primary is May 10 and the final election June 14.

Action of the Trotzkyites, under leadership of the Dunne brothers — Miles, Vincent and Ray of the Truck Drivers Union, unmasks the true character of this vicious group which has grabbed control of the Socialist Party. Trading on the fact that many workers still regard them as militant unionists, the Dunnes have allied themselves with the worst enemies of labor.

They Back Child-Murderer

Mayor Latimer is responsible for the police murder of two children during the Flour City Iron Works strike. His strike-breaking activities aroused so much indignation that a movement developed to expel him from the Farmer-Labor Party.

Until two months ago, the Trotzkyites declared they would not support Latimer for re-election.

The "miracle" has come to pass sooner than anyone expected. Miles at the rump convention, gave an exhibition of Red-baiting that would have made Hearst turn green with envy. Even some of the delegates gasped when he characterized Roger Rutchik, secretary to Governor Benson, as "a Stalinite stooge." He similarly attacked A. H. Urtubees, president of the Central Labor Union and County Farmer-Labor chairman; Mrs. Selma Seestrom, Public Welfare Board; and Louis Boerback, Painters Union president.

Trotzkyites Split F.-L.P.

Dunne demanded the driving of all Communists out of the Farmer-Labor Party.

During the election campaign, the Trotzkyites, showed their "loyalty" to the Farmer-Labor Party by trying to put up an opposition state ticket under the Socialist Party. When this aroused "protest from their own followers, they nominated only one candidate, Vincent Dunne, for Secretary of State.

On November 3, the entire Farmer-Labor state ticket was elected with the exception of the candidate for Secretary of State — the Trotzkyites helped elect a Republican to this office.

They are evidently trying to do the same trick in the mayoralty elections. The reactionary former Republican mayor, George E. Leach, is counting on the split engineered by the Latimer-Trotzkyite forces to win the election.

Dunnes and Liquor Interests

The Trotzkyites also joined hands with the liquor interests in the effort to defeat Governor Benson's state liquor control law. Vincent Dunne is a member of a so-called "Trade Union Committee Opposed to State Liquor Control" of which Leslie Sinton is Chairman.

This outfit was denounced as anti-labor by the Minnesota Leader, official organ of the Farmer-Labor Association, and the St. Paul Union Advocate, official organ of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, which pointed out that the Sinton organization was financed by liquor interests.

A fine united front—the liquor interests, strikebreaker Latimer and the Trotzkyites—all in the name of the Socialist Party.

The Hennepin County Farmer-Labor Association is taking legal steps to prevent the dual outfit from misusing its name, and is rallying the membership to defeat the reactionary splitters.

IS IT MUTINY?

WASHINGTON—High army and navy officers have formed the Constitutional "Democracy" Assn. to fight the Roosevelt Supreme Court proposals. They are really fighting their commander-in-chief.

AIDS FASCISTS

U. S. SENATOR Key Pittman, representative of the big silver mining interests of Nevada, sponsor of the so-called "neutrality bill" which aims at the legal and Democratic Spanish government.

TROTZKYIST HIT BY SANTA CLARA C. P. CONVENTION

Communists Pledge to Fight Trotzkyist Fascists

The Section Convention of the Santa Clara County Communist Party, on March 14 last, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the trials held in Moscow at the end of January, 1936, of the parallel anti-Soviet Trotzkyite center reveal beyond a doubt the transformation of the Trotzkyite opposition into the vanguard and agency of the Fascist war-makers, and

WHEREAS, the capitalist press has used the Moscow trials to sow confusion in the minds of friends of the Soviet Union, world leader for peace and freedom, and

WHEREAS, Leon Trotzky, enemy of the world revolution, is utilizing his position in Mexico to continue attacks on the Communist International and its Bolshevik leader, that consistent disciple of Lenin, Comrade Stalin, and

WHEREAS, the Trotzkyite groups are making capital of their alliance with the bourgeois press to attack the People's Front and the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in this country.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we delegates to the County Convention of the Santa Clara County Section of the Communist Party, USA, affirm our unswerving loyalty to the Central Committee of our Party and the Communist International in its struggle against the Trotzkyist Fascists, and pledge ourselves to develop increased educational circles in Marxism-Leninism to guard against all efforts to smuggle anti-Leninism ideas into the Party, to teach our comrades the full Leninist meaning of discipline in the Communist Party, to remain alert and active against all efforts to weaken the Party and its leadership by gossip, slander, cynicism and rumors, to protect all mass organizations in which we work from the corruption of Trotzkyist Fascists.

Fee Knifes Backing Of Labor Nominees

OAKLAND—A resolution calling upon the Alameda County Central Labor Council to endorse Vane V. Dart, veteran trade-unionist, as a candidate opposed to George W. Hatch for School District No. 1 in the April 20 municipal elections, and Gene Gaillac, Electricians' Union, for Councilman, was ruled out of order last Monday night by reactionary President Fee. Fee has persistently played a reactionary role, playing into the hands of the Michael Kelly Republican machine in Alameda County.

Senate Votes Half Billion for War Preparations

WASHINGTON — Relief and WPA funds face serious curtailment from the Administration, but not funds to build a war machine. The Senate last week voted $522,847,808 for the U. S. Navy for the coming fiscal year.

Senator Frazer (R., N. D.), charged "big army and big navy men directed our defense policy." Senator Nye (R., N. D.), revealed the U. S. is spending $20,000,000 a week for war preparations.

The bill passed 64-11 after three hours' debate.

FASCISTS ARE CONSOLIDATING IN EAST BAY

Elks' Ruler Aspires To Be 'Fuhrer' of Alameda County

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND — Shortly before John L. Spivak released news of the existence of a network of Fascist organizations, consolidated for their program of undermining the U. S. government, drilling a secret Fascist army toward establishing a Hitlerite dictatorship, an organization calling itself the "Alameda County Patriotic League" held a meeting in Oakland.

Later, in Berkeley, the director of the "National Americanism Foundation" delivered an address to the Alameda County Chapter of Young Republicans.

Hitlerite Aims

What are these "Americanism" groups, what is their aim, who is behind them?

Over seal of Exalted Ruler Joseph A. Cianciarulo, Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, a call went out to all "patriotic and fraternal groups" to form themselves into a country-wide "Alameda County Patriotic League."

Cianciarulo aspires to consolidate all potentially Fascist organizations in the country.

Frenzied Fascists

At the first "Patriotic League" meeting, held in Oakland Lodge, No. 171, BPOE, Elks Bldg., 20th and Broadway, the members worked themselves into such a maniacal pitch of frenzy over anticipated "Jew-cleansing," that no definite program could be laid.

Cianciarulo, however, sent out a call for another meeting on Monday evening, March 29. E. H. Grandjean, secretary, also signed this call.

Meanwhile, a ready-made constitution and by-laws of the "Patriotic League" made an appearance—either drawn up by Cianciarulo and Grandjean alone, or imported from a land of Fascist constitutions.

Rule By "Der Fuhrer"

Membership is by application approved by an advisory board, already arbitrarily established; the membership has no voice in its selection.

Every cent paid in or out is under sole direction of—the advisory board. Actions of the president are directed by—the advisory board. Meetings shall be called at the pleasure of—the advisory board. Admittance to membership can be refused by—the advisory board to any person, without assigning any reason therefor. Voting shall be open or secret as may be determined by—the advisory board.

Anti-Labor Program

Article VIII says an advisory board is to consist of one representative from each major group —"one representative for all the fraternal Masonic bodies, one representative for all the Catholic fraternal bodies and so on."

Bluntly, the "Patriotic League" calls for establishing of an army such as Spivak exposed, to attack democratic rights in this country, to carry on a campaign of anti-Semitism, to carry on anti-labor activities.

The "National Americanism Foundation" has roots closer to home. John A. Hall, its guiding spirit, was president of the now defunct "American League Against Communism," which sprang into existence for the purpose of breaking the maritime strike.

Plan Storm Troops

Now this "patriotic" organization, under its new name, is reaching into youth groups, obviously aiming for the building of a storm-troop brigade.

The "League Against Communism" had 100 per cent cooperation from the Landon-Hearst district attorney, Earl Warren. Is it not natural, then, that they should transfer their activities to Warren's stamping grounds in Alameda County?

Their new title implies a national set-up. It is more likely they have become an arm of the Fascist network exposed by John Spicak.

Spying and Vigilantism

Avowed purpose of the "Americanism Foundation" is to form storm troop patrols to cover every residential district, spying on the public in their homes, and reporting every statement which is out of step with the Fascist eye of Hall and his "Foundation."

Programs of the "National Foundation" and the "Patriotic League" parallel each other. It is not a far step for the two to become one large Fascist framework.

The building of a Labor Party by labor and its friends—a People's Front—is necessary to drive these groups out of existence.

Mooney Resolution Is Fought for by People's Lobby

SACRAMENTO — A resolution has been introduced in the State Assembly by which both houses of the Legislature will recommend to the Governor that Tom Mooney be pardoned.

The People's Lobby, backed by the California People's Legislative Conference, plans to contact every state senator on this bill. Passage in the Assembly is almost assured.

PEOPLE'S LOBBY HAS PERMANENT ALAMEDA SETUP

Plan Broad Conference for April 23 in Oakland

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Council, California People's Legislative Conference, has formulated plans for a permanent organization in order to carry out more effectively its campaign for bills backed by the People's Lobby in the State Legislature at Sacramento.

The council will consist of two official delegates from each organization endorsing the state legislative program and affiliating with the conference, and two delegates from each of three assembly district clubs now being formed in Alameda County.

A broad conference is to be called April 23, when new delegates to the council will have an opportunity to nominate persons for the executive committee of 21.

At a recent meeting, the following were elected to the executive committee.

Form Executive Committee

A. Alan Clark, permanent chairman; Mrs. Mary Hoff, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Harrison, Berkeley Democrats; John Long, Cannery Workers Union; Fred Crocker, Workers' Alliance; Bob Gray, Miners' Union; Wm. Gratton, No. Calif. Newspaper Guild; Pat Bocca, Fruit and Nut Packers Union; Stitt Wilson, Berkeley Democrats; Mrs. Leila Thompson, Teachers' Union and Humanist Society; Mrs. Harrison, Domestic and Institutional Workers Union; Dr. Matt Crawford, National Negro Congress; Eddie Cobb, National Youth Administration Union; Jack Weatherwax, Union of Professional Workers; Mrs. Alma Munro, Ladies Auxiliary of Miners' Union; Mrs. Bioletti, Berkeley Democratics, and Charley Wagner, Butchers Union.

Ex-Justice Okays Supreme Ct. Curb

SAN DIEGO—The President's judiciary reform plan is "plainly within the powers granted to the Congress, and therefore, clearly constitutional," declared John Hessin Clarke, 79, only living former U. S. Supreme Court justice, in a national radio broadcast.

Clarke said it was inadvisable for him to "publicly criticize either the contemporary decisions of that court or the political principles or policies of the President of the United States."

Los Angeles Active For Repeal of Cal. Syndicalism Statute

LOS ANGELES—A sub-committee on civil liberties has been formed by the California People's Legislative Conference with Marion Holmes as secretary, and has as its immediate goal the passage of Assembly Bill 311, repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act. Approximately $2000 is needed for this campaign, according to Marion Holmes. Funds should be sent to 120 North Union Ave., Los Angeles.

Contra Costa Meet On People's Lobby Is Set for April 2

RICHMOND—The Contra Costa County Committee, of the California People's Legislative Conference, has set April 2, as the date for a mass meeting on bills backed by the People's Lobby in Sacramento. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln School, Richmond.

"2 OLD MEN" MAKE BITTER SELF-DEFENSE

McReynolds Is Anti-Semite and Anti-Labor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hard pressed by the demands of the majority of the American people for curbing the autocratic Supreme Court, two justices of the court have deserted their traditional stand of being "non-partisan" and "above politics," to attack President Roosevelt's plan on the judiciary.

Speaking for the "nine old men," Chief Justice Hughes repeated the old Liberty League arguments of "packing the court," etc., and tried to develop the theory that increasing the court's membership would "impair its efficiency."

Arch Reactionary

Hughes' votes on the court have been almost completely reactionary.

Justice James C. McReynolds, 75, described advocacy of progressive legislation as "willful opportunism," and defended his reactionary contention that the court is above the people, sitting in judgment "on rich and poor."

He was the first one to publicly defend the court's usurped powers since the Reconstruction Days after the Civil War.

Labor-Hater McReynolds

McReynolds was quoted in "The Nine Old Men" by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, as saying:

"There is only one movement in this country which I consider dangerous to it and which must be destroyed at all costs. That is the labor movement."

When nomination of Justice Benjamin Cardozo was being considered, McReynolds joined Justices Butler and Van Devanter in urging the White House "not to afflict the court with another Jew."

Negro and Jew-Baiter

After Cardozo was appointed, McReynolds said: "The only way you can get on the Supreme Court these days is to be either the son of a criminal or a Jew, or both."

In his speech last week, McReynolds also disclosed his Tory contempt for the Negro people, whom he referred to as "darkeys."

In "The Ultimate Power," Morris L. Ernst describes McReynolds: "Forthright, not wheedling, reactionary. Intolerant of modern ideas such as preventing child labor and providing minimum wages. Favors gag laws and jailing of those who carry red flags. . . He is comfortable while people starve."

Urge Killing of "Relief Bill"

SACRAMENTO—The People's Lobby issued a call to all labor and progressives to take action to kill the so-called "Supervisors' Relief Bill," by writing to Assemblyman John B. Pelletier, Chairman of Public Charities and Corrections Committee, State Capitol, Sacramento.

The bill is full of such obnoxious principles as denying aid to anyone who refuses to accept work found for him by the county or its agents, under which jobless could be denied relief if they refused to scab. Another provision of the bill is for a "pauper's oath."

Cutters Refuse to End Picket Lines

SAN FRANCISCO—The United Garment Workers, cutters' local 45, refused to withdraw their picket lines in a strike for a $42 minimum weekly wage. The strikers were requested to abandon the picketing by the executive committee of the San Francisco Labor Council, which scored the strikers "for not consulting their international or the Council" before striking.

The cutters' representatives pointed out that other locals have acted the way they did. An international representative has come here from Chicago.

The cutters are striking merely for a scale which the international has set for the entire country, which would only restore wages to where they were before 1929.

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LABOR AND POLITICS
In California and Nationally

By John Broman

"WE HAVE NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE LABOR PARTY IN 1940."—*Kiplinger Washington Letter of Saturday, March 13, 1937.*

One of the chief reasons for lack of doubt by this exclusive information service to bankers and industrialists, was the March 8-9 national convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League in New York City, which was called by Chairman Berry "for the purpose of setting up a declaration for the League, which is now a permanent organization in the field of American political economy."

The Declaration of Purpose drawn up by this convention, is an important document in the history of American labor and points unmistakably toward a Farmer-Labor Party throughout the country, even though the declaration shows certain weaknesses.

At Last a Strong Hint . . .

So far the League's national organization has not come out flat-footed for a Farmer-Labor Party in 1940, although John L. Lewis and other leaders have, and although the New York State set-up has organized itself into the American Labor Party.

However, listen to this:

"Labor's Non-Partisan League recognizes that the primary purpose of independent labor political action is to assist, by every legitimate political means, in the improvement of the wages and working conditions of American labor. To that end, the League will cooperate to the fullest extent in the extension and strengthening of labor organization in industry, and in the attainment of the specific legislative objectives of particular labor groups."

The least you can say of this statement is a strong hint about a national Labor Party for 1940, or sooner for the 1938 national elections. However, it is still one of the League's weak points that it does not come out forthright with a declaration of intention to organize an independent political party.

Bid to Farmers . . .

In 1936 the League neglected some of its strongest allies, the farmers and middle-class progressives, and for that reason did not play as effective a role in the national elections as it could easily have done. But this is beginning to be remedied in 1937, in the Declaratio nof Purpose:

"The welfare of American labor, however, is inseparable from that of the nation as a whole. The League will actively support the organized farmers of the country in their efforts to improve agricultural conditions. More generally, we will work with every progressive group whose purpose is to secure the enactment of liberal and humanitarian legislation."

This paragraph is truly historic in the American labor movement and in the people's movement against Wall Street and Fascism.

Specifically, it means the Labor Party will be a Farmer-Labor Party, an anti-Fascist alliance between the workers and the farmers, based upon the leadership of the organized labor movement.

It means that the interests of the farmers and of the workers and of the middle-class will be cemented into an unbreakable People's Front against the Morgan - DuPont - Rockeferrer - Ford combine of Fascist plotters.

League Isn't Waiting . . .

Labor's Non-Partisan League isn't waiting until election year to take action for the present interests of labor and the people.

Right now it is preparing and mobilizing support for labor and people's bills, both in Congress and in State Legislatures, and is setting up legal and economic research staffs to serve state organizations in this field. Also read this paragraph:

"Realizing that the possibility of securing favorable legislation from the state and national governments depends ultimately upon the power of labor to influence the results of primary and general elections, the League will extend its organization into every county in the United States in which any substantial number of wage-earners are employed. This organization will be used, in election campaigns of the future, to insure the nomination and election to public office of men and women who are not only pledged to support labor and other progressive measures, but whose record also justifies the belief that these pledges will be kept."

They're Organizing NOW . . .

All labor and progressive forces in the country (and particularly the Communist Party) rejoice that Labor's Non-Partisan League is going out into the field NOW to organize.

It is necessary, however, to point out certain weaknesses in the League to the end that they may be eliminated. Probably the most glaring weakness is the opening paragraph in the Declaration of Purpose:

"The original declaration of purpose of Labor's Non-Partisan League called for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and for support of the measures which he had stated to be necessary for national progress. The League is proud of the part it took in the tremendous victory of the President, and reaffirms now its acceptance of his leadership for the future."

This is too much of a blank check for Roosevelt, and places too much trust in a hope that the President will take a consistent pro-labor stand. There is too much evidence to the contrary to trust in such a hope.

Right now the League is quite correctly mobilizing tremendous mass support throughout the U. S. for the President's proposals to curb the Supreme Court. But it would be downright foolishness to give advance support to other proposals the President may have.

Pretty much the correct stand for labor to take, was that of John L. Lewis in the General Motors strike when he told the President to stop "pussyfooting" and to fulfill his promises to labor. This method is also known as mass pressure.

All in all, however, the new Declaration of Purpose by Labor's Non-Partisan League is one of the most hopeful suns ever to shine on the American scene.

Oakland Council Ducks Scab Issue

OAKLAND—The City Council has again evaded its responsibility for the actions of the Oakland police, who have been used as scab-herders in the California Packing Co. strike in the city of Alameda.

On Monday, March 15, the Central Labor Council sent a resolution protesting this action to the City Council. At the meeting of the City Council of Thursday, March 18, not a word was said about the resolution.

A communication from the Communist Party requesting an audience to protest this illegal use of the police, was read.

Herbert Schultz, Communist candidate for councilman and delegation spokesman, had left the council chambers for a moment. Dave Adams, candidate for auditor, arose to announce this fact and while he was still speaking, a councilman moved for adjournment.

Councilman James Quinn, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal, was among those voting for adjournment.

The previous week, on receiving a resolution from the United Auto Workers calling for removal of Police Captain Brown, the Council passed the buck to the city manager without even reading the resolution.

I. W. O. OF[F]... HITS BLO[CKADE] OF SPAIN

Workers' Ord[er] "Must Bills" [in] Legislat[ure]

LOS ANGELES—T[he Los An]geles City Central C[ommittee of] the International Wo[rkers Order,] representing 2500 m[embers,] protested against a[ction] by Secretary of St[ate] Hull in recommendi[ng that] aid for Spanish de[mocracy] collected, it should b[e sent to] the International Re[d Cross].

Present aid is go[ing to] the North American [Committee] to Aid Spanish Dem[ocracy.] I.W.O. included in it[s program] the demand for the d[efeat of the] McReynolds Bill i[n Congress] which would deny all[...] ing and medical aid [to the] Spanish government.

A list of 12 "MUS[T bills"] be supported for pa[ssage by the] California Legislatu[re was is]sued by the I.W.O.

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[BY] MICHAEL QUIN

(Continued from last issue)

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[...]ngers seized upon this document as an excellent [propag]anda and used it as an effective prop to hold up [the mor]ale of the populations which were beginning to [...]y were fighting for.

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[...]ed all his energies toward winning the war, and, [...] "won," set out for Europe with his "Fourteen [...]t load of scholars to back him up. The European [...]d his dreams to slivers and used them to pick [...]after feasting on the spoils.

[Cle]menceau afterward remarked that the task of [...]s extremely difficult, what with Lloyd George on [...w]ho imagined himself to be Napoleon, and Wood[row, on t]he other, who imagined he was Jesus Christ.

[...] returned to America and discovered that Wall [...] behind his back, had sabotaged the one thing [...] had accomplished: the League of Nations. The [...] mills of the nation had been working day and [...]erica out of the League.

[...]haggard, one side of his face subject to twitches, [...] of the country to rescue his dream. Desperately [...] huge audiences to remember the supposed pur[pose of] the war was fought.

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[...]T of the tour he collapsed. He suffered a blood [...]ain and his right side became paralyzed. Reluc[tantly he aban]doned the journey and was carried back to the [...]helpless invalid. His enemies quickly spread ru[mors that the P]resident was out of his mind.

[...] up a hard fight. But he did not even know the [...]s. While he sat, a broken and heartsick man in [the] White House, Congress decided that America [...]of the League.

[...]en, Joseph Tumulty, for years Wilson's faithful [...]d the sick President: "Governor, you are looking [...]," he said.

The disillusioned Princeton idealist was a half-[...]sick in mind and sick in body.

[...]well for a man who awaits disaster," he said.

[Tum]ulty sought to console him.

[...] shamed us in the eyes of the world," said the [...]

[...]or, only the Senate has defeated you. The peo[ple ...] you," Tumulty insisted.

[...]s have poisoned the wells of public opinion," said [...] "They have made the people believe that the [...]s is a great juggernaut, the object of which is [...] not peace to the world. If I only could have [...]ng enough to have convinced the people that the [...]r real hope, their last chance, perhaps, to save [...]

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[...]ET was through with Wilson. He had served [...]e. His pacifism had harnessed the nation to their [...]s idealism had snapped the whip while they held [...] he must be discarded. They flung him out with [...]y as a man throwing away an old shoe.

[...] of the most complete failures in history, not only [...] accomplish his purposes, but in that he accom[plished] the opposite.

[...] to curb the abuses of wealth. He succeeded in [...] more extensively than any other man before him. [...] to abolish war. He helped to plunge his country [...]wful war of history.

[...] public speech, he made an ominous prediction as [...] fate of the forces that betrayed him. "I have [...] Providence before," he said. "And I have seen [...]n, as will come upon these again—utter destruc[tion and cont]empt. That will prevail as sure as God reigns."

[...] his sleep on February 3, 1934.

[Let]ters: *From Readers of The Western Worker*

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Sets His Personal Quota at $5

Richmond.

Editor, Western Worker:

They have deprived me of my home and the place where I made my living. We face different problems in these small towns, but I have attempted to build a small place in an effort to avoid one form of persecution. This has prevented me from taking my share of the struggle.

But when I read how the Western Worker drive is so behind, I set myself a quota of $5. It is not as much as I would like to set, had my personal affairs been better arranged. Of this amount I have already raised $3 and will raise the other $2 within a week, and turn same over to our organizer.

Comradely, W. J. P.

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URC Boxer Goes to AAU Finals

SAN FRANCISCO — Carrying the banner of the San Francisco Maritime unions to new heights in sports, Lloyd DeLucci, wearing the colors of the Union Recreation Center, pounded his way to the national finals of the Amateur Athletic Association in Boston when the union boxer earned the right to represent the West Coast in the 160 pound class by a thrilling knockout over John Vanier in the West Coast elimination bouts at Dreamland Auditorium.

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Hot Flashes

Rodeo, California.

DOCTOR: I am 46 years old and in the last year I have had hot flashes, sleeplessness, and have been very nervous. My menstruation stopped a few months ago. Mrs. C. C.

Answer: These symptoms are probably due to "change of life." When such symptoms appear at this period, they are usually due to the lack of the products of certain glands in the blood. This condition can be treated by the patient eating the same glands taken from animals. The right combination must be found by your doctor.

Wasp Sting

Tulare.

Doctor: What can be done for a wasp or bee sting? S. N.

Answer: The sting should be removed by lifting it out with the blade of a knife, not by grasping it to pull, for this may force more poison into the wound. Then apply ammonia water to ease the pain. If the reaction is very bad, see a doctor.

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Alum and Borax

Los Angeles.

Dear Doctor: I work in a plant where there is much alum and borax dust. Can these cause any disease? C. D.

Answer: Alum may cause an inflammation of the skin. Both alum and borax when breathed in may cause a chronic cough and hardening of the lungs (fibrosis).

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Teeth in Pregnancy

Walnut Creek, Calif.

Dear Doctor: What is best to be done for your teeth when you are pregnant? S. P.

Answer: You should have your teeth examined and cleaned at least twice during pregnancy. If any cavities are found they should be filled. You should eat much milk, eggs, cod-liver oil, fresh fruits, vegetables, butter and whole-grained cereals. You should have plenty of sunshine during pregnancy. Brush your teeth well twice a day.

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TOBACCO HABIT

Dear Dr. Bissell: Is there anything I can take to cure me of the tobacco habit? I. J.

Answer: So far, nothing has been found which will cure one of this habit except one's will power. Do not stop suddenly, as the sudden withdrawal may be worse than the habit itself.

California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

WHILE the Spaniards ruled California, there was a constant struggle with American merchants over the Spanish rule forbidding foreign ships. American skippers displayed a great deal of cleverness in evading such restrictions.

The Californians themselves connived in this. They were at a great distance from the seat of Spanish rule, which was in Mexico. For them there existed no better way to make money than in dealing with the American traders.

The missions themselves were not above conducting illicit trade dealings with the Americans.

Once in a while the Americans would be caught at the illicit trade. Such a case led to the "Battle of San Diego," in 1803.

The "Battle of San Diego"

On a voyage to California, the "Leila Byrd," commanded by Shaler and Cleveland, anchored at San Diego. She was loaded with otter skins. Don Miguel Rodriguez, commandant of the Presidio, got word of this, and, with all the pomp and dignity he could muster, boarded the vessel and seized the otter skins.

The Americans were not content to slip out of the harbor with no cargo at all. At night they sent two boats out to illicitly purchase more otter skins. One of the boats came back safely; the other was seized by the Presidio commandant, who bound the men and left them under guard on the beach.

By morning the prisoners had been rescued, but the next job was to sail out of the harbor without being seen. This meant passing directly within easy shot of the fortress. The "Lelia Byrd" was subjected to a steady bombardment for three-quarters of an hour. The American vessel replied and finally the Spaniards fled.

The Battle of San Diego was a bloodless one.

There were other incidents, such as the seizure and imprisonment a few years later of Capt. Eayrs and his crew of the "Flora." But these incidents did not represent the desire of the Californians, who were eager to carry on the trade with the Americans, illicit though it was, for it brought them their necessities of life.

The significance of this fact lies in that it shows us why the Spanish authorities were unable to keep control of the province by isolating it from the rest of the world. The Californians were demanding more commodities than just the beef and grain they raised themselves. This demand meant a welcome to the American traders; with the latter came the inevitable extension of American influence in the affairs of California.

(To be continued.)

Theatre Notes

The 'Road'; Roosevelt & Theatre Workers —Haddocks in Germany—Making a Star

IT APPEARS that the Federal Theatre is trying to revive the American threatre—practically singlehanded. It now is resurrecting the "road," long lamented by the drama critics as dead. Little towns along the Coast have just seen their first legitimate brought to them by means of stage production in many years, a Federal Theatre Road Company. Its first production, "Help Yourself" has just reached San Francisco, and is now at the Columbia. It is planned to send out one play a month. Federal Theatre Players have a golden opportunity let's see if they will learn that you can't build a healthy American theatre audience on pure, unadulterated pap.

Layoff

It was the night of November 3rd at the Columbia Theatre. The play was "It Can't Happen Here." The air was electric with night excitement. Between acts, a radio loudspeaker gave news of the Roosevelt landslide, to the hilarious delight of the audience. And, during one of those intermissions, the high spirits and enthusiasm of the actors broke out in a short speech of eulogy for Roosevelt and thanks for their secure jobs, by one of the actors. That was election night.

Today, the same actors will have to fight to keep those jobs. They have already taken the first step by organizing into their local project unions in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Now, if they look around them, they may learn things from the experience of the New York Federal Theatre workers, who aroused the support of important theatrical people and the general public in their struggle. Anyway, if they succeed in staving off impending layoffs, they will be a step nearer a permanent Federal subsidized theatre. If not . . .

Incidental

"WPA Plowed Under?" a play in the Living Newspaper style, published in the March issue of New Theatre & Film may give you Federal Theatre workers some ideas.

Speaking of Federal Theatres

Clifford Odets' "Awake and Sing," will open in Los Angeles April 1st at the Musart, played by members of the Jewish unit of the Federal Theatre.

New Federal Theatre productions in Los Angeles are "The Merchant of Venice," at the Hollywood Playhouse, and "Blind Alley" at the Mayan.

"Power," the Living Newspapers' play, is getting an enthusiastic reception in New York. It deals with the activities of the large power interests.

Culled From Here and There

The S.F. Theatre Union gave a reading of its new play, "Mice and Men" at a dinner meeting of the Western Writers' Congress Tuesday night.

Have you been listening to the Donald Ogden Stewart play, "Mr. and Mrs. Haddock in Germany," broadcast over Station KFWB Saturday night at 7:30?

Hollywoodians

This appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper. A. Warner Brothers starlet, pointing out advantages received by girl film prospects, listed them as follows:

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Wonder who does her acting for her?

Social Welfare Federation Begun

OAKLAND—Formation of the California Social Welfare Federation has resulted from the state wide conference of rank-and-file organizations of social welfare agencies. The conference was held in Oakland and was attended by fifty delegates representing worker's organizations of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sonoma, Alameda and Sacramento counties.

Organization of the Federation climaxed several years of experience during which workers of the State Relief Administration and other social service agencies have gradually seen the necessity for organizing against retrenchments and miserable conditions.

The conference adopted resolutions in favor of passage of the California Youth Act and Assembly Bill 1879, the progressive social welfare plan. A strong resolution was passed in opposition to the 'Supervisors' Bill 1177 which would institute the Pauper's Oath for all those applying for relief.

Membership in local units of the Federation is open to stenographers and clerical workers, as well as social workers.

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Pick 'n' Shovel Poems

BARNYARD FASCIST

By REB. RANEY

The Dawn is slowly coming, and the Barnyard Fascist crows:
"I bring the light; I AM the light, as everybody knows.
In me you see the crowning gift of Nature's grants to you;
And so I bring today and say: Cock-a-dood-'ll-do!

"I represent the start and end of all that's worth a wink,
Because I crow and make you know it's wrong for you to think.
It's I, on high, who muffle WHY and gives you all your cue,
So loyal be and trust to me. Cock-a-dood-ll-do!"

A seasoned hen, she looked again and said: "I've got a cramp.
This lousy yard, it's nothing but a concentration camp.
I move this cock shall lose his flock, he thinks is made of glue,
And find he's nil,—without our will. Cackle, cackle,—Do!"

The other hens and caponed cocks had listened, up till now,
But bing! They took to wing and made a sweeping, skyward
bow.
The seasoned hen, she cackled loud: "We're fed up—to the
brim,"
And flew away, to tell today: "We want no more of him."

'TRIPLE A' TO BE PLAYED BY THEATRE UNION

"Living Newspaper" Play Planned for Oakland

OAKLAND — The Theatre Union, producers of "Waiting for Lefty", "The Black Pit", "Peace on Earth", and "Bury the Dead", will present at their next major production the controversial drama "Triple A Plowed Under".

The play will be presented at the Oakland City Club Theatre, 14th and Alice Sts., for three evenings, Wed. March 31, Sat. April 13, and Sat. April 10.

Unlike previous Theatre Union productions which have dealt with the social problems of industrial strife and war, the current play draws its scenes from the midwest farm crisis.

The play was written as one of the "Living Newspapers" which first became famous when its sequence on Ethiopia was banned from the stage and later presented in censored form. Twenty-five scenes from the "Newspaper" are announced in headline form by loud speaker and are then dramatized on the stage. One scene runs directly into the next in ever increasing tempo as the headlines continue on to the climax. One particularly timely scene satirizes the Supreme Court on their AAA decision.

As a prologue to the play the unique motion picture "The Plow that Broke the Plains" with a musical score by Virgil Thompson, will be shown.

'Revolutionists' To Show in L.A. and Oakland

LOS ANGELES—"Revolutionists," new Soviet film which critics declare is definitely in the tradition of such memorable masterpieces as "Potemkin," and "Ten Days That Shook the World," will open at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Avenue, the first or second week of April.

"Revolutionists" is a dramatic historical film showing the rise of the revolutionary movement from its beginning in 1896 to the famous "Red Presnia" revolt in Moscow in December, 1905, when workers fought Czarist troops in the barricaded streets.

The picture shows the first clashes between the early students' and workers' groups and the police. Despite imprisonment and exile to Siberia, the movement continued and grew. A number of Siberian scenes show how eagerly exiles received news of revolutionary activities in Russia and abroad concealed in boxes, postcards, and other articles shipped through the mails.

An all-star cast will be seen in leading roles. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English titles.

OAKLAND—The film "Revolutionists" will show for one day only at the Star Theater, 7th and Market streets, on Thursday, April 1. Performances will be continuous from 2:15 p. m.

ENDORSE COURT PLAN

WASHINGTON — Endorsement of the Roosevelt proposal to change the Supreme Court was voted by 21 members of the Workers' Alliance national executive board meeting here.

HEARINGS ON GOODYEAR

AKRON—The La Follette investigating committee reopened hearings March 17 on intimidation by the Goodyear Rubber Co. against union members and organizers.

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Rust Praises Soviet For Aid Remodeling New Cotton Picker

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—John Rust, back on the job in Memphis after seven months in the Soviet Union, believes that the Russian government will undertake mass production of his invention within a year and attempt to mechanize the production of its cotton.

Mack Rust, brother of John, and co-inventor of the revolutionary cotton harvesting machine, remained in Tashkent where he is working under contract for the Soviets as technical advisor to complete work on the machine for production.

"After our field tests in the government experimental station near Tashkent," Rust said, "we decided on certain mechanical changes. It is these changes, and the construction of a new, tandem-model machine that my brother is now working on."

Rust explained that they tried a makeshift tandem model in the fields there, and it worked successfully. This was done by coupling one picker on the rear of the other. The new model, however, will be a self-propelled job comprised of two separate picking units, one staggered behind the other.

"The advantage of the tandem model will be its ability to get all the cotton in one run," John Rust says. "Our field experiences in Tashkent, like those in America last fall, showed that while the larger percentage of the cotton was picked the first time over it took a second run to get it all."

It was learned that Rust had made some other very definite improvements on the machine and they will be incorporated in the cotton pickers to be built here for American use.

"Under our Russian contract," he says, "any improvements made on the machine there are available to us for use in this country. We are expecting that the practical operations of the pickers in Russia will materially aid us in speeding up perfecting of the machines here."

"I did not stay long enough to form any definite opinion of the political setup there," he said, "but it seems to me they are building socialism in that country, and certainly making great strides in mechanization and production.

"They are a wide-awake nation, taking advantage of every improvement and letting nothing stand in their way in reaching the goal they have set for themselves.

Hated to Leave

Mrs. John Rust, who joined her husband in Tashkent the latter part of December and is now back at her desk at the Rust Cotton Picker Co. office, tells of pushing her way through great throngs of people in the market place to do her shopping. She said it was fun.

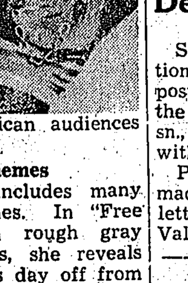
"My visit to Turkestan was a fine experience," she says, "and as strange as it may sound, both John and I felt like we were leaving home when the time came for us to start back."

Hailed by Soviet Union, Pauline Koner Now Dances in California

Having made her initial California appearance at the Biltmore Theater in Los Angeles, where she gave two performances, the foremost Soviet concert dancer wil lcome to San Francisco for a single performance on the afternoon of Sunday, April 4, at the Curran Theater.

The dancer is Pauline Koner.

Outstanding among the critical comments of Miss Koner are those of the Soviet critics of Pravda and Izvestia who hail her as the greatest dancer since Isadora Duncan, and this appraisal has the substantial backing of Soviet audiences, as well as of American audiences and critics.



New Themes

Her program includes many new Soviet themes. In "Free Day," garbed in rough gray shirt and overalls, she reveals the worker on his day off from the factory. In "Lullaby to a Future Hero," by Myashovsky, she portrays a Soviet mother, hopeful that her baby will grow up to win honors for his country.

Miss Koner's "Funeral Mourning Satires" display the moods of the paid mourners of the capitalist world, the first a frock-coated hypocrite shamming grief over the "death of a politician," and the second a wealthy society woman "bereaved" by the "death of a rich aunt."

Other outstanding dances on her program are "Yemenite," adapted from ancient Arabic music; "Ya-Lel," a Jewish dance of the night, and "Chassidic," based on a Hebrew folk melody.

She will also appear in Oriental, modern and Spanish dance impressions, the latter featuring 1937 versions of "Alegrais," "La Corrida" and "Farruca."

Vivian Fein, pianist for Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman, New York's foremost modern dancers, is Miss Koner's accompanist for her California concerts.

Delay Salinas Probe

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Labor Relations Board has postponed its hearings against the Salinas Valley Growers Assn., in which the latter is charged with blacklisting and terrorism. Postponement to April 12 was made owing to absence of many lettuce workers, now in Imperial Valley.

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What the Northrup and Kelly-Wells Aircraft Employees Have Gained Through the CIO; The Gains of the CIO in the Millinery and Ladies Garment Workers In Los Angeles; A Joint Attack by the Woodworkers and Maritime Federations in Northwest Against Teamsters Jurisdictional Steals; What Some Councils Think of W

NORTHRUP AIRCRAFT, KELLY-WELLS MACHINE SHOP WORKERS MAKE STRIDES FORWARD IN VICTORIES GAINED BY C. I. O. AUTO UNION

Union Recognition and Seniority, Substantial Increases in Wages Gained by Workers After Short Sit-Down Strikes; Now Written Down in Black and White

INGLEWOOD—Rapidly forging toward a 100 per cent closed shop, Northrup aircraft workers, under the banner of the CIO Automobile Workers' Union, Local 229, were successful here March 15th in winning a signed agreement from John K. Northrup, president of the firm.

Following a short sitdown strike late in February, the men returned to work when officials of the Northrup corporation, a subsidiary of the Douglas Aircraft, verbally agreed to their demands.

What They Won

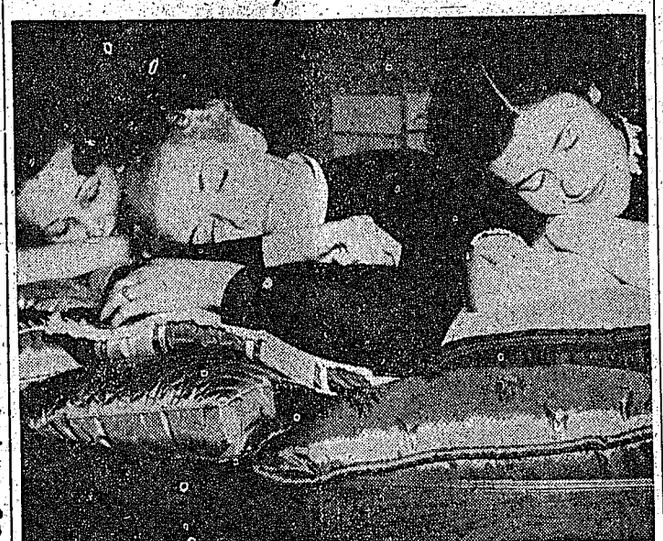
The gains won by the agreement signed March 15 include: Union recognition and representation, seniority rights, 40-hour, 5-day week, with time and a half for overtime and double time for holidays; an arbitration board of three, composed of one union representative, one company representative and a third member to be selected by these two; two hours minimum pay for workers ordered to report at the plant, but who are not put to work, no discrimination for union activities.

A week earlier, March 8, another smashing CIO victory was won by workers employed by Kelly and Wells Machine Company, makers of tools and machines for the Douglas' and Northrup plants, when important concessions were won with the signing of an agreement by company officials.

After sitdowners had occupied the plant for several days during the Douglas strike, a verbal agreement, and finally the signed one, granted the following demands of the Kelly and Wells local of the Aircraft Division of the Automoble Workers' Union:

Union recognition and representation, seniority rights, 40-hour, 5-day week, minimum wages of 45 cents per hour for apprentices with an automatic raise of two and one-half cents per hour every three months; minimum wages for mechanics at 75 cents and 85 cents for bench and machine, respectively; a blanket wage increase of five cents per hour without regard to minimum rates; no discrimination for union activities, and several smaller miscellaneous gains.

Beautiful, But Not Dumb



PRETTY SITDOWN strikers at the Crowley-Milner Co., Detroit's second biggest department store. The hundreds of girls won their sitdown strike.

L. A. MILLINERY UNION STARTS A REAL CAMPAIGN

To Organize Entire L. A. Hat-Making Industry

LOS ANGELES — With the opening of new headquarters at 524 South Spring street, Room 221, the Millinery Workers' Union, local 41 of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers' Union, announces an intensive organizational drive to unionize the more than 1000 workers in the millinery business in Los Angeles.

To supervise the campaign, the International offices has sent one of its vice-presidents—J. Roberts.

Indicative of the extreme need for organization, terrible conditions exist in millinery shops throughout the city. Wages are low, working hours long, and the work itself is so seasonal that for the greater part of the year, workers are forced to go on relief rolls.

It has been reported that the average yearly earning of a millinery worker does not exceed $8 per week.

To help the organizational drive along, the union is to give a dance on Saturday, April 24, at the Bakers' Union hall, 1040 South Grand avenue.

Tintypes

Joshua Gets Joshed

Joshua Milkwell's getting up on the Labor Council floor. They've been debating that resolution to endorse the auto workers' strike.

The Sheriff has taken his customary crack at "the Communists".

The secretary, old John O'Regan, has waxed good and sore at the young pups who come into the Council, and no sooner are they here a week, they've got themselves in a strike and want our support.

Why, says old John, my union hasn't thrown a picket line but once in 50 years. (Old John must have been away on vacation when that happened.)

Somebody from the waterfront has told the delegates they ought to be ashamed of themselves, even questioning whether they ought to support any struggle of a union for better conditions.

A Trotzkyite has gotten up and beaten around the bush for a while, and after he's gotten through you realize that he's attacked the strikers.

And now Joshua Milkwell's going to speak. There's a hush. The auto strikers' delegates expect Milkwell to come out in their favor.

"I favor any struggle of workers for better conditions", Milkwell says.

"But sometimes I think our younger brothers, and mind you, I regard them as labor's hope, are inclined to be a little too rash at times.

"My heart and my hands are with these boys.

"I move you, brother chairman, that the resolution be tabled."

Montgomery-Ward Admits Spying

PORTLAND, Ore.—John D. Bullock of Chicago, assistant manager of the Montgomery, Ward & Company mail order department, testified at a national labor relations board hearing today his firm had paid representatives of the Thomas J. Burns Detective Agency to work as employees, to spy on the Warehousemen's Union.

Harry L. Gross, attorney for the union, asked Bullock if he had asked city officials for police protection in the event of a strike. Bullock replied that Mayor Joseph Carson promised officers only in case of "violence."

Ryde Field Labor Sets Price Rates

RYDE—Cutting prices for asparagus in this vicinity have been set by the Filipino union at the following rates:

$1.25 per 100 pounds for good grass.

$1.50 per 100 pounds medium grass.

$1.75 per 100 pounds old grass.

The asparagus season is here and the workers have the best of it if they stick together.

Coulter and The Oil Constitution

LONG BEACH—Ever since the last national convention of the Oil Workers' Union, Jim Coulter and the old reactionary clique have chafed at the charges made in the constitution which set up an executive council and put something of a curb on their free hand to rule and ruin.

The other night, at a small meeting where the steam roller was working perfectly in Long Beach local, they made a move to get back to the old basis.

Three reactionaries, Geiger, Murphy and Stutting, were appointed on a committee to work out a "revision" of the International Constitution.

Oil workers may know from this that the machine is not only going to attempt to hold its own at the Kansas City convention in June, but attempt to get back to the old basis where the International president and secretary ran the show.

Furthermore, Coulter has not yet read the minutes of the last district council meeting, held at Bakersfield. And for a very good reason.

He does not want the local to know that the Rodeo local introduced a resolution there calling for a change in the constitution to provide for referendum election of district councilmen. This is a change toward democracy, which Coulter would not go for. It is also a fact that Rodeo local voted to send copies of this resolution directly to all locals, and if this has been done, Coulter has also sabotaged reading of that communication.

The reactionaries had a field day at the meeting, as usual when the attendance is small. They took the opportunity to shove over a proposition to hire the Fremming-Coulter machine man Colloway as organizer for another year at $275 a month.

POLISH STRIKE

WARSAW.—The Polish Shoe industry was tied up recently by a strike of more than 80,000 workers demanding the right of collective bargaining.

GRASS VALLEY MERCHANTS LEARN A LESSON

They Now Say Vigilante "Messiah" Misled Them

By a Gold Miner

NEVADA CITY—The Grass Valley shopkeepers' comic opera has taken a new twist. Ten days ago vigilantism made headlines in the state and local press. Ten days ago, when Jack Shuper, an organizer for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, stood before the assembly of vigilantes, meeting at midnight in Grass Valley, and courageously and pluckily dared the assembly to run him out of town, there were cries of "Kill him!" "Hang him!" "Throw him out!"

At One Stroke

Ten days have passed, and lots of water has flowed under the bridge. Now the executive committee of thirteen has slain, at one stroke, the merchants' brigade of four hundred and, not content with that, polished off their committee of five thousand with the same amazing ease.

What caused this sudden change of front on the part of the shopkeepers? There is only one answer: the mass reaction of the workers of Nevada County to the threat of vigilantism, to the threat to American liberty.

The shopkeepers have croaked a lame excuse for their actions. They claim they were misled by an outside agitator, a superpublicity artist. Yet ten days ago they charged the miners of Nevada City with being influenced, seduced, and misled by "outside agitators."

We wonder what group of citizens has proved itself the most loyally American, the most level-headed, the coolest in its reaction to this imagined crisis? Was it the miners or the shopkeepers?

The merchants plead that they have been duped by this publicity hound. They tell us they have been misled. That may be true. Suppose it is! What assurance can they give us miners that they will not again yield to an equally glib and persuasive anti-labor crank? Having once fallen, may they not fall again for the old shell game?

We have heard it rumored that this garrulous Messiah left this vicinity with considerably more of the merchants' money than the merchants would care to admit.

CHRYSLER DICTATORSHIP

NEW CASTLE, Ind.—All civil liberties are at present denied in New Castle, where 6000 Chrysler auto workers are on a sitdown strike.

SCABS JAILED

READING, Pa. — Though a magistrate's court had sentenced 41 hosiery mill scabs to 90 days each, a higher court ordered them freed.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

I picked up a Hearst paper the other day—I don't buy those things—and I saw where Bill Green told them that John L. Lewis dreamed of a Labor Party entering the scene in 1940 with him as its leader.

I don't know just when Bill Green went clairvoyant and became gifted with the power to read other people's dreams, but it's a damned sight better dream than the one Bill Green's partner, Bill Hutcheson has—Alf Landon or Hearst in the White House in 1940.

ILGWU Signs More Shops in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—With the beginning of the new season, organizational work in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, has been picking up and more and more workers are volunteering to help organize shops. But not sufficient as yet. In the last week because of the work, and because Brother Paul Beg was put in charge of the work full time to check upon the details, four shops have signed agreements with the Union.

The shops that have signed are: Marjorie Michaels, Preview, Berkman, and Boorstein. It is interesting to know that Boorstein decided to fight the Union. And, in doing so, he moved to Vernon; but he could not get workers who were competent to work in that scab nest or to travel all that distance. So he gave up the fight and moved back into town and signed an agreement with the Union.

Open forums have been started in the Union. They are held every Saturday, at 11 a. m. This week, Leo Gallagher, labor attorney, will speak on the Supreme Court and the labor movement. April 27th, Brother Feinberg, International vice-president of the ILGWU will speak on the "CIO and the ILGWU." Every member of the union should attend and help to popularize these forums.

Wages Go Up For Alaska Miners

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Wage increases of 12½ per cent, raising the base scale from 63 cents to 71 cents an hour, for 300 employees, and lesser rises for 75 others were announced here today by the Fairbanks Exploration Company, subsidiary of the United States Smelting and Refining Company.

The growth of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union had a lot to do with the raises.

The new increase raised the wage level above that paid in 1929.

Miners receive board and lodging in addition to wages.

"The Last Resort of Labor Racketeers"

COLUMBUS, O.—The red issue was injected into hearings in common pleas court, where efforts of Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor and his personal representative, Francis J. Dillon, to revoke the charter of the Columbus Federation of Labor are being combated.

Sec. George A. Stein of the Building Trades Council, who supports the charter-lifting, named an Ohio State University professor and two members of the local Typographical Union as "teaching the philosophy of Communism in the Columbus Federation of Labor."

One of the men so charged called red baiting "the last resort of labor racketeers" and another said: "I do not understand the philosophy of Communism and neither does my accuser."

MARITIME AND LUMBER FEDERATION IN NO DEMAND THAT JURISDICTION ENCROACH OF TEAMSTERS, OTHER CRAFTS BE

Endorse Stand of International Longshoremen's Asso Regard to Retaining Warehousemen, Despite Gree Order They Be Grabbed by Teamsters Int'l

SEATTLE—A demand for the elimination of jurisdictional disputes, which have riment to the labor movement, industrial peace and the general public," was made ers of Pacific Coast Maritime and Lumber Workers, who represent 125,000 workers.

The conference, in a statement issued at its close by E. B. Weber, Portland, se Federation of Woodworkers, said plans were laid to stop moves to "disrupt the ha

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A TRADE UNION COLUMN

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The Press Tries to Blame the Coming Major Economic Crisis on the Trade Unions; How to Meet Their Arguments; Some Facts to Give Your Storekeeper; The CIO and Affiliation to It; No Breaking of Locals Away from an AFL International.

KNOWING THAT the chaotic system we have and its overproduction are inevitably heading the country for another major economic crisis, the daily press is acting the dummy for the ventriloquist capitalists and is attempting to fix the blame for the coming crash on the trade unions.

The long series of wage increases won recently through the smashing CIO drive to organize the unorganized is known to every trade union member. On those wage increases (which incidentally have come in many of the crafts as well as in the CIO unions, but which are primarily due to the CIO influence) the press is trying to blame the unnatural price rises in steel, copper and other production goods industries, price raises which have been immediately passed on to consumers' goods.

The idea behind this is clear—an attempt to influence the public against the unions.

Trade unionists may expect that many of those who belong to the lower middle class will be influenced by such arguments.

Members of organized labor owe it to themselves, for their own protection, and for the sake of keeping the small storekeepers, small farmers and the like on their side, to be equipped to deal with such arguments. Watch the financial sections for reports of the big profits—bigger than ever—made by just those corporations which have been forced to come across. You'll find in every case a situation like that in the case of the Chrysler Automobile Co.

The Company made a profit of $58 on every car produced last year. Wage increases bring that profit down by only $12. For each $1200 to $1400 a Chrysler employee brought his family last year, he earned $698 profit for the company.

Big Steel's balance sheet for 1936 shows that net income for dividends increased nearly 5000 per cent, or from $1,146,708 in 1935 to $50,583,356 in 1936.

Wage increases forced out of Big Steel recently do not exceed 10 per cent. There's no answer to the argument that wage increases force the companies to raise prices. They simply don't.

Does the CIO want to break away locals or other small groups from the AFL? What is the CIO policy on affiliation of internationals?

The CIO is taking in locals or central labor bodies only when they have been expelled by the AFL executive committee or by state federations.

It does that to furnish the expelled groups a measure of protection, so that employers shall not start breaking agreements with expelled groups. But the CIO isn't and doesn't want to break away a local from the AFL, leaving most of the other locals still in the craft international, isolating the breakaway group from the rest of the membership. And the CIO policy on that is wise.

Affiliation by an international is to be determined by a majority vote of all the members, according to CIO policy, and no isolated locals are being drawn into the CIO, when they are at present in the AFL.

Do your part to fulfill the WESTERN WORKER drive for $12,000.

Councils Oppose "Sitdown" Bill

Concurred in by the Contra Costa County and the Vallejo Central Labor Councils, a resolution against the Welch sitdown bill can be used as a model on the subject in all unions. The resolution states

WHEREAS: Assemblyman Welch of Los Angeles has introduced into the State Assembly a bill designed to make sitdown strikes a misdemeanor rather than a felony as at present, and

WHEREAS: The result of such a bill would merely mean that sitdown strikers could be more easily convicted under a misdemeanor, and

WHEREAS: The aforesaid bill would mean that sitdown strikes are still regarded as a crime, and

WHEREAS: We do not believe that sitdown strikes or any other strikes by organized labor groups, to better conditions or wages are a crime of any sort, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we go on record as against the above-mentioned Welsh Bill, and oppose its passage, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send copies of this resolution to all Central Labor Councils of this state, urging them to concur in this resolution and that we send a copy of this resolution to Assemblyman Sawallish, Assemblyman Welsh and to Senator De Lap. (Substitute names of Assemblymen and Senators for particular district.)

Favorable Report On Mooney Pardon

SACRAMENTO — The second such measure to come before the legislature in recent weeks, a resolution asking Governor Merriam to pardon Tom Mooney has been favorably reported to the California Assembly.

The measure was approved by the Rules Committee.

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Expect a Bang-Up Guild Frolic in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Committees who will arrange details of the "Front Page Frolic" May 1 in Scottish Rite Auditorium, were named at an enthusiastic meeting of Northern California Newspaper Guild in the Manx hotel, March 21, this week.

David R. Young, president, was named chairman of the Frolic executive committee. M. B. Frazier is the committee's secretary.

Darrell Donnell of the Examiner was selected as chairman of the entertainment committee; Al Baum, chairman of San Francisco Labor Unions; Dick Dyer, chairman of Oakland labor unions; Bill Leiser, chairman of sports; Giocomo Patri, chairman of decorations; John Sullivan, chairman of publicity.

"With the Guild now employing a part time organizer working to bring into membership all of the working newspaper men and women in Northern California, the Frolic is expected to culminate in a financial income that will enable the organization to pursue an even broader organizational program," Young declared.

Top notchers in the entertainment world have been lined up for appearance on the program, Darrell Donnell said.

When tickets go on sale April 1 the biggest group of newspaper men ever to undertake any project will go to work to make the Frolic a success. Membership in the Guild now totals nearly 450, more than 95 per cent of the working press of San Francisco and Oakland. Every member will be supplied with tickets for the event.

A Union Man Pens an Immorta On a Well Known

Monterey Fink

GATHER round me, fellow workers,
And I'll tell you all a fact
About a business agent
Who proved to be a rat.

They tried this gink, who was a fink,
'Twas like a gay old ball
The rank and file they panned
And run him from the hall.

The rank and file got up and yelled
"You rat, you have no shame,
"We'll run you o
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Patronize our advertisers—Mention WESTERN WORKER.