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Big Shipments of Scrap to Japan

PANAMA CITY — Japanese militarism's feverish preparations for war against China and the Soviet Union are corroborated by the thousands of tons of scrap metal quietly going through the Canal, bound for Japanese ports.

Last week, in one morning, five ships with a total of 42,000 tons of scrap, estimated to be worth $850,000, passed through the Canal. Metal scrap bound for Japan has been going through the Canal for the past two years.

Over 2000 Picket Movies in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — Over 2000 people picketed Hollywood and Los Angeles movie houses Saturday, in support of the 5000 Federated Motion Picture Crafts strikers.

Indications that film companies may settle with the Federated later this week were reported, but are as yet unconfirmed.

Dissatisfaction within the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employes, at the IATSE officials strikebreaking, is also reported as having an increasing affect.

PEDRO ANGER STILL SEETHES

4-Hr. Strike Starts Drive on Brutality

SAN PEDRO—"Bill Gregg—Killed by a Rat."

These are the words chalked around the "shrine" set up at the spot where ILA member Gregg was murdered in cold blood by police officer Redding last Thursday.

The 4-hour general protest strike—a real political strike—was an event of last Friday, but the white-hot anger of the Pedro longshoremen at police brutality continues.

Not a longshoreman worked in this the nation's fifth largest port city; union members came from all parts of the port to participate in the great demonstration of 500 maritime workers.

Stores and offices were closed. Street cars did not run. All the while San Pedro police stood by with tear gas bombs, their fingers itching, but fear of labor's power holding them back.

The mass pressure of the ILA members has forced Deputy District Attorney Stahlman to issue a complaint, charging police officer Redding with murder.

A giant mass meeting of ILA members at Wilmington Bowl adopted this resolution:

"Resolved that every effort be made to indict and enforce the prosecution of the officer who shot Norman Gregg and that steps be taken to stop police brutality and terrorism which is used at every opportunity in the of California where workers are striving to better economic conditions.

"It is the intention of the maritime unions to start a program to change the deplorable conditions that exist in the State where law enforcement officers are arrayed against the workers."

BUILDING TEAMSTERS OUT

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of Building Material Teamsters Union Local 216 are solid in their strike which began last Thursday. They demand a uniform 7-hour day, and refuse to arbitrate.

SEATTLE FERRIES STRUCK

SEATTLE—Three hundred Inland Boatmens Union members, on strike for 20 per cent wage increases and shorter hours, have tied up Puget Sound ferry service.

DROUTH AREA SITUATION

WASHINGTON — Return of normal rainfall to the "dust bowl" would not insure farmers' prosperity in the drouth states, according to a WPA report.

FIREMEN FOR POLITICAL LABOR ACTION

Instruct Delegates to Maritime Federation Parley

Issues of the most vital importance—issues which the ILA convention in Seattle faced in a true progressive way—will come up before the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Convention, opening in Portland on Monday, June 7.

The Federation's relationship with the CIO; its attitude toward independent political action by labor; support to Spain's fight against fascism and for democracy; and not least of all, the manner in which the Federation and its affiliates will work with the National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts toward national unity of maritime labor—these are among the high points at the Portland convention.

Brophy a Delegate

John Brophy, CIO national director, will be a delegate to the convention.

The Marine Firemens Union has instructed its delegates to support the following resolution on independent political action:

RESOLVED: That we go on record as favoring giving assistance to Labor's Non-Partisan League and supporting their policy as stated in their Declaration of Purpose, as a step towards independent political action on the part of Labor, and be it also

RESOLVED: That our delegates to the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation Convention be instructed to introduce and support this resolution at the Convention.

Newsboy Strikers Accuse Papers

OAKLAND—The News Vendors Union, CIO Local 335, filed charges last Saturday against publishers of six Bay Area capitalist newspapers for violation of the Wagner Act, with the Federal Labor Relations Board.

On strike for a week, the 800 union members are still solid, despite attempts at intimidation by local police and by circulation bosses of the papers.

The papers involved are the Post-Inquirer and Tribune of Oakland, and the News, Call-Bulletin, Examiner and Chronicle (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

POLAR FLYER

M. V. VODOPIANOFF, ace Soviet pilot, who guided the Soviet expedition to the North Pole.

CAMPAIGN FOR C. S. APPEALS

Hearing June 9; S. F. Mass Meeting Wed.

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A state-wide mobilization to strike a blow at the California Criminal Syndicalism Act is under way leading up to the hearing on June 9 before the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento.

On that day individuals and delegations from all parts of the state are expected to be in the court chambers in the capitol to back up the legal appeal which will be made by the eight victims of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism verdict of April 1, 1935.

S. F. Mass Meeting

A mass meeting was scheduled in San Francisco Wednesday night, June 1, at the Cooks Union Auditorium, 111 Jones street, near Golden Gate Avenue.

Assemblymen Ellis E. Patterson of King City and Paul Richie will speak, along with Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney; Lorine Norman, Sacramento defendant released pending appeal; George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, and a representative of the Modesto Defense Committee. Caroline Decker, victim of the Sacramento case, now on parole, has been invited to speak.

At the hearing in Sacramento June 9, Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin will argue their own appeals. Nora Conklin was released on May 27 from Tehachapi prison on an eighteen months' parole.

Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman and Jack Crane will be represented by Leo Gallagher.

MARINE UNIONS 100% BEHIND FORD STRIKE

Ford Products Hot; Labor Council Hits Machinist Heads

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)—Henry Ford, whose Richmond plant is tied up by a strike of 1800 United Auto Workers (CIO) members, is learning some severe, but needed lessons.

One is that not only cannot Ford get away with trifling with the CIO, but also, if he does attempt to do so, he's bound to come up against retaliation of all progressive sections of organized labor.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific has decided to support the Richmond strikers, who demand adjustment of a long list of grievances, and $8 for a 6-hour day and complete union recognition. In addition, strict seniority rights and ousting of Harrison and Creighton, bosses. Besides that, the Int. Longshoremens Assn. has refused to load Ford cars and trucks. A shipment of Fords destined for Seattle is lying on the docks, declared hot cargo by the ILA.

Seamen's unions have also branded Ford products as hot cargo.

"West Cape" Minus Ford Cargo

The McCormick freighter West Cape is well out of Parr Terminal by now, but minus the Ford shipments it was supposed to take on.

Ford has a prospective shipment of 1800 trucks earmarked for Japan. These too are hot cargo.

The UAW in the Los Angeles area is ready to strike in support of Richmond.

Frank Slaby, CIO organizer for the automobile industry in northern California, belittled the Automobile Mechanics Union claims of any real membership in the Richmond plant. The AFL craft reactionaries, E. H. Vernon, business agent of the Auto Mechanics and West Coast AFL Organizer Rowland Watson, have gone in for chartering a company union in Ford's.

At the meeting called by Huybrecht of the Machinists last Friday, there were 300 present, but most of them were members of the Machinists, not employed in Ford's, together with about 150 Ford Company men.

A special meeting of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council last Saturday condemned the reactionary Machinists' officials for their actions, and endorsed the UAW leadership in Ford's.

But the UAW has 1300 of the 1800 Richmond Ford workers, and the only men at work are maintenance crews, all members of the CIO union.

In Detroit, president Homer Martin of the UAW said, in connection with the bang-up launching of the drive on Ford's that:

"The blackshirts of Dearborn are not going to stop the organization of Ford workers," Pres. Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers of America declared, following the brutal beating of union organizers by Ford "service men" (private police).

Spread of Strike In SF Hotels Seen

SAN FRANCISCO—With the strike in San Francisco's 16 leading hotels in its 32nd day, culinary unions involved in the walkout on Monday considered an early spread of the strike to Class B hotels.

Such a step would considerably strengthen the position of the hotel workers. An estimated $25,000 weekly was reported as coming in for support of the strike.

GETS A TRIBUTE

BEN GOLD, elected president of the Intl. Fur Workers Union, as a tribute to his great work for the furriers. International, at Chicago convention, affiliated with CIO.

WILL PICKET NAZI CONSULS

Part of Mobilization To Aid Spain

Demonstrations before the Nazi consulates, denouncing the bombardment of Almeria and the deliberate attempts to embroil the world in a new war, will assume major proportions in Spanish Aid Week which California will observe from June 13 to June 20.

The picketing demonstrations were already scheduled in San Francisco on June 12 as a prelude to the week of Spanish aid mobilization. In Los Angeles the demonstration was set for June 19, at a meeting of some 250 workers who had just picketed the Italian consulate last Saturday, under the leadership of the Communist Party.

State-Wide

The state-wide mobilization has been called by the North American Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy, which appealed to all trade unions, religious, social, fraternal and other progressive organizations to join in holding meetings of commemoration for the slain civilians in the demolished cities such as Guernica, in raising funds for the Lincoln Brigade of American fighters in Spain, and in protesting the intervention of Fascist Germany and Italy.

The Communist Party has issued an appeal to collect in its own name $2000 for the California members of the Lincoln Brigade, to be used for candy, cigarettes and other small comforts so necessary to those fighting in the trenches.

In addition the Party will participate in the week's mobilizations along with other organizations, including the "Omit-a-Meal" day on June 17, the state-wide "tag-day" on June 19, and the house-to-house mobilization on June 20 for the collection of funds.

In Los Angeles Saturday more than 300 pickets demonstrated in the name of the Communist Party for more than an hour in front of the Italian consulate. The strength of the mobilization and the support received from the sidelines resulted in a complete hands-off policy by the police, for the first time in any picketing of a fascist consulate. The consul received a delegation from the pickets, agreeing to forward it to Italy as demanded.

NOTICE

Wanted—Ten San Francisco Comrades to help in the Western Worker Circulation Drive. Business Office, 121 Haight Street.

GERMAN SHIP IN BALEARICS OPENS ATTACK

Spanish Planes Reply By Crippling Nazi Battleship

WASHINGTON—Senator Borah (R., Idaho) and Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.) on Monday urged that application of the neutrality legislation be extended to bar shipment of war material to Germany, as a result of the Nazis' shelling of Almeria.

LONDON—Nazi Germany, acting in concert with Italy, opened a direct murderous attack on Spanish Loyalist airplanes and on the civilian population of the Loyalist port of Almeria, following its action by the withdrawal of both Italy and Germany from the non-intervention committee and the international control scheme in Spain.

That the Nazis intended to pursue the attacks on Spain in further open violation of neutrality and with provocations leading toward a general war was indicated by the venom in their cabinet statement, which declared that additional German ships have been ordered to Spanish waters with instructions to fire upon any approaching Loyalist airplanes or warships.

The action tossed to the winds all pretense of neutrality by which these two fascist countries have hitherto masked their invasion since the start of the Spanish "civil war" on July 18, 1936.

Nazis Started it

Anti-aircraft guns from the Battleship Deutschland opened fire on Loyalist government planes from its position at anchor in the rebel port of Iviza, Balearic Islands. This provocation, from a German ship participating in the so-called "neutrality" blockade, was immediately answered by Loyalist bombs which crippled the Deutschland, killed 23 of its crew and injured another 83.

With the Nazi press in Germany shouting in unison against the "Bolshevist murders of Valencia" and concealing the fact that the Deutschland had opened the attack, the German Navy opened a bombardment of Almeria, from where it was reported that 35 were known to be killed, 65 wounded and 100 missing. Buildings, including several of the International Red Cross, were destroyed, and civilians were killed by shrapnel and falling debris.

Italian Torpedoes

A submarine, believed to have been of Italian origin and command, torpedoed and sank the Spanish steamer City of Barcel– (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

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In the main, these are the demands the Stockton cannery workers made in their recent walkout, demands being evidently betrayed by the Vandeleur machine. The IXL concessions are in line with the demands drawn up by the recent cannery union conference of 76 delegates from 26 plants in Sacramento, San Jose, Sunnyvale, San Francisco and the East Bay area.

Challengers Driving Toward WW Congress

Challenges are beginning to mean something as the Western Worker Circulation Drive enters the final and telling month. In April, Frank Spector, San Francisco Communist Party Organizer, challenged Los Angeles, and it was taken up by Paul Cline, L. A. Organizer.

And now L. A. and S. F. are running neck and neck, both driving forward for new readers for the "Western." L. A. has just topped 50 per cent of its quota. And, Alameda County, the leader, is driving toward 100 per cent.

One measuring stick for determining winners of socialist competition will be how many champion sub-getters each county in the State sends to the California Press Builders' Congress in L. A., July 17-18. This depends upon individual activity of every Communist Party member, every friend of the "Western."

To win an invitation to this Congress of champions, you must score 100 points, to be awarded as follows:

One point for each month of "Western" subscriptions (one 3-months' sub counts 3 points, etc.); 2 points for each month of Daily Worker subscriptions; 1 point for each month of Sunday Worker subs. Subs are to be obtained between April 15 last, and next July 4.

Even if you haven't a point as yet, it's possible and easy to run up your score to 100. And if you have a running start, be sure to finish the race. Be at the Press Builders' Congress on July 17-18!

'A HUNDRED TIMES MORE FOR SPANISH DEMOCRACY,' URGES COMMUNIST PARTY STATEMENT

Widest Masses Must be Reached in Week of Aid to Spanish Forces of Democracy (June 13-20 in California)

A call to do 'a hundred times more" in arousing and mobilizing American masses to support anti-fascist Spain has been issued by the Communist Party of the United States.

Addressing itself to all Party members and to all friends of democracy, the call urges wholehearted cooperation with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, in observance of Spanish Aid Week, which in California will take place from June 13 to June 20 (elsewhere in the country from May 30 to June 9).

"During this American week for Spain," the call, signed by William Z. Foster, chairman, and Earl Browder, secretary, said, "the people must raise a mighty voice, a voice that will not only be heard by the hundreds of thousands fighting for democracy in Spain, but also by the Government in Washington.

"Let the American Government know that the American people will no longer tolerate an ambiguous position which, instead of helping a friendly, democratic government and people, is helping the barbarians of the 20th century, is helping the invaders of Spain, the Nazis and fascists."

Text of Call

The text of the Communist Party call follows:

TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS! TO ALL FRIENDS OF SPANISH DEMOCRACY!

The most horrible crime of modern times is being committed by fascism in Spain. For months defenseless women and children have been murdered from the air. Historic monuments, national shrines, are destroyed by the fascist barbarians. It is a spectacle that makes every one with a human heart and a decent intinct demand all aid to be given to the heroic people to crush the fascist invaders sent by Hitler and Mussolini.

A few days ago the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, the broad united front of all organizations and parties working for Spanish democracy, issued an appeal to all organizations affiliated with it, to conduct a special Spanish Aid Week beginning Decoration Day, May 30th, and ending June 9.

The Communist Party, which is affiliated to the North American Committee, immediately endorsed this measure to increase aid to Spain. It is in line with the proposal recently adopted by seventeen Communist Parties meeting in France which urged that a Spanish Week be held in all countries.

The Communist International and the Communist Parties of all countries are in the front ranks of all those aiding the Spanish people. Our Party, together with the working class and all lovers of democracy, has done much to support our fighting Spanish brothers. But we must do more—a hundred times more—not only in giving concrete help in the form of funds, food, clothing and medical aid, but—in arousing and mobilizing the American masses who have a deep-rooted love for democracy and liberty which grew out of the battles for independence and the fight against slavery and the struggle against the 20th century Tories.

We must arouse the American people in support of the Spanish people, who, with arms in their hands, are fighting the battle for democracy under present day conditions as the American people fought in 1776.

Comrades and fellow toilers! During this American Week for Spain, the people must raise a mighty voice, a voice that will not only be heard by the hundreds of thousands fighting for democracy in Spain, but also by the government in Washington. Let the American Government know that the American people will no longer tolerate an ambiguous position which instead of helping a friendly, democratic government and people, is helping the barbarians of the twentieth century, is helping the invaders of Spain, the Nazis and fascists—a position which, instead of making the fascists tremble, encourages their frantic armaments race, encourages new provocations in Spain, permits their threat to world peace.

The Lincoln Battalion

Let the millions of Americans know that the best representatives of American lovers of democracy are fighting today shoulder to shoulder with the Spanish people under the banner of the Lincoln Battalion. The so-called democrats, with their mouths full of phrases, appeal to Lincoln, Jefferson and Jackson, but violate everything that these representatives of the glorious democratic past of America stood for and take a position contrary to all American traditions of liberty. But over 2000 Americans are writing with their blood the history of the continuation of the revolutionary traditions on the battlefields of Spain.

During the week from May 30th to June 9th, the Communists of America must reach the masses everywhere, in every shop, every trade union, in their neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations. Let every meeting hall of the American trade unions, every street corner of America, resound with the call launched by our Party; Support the struggle of the Spanish people! Support the People's Front!

Building a People's Front

Let the American toiling people make known their determination not only to increase their help to democratic heroic Spain, but their determination to build a powerful People's Front at home which will be their answer to the Liberty Leaguers, to our own would-be fascists, to the reactionaries of the Republican Party, to the reactionaries in the Democratic Party, to the friends of the fascists who are raising money for Franco's butchers.

Let the reactionaries know that the American people following the example of the masses of Spain will defeat the maneuvers and intrigues, that the American toiling people are ready to engage in the greatest struggle for the maintenance and extension of democracy, that fascism will never be tolerated in our country.

Comrades! On with the preparations for the American Week for Spanish Democracy! Prepare powerful demonstrations and picket lines before the German and Italian consulates. See to it that the working class organizations of your city send delegates to the German and Italian consulates, demanding the immediate withdrawal of their military forces in Spain. See to it that tens of thousands of Americans call the German and Italian consulates by phone, letting them know that the American workers will no longer tolerate the acts of barbarism perpetrated in Spain by the invaders.

Involving New Forces

Hold meetings in front of every factory gate, on all the busy street corners of your city. Issue hundreds of thousands of leaflets, appealing to the widest masses to participate in the demonstrations, to come to the meetings.

Sell the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker at every demonstration, at every meeting. Make the most careful preparations, having ready collection cans, pledge cards, baskets for food, chocolate, cigarettes. Every district, every section, branch, unit, shall set up its quota, and get to work at once.

During the week, our Party should be able not only to speak to millions, to involve new masses in the campaign in support of the Spanish people, but prove to the American masses, to all lovers of democracy, that our Party is in the front ranks in the struggle against fascism. The ranks of our Party during this week must be swelled by thousands of new, good fighters who will strengthen our forces and in turn this will increase our power in the struggle towards democracy, progress and socialism.

William Z. Foster, Chairman,
Earl Browder, General Secretary,
C. C., C. P. U. S. A.

Nazis Seek War in Shelling Almeria

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ona, with 50 reported drowned and many injured.

Two additional torpedoes were fired at another Spanish freighter off Barcelona, both missing. One of them landed on the beach, bearing Italian inscriptions.

Meanwhile another artillery attack was launched on the civilian population of Madrid, with several hundred shells bursting in the streets within three hours. Fifty persons were killed and 70 wounded.

The Basque armies defending Bilbao held off a heavy attack by the Fascist army under General Emilio Mola on a strategic highway junction 10 miles southeast of the city. More than 100 fascist planes strafed the civilian population and military forces in the area with bombs and machine gun fire.

Senate Kills Bills On Spotters, Tax

SACRAMENTO—The reactionary Senate defeated another pro-labor bill, when a 24 to 16 vote turned down the Hawkins-Miller anti-spotter measure.

Under the bill employes accused on any charge supplied by spotters would have the chance to require personal appearance of the spotter before employe could be dismissed.

Led by Senator Knowland of Alameda County, reactionaries in the Senate killed an attempt to withdraw from committee the Hunt Bill to exempt restaurant meals from the sales tax. Knowland is author of an anti-strike bill.

The Big Push Against Ford Is On!

THE CIO United Automobile Workers Union has launched its big drive on Ford—the Richmond, Cal., strike is a foretaste of what Ford will face if he remains obstinate in refusing to grant union recognition. Photo shows strategy board in recent Kansas City Ford strike.

Over 2000 Hear De Los Rio in S. F.

More than 200 San Franciscans Sunday night heard Dr. Fernando de Los Rios, Ambassador of the Spanish People's Government to the United States, give the latest official news of the Spanish war to save democracy from fascism, and predict a victory for the Loyalists.

"Peoples of all lands hear and heed the voice of liberty which cries from the throats of the Spanish people," said the ambassador, after the ovation which greeted his appearance in the Scottish Rite Auditorium had subsided.

In English, Dr. De Los Rios outlined the cause of the struggle. It began, he said, when the ruling classes of Spain decided to oppose the liberal policies of the republican government with force. It was in no sense a religious war, and the ambassador decried the attempts of the capitalist press and propaganda agencies to explain it in religious terms. He quoted a passage from a book written by a Catholic priest, to the effect that in capitalism itself lay the seeds of civil strife.

Describes Workers' Conditions

Formerly university professor and president, Dr. De Los Rios illustrated the effects of capitalism in Spain with references from history. Before the republican regime in 1931 began the series of reforms which strengthened and advanced the people's movement, wages in most parts of Spain were from 1½ to 2½ pesetas a day. One hundred and eighty-five days a year were days in which the bulk of the Spanish population were unemployed, reduced to begging for subsistence. Women workers, makers of the famous Mantilla lace, were paid as little as 50c weekly, and worked from ten to eleven hours daily. Children grew up without knowing how to read and write, because either of no school facilities or of the necessity of contributing their mite to the family's existence.

Quickly De Los Rios concluded his greetings in English. Then in his native tongue, he told the workers how the republican government had striven to give relief to the people, how it had increased salaries 100 per cent in the rural districts and 50 per cent in the cities; how by 1935, nearly 110,000 hectares of land had been confiscated and distributed to 12,000 peasants; how 12,000 schools, 8000 circulating libraries, and a circulating museum had been established during his administration as Minister of Education. These reforms injured the landowners and big capitalists, culminated in the counter-revolution of 1933.

Franco Front for Hitler

The present struggle, however, was planned in Rome and Berlin. On this point, the ambassador was emphatic. His government, he declared, had documentary evidence showing negotiations between Franco and Mussolini before the outbreak of the revolt in Morocco. Moreover, it was known that the infamous General Sanjurjo had visited Berlin about the same time. The Spanish people were defending the liberties of all democratic peoples against the world menace of fascism.

Commenting on the role of the "Reds" in the present struggle, De Los Rios said it was the "reds" who saved the pictures in the palace of the Duke of Alba after the bombardment by the rebels; who arrived to late to save from fascist bombs the shrine of Cervantes, and the tomb of Lope de Vega; and who were now defending the lives and treasures of Bilbao and Madrid. The speaker ended with a plea for his audience to understand the issues of the struggle, and not to be misled by reactionary propaganda.

De Los Rios was presented by Professor Rodolph Scheville of the University of California, who read greetings from Edward L. Parsons, the author.

Workers contributed more than $1500 to the fund.

Roused at Murder Of Five, CIO Lines Tighten-up in Steel

CHICAGO—Shock at the murder of five Republic Steel strikers and the wounding of 106 pickets has given way to hard determination to win CIO recognition.

The killings of the Amalgamated Assn. members occurred when police attacked a picket line demonstration of 1500 steel strikers. (The 1500 on strike in the South Side plant are part of the 23,000 steel workers on strike in independent plants in this area, and of the 100,000 on strike in Republic, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Inland and other independent companies in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.)

Two years ago Republic guards killed two strikers in the Canton, Ohio, mill.

Governor Horner, after the murders here, was forced to recognize the strikers' right to peaceful picketing.

Bribed Solons Quail Under Spotlight

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SACRAMENTO — Progressive Assemblymen announced their complete willingness to answer all questions directed at them in investigation of charges of bribery brought to light following the passage of the Welch oil bill.

District Attorney Otis Babcock of Sacramento, in charge of the inquiry, announcing that he had enough evidence "on an oil bill deal to indict one or more Assemblymen," gave a list of Assemblymen under subpoena and apparently tried to imply that some of the progressive bloc were involved.

Want It Dropped

Gene Flint and Charles Hunt, both of Los Angeles, were anxious to let the whole matter drop. Hunt provoked a fist fight with Babcock, calling him an insulting name.

Assemblymen Patrick J. McMurray, San Francisco; Henry Meehan, Oakland; Ernest Voight and John Pelletier, Los Angeles; Rodney Turner, Delano, and Fred Reaves, San Pedro, said they would be glad to answer all questions.

Another politician under suspicion, Ray Kahl, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Assembly, refused to talk "on advice of his attorney."

Among those called to give testimony will be Assemblymen Sam Yorty, L. A.; Gordon Garland, Kings County; J. J. Boyle, Los Angeles; C. C. Cottrell, San Jose; John O'Donnell, Woodland, and Sergeant-at-Arms Smith of the Assembly.

Yorty was reported to have heard two Assemblymen discuss the price they were paid for voting in favor of the Welch bill. Cottrell reportedly had clues concerning bribery in connection with a bill to change the course of a highway in the Arroyo Seco between Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Babcock and District Attorney Buron Fitts entered the case after passage in both houses of a resolution calling for investigation by Attorney General U. S. Webb and the District Attorneys of the counties where the laws were supposed to have been violated in the asserted briberies.

CIO Union Asks an Election on Tunnel

LOS ANGELES—To determine what union shall represent workers at San Jacinto, Division 5 of the Metropolitan Water District, Local 270 of the CIO International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union has filed a petition for election with the National Labor Relations Board, it was announced last week.

Of the 1200 men on the job, 98 per cent belong to Local 270.

TROTZKYITES BLOWING EDWARD VANDELEUR'S HORN IN LATTER'S SABOTAGE IN AGRICULTURE

Lillian Monroe, Who Was Thrown Out by Bakersfield Workers, Acts as the Advance Agent for Reactionary

BAKERSFIELD—The part the Trotzkyites play in the labor movement—a double-dealing part—was shown here when Lillian Monroe, one of the most widely-known of Trotzkyite disruptors in the agricultural field, paved the way for Ed Vandeleur's visit here last week by stating that Vandeleur is anxious to explain the state set-up for agricultural organization as proposed by the craft union reactionaries of the state federation.

Suspiciously Close to Vandeleur

It seems that the Trotzkyites like Monroe have private access to the innermost thoughts of those in the Vandeleur machine. Vandeleur and the reactionaries on the state federation executive committee have been bitterly attacking the CIO; Trotzkyites have in some cases horned into CIO unions and claimed to stand for the CIO policies. Yet Monroe and other Trotzkyites openly show that they are close to the worst enemies of the CIO in California.

Agricultural workers in Kern County have little use for Monroe's brand of disruption, as they showed recently when the Kern County Agricultural Workers Union voted not to give her the floor, because of her rotten reputation.

Vandeleur, assisted by Trotzkyites, has been going up and down the state fighting the democratically-controlled California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers. Vandeleur, Fred West, Walter Cowan and "Pedro Pete" Peterson have been offering a state setup based on craft lines, taking in only field workers and keeping the cannery, fruit, nut and vegetable packing workers in separate crafts. The Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers is based on industrial lines.

FIGHT ON MILK PRICE SPREADS

Prominent Persons OK Conference

SAN FRANCISCO—Date and place of the conference called by ILA Womens Auxiliary No. 3 against the increase in milk prices, has been changed to Wednesday, June 9, at 1 p.m., at Grace United Church, 21 Street and Capp.

Calls have gone out, signed by Mrs. Marguerrite Eastman, president of ILA Auxiliary, and Mrs. W. T. Clerverdo, president of the California Housewives League.

Parent-Teachers Represented

Mrs. Joseph Garry, district president of the PTA, will attend, together with one of the PTA directors. The campaign against the increased price of milk has been endorsed by Bertha Monroe, professor of Sociology at State Teachers College; Dr. Thomas Addis, of Stanford; Rev. Rerrick Lane; Rev. Dillon Throckmorton; Dr. Vera Goldman and many other prominent people.

The Painters and Plumbers Union Womens Auxiliaries, the Consumers Cooperative, the Intl. Workers Order, the Workers Alliance are among the many organizations sending delegates.

E. Bay Newsboys File Charges

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of San Francisco.

The strikers continued to sell the WESTERN WORKER in their picketing, particularly around the Tribune Bldg.

Union Organizer Larry Root stated: "We have just completed a conference with the Newspaper Publishers Assn. Because of the fact that our union represents 100 per cent of the newsboys in the East Bay, we asked for recognition of our union.

"The Association replied that the newspapers would not recognize the union for the purpose of collective bargaining. They made the ridiculous claim that the news vendors are not their employees. They took this position despite the fact that they hire and fire and give orders to the newsboys.

"We cannot interpret the action of the Association as anything except an unwillingness to accept collective bargaining for newsboys."

Big Contra Costa Meet for Mooney

RODEO (Contra Costa County)—George T. Davis, Mooney's attorney, and Assemblyman Paul Ritchie of San Diego will address the Free Tom Mooney rally at the fire hall here next Friday, June 4.

The Tom Mooney film will be shown. The meeting is sponsored by the Contra Costa Labor Council.

MANY WILL NOT PAY DOUBLED DUES TO AFL

Lewis Predicts Lot of Internationals Will Refuse

NEW YORK — Characterizing the Cincinnati conference of the American Federation of Labor as a "council of desperation," Committee for Industrial Organization chairman John L. Lewis, in New York to confer with local CIO leaders, declared: "We are not in the least concerned with paper resolutions."

Lewis indicated that many international unions, sympathetic to the CIO, would refuse to pay the increased per capita assessment "to finance warfare on that organization."

CINCINNATI—The closing afternoon session of the two-day American Federation of Labor conference approved a proposed amendment to the Wagner Labor Relations Act, listened to reports of organizing activity and adjourned. The executive council sat the rest of the week, ironing out jurisdictional disputes.

Green May Get PMA Pie-Card

The principal new charter is expected to be to the Progressive Miners of America, with membership principally in Illinois, which left the United Mine Workers of America six years ago. Pres. William Green of the federation, now under charges in his own organization, the UMWA, is expected to join the PMA, possibly as its first president within the AFL.

Pres. P. J. Morin of the iron workers told of the organizing drive of his union, working against the CIO steel workers union.

Vandeleur Hobnobs With the Growers

FRESNO—When state federation of labor secretary came here to speak on organizing agriculture last week, he ignored the "dirt" farmers and conferred instead with various Farm Bureau groups "to promote a better understanding of the problems of the agricultural workers."

The Farm Bureau groups happen to represent the largest growers. Vandeleur and his aides have shown a pronounced tendency to get on friendly terms with the Farm Bureau and what is even worse, with the vigilante-Associated Farmers.

Fascists Stopped, Declaers Bonnet

LOS ANGELES—France has stopped the drive of the fascists and has nationalized the industries making implements of war, it was pointed out here by George Bonnet, new French Ambassador to the United States, now on a goodwill tour.

Describing the measure taken by the Blum government, which is supported by the People's Front led by the Communist, Socialist and Radical-Socialist parties, Bonnet declared:

"The alliance of the three parties has absolutely stopped the fascists. France is in good condition. There are but 250,000 unemployed out of a 42-million population. We have already nationalized the industries making implements of war."

CIO Union Asks PG&E Election

SAN FRANCISCO—The CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, with 3100 out of 5500 PG&E linemen, construction and other outside workers in its ranks, is about to ask the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election to establish the union as sole collective bargaining agent of the utility company's employes.

The PG&E was revealed by the CIO union as backing the California Gas and Electrical Employes, a company set-up.

CIO MAPS PLAN TO ORGANIZE MILLIONS MORE

AFL Council Plans Eplit; Bridges Sees Lewis

WASHINGTON—While on the one hand the AFL executive council completed plans over the weekend for disruption of the organized labor movement, the CIO on the other hand announced new plans whereby millions more unorganized will be brought into the ranks of organized labor.

Councils Ordered to Expel

The New York and the Chicago Central Labor Councils were ordered immediately on adjournment of the Cincinnati craft international conference, to expel all CIO locals.

William Green said such orders would go to all labor councils in the immediate future.

The executive council has decided to permit the craft internationals to come to workers with a false industrial union front, those who sign up to be later split into scores of crafts.

Included in the disruptive plans of the executive council is the attempt to raid plants where the CIO has agreements, even to the point of chartering company unions (this has been already done in the Kansas metal mines, in auto, in San Francisco and Richmond) etc.

It is expected that progressive unions will refuse to pay the doubled per capita (2 cents a month per member) ordered in Cincinatti, for the purpose of disruption and not for actual organization of the unorganized.

CIO director John Brophy announced that the CIO will soon carry through plans to penetrate every industry which at present has no organization. The CIO, Brophy stressed, will not move into the building trades or the railroads where the crafts are highly organized.

Brophy is leaving for Portland Ore. to attend the Maritime Federation and the Woodworkers Federation conventions both of which open June 7 and both of which will take up CIO relationship.

Bridges Sees Lewis

Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast president of the International Longshoremens Association, after visit with John L. Lewis, bitterly assailed the expulsions of CIO locals and the ousting of locals from labor bodies because the locals are in favor of the CIO policies or because, like ILA and woodworkers locals, they refuse to surrender members to the Teamsters.

Bridges it is reported, pointed out that such actions may force the West Coast ILA "to join with the CIO."

Bridges announced that he had pledged the support of the West Coast ILA to the National Marine Union of the East and Gulf Coasts.

The CIO has assigned 10 men to aid the American Radio Telegraphists Association now in the CIO, in organizing land communications workers, such as in Western Union and Postal Telegraph.

Joint Hearing on F. D. Labor Bill

WASHINGTON — In order to speed up Congressional action on the Black-Connery bill, embodying the recommendations contained in the President's wage and hour message to Congress, the Senate and House labor committees will hold a joint hearing, Rep. Wm. Connery (D., Mass.), chairman of the House labor committee said.

This action, unusual in congressional procedure, was agreed upon because of the desrie to get the bill passed as quickly as possible, it was said, and because it is felt that most of the arguments for and against the bill have been advanced in previous hearings.

Connery said that he was in favor of including specific hours and wage standards in the bill. Other proponents would rather leave the wage and hour standards to be formulated by the five men board created in the measure. The difference of opinion is not regarded as a serious obstacle to passage.

Connery planned to start the joint hearings on May 31 and experts to get through with them in a week. Opponents of the bill, will attempt to string the hearings out in the hope of getting the bill caught in the adjourning jam, it is thought. Robert Jackson, assistant attorney-general, is scheduled as the first witness.

Chico Business Men Ask SRA Retained

CHICO (Butte County)—A petition signed by 75 business men of Chico was presented to the Board of Supervisors last week, asking that the board use its influence to retain the SRA sewing projects in Chico, Gridley and Oroville.

SEEK PARDON

DETROIT—Pointing out the company defied the Wagner Act but the strike leaders went to jail, the United Automobile Workers of America has appealed to Gov. Murphy to pardon two union members given 30-day terms for "contempt" in connection with the Yale & Towne strike injunction case.

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PEOPLES ARMY HAS COME OF AGE IN SPAIN

First Anniversary of Civil War Finds It Firmly Welded

By FRANK PITCAIRN

MADRID—The Spanish war approaches the end of its first year with the republican forces more justifiably optimistic than at any time since the July night last year when citizens, armed with pistols, rushed literally from their beds to face the artillery and machineguns of the rebels in the Montana barracks.

Though cordite shells fired from two batteries simultaneously are falling among strawberry barrows in Madrid streets, strawberries come from the gardens in the Casa de Campo which were behind Fascist trenches until just before the picking.

That mile and a half advance in Casa de Campo had double significance, apart from the intrinsic importance of positions won. It meant a breathing spell for Bilbao to give the regular people's army a chance to form out of the old militia organizations.

It meant that the front-line troops of the new republican army on the central fronts are capable of carrying out a sustained attack on positions so strongly entrenched and defended that problems of battle there differ in scale but are similar in kind to those on the western front in the World War.

The Casa de Campo battle, though of a less spectacular character than Guadalajara, did in fact mark a sort of coming of age of the army's new front line troops.

The Intl. Volunteers

It is a matter of pride to be able to claim that in this reorganization, the assistance, experience and disciplined courage of the Intl. Volunteers played an historic role, an angle sometimes apt to be underestimated in stories of actual engagements in which they have partaken. Yet when the achievements of the Garibaldi, Thaelmann and Lincoln battalions come to be written, it will be seen that it is in relation to the formation of the whole new democratic army of Spain that their presence and their service stand out in highest relief.

With the front-line troops in a condition of efficiency apparently incredible a couple of months ago, and the rebels forced to the defensive on all fronts except, in Biscay, government supporters are throwing themselves into the task of building reserves corresponding to the strength of the front line troops.

This task, now in progress, marks the second stage on the way to organization of the man power of the government of Spain into a coherent striking force. Today you can see it going on in every village and township in government territory, and so far as Spanish man power is concerned, not even Franco, presumably, would deny that the numerical superiority of the government side is enormous.

Officers' schools are now functioning well, turning out the necessary leaders for the new army—some of them, men who held positions of command ever since the outbreak of the war, but now returning to school in order to add genuine military technical education to the experience picked up in months of desperate struggle.

No one doubts that the new Italian attacks will not be long delayed, or that it will be a serious affair when it comes. But the military strength of the government in this eleventh month of war is more than rhetoric in words. Enrique Lister, a former stonemason who is now a divisional general, spoke to the enemy soldiers, declaring: "You have nothing to hope for. You will never advance beyond the point reached when we had neither an army nor arms. Come to us, and help us build the new Spain we have been defending these months."

BROWDER REPLIES TO WALDO FRANK ON LATTER'S OPINIONS GIVEN ON MOSCOW TRIALS

Points Out "Rottenness With Which Trotzky Infects All Who Lack Defenses Against His Influence"

By EARL BROWDER

In a recent issue of the New Republic Waldo Frank, the American novelist, wrote a letter in which he stated certain opinions regarding the trial of the Trotzkyite center in Moscow. Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, replied to this letter in the May 26th issue of the liberal weekly, as follows:

Sir: Allow me to reply to the letter of Waldo Frank in your issue of May 12, in regard to the trial of the Trotzkyite Center in Moscow. Considered on its intrinsic merits, a reply would not be necessary, but in view of Mr. Frank's former relation to myself, publicized by his trip with me during the election campaign, I perhaps owe it to your readers to give my opinion of the letter in question.

It would be a waste of time to discuss, in this connection, the record of the Trotzkyite trial. The verbatim report of that trial is printed and available to all seriously interested persons at a very low price (if anyone hasn't the dollar, it is possible to borrow the book). That record was sufficient to convince a large number of outstanding persons without any bias in favor of the Soviet Union. That there are still a few unconvinced may be unfortunate but surely does not create any great crisis except in the lives of those individuals. The world is convinced as it has seldom ever been on the issues of a trial of world historical importance.

That Mr. Frank has chosen, after long vacillations, to reject the evidence, is regrettable from the standpoint of his own future development as an artist of the "ivory tower" who was trying to come closer to life. He has stultified himself by resorting, in desperate effort to justify his latest position, to a miserable libel, not merely against the Soviet Union and its leaders, but against the whole Russian family of peoples. His first point, upon which he bases his whole labored argument, is a restatement of the theory of "Asiatic barbarism" to describe the cultural level of the Soviet peoples. One really blushes for shame to read over Mr. Frank's signature that old stock phrase of black reaction facing the new socialist society—"alien to most Western minds." It is another demonstration of the rottenness with which Trotzky infects all who lack defenses against his influence.

Swallows the Camel

Mr. Frank finds its impossible to accept the evidence against one man; on this gnat he strains and chokes. But with marvelous ease he swallows the camel, which is his only alternative of charges unsupported by evidence against a whole party, against a whole government, against a whole people—a family of peoples—charges of the most monstrous and fantastic crimes without precedent in human experience. Mr. Frank, used to living in imaginary worlds, may find the most fantastic the most agreeable, but "most Western minds," to use his own phrase, will be unable to follow him.

The practical proposals of Mr. Frank are as grotesque as his motivation. He wants a new tribunal, a new Supreme Court, to review the case. On his new court he wants "jurists or lawyers remote from revolutionary politics" and "of unimpeached political honor." A court of Elihu Roots, or of Charles Evans Hugheses or of John Marshalls. (We recall that Marshall, idol of all American jurists and lawyers of Mr. Frank's description, presided at the treason trial of Aaron Burr and obtained his acquittal—though history has unanimously pronounced him guilty.) Such a court, Mr. Frank wants us to believe, would give us justice of a purity impossible from a mere socialist court in a socialist state. And whom does he want to take the initiative to set up his fantastic court? Nobody but the Communist Party of the U. S. A.!!! Is it necessary for anyone, outside of a bad dream, seriously to answer such nonsense?

Frank's "Stimulus"

Mr. Frank visited Trotzky in Mexico. We may assume that in that visit he did not receive evidence hitherto kept secret from the world, from the Hearst newspapers, and from Trotzky's own, private "trial." He received a "spiritual" stimulus, however, that transformed him from one who helped to dispel doubt in others into one who publicly broadcasts those doubts. And what is evidence and logic when it comes in conflict with such "spiritual" forces? It is useless to argue with people under the influence of such intangible factors. When weak persons attempt to play hero in the drama of great social conflict, the inevitable result is personal tragedy. This is not alleviated by the fact that on the great social stage it appears as farce.

EARL BROWDER.

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POLISH JEWS HOLD STRIKE AS PROTEST

Demonstration Hits Anti-Semitism of Government

WARSAW — Three million Jewish people throughout Poland staged a two-hour strike protesting the latest outbreaks of anti-Semitism in which 1200 Jewish homes and stores were wrecked and looted in Brzesc-Litewski (formerly Brest-Litovski).

In almost every city of Poland Jewish business establishments were closed, while residents came en masse to the streets with demonstrations under such slogans as 'Down With the Government's Anti-Semitic Policy.'

Young Jewish workers were especially prominent in street corner meetings, making brief speeches pointing out the government's policy of encouraging the anti-Semitic outbreaks and refusing to give protection against them.

Major Organizations Respond

Only one of twelve major Jewish organizations of Poland failed to respond to the manifesto, which declared: "In the chain of hardships that have befallen Polish Jewry the past year, the tragedy of the Brzesc-litewsky Jews is in the forefront row. The world's oldest Jewish community, with a glorious ancestral past, has been ruined, looted, demolished.

"The Brzesc-litewski tragedy was the most brutal expression and direct consequence of the criminal anti-Semitic propaganda that has been conducted for a long time with impunity and that is being stimulated by the present policy of extermination directed against Jews in Poland."

Leaflets Bringing Franco's Soldiers Over to Loyalists

By ROBERT MINOR
(By Cable)

VALENCIA—During the past three weeks thirty million handbills have been dropped within fascist lines in an unprecedented propaganda drive designed to take advantage of the fact that Franco's Spanish reserves are nearly exhausted.

The leaflets were also addressed to raw young workers and peasant recruits, from 16 to 18 years of age, who are appearing in the enemy lines because of forced drafts.

Newly placed in charge of this work is one of the ablest men in Spanish military-politico service. Altogether new importance is attached to propaganda across the trenches, which is now so thoroughly systematized that every leaflet is closely adapted to a distinct local situation at the front or to the national character of soldiers in a particular section of the enemy trenches or rear.

Specific Appeal

I received today 49 separate examples of hand bills which are being given distribution, which were in Italian, Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish languages. They were addressed to specific types of soldiers and officers within those languages. Of course a heavy proportion is devoted to Italian troops in their own language.

One handbill, in Portuguese, carries the signature and photograph of a Portuguese soldier and is addressed to the members of Company No. 29, of the 8th battalion of the Foreign Legion from which he deserted to come over to the Republican army.

Special and very simple leaflets addressed to the Spanish peasants and agricultural laborers give statistics showing seven and a half million acres of land confiscated by the People's Government from fascist plantation owners.

Officers Approached

Other special leaflets signed by the General War Commission are addressed to Spanish officers on the fascist side.

The whole campaign is closely associated both as cause and effect with recent sharp conflicts within the fascist line, such as heavy firing for more than an hour among fascist forces at Villa del Rio on May 18, the mutinies at Tetuan, Valledolid and Granada, and the well-known incident of firing between fascist groups in University City.

But an interesting new turn is caused by the rapid increase of mass desertions, including the desertions of more than a thousand raw recruits, regulars, foreign legionnaires, Morroccans and Italians who have come over in the past two weeks. Desertions from the fascist ranks have increased now to the average of 200 a day.

Mass Desertion

It is known that a whole company came over intact to the Republican army at Cordova after shooting its officers. For this reason a change is being made in the content of leaflets. The suggestion is now being given to the dissatisfied members of Franco's army that collective action is better than isolated individual acts. They are also being told, that is in some cases, better not to desert but to remain in Franco's ranks, ruining cannon, trucks and other fascist war materials, before coming over en masse to the Republican army.

The propaganda campaign virtually got under way with the May Day proclamation addressed to workers and peasants within territory occupied by the fascists, which proclamation was signed by the UGT and the Socialist and Communist Parties. However, the campaign took on the character of mass production and million-fold distribution within the past 20 days, under the influence of the discovery that such work is immensely more effective than had been at first realized.

Reassured

The appearance of several trembling and hesitant peasant soldiers who came to the Republican trenches with hands held high, clutching crumpled leaflets and asking if it were true that they would not be killed, started a revaluation of this branch of the work.

Nowadays they are increasing the use of loudspeakers. "We consider this mass propaganda as the new artillery," said the chief man in charge of the work to me last night. "But it might be called a kind of artillery that humanizes war, as it is now the fashion to say.

"The American government and the American Congressmen are very much against letting us have the artillery of the regular sort needed to defend our country from German and Italian armies, although they let Mussolini and Hitler import from America all the weapons they need for the destruction of our cities and killing of our women and children. All of this on humanitarian grounds, of course."

American "Neutrality"

"But how about it—do you think the American Congress and the American government would object if the people of America would send us some of this particular kind of artillery, that is, loudspeakers and radio broadcasting sets for use in the trenches? Maybe their humanitarian instincts would not object to the sending of this bloodless artillery.

"The kind of machines we use for talking to the fascist armies is a loudspeaker such as you use in the American election campaigns, except that they have to be capable of throwing the voice as far as three kilometers. We rig them up on sound trucks that approach close to the front line."

Retreat From Voices

"But when we get on a mountain the fascists cannot stay in the valley ahead of us, but to avoid our fire from above they go back to the next mountain. Therefore sound trucks are not much good unless they carry three kilometres.

"These broadcasting campaigns are having wonderful results. Last Thursday 224 regulars, legionnaires and requettes came over to us in one day and some of them will take the microphone tomorrow to tell their comrades in the fascist trenches how well they are received by the Republican army.

"Tell America to send us at least some of this bloodless artillery," he concluded.

HOW THE HILL-SHEPPARD BILL WOULD WORK TOWARD FASCIST CONTROL OF UNIONS, PEOPLE

Analysis of Measure; Protests Pour in to Congressmen Demanding They Vote Against Mobilization Plan

WASHINGTON—The mail bag, as every Washington observer has discovered, is the Congressman's most reliable barometer of opinion back home. It tells your harried Senator and Representative what you are worried about, and what you want him to do about it.

Rodney Dutcher, veteran national correspondent, tells us the people of the United States are writing in today on war issues. One of the most frequent bills that they write about is the Sheppard-Hill Bll (S. 25 and H. R. 6704), the legislative instruments of the War Department's plan for war mobilization. Most of the mail on the bill is "in opposition," Mr. Dutcher writes.

The House and Senate Committees on Military Affairs have voted favorably on the bills, and they have been reported out of committee. They will come up for consideration on the floor of Congress, first in the House and then in the Senate, within the next few days—no one knows exactly when. What is the present Sheppard-Hill Bill, as revised in committee?

How It Would Work

The following is an analysis prepared by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, with comment by the WIL and the American League Against War and Fascism:

PURPOSE—"To prevent profiteering in war and to equalize the burden of war and thus provide for the national defense, and promote peace."

SECTION 1—Permits the President to fix prices and compensation in time of war.

SECTION 2—Permits the President to change fixed prices and compensation at discretion. (AWF Comment: "compensation" means wages.)

SECTION 3, Part 1: Permits the President to draft men from 21 to 31 in the event of war, under such rules as he sees fit.

Part 2: Gives the President power in war time to proclaim government control over such "material resources, industrial organizations, and public services" as he determines under such conditions as he prescribes. Could place unions under government control.

SECTION 4—Provides for registration and drafting into the civilian service of the government of persons "engaged in the management or control of any industrial establishment"; if the President finds that necessary. (AWF Comment: May be interpreted to include officials of labor unions.)

SECTION 5—Provides for licensing of public services, manufacturers or commercial establishments at the President's discretion, and forbids operation without license of any business in the classes named by the President. Adds a proviso that licensing shall not apply to publication or distribution of newspapers, periodicals or books. (AWF comment: Omits radio and movies, two powerful instruments of public information.)

SECTION 6—Gives the President power to determine the priority in which manufactures, public services, etc., shall fill orders.

(WIL comment: This section could be used to nullify freedom of the press through priorities of shipment of paper, ink and machinery. AWF comment: Could also be used to limit materials and power to radio and movies.)

SECTION 7—Provides for the creation of agencies and rearrangements of existing agencies to carry out the bill. (Comment: Might be used to put industry and public services under the Army's charge.

SECTION 8—Sets a fine of $100,000, or a year in jail, or both, as penalty.

SECTION 9—Provides for a 95 per cent tax "of all incomes above the previous 3 year average" during the war. (WIL comment: This would encourage war boom trade because the firms making the most before the war would pay the least war tax.)

Now that the Sheppard-Hill Bill has passed out of committee, the mail bags are bigger than ever. Only now, instead of going to committee members alone, the letters are piling high on the decks of all the Senators and Representatives. Angry constituents are demanding that their own Congressmen do the bidding of the people back home.

Recent mailings have included strong resolutions passed by the Pontiac local of the United Automobile Workers of America the Washington State Federation of Teachers, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the central labor unions of Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco, of California, Chicago, Detroit, Boston and other cities.

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Oakland Newsboys' Strike Shows Unionists Like 'Western'

ASK a striking newsboy in Oakland what he thinks of the "Western." A week ago, an "extra" edition was put out on their strike, giving the facts on their struggle, facts which all the capitalist newspapers of San Francisco and Oakland "forgot" to print.

Their union, CIO Local 335, adopted a resolution to thank the "Western" for its assistance. This isn't the only union, CIO or AFL, in California which is enthusiastic about the paper, and how it mirrors and gives guidance to the struggles of labor for better conditions and against reaction. The Western Worker meets a hearty welcome in the ranks of the Upholsterers Union of Los Angeles, Alaska Cannery Workers Union of San Francisco, Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Union of Oakland. Waterfront workers have found the "Western" a valued and valuable ally since their 1934 strike.

Communist Party members in the trade unions should, and must, push the current Circulation Drive among their brother and sister unionists. Yet so far, industrial units, with a few exceptions, are lagging in the drive.

It's easy to get subs from progressive union members. How about it, industrial units? And let's hear some good word from the San Francisco Waterfront Section and San Pedro Harbor Section!

Herndon-De Jonge Precedent Must be Applied June 9

VICTIMS of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act appear before the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento June 9 with legal precedent and public sentiment alike demanding that they be unconditionally released.

It was popular sentiment, aroused on a nation-wide scale, that brought the release of Dirk de Jonge, imprisoned on a similar statute in Oregon. It was mass pressure that brought the release of Angelo Herndon. The supreme court ruled that the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism statute and the Georgia "insurrection" law were unconstitutional as applied by the lower courts in these cases.

Every precedent calls upon the appellate court to denounce the criminal verdict of April 1, 1935, in which eight labor organizers and working class political leaders were found "guilty" of "conspiracy" to violate a statute that is unconstitutional. Guilty, in the face of their direct acquittal of any criminal acts whatsoever. Guilty, solely because they led in the organization of the exploited agricultural workers of California.

Mass pressure has been the author of the legal precedent in the Herndon and de Jonge cases. See that the appellate court in Sacramento applies this precedent on June 9! Demand the complete outlawry of this vicious statute!

Turn to page 6 of this issue. Clip and mail your demand that all eight of these victims, whether still in jail or on parole, be completely exonerated and the C. S. Act declared unconstitutional.

Spanish People Stand United Under the New Cabinet

EVERY indication points to the fact that the new cabinet in Spain, headed by Juan Negrin, derives its authority not only from the leading political parties and national republics which it represents, but directly from the overwhelming support of the masses of the Spanish people.

The need of the hour of the Spanish people was for a centralized authority which would at once establish the most rigid discipline behind the lines, unify the defense forces of the country under one command and secure the participation of every section of the population loyal to the Republic, and vigorously root out every trace of Franco's influence behind the lines.

This need became more obvious when the laxity of the previous cabinet could allow a handful of Trotzky-fascist disrupters in Barcelona to do Franco's work under the guise of "revolution."

The policy of the new cabinet conforms to the program that has been consistently advocated by the Communist Party of Spain. The fact that the Communist Party has become the largest and most influential political organization in the Republic is only emphasized by the flood of supporting telegrams that reached the cabinet from trade union locals and sectional organizations of both leading trade union federations.

The task now is to Win the War. To do this the cabinet proposes a centralized command with one plan and direction for all the Loyalist military forces, a powerful war industry, a rigid internal suppression of enemies of the Republic.

Under this program the Spanish people are marching forward to a victory of world democracy against world fascism.

An End to Police Brutality!

POLICE brutality ran rampant in San Pedro last Thursday, and an ILA member, William Gregg, was shot dead on the flimsiest of excuses, by a San Pedro police officer named Reddings.

A week before, police and deputy sheriffs in Alameda County displayed their animal-like ferocity toward members of organized labor, and nearly killed a member of the Cannery Workers Union, a California Conserving striker named Faustino Ortez.

The San Pedro ILA membership was so thoroughly angered at the unprovoked murder of Gregg that a 4-hour protest strike resulted.

In the East Bay organized labor has organized an Ortez Defense Committee, whose purpose goes beyond the Ortez case, in labor's determination to end, once and for all, police brutality against members of trade unions, particularly in strikes.

With police and company thugs invariably whitewashed by the authorities, it has become only too evident that such concerted action against police brutality as undertaken in the East Bay Area is essential in all parts of the state.

The conference of the East Bay committee on June 13 deserves the support of all unions in that area, if trammeling of the unions' rights is to be halted.

The course of action by the East Bay unions in the fight to end police brutality is one which can well be followed throughout the state.

The outstanding lesson of the Gregg murder and of the Ortez case is that organized labor's own men in political office would protect, and not brutally attack, members of organized labor. Such would be the situation with Farmer-Labor Party representatives in office.

Rossi Must Go!

EACH day's news of the graft revelations in San Francisco involve Mayor Angelo Rossi and those close to him all the more deeply.

Every figure spewed forth in the whole revolting spectacle turns out to be a crony of Rossi's, a beneficiary of the Mayor's friendship. Touching indeed, is the Mayor's charitableness to the McDonoughs and the Shumates, but at what a cost to the people of San Francisco, robbed repeatedly right and left!

That Rossi is manipulated by higher-ups, bankers and behind-the-scene political bosses like Tom Finn, is beyond question. But Rossi, the city's chief executive, is an integral part of the corrupt machine which has organized the network of San Francisco graft. His responsibility to the electorate has meant nothing to him.

Insulting to the people of San Francisco as the Mayor's apologetics for the grafters may be, Rossi further insults the people of the city with a ringing defense of Nazi and Italian fascism, which have taken away every last semblance of freedom and have ruthlessly crushed the trade unions. Indeed, Rossi has on more than one occasion indicated that the crushing of the trade unions in this country would far from meet his disapproval.

The San Francisco trade union movement showed its power a few months ago in bringing on the repeal of the anti-picket ordinance. It can once again come to the front on behalf of the people of San Francisco, by assuming a leading position in a determined campaign to rid the city of Rossi and his coterie of grafting office holders.

Together with all progressive organizations of the people, the unions must become the force which will move Rossi out of office, clean up corruption for good and all, and organize tickets of labor and other progressive candidates to truly represent the people of San Francisco.

The State Chamber Proposes Incorporation of the Unions

IT WOULD be astounding news if the State Chamber of Commerce were really to come out with a program of actual benefit and fairness to organized labor.

No cause for such astonishment is to be gotten from the program announced with such great fanfare by the Chamber's labor relations committee, even though Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, finds reason to be "optimistic and gratified" at the program.

Covered over by a thick growth of generalized phrases about payment of prevailing wages (by which the Chamber quite definitely does not mean union wage scales), about "prompt consideration and review of grievances" and so on, the Chamber's program ends up with the demand that "appropriate steps be taken through legislation or other proper ways to bring about responsibility on the part of labor organizations corresponding with that imposed upon employers."

In other words—incorporation and government supervision of the trade unions, a proposal with which any fascist-minded person can heartily concur.

The words of John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, describe the Chamber's program far better than those of Vandeleur. Said Shelley: "If the State Chamber is sincere, then we'd like to see it formulate a program aimed at recognition of labor's right to organize."

Such a guarantee is nowhere to be found in the Chamber's program. Instead the Chamber has launched a poorly-disguised program of company unionism with a definite fascist trend.

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The Communists in the French People's Front

(In this speech, excerpts of which are printed, Comrade Thorez deals with the part the Communists play in the People's Front against fascism, for democracy, for a decent standard of living for the masses of people.)

By MAURICE THOREZ
General Secretary, Communist Party of France
(Speech before a Party mass meeting in Paris)

We, Communists, the flesh of the flesh of the working class, the flesh of the French people, fight for a better world, which will no longer know the exploitation of man by man, the subservience of the overwhelming majority of producers to a handful of parasites.

But our noble dreams of social justice and the brotherhood of man do not make us utopian. We work with just as much ardour for the immediate, the present betterment of the lot of the exploited, unhappy and disinherited.

Brennot, president of the Electrical Industries Union, says: "I regret to say that the C. P. is always the first to take the initiative in all matters of social progress."

Closer Unity of People

He speaks at length about the attacks of reaction and fascism in both the economic and political fields, counterposing it by a statement relating to the constantly growing alliance between manual and intellectual labor, the closer unity between all sections of the republic—Communists, Socialists, Radicals, Democrats and all honest men and women.

That is how our united front can successfully withstand and oppose all of the furious attacks of the social parasites, the financiers and their servants, the politicians. They are constantly attempting to create a break in the government, constantly attemting the create ministerial crises, consantly conspiring for financial panic and the embarrassment of the government.

As long as the government will continue with the realization of the united front program and platform, the C. P. will continue to support all of its honest endeavors in that direction. Nobody can dispute the fact that the united front brought about a great deal of improvement in the working and living conditions of our working class.

Higher Wages

Workers received higher wages, the 40-hour week, the benefits of many social security laws, vacation with pay, collective bargaining, shop committees and delegates, etc.

Petty officials and veterans—the abrogation of the Doumergue-Laval decrees, which had cut their wages, pensions and other benefits.

Small merchants and artisans—Their volume of business was greatly improved by the greater purchasing power of the workers. They were given a debt moratorium and protection against seizure and foreclosure, their taxes were constantly lowered, greater credit facilities provided, etc.

Farmers (peasants)—The united front supported government by the revalorization of agricultural products, had done more for the peasants than any other French government. The grain office enabled our peasants to sell their grain at the fixed price of 140 francs per quintal, whereas the previous year the grain was sold at 70 to 60 and for some months at 55 francs per quintal. The prices of wine and many other products are considerably higher.

But reaction and the fascists are anxious to break down the united front, not only because of what it has already given, but for fear of what it is going to give the working masses.

The financial oligarchy and the magnates of industry are doing all in their power to prevent any progressive social legislation for the employed, unemployed and the broad masses of the French population.

(Thorez then enumerates the measures of social benefit and tells how strenuously they are being opposed by the privileged classes. He gives details of the struggle for old age pensions, infant protection, etc.

The struggle is particularly bitter around legislation for the 40-hour week. The privileged classes and their political representatives claimed that all these social measures "will mire the country, will retard the return of prosperity, will create serious financial difficulties for the government.)

Thorez continues:

Fortunately, however, the situation is not at all like the parasites would have us believe. Nothwithstanding all the organized sabotage, the index of industrial production continues to rise. On the basis of 100 in 1913, it was 93 in 1936 and reached 100 again in December, 1936.

Unemployed Decrease

The number of unemployed is diminishing. This week alone it is 5,017 less. On February 20, 1937, we had 415,000 unemployed, as against 489,000 in the similar period of last year. The reduction of unemployment is still unsatisfactory but quite encouraging in its constancy. On January 1, 1936, 38 per cent of the workers were partially unemployed. This year, on January 1, 1937, only 4.92 per cent are partially unemployed. Magnificent progress—ten times less unemployment!

In the industries where the 40-hour week has not as yet been introduced, there is still a 20 per cent partial unemployment (compared with January, 1936).

Wages and Profits

Here we come to the very essential question of prices. The magnates and parasites claim that higher wages spell higher prices. Their aim is evidently to prevent the reestablishment of the purchasing power of the working class, which naturally has a tendency to diminish with the rise of the cost of living. Given the same number of francs the industrial wage earner, the petty official, etc., will be forced to buy a lesser quantity of products for himself and his family. It is a lowering of real wages.

On the other hand the industrial and financial magnates are attempting to create discord between the peasants and the working class, by putting the blame for higher prices upon the workers.

To support their reasons against higher wages and further social legislation the capitalists and their economists develop the following thesis:

"The price of products is in direct proportion to the wages paid to the workers."

The capitalists maintain that the value added by labor to the raw material, the object of labor, is the sum total of three independent values:

1. The wage, or remuneration of labor.
2. The profit, or remuneration of capital.
3. The interest, or remuneration of landowner. (rent)

Naturally, some part of these independent values, the profit and interest (rent) does figure as a certain percentage of the sum total of wages.

This thesis is founded on a pretended cooperation between capital, labor, and nature as the three sources of revenue.

But what really does determine the price of a product, or its exact value?

It is the amount of social labor necessary for its production.

The wage earner sells his labor power as a simple commodity, but he has the faculty of producing a value much greater than the value of his labor-power, or his wage.

The difference between the value produced and the value of his labor power, the difference between the actual labor expended and the paid labor constitutes surplus value, or the capitalists' profit.

As a result of the workers' pressure, the proportion between the wage and the profit may vary without modifying the value of the article produced. In other words, the workers' part in the product of his labor may become greater at the expense of the capitalists' profit, without any repercussion (or effect) upon the price of the article.

But even if we should accept the thesis of our adversaries, even then the rise in price is by no means the result of rising wages.

(Thorez then quotes at length from an article in "Le Temps" which attempts to show that with a general wage increase of 32 per cent, wages now represent 66 to 70 per cent of the value of a product.)

As a result of official research, conducted in 1931, before the brutal drop in wages, the wage proportion to the value of a product was officially established as an average of 17 per cent.

(Thorez then cites figures on fifteen leading products by which this figure is established.)

Since then the wage proportion grew 4.4 per cent, making the present average proportion of wages still less than 22 per cent.

The same method permits fixing the average proportion of wages at 25 per cent in the U.S.A.

Even if we admit the reasoning of the bosses, the increase of about 20 per cent in wages should be reflected in a 4.4 increase in prices. If we take in consideration a similar advance in the cost of raw materials, which also contain a portion of the augmented wages, allowing even for other increases, we still cannot see any increase over 15 per cent in the prices of the manufactured products.

But we are already faced with a 20 to 30 per cent advance in the wholesale prices and a much more dangerous rise of retail prices.

The trusts are responsible for the higher cost of living.

What are the real reasons for this advance of prices?

First of all, the trusts and the cartels exercise a monopoly over the division of raw materials and the manufacture of fabricated products. Lenin recognizes and proves the existence of this phenomenon in his extensive study, "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism."

The monopolies, which suppress free competition, impose their own prices upon products, without regard for the workers' wages, against the interests of the consumer or even the smaller manufacturer. In fact, they make outrageous super-profits.

Program of Reforms

The Party proposes the following fiscal reforms:

1. Special tax on great fortunes, which is to provide for the revenue of 7 billion francs.

2. A series of democratization measures (as outlined in a special pamphlet on the subject by Jacques Duclos.)

Generally, these propositions are only an outline. We are ready to accept advice . . criticism and suggestions . . .

Largely speaking . . the economic content of our proposed legislation is to democratize the tax burden by imposing a greater proportion of taxes directly upon incomes, which would thus make the rich pay taxes, rather than the indirect taxes, which are a burden upon the masses of the workers, consumers and peasants.

These measures, plus a surtax upon profits of corporations and all incomes of more than 100,000 francs, would bring the state an annual revenue of more than 10 billion francs, ample for all of its present requirements.

(Thorez speaks at length about the immediate necessity of controlling the trusts, again quoting the example of the U. S. where the Federal Trade Commission found evidence of "a combination with the purpose of fixing prices.")

He further quotes the U. S. secretary of agriculture: "Ten of the most important packing plants have conspired since 1927 to manipulate and control their prices arbitrarily to create a monopoly in fact . . . . and to eliminate all competition in this industry. . . .")

The party proposes the immediate nationalization of all monopoly industries, as well as of the insurance companies.

We must not, however, confound nationalization and socialization.

Naturally we expect this measure to find support throughout all sections and groups of the united front . . .

I believe we can all agree on the following principle:

"Respect for individual possessions, personal property, the tools and equipment of the peasant, the artisan, the small tradesman. But not for the property of the great landowners, large financial enterprises and the monopoly industries, which could so easily be nationalized without any damage. On the contrary it would be of direct profit to the peasants, the workers and the broad masses.

We Communists—never cease to be on guard for the interests of the so-called "lower classes." We will never cease to fight for the benefit of the peasants and the artisans, an essential element of our national economy . . .

(Thorez calls for greater energy and unity in "the united front for bread, liberty and peace," for greater cohesion and solidarity within the ranks of the trade unions and for combined struggle against the Trotzkyists. Dealing with the maneuvers of reaction to break up the united front, he continues:)

The aim is . . . to separate the Communist Party from its allies, the Socialists and the Radicals. It would be imprudent to try to organize any efforts against the united front in its present form.

The reactionary press tries to tell lies about us—down to the following absur[d] "Within a f[ew] weeks, we wi[ll] ment of the [...] France . . ."

On June 1[...] to the reactio[n] was to have [...] ist "putsch."

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(Thorez then [...] gram of the [...] goes on to deal [...] of the Commu[nist ...]

A month ag[o ...] conference, we [...] a membership [...] Comrade Gitt[on ...] 293,374. (Late[r ...] Ed.) The Pari[s ...] has a members[hip ...] The Paris We[...] has a memb[ership ...] 30,000. The R[...] has a members[hip ...] The General [...] Workers has [...] over 5 millio[n ...] it is quite [...]

Rossi Must An[swer] To People for [...] Meeting Sat., J[une ...]

(Statement by San Francisco County Committ[ee ...])

Angelo Rossi, Mayor of San Francisco, has [...] account to the people of the city for the gra[ft ...] flourished under his administration! Chief of [...] Police Commissioner Roche, in charge of the [...] which has served as a graft-collection appara[tus ...] vited to testify at a public hearing of citizens [...] on June 5th! Five Supervisors seeking votes [...] November—Uhl, McSheehy, Schmidt, Ratto and [...] to explain why the municipal government has [...] its eyes to ever-growing dishonesty and bribe-ta[king ...]

How has graft been allowed to grow and s[...] the community? Why have public officials, wor[...] public departments, failed to root out the can[cer ...] What is the reason for the vicious alliance be[tween ...] office-holders and the infamous Pete McDono[ugh ...]

The people of San Francisco have a right to [...] ple expect Mayor Rossi and other public offici[als ...] answer these questions—if they have nothing to [hide ...]

SPRING CLEANING IN SAN FRAN[CISCO]

Every good housewife knows that when th[e ...] the carpets, and the curtains grow soiled and [...] to get out the brooms and mops for a thoroug[h ...] ing. Today, the filth and slime of corruption [...] every nook and cranny in the City Hall! And [...] community face the challenge of rolling up [...] sweeping out the accumulated dirt of years of [...]

The Atherton investigation has only scratch[ed ...] that corruption which eats away at our city a[nd ...] municipal departments like dry-rot! Judges, a[...] Grand Jurors, city officials right in the Mayor's [...] tainted by the exposures. The great body of ci[tizens ...] dering whether there is even one in the pres[ent ...] who has not had a share of the spoils.

"Whose hands are clean?" The people deman[d ...] facts are obvious, and speak plainly: the roots [...] not have spread without the knowledge at leas[t ...] But Mayor Rossi hasn't acted in all the years [...] office! Why? Because Rossi himself is the ce[nter ...] festering mess! In fairness to the citizens who[m he ...] betrayed, Rossi must go!

LABOR CAN WIELD THE BROO[M]

Sunlight and fresh air must be let into the [...] cobwebs of corruption must be swept away! [...] cleaning is the order of the day—and organize[d ...] the broom.

Labor and progressive forces must unite [...] slate with a people's platform in the municipal [...] Such a slate, representing the interests of the [ma]jority of decent-minded citizens, can sweep ou[t ...] tire graft-smeared City Hall gang!

Since the time the first Atherton expos[ure ...] Communist Party has warned the people that [...] controlling politics was involved. Now the [...] on, with the guilty officials working desperately [...] Communist Party will unite with all progressive [...] a real clean-up of the City Hall, and force the [...] Communist Party will support a labor ticket in [...] best possible weapon against graft in high place[s ...]

CITIZENS' INDIGNATION MEETING

Every honest man and woman in the city is [...] pear at an Indignation Meeting of citizens on Sa[turday ...] 1:30 p. m., at the Civic Center! The people [...] case, bluntly and plainly, and Rossi will hear [...] the majority. Some of the damning evidence a[...] tration, including the McDonough telephone call[s ...] ically re-enacted to refresh the memory of the [...]

Mayor Rossi will be called on to explain [...] take that action which all decent-minded peo[ple ...] from office before he is ousted!

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[...] to Undermine Strong Sentiment [for C]IO; Co. Must Still Face Labor [Bo]ard on Charges of CIO Union

By a Worker Correspondent

[RIVERS]IDE—In a desperate attempt to undermine the [...] sentiment at their Crestmore plant, the Riverside [...] has signed a closed shop agreement for one year [...] [AF]L union which was formed after CIO workers [...] recognition of their union during the last week of April.

Notices have been posted in the plant that all workers must join the AFL within 15 days after May 16. Although the agreement with the local federal charter of the AFL states that there can be no union activities on the job, there have been other notices posted to the effect that workers can visit the office during certain working hours and sign up with the AFL on company time.

Sell-Out of Militant Unionism

While a wage increase of 7½ cents for hourly employees and a general increase of $8 to $12 a month for others was granted, the agreement also states that "the company retains right to hire and discharge workers, being named the sole judge of their competency," and it is also agreed "to settle all differences without disturbance of industrial peace."

This sell-out agreement in effect robs the workers of any recourse to strike if the company happens to decide that any militant leading worker in the union is suddenly "incompetent."

Some of the workers expressed surprise that the company granted as many concessions as it did, but this was explained in the light of the fact that company officials still must face the National Labor Relations Board on charges of outright firings and discrimination against CIO members.

A "Safety" Man

Whatever action the members of the CIO union take, nothing will change the sentiments of the miners, officers of the CIO state. They pointed as example that during the day shift in the mines the only AFL member, a brother of one of the bosses, was made safety man by the AFL officers (the recent company union organizers).

Men Endangered

This man had had only a few months experience in the mines, a fact which became very obvious on his first shift. One of the bosses happened to come around shortly after the safety man went on duty and noticed the unsafe condition of the ground underneath where he was working.

"Get out of there," the boss yelled. The safety man had barely gotten out when down fell several tons of rock where he had been working.

Though the majority of the CIO miners are unalterably opposed to the AFL, some of them state that as a very last resort they will not abandon the rank and file of the AFL to stew in the juice brewed by the present misleading officials. Even the AFL rank and file look to CIO members for leadership, rather than the present company union stooges masquerading under the AFL.

[...]A DAIRY [...] GETTING [...] POLITICS

[L]egislative [Comm]ittee, and [...] Program

[By a D]airy Worker

[...] L. A. County — [...] of a talk of one [...]rs and motion fol[...] the Dairy Workers [...] Local, CIO) have [...]gislative committee

[...] told our meeting [...] Roosevelt was [...] McAdoo not any [...] organized labor; [...] Byron N. Scott 100 [...] and Assembly[...] having an educa[...]lism and progres[...]as voted right, so

[...] this committee will [...] their toes regard[...] matters of union.

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Dowd Disruptive At Merced Meet

Worker Says Fresno AFL "Leader" Little Help to Workers Seeking Unionism

By a Worker Correspondent

MERCED—I have often wondered why, in its 50-odd years of existence, the American Federation of Labor has never had a membership of more than four or five million. At an open meeting on May 20 in Merced, with Mr. Dowd of Fresno and the State Federation of Labor as the speaker, I found out. And if Mr. Dowd's disruptive and splitting tactics can be taken as a general census of all AFL officers, the wonder is that as much has been accomplished as has.

Venomous Against CIO

In nearly one hour he made himself clear on only two points—first, his opinion of the CIO in general and Mr. Lewis in particular. In a 10-minute tirade, he criticized the CIO from its highest officers to its lowliest member, its principles, objectives and methods, with Mr. Lewis receiving a large share of his unnecessary and unjust criticism.

Next came his stand on Communism and all things Communistic, in particular Caroline Decker for her activity in organizing the agricultural workers of Tulare and calling a strike at a time when cotton was due to be worked.

Near Bursting Point

After working himself up to a pitch dangerously near the bursting point in explaining his opinion of all things radical in a loud and throbbing voice, he settled back to his normal attitude of things in general—which in my opinion must be slightly muddled if one is to take his word that he is sincere in his efforts and at the same time so bitterly opposed to any whose methods differ from his.

The rest of his speech was rather vague, and as for being of benefit to those of us who are anxious to organize, about the same result can be had by letting the air quickly from an inflated balloon.

Steps for Labor Council

It seems to me that about all his talk accomplished was confusion. However, a meeting was called after the speech to take steps for organizing a Labor Council for Merced. I don't know what steps were taken, but I hope something comes of it after all. I believe that organizing is the important thing, no matter who does it; after that we will have to learn how to get the best results.

After the speech, questions were in order, and if anyone had been well versed in the labor movement, some very embarrassing questions could have been asked of Mr. Dowd as he left himself open to many—too bad the opportunity had to be missed.

Boss Outfits Plan To Red-bait CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—"Pro-America," successor of the American League Against Communism, is contributing a red-baiting pamphlet to members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Assn.: "Join the CIO and Help build a Soviet America." I was not able to get away with a copy. It is assertedly published by the Constitutional Educational League.

"Pro-America" is very reticent about this work of art and is evidently planning to pull something with this.

(This pamphlet is being used by the Ford Co. Richmond plant, in its efforts to build a company union.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Send in news of your union.

20 MEN FIRED BY PG&E FOR JOINING UNION

United Electrical and Radio Workers in Fight for Men

By a PG&E Worker

EVERYVILLE, Alameda County—Several weeks ago, the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America organized about 50 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. workers here. Twenty of these were hired as "temporary" labor, none employed over four months. They were repeatedly told (before they entered the union) the work would last well through August.

Fight for Reinstatement

The men wore their union buttons at work. On Friday the 20 "temporary" workers were paid off; the explanation given was that there was "no more work."

At a regular meeting of Local 1402, UE&RW, that night, a resolution was passed putting the case before the Labor Relations Board. A second resolution states that unless the Labor Relations Board reinstated the men, a strike vote would be taken.

ANOTHER CIO VICTORY

ST. LOUIS—Emerson Electric Co., which said it would "never" recognize a union, was forced to about-face here, and grant recognition of United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, Local 1102, and wage increases.

They Move Toward National Unity

PHOTO shows East Coast seamen as they join a strike for recognition of the rank and file leadership. The East and Gulf Coast seamen have formed the National Maritime Union, which, after certification as collective bargaining agent, will work toward a national rank and file unity convention. On West Coast, ILA Marine Cooks, Marine Firemen and Ferryboatmen have endorsed East Coast seamen's action.

SAN JOAQUIN WINERY UNION GROWS FAST!

By a Worker Correspondent

FRESNO—More than 200 winery workers have joined the newly organized Winery Workers Union here. So eager for organization are these young workers that they come from as far north as Manteca and as far as Tulare, and they are proud of the fact that the organizing drive has included 16 wineries throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The union meets every Monday evening at the Fresno Labor Temple.

ALASKA UNION PUTS STOP TO BOOTLEGGING

Member Returned to S. F. for Selling Whiskey

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—A member of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union was sent back to San Francisco by the union delegate at Chignik, Alaska, because he was caught with two cases of whiskey which he was intending to sell to the workers there at exorbitant prices.

Racketeering such as bootlegging, gambling, etc., will not be tolerated by the ACWU while in Alaska. This above case was the first this year, and all cases of this nature will be dealt with in the same manner.

Donates to ILD

SAN FRANCISCO — Alaska Cannery Workers Union voted unanimously at a recent membership meeting to donate $100 to the International Labor Defense to help it carry on the fight defending political and working-class prisoners.

Consumers Co-op In Santa Monica Reports Growth

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA MONICA — Healthy growth of the cooperative movement here was evidenced at the dinner given by Consumer's Cooperative Society on May 17. More than 100 people listened to a report on activities of the society since its organization by 10 people less than a year ago. The membership has now reached 80 while variety of commodities handled has increased from soap and eggs to a considerable range of staple groceries.

10000 WORKERS IN FRESNO COUNTY'S FIELDS, PACKING HOUSES EAGER FOR UNIONS

In Past, Dowd Has Wrecked Packing House And Agriculture Unions; Worker Hopes He Has Changed

By a Worker Correspondent

FRESNO—Nearly two years ago the Western Worker carried a story about how the red-baiting secretary of the Fresno Central Labor Council, Clarence E. Dowd, was preventing the organization of the agricultural workers in San Joaquin Valley.

Today Fresno is the only important agricultural center in California without an AFL charter for agricultural workers. Today only a handful of workers remain in the AFL Fresno Packing House Employees Union, a union that was more than 1700 strong until Dowd removed its progressive leaders.

10,000 Want Unionism

Now the packing house workers are joining an independent union by the hundreds and prefer to stay outside the AFL as long as this bureaucrat dominates the local labor movement.

There are 5000 packing house workers in Fresno County that can be organized. There are 5000 agricultural workers in Fresno County that are waiting for organization. There are no less than 500 warehousemen that are wondering why Fresno labor "leaders" have overlooked them.

More than 200 winery workers in San Joaquin Valley are so eager for organization that many of them come for more than 50 miles every Monday night to their union meetings, and they want to see negotiations start. They want action NOW.

Dowd on the Spot

Clarence Dowd meets with them. Will he give them the kind of leadership that they are so eager for, or will he destroy their union as he has destroyed the unions of packing house workers and agricultural workers?

More recently Dowd spoke at a mass meeting for the freedom of Tom Mooney, so we hope that he has discovered that red-baiters in the labor movement are becoming very unpopular.

We sincerely hope he will no longer stand in the way of progress; but if he does stand in the way, he must be exposed and branded as an enemy of labor, alone with Edward Vandeleur and other traitors.

Ten thousand workers in Fresno County CAN and MUST be organized! Make Fresno a 100 per cent union town!

(Another article about Fresno labor will appear on this page soon.)

PACIFIC CLAY PRODUCTS CO. IS ORGANIZED

Large Vote for CIO Union in Labor Board Poll

By a Clay Worker

LOS ANGELES—The employees of Pacific Products who are members of the Southern California Clay Workers Union, Local 291, the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO, made two demands on the company.

The first demand was that the union be the sole collective bargaining agent for the employees of the company. The second demand was that of a closed shop.

The company replied that the second demand would not be granted, that the first demand would be granted after an election was held to determine the employees' desire.

On May 18, the Federal Labor Relations Board conducted an election at Plant 4 and on May 19 at Plant 6. The results of the election were as follows: Plant 4, 214 voted, 156 yes, 50 no, 2 void. Six votes were protested but were counted in the final totals. These six votes: 4 no and 2 yes. The protested votes were those cast by the five foremen and the factory general superintendent.

There is no doubt but these foremen's right to vote was challenged on the basis of finding out how the five foremen voted. The factory general superintendent told how he smeared his ballot for identification. Then by elimination, it was determined how the foremen voted.

There could be no doubt as to how the son-in-law of the factory general superintendent would vote. Also as to how the yard foreman and the glaze foreman would vote, there was no doubt, as they had continually talked against the union and stooled against the union.

This left the foreman of the brick department and of the casting department, who were known to have favored the union. Since the election, a man has been sent into the brick department to learn the trade! Can you guess for what purpose?

The brick department foreman has been roundly criticised for his stand by the factory general superintendent. So much so, that the brick department foreman asked to have his time made out. This dare was not accepted as this foreman is very popular, and a strike action could easily result from such an action.

In Plant 6, 121 voted. 103 yes and 18 no.

Co. Intimidation

At both plants during the balloting, the factory general superintendent stood by the ballot box and glowered at each employe as he received his ballot. We wonder if this is a method of intimidation?

Before the election, the factory general superintendent went about to those workers whom he thought he could influence in their balloting. Especially did he talk to the Mexican workers in this manner: "Vote yes, that means a long rest; vote no, that means no rest." A gentle threat of a factory close-down.

Indian Firm Union Man

To an American Indian whom he thought he could brow-beat, he said: "Go ahead and vote yes—you will be out of a job or going somewhere to pick beets." The Indian tells your reporter that he has never picked beets and does not intend to, but intends to continue the drive for organization of his plant as well as all the other unorganized workers.

SLOW STARVATION

HOUSTON, Tex.—Four thousand citizens here are living in a state of slow starvation. An Episcopal Bishop found a family of five living on a food allowance of 43 cents a day, in the richest city in Texas.

Seek Democracy in SF Candy Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The Candy and Confectionery Union, operating under the charter of Bakers and Confectionery Workers Local 24, will soon unfold its wings and fly out to join the progressive unions of the Bay Area.

Attendance and interest has been lax, but these faults can be overcome—the policy of the Bakers' officials of putting a crimp on rank-and-file initiative has killed the enthusiasm and pep that prevailed a few months ago.

The candy workers, however, have all the potentialities necessary to build a union that will be strong, democratic and progressive.

To Organize 100 Per Cent

While the move for independence has been stalled temporarily, the sentiment for such is stronger and a charter for the candy workers will likely be installed in the near future.

When a separate office is created, a business agent put in the field to organize the candy workers 100 per cent in San Francisco, then good agreements will be possible to force through.

The membership should be doubled in 60 days and satisfactory contracts signed is all shops before the busy season is a week old.

These things can be accomplished but not until the candy workers set up a separate office. On to the charter!

Worker Passes On Good Slogan

By a Worker Correspondent

BAKERSFIELD — The other day I heard a slogan that struck me as being so excellent that I thought it should be passed on to you. Read it and see if it can't be put to work in a way that it will do the most good. This is it:

"REMEMBER THE BANANA—When it leaves the bunch, it gets skinned."

Isn't that a pip?

Uses "Western" in School Reports

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN BERNARDINO — Our school children must make reports on events taken from the capitalist press. This is deliberate propaganda to cripple the children's minds.

My 11 year old son comes from school and tells me he has to make his report from the San Bernardino Sun or Telegram, and asked me what to do; that if he should not make these reports, he would get poor grades in school.

Uses "Western" for Reports

It being a scab paper, I refuse to take it, and told my son he could take his reports from the Western Worker or any other labor paper, or let the reports go undone.

I urge all mothers to see that their children take their reports of the workers' press, and see that reports out of workers' papers are accepted and not discriminated against.

Here is one mother who will not support any scab paper, even for school reports.

AUTO WORKERS LOCAL GROWS

DETROIT—Seven months ago the west side local of United Automobile Workers of America had 78 members; today it has 18,000 members and is moving headquarters to a newly-purchased building.

Organizing California's Gold Miners

Story of Twin Cities Miners' Union in Nevada County

By a Gold Miner

NEVADA CITY, Nevada County—As a worker correspondent, I wish to submit the following general account of developments in Nevada County covering the labor situation.

The coming of the Labor Relations Board into the Grass Valley-Nevada City gold mining district, calls for a review of recent conditions leading up to these hearings.

The change in the gold price from $20.67 to $35 an ounce under the first term of President Roosevelt, is well known. As a result, few industries have been operating so profitably as gold mining. This is true of the large operators, in particular, as they have the best properties and dominate in this area.

But what has this gained the workers? The ones who have been speed-up, double, over their production of five years ago!

At best, they have received about $1 increase in pay, or roughly a 20 per cent increase. Contrasted to the bosses' gains, we find that he had a 75 per cent increase handed to him by the government, plus another 50 per cent, due to speed-up of the workers and technical improvements in mining and milling the ores.

Miners Sought Organization

A deep-seated discontent began to show itself amongst the miners last fall. They were getting fed-up on promises of benefits to come. About Christmas time, the big operators made a gesture. Bonus payments based on 1937 profits were announced; vacations with pay, that at best applied to the few of long service, on account of the heavy turnover of workers, in turn caused by low pay and rotten conditions.

A thoroughly discredited company-dominated organization, the Grass Valley Miners Protective League, was used to hold the miners in check. More about this organization later.

Quick Union Results

The militant miners sent for organizers of the International Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. They came here in late January. By March 1, quiet organizational results were so good that the workers pressed for a charter meeting—117 members were initiated. The bosses awoke with a start. They thought it could not be done. Had not organizers come in the past two years and left their imperial domain—without results? Had not they used their company-dominated union(?) as a stopper against real unions for 17 years!

Bosses' Moves

But quick action was forthcoming from the bosses once they got over their first fright. First move—halls were closed to the Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 283, I.U.M.M.&S. Second move—though widely advertised, the Protective League's meeting on March 4, was a flop for attendance. Out of a claimed membership of over 1200, only 250 attended. About 50 of these were mine bosses, business and professional lackeys. The League called for a mass meeting the following Sunday.

But this was not enough for the powers locally. To meet the menace of a CIO union entering the industry, a vigilante organization was hastily gotten together at midnight March 5, but, through lack of vigilance, about six CIO members got into the meeting. A Reid Rayes, so-called retired newspaperman (another Sanborn, or Pinkerton), was the master mind behind the "Citizens Committee" and other so-called leading civic organizations that were assembled against the "outside trouble makers."

Vigilantism

A committee of 13 was selected before the meeting. Being announced, they retired to an anteroom for fake deliberations, returned in about 20 minutes. Meeting is reconvened. Dr. Hirsch (a powder-puff hero type, a la Hollywood) dramatically spoke of the terrible menace to the beautiful industrial peace and harmony that had prevailed, ending by citing "the traditions handed down by the 49'ers in dealing with trouble-makers."

Other speakers swore allegiance to the league, even though they were unable to get a speaker from the audience that represented the G. V. Miners Protective League.

Vigilantes Threaten Violence

In the next two weeks, a barrage of abuse and threats was released through the press against the new union members and leaders. A committee of 5000 was supposed to have been created by the vigilantes. Of these, 500 were to be formed into shock-troops and patrols along modern military lines. Tear and other gasses — with other weapons of warfare, were to be used, if necessary against the "outside invaders." An airplane scouted over the woods on Sunday, March 7, to find a possible meeting of the new union.

But the union men kept their heads and held to the firm ground of their constitutional rights. They started a counter-offensive. Organized and unorganized moved against the merchants, salesmen and professionals who openly supported the vigilantes, or supported the move. The workers found out who NOT to patronize!

Resolutions of protest began to flow into Nevada County to the authorities from organized labor and its allies. Outside liberal newspaper publicity and editorials exerted a good effect against the local fascists.

Vigilantes Crawled

After a hectic period of three weeks, the vigilantes folded up under adverse pressure. They crawled back to their slimy holes.

During this time sham negotiations were carried on by the bosses with their company union. They suffered at least one upset that exposed their domination glaringly. Some of the miners were forced into the League who were also members of Local 283. These members secured leadership in the defunct and bankrupt organization. They succeeded in dimissing the officer-manned negotiations committee and elected a new one from the floor. At the next meeting the mine bosses packed the floor with new members and, in defiance of all democratic procedure, restored the old controlled committee to power.

Out of this came a 48 cents raise per day. A new sop had been offered the workers. But this time the cause was clear. The CIO had done the trick.

CIO Will Win Out

The persistency of the CIO in staying, finally led to the lock-out of 90 miners in the Old Brunswick Mine, of the Idaho-Maryland Corp. They were almost 100 per cent unionized. This action led to charges filed before the Labor Relations Board. The miners refuse to be whipped. If the Wagner Labor Act means anything, they have a clear case in favor of the union.

The gold miners have been making history. Labor History! The membership has continued to increase despite the use of intimidation and terror.

Organizing in Mother Lode

Organization in spreading in the Mother Lode gold counties. The Sliger Mine in El Dorado County is now struck 100 per cent against an attempted lock-out. Placer and Sierra counties are demanding organization in this north end of hard-rock mining.

The old fighting traditions of the Western Federation of Miners are being revived!

With a growing consciousness of their economic and political rights, the miners of California are forming ranks as allies of marching labor everywhere. The march of organized labor in California has reached inland as far as it can go, the Sierra Nevada Mountains!

Under the leadership of the CIO, watch us grow, and go.

DEFENSE PREPARES FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS' TRIAL, SET FOR EARLY IN

NEWSPAPERS' 'SETTLEMENT' STORY DENIED

State Made Move to Settle, Defense Discloses

NEW YORK—The Scottsboro Defense Committee "reaffirms its belief in the complete innocence of the defendants, and its attorneys will be on hand when the trial is called in July to fight for the liberty of these boys who have been in prison more than six years."

This answer was given by Allan Knight Chalmers, chairman of the committee, to a copyrighted report to the United Press.

Negotiations have been under way for a settlement, said Dr. Chalmers, but not on the basis reported by the United Press.

"The story reported in the New York papers is that all nine defendants are to plead guilty to assault on the two women and in return are to receive prison sentences of 'less than five years'", Dr. Chalmers said.

"On the other hand, a story printed May 22 in the Birmingham Post states that the settlement upon which both sides are trying to agree includes a plea of guilty of felonious assault, but not criminal assault, with short prison terms retroactive to 1931.

"The movement for a settlement has been carried on by representatives of the state and attorneys for the defense. The public may rest assured that every sincere effort is being made by all parties concerned to bring this unfortunate case to as satisfactory end as is possible when all the developments of the past six years are taken into account.

State Asked Settlement

"The first move for a settlement was made last December by representatives of the state to the lawyers representing the defendants. The defense lawyers and the national defense committee accepted these overtures in good faith and negotiations have proceeded since that time in an effort to reach an agreement.

"However, the committee has been notified this afternoon by long-distance telephone from Alabama that Judge William Washington Callahan has issued a statement saying that he will not countenance a settlement of this case and that he has set the case down for trial in July. This committee reaffirms its belief in the complete innocence of the defendants, and its attorneys will be on hand when the trial is called in July to fight for the liberty of these boys who have been in prison more than six years."

Bill Liberalizes State Old-Age Pension System

SACRAMENTO—The California state senate passed the Hornblower assembly bill liberalizing the state's old age pension system, but inserted clauses tending to discriminate against foreign born more emphatically than did the Hornblower measure.

Although the Hornblower bill was pushed to offset the possibility of passing the more progressive Pelletier proposals, it nevertheless removes the pauper's oath as a requirement for pensioners; it allows them to earn $15 a month without deduction; it provides that increased payments of the federal government may be added to the pensions bringing them to a maximum of $40; provides that use and occupancy of a house not be regarded as deductable income; and requires county boards of supervisors to act more quickly on pension applications.

The age limit of 65 and payment of $35 a month remains the same.

Already discriminatory against non-citizens, regardless of the length of their residence in the state, the senate further required that detailed proof of citizenship must be submitted. As passed by the assembly, a voter's registration would be accepted as proof.

Oral Quiz Stays In Civil Service

SACRAMENTO — Objections of several assemblymen were overridden with the passage, unamended, of the routine Senate Bill on civil service. Removal of the provisions for oral examinations was called for by Assemblyman Patrick J. Murray of San Francisco who said: "I know scores of people who have passed high in the written examinations and then have failed after an oral three-minute interview."

Release Them!

Clerk, 3rd Dist. Court of Appeals,
Sacramento, California.
Dear Sir:

Eight young men and women union organizers were convicted April 1, 1935, at Sacramento under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act. Four of them are still in prison.

They are imprisoned for their activities in behalf of labor and were specifically acquitted of using or advocating force or violence.

I call for the immediate, unconditional freedom of all—Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, now in prison; Lorine Norman, released pending appeal; Caroline Decker, Al Hougardy and Norman Mini, now on parole.

Name ....

Address .... City....................

The Third District Court of Appeals will hear the appeal of the Sacramento C. S. victims on June 9. Clip and mail this NOW.

Legal Authorities Urge Release for Cal. C. S. Victims

SAN FRANCISCO—Some of the nation's outstanding lawyers and legal authorities have signed a legal brief urging the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento to reverse the conviction of the eight victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act when oral arguments on the appeal are heard June 9.

The brief was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, according to Ernest Besig, director of the Northern California Branch. It was filed as amicus curiae, or "friend of the court."

Arguments on the case will be led by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, who was head of the legal defense for seven of the victims during the trial.

"Free Speech Denied"

Those who signed the brief stated they had done so "because we are persuaded that the constitutional liberties of the defendants have been infringed upon, and their constitutional rights to freedom of speech has been denied them."

The ACLU brief was drawn up by Osmond K. Fraenkel, New York attorney, who was counsel in the recent successful appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court in the de Jonge case involving the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism law.

Among the signers were two former chairmen of the National Labor Relations Board, Francis Biddle of Philadelphia and Lloyd K. Garrison, Dean of the University of Wisconsin Law School; Professor George W. Kirchwey, former warden of Sing Sing prison; Prof. Fred Rodell, Yale Law School; Prof. Alexander Frey, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Edward D. Tittman, of Hillsboro, N. M.; Isaac Holler, of New Orleans; George B. Leonard, of St. Paul; Judge Jackson H. Ralston, of Palo Alto; and Arthur Garfield Hays, national counsel of the ACLU.

Cite de Jonge, Herndon

The brief contends that these fundamental liberties were denied because of the refusal of the trial court to submit to the jury the issue of "clear and present danger." On the basis of the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions in the de Jonge and Angelo Herndon cases, it is argued that the California Criminal Syndicalism statute, which is in derogation of the right of free speech and free assembly, "could constitutionally have application only when the facts of the particular case indicated a clear and present danger that the words complained of might produce the substantive evils against which the state had a right to legislate."

Only in California

The brief further points out that California is now the only state in the union in which persons charged with violation of a criminal syndicalism law are in jail.

The International Labor Defense, in its legal arguments presented by Gallagher and in the mass campaign which it has been carrying on for the release of the prisoners and for the repeal of the law, contends that the law is clearly unconstitutional in its abridgement of the rights of free speech and assembly.

The C. S. prisoners were specifically cleared by the jury in 1935 of any acts of violence which might come under other laws, and were convicted solely on "conspiracy to violate the C. S. Act."

Marcantonio to Aid Mayor La Guardia's Reelection Campaign

NEW YORK — Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio announced here that he would support Mayor F. H. La Guardia for reelection "in order to defeat Tammany."

"I have criticized Mayor La Guardia on many issues in the past and I shall continue to criticize him on those issues on which he leans towards the reactionaries," the former congressman said.

Waldman to Face Charges of Aiding Tammany

NEW YORK—Louis Waldman, leader of the right-wing Social Democratic Federation, will be forced to answer charges before the state committee of the American Labor Party, it was learned here by the Daily Worker.

Waldman, a member of the state committee of the American Labor Party, has already been publicly rebuked by Luigi Antonio, state chairman of the party, for making an unauthorized statement that Mayor F. H. La Guardia should reject the Republican nomination for re-election and accept only a proposed endorsement by the ALP.

The action was generally seen by ALP leaders as a pro-Tammany move, many of them pointing out that this was consistent with Waldman's past actions. They declared that such a proposal if carried out would play directly into the hands of Tammany.

"Waldman is simply acting as a 'stalking horse,'" said one ALP leader. "He knows very well that under the present circumstances for the mayor to decline to enter the Republican primaries is tantamount tto rejecting the fight for progressivism within that organization. In terms of actual votes that means that Waldman wants the mayor to lost 300,000 or so votes still obtainable under the GOP emblem and thus throw the election to the reactionary Tammany candidate."

DIVERSION OF WORK RELIEF FUNDS FOUGHT

'Earmarking' Would Take Jobs From Thousands

WASHINGTON — With the small bloc of progressives taking the lead in opposing a pork-barrel spree that would cost the dismissal of several hundred thousand WPA workers, the work relief bill was put over for further consideration this week.

The delay was obtained on the direct request of administration leaders, after a group of conservative democrats joined with the Republican contingent in an effort to set aside a third of the proposed $15,000,000 relief appropriation for special projects.

Already Inadequate

The money would be transferred from WPA to other agencies, and little doubt remained that the net effect would be the dismissal of new thousands along with the half-million already scheduled to lose their relief work because of the inadequacy of the $1,500,000 appropriation.

In all, $505,000,000 was earmarked for other projects, $300,000,000 of which would go to PWA. Comparison of WPA and PWA figures shows that while 85.2 per cent of WPA funds goes for wages, the PWA figure is only a trifle over 40 per cent direct employment on the project, with the remainder going into cost of materials.

The difference is increased by the fact that 96 per cent of the WPA workers are relief workers. Only 19.7 per cent of PWA workers on May 1, 1937, were relief workers.

Low Percentage to Labor

The house also earmarked $150,000,000 for highway projects. This would come under the supervision of the Department of Public Roads, which on April 17 had only 32.7 per cent of relief workers on its projects.

A reactionary amendment was also put through the house by Representative Lanham of Texas, designed to perpetuate the low level of farm labor wages in those places where they are even lower than local WPA scales. It provided that no agricultural worker who had turned down a private job could stay on the work relief as long as the private job was still running.

WPA Administrator Arthur Hopkins charged that the earmarking of the funds for special "vote-getting" projects would force some 600,000 workers off WPA rolls.

Discrimination Voted

Although the house defeated by a close vote of 116 to 112 a proposal to deny relief work to non-citizens, an amendment was passed on the proposal of the Republican Hamilton Fish to discriminate against them by giving preference to citizens. Another amendment proposed by Fish was adopted to give preference to World War and Spanish War veterans.

The weight of the administration will be put behind the attempt to stop the diversion of the relief funds during the interim before the bill was scheduled to come up for a final vote on Tuesday of this week.

Petition on the Supreme Court

They're reaching the mark! Some two hundred signatures have already been forwarded to Washington from previous publication of this petition. Clip it. Circulate it! Forward to WESTERN WORKER 121 Haight, San Francisco.

THEN GET THE SIGNERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE WESTERN WORKER AS THE REAL FIGHTER TO REFORM THE COURT!

...., 1937.

SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON,
UNITED STATES SENATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

We, the undersigned, hereby petition and demand that you, as elected representative of the people of California to the United States Senate, cease defying the wishes and desires of the majority of the people of California by attacking the Supreme Court reform legislation now facing Congress. We further petition and demand that you support this legislation so vital to the interests of the people, and that you use your influence to secure favorable votes from all 20 members of Congress from California.

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Fighting for Democracy in Spain

TWO YOUNG GUARDS who are protecting the democratic loyalist government of Spain against fascism.

Where Does That Milk Penny Go?

By CLINT DUFF

Even the very young milk drinkers understand that 12 pennies minus 11 leaves one penny unaccounted for. And those of us who have passed our 6th birthday are not to be fooled by the fairy tales which the Retail Milk Dealers' Association of San Francisco has been spinning to account for that extra penny.

These gentlemen say that in the first place the dealers have been pinched for pennies too long already. And with this we must bow our heads and weep for such weakling corporatons as the Borden Company!

Yet according to Poor's Industrial Volume this gigantic national corporation (of which Borden's Dairy Delivery is a branch) delivers milk in 16 states and Canada, and the profits for 1935—when business was much worse than in 1937—amounted to $4,842,349.

Pity to Golden State Co!

Or, perhaps we should wring our hands with despair at the tottering Golden State Co. which maintains more than 50 dairies in the State of California and which reported a profit of $70,036 for 1934 and of $219,695 for 1935. In all probability the profits for this last company have been increasing at an even rate, making the probable 1937 yearly profit mount up to something in the neighborhood of $500,000. We can sympathize with the Golden State Co.—just able to scrape along on a half a million dollars after all expenses and taxes have been paid!

So It's Labor!

But our local story-tellers go on to say that LABOR is the villain in the tale. To use the term of the reactionary president of the Milk Drivers' Union, Barnes (who is certainly no stranger to the offices of the Dealers Assn.), rising wages "unavoidably" cause rising prices. This statement is not true, but the Association can thank Barnes for it. Labor cannot.

What is the simple arithmetic of the matter? The milk wagon drivers, true enough, received a wage increase of $18 a month, or about 50c a day. To account for the wage increase of other workers connected with distribution, we will add 50c per delivery-man per day. Then, finally, we'll tack on $2 to cover any increase in cost of raw milk to bring the total added expense to $3 per delivery man per day (although this estimate is perhaps twice as much as the actual figure).

Arithmetic

Now, each delivery man disposes of 800 quart bottles a day, each now costing 12c instead of 11c. So here is the arithmetic: 800 quarts times 1c equals $8.00 increased revenue per driver; minus $3.00 increased expense per driver, leaves $5.00 profit per driver per day.

If you want to get a rough estimate of how much your particular dealer is making a day by stealing pennies from milk-hungry babies, multiply the number of drivers working by $5. Or another way of looking at the matter: Over two-thirds of that extra penny goes right into the pockets of the milk barons as profit—along with the thousands already made even without the price increase.

Show the Figures!

The touching fairy tale of the Milk Dealers' Association is a vicious myth.

Perhaps the milk dealers will take issue with these estimates. In this case the workers would be more than glad to see the actual specific figures. If these gentlemen claim that wage increases have been the cause of price increase, why do not they open to the public their audited financial statements for the months of April and May. The Western Worker would be more than glad to send over a staff member to copy a few figures.

Or, inasmuch as the Association told an ILA Auxiliary delegation that some of the increased revenue was to be used for advertising purposes, why don't these friends of starvation publish their accounts? The great majority of San Franciscans—the small consumers—would appreciate such advertising very much!

Ferry Companies Find They Can Get by on Less

SAN FRANCISCO—Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, before the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge, were able to convince the state railroad commission their excessive rates were the absolute minimum necessary to operate at a profit.

Last week Southern Pacific announced new low rates, both for individual passengers and for motor vehicles. Commutation rates also went down. A few days earlier the Northwestern Pacific applied to the railroad commission for permission to lower its rates, asking that the matter be considered "urgent" and a hearing granted immediately.

HEALTH IN USSR

MOSCOW—Malaria in the Soviet Union has been cut down 30 per cent in less than a year, announced the health commissar.

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MILLIONAIRES ROBBING GOV'T IN TAX FRAUD

Dummy Corporations Are Set Up On Islands

WASHINGTON—One hundred American millionaires, by setting up dummy corporations in foreign islands and Latin-American countries, have fraudulently escaped payment of more than a hundred millions dollars of income taxes in the current year.

This was reported to President Roosevelt by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morganthau Jr., with the announcement that the defaulters must either pay up within sixty days or be prosecuted for fraud.

Some of the "patriotic" American millionaires have even become citizens of foreign countries to evade payment of taxes, it was further disclosed.

According to Chief Counsel Morrison Shaffroth of the Internal Revenue Bureau, "50 per cent fraud penalties will be slapped on every person using this device to evade payments."

The disclosure was made as a result of an investigation which followed a shortage of $140,000,000 in March alone below the estimated receipts of the income tax, indicating that the shortage for the current year would be $540,000,000 if the defaulters were allowed to continue with their evasion.

Still Taxable

Shaffroth said the evasion method involves setting up dummy corporatins on such islands as the Bahamas, Bermuda, Newfoundland, West Indies, or in Canada or Latin-American countries, to which stocks, bonds and other assets are transferred.

Shaffroth declared that some of the "most prominent wealthy men in the country will be involved" if they delay in payment until prosecutions are necessary. He said that legally the stocks and bond transferred to foreign dummy corporations are still subject to taxation.

RADIO STRIKE

CAMDEN, N. J.—Demanding wage increases and exclusive recognition, 600 members of the United Electrical & Radio Workers walked out of the Radio condenser Co. plant here.

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SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

NAZI GERMANY'S four year plan of starvation to attain "self-sufficiency" is not taken seriously by any economists—not even by the poorest economists in the world, the Nazi economists.

It is utterly impossible for Germany to become "self-sufficient." Nor is the plan intended to achieve this end. It is intended as a propaganda drive to make the German people tighten their belts in order that all imports can be concentrated on the needs of the war industries.

Germany has absolutely no cotton, rubber, nickel, chromite, antimony, tin, mercury or mica. She has practically no petroleum, aluminum, manganese or tungsten. She has only very trivial sources of copper, lead, sulphur, pyrites, wool and phosphates. Without these critical raw materials, she would have to shut down practically all of her industries tomorrow. And despite the German cleverness in creating substitutes, they could double the number of possible substitutes they now have at their command and still not make up one per cent of this deficiency.

On top of that, Germany has no credit. How do they expect to go to war under these circumstances?

That's easy. They expect underhanded support from the capitalists of America and Great Britain. How do you suppose they managed to hold out for four years during the last war? They kept the hell-fires burning with American, British, and even French raw materials shipped in to them through neutral countries. If Great Britain and America wanted to clamp down on the fascist nations they could strangle their war plans in short order. Great Britain and America control three-fourths of all the raw materials of the earth.

It is interesting to note that the three most belligerent countries in the world today are the three least able to supply their own war needs.

Italy has absolutely no petroleum, no cotton, no rubber, no nickel, no chromite, no tungsten, no phosphates, no tin, and no mica. She has scarcely any coal, copper or manganese. She can't supply half her needs in wool, potash, and antimony.

If Great Britain and America wanted to clamp down on petroleum alone, they could choke off the war plans of both Germany and Italy.

As for Japan, she has no aluminum, no rubber, no nickel and no wool. She has scarcely any petroleum, lead, cotton, potash, phosphates, antimony, tin or mercury. She can't supply half her requirements in zinc and manganese.

How can a country like that go to war?

Of course Wall Street is banking heavily on selling huge quantities of these products to whatever foreign nation is ready to start the cannons booming. And, if their credit isn't good, Wall Street is always willing to gamble on a cut in the spoils—especially since the Soviet Union is marked for booty.

How did Japan build her hideous war machine in the first place? The United States purchases 75 per cent of Japan's silk, and that amounts to 35 per cent of her total world exports. Then Japan turned around and bought the necessary war materials from America.

Germany is in a far worse position than either Italy or Japan. At least these latter two are self-sufficient as regards food, even though that means a very low standard of living for their people. But Germany, even to maintain a drastically low standard of living, had to import 23 per cent of her food supply. Now she is trying to cut out that.

All this might make it appear that the fascist nations are treading on very thin ground. So they are. But these aren't the reasons. Despite these shortages, they know the British and American capitalists are ready to kick through.

The question is, will honest British and American union men be willing to ship these materials? If nothing else, this survey should convince you of the importance of the anti-war movements in Britain and America.

How Many Can You Answer?

1. What world-famous former athletic champion spoke at the Youth Peace Rally in New York on Memorial Day?

2. How many members has the Communist Party of France?

3. How many miles separate U. S. territory from Soviet Union territory?

4. Does the American Federation of Labor Constitution bar Negroes from membership?

5. What is the Negro population in the U. S.?

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Medical Bills in Congress

A NUMBER of medical bills have come up before Congress recently, which should be either supported or opposed by progressive forces.

The following are progressive bills and should be supported:

H. R. 6623, H. R. 6046, S. 6240, H. R. 6077, H. R. 6595, H. R. 5404, H. R. 6175, H. R. 6209, H. R. 2616, H. R. 6276, and H. R. 6290 are bills which propose the erection of various veteran hospitals in different parts of the country.

To Aid Veterans

H. R. 6624 establishes an eight hour day for employees in government hospitals. H. R. 6380 allows certain treatment given to veterans even though the disease is not connected with the service. S. 2067 and H. R. 6100 appropriate $1,000,000 for the prevention and control of cancer.

H. R. 5970 would appropriate $5,000,000 each year for children's camps. H. R. 5331 would propose benefits to chronically ill veterans. H. R. 5892 proposes to furnish medical and hospital care for employees and former employees of the federal government. H. R. 5458 strengthens the Food and Drugs Act.

Oppose This Bill

The following is a reactionary bill and progressive organizations should oppose it: H. R. 5397 is a vicious bill proposing to imprison not only persons who send birth control devices or information through the mails, but also anyone who receives such objects.

Medicine Under the British Lion

Fresno.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

I have a friend in British Columbia who has had a pain in her stomach for six months and has gradually become paralyzed during this time. —A. W.

ANSWER: It is impossible to determine the cause of your friend's illness without a thorough examination and without knowing the result of such an examination. For Californians, I recommend the county hospitals in such cases, but I'm not sure what medical benefits His Majesty's Government bestows on his dutiful working-class subjects.

Have your friend write me as to what hospitals and clinics are open to her, and I will let her know what to do.

Charged Fences Kill Two in California

SACRAMENTO—The fact that two persons have been killed recently in California by electric-charged fences stirred the Assembly to defeat Senate Bill 120, which would have legalized this practice under a provision limiting the wattage and voltage to be used.

There exists, however, no law specifically making it illegal to charge fences with electric current.

The death of Patricia O'Hare, 8-year-old Sacramento girl, was recalled to the Assembly in the debate. Recently in Colton Mrs. Lillian Waitman was killed when she became entangled in a charged fence.

Lincoln Brigade Gets $338.50 From S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Friends of the Lincoln Brigade, as a result of their Fiesta in Trianon Ballroom, several showings of "Madrid Document" and the May Day collection at the Civic Demostration, turned over a net of $338.58 to the American fighters in Spain.

California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

By the end of 1849, with the rush of the '49ers, San Francisco was quite a large and rapidly growing city, but it had been founded only 14 years earlier, in 1835, when Capt. W. A. Richardson laid the foundation for modern San Francisco by erecting a rude building on the beach known as Yerba Buena.

Then Jacob P. Leese built a frame house near the same site, later a store, and made the place something of a trading center for ships taking on wood and water across the bay at Sausalito.

In 1841, Leese sold all his property to the Hudson Bay Company, which then became the chief factor in the little village for the next four or five years.

With American occupation of California, however, the town began to increase its population and changed its name from Yerba Buena to San Francisco. By early 1848, the population was almost 900 inhabitants, covering from Telegraph, Rincon and Russian hills down to the waterfront where Battery and First Sts. now touch Market St.

From the very beginning, the workers in San Francisco were militant in fighting for their rights and union organization started very early in the Gold Rush days as the workers faced skyrocketing prices due to the influx of miners.

They had to organize to exist, and were far from slow in doing so.

(To be Continued)

Incidents on the Circulation Front

The Western Worker Circulation Drive continues to show untapped reserves for building the circulation of our fighting paper. From "Somewhere in California" (we say "somewhere," because it can happen anywhere), comes the following revealing incident:

"May I give you a tall laugh?" writes a comrade. "Just this morning I happened to be in the Communist Party headquarters, and who walks into the office but the man who delivers bottled water to the Party office.

"How long this same party has been delivering water to the office, I am not in a position to say. But I do know that by approaching him, I was able to sell a yearly subscription to the Water Man for the Western Worker, and he walked off happily with a copy of Foster's 'From Bryan to Stalin.'

"Wishing you a successful Western Worker campaign, and pledging to do my part. . ."

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And here's a little poem, by John Payne, that should spur you to to get more and more new readers for the "Western":

THE BOSSES' PRESS

Every day the scribblers gather
"All the news that's fit to print"—
And work themselves into a lather
Giving it the proper tint.

Reporters know just what to see,
When to scoff and when be solemn,
While editors scan carefully
For heresy in every column.

When workers sit down on the job
Or strike for union recognition,
A picket line is called a "mob,"
A sitdown strike becomes "sedition."

For sympathetic labor news
We search in vain the daily papers,
Filled with Hollywood reviews
And Wally Simpson's latest capers.

Workingmen who want redress
From smutty fact and willful fiction,
Support and read the labor press
And get the truth without restriction.

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The Laundry and Cleaning Workers' Unit, San Francisco, reports it has turned in 20 subscriptions on its adopted quota of 50 by the Fourth of July, plus one yearly sub to the Daily Worker. It expects to go over the top, for sure. Let's have reports from other industrial units throughout the state.

Useful Ideas for the Housewife

Do you and your family like pie? A farmer's wife submits three recipes for "Western" readers to try out:

CINNAMON CREAM PIE

2 cups milk, or part cream.
½ cup sugar.
2 tablespoons flour.
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon butter.
2 egg yolks (save whites for top).

Mix flour, sugar and cinnamon thoroughly, pour milk over mixture a little at a time and beat well. Then stir in beaten egg. Cook, until thick, stirring constantly. Add butter. Pour mixture in baked pie crust, cover with meringue and brown in oven.

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MOCK LEMON PIE

2 cups sugar.
2 cups water.
4 tablespoons flour.
2 egg youlks.
1 tablespoon butter.
1 teaspoon lemon flavoring.
4 tablespoons vinegar.

Put water in pan, stir in sugar, butter and salt, well beaten egg yolks and flour, mixed with a little cold water. Cook until thick. Add vinegar, butter and flavoring. Pour filling in baked pie crust, cover with beaten egg whites, to which a tablespoon of sugar has been added, and brown lightly in oven.

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SOUR CREAM RAISIN PIE

1 cup sour cream (or sweet).
½ cup seeded raisins, chopped fine.
½ teaspoon cinnamon.
1 cup sugar.
2 egg yolks.

Bake in uncooked crust, using the whites of two eggs beaten stiff with two tablespoons sugar on top.

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And here are some special hints for housewives:

By using cooking or salad oil for lubricating small equipment like egg beaters or meat choppers, the chance of flavoring the food with machine oil is avoided.

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When preparing white potatoes or sweet potatoes for the oven, rub them with lard; they will taste better and the skin comes off easily.

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A needle for sewing burlap or heavy cloth, can be made from a key can opener, such as comes with many cans of food. Straighten out the end used as a finger grip and file it to sharp point. In use the string is slipped through the eye at the other end.

Major Lord Talks In S. F. Symposium

SAN FRANCISCO — Recently arrived from the Spanish war front, Major Frederick I. Lord, famous American world war ace, will be one of the speakers at a symposium to be held in Scottish Rite Auditoium Sunday evening, June 13 under the auspices of the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

"Nazism Versus Democracy" is to be the general theme of the group discussion, with views expressed by numerous well known liberals, among them John D. Barry, prominent local columnist, Viola Brothers Shore, distinguished author, Herbert Biberman, noted motion picture and stage director and one of the founders of the New York Theatre Guild, Dr. Paul Bucholtz, executive secretary of the California Church Council, Rabbi Saul White, Jewish leader and philanthropist, Sol Silverman, editor of the Emanu-El, who will act as chairman, and Major Lord.

WPA Writers Picket Newspaper for Attacks on Relief

NEW YORK — In protest against editorials and news articles viciously attacking relief workers and calling for the abolition of relief jobs, members of the WPA writers' and artists' projects picketed the office of the New York Daily News.

"The News said liquidate WPA; we say expand WPA," declared one of the picketers' banners. Others declared: "We protest the anti-WPA attitude of the News,'" and "The News says dole; we say no dole."

MILLIONS USED TO DEFEAT S. P.

More Reminiscences Of California

By J. E. SNYDER

After the final elections in Los Angeles (1910), it was reported in the Oakland World news department, that because of the McNamara confession, "the women votes went almost entirely against Harriman (Socialist candidate for mayor)," which of course was not altogether true as organized labor families stood their ground pretty well, and so did the Party forces.

The Harriman buttons thrown on the street by small business men and professionals and intellectuals, were picked up and worn by the workers.

By the time the election rolled around, the Oakland World began to print stories such as the following, that showed a tendency once more to measure things more realistically:

"A million dollars has been raised. Every effort that desperate inguity can devise is being made to defeat Harriman and the Socialist ticket. The Big Business interests are straining every nerve to threaten, cajole or cozen the men and women of the city into the support of the 'Good Government' candidates.

"The notorious Times and Hearst's Examiner are pouring forth editorials warning the citizens that the bonds of the city will become worthless, that capital will flee the town, that workmen will lose their employment and eventually their homes if the calamity of a socialist administration occurs.

"A great meeting of business men of all political faiths was held on the night before the primaries, and it is said that the million dollar slush fund was pledged to secure the victory of the anti-socialist ticket. The churches true to form registered strong opposition and the Rector of the Christ Episcopal Church made an impassioned appeal to vote against the Red Menace."

In the Los Angeles Times, Otis permitted Alma Whitaker to say of an organization calling itself "Plain Citizen:" "They will from a combine. Its object will be the suppression of sedition and anarchy in the person of the professional agitator. Theirs will be a big, powerful, effective but very unostentatious revolt. It will work quickly, surely, silently. The first thing the Plain Citizens will accomplish is the quick removal of these gentlemen. They won't be blown up; they will just quietly disappear from human ken."

This statement was very much like the one made by Otis' father in pre-slavory days that excited the mob to drag Wm. Lloyd Garrison from his little printshop, with intent to hang him, and would likely have done so if Wendall Phillips had not succeeded in stopping them.

So in the high pitch of things when the "Confession" came, it was hard to find a clear mind left to speak a sound word. The McNamara brothers were left hanging out on a limb. They had stirred up the people. They were on the cross. They had hoped for understandings promised, that are yet to come.

But the people came back, as they always come back until the battle is won.

(To be Continued)

FASCIST DOCTOR BARES CRUELTY OF FRANCO MEN

The abysmal cruelty and savagery of the fascists fighting against the democratic Spanish People's Front Government, is revealed by the personal physician of a fascist general.

A signed and attested document from Portugal gives the following information:

"When the rebel general, Sanjurjo, was in Portugal, he had with him his physician, Dr. Moreira. On the death of Sanjurjo, this doctor joined Franco's forces as colonel in the medical service.

"A short time ago he returned to Portugal. In the presence of numerous friends, he expressed

his disgust at the manner in which the fascists were conducting the war.

"The nuns who worked in the hospital of Talavera also expressed their horror and consternation. One morning some Falangists entered the hospital in the small hours, dragged 30 wounded Republican soldiers out of their beds, and, after torturing them, shot them without mercy."

In all wars until now the wounded have been respected, Dr. Moreira said bitterly. The doctor concluded by saying that he now wanted to resign from Franco's army.

3 Alameda Cities Will Witness 'Spain in Flames'

San Leandro, Berkeley and Hayward will see the film "Spain in Flames" this week.

Berkeley showing of the vital document of Spain's defense against the fascist invasion will be Tuesday evening, June 1, at Comrades' Hall, 1819 Tenth St. Two showings will be given, at 7 and 9 p. m.

With the address not yet announced at this writing, Hayward's showing will be Wednesday, June 2, also at 7 and 9 p. m.

San Leandro will witness the film under the auspices of Club Iberia Beneficio, 1349 Hayes street, Thursday night, June 3, with showings at 7 and 9 p. m.

Adult admission in all cases is 25 cents, children 10 cents.

PAMPHLET FOR JOBLESS IS IN 3 LANGUAGES

An instrument for the further organization of the unemployed and WPA workers in the fight for an American standard of living, "How to Win Work at a Living or a Decent Standard of Living With the Workers Alliance of America" is a new pamphlet that is filling the bill throughout the country.

This pamphlet is published in English at 2 cents per copy, and is now being published in Spanish and Italian languages at 3 cents per copy, by the Workers' Library Publishers.

Workers Alliance locals, or unemployed individuals, can place orders for this vital pamphlet through the International Book Store, 170 Golden Gate, San Francisco.

How Many Did You Answer?

1. Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

2. The French Communist Party had 284,000 members on January 1, 1937.

3. Fifty-four miles, the distance acriss ice-filled Behring Strait, which separates Alaska from Siberia.

4. No, the AFL since its beginning has declared for organization of all workers without regard to race, creed, color or sex, but some international unions violate the constitution and refuse to accept Negro members.

5. Negro population of the U. S. is 11,891,143.

OAKLAND TRIB. AIDS FASCISM

Pro-Franco Trash is Used as 'Literary'

American fascists have put a new wrinkle in their pro-Franco propaganda, if Oakland Tribune feature columns are any indication. To be brief, the propaganda for the Italian and Nazi butchers under Franco have "gone literary."

"Maria of Malaga" is the title of this fascist effusion in the Tribune, May 11. This little tale utilizes all technique of the dime novel "thriller," save that for the figure of Jack Dalton, the Texas bad man, is substituted "Captain Mendez" of the "Reds." The Captain, "leering horribly," seeks to use Maria for his own purposes under threat of horrible tortures.

Literary Abortion

But perhaps we should let the author of this literary effort, one Granville Fortescue, speak for himself—it is an alarming tale:

"Noting the Red officer's face as he sneered down on her mother, Maria Luana stiffened with fear . . .

"'Marry my daughter in church, senor Captain, as her father—God rest his soul—and I were married, by a priest—'

"'Churches!' The sneer on Captain Mendez' face deepened. 'They make magnificent bonfires. Padres! We anarchists have—as Russian say—liquidated them.'"

Like Old Fake Melodramas

Mr. Fortescue then lapses into a column-long rhapsody on the burning of churches by these "villainous Reds." Captain Mendez gives Maria two days to relent "or else," and finally with all the fanfare of the entry of the U. S. Marines in the usual thriller, Franco's troops come marching to the rescue. With them rides Maria's sweetheart, Pedro Salas, who shoots Mendez dead just as that worthy is about to prick Maria brother's eyes with red-hot needles.

Mendez and all the "Reds" take on the clothing of the villains in the nineteenth century melodramas. One expects to hear the base captain shriek "Foiled again" as his plans are upset, and true to the tradition, the story ends in an embrace and fade-out.

Fortesque "Forgot" Fascist Brutality

Perhaps Mr. Fortescue "forgot" to mention the bombing and shelling of the fleeing thousands of civilians at Malaga by a Nazi battle ship, but we do not think so. We incline to the view that he does not object to such bombings and slaughter if they will insure the victory of Franco and his fascist allies and the suppression of the free Spanish people.

Halt Such Villifications

The moral is obvious:

Newspapers must be made to feel the weight of popular pressure to put a halt to such villifications of the gallant and heroic Spanish people.

Stevens of Guild Charges Green Has Violated Labor Act

CHICAGO—Bill Green stands accused of violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act!

Charges were filed with the Labor Board by Don Stevens, whom Green dismissed the other day as special AFL organizer for the Newspaper Guild. Green gave Stevens' support for CIO policies as the reason. Stevens charges he was fired "because of union activities."

Parking Meters Are Proposed in Two California Cities

SANTA ANA—A proposal to charge for the privilege of parking a car on public streets is scheduled to come up for a vote before the city council here June 7. Meters would be installed and motorists required to deposit a coin for a limited parking time.

Opposition in Laguna Beach

LAGUNA BEACH—A petition was in circulation here against a proposal to install parking meters in the downtown business section.

Anti Fingerprinting Bill Approved by California Assembly

SACRAMENTO—By a 41 to 24 vote, the state assembly passed the Richie anti-fingerprinting bill, prohibiting any agency of the state or political subdivision from acquiring or keeping finger print records, unless volunteered, except of those arrested or to identify newborn infants.

While the bill would not stop police use of fingerprints on framed labor arrests, it is aimed at efforts to secure general compulsory finger printing measures whose real purpose is blacklisting for labor activities.

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Santa Clara Labor Demands Probe of Franco Spy R...

UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS NYE-BERNARD RESOLUTION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Santa Clara County Council First Labor Central Body to Back Probe of Spy-Ring Uncovered by Daily Worker

SAN JOSE—Unanimously, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council went on record giving support to the Congressional investigation of Franco's Spanish fascist spy-ring operating in the United States, which has been asked in by Nye-Bernard resolution in Congress.

The investigation, which is asked by Senator Nye (R., N. D.) and Rep. John T. Bernard (Farmer-Labor, Minn.), would be based on sensational exposures of the activities of Spanish fascists in this country, made by the Daily Worker, national organ of the Communist Party.

Demand On Investigation

Twenty-eight other members of the House of Representatives have endorsed the Nye-Bernard resolution.

The Santa Clara County Council is the first central labor body in California to get behind the fight for an investigation of the Spanish fascist spies.

The resolution adopted here calls upon California representatives and senators to vote in favor of the resolution.

Labor unions and central bodies throughout the state are urged by the American League Against War and Fascism to adopt similar resolutions.

L. A. TEAMSTER OFFICIALS HELP DAIRY OWNERS

Try to Block Organization Of Workers Into CIO Union

LOS ANGELES — Continued evidence of collaborations between Arden Dairy Farms' officials and AFL leadership in the Teamsters union to prevent organization by the CIO Dairy Workers Union, was announced last week by E. A. Kope, CIO organizer.

Officials at the Arden Dairy are telling workers to join the AFL union, Kope declared.

CIO Union Gains Fast

Strong organizational gains are being made by the Dairy Workers union, with a new local of the union set up in Chino last week.

"We don't mean any monkey business," Kope said. "We know that hundreds of teamsters are going to support us."

"Mr. Dail and Mr. Beck of the Teamsters union, are going to discover that their collaborationist policies are not going to benefit their Teamsters union or the AFL."

San Diego Cannery Local Organizing

By a Cannery Worker

SAN DIEGO — San Diego County cannery workers due to the low wage scale paid and the very bad conditions under which they have been forced to work for years, have rebelled and decided they will not tolerate any longer this unwarranted treatment.

They knowing that in San Pedro and other ports of the Pacific Coast, due to the fact that the cannery workers are organized, they receive a higher wage and consequently enjoy better working and living conditions.

Secure AFL Charter

With the determination that can only come from workers that for years have suffered privation, hunger and want as well as the rankest exploitation, a group of 22 cannery workers attended a meeting of the Deep Sea & Purse Seine Fishermens Union, petitioned the American Federation of Labor for a charter which was granted.

In this manner the cannery workers of this region have laid the solid foundation of a bona-fide union, under the name of Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,593, of San Diego Bay Area.

The San Pedro Cannery Workers Union Local No. 20,147, as a result of the earnest desire and willingness of the San Diego cannery workers to organize, elected a full-time paid organizer who will assist them in their noble purpose.

The Organizing Committee of the San Diego Central Labor Council deserves a great deal of credit for their effort and activity in the formation of this growing local.

With the promised support of all the organized labor movement, the day is near when San Diego's second largest industry will be organized 100 per cent.

Dept. Store Union Wins Victory in S. F. Kress Stores

SAN FRANCISCO—The Department Store Employees Union, Local 1100, scored a victory here when the Kress Stores backed water on their anti-union attitude. As a result, two girls fired for union activity, and other girls demoted for union activity, were restored to their original jobs. Local 1100 now over 5000 members.

OAKLAND NEWSIE FIGHTS TRANSIT COMPANY FRAME

Urge Workers to Pack Court Room at June 17 Trial

By a Newsboy

OAKLAND—For a long time, the big newspapers in Oakland have instructed the newsboys to sell street car transfers and tokens at a cut rate along with their papers.

Recently a newsboy named Roger E. Forget was framed by an inspector for the East Bay Transit Co. on a fake charge that he sold a transfer along with a paper to a young lady.

The newsboy has 25 witnesses to testify that he did not sell a transfer and the young woman, who was roughly handled by the inspector, who tried to force her to admit the sale, denies it.

Pack the Court Room!

But even in the face of this evidence, the frame-up is scheduled for trial June 17, at the Oakland City Hall. All workers and especially newsboys are urged to be on hand to pack the court room on the date set. Aubrey Grossman, union attorney, will defend the case. A jury trial has been demanded.

Boys Had to Strike

The offering of tokens as an inducement to buy papers is a result of newsboys having to work from 9 to 12 hours a day for six days in order to get magnificent "bonuses" of from $3 to $6. Children have been working at night for a "bonus" of 25c per week.

But even this so-called bonus was withdrawn and 800 newsboys struck Tuesday, May 25, to demand their rights.

Fellow Oakland Newsboys! Let us all stand together and win our fight for a living wage and union recognition!

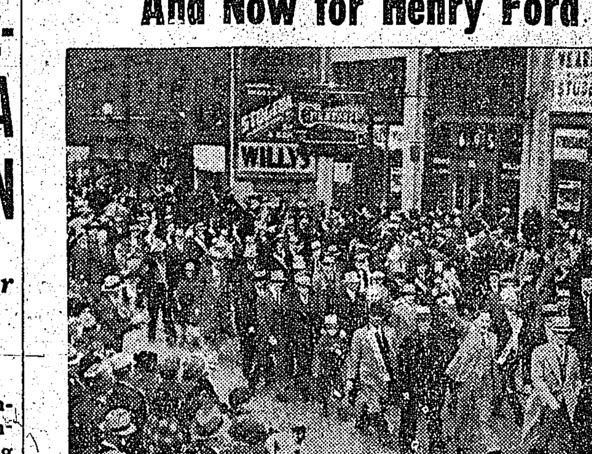
Demand New Trial For Mensalves

NIPOMA—On grounds that evidence did not support the verdict of guilty, Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, was scheduled May 28 to demand a new trial in the case of C. D. Mensalves and E. B. Bushnell, arrested here last April 15 on charges of "disturbance of the peace."

Mensalves, Filipino labor leader, and Bushnell, journalist, were arrested during the recent pea-pickers' strike when they objected to the use of the local anti-picketing ordinance to break the strike.

Brought to trial on May 11, both defendants were found guilty by a jury composed entirely of growers and deputy sheriffs. Strong point on the side of the defense for a new trial is that not one worker was on the jury. Justice of the Peace Melbourne Dana presided during the trial.

And Now for Henry Ford



MEMBERS OF the CIO United Automobile Workers Parade in Detroit. They're set to conquer Henry Ford now.

WORKERS IN 2 S. F. PLANTS SECURE GAINS

SAN FRANCISCO — Union conditions have been won by workers in two more plants here. Warehousemen's Union, ILA 38-44, secured an agreement with the Sunset Nut Shelling Co. for a 70-cent minimum hourly wage scale, time and a half for overtime, preferential hiring, and a seasonal split between a 40-hour and 44-hour week with an eight-hour day. Production Machine Operators and Miscellaneous Metal Workers Union, Local 20,444, reached an agreement with the Milo Lamp Shade Mfg. Co. for a 40-hour week, 60-cent hourly minimum, and overtime pay.

Painters Condemn IATSE Scabbing

CINCINNATI—Scabbing in the Hollywood movie strike by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees officials, was condemned in a resolution presented to the American Federation of Labor meeting of heads of "loyal" international unions, by President Lindelof, of the Painters' International Union. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, it has come to the attention of the said international representative that the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees an affiliated union of the AFL are recruiting and replacing striking craftsmen, and

"Whereas, the said IATSE is preventing duly accredited international unions from reaching an agreement with the motion picture producers in Hollywood.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the American Federation of Labor executive board go on record as opposing the action of the said IATSE and be it further

"Resolved that the American Federation of Labor executive council notify the IATSE to cease and desist the recruiting of any and all members of the international unions and allow the said international unions to reach an agreement with the Hollywood motion picture producers agreeable to all parties involved."

125 Lassen Lumber Men Join in CIO

SUSANVILLE (Lassen County) —One hundred and twenty-five Susanville loggers and lumber mill employes, have signed up with the CIO, organizer Howard Dyer of Westwood announced. The 125 men joined in one day.

LEWIS ACCEPTS INVITATION TO VISIT MEXICO

See Closer Cooperation Between U. S. and Mexican Labor

MEXICO CITY—John L. Lewis, of the Committee for Industrial Organization, has accepted the invitation of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) to come to Mexico in September, it was announced here by Senator Soto Reyes.

Closer cooperation between the United States and Mexican labor movements is expected to result from Lewis' visit.

"We are heart and soul with John L. Lewis," declared Lombardo Toledano, CTM leader, recently. "He is undoubtedly the greatest labor leader in the United States and our views and his coincide entirely."

Under the banner of the CTM, the Mexican workers and peasants have made great gains in organization and better conditions in the past two years.

Santa Clara County Labor Votes Public Ownership of Water

SAN JOSE—The Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County adopted a resolution favoring "the district or regional ownership of the water system, by all the people in the whole territory now supplied by that system," and requesting the San Jose City Council to call a meeting of representatives from communities and neighborhoods throughout the water district before making any decision on the question of public ownership of water.

L.A. Court Fines Hotel Picketers

LOS ANGELES—Four workers arrested May 19 for picketing in front of the Beverly-Wilshirt Hotel, were found guilty of violation of the Beverly Hills anti-picketing ordinance by Justice of the Peace Charles J. Griffin last week.

After paying a fine of $25 apiece, of which $15 was suspended, the men filed notice of appeal from the verdict to the Superior Court.

PASS IT ON!

When you get through reading this issue, pass the copy on to your fellow worker. Then ask him to subscribe so he'll get it regularly.

EASTSIDE LEADS L. A. COUNTY IN "WESTERN" SUBSCRIPTIONS

Eastside, Orange County and Hollywood sections of the Communist Party, Los Angeles, were running neck and neck in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, in the standings as of Monday, May 24. The standings follow:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY STANDINGS

Section	Quota	Subs Secured	Percentage
Eastside	150	65	43.3
Orange County	45	19	42.2
Hollywood	150	62	41.3
Goodyear	100	38	38.0
Southern Pacific	50	15	30.0
Industrial	150	38	25.3
Harbor	100	24	24.0
Downtown	200	47	23.5
San Fernando	75	16	21.3
Bay Cities	35	7	20.0
Centinela	35	5	14.2
Belvedere	25	3	12.0
Pasadena	50	4	8.0
Professional	150	10	6.6
	1315	353	27.0

FORD WORKERS IN RICHMOND SET EXAMPLE

Their April 23 Sitdown Was Model Of Discipline

By NAT YANISH

RICHMOND—The answer to the lie that workers cannot govern themselves was convincingly supplied by sitdown strikers in the Ford plank here on April 23, their first strike.

When the Ford population of approximately 1200 citizens returned to the plant after their lunch hour on that memorable Friday, the majority had already been informed of, and were in agreement with, the sitdown strike. This decision was determined by the attitude of indifference to the workers' grievances by the management.

Efficint Organization

Superintendent Harrison had reiterated he lacked authority to correct existing wrongs and proceeded to ignore representatives of the workers. Hence, the sit-down action.

With the exception of Harrison and his assistant, Johnson, no one was permitted to leave the plant. Harrison and Johnson were freed in order that they might carry on negotiations.

Every gate but the main one was welded. The welding equipment was wheeled about the grounds without resistence offered by the Ford thugs, generally known as "service men." To prevent the workers from welding the doors to the plant as well as the gates, keys were turned over to them.

Forces Mobilized

Organization of the forces within was immediately started. No one was permitted to leave until organization was complete. Every worker had to present a reason for wishing to leave. Departmental foremen followed stewards around the premises begging for passes.

When all details were complete, a volunteer force was required to remain in the plant. Two hundred volunteered. Automobiles to take the remaining workers home were inspected outside the main gate by stewards.

The men were allowed to leave on promise they would return for picket duty. Changing shifts were planned. Preparations for an extended siege were made.

Orderly Mass Meeting

When the night shift arrived, workers clamored about the gate and volunteered to come in and help in the struggle. This shift swelled the ranks of the sitdowners to 400.

At 7:45 p.m., the stewards met to prepare an agenda for a mass meeting. The conveyor belt at the end of the Assembly room served as a platform for the meeting that began at 8 p.m. A chairman was regularly elected; business was conducted in an orderly manner.

Equipment Safeguarded

Permits were issued to clean-up men and their foremen to enter to perform their duties. Electricians and maintenance men were compelled to stay on duty for fire protection. Rules of the plant relative to smoking and other safety measures were in full force. At the meeting, shifts were formed to police the plant. Preparations to fight fires were carefully made. Assistance was given to clean-up men to remove all combustible matter.

No vandalism was brooked. Workers were not permitted to get into new cars for any reason. There was no destruction or mischief.

Food there was in plenty. Men reporting for the night shift, discovered the sitdown and eagerly passed in their lunch boxes. Relatives and sweethearts, friends and sympathizers brought food, cigarettes and newspapers. Musical instruments appeared. A hill-billy night club was established.

They Didn't Need Thugs

All this activity had been organized within a half-hour, without disturbance. Could there be better proof of the workers' capabilities?

A force of about 30 big "service-men" patrol the Ford plant during normal times. They comprise the police force. There also exists an underground force of stool pigeons. The workers, during the brief sitdown, demonstrated they could manage very well without these rats.

At 11 p.m., word was brought that an agreement had been reached between International officers of the UAW and the Detroit Ford agent. The men, happy the struggle was of short duration, and happier still at their victory, filed proudly out.

Yellow Press Lies Refuted

The Tribune and Post-Enquirer carried lying stories that the men were "frightened" out of the plant, warned that should they refuse to leave Ford would never settle. But when the men filed out, the settlement already was theirs.

Once again was recorded on the pages of history the strength of united workers.

Our Girl Reporter On Movie Pickets

13-Year-Old Correspondent Tells of Her Experiences in Hollywood Strike

By M. J. H.
(13-Year-Old Girl Reporter)

HOLLYWOOD—Mom and some friends decided to go on the picket line at Pantages tonight, and (now being a reporter) I decided to tag along. We were supposed to meet some other people at seven o'clock, a half block east of the theater. Well, we got there at 7:15, and the people were still waiting for us.

All of us went to the picket captain and asked if we might picket. He was glad to have us, and our band, numbering 11, waited while he got some arm bands. The picket captain handed two arm bands to one of us (one was intended for me), but at that moment I decided I ought to interview some of the people present.

Well Organized Picket Line

The picket captain viewed me coldly, as if to say, "I knew a child would turn yellow." I think I had the grace to blush, anyway my cheeks certainly felt uncommonly warm. So I went to the side lines and viewed the picket line.

It was a very well organized one, and there were about 30 people in it, about half of them women.

There were some kids from the YCL, and the whole line presented a very agreeable appearance.

She Tries Interviewing

The first man I talked to was the doorman. I approached him rather timidly and asked him:

"Happen you didn't work here but you wanted to see the movie, would you go through the line?" (Not very good style I later found out!)

"Sure, why not? It's a free country ain't it?" And he turned his back and walked away.

Finks Are Finks

I was rather taken aback, and beheld the line in rueful silence for fully 10 minutes.

My next attempt was the barman in the restaurant next door. I sauntered in with my best attempt at a feminine William Powell and queried: "What do you think about this strike business?"

"Oh, I don't know; you can carry these things too far. Why, do you want to go in?"

"No, I just wondered"—surprisingly meek.

"Well, if you want to, I'd go in."

"O. K. Thanks."

Cops Are Cops

After these two bad jobs, I decided to try the cop (bold ambition). He was very young, and didn't look settled into coppish ways. (A mistake, as it turned out!)

I went over and asked in an innocent, babyish, tone: "Why are you a cop?"

"Because it's more exciting than lots of other things." This in a horribly tolerant tone.

"Why are you here?"

"To prevent trouble. Better watch out, those are reds. Don't get mixed up with them." Then, under his breath, "damned Communists!" and only a few out of the 30 present were in the Party.

Back to Picketing

Well, I gave up my reporting as a bad job and joined the picket line to see what it felt like to get "mixed up with those damned reds."

It felt O. K., and all's well that ends well.

Seek Election in Postal Telegraph

LOS ANGELES — To obtain collective bargaining rights, the American Radio Telegraphists Association, CIO affiliate, has filed a petition for elections in the Pstal Telegraph Co. with the National Labor Relations Board, C. H. Jordan, ARTA secretary, announced last week.

Attempts are being made to neogtiate union demands with the company for the entire West Coast, Jordan stated, but the union will call for elections if negotiations fail. The CIO drive on Postal is being carried on over the entire Pacific Coast.

Opposition is being met with in the Northwest, Jordan declared, where the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is trying to split the workers by making separate agreements with the company.

STORY OF THUG ACTIVITIES IN STUDIO STRIKE

Union Mechanic Slugged As He Distributed "Studio Voice"

By M. J. H.
(13 Year Old "Western" Correspondent)

HOLLYWOOD—As you probably know, the Studio Strike had reached a crisis several weeks ago. Therefore, the Communist Party issued some Studio Voices on the situation.

Well, the man I am going to write about, is in the Mechanics' Union. Being "the real stuff," when he was asked to distribute these Studio Voices, he was glad to help.

So, with two girls, he set out for the American Legion Stadium.

Thugs Muscled In

They had distributed quite a few leaflets, when a man approached the girls and told them to walk a hundred feet away.

The girls and he walked across the street where two men came over and asked for one of the Voices. He gave them one, and then the other man snatched away all the girls' leaflets and told them to go away.

They did, and then two more men joined the men, surrounded Sam, and hit him twice. The first time they nearly knocked his eye out, and the second time they broke his cheek bone knocking him unconscious.

Girls Saved Him

The girls came back and dragged him into a cab. As the cab started to leave, the men returned with a cop to arrest him.

About 10 o'clock, he reached the General Hospital where he had to go through all sorts of red tape before they would even look at him. His cheek was paining terribly now and he couldn't sleep at all. The pain seemed to start in his heart and stomach and send shooting pains all through his body. The nurses gave him a shot in the arm, but it didn't do any good. After a time, they gave him another, but it did no good either. Then, as a last resort, they gave him sleeping pills. But he couldn't sleep.

We heard about it Sunday morning while we were all playing with the dog in bed. The 'phone rang, and one of the comrades told us (I mean Mom), about it.

Well, of course, we went to see him right away. Mom, myself, and his two sons.

Terrific Pain

When we finally got there, he was lying in an ill-ventilated ward with a lot of street brawlers. He was glad to see us. When asked, he said that the pain was terrific, and then mentioned it no more. He told his kids not to worry, and said that they shouldn't write his wife because she would worry. By that time it was four o'clock and we had to go, but as we left we asked the nurse why they didn't set his cheek and she said: "It takes three days for the X-ray to be developed!"

I think that we all ought to give three cheers for the heroic comrade who is still undaunted by this terrible experience: Ra! Ra! Ra!

SAN FRANCISCO TEXTILE DRIVE GETS RESULTS

SAN FRANCISCO—The Textile Workers Organizing Committee drive here has resulted in more than 650 new union members from local knitting mills, chiefly from Gantner & Mattern and Snyder Knitting Mills.

Sonya Baltrun, TWOC representative, stated that, in organizing woolen mills here, she had run across Butchers' Union representatives trying to muscle in this industry, outside their jurisdiction.

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DRIVE ON FORD

HOMER MARTIN, president of the CIO United Automobile Workers Union, who recently spoke in Los Angeles and Oakland. He has placed UAW 100 per cent behind Richmond Ford strike, as the auto union begins its nation-wide drive for recognition in Ford plants.

FORD PLOTTING MASSACRE IN RICHMOND, CAL.

Struck Plant, Homes Of Finks Turned Into Arsenals

RICHMOND—Negotiations between the Ford officials and United Automobile Workers Union were continuing Friday, with chances of a settlement repor... as good.

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Unless immediate steps are taken by authorities against the Ford Motor Co. here, Richmond is likely to see a repetition of the bloody Chicago massacre, in which six Republic Steel workers were murdered last Sunday.

United Automobile Workers leaders state that the struck Ford plant here, scene of the strike of 1800 workers, is a virtual arsenal, with machine guns, tear gas bombs, and ammunition going into the plant.

Finks' Homes Also Arsenals

In addition, H. W. Anderson, UAW vice president and union attorney Gladstein charge that homes of members of the company union, Automobile Employes Assn., are being converted into arsenals. (Reactionary Machinists Union officials have considered chartering the company union.)

The UAW has lodged a complaint with Police Chief Jones.

The Ford Motor Co. is charged with coercion, intimidation and unfair labor practice, in a formal complaint placed before the Labor Relations Board by the CIO United Automobile Workers Union.

The action of the Richmond Typographical Union in withdrawing from the Contra Costa Central Labor Council because the latter endorsed the CIO-led Ford strike was minimized by Council Secretary Viola Cox, who said that the union had taken little interest in the council's affairs, its delegates attending but three meeting in the past year, and this only when typo business was up.

Miss Cox pointed out that International President Howard of the Typos is CIO national secretary. The Martinez Typographical union has not taken action similar to that of the Richmond local.

Salinas Negro is Murdered by Cop

SALINAS—Tom Morgan, Negro worker, was shot to death Wednesday, the latest victim of police brutality. Morgan was shot down by Constable Walter Davis "to save the life of Wes Eade"—(a wealthy cattleman), to quote the flimsy excuse of Constable Davis.

SELLOUT FILM PACT TURNED DOWN COLD

Strike is Extended To 1000 in 28 Independents

HOLLYWOOD—The Federated Motion Picture Crafts has extended its strike from the majors to 28 independent studios, adding over 1000 to the ranks of the strikers. The independents were struck after many attempts by the Federated to obtain preferential hiring and higher wages.

LOS ANGELES—Unanimously resolving to carry on their strike until their demands are met, striking studio workers meeting have turned down a phoney "settlement" proposal made by George Brown, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes.

The strike and the picketing continue in high spirits.

Characterized by Ward Hamilton, member of the strike committee of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, as "just some more of Brown's hooey," the so-called "settlement" was arrived at without representation from the FMPC.

Turned Down Flatly

According to Hamilton, the agreement was made between Pat Casey, "labor coordinator" for the Producers' Association, Brown of the IATSE, and Joe Clark, international vice president of the Painters Brotherhood.

When it was presented to the strike committee and the membership of the FMPC, it was flatly rejected.

Spirit of the strikers at the Tuesday night meeting was "very high," Hamilton declared. "They were determined to stick together and to continue their strike."

Significant aspect of the so-called "agreement," engineered by Brown and Casey, was that the FMPC was entirely ignored. Under terms of this "settlement," members of the Painters local would have returned to work under the basic agreement they turned down in New York last February. The make-up artists, scenic artists, and hairdressers would have been forced to affiliate with the IATSE—relinquishing their 5-wk. fight for jurisdictional independence of that union.

Had the strikers accepted Brown's sell-out "offer," strike spokesmen pointed out, it would have meant the surrendering of the two main demands for which they have been fighting: the demands for the union shop and for recognition of the FMPC.

New CIO Council Backs Newsboys

OAKLAND—As a result of a meeting on Wednesday night of CIO unions, a CIO Industrial Union charter for the East Bay is being applied for.

The Wednesday night meeting decided unanimously to apply for the charter. Besides the 19 CIO unions in the East Bay, unions sympathetic to the CIO but not in the CIO will be asked to send delegates.

The meeting adopted a resolution supporting the Oakland Newsboys' strike, by cancelling subscriptions to the daily papers here and urging all trade unionists to cancel their subscription.

3000, Gregg Funeral

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SAN PEDRO—Three thousand longshoremen, still angered by the murder by Officer Redding, marched in the funeral here last Wednesday of Bill Gregg, ILA member. Redding is still in jail under a murder charge.

Spanish Envoy Sees Victory for People

De Los Rios, in Interview, Tells of Great Spirit of People, Demoralization of Fascists; Role of New Cabinet

By E. P.

"The Fascists will never take Bilbao," declared Dr. Fernando de Los Rios last Sunday afternoon to the little group of newspaper men and women clustered about him in the lobby of the Huntington Apartments, San Francisco. Thoughtfully the Ambassador of the Spanish People's Government stroked his wiry black beard. Then he explained:

"I do not believe Mola's offensive can break through our lines. But even if they do, it will be but a Pyhrric victory, a victory that is really a defeat. The cost in their men and ammunition will be too great. Besides, nothing in the international panorama will be changed."

The ambassador was doubtless referring to the fact that the decisive zone at the present stage of the conflict is the Madrid and Guadarrama front, where Loyalist defenders have checked the ruthless drive of Franco's troops, including the 80,000 Italians and 20,000 Germans forced by Mussolini and Hitler to attempt the extermination of the Spanish people. Asked if he thought the fascists could take Madrid without further reinforcements from Rome and Berlin, Dr. De Los Rios replied with an emphatic "No!"

"The Spanish people," he explained proudly, "are a great people. They have been invaded before, and they expelled the invaders."

"What about the morale of the fascists, Doctor?" your correspondent inquired.

Fascists' Morale Cracking

"A priest has just arrived in New York who was with Franco's army for several months. He tells of fascist prisons filled with Spanish officers—officers, mind you—who will not fight against their own people. Of course you have read of the revolts among the soldiers."

The former president of the University of Madrid and Minister of Education in the first

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$10,000 SPAIN WEEK'S QUOTA

A total of $10,000 must be raised for Loyalist Spain during Spanish Aid Week, June 13 to June 20, declares the appeal of the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy in urging all trade unions, liberal, religious, fraternal and progressive organizations of the state to participate.

"That the children of Spain may live," is the slogan under which the money will be collected.

San Francisco Answers

Responding to the appeal, a conference of San Francisco organizations scheduled a mass

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MANY TO HEAR C. S. APPEALS

S. F. Mass Meeting Demands Freedom

Three hundred San Francisco opponents gathered in a spirited meeting Wednesday night in Cooks' Auditorium in preparation for the statewide mass delegation which will attend the hearings on the appeal of the victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act Wednesday, June 9, at the capitol in Sacramento.

Calling for the release of the Sacramento prisoners, the meeting also sent a telegram of birthday greetings to J. B. McNarara in Folsom Prison, who was 57 years old on June 2.

Patterson Speaks

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson of King City was the principal speaker, along with Lorine Norman, one of the Sacramento defendants; Leo Gallagher, defense attorney; Herman Stuyvelaar, secretary of the Modesto Defense Committee; Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, and Jack Turner, International Labor Defense.

Herbert Nugent, secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, announced that as many as 50 organizations from Los Angeles County alone are expected to have delegations to Sacramento June 9. Many of those attending Wednesday night's meeting signed the register to make the trip along with official delegations from organizations.

The San Francisco contingent will leave from 111 Jones street at 6 a. m. of the morning of the trial.

Statewide

Delegations from all parts of the state, Nugent announced, will gather at the Sacramento Labor Temple on their arrival at the Capital and proceed in a body to the courtroom.

Attorney Leo Gallagher will represent Jack Crane, Lorine Norman and Al Hougardy. Caroline Decker, Martin Wilson, Nora Conklin and Pat Chambers will argue their own defense. Norman Mini will be represented by his own attorney.

NAT'L UNITY BIG POINT IN MARINE MEET

Maritime Federation Convenes June 7; CIO Main Issue

NEW YORK — The National Maritime Union has assigned organizers to tugs and ferryboats and has signed up the crews of 10 boats.

ILA 38-79 meeting in San Francisco Tuesday night, passed a resolution urging the Maritime Federation convention to instruct all its affiliated unions to take an immediate referendum on the question of affiliation to the CIO.

The ILA resolution urges that this be made the first order of business at the Portland convention, "to the exclusion of all secondary questions and matters of minor importance in comparison—such as jurisdictional disputes, etc., in the interests of general unity in the maritime industry and a unified move towards CIO affiliation."

The Marine Firemen Thursday night concurred in the ILA resolution. This union instructed its delegates to the convention to vote for Stuyvelaar for federation secretary and for Jim O'Neill as "Voice" editor.

The Firemen called for aid to Spain by the setting up of branches of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, in every port.

(Of Maritime Federation affiliates, the Sailors will conclude a referendum at the end of this week on CIO affiliation; the ARTA is already in the CIO and the Marine Engineers executive committee will in a few days meet on the question.)

Indignation Meet Against Rossi

SAN FRANCISCO — Bill Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker at the mass indignation meeting Saturday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Marshall Square, Civic Center.

Directed against the Rossi administration for its connection with the police graft exposed by the Atherton report and grand jury investigation, the meeting is being held under the auspices of the San Francisco County Committee of the Party.

An opportunity to speak in their own defense has been offered to Mayor Rossi, Police Chief Quinn, Police Commissioner Frank Roche and five supervisors up for reelection in November.

Frank Spector, County Organizer of the Party, will be chairman. Aside from the speakers, the program will include a reenactment of the McDonough telephone conversations revealed to the grand jury.

SPAIN PREMIER

DR. JUAN NEGRIN, who heads the new loyalist cabinet of Spain, with a program calling for iron discipline and a unified military command.

HIGH COURT OKEHS HUGE PGE ROBBERY

$6,000,000 Steal Shows Need for Court Curb

WASHINGTON—It is repor... that President Roosevelt h... ordered Democratic Senate Floor Leader Joseph T. Robinson to push a compromise on the Supreme Court reforms.

Some quarters report the proposed compromise as seeking an increase of the Court's membership from 9 to 11.

SAN FRANCISCO—The sanction by the U. S. Supreme Court of a huge robbery by the PG&E is certain to shock the people of San Francisco, and indeed, of all California, into realizing more than ever the need for a finish fight on behalf of reform of the high court.

A Wholesale Robbery

Gas consumers—the public—of San Francisco have lost $6,000,000 as a result of the court's ruling last Tuesday that the California Railroad Commission was wrong in contending that the money should be refunded to consumers as excess charges.

By a 4-4 vote, the Supreme Court concurred in the Nov. 1933 Federal Court ruling that the state commission could not order the PG&E to reduce its rates on natural gas in the San Francisco area by $2,100,000 a year. A 4-4 vote is sufficient to uphold a lower court's ruling.)

The commission has filed a petition for a rehearing.

The $6,000,000 represents the difference between the rates charged by the PG&E between 1933 and 1936, and the rates the commission contends it should have charged. In 1936 the PG&E finally had to reduce its rates.

TORY ENGLAND SHIELDS NAZIS AND ITALIANS

Mola, General of Fascists, Dies in Airplane Crash

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Border — Rebel General Emilio Mola, second in command of fascist forces, was killed in an airplane crash near Gurgos Thursday. Four high rebel officers died with Mola.

VALENCIA—The Spanish sailing ship Granada was sunk by an unidentified submarine off the Catalan Coast. One member of the crew was killed.

WASHINGTON — The United States will continue its policy of considering that Germany and Italy are not at war with Spain, it was announced at the White House following the introduction into congress by Representative Jerry O'Connell of Montana of a resolution calling for placing Germany and Italy under the ban of the American Neutrality Act.

MADRID—The Spanish People's Front Army pushed ahead 12 miles on the Guadarrama front, northwest of Madrid.

Loyalists Advance

BILBAO—In a surprise attack the Basque People's Army drove back the invading fascists several miles on the front 12 miles southeast of Bilbao. Other Basque columns attacked to the west. A third offensive of the Loyalists 18 miles south of Bilbao was turned back by fascist machine gun fire after it had advanced two miles.

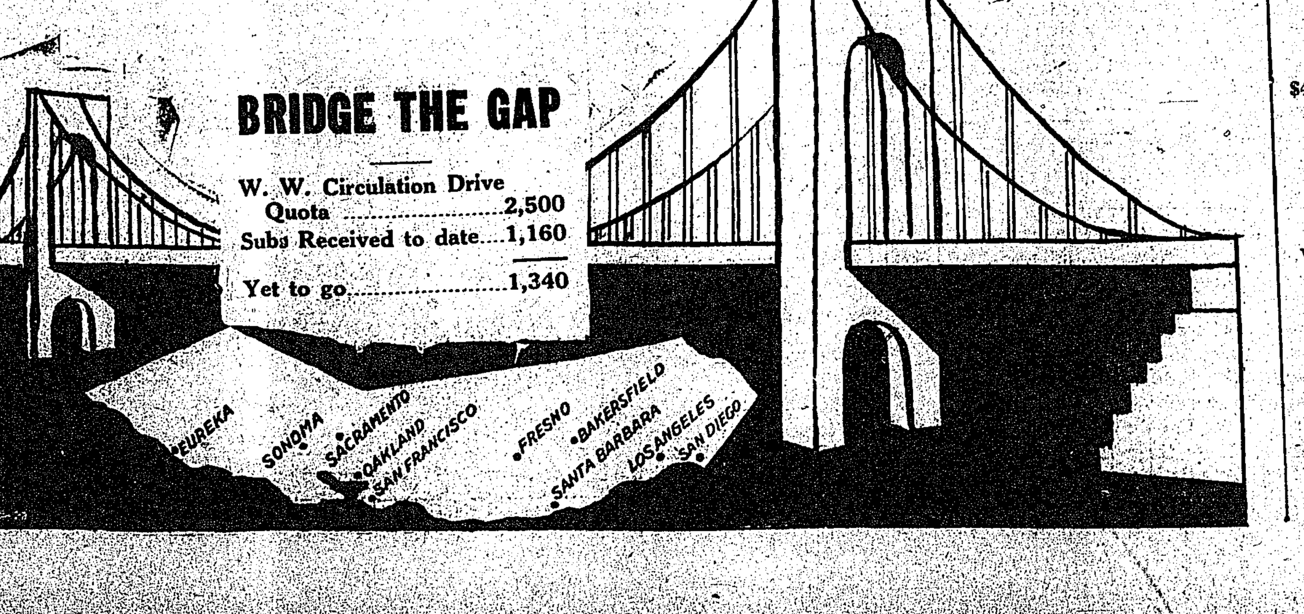
GENEVA—British and French pressure to "minimize" the Nazi bombing of Almeria forced the Spanish government to withdraw its demand for immediate action of the League of Nations against German aggression.

Instead the charges will now be pressed before the International Non-Intervention Committee in London.

The initiative of England—in "soft-pedaling" the Nazi and Italian aggression comes in the face of the Nazis' addition of submarines to the naval war craft and airplanes already openly sent to Spain with openly avowed orders to fire on any Loyalist ship or plane that approaches.

Favored by the action of England, Italy moved to take further advantage of the status of "neutrality" after having strengthened its naval forces in Spanish waters and issued new "demands" for license to act as it sees fit.

Slightly backing water an Italian official spokesman announced that Italy concedes the blockade announced by Mussolini might be a source of danger.



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FORD WORKERS IN RICHMOND ARE SICKENED AT SPECTACLE OF AFL REACTIONARIES STRIKEBREAKING

Huybrecht and Vernon Have Long Records Of Working With Employers, Company Unions to Break Strikes

By NAT YANISH

Strikebreakers of a lower and more vicious order than Chowderhead Collen or Pinkerton, E. H. Vernon and Huybrecht, "officials" of the IAM, are ". . . putting a fitting climax to their career of traitors against labor."

Huybrecht, successor to the discredited Walter Nash, with the aid of Vernon, business agent Auto Mechanics Local 1546, is trying to organize a strikebreaking "union" in the Richmond Ford plant. To do this, he is pinning a button on anyone who will go through the picket line of the United Auto Workers.

Thugs, finks and foremen all are being embraced by Huybrecht and Vernon. A. O. Wharton, International President, has promised to supply an AFL charter to the fink union.

Their Strikebreaking Records

The United Auto Workers in a special strike bulletin, states: "Politically, we must remember that these men, from Wharton on down, were active Landon supporters during the last election, forming the Faker Sunflower Brigade." The officers of Huybrecht's organization, similar to Lee Holman's organization, are called "The Sunflower Brigade."

Among the many strikebreaking concentration points of Vernon and Huybrecht are the Ry-Lock Co. and National Motor Bearing Co.

Natl. Bearing workers were originally organized by Local 284 Machinists and went on strike. Wharton, Vernon's big boss, ordered the Machinists' Union to turn the Bearing workers loose. A fight, in which sworn affidavits testify that Wharton and Nash co-operated with the bosses to break the Machinists' strike, ended in revocation of the Machinists' charter.

The Bearing Co. workers were left unorganized. In line with the CIO policy to organize the unorganized, the UAW organized them. Following this, L. A. Johnson, Bearing Co. president, locked out his workers.

The Central Labor Council placed the bearing firm on the unfair list. E. H. Vernon proceeded to organize the foremen and professional finks, as he is attempting to do now at the Ford plant in Richmond. With the help of Spooner, Fee and Watson, Green organizer, Vernon succeeded in having the Bearing Co. removed from the unfair list.

National Bearing Co. workers are still locked out, while a company union, chartered by Wharton, continues to scab. This is what Huybrecht, Vernon, Wharton, Green, Spooner, et al., are trying to achieve in Richmond. The workers, however, are determined to make Richmond a Waterloo for the fakers.

ROSSI CAN'T DUCK BLAME ON NAZI FLAG

League Against War And Fascism Shows Up S. F. Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO—Blasting Mayor Rossi's attempts to duck responsibility for flaunting the Nazi flag while keeping the Soviet Union's flag off the streets during the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta, the American League Against War and Fascism writes as follows:

June 1, 1937.
Editor, Western Worker,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco, California.
Dear Sir:

The Mayor's office is now circulating the story that he is not responsible for the prominent and outrageous display of the Nazi Swastika on the streets of San Francisco, but was caused "by some unwitting decorators." This lie should be nailed at the start.

Squarely on Rossi's Shoulders

The very fact that the Mayor received our delegation of protest, issued his statement to the press justifying the flaunting of the Swastika, and refused to take action to remedy the situation when it was publicly presented to him, places the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the Mayor and his fiesta committee.

Now that the Nazi emblem has aroused such wide protest, and the metropolitan press has called attention to the pointed exclusion of the flag of the Soviet Union, the Mayor is anxious to crawl out from under. I might mention that when some members of the American League Against War and Fascism phoned in protest when they read the story "that unwitting decorators started the incident," the decorators, when approached vehemently denied this and testified that they were acting under orders.

It Wasn't An Accident

No, the prominent display of the Nazi Swastika, the marked exclusion of the Soviet flag were not accidents—but the result of directions from and political bias on the part of those in authority. Mayor Rossi was in a position to remedy this situation and can no more escape responsibility for the flaunting of the Nazi emblem of persecution in San Francisco streets than for the graft in his police department.

Yours truly,
BERT LEECH.

Downtown CP in LA Wires Gregg's Mother

LOS ANGELES—The following telegram was sent last Tuesday, June 1, by the Downtown Section of the Los Angeles Communist Party, to the mother of "Big Bill" Gregg, longshoreman, shot last week in San Pedro by William H. Redding, a policeman:

"We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in your hour of bereavement, at the loss of your son who died a hero for the cause of labor. We, the workers, will not forget this cold blooded murder of your son."

NAZI ARRESTED IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST—Arrest of Maj. Szalasy, Hungarian Nazi leader, and the order disbanding his organization for preparing to overthrow the government, have created a sensation throughout Hungary, and may foreshadow a broad campaign against Nazi agents.

LABOR STOPPED ALL ANTI-UNION BILLS, SACTO.

SACRAMENTO — Organized labor has learned the value of mass pressure, from the fact that the state legislature adjourned without putting through any of the anti-labor proposals before it.

Because of numerous resolutions from central labor bodies and union locals, none of the anti-strike and compulsory arbitration bills became law.

Even Disguise Failed

The Biggar bill, aimed at outlawing sitdown strikes and setting up a compulsory arbitration Industrial Court, passed the reactionary Senate but couldn't get by the Assembly. The Crittenden bill, aiming at compulsory arbitration, flopped, even though its anti-labor backers amended it to disguise it.

The Knowland Bill, which sought to make crimes of strikes which "interfere with supply and transport of food and drugs" aimed against teamsters, longshoremen, seamen and food workers strikes, also failed.

The Seawall bill which was designed toward setting up a duplicate of the National Railway Labor Act (compulsory arbitration) for all California workers, also flopped, though the Senate passed it.

WELCOME TO NORA CONKLIN

The State Committee of the Communist Party welcomes Comrade Nora Conklin on her release after more than two years imprisonment in Tehachapi prison.

Comrade Conklin and the seven other defendants in the Criminal Syndicalism case at Sacramento were sent to prison for their part in organizing the agricultural workers for better conditions and higher wages. It is now the task of the entire labor movement and all progressives to secure full freedom for the five who have been paroled and for the three who remain in prison.

Attend the hearing on the appeal of the defendants at Sacramento June 9—or send your demand for their freedom to the clerk of the Third District Court of Appeals.

A Great Mass Demonstration Against Cuts in WPA

THREATENED BY imminent mass dismissals of WPA workers throughout the country, WPA workers held a great mass demonstration in New York's Columbus Circle as a prelude to a 3-day stoppage and a march on Washington. They demonstrated also for $3,000,000,000 Boileau relief bill.

Solve This "If" and Put Over "Western" Drive!

IF! THAT'S what Alameda County comrades are thinking, as they look at figures showing 68 of the first 151 Western Worker subscriptions obtained in their county were turned in by only seven comrades. Forty-five per cent turned in by 1½ per cent of the comrades!

"Sounds like figures of the reactionary Senate where 75 per cent of the people are represented by 4 per cent of the Senators," state the Alameda comrades.

The big "IF" they are thinking of, is that the sky would be the limit for the "Western" circulation IF all Communist Party members in California got behind the current circulation drive. They are thinking that the Press Builders' Congress to be held in Los Angeles on July 17-18 could be a membership meeting of the California Party, if every comrade would put his shoulder to the wheel.

The seven East Bay champions are Circulation Drive Manager Dave Adams, with 13 subs and 132 points; Marcus, 12 subs, 36 points; Nat Yanish, "Western" reporter, 11 subs, 60 points; L. Harris, 10 subs, 111 points; E. Shipley, 10 subs, 60 points; Anderson, 7 subs, 78 points; Cliff, 6 subs, 72 points.

It takes 100 points to go to the Press Builders Congress, awarded as follows: One point for each month of "Western" subscriptions (one 3-months' sub counts 3 points, etc.); 2 points for each month of Daily Worker subs; 1 point for each month of Sunday Worker subs.

Starting now, every comrade should resolve to be at the Press Builders' Congress in L. A. on July 17-18!

Staunch Fighter Is 57

Calif. Communist Party and Western Greet McNamara

A staunch fighter for the trade union movement and for the rights of the people was 57 years old last Wednesday, June 2.

He is J. B. McNamara, America's oldest class war prisoner, entombed in Folsom prison.

The California State Committee sent J. B. this telegram of greetings, with which the Western Worker, on behalf of its readers and its staff, heartily concurs:

J. B. BacNamara
Folsom Prison
Represa, Calif.

Accept our warmest working class greetings on the occasion of your fifty seventh birthday. Martyrdom for labor's cause has not been in vain. Millions of workers of the new generation and old now surging ahead to make USA labor one hundred per cent union to defeat reaction to build a farmer labor party are deeply inspired by your wonderful example of dauntless courage and unflinching loyalty to your class. Our party together with all forces of labor and progress will not rest till you Tom Warren Matt and all labor prisoners are back in our fighting ranks.

California State Committee
Communist Party USA
Anita Whitney,
State Chairman
Wm. Schneiderman,
State Secretary

Hawaii Cane Strike May be Spread

HONOLULU—The strike of the Maui island sugar plantation workers may soon spread to pineapple plantations, if wage demands of the Filipino cane cutters are not granted. The walkout may extend to other islands.

Manuel Quezon, president of the Phillipines Commonwealth, has been forced by pressure to request Governor Poindexter to attempt to bring about a strike settlement.

Hotel Strikers are For Strike Spread

SAN FRANCISCO—Sentiment among the 5000 strikers in 16 leading hotels is strong for pushing extension of the strike to all Class B hotels and other fields in the culinary industry.

So far the threat to extend has only been a rather vague one on the part of union officials with not even a tentative date set. The latter emphasized that the Central Labor Council will have to approve such an extension of the strike. The strikers realize that such an extension would quickly bring employers to terms in granting recognition and other demands for clerical hotel employes as well as all crafts.

L.A. LUMBER STRIKE LOOMS

LOS ANGELES — Power to order a strike if demands are not granted by June 5 has been voted the strategy board of the Sawmill and Lumber Workers Union. A 20 per cent wage boost and 40 hour week is sought.

MORE SCRAP FOR JAPAN

OAKLAND—The largest scrap iron shipment ever loaded here has left for Japan on the freighter Burma, for war purposes. Two additional shipments will leave this month.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT CONTROL IN PARTY MEMBERSHIP IN JUNE

To All Units and Branches,
To All Party Members,
Dear Comrades:

During the month of June our Party nationally as well as in California will conduct the mid-year control of its entire membership. The establishment of a regular control of the membership between registrations has helped us to bring back into our ranks large numbers of members who, for one reason or another, do not pay dues regularly.

Tightening Up

The mid-year control should not be looked upon as a purely administrative procedure. During the month we have an opportunity to contact all comrades who have not attended meetings regularly, all those who have not paid dues for some time, all those who are inactive. Through this contact, every effort should be exerted to really tighten up our entire organizational apparatus, raise the attendance at unit meetings, and bring back into activity hundreds of Party members.

We know that hundreds of Party members who have not been paying dues for some time still consider themselves Party members. These members should be reached and the members made to pay up their back dues. Nobody should get a control stamp who has not paid his monthly dues, at least through the month of April and his international solidarity stamp. Our goal is 100 per cent good standing membership by the end of June.

This job can be done well in California. Our splendid recruiting drive has shown the earnest desire of our entire membership to build the Party. Let us show the same energy in carrying through the mid-year control. The main responsibility for the carrying through of this task into real life lies with our leading committees in counties, sections and units. Every leading comrade should be held responsible to help carry through 100 per cent control of our membership in June. Every Party member a good standing member by the end of June. Every Party member an active member. For 100 per cent control of our membership during June.

Fraternally yours,
State Committee, Communist Party of California.

$10,000 SPAIN WEEK'S QUOTA

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meeting as a preliminary affair on the night of Saturday, June 12, at Knights of the Red Branch Hall. Arrangements were made to have 500 collection cans on the streets of San Francisco June 19 when the statewide tag day will be held for collection of funds.

Tentative pledges of quotas were made by delegates, subject to confirmation by their organizations, including: Maritime District Council, $700; Northern California Newspaper Guild, $50; Communist Party, $1000 for Northern California; American League Against War and Fascism, $200 for Northern California.

In addition to cash, the organizations in San Francisco will collect clothing and canned foods, organizing a sale of these materials to turn them into cash.

C. P. Pledges $2000

The Communist Party on a statewide scale has pledged to raise $2000 during the eight-day period. In addition to participating in all jointly arranged activities, it will organize picketing demonstrations in front of the Nazi consulates and hold mass meetings of its own.

The Party is also arranging a state-wide mobilization for house to house collection of food, money and clothing on June 20.

Painters Union 1158 Donates $25 Weekly To Studio Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO — Painters Union Local 1158 voted to donate $25 per week to the motion picture strikers in Hollywood for the duration of the strike, and sending $100 immediately, and also showed sentiment for picketing local motion picture houses, which question was held up pending action of the Central Labor Council. Painters Union Local 19 donated $50.

Help Buy Candy Cigarettes for Lincoln Battalion

Help the California boys in the Lincoln Battalion!

Cigarettes, candy and such small favors may seem unimportant when you have them, but to thousands of young and old fighters in the trenches they are important, indeed.

Forward your contribution through the Western Worker. It will be sent immediately to Spain.

DID STANDARD OIL OFFER TO PAY BRIBES?

'Get at the Source,' Says Assemblyman Patterson

SAN FRANCISCO—"Prosecute every assemblyman who has betrayed the trust of the electors," declared Ellis E. Patterson to a reporter of the Western Worker who queried him on the bribe charge against Assemblyman Gene Flint of Los Angeles.

"But let's get at the source. If bribes were offered, someone offered them. Legal bribery has been going on for years in the form of campaign contributions.

"If direct bribes were offered, someone offered them. If Flint did it it stands to reason that it was someone else's money he was offering.

Maintains Lobby

"The Standard Oil Company maintains a battery of lobbyists in Sacramento headed by one Charles Stevens. It has done so for years.

"If Flint is guilty, that is as much as to say that two others are guilty in this one instance—the agent who dealt with Flint and the source of the money itself."

Patterson pointed out that the Welch bill included a settlement of the state's claim of nearly five million dollars against the Standard Oil Company for a sum of $500,000.

The Olson bill earlier had provided for leases of the Huntington Beach tidelands at a 30 per cent royalty to the state, with a provision enabling the state to drill its own wells if private companies refuse to bid at this rate. The Welch bill changed this to a 20 per cent rate and further made it possible to allow slant drilling into the tideland pool—a step favoring the Standard Oil Company which owns the leases on the ocean bluff adjoining the pool.

Onetime Epic

Flint was originally elected on the Epic ticket in L. A. in 1934, as was Reaves who denounced him as offering the bribe.

He was described by Patterson as one who refused to stand with the progressive bloc on most of the issues which were fought in the legislature, preferring to vote only on such popular issues as the Criminal Syndicalism Act repeal and the resolution to free Tom Mooney.

"Some of the assemblymen," said Patterson, "vote for labor bills to keep up their record, with the understanding that they will be killed in the senate, and meanwhile keep up their contacts with powerful lobbies."

INDICT FLINT FOR BRIBERY

SACRAMENTO—As an aftermath of the passage of the notorious Welch oil bill by which the Standard Oil Company made an immediate saving of more than four million dollars and stood to gain more in the long run, Assemblyman Gene Flint of Los Angeles was indicted for bribery by the Sacramento Grand Jury.

He was charged with offering to pay Assemblyman Fred Reaves of San Pedro to vote for the measure, which Reaves opposed.

Bribery charges were first brought forward in the legislature before the session ended by Senator Culbert Olson of Los Angeles, whose tideland drilling bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, only to be superseded by the Welch bill which is now before the governor for signature.

Aside from the oil bill bribe charges, in which various other assemblymen have already been under suspicion, investigation is pending on bribery in connection with passage in the assembly of a bil lto change the routing of a state highway in the Arroyo Seco, near Pasadena. The change was sought by Mrs. Sherman Hoyt, wealthy Pasadena social-

C. C. Nunnally Gets Rewarded by Green

MODESTO—Secretary C. C. Nunnally of the Stanislaus County Central Labor Council has been rewarded for his part in trying to break the recent Stockton cannery strike. He has been appointed California state organizer by William Green.

Nunnally, it will be recalled, helped form the Modesto Cannery Workers Union, which, backed by Teamsters' reactionary leaders, wanted to move in on Stockton and take over the cannery workers during the height of the strike. Even state federation secretary Ed Vandeleur had to condemn that idea.

Nunnally will work with Rowland B. Watson, West Coast AFL organizer, noted for his union-wrecking tendencies.

FREIGHT STRIKE WON

SAN FRANCISCO—With the Teamsters Union recognized, the 2-months strike against the Pacific Freight Lines, up and down the coast, has been ended.

At the Deadline

SAN FRANCISCO — Striking hotel workers began voting Thursday on a proposal to return under the April 17 agreement, whereby all issues regarding clerical employes would be arbitrated.

POLICE ATTACK PICKETS

SACRAMENTO—A dozen cannery union strikers were injured Thursday when police attacked a California Packing picket line.

NAZIS BEHEAD AMERICA

BERLIN—An American citizen, Helmuth Hirsch, 21, was beheaded Thursday by the Nazi executioners in Ploetzesee prison. Hirsch was charged with "high treason."

Taylor Denied Seat In S. Diego Council; Lydick, Gue Unite

SAN DIEGO — Dan Taylor, newly elected delegate from the Retail Clerks Union, was refused a seat in the Federated Trades Council Wednesday night. President J. W. Brown ruled that a motion to seat Taylor was out of order as he formerly was expelled from the council on charges of being a Communist.

The president's ruling was challenged but was upheld 33 to 28 in a roll call vote. As has been the case for the past several years, the supporters of Secretary Lydick combined with the Dowell Gue reactionaries in voting to sustain the chair.

Several months ago, while the central council was composed of about 15 unions, all reactionary, Taylor was denied a seat when it was shown that he is a registered Communist voter. Progressive delegates do not consider the council bound by any action taken by the former reactionary council, it was pointed out. President Brown's ruling however, indicates that he will be guided by the decisions of the former council.

Told to Keep Hands Off

Secretary Lydick read a letter from C. F. Grow, International Vice-President of the Machinists union, which politely told Lydick to hereafter refrain from interfering with the affairs of the aircraft union. The letter resulted from Lydick's actions some weeks ago in telephoning Grow and urging him to rush to San Diego to prevent the aircraft local from removing a now former reactionary secretary. Heretofore Lydick has refused to admit or deny that he called Grow, but the latter ends all doubt as to what occurred.

In an effort to keep progressive delegates out of the council, a credentials committee, with reactionary majority, was appointed by President Brown. The motion to establish such a committee was rushed through, but when Brown began appointing committee members, Mrs. Daisy Lee Worcester of the teachers union moved to rescind the motion setting up the committee. Her motion carried although President Brown declared that only a two-thirds vote could repeal the previous motion. It was finally decided that by serving notice this week, the motion can be rescinded next week by a majority vote. Notice to this effect was served by Mrs. Worcester.

Chairman Smolan of the organizing committee reported that the first meeting of laundry workers will be held this week. Negotiations are under way, he said, to secure a weekly "march of labor" radio program.

GARMENT WORKERS BALLOT

NAPA—Workers of the Rough Rider Mfg. Co. were to ballot Friday on whether the United Garment Workers (AFL) or the Amalgamated Clothing Workers are to represent them.

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San Francisco	600	325	54.1
Los Angeles	1000	476	47.6
San Mateo	50	20	40.0
Santa Barbara	50	19	38.0
Sacramento	75	26	34.6
Contra Costa	55	19	34.5
Fresno	25	8	32.0
Bakersfield	20	6	30.0
Tulare	20	5	25.0
Merced	25	6	24.0
Monterey	35	7	20.0
Eureka	25	5	20.0
San Diego	100	19	19.0
Santa Clara	50	7	14.0
Sonoma	40	4	10.0
Stockton	20	2	10.0
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hordes by the Church of Ireland, O'Flanagan went on "... so have I come to America to lift the disgrace from the Church of Ireland."

Earlier in the day, the Ambassador, Father O'Flanagan, and Major and Mrs. Lord had been guests at a luncheon given at the Townhouse.

Among the persons attending the luncheon were Upton Sinclair, Mrs. Kate Crane-Gartz, Conrad Bercovici, Parley Parker Christiansen, Frank Scully, Councilman Vernon Bennett, representing Mayor Shaw, and the Spanish Consul, Miguel Pizarro.

Significant of the political interests of the owners of the Ambassador Hotel, was an incident which occurred as Ambassador de los Rios arrived Friday morning. Displayed at the entrance to the hotel was a Spanish flag—but the flag of the Spanish monarchy, the flag being used today by the fascist Franco!

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Tory Rule Goes On Under New Prime Minister

LONDON—Slight shift in personnel, but no change of British Tory policy, was seen here with the ascension of Neville Chamberlain to the office of premier, succeeding the aging Stanley Baldwin.

Changes in policy were expected, not as a result of changing premiers, but as the going gets rougher in the face of growing sentiment for a people's front expressing itself in the Labor Party.

Chamberlain shifted the notorious Samuel Hoare, who had already been edged back into the cabinet following the protest over the Hoare-Laval proposal for the decimation of Ethiopia, to the office of home secretary. Replacing Hoare in the admiralty was A. Duff Cooper, who had been minister of war. Leslie Hore-Belisha moved from transport to the war office. Oliver Stanley replaced Walter Runciman as head of the board of trade, and the latter moved upstairs to a place among the "peers."

MacDonald Retires

His work well done and paid for by Tory thanks, Ramsay MacDonald retired from his position as Lord President of the Council. He modestly declined an offer of a peerage to prevent interfering with the promising Tory political career of his son, Malcolm DacDonald, who remains in the cabinet.

Although Chamberlain's cabinet retains the outward form of "national coalition," it was predicted that even the four so-called "National Liberals" and the two "National Laborites" would eventually be dropped in favor of a complete Tory setup in name as well as in fact.

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Liberia Enraged at President Over New Heavy Taxes

MONROVIA, Liberia—A wave of mass indignation is sweeping over Liberia as a result of the sponsorship by President Edward Barclay of a tax bill which would virtually result in the confiscation of the property of thousands of natives.

The bill would require a tax of a dollar per acre on all land which the owner did not personally develop and would double the "hut tax" on the native population.

A mass meeting in one city called for the impeachment of Barclay, who was elected in 1936 to an eight-year term.

ANTI-LYNCH BILL PUSHED

WASHINGTON — The Gavagan Anti-Lynch Bill now has 53 senators definitely committed to vote for the measure. A reactionary filibuster is anticipated.

MILITARIST OUT

MILITARIST premier Hayashi of Japan, who was forced to resign because of the Japanese people's hatred of fascist-militarism and because of pressure against militarism by parliament.

L.A. Labor Council Hits Gregg Murder

LOS ANGELES — Protesting the murder of William Gregg, 38-year-old longshoreman who was shot by a policeman last Thursday, in San Pedro, delegates at the Central Labor Council unanimously adopted a resolution demanding a thorough investigation into the shooting.

In spirited denunciation of what longshoremen termed a "cold-blooded murder," the council demanded an investigation from the grand jury, the district attorney, and the police department.

Milk Drive on for Prisoners' Kids

NEW YORK—The third annual Summer Milk Drive in behalf of 250 boys and girls whose fathers are in jail for labor will open officially on June 1, it was announced yesterday by Rose Baron, secretary of the ILD Prisoners Relief Fund.

This drive was instituted in the summer of 1935 and has succeeded during the last two years in supplying labor's neediest children with one of the vital necessities of healthful, happy childhood.

The drive lasts from June 1, to September 1. State offices of the International Labor Defense have already received large quantities of attractive campaign material and have organized conferences in New York and Chicago where many organizations have been recruited for participation in this drive.

The prisoners Relief Fund, Miss Baron further announced, will ask organizations and individuals to "adopt" specific children for the duration of the drives. This adoption will consist of supplying a particular child or group of children with milk for a definite period.

11c will supply one child with milk for one day, 77c one week, $1.44 for two weeks, $3.41 for one month and $10.23 for the entire summer. Lists of the children will be made available to the public in the near future so that the "adoption" can begin immediately. All contributions will be gratefully received at Room 610, 80 East 11th Street or at any state or branch office of the ILD.

Shell Oil Guilt is Fixed by Board

LOS ANGELES — Resulting from hearings begun four months ago, the Shell Oil Company of California was found guilty of violations of the Wagner Labor Relations Act by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C., Doctor Towne Nylander, local Board head, announced.

The Board ruled that the Shell company had violated the Wagner Act when it refused to bargain collectively with five unions. Under the ruling, the company is ordered to cease interfering with rights of employees to organize and to post notices that it will, on request, bargain with unions.

GAS RATE INCREASE REFUSED

CHICAGO—The women of the city, after a seven-month fight against a $8,000,000 increase in gas charges were victorious when the Illinois Commerce Commission rejected the company's application.

OVER 300 IN ANTI-FASCIST PICKETING, L. A.

Protest Mussolini's Murderous Role in Spain Civil War

LOS ANGELES — Under the auspices of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party, more than three hundred persons threw a protest picket line abou the entrance to the Italian Consulate at 205 South Broadway, last Saturday, May 29th.

Protesting the murderous role played by Mussolini and his fascist henchmen against the Spanish People's Front government, the militant picket line, supported by hundreds of onlookers, was maintained for an hour and a half.

Police Didn't Dare Attack

During that time a delegation, headed by Jim Thorme, county organization secretary of the Communist Party, and Emma Cutler, member of the State Committee, handed to the consul a resolution condemning Italy's invasion of Spain.

Though the "Red Squad" and uniformed police with clubs in hand, were present, the large number of people on the line and standing by, prevented any police attack.

The consul, after hearing the resolution presented by the delegation, agreed to "inform" his superiors immediately of the protest demonstration. In answer to the committee's demand that he wire Mussolini, the consul claimed that he had orders not to wire any such information.

Experienced observers were unanimous in declaring the demonstration to be one of the most effective and significant ever held in Los Angeles.

Following the picket line in front of the consulate, over 200 of the pickets returned to the Workers' Library at 224 South Spring street, where discussion centering about Spain and the coming Spain Week was launched. Enthusiastically, the meeting formed of itself a "Committee of 200" to ensure a successful Spain Week in Los Angeles.

Among the plans decided upon were a similar demonstration to be held before the German Consulate on June 10, a "skip one meal" day, for June 17, with the money saved on meals to be sent to Spain, and a mass meeting for June 18.

Significant of the response among the masses of people to the militant stand taken by the Communist Party in defense of Spanish Democracy, three persons, spurred on by protest demonstration, joined the Party. Two of them were Spanish comrades, and the third was an unemployed worker, member of the Workers' Alliance.

Makes No Difference What Kills Soldiers? But Enlistment Falls

LONDON — A. Duff Cooper, until recently minister of war, is more outspoken than most of the members of the British cabinet. But like the others he speaks the policy of the cabinet when he answers questions in parliament.

Last week Cooper bluntly admitted and defended the practice of British arms manufacturers bribing corrupt government officials in other countries to make sales. "We live in a wicked world," was his explanation.

"We have been told," he added, "that British soldiers have been killed by British bullets. It could make little difference to the men themselves where the bullets were made."

Perhaps, then, it was mistrust of the government which issues the orders. For Duff Cooper was under attack at the time by his fellow reactionaries, who criticized him for his inability to increase the pace of recruiting. New resplendent uniforms, improved food and increased grog rations have proved insufficient inducement.

Enter the sub drive contest NOW—competition is growing keener each day.

SENATORS ASK ARMS BAN TO NAZI GERMANY

Borah, McKellar Call For Branding Nazis As Belligerents

WASHINGTON — Nazi Germany is already participating in a European war and should properly come under the ban of the United States neutrality law in the opinion of U. S. Senators Borah and McKellar.

The two senators issued statements immediately following the Almeria bombardment by four German warships. Both declared flatly that this was an act of war, and that if the United States is to be consistent in its neutrality policy it should immediately apply the terms of the law to Germany.

Ask Embargo

This would call for a complete embargo on sales or shipment of "arms, ammunition or shipments of war," including all types of aircraft. It would prohibit Americans from taking passage on German ships, give the President discretionary power to prohibit sale or export of other commodities except raw material to Germany.

It would publicly brand Germany as an actual participant in a war instead of allowing the Nazis to continue in international politics its guise of "neutrality."

"From the reports I should say an actual war is on, sufficient to justify application of our neutrality law to all parties now participating both under cover and openly," declared Borah, who is a veteran member of the senate foreign relations committee.

State Dept. Holds Back

Despite the open provocation of Germany, branded by the two senators, state department officials indicated that this government would persist in considering Germany officially "neutral," at least until such a time as further mass indignation is directed toward changing it.

"Unofficial announcements," given to the press quoted administration officials as saying that the government would "proceed cautiously" and that such a declaration might "disturb international peace."

Although German credit is low in this country, Germany would be hard hit by stopping American tourists from traveling on German boats.

New Bethlehem CIO Steel Lodge

LOS ANGELES—Workers in the Bethlehem Steel plant here have applied for establishment of a lodge in the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Ken Hunter, local SWOC organizer announced last Tuesday, June 1.

Formation of the lodge culminated several weeks of intensive organization activity in the Bethlehem plant, Hunter declared.

Though originally planned for May 1, levying of a $3 initiation fee started on the first of June. According to Hunter, all steel lodges have been advised to become affiliated with the local CIO Central Labor Council. Charter for the Council is on the way from CIO headquarters in Washington, D.C., Hunter declared.

Hearing Requested On Asylum Measure

NEW YORK—In a letter to Samuel Dickstein, chairman of the House committee on immigration, Oswald Garrison Villard requested that a public hearing be granted the right of asylum measure introduced by Emanuel Celler, of Brooklyn, it was announced here by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The Celler Bill, H. R. 5687, provides that "no alien shall be excluded from admission to or deported from the United States if such alien is a refugee for political, racial, or religious reasons from the country of his origin."

Oil Strikers of Mexico Ask for U. S. Labor Aid

MEXICO CITY—Mexican oil workers appealed this week to the labor movement in the United States for moral support of their nation-wide strike which has almost completely tied up the petroleum industry in Mexico.

Most of the industry is foreign-owned, including a large part held by U. S. capital.

Seventeen thousand workers are in the strike, which broke but only after four months of negotiations during which the 17 major companies rejected all but four of more than 200 clauses in a contract submitted to them.

The strike was solid this week, with auto traffic virtually at a standstill. Tourists reported seeing hundreds of autos parked on the highways without gasoline. One party of motorists was reported to have stopped an oil truck, apparently driven by a strikebreaker, taking all the gasoline away from him.

President Lazaro Cardenas appealed for a settlement, but refused to confer with the representatives of the oil companies after they had refused further negotiations with the strikers and rejected their demands. Cardenas left government efforts at securing a settlement with Secretary of Labor Generao Vasquez.

The workers demand a nation-wide agreement, an increase in wages and a 40-hour week in place of the present 44-hour week.

Fascist Doriot is Ousted as Mayor Of French Town

PARIS—Jacques Doriot, leader of the fascist "Popular Party," was ousted by the Leon Blum government from the office of mayor of St. Denis.

Doriot was charged with graft in connection with the awarding of municipal contracts for the purchase of coal.

Doriot, posing as the champion of "individual liberty" under which guise he constantly supports the fascist de la Rocque, sought to continue this pose by resigning his seat on the municipal council and entering the election to succeed himself.

Doriot was expelled from the Communist Party three years ago after he had persistently sabotaged the development of the united front and people's front. Since that time he carried on his campaign openly, and won the praise of fascist newspapers in Germany.

I. W. O. Picnic in S.F.

An elaborate picnic excursion sponsored by the International Workers' Order will take place Sunday, June 13, in beautiful California Park, in San Rafael. Many workers and members of the non-profit insurance organization are planning to cross the new Golden Gate Bridge to attend the picnic.

Transportation will be available to all during the four-hour period between 8 a.m. and noon on Sunday, starting at regular intervals from 1057 Steiner Street, near Golden Gate Avenue. Admission is 25 cents.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN BRAZIL OPENS

Anti-Imperialist in Opposition to Vargas Man

RIO DE JANEIRO—Brazil's election campaign is under way, with an anti-imperialist candidate, Gov. Armando Salles de Oliveira of the state of Sao Paulo in the running against the "official" candidate, Jose Americo de Almeida.

Almeida is supported by President Getulio Vargas, imperialist tool who has kept thousands of Brazilian people in prison for their opposition to imperialism and who is responsible for the imprisonment of Luis Carlos Prestes and other leaders of the Brazilian National Liberation Alliance.

A third candidate, Plinio Salgado, head of the "Integralista" party, was also considered as likely to run. It was reported that Vargas is indirectly seeking to promote his candidacy in the hope of splitting the vote opposing the "official" candidate.

Almeida was picked as the government candidate at a "convention" convened by Vargas. It was considered a shrewd political move of Vargas to bolster up Gov. J. A. Flores de Cunha of Rio Grande de Sul, a state in which the largest organized anti-imperialist movement exists, and still parades as representing tendencies opposed to the Vargas dictatorial regime. Da Cunha has shifted his support to Oliveira.

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CHILE PEOPLE'S FRONT ELECTS 66 TO HOUSE

C.P. Leader, Elias La Fertte, is Elected To the Senate

VALPARAISO, Chile—Growth of the people's front movement in Latin America is receiving an impetus from the first functioning people's front of the Western hemisphere which is now represented in the Chilean parliament by 66 members of the Chamber of Deputies and 10 senators.

Of this number, seven deputies are Communists and 16 are Socialists. In addition to the two working class political parties, the Chilean People's Front is composed of the Radical Republicans, Democratic Party, Radical Socialists and a number of local and regional religious groups, liberal organizations, tenants' leagues and small shopkeepers' guilds.

Total membership of the senate is 25, with elections every eight years. The Chamber has 146 members, with elections every four years.

Exile Elected

One of the oustanding results of the elections, held March 27, was the election of Elias La Fertte, Communist and former head of the Chilean Federation of Labor, to the senate. He had been driven into exile in Mexico and was widely known to labor throughout Latin America. He was the sole Communist to be elected to the senate.

Of the seven Communists elected to the Chamber of Deputies, one was Carlos Contreras Labarca, general secretary of the Communist Party of Chile.

Nazis Beaten

The elections resulted in the decisive defeat of the Chilean Nazi Party which elected only one member to the Chamber, despite a heavy campaign fund.

The main reactionary interests, however, including the American and other imperialist enterprises in Chile, were aligned behind the government of President Alessandri.

The election campaign in Chile was carried out in spite of laws passed prior to the election, making it a crime to have any connection with an opposition party. It was prohibited even to possess books or leaflets relating to party programs in opposition to the government, or to rent or permit use of homes or halls by opposition parties.

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The Maritime Federation Convention

THE eyes of all labor will be on the convention of the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation, which begins on June 7 in Portland.

This is so because the decisions of the Maritime Federation's convention will, like those of the recently concluded ILA Pacific Coast District convention, in a large measure set the pace for the labor movement.

Before the Maritime Federation will come such vital questions as relationship toward the CIO; independent political action for organized labor; steps to be taken toward working with the National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts toward national unity in the maritime industry.

At its recent convention in Seattle, the Pacific Coast ILA, like the truly progressive organization it is, endorsed independent political action for labor, and gave its full approval and support to the aims of the National Maritime Union, including a national unity convention of all coasts which will also take up CIO affiliation.

The ILA, meeting in San Francisco last Tuesday night, went on record to urge the Maritime Federation convention to call for a referendum on affiliation with the CIO on the part of its affiliated unions.

The Western Worker greets the convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and is fully confident that its actions will make that powerful body the beacon-light for all progressives in the labor movement.

Redouble Aid to Spain—Brand The Open Aggressors

AMERICAN "neutrality" has heretofore supported the fiction that Germany and Italy are not at war against the Spanish Republic.

False as this fiction already was, it has become a crime with the latest act of war against the Spanish Republic. The firing on Loyalist planes, the bombardment of Almeria, the torpedoing of Spanish ships—these were no longer even formally denied by the Nazis, but openly proclaimed.

Both Germany and Italy have followed these outrages by withdrawing from the international non-intervention committee in order to operate more openly against Spain. They have sent more ships to Spanish waters, publicizing orders to fire against any Loyalist ship or plane that approaches.

The resolution introduced by Congressman Jerry O'Connell of Montana must receive the support of the nation. It calls for applying the provisions of the neutrality law by branding Germany and Italy as the aggressors—as they have openly proclaimed themselves. Senators Borah and McKellar have urged the same action.

Demand that the resolution be passed!

But at the same time every supporter of democracy, of whatever political belief or religious creed, must join in the campaign to quadruple the moral and financial support to Spain from this country.

Participate in Spanish Aid Week June 13 to 20. Join the picket lines in front of the Nazi consulates on June 12 in San Francisco and June 19 in L. A.

Five Important Conventions

FIVE trade union conventions of unusual importance begin on June 7. On that day the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation delegates assemble in Portland and the convention of the Woodworkers Federation, with 100,000 lumber and sawmill workers in its ranks, begins its convention in the same city.

Also on June 7 the American Newspaper Guild, with 30,000 working newspaper men and women in its fold meets in Kansas City; the Upholstery Workers International starts its convention in Cleveland, and the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers begins its sessions in Kansas City.

As will be seen in another editorial on this page, the convention of the Maritime Federation will face issues vital to the entire labor movement. The same is true of the conventions of the four other bodies.

The Guild, the Woodworkers and the Upholstery Workers will decide on whether they shall affiliate with the CIO. There seems to be little doubt that the Guild and the Woodworkers will so affiliate; it is considered a strong possibility that the Upholsterers will take similar action.

Decisions of these bodies to affiliate with the CIO are to be hailed, because their affiliation would tremendously strengthen the drive to organize the unorganized of this country. But the manner in which they will affiliate is also to be hailed—for it is not a case of some locals leaving the AFL, but powerful, single, united bodies joining forces with the CIO.

It is true that the Woodworkers have been subordinate to the Carpenters International, but they should long since have been given international status by the AFL executive council, which, however, in its reactionary craft blindness, placed them under the autocratic sway of the Hutchinson machine and deprived this numerically great body of workers of all rights and autonomy.

The Oil Workers are already a CIO affiliate. The Oil Workers convention will face the working out of a real drive, similar to those in steel and auto, to unionize the oil industry in all its branches. Essential to achieving such organization is the fight for trade union democracy, and the eliminatior of many of the reactionary elements who have stood in the way of an effective organizational drive.

The Western Worker greets the important trade union conventions beginning on June 7, and urges all trade unionists to follow their developments closely.

Investigate Bribery Charges and The Standard Oil Co.

BRIBERY has been charged in the state legislature. One assemblyman has already been indicted. Others display an unwillingness to talk.

It is not enough to demand that the Grand Jury pursue the investigation to the fullest extent and prosecute the charges against Assemblyman Gene Flint. It is not enough to investigate those senators and assemblymen who display such a suspicious unwillingness to talk.

All this must be done. And more!

Back of the Welch oil bill out of which the charges grow is the Standard Oil Company of California whose oily political fingers extend to every county in the state—the same Standard Oil Company which perpetrated the outrageous Modesto frame-up of the tanker strikers.

Bribe soliciting is a crime against the people of California. Every legislator who is tainted with the slightest suspicion must have his record investigated and made to answer to the grand jury.

But who offered the bribes?

The Standard Oil Company of California is the chief profiteer from the scandalous Welch bill which made it an outright gift of more than four million dollars by reducing to $500,000 the amount it owes the state for oil taken from the Huntington Beach tidelands. It stands to gain further by the provisions of the bill which reduce the state royalties to 20 per cent on tideland leases to be drilled in the future.

The entire Welch bill reeks with corruption and blackens the record of every legislator who voted for it.

Open up the Sacramento Grand Jury hearings to the public!

Demand that the investigation be directed toward the Standard Oil Company which promoted the Welch bill! Ferret out the source of legislative corruption!

The Legislative and Labor

THE fact that the California Legislature adjourned late last week without a single important anti-labor measure having been enacted into law speaks volumes for the value of mass pressure on the part of organized labor.

It must be stated, on the other hand, however, that organized labor allowed the legislature to conclude its sessions without having passed any important pro-labor measure. The whole series of proposed bills, sponsored by the Peoples Legislative Conference—aimed against vigilantism, at the use of tear gas and strikebreakers, at the violence of state police in strikes, etc., received formal endorsement by many organized labor bodies, but not sufficient pressure was brought on behalf of these vital measures upon the Assemblymen and Senators, and for that matter, upon the AFL legislative representatives in Sacramento. This must be corrected in future legislative sessions if the right of labor to organize, strike and picket is to remain.

Still, the failure of the reactionaries to push through their anti-labor measures is not to be minimized.

Before the legislature were such reactionary bills as the Biggar industrial court proposal; the Crittenden bill; the Knowland bill; the Welsh anti-sitdown bill; and the Seawall bill.

The Biggar, Knowland, Crittenden and Seawall bills aimed at setting up compulsory arbitration, which would have deprived the unions of the right to strike.

The reactionary Senate passed the Biggar and Seawall bills, but the pressure of organized labor was strong enough to block them in the Assembly. The Knowland, Crittenden and Welsh bills passed neither house.

The reason? The sending of a flood of resolutions to legislators against the bills by central labor bodies and local unions.

Organized labor has had an ample opportunity to see its power by the inability of the reactionaries to make the anti-labor bills into law. Organized labor can go still further, and not only insure its protection against anti-labor legislation (and indeed against all anti-labor actions, such as police brutality and injunctions), but can also insure the passage of legislation protecting labor's right to organize and to fight for better standards.

Organized labor can do this by following in the path of the Pacific Coast District of the ILA, which at its recently-concluded convention in Seattle urged all ILA locals to work for independent political action and the building of the Labor Non-Partisan Leagues.

A Go-Slow Street Carmens Strike in Japan

MOTORMEN AND conductors drove cars at snail's pace through Tokyo to emphasize their demands for a wage increase.

The Sheppard-Hill Bill--- Signal of Fascist Danger

Reactionaries in the present session of Congress have done their best to shilly-shally out of existence a number of progressive measures—among them the Supreme Court reform, flood control, farm relief, and punishment for lynchers. The reactionaries have resorted to pork-barrel methods of old in an attempt to whittle down still further the already inadequate $1,500,000,000 relief bill sponsored by President Roosevelt.

The same national legislators have, at the same time, been none too sparing of ultra-reactionary measures, some of them smacking distinctly of fascism.

Maritime labor has been bitterly opposing the Guffey-Bland bills, an attempt to foist compulsory arbitration, a la National Railway Labor Act, upon the maritime unions. In the Guffey-Bland bills there is a distinct attempt to tell the unions who shall be their representatives—they are to choose only citizens.

There have been a multitude of bills—not a few of them by Democrats from the South, close to the Liberty League, (Dees of Texas, for example) to outlaw sitdown strikes, and by precedent all strikes.

A Sea of Protests

Of all reactionary proposals before the present Congress, the Sheppard-Hill bill comes closest to fascism.

It should be noted right off that Senator Sheppard of Texas, co-author of the bill, is a member of the southern Democratic bloc which has worked closely with the fascist Liberty League.

So closely modeled after Italian and Nazi fascism is the Hill-Sheppard bill, that an ocean of protests has rolled in on both houses of Congress, from trade unions and their leaders, from peace organizations, from farmers' groups, etc.

That pressure has been strong enough to compel Representative Hill to withdraw some of the sections of the bill, as he introduced it in the lower house. Hill has inserted provisions which he claims will exempt the press from too strict censorship, and will to an extent protect labor's right. Even so the bill remains fascist. Senator Sheppard has not even inserted these slight modifications in the Senate bill.

Under the Sheppard-Hill bill as it still stands, a fake claim to take the profits out of war cloaks a set-up which would allow the President to wreck the organized labor movement.

While business and industrial corporations would be permitted to spend months debating with the government what is a fair profit or the correct cost basis of their products (as the Du Ponts and Bethlehem Steel did during the World War), organized labor would not be allowed to spak out or act for its protection under the bill. Organized labor would discover as in the last war, that wages were far too low in the face of the greatly increased cost of living, but the unions would be unable, under the Sheppard-Hill bill, to seek increased wages or to strike. Those rights would be removed.

The So-Called Emergency

Such powers over the trade unions could be exercised by the President whenever he saw fit to declare a war time "emergency." Big business could engineer such an emergency by fanning the flames of war with Mexico, or with some other Latin American country. Whenever Wall Street felt like intervening in one of the Latin-American countries, such a war time "emergency" could be declared, and the unions outlawed.

As to taking the profits out of war, insofar as the big munitions manufacturers, or the manufacturers of any war materials are concerned, the bill declares that there shall be a 95 per cent war time tax on profits above the average of the three years preceding a war situation.

This would allow an increased profit of 5 per cent over the previous three years, and at the same time the war miterial manufacturers could have speeded production and profits to such an enormous extent in the three previous years that the 95 per cent tax on profits above that 3 year sky high average would be a farce insofar as cutting down wartime profits.

The President is given the war time power under this bill, to raise or to lower prices and compensation. The President is to make allowances to industry for capital expenditures for war purposes and to suspend the whole or part of any laws relating to the procurement of military supplies. Industry, by bringing pressure to bear upon the President and by setting up a complicated array of figures to justify the claim for higher prices, could insure itself a continued stream of very liberal profits even in war time.

With such possibilities of sweeping aside all labor conditions and wage standards, of breaking all contracts with unions, and with bloated profits actually safeguarded, it is correctly maintained by labor and by many other progressive groups that the bill, far from promoting peace as its authors claim, would do the very opposite. It is easy to see that big business would be tempted to create a "war time emergency," even if it had to create an incident in Latin-America to do so. The Mexican government is doing many things not to the taste of American big business, and an incident would be easy to fix.

Censorship Still There

While Hill has removed some restrictions on the press in the bill in the lower house, even here strict control of the radio, the films, etc., has been left uncurbed. But even in the so-called alleged modifications by Representative Hill, the President's strict control of the supply and movement of materials could easily cut off the supply of paper from any publishing concern failing to fall in line.

The President would be given strict control over all "public services." Here too, unions can come under the dictatorial thumb of virtual suppression, if Wall Street chooses to have the President construe the unions as a "public service," or at least involved in the conduct of "public service."

Conscription

Not the least of the fascist-like provisions of the Sheppard-Hill bill is the fact that not only would it enable the conscription of millions of workers for front-line service and for service in industry — at army rates of pay—but it would empower the President to order conscription of women and even children for industry, at starvation rates of pay.

The powerful protests of large sections of the American people have forced Representative Hill to remove some sections of the bill and have forced Hill and Senator Sheppard to remove that section which would allow the fascist measures to operate in a "peace time emergency," as was originally intended by the authors of the measure.

Continuation and strengthening of those protests, to Representative Hill and Senator Sheppard, and to the Congressmen and Senators, can force complete abandonment of this proposed brutal removal of some of the most elementary democratic rights of the American people.

The time is short, for the Sheppard-Hill bill will be on the floor of both house and senate at any moment, if not already out by the time this article appears.

The American people, through organizations and as individuals, must act fast to kill the Sheppard-Hill fascist menace to the peoples' rights.

Most of the Central Labor Councils in California have gone on record against the Sheppard-Hill bill, all should do so and should also see that the Congressmen from their areas are made aware of their sharp opposition to the fascist measure.

FOOD LEADS PRICE RISES

Chamber Figures Tell Story of Suffering

SAN FRANCISCO—The cost of living is going up, up and steadily up, and the research department of the Chamber of Commerce admits it.

Figures of the Chamber research department reveal that the cost of living index for all items is 86.8 per cent, 2.8 per cent above April 15, 1936.

Food Leads in Increase

The food price index for March 15, 1937 was 86.4, compared to 80.7 for April 15, 1936. With milk and other prices increased since then, the index today stands even higher.

Clothing index is shown to be 89.9 as against 86.8 a year ago; rent 71.1 as against 69.6; house furnishings 84.7 as against 79.8.

The consumers' fight on price rises has been launched, with setting of June 9 as date for a conference endorsed by the ILA, painters and plumbers women auxiliaries; the PTA; the International Workers Order; the Workers Alliance and many other organizations.

The conference will be held at 1 p.m. in Grace United Church 21st and Capp.

Mandolin Club Dance

SAN FRANCISCO—The Mandolin Club, sponsored by the International Workers Order, will give a concert and dance Saturday evening, June 5, at 2508 Washington Street, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is 35 cents.

"Honor the People's Dead by Aid to the Spanish Peoples Fight for Democracy"

Here are the words of a Farmer-Labor Congressman, Representative John T. Bernard of Minnesota, delivered on Memorial Day, on the struggle of the Spanish people for democracy:

On this Memorial Day, under the flags and wreaths, the dead lie quiet in their graves, unmoved by the perennial oratory. Whose dead are they, the sleeping soldiers of past wars.

"The instigators of new wars, the merchants of death, the professional 'patriots' have too long claimed these war dead for their own, but the soldiers of '76 of the Civil War and of the World War, like all soldiers, were plain workers and farmers, clerks and shopkeepers, schoolboys, young poets and doctors. The war dead are the people's dead, sons and husbands, sweethearts and brothers of the people. Let the people claim their dead. Let the people pay them the tribute of seriously working for the peace of the world. No more crocidile tears from the stooges of all Wall Street. No more trustified hypocrisy on Memorial Day. Let the people make this day a day for the consecration of a People's Front against war, a people's day for peace.

"I pledge myself to honor the people's dead by working to defeat the Sheppard-Hill bill in Congress, by ceaselessly fighting against the sham neutrality which weakens the struggle of Spanish democracy and the cause of world peace.

"I urge all progressive people to take their place in the ranks of those who support peace and democracy against war and fascism. I look forward to a Memorial Day when we may stand together triumphant beside the grave in which we have finally buried the people's enemies, Fascism and War.

JOHN T. BERNARD,
Member of Congress"

Spanish Envoy
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Spanish Republican cabinet, was gracious and patient in replying to our questions. He explained in detail the composition of the Spanish People's Front, pointing out that it comprised Catholics, Liberals, Republicans, Socialists, Communists, Anarcho-Syndicalists—in fact, the great masses of the Spanish people.

The role of the Communist Party in this People's Front was not what the capitalist press has tried to distort. The ambassador declared with deliberate emphasis that never, at any time since the struggle began, has the Communist Party raised any demand besides those accepted and agreed upon by all parties to the united front.

The invaders are chiefly foreigners.

But other factors are at work in defense of democracy, the envoy pointed out. There is the support of world opinion, as evidenced in the vote of fifty nations in the League of Nations assembly, which last week recognized the Valencia regime and granted credentials to the delegation from Republican Spain.

"It is our aim," said the ambassador, "fully to show to the peoples represented in the League of Nations that Spain is being invaded by foreign foes, by Nazis and other fascists who are not only violating the Covenant of the League, but also transgressing against the principles of international law. This is the method of the fascists."

Talks of New Cabinet

The new cabinet, headed by Premier Juan Negrin, De Los Rios believes also to be a decisive factor in the defeat of the fascists. "All are friends now," was his terse way of saying that the Spanish People's Front has been strengthened by the resignation of the Caballero cabinet, with its laxness and dissensions, and by the inauguration of the new cabinet determined to eliminate sabotage and disorder provoked by the Trotzkyist POUM, to consolidate the army, navy and air forces into a single defense unit, and to correlate the nation's economy with the demands of war.

Finally, victory over the mercenaries of Franco is assured by the conditions in the territories now under fascist control. At this point, the envoy who told us that he would rather teach history and political science than do anything else, dropped the detached, analytic approach of the savant.

He spoke heatedly, passionately, as he described the scenes of horror and devastation wrought by bombs and shells made in Berlin and Rome. For the Western Worker he instructed his secretary to produce a letter written by a professor of French in Granada, Spain, to the French newspaper "La Depeche" in Toulouse. The letter, signed by Louis Fabregon, confirms the ambassador's reports. Among other things, it contains these significant passages:

"I arrived at Tangiers from Granada 15 days ago. My conscience compels me to tell what I saw, not because of political passion, as I have never mixed in politics. Since the first day of the military uprising, the Nationalists have been killing from 200 to 250 persons daily. When 1936 was drawing to a close, those figures diminished, but on Christmas Eve, so dear to Catholic believers, 110 victims were taken to the cemetery. I estimate at 23,000 the repressions thus made in the Province of Granada, only a fourth part of those victims appearing before a court martial. The executions were carried out by groups of fascists named "the black squad," acting, as they said, as saviours of the country.

"The intellectuals were their first victims. To mention a few I remember Salvador Vila, Rector of the University of Granada and Director of the School for Arabic Studies; Jose Palanco, Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy; Garcia Labella, likewise Professor of that University; Duarte, Professor of the School of Medicine of the University; Mejia, a well known medical specialist; Escribano, Professor of the Normal School; Coro Moncho, Representative from Granada and former Governor of the Province of Sevilla; Alvarez Salamanca, Professor in the School of Arabic Studies; Ruano, Inspector-in-Chief of high schools; Caminero, Magistrate in the Court of Granada; Yoldi, Professor of the University of Granada; Jajardo, the ex-Mayor; and a writer Virgilio Castilla, President of the Provincial Parliament; the eminent poet Garcia Lorca and an endless number of others.

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NEW PRIZE CONTEST TO START SOON

TO ALL WORKER CORRESPONDENTS:
How are you making out in the Western Worker Circulation Drive? How many subs are you getting, how does the "Western" go over with workers you know? A prize will be offered for the best letter on this subject—watch for future announcement.

MARIPOSA CO. UNION BACKED BY VANDELEUR

'It's Shame' to Have Union, Says Tool For Vandeleur

By a Worker Correspondent

MARIPOSA — The American Federation of Labor bureaucrats are again trying to block real organization of workers into a real union, by setting up what in effect will be a company union here.

At a meeting sponsored by mine operators and the Chamber of Commerce, the Mariposa County Federal Labor "Union" was installed here last Sunday, May 30, after the charter was rushed by airmail to Ed Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary. Vandeleur appointed one Jack Dishman as president of the "union," and a wealthy owner of a local assay business as business agent.

Spoken Like a Fink

At this meeting, Dishman spoke, saying:

"Mariposa County has been 30 years without a labor organization, and it's a shame we have one now. In order to protect industry, all citizens must unite.

It is reported that this charter will be the only AFL charter to be issued for Mariposa County, so every type of worker would have to fit in it.

Miners Sign in CIO

A number of gold miners here have already signed up with the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO affiliate, and that's what got the fakers and mine owners busy with the AFL. When CIO organizers held a meeting three weeks ago, the companies held up the pay one day so the men could not pay initiation fees and dues into the CIO.

At last Sunday's meeting, C. J. Powers, international organizer for the CIO union, got up to speak. Thereupon Dishman shouted he was going to call the meeting off, and to "pull the plug" on the loud speaker. The crowd booed Dishman loudly for this action.

D. A. Stops Vigilantes "For Awhile"

Due to noise made by vigilantes, the workers could not hear Powers speak.

The district attorney told Secretary Goodwin of the Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union, Local 53, of Oakland, that "the sentiment here was to tar and feather you, but I told them to lay off for awhile."

The companies are telling miners they have to sign up with the Federal Labor Union, and are holding out as "bait" a four bit raise. They gave the men two hours off in which to sign up.

However, sentiment of most Mariposa County workers is strong for the CIO.

L. A. GOODYEAR WORKERS GIVEN UNION CHARTER

Great Enthusiasm as 200 Members are Given Oath

By a Rubber Worker

LOS ANGELES—Unionism at Goodyear is no longer a wished-for possibility—it is a fact!

On Saturday, May 22, Goodyear workers were officially chartered as Local 131 by Geo. B. Roberts, west coast organizer for the United Rubber Workers of America. More than 200 members were given the oath, which they received seriously and enthusiastically.

Temporary Officers Elected

Officers were elected for a temporary period of 60 days, at the end of which time permanent officers will be elected by secret ballot. The following temporary officers were elected:

President, George Burdon, Dept. 132.

Vice-President, M. C. Hall, Dept. 151-B.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer, M. Levin, Dept. 151-A.

Recording Secretary, J. H. Higgins, Dept. 186.

Executive Committee, Archibald Lauchlan, Dept. 186; Otis A. Bass, Dept. 500; Lloyd W. Herrin, Dept. 114.

Trustees, Melvin Britton, Dept. 142; Joe T. Cram, Dept. 132; Richard Debusk, Dept. 143.

Sgt. at Arms, George Febrey, Dept. 151-B; James T. Williams, Dept. 132.

Guide, Lynn Gardner, Dept. 114.

Press Correspondent, A. Lauchlan, Dept. 186.

Great Enthusiasm

These men were given the oath of the office, and the president, George Burdon, presented with a calender portraying John L. Lewis, to be hung in the local office when established. The meeting broke up with a great wave of enthusiasm, engulfing all in a spirit of solidarity and strength.

The independent union group, in an attempt to split and confuse the workers, called a meeting at the same time. About 45 attended.

Stooges Get Nowhere

This is about the number of company stooges, their friends and "intimates" to be found throughout the plant.

The six-hour day and recognition as a bargaining group, are the two immediate goals of Local 131, URWA, and steps are being taken to reach these as soon as possible. Goodyear 100 per cent URWA, is our motto.

Send in news of your union.

A GOOD PLACE FOR SAN DIEGO FIELD WORKERS TO ORGANIZE

Husband of Reactionary Assemblywoman Is Labor-Sweating Ranch Owner

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO — Agricultural workers of San Diego should organize against unfair employers, and George Daley, wealthy contractor and owner of Jamul Ranch, is the logical one for them to start in on. Men on this ranch work 13 hours per day, Sunday included. A few of them receive the munificent sum of $25 a month, but most of them get only $20.

Jeanette Daley, wife of the contractor, elected to the state assembly from the 78th District, sits and knits at Sacramento, and votes against all progressive and liberal measures.

She does not bother to study the bills, but endeavors to find out how Paul Richie, progressive assemblyman from San Diego County, intends to vote, and then casts her vote the opposite way.

She opposed every bill that was introduced in behalf of Tom Mooney and voted against Assembly bill 311. This was a bill to defeat the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Act. Charles W. Stream, her Republican co-reactionary from San Diego County, voted likewise.

Unfair to Labor

Another unfair practice sanctioned by this same Mrs. Daley is the paying of the ranch hands some in cash and some by check, to avoid certain provisions of the State Compensation Insurance Law perhaps. An example of her much publicized liberal attitude prior to her election, might well be applied at her home on the range.

Although Jeanette Daley rode into the State Assembly on the Roosevelt band wagon and denounced the Hearst-Landon reactionaries, during the gubernatorial campaign of 1934 this public spirited woman joined the political group known as Flag Democrats and supported Merriam. Since her election she has been running true to form. The local reactionaries could not ask for a better representative.

Gypping WPA

George Daley, her contractor husband, by knowing the right people and pulling the right strings was able to secure WPA assistance on a paving contract.

Preparatory to repaving El Cajon Avenue and putting in the parking, for which he has the contract, it was necessary to tear up the old pavement. This generous, big hearted fellow gave all of this broken up material to the WPA to be used on local construction projects. Of course it was necessary for WPA workers and trucks to haul it away.

Had not Daley succeeded in selling his idea to the WPA authorities he would have been obliged to pay for having it hauled away. That would have cost a great deal of money and would have reduced his profits in the same ratio.

Certain gossipers have spread the report that Mrs. Daley chews tobacco. We don't profess to know whether this is true or not. We neither condone nor criticise her personal vices whatever they may be. If she will only make an effort to carry out her pre-election promises and try to induce her husband to give their ranch hands a square deal, we will be satisfied.

They Won't Stand for Treachery

ED VANDELEUR, secretary of the state federation of labor, and his fellow-reactionaries have been putting through some treacherous acts on Stockton cannery workers, but the men and women who resisted vigilantes as in above photo taken during recent strike will not stand for such treachery long. Slate close to companies has been put into charge of the Stockton Cannery Workers Union.

"They Must"

By a Worker Correspondent

If all the workers could understand,
Stand together, go hand in hand,
What a power! What a might!
To capture all and win the fight.

The only power to abolish want,
Is by uniting in a united front.
Shoulder to shoulder they must stand;
On no one else must they depend.

To plough and harvest, get the least,
To build and slave to exist;
Will they forever this endure?
Like the beast of burden, not secure?

Stand together, Join your class.
Cease for others to wealth amass.
Refuse to slave and eat a crust,
Get out of slumber, shake the dust.

You must unite to break the chain,
Not divided can you hope to gain.
Enough to be the master's sap,
You have the power to change the map.

—H. S., Los Angeles.

Fresno Active for C.S. Prisoners

By a Worker Correspondent

FRESNO—In two days, Comrade Perry Hill of Fresno has sent in 60 postcards to the 3rd District Court of Appeals in Sacramento, demanding the unconditional release of the Criminal Syndicalism Act victims. How many have you sent in?

In getting 60 signatures on these cards, Comrade Hill was turned down exactly once, which proves that the overwhelming majority of the people of California want our comrades set free, but these people must be approached NOW.

No Time to Lose

There is no time to lose; our comrades will face the court on June 9. Their liberty is at stake. They gave up their freedom for you and they must have your support.

Before June 9, we must arouse a storm of protest. We must send thousands of cards, letters and telegrams of protest to the 3rd District Court of Appeals in Sacramento, and we must do it now.

Order protest cards today from the Calif. Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act, 111J ones St., San Francisco.

Coeur D'Alenes Stir Again

By a Miner

ST. MARIES, Idaho — Under the impetus of the CIO drive, the deep canyons of the Coeur d'Alene silver-lead district of Idaho, scene of historic battles of '92 and '98, are again awakening. Even the wealthy and arrogant Bunker Hill & Sullivan at Kellogg, long notorious for its vicious company union and stool system is quaking—and not without good reason.

Labor Holiday

Already in a swift, surprise move, workers of the "Morning" at Mullan and the "Page" at Kellogg, both Federal Mining properties, have smashed through the usual red tape of declaring a strike and gone out on a Labor Holiday which began May 14th.

"Strike?" exclaimed one union man. "This is no strike. We just laid off to go on a fishing trip, or to get acquainted with the wife and kids. This is a holiday!"

Nevertheless, pickets come and go on regular schedule to stand guard at plant gates, railroad sidings and the power house, forestalling probable attempts at destruction of company property by company stools and thugs.

Strikers' Demands

The strikers demand among other things union recognition, the 8 hour day from portal to portal.

"Hell! Some of our men spend 12 and 13 hours a day away from home—between walking to work and riding far underground on our own time," said one.

They demand also a regular thorough inspection of equipment as required by law.

"We haven't forgotten that due to rotten equipment, a cage fell last October, killing ten men."

It looks bad for company greed—when miners go on a Holiday!

LONG BEACH ILD PARTY BIG SUCCESS

By a Worker Correspondent

LONG BEACH—The monthly party of the McNamara Branch, International Labor Defense, was given in honor of Grover Johnson, ILD attorney, May 22 at Fraternal Hall. For the last few months, our house parties have grown so that we had to secure a hall to accommodate the crowd. We had a very nice turkey dinner—280 plates were served.

The speech of Attorney Shibley was greatly appreciated. Our guest speaker, Dr. Fabian Garcia, former Cuban commercial attache to Washington, D. C., gave a wonderful educational talk on foreign affairs.

Literature was sold and application cards distributed. Ten new applications were taken in. The collection amounted to $21.67.

CIO Organizes L.A. Messenger Boys

LOS ANGELES — Announcement of the formation of a local of miscellaneous messenger-advertising distributors under CIO leadership was made last Tuesday, June 1, by C. H. Jordan, CIO leader here.

The group includes those workers engaged in distributing advertising material from door to door.

Program for Salinas Vegetable Workers

NIPOMO FRAME-UP CONVICTION OF LABOR MEN

Seek New Trial for Mensalves and Bushnell

By a Worker Correspondent

NIPOMO, San Luis Obispo—Trial of Chris Mensalves, organizer in the State Fed. for Agricultural Workers, and Ed Bushnell, labor reporter, was held beginning May 11 in Justice Court here, with one day devoted to selecting jury and three for testimony and final pleas.

The true issue behind the charge of "disturbing the peace"—use of the vagrancy law against strikers in the recent pea pickers' strike and arrest of the two defendants who brought promise of legal aid and support—was brought into the open.

Mock Legality Smashed

The pro-labor stand of the defense crashed into the mock legality of the prosecution presented by Dist. Atty. Van Wormer, with sheriff and deputy witnesses, as Leo Gallagher, famed International Labor Defense attorney, cross-questioned Sheriff Haskins, deputies and finally prosecutor Van Wormer.

With assistance of Bushnell, who defended himself, and nine or more strikers who drove from Gonzales to testify, the prosecution was forced to drop from the supposed disturbing of the peace and in final statement asked verdict as sanction for what they had done.

The defense accusation—that Van Wormer planned to break the strike, selecting for his purpose the vagrancy law against strikers and a disturbing the peace charge for those who opposed his plan—was admitted by the prosecution with a vague claim of an "emergency situation" as an excuse.

Jury Not Representative

In view of this, liberals and pro-labor people present saw the guilty verdict, rendered in 15 minutes, as proof of the anti-labor frameup and are determined to see the defendants through and to see that Van Wormer is "through" politically.

The jury did not represent a fair cross-section of the people. Van Wormer challenged a salesman who admitted membership in the Boilermakers Union 15 years back, and a barber who said he still believed in unions. Both were excused.

As a result, the jury contained two farmers who had been deputized during the strike, a camp operator (deputized), a wood-yard operator, a man who had his own leather business (deputized), one waitress (place where deputies ate), etc.

And Still Jury Convicted!

All defense witnesses denied there had been any danger or intent of force intended against the officers (as the prosecution charged)—even though, as defense counsel pointed out, the officers had stepped into a peaceful meeting and deliberately broke it up!

Leo Gallagher, in an hour and a half plea, pointed out the prosecutor was in fact trying to bring back involuntary servitude. The defendants were not criminals, but local people who had stood up for American rights. They were political prisoners.

He pointed to the insufficiency of the evidence to establish the charges.

The remedy to settle such disputes, he said, was organization of farmers in farmers' organizations to improve their conditions, and organization of workers in unions to hold up wages.

Bushnell spoke 20 minutes.

On return of verdict of guilty by the jury, the defense immediately made oral motion for a new trial.

NEW TRIAL IS DENIED LABOR MEN IN COURT

By a Worker Correspondent

NIPOMO, San Luis Obispo County—Motion for a new trial for C. D. Mensalves, general secretary of the Filipino Labor Union, and Ed Bushnell, labor reporter, who were convicted on a charge of "disturbing the peace" in connection with the pea pickers' strike here in April, was pleaded in Nipomo Justice Court by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, and denied by Justice Melbourne Dana. Appeal is being made.

PEDRO UNIONS COMMEMORATE LONGSHOREMEN

Arrest Officer Who Murdered Gregg, Is Demand

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN PEDRO—More than 3000 longshoremen and other workers assembled in Wilmington Bowl to protest the cold-blooded murder of Norman W. Gregg, longshoreman, by Patrolman Wm. H. Redding.

Cargo handling was at a standstill and Pedro was virtually a closed port during the demonstration. Downtown cafes and stores were all closed. Street car traffic and bus service was halted for an hour as delegates ordered the men off the cars.

To Clean Up Police Dept.

All the marine unions' executive boards met and laid plans to force arrest of Redding on a murder charge and to clean up the police department generally.

Roy Donnelly, ILA president here, and other speakers called for an end to police brutality against the working class.

It was announced the Pedro News-Pilot would be boycotted for its lying account of the shooting.

4 Unions Honor Gregg

All that night and the next day a guard of honor held aloft the banners of 4 unions in a demonstration of respect to the murdered worker. Traffic was blocked in several streets near the scene of the killing and all passersby removed their hats.

Sixty special police from the L. A. "riot squad" were rushed to the Harbor, and Capt. Wm. H. Bachrach, San Pedro division, held 50 cops ready for an "emergency." All are supplied with tear gas guns.

Redding's Phoney Story

Gregg was a union patrolman during the strike and earned enmity of some of the cops. Officer Redding recently built a house here with scab labor and got in a jam with the local unions. Some claim he had a personal quarrel with Gregg.

He denies this and gives a highly colored "story" of coming to the rescue of some woman, when Gregg took his blackjack away and he was forced to fire in "self defense." He shot Gregg three times in the abdomen!

Wreaths Taken to Parker's Grave

Asst. Police Chief Allen says Redding was "justified." "Patrolman Redding will continue to perform his duties," he said, defying the efforts being made to have Redding arrested.

Twenty-seven floral wreaths marked the site of the killing until they were loaded on a truck and brought to the grave of Dick Parker, who was killed by police in the '34 strike here.

Some of the painted signs on the pavement read: "Bill Gregg Killed by a Cowardly Los Angeles Cop in Cold Blood." "Killed by a Rat." "Let's Take Action."

Unions Represented

Among the unions represented by delegations and banners in the demonstration were ILA 38-119, MEBA Local 79, Marine Cooks & Stewards, Building Materials and Dump Truck Drivers Local 420, Truck Drivers 208, Culinary Alliance, Maritime Fed. Dist. Council No. 4, Workers' Alliance District Council No. 3, ILA 38-82, ILA 38-91, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Marine Firemen, Auto Machinists 1484, Shipyard Workers, ARTA Local 7, Truck Drivers 692, Central Labor Council, Deep Sea & Purse Seine Fishermen, Painters, Women's Union Label League, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, Masters, Mates & Pilots Local 90, Motion Picture Painters 644, Carpenters 1140, Steam & Operating Engineers, Van & Storage Drivers 389, ILA 38-106, Laundry Workers, Cloak & Dress Union—ILGWU Locals 97, 84, 96, 65, 236, 105 and 97.

NEED FIRST TO KICK OUT THE FAKE OFFICERS

Next Step Should be To Educate the Membership

By an Agricultural Worker

SALINAS, Monterey County—Many members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union are wondering what's on the program and how they can once again build their union. The history of this union is one of the strangest of any in the world.

The lettuce workers have bitterly fought the bosses since the year they organized, yet have never made progress. All their fighting has been done physically and never with their heads.

Practically all present and past leaders have been either agents of the bosses or workers who had no program to carry out.

What "Leaders!"

The present leadership is a gas-hound named Shevlin and an agent by the name of Doss. These two characters have a background that is hard to beat in any country. Doss, an ex-school teacher from Texas, could not get by in a kindergarten.

He scabbed in '34 but will tell you a jury voted him not guilty. He pulled stunts during the strike which will mark him as the most hated man in the agricultural fields.

During the height of the strike, when every paper was lying and slandering the heroic strikers, about 500 copies of the Western Worker with the true facts were put out in Salinas to inform the confused public what it was all about. Doss ordered every copy seized and burned in a huge bonfire.

Doss Liked By Hearst

The Hearst press warmly praised Doss for this action and in the same issue, viciously attacked the strikers. Never did Doss attack the reactionary press but always the workers' papers, using the red scare as an excuse.

Shevlin is not worth even talking about. It is needless to say he has been drunk for over eight months.

Both Doss and Shevlin now see the workers understand them and their anti-union activities. So both tremble in fear when they will be expelled out. No fear for themselves, but fear the master can no longer use them.

Fakers Spiked Solidarity

The lettuce workers were told they were experts and not agricultural workers, so with this for a guide, the fakers halted organization of the Filipino field workers. Workers will tell you about how each group scabbed on the other since 1934. First the field, then the shed workers, yet they don't seem to understand the fault was due to their own policy.

The first step for the Salinas union should be to remove Doss and Shevlin, and quickly before they wreck the union completely. Next, they should hold educational meetings to acquaint the backward members with the principles of unionism.

The overwhelming majority of lettuce workers come from Texas and Oklahoma and have not the faintest idea about the necessity of using political power in their struggles. The last strike should show them the necessity of labor participating in political action. Last year the Grower-Shipper Assn. openly ran every political office in Salinas because they controlled all the politicians, and labor stood helplessly by and watched the strike being slowly broken by political action. And when it reached a low point, Ed Vandeleur and his henchman, Aram, walked in and sold it out. The rank-and-file must look back over past mistakes and not make the same ones again if they are to survive as a union.

Immediate help and attention must be given to assist the field workers to organize. So long as both groups continue the way they are, confusion will always exist among both workers.

The lettuce workers must realize how the red scare was used to break their ranks and watch for any growers' agent who may again attempt to confuse the issue by raising the cry of "Communism."

The Cannery and Agriculture Federation of the State of California has been set up, and this group should include all locals of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union. This organization is set up along the same lines as the Maritime Federation and should be a powerful organization in combatting the terror against struggles of all agriculture workers throughout the state of California.

BANKER NOT ENDANGERED BY EVICTION

By a Worker Correspondent

ATHERTON, San Mateo County—Bail of $20,000 was set recently in San Francisco in the case of Mrs. Lillian Pittler, 45, who wounded a vice-president of the Bank of America Corporation (George J. Panario, 60). The Bank of America had foreclosed on Mrs. Pittler's property and had evicted her.

Banker Panario's home, however, is on exclusive Polhemus Avenue (254), in the society suburbs here in Atherton. No exploiter of labor will evict him and his family.

What a pity Mrs. Pittler and some penniless workers committed futile acts of violence, and didn't first hear the lessons of organization.

SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE TAX EVADERS

F. R. Calls for Laws To Stop Shady Practices

WASHINGTON—An investigation will be conducted by the U. S. senate into the wholesale examples of tax evasion, either through fraud or legal maneuvers, following the special message of President Roosevelt to congress.

The president's message included the citation of some of the more flagrant cases as outlined by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morganthau. It requested prosecution in those cases where the law was clearly violated, and new laws to deal with those who manage to comply with the letter of existing laws in their tax evasion.

The treasury's investigation into tax evasion was the result of serious deficiencies in the expected revenues.

Examples Cited

In his message the president cited five examples of the way in which the tax evaders operate. One American citizen with a three million dollar corporation in the Bahamas apparently attempted to prevent the Bureau of Internal Revenue from catching up with him by filing his individual tax returns in successive years from such widely separated places as New Brunswick, British Columbia and Jamaica.

Another case was that of a retired army officer who became a naturalized Canadian citizen and then organized corporations in the Bahamas to hold his securities. Two New York insurance agents organized a company in the Bahamas with a view to carrying on a business of enabling wealthy citizens to escape taxes by a scheme of issuing life insurance policies. One man organized a holding company to hold his yacht and some three million dollars in securities. A wealthy woman organized a personal holding company and employed her husband as "manager."

Relief Bill Goes To Senate After Passage in House

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives Tuesday night passed the $1,500,000,000 work relief bill proposed by the administration, putting it before the senate where it faces new attacks in the effort to reduce it.

Passage came by a final vote of 323 to 44, after the administration had renewed its support for the measure and forestalled numerous attempts to cripple it.

These included amendments, passed in the house and later killed, to earmark more than $500,000,000 for special projects necessitating a large percentage of the funds to go for materials. The amendments would have brought the discharge of new thousands of relief workers on top of those already slated to go because of the inadequacy of the bill as it stands.

Proposals to Reduce

Other attacks were in the more direct form of reducing the total amount to $1,000,000,000 and to turn the administration of relief back to the states. The latter came from the Republicans.

The same effort to reduce the relief funds is expected in the Senate. Senator James J. Byrnes of South Carolina is attempting to get support for a plan to lop off 500 millions.

Progressive leaders in the house swung their support behind the President's bill and against trimming it down, following the defeat of the Boileau bill proposed by the Workers' Alliance to provide for three million WPA jobs at increased pay.

Gold Mining Co. in Fight on NLRB

GRASS VALLEY, Nevada County—The gold mining companies are such sore losers, that because the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union won a Labor Relations Board poll at the Lava Cap Mine, the operators are having their Mine Workers Protective League question the legality of the Labor Relations Board.

The vote was conducted by Examiner E. F. Neal of the NLRB. Neal is also looking into CIO charges that the Idaho-Maryland Mines Corp. locked out 80 CIO members in the Brunswick mine.

The company union talked of filing an injunction against the NLRB. The vote at Lava Cap was 3 to 1 for the CIO.

BASQUE CHILDREN REACH ENGLAND

SOUTHAMPTON—Four thousand children, Basque refugees from wartorn Bilbao, landed in England courageously singing the songs of their native Spain.

Immediate, Vital Tasks of Communist Party in Calif.

EDITORIAL NOTE

This statement of the control tasks for consolidating and building the Communist Party and the circulation of the Western Worker in California was adopted by the enlarged state committee meeting held May 9. Study it. Adopt a plan of work in your unit or branch in accordance with it. Make a regular weekly check-up to see that you are carrying out your part of the general tasks. The second half of this statement will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker.

'Bring Forward the Independent Role Of the Party'

In making a thorough review and checkup of our Party's work, the enlarged state committee, had the guidance of Comrade Stalin's report on "Mastering Bolshevism" and the decisions of the special conference of district organizers held in New York.

Since the last convention of our Party in California we made some outstanding progress on numerous fronts: in the fight for social legislation through the People's Legislative Conference, in the municipal elections in Oakland and Los Angeles, around the anti-picketing ordinances in San Francisco and Alameda. We greatly strengthened our position in important central labor bodies throughout the state and in many decisive unions, playing no little part in the CIO organizational drive. We conducted a splendid recruiting drive and quite a successful Western Worker financial drive.

The party, however, cannot be satisfied with maintaining the positions won during the last year. The advances made can be for us only examples of how much more we can accomplish, if we eliminate those organizational and political defects which still retard the rapid growth of the party and its development into a real mass organization which can be a decisive factor in the fight of the California people against reaction and the state-wide drive to make California 100 per cent union. It is to the extent that the party will continue to grow more rapidly organizationally and in influence, that it can fulfill its role as the leader of the movement of the people towards progress and freedom.

Bring Forward the Independent Position of Party

1. The party can become that vital live factor in California political and economic life, if it will come forward more boldly with the independent position of the Party on the many problems confronting the workers. In examining the activity of our Party in California during the past year, we find that on but rare occasions did the Party come forward as an independent force, speaking in its own name to the workers regularly (through meetings, agitation, literature, press, etc.).

While we cannot for a moment lessen our united front activities, our general mass work—we must at the same time speak in the name of the Party constantly if the people are to recognize in us the most consistent, devoted and loyal champions for their well-being. This is especially important in our work in the trade unions, where we have been hesitant in making known to the trade unionists the role of the Party, what it is doing, its position on the many complicated questions that face them.

To enable the Party to come forward more boldly and with many issues before the workers today, it is necessary that our Party's independent position, independent line, is thoroughly understood by the membership of our Party.

It is necessary to create a condition in the Party whereby we can get the fullest participation of the membership in the working out of the problems and in clarifying the many tasks before us.

This will be an important medium through which to develop greater political initiative in the lower organizations, greater responsibility among individual members, more effective mobilization of the membership for the carrying through of Party tasks, and will help to overcome a serious problem confronting our Party in California—the high fluctuation of membership.

Overcome Fluctuation—Attention To New Members

2. We registered 3400 members this year—900 more than last year. However, during the Browder-Ford Membership Drive and since, we recruited some 2600 members. Our dues payment still fluctuates around 3,300 per month. This brings out most alarmingly that we are still plagued in California by the very serious problem of membership fluctuation which threatens to negate our splendid recruiting work.

a) To some extent recruiting has become a more normal feature of our day to day work, although only a very small percentage of our Party is involved in this most important task. But we must above all, MASTER the ability of keeping the new members, quickly assimilating them into our units and branches, and guiding their development inside the Party.

This is a central organizational task. The already acquired experiences in many counties and sections shows that properly conducted new members units are an important step in the solution of our membership fluctuation. Maximum attention to the work and development of these units is demanded of us. Every new Party member should be required to attend these New Members units. These units, to bring the best results, should combine elementary Party education with a normal Party unit life, so that the new recruit may be gradually assimilated into Party life and become part of it.

A system to assure the new members' immediate transfer to a regular unit or branch, and the assignment to work on the basis of ability and desire of the recruit, is of prime importance and should be developed in each county.

b) To constantly review the work of the new members and to carefully guide their development in the Party, meetings of leading committees with new members shall be held from time to time to discuss the problems of the units, of the individual comrades, their reaction to the life and work of the units, the methods of leadership of the leading committees.

c) To guarantee that the most careful attention will be given to the new recruits and to draw into active work the entire membership of the Party, the system of membership committees and membership directors shall be established from the state committee down to every unit, which shall constantly review the status of our membership, the activity of the individual comrades, the regular attendance at unit meetings, dues payments, etc.

d) The stabilization of dues payments, with the view of embracing all members registered and those recruited since registration, is a major task. With the monthly and lower dues payment in operation, it is possible, to regulate the dues payment so as to guarantee a more regular payment of dues than has been evident up to the present.

Improve the Life and Work of The Lower Organizations

Educate Membership And Overcome Fluctuation

3. The solution of the problem of fluctuation requires, however, the most serious attention to the lower organizations, the assignment of leading forces to assist in developing the units into centers of Communist mass work and Communist leadership.

We have in California some 230 units—9 shop units; 55 industrial units; 167 street units, branches and professional units. Very little initiative has been developed by our units in dealing with their specific problems, in carrying through the main political campaigns in the sphere of their own local activity. In the main the units remain mere routine bodies, mechanically transferring the decisions "from the top" to the membership "below," overburdened with many routine questions which impede their development into live political centers of Party activity.

The state committee reaffirmed the decisions of the 9th National Convention of the need of adapting our organizational structure, our methods of work and leadership, to the situation confronting our Party, but laid special emphasis on careful guidance and attention to these new forms of organization, further extending them, and developing their independent activity.

a) The state committee reemphasized that shop units remain the basic and most effective form of Party organization, where a few members can wield important influence over thousands of workers. With the tremendous drive to organize the unorganized now sweeping our state, we have a splendid opportunity to become intimately connected with thousands of shop workers in important industries and overcome our isolation from the large plants — precisely through the organization and extention of shop units. Each county and section, where such possibilities exist, shall during the coming immediate period call together conferences of comrades employed in factories, involved in the CIO organization drive, in important industrial units, for the purpose of discussing the work in the shops, the issuance of shop papers, the setting up of shop units. Systematic concentration upon a given number of shops, drawing into this work other units (industrial and territorial), and the assignment of leading comrades to direct this work, shall be one of the results of the conferences.

b) The 55 industrial units embracing some 700 members have succeeded in combining the hitherto scattered trade union membership, thus greatly improving the quality of our trade union work. The industrial units while still lagging seriously in recruiting, have shown a smaller percentage of fluctuation and better attendance.

However, the problem of overcoming the separation between political and trade union work, the development of these units into political organizations giving daily guidance to the workers in their industries as Party organizations, requires the serious attention of all leading bodies. Only the solution of this problem will make it possible for the industrial units to take full advantage of the splendid opportunities in the trade union field to build the Party, extend its influence and the circulation of the Western Worker.

c) Out of the 167 territorial organizations only 20 are branches. The branches established do not conform to certain political sub-divisions in our cities—and in most cases are completely removed from the people and organizations in the neighborhood, having but a slight knowledge of the territory and its issues.

It is essential that the mechanical approach to the establishment of branches by the merging of a number of street units without regard to the residence of the individual members be overcome in the shortest possible time.

The branches can become real levers for the establishment of the leadership of the Party in American communities, providing careful attention is given to the work of the branches, their connection with the people and organizations in the political subdivisions, or parts of it, their tasks carefully laid down, and methods developed for open Party activity, such as forums, agitation, neighborhood meetings, development of neighborhood actions, headquarters, etc.

d) One of the important tasks is the election and stabilization of leading committees in the lower organizations. In the majority of units functioning unit executive committees are still to be established.

The leading committees in the counties and sections should give careful assistance to the establishment of unit executive committees, on the basis of selecting the most able comrades (not by cooption but in a democratic manner) assist the committees to plan and organize the work of the units and the work of each individual member.

Real capable and authoritative leadership must be established in the units if we are to improve the work and life of these organizations, the activity and responsibilty of each individual member.

(To Be Continued)

Social Democrats Modify Stand at Pittsburgh Meet

PITTSBURGH—The convention of the Social Democratic Federation, outgrowth of the former right wing of the Socialist Party, adjourned here after having modified its reactionary position on several issues.

It was noteworthy that for the first time the Soviet Union was not attacked, either by resolution or from the floor. The convention took no definite stand on the question of a Farmer-Labor Party, but gave autonomy to its organizations in various states to act in accord with the local situation. A resolution originally drafted to call for the "exclusion of Communists or Communist-influenced organizations from any Farmer-Labor Party movement" was changed to a more vague statement for "the exclusion of those who believe and advocate force and violence."

Louis Waldman, convention keynote speaker, said, that a further declaration on the Farmer-Labor question would be forthcoming.

Trotzkyites were condemned for splitting tactics, but the issue was distorted by describing them as "a wing of the Communists."

Peninsula Affairs Planned for Spain

SAN MATEO—Three benefit affairs for the Spanish people are scheduled on the peninsula—in Redwood City, Palo Alto and near La Honda.

A benefit picnic, with funds going partly to Spain and partly for local use of workers' organizations, will be held Sunday, June 6, at Woodruff Grove, a mile east of La Honda. Dancing, games and refreshments are arranged for the all-day affair. Admission is 15 cents.

The film "Spain in Flames" will be given in Redwood City Sunday evening, in Foresters' Hall, Middlefield Road, at 8 o'clock. The showing is sponsored by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion, with funds going to Spain. Admission, 35 cents.

The Peninsula Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism will sponsor a talk by the Rev. Ben Wilson, whose subject will be "A Minister Looks At Spain." His talk will be given at the Community Center, Monday night, June 7, at 8 o'clock, at Palo Alto. Admission 10 cents.

DECISIONS OF HIGHEST COURT AID UTILITIES

Refuse to Stop the Suit Against T.V.A.

WASHINGTON—In three decisions which closed its 1936-37 session, the Supreme Court rendered aid to corporate power interests in their campaign against the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The court ruled that it would not consider the government's apepal against a lower court ruling which ordered the Tennessee Valley Authority to trial in the Tennessee Federal District Court. The suit against the TVA was instituted by the Tennessee Electric Power Company and other utilities.

The court also refused to expedite the hearing on the suit filed by the Electric Bond & Share Company challenging the constitutionality of the Utility Holding Company Act. It insisted on the delay involved in a hearing before the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Finally the court decided to hear, over the protest of the government, the appeal of two utility concerns from a District of Columbia Court of Appeals verdict which denied their right to challenge constitutionality of Public Works Administration power loans to municipalities.

Aside from their hope of having part of the TVA and power loan program declared unconstitutional, the suits represented stalling tactics while they are attempting to line up local city administrations against the TVA.

Tories After New Slush Fund to Fight Court Bill

NEW YORK—An undercover campaign to raise an additional $100,000 to defeat President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform proposal has been launched by the National Committee to Uphold Constitutional Government.

This big business group, headed by the newspaper publisher Frank Gannett, sent out a confidential communication which declared that it had already spent the funds contributed earlier and declared:

"Since immediate action is required, we cannot depend primarily on small contributers."

How much the committee has already spent was not stated, but the message appealed for checks of at least $500 to enable the committee and its lobbyists to "keep on fighting aggressively as during the last ten weeks."

Sent out in the form of a circular telegram, it was signed by Gannett as chairman.

Benson Urges Tax Burden Shift to Corporate Wealth

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Ability to pay should be the basis of a tax program according to Elmer A. Benson, Farmer-Labor governor of Minnesota, who has appeared twice before the state legislature urging the passage of a bill based on this principle.

The bill was being pressed in an extra session, which was made necessary because the reactionary-dominated senate refused last Spring to pass an adequate program. Instead of allowing this condition to stand, the governor called a special session.

Governor Benson appealed not only to the legislators directly, but to thousands who heard his address over the radio. He demanded that the budget be balanced, but that at the same time all social obligations which the state owes its citizens be met in full.

"I need not tell you of the tremendous tax load which the owner of real property is bearing today," the governor said. "This heavy tax load is making it increasingly difficult for people to own their own homes and their farms."

He pointed to the increase in farm tenancy, now nearing the 50 per cent mark in Minnesota, and urged passage of the Farmer-Labor Party bill to place a more equitable share of taxes on profits and wealth.

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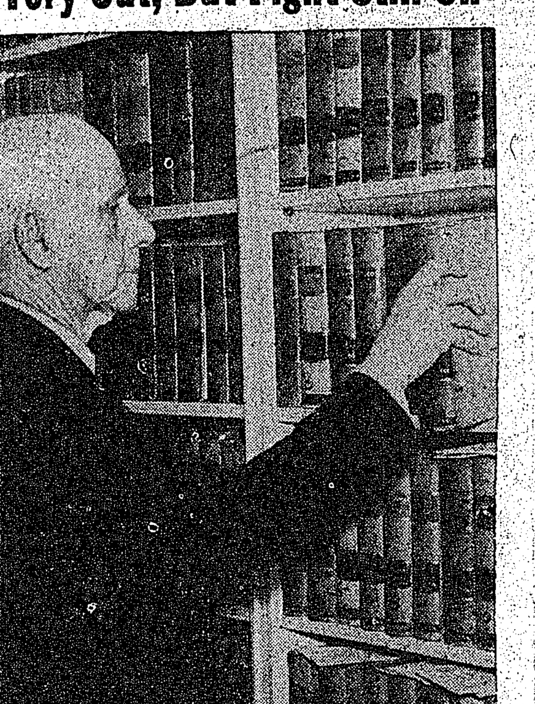

TIMING HIS action for its maximum effect on the President's court reform proposals, Supreme Court Justice Willis Van Devanter, who always voted against progressive laws, resigned effective June 2. His last act was to vote with the minority against constitutionality of unemployment insurance. Fight for complete reform of the Supreme Court must continue, despite Van Devanter's resignation.

'FOUND IT EASY' TO GET 15 W. W. SUBS IN LOS ANGELES

Schrier Gets Subscriptions From Workers Wherever He Meets Them

LOS ANGELES—First to secure 15 yearly subs in Los Angeles County in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, I. Schrier, of the Downtown Section, in an interview with a Western Worker Reporter tells how to do it.

"I always carry a copy of the Western with me wherever I go." To be able to convince workers to subscribe to our paper I read it myself. This should be the first requirement for every sub-getter."

Asked if he found it hard to get subs, Schrier answered, "No! I find it easy. And especially easy with the valuable books that are being offered with a year's subscription to the Western."

On Street Cars

Schrier has secured several of his yearly subs from workers he met while riding street cars to and from work.

"Going to and from work, in my shop, where I work, restaurants, newsboys, grocery clerks at the corner grocery, from all of them I ask for subs. And I get them too. For instance, the union barber I patronize has subscribed to the Western Worker. It happened this way. I went for a shave and in the conversation that followed he questioned me about the book I was carrying (From Bryan to Stalin, by Foster) and I explained to him that our Western Worker was giving it as a premium for a year's sub to the paper, and he subscribed."

"On the trolleys I start discussions with workers. I never antagonize them. I usually wind up by getting their names and addresses. I make an appointment with them. I always keep the appointment, being on time. I always talk to them about our press and our Party. Sometimes I get a sub. Two of the workers I have met this way I hope to recruit, one a Negro worker and one an auto worker."

He'll Be There; Will You?

Schrier declares he will be at the Press Builders Congress.

He urges that a letter be sent to all new subscribers greeting them as new subscribers, telling them of the aim of our press and asking them for constructive criticism and inviting them to build our Western Worker into a Daily Western Worker.

Lou Saperstein of the Hollywood Section also has secured fifteen yearly subs to the Western. Lou followed Schrier by five minutes.

NAZIS JAIL PROTESTANTS

BERLIN—The entire executive committee of the Protestant Church Synod was recently imprisoned by the Gestapo (Nazi police).

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Santa Cruz Fishers Win 21-Day Strike

SANTA CRUZ—With an agreement gained to fish 6 days a week at 7 cents a pound, Monterey Bay deep sea fishermen have ended their 21-day strike. More than 200 boats were tied up by the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermens Union in the strike.

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Reminiscences on Labor in Calif. — Review of Pamphlet on King Frame-up

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[By ...] SNYDER

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YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Skin Reaction to Paint

Los Angeles.

Dear Sir:

I have been working as a furniture paint sprayer for a number of years. After working in the factory two years, I got a bad skin disease, which stopped when I quit work for awhile and started up again when I started back to work. Lately, I have been working at another job and haven't had any more trouble. Was the skin disease caused by the paint? —G. D.

Answer: The fact that you had this disease only when you were working and the fact that it cleared up when you stopped working at this job, shows that the disease was probably due to the paint. To make sure of this, it would be necessary for a doctor to make a so-called "patch test." In this test, the doctor applies some of the paint to an area of the skin, and when this causes a certain reaction, it shows that the paint is the fault.

Masks in the Chemical Industry

Oakland.

Dear Doctor:

I am working in a dry cell battery factory. What is the best sort of mask for us workers? The materials used here are graphite, manganese, and sal ammoniac. —A Reader.

Answer: There are no masks which will successfully protect the workers in such an industry, which are not constantly being well serviced and fitted. Your union should demand masks produced by the Wilson Products Inc., Reeding, Pennsylvania, (No. 400 or 400L).

Heart Disease

Los Angeles.

Dear Doctor:

What is a rheumatic heart? —E. B. K.

Answer: This is a technical name for a form of heart disease caused by the same germs that cause rheumatism. These germs have never been found, but it is known that they are fed into the blood stream from any gatherings of pus in different parts of the body. Often, these gatherings of pus are very small.

After the germs are fed into the blood stream they are deposited on the valves of the heart. The valves grow together, and this causes them to leak. When this has happened, no method has even been found to make the valves healthy again. However, with the right sort of care, the heart muscles can be strengthened to largely overcome the disadvantage of the leaking valves. This must be done under the direction of the doctor.

All gatherings of pus which may cause the rheumatism should be removed. These may be in the sinuses, abscessed teeth, pyorrhea, in the gall-bladder, in the kidneys, in the bladder, in the prostate, in the womb, in the ovaries, or the appendix.

NEWS BRIEFS OF SOCIALISM

Like a Yearly Pay Raise?—It Happens In USSR

MOSCOW — How would you like to have your wages raised every year, almost doubled every five years? That's the record of the march of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

During the years of the First Five Year Plan, average wages almost doubled, while during the four years of the Second Five Year Plan, they nearly doubled again.

Moreover, systematic lowering of prices, in line with the policy of the Soviet government, made the rise in real wages much greater.

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New Food Factory

ENGELS, Volga German Republic—The new factory for concentrated food, just opened here, is one of the largest in the Soviet Union. It will produce 40 million tablets of various concentrated foods, such as cabbage soup, barley soup, other soups, porridges and jellies.

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MOSCOW—The USSR will produce this year 17 per cent more butter, 45 per cent more canned milk and a far larger percentage of other foods, such as meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, etc. These will supply the expected 23 per cent increase in food sales.

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65th Anniversary of "Capital"

MOSCOW—Celebration of the 65th anniversary of the first publication of "Capital," by Karl Marx, revealed figures on sales of this masterpiece in Russia.

In 1872, 3000 copies were sold; in 1885, 3000 copies; 1898, 13,000 copies; 1899, 5000 copies; 1906, 5000 copies; 1907, 21,000 copies; 1908, 14,000 copies.

Since the 1917 Revolution, over 2,000,000 copies have been sold in the Soviet Union. "Capital" has been translated into Armenian, Georgian, Ukranian and Finnish. In 1929, 95,000 copies were sold; in 1930, 225,000 copies; and in 1936, 600,000 copies!

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Spring Sowing Gains

MOSCOW—The Soviet spring sowing campaign is already 6 per cent over that of last year. This year the collective farms have sown 44,182,500 acres as against 30,022,500 acres of last year, while individual farmers have sown only 175,000 acres this year as against 390,000 acres of last year.

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TRANS-BAIKAL, Siberia — Last year, 17 new deposits of tin were found in this area. Many of them were found by volunteer prospectors taking part in a mass geological drive.

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Socialism Means Health

MOSCOW—A major problem in capitalist society, venereal disease, shows sharp decrease in the Soviet Union. In 1913, Moscow registered 206 persons suffering with syphilis for every 1000 population. In 1935, there were only 23.2 persons per 1000 suffering from syphilis, an 89 per cent decrease.

This is not only characteristic of Moscow. Statistics show the number of new cases of syphilis among population of towns fell 93 per cent in 1935, compared with 1913, while cases of gonorrhea fell by 60 per cent.

In the villages, only traces of the former widespread syphilis can be seen. Syphilitic communities are no longer to be found. This disease, which was looked upon before the revolution as a public calamity, is now met in the villages as a comparatively rare illness and can therefore no longer be regarded as a community disease.

The Soviet government pays special attention to health protection through organization of free medical service to the population, formation of a powerful system of medical and prophylactic institutions. There are now 90,000 Soviet doctors, or more than four times as many as before the Revolution.

Order Your Copy Of "Communist"

Get your order in early for your copy of "The Communist" for June!

Announced contents for this issue include:

"The Offensive Against Fascism," by G. Dimitroff; "Stalin on Mastering Bolshevism," by J. Stachel; "The People's Mandate in Minnesota," by Nat Ross; "The Housing Question," by Sidney Hill; "The Textile Drive," by Evelyn B. Gordon; "Spain"; "Foster's New Book," by Alex Bittleman; "Review of the Month," by Alex Bittleman.

Contents of the May "Communist International" include Stalin's Plenum Report, "The Key to the Salvation of the Chinese People," by Wang Ming; "Organizing for the Victory of the Spanish People," by Jose Diaz; "The Hitler Putsch in Hungary," and many other important articles.

Stalin Embraces Spanish Youth

DURING MOSCOW'S May Day Joseph Stalin heartily greets a young Spanish visitor, one of a number of fighters who formed a fraternal delegation to USSR.

A Pamphlet for Unionists to Read: The King-Ramsey-Conner Frame-up

THE SHIP MURDER, The Story of a Frameup. By Lee Coe. Published by the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, 112 Market Street, San Francisco. 23 pp., illus. Price 5 cents.

Reviewed by MICHAEL QUIN

This is the story of two hideous crimes. First, a man was murdered, stabbed to death in his stateroom on the Swayne and Hoyt freighter "Point Lobos," on March 22, 1936.

Second, three of the finest, most loyal and capable union men on the Pacific waterfront—men who did not and could not by the farthest stretch of the imagination have anything to do with this murder—were sent to the penitentiary.

That was the second crime.

A Handpicked Jury

You might say, "It's all very well for someone to start shouting frameup, but didn't a jury trial in the civic courts of Oakland find these men guilty?"

Yes. A jury did send them to the penitentiary. But do not forget that a jury trial also sent the eight victims of the Modesto dynamite frameup to the penitentiary. And only recently, a special investigating committee of the State Legislature declared that those men were convicted on perjured evidence and that the trial was a frameup.

Remember Tom Mooney

Do not forget that Mooney and Billings were sent to the penitentiary on evidence which later was proved to be perjured.

Do not forget that a jury of hand-picked, middle-class people sent the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners to the penitentiary for terms of one to 14 years, even after all evidence presented and the jury's own verdict exonerated them of any act, deed or expression of violence or lawlessness.

Circulate It

You had better read this new pamphlet, "THE SHIP MURDER," and you had better see to it that your neighbors and fellow unionists read it. There is a knowledge and understanding here that you are going to need in the future. And there is a serious responsibility resting on your shoulders that you had better do something about.

WHO DID MURDER Engineer Alberts on the freighter "Point Lobos" on the morning of March 22, 1936? It is important for you to know. I won't say anything more about it right now because I want you to read that pamphlet. Then you can ask yourself three questions:

Who murdered Alberts?

Who sent King, Ramsay and Conner to the penitentiary?

Who is going to get them out?

You can get the pamphlet at any Workers' Book Store, or by addressing the defense committee.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

ONCE there were two philosophers who answered an ad in the newspaper and got themselves jobs as lighthouse tenders on a lonely island way out in the middle of the Pacific ocean. They were the only human beings on the island and there was only one little house for them to live in.

After they had been put ashore with all of their luggage, and the steamer had sailed away, they picked up their suit cases and started walking toward the house.

Although they were both philosophers, they had entirely different philosophies. Said one of them as they walked along: "This is a lonely, god-forsaken looking place, but with my philosophy I am sure that I will be able to fit myself into it. I can accommodate myself to anything in time. It is merely a matter of adjusting one's mind to it."

"It is lonely enough," the other philosopher replied, "but I am sure that we will be able to fix it up so that it is suitable to our needs. It is just a matter of a little hard work and perseverance."

So saying, they entered the house and had a look around. Everything went well until they entered the bedroom.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed one. "The last people who lived here must have been dwarfs."

And it was true enough, because the two beds they found were little tiny things scarcely large enough to hold a child.

"We'll certainly have to change this," continued the philosopher. "We could never fit ourselves into those."

The other man shook his head profoundly. "I can see you are one of these radical complainers," he remarked. "Why don't you let well enough alone and take things as you find them? That's my philosophy. Fit yourself in. Why try to change the world? Take it as it is and make the best of it. That's my philosophy."

"But," said the other, "wouldn't it be wiser to get busy with a little effort and make the beds larger? That's what I'm going to do with mine."

"You are an impractical dreamer," said the other philosopher. "Why! In the first place you woulr have to chop down a tree and saw it into boards and hammer nails into them and heavens knows what all."

"That's true enough," said the other. "But what needs doing must be done. And if I don't do it, I will never be able to get a good night's rest."

"It's all very well for you to go on raving about your Utopian ideas," said the conservative pholosopher. "But just try to put them into practice. Suppose the tree falls on you? Suppose you get slivers in your fingers? Suppose you miss the nail with the hammer and hit your thumb? You radicals never stop to consider those things."

"Do as you please," said the other. "But as for me, I'm going to change things to a more comfortable shape." So saying, he got busy with an axe and started chopping down a tree.

The other man took off his clothes and began soaking himself in a tub of cold water. The chattering of his teeth made such a racket that it attracted the industrious philosopher. "What in the name of common sense are you doing?" he asked.

"I am shrinking myself," said the other. "By nightfall I will be exactly the right size to fit the bed."

He caught a very bad cold but failed to shorten his length. Then he got out a pencil and paper and began writing an essay on the benefits of discomfort in order to justify his position. Along about sundown, he approached his companion who by now was hammering the last nails into his finished bed. "I say," he declared, "I have been thinking the matter over and have decided to chop off my legs. My feet hurt me anyway and that would make me just the right length."

"Help yourself to the axe," said his companion.

He rolled his pant legs up, put one leg on the block, hefted the axe, and then changed his mind. "If God meant me to suffer," he said, "it is better that I suffer and not try to interfere with his will."

Late that night, the industrious philosopher was awakened by someone shaking his shoulder. "The thing I don't like about you Communists," said the conservative, "is that in the end all you are thinking of is yourself. How can you sleep comfortably in that big bed while I, a fellow human being, am cramped beyond human endurance?"

"Climb in," said the radical, "and stop blubbering."

The conservative crawled in, stretched out his legs, and sighed in relief. Then, before going to sleep, he said; "If this is some trick you've got up your sleeve to put some of your propaganda over on me, you might as well forget it. I have a mind of my own and ideas of my own, and I am not going to be dictated to. This bed will probably collapse before morning anyhow. So don't say I didn't warn you."

UNIONISM BOOM IN HOLLYWOOD

Directors and Writers Organizing

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—Whatever final outcome of the strike of painters, scenic artists, makeup men and other crafts, a real need for thorough and honest organization has made itself felt, and in the months to come we shall be hearing more and more of militant labor action in and around the studios.

The Screen Directors Guild has elected new officers, including King Vidor, president; Lewis Milestone and Frank Tuttle, vice-presidents; Richard Wallace, secretary, and John Ford, treasurer. The guild will now take assistants in, as well as full-fledged directors, and will draw up working conditions and wage scales, to be submitted to producers under the Wagner Act.

HELP OUT IN FILM STRIKE

For the duration of the strike of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts in Hollywood, the New Film Alliance has announced it will not publish any film reviews. It urges workers to stay away from movies, and help the FMPC win the strike.

The Screen Writers Guild has been holding secret meetings to corral those opposed to the producer-sponsored Screen Playwrights, Inc. When the guild feels its strength sufficient, it will demand an election under the Wagner Act.

Other screen technicians in process of organizing include film editors, art directors, illustrators, publicity men, advertising men and exchange workers.

The organizations all reveal the universal urge to collective power and the imminent need of one big federation to unify the workers in the industry.

Robeson in Soviet Films

From Moscow, Soviet Union, comes word that Paul Robeson will do two films over there: "Othello" and "Stevedore."

Somehow, Hollywood's geniuses have never been able to see the potentialities in Robeson. One of the world's greatest artists, the best they could ever find for him was a bit in "Show Boat."

Bare "The Crime Of Guernica"

The murderous role of fascism is again exposed in a new pamphlet, "The Crime of Guernica," which contains extracts from articles which have appeared in leading newspapers throughout the country, with the declaration of 76 distinguished Americans protesting against the cruel and inhumane bombing of the unfortified city of Guernica. Cartoons from the New York Post and N. Y. Daily News are also reproduced.

Selling for 10 cents, this pamphlet deserves the widest distribution during Spain Aid Week, June 13-20.

Other literature for Spain Aid Week includes: "Spain in Arms, 1937," by Anna Louise Strong, 25c; "Lenin and Spain" by Earl Browder, 1c; "Shipowners Plot Against Spanish Democracy" by Roy Hudson, 1c; "Trotzkyism Against World Peace" by Browder, 1c; "Spain and the Peoples Front" by G. Dimitroff, 3c; "Catholics and the Civil War in Spain," 5c; and many others.

Sing These During Spain Aid Week

Music inspired by the heroic struggles of the Spanish people against Fascist invasion, will resound in California during Spanish Aid Week of June 13 to 20.

Words and music for two of these songs are now available at Workers' Bookshops throughout the state; or can be obtained by mail from Workers' Book Store, 170 Golden Gate, San Francisco.

These songs are "No Pasaran!" with words and music by Leopoldo Gonzalez, and "Spain Marches," with words by Henry Jordan and music by Mark Severn. Both sell for 10 cents each. "Spain Marches" is dedicated to the Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

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Toussaint L'Ouverture---Liberator

Third Installment — Life of Negro Leader

By L. SMITH III

WHEN just before dawn on August 23, 1791, a red glow spread throughout the sky in the great North Plain of Santo Domingo, inhabitants of the chief city Le Cap knew the impossible had come to pass—the black slaves had revolted. The insurrection began with burning of cane fields, houses, etc., and was carried on with savage brutality—the brutality which the bitterness of years of slavery can create, and is but an emulation of the brutality of the masters.

As Brissot spoke in the National Assembly in Paris: "It was a white man who first plunged a Negro into a burning oven, who dashed out the brains of a child in its father's presence, who fed a slave with his own flesh, and who applied the lash to an expectant mother. These are the monsters that have to account for the barbarity of risen slaves."

The insurrection was intelligently and thoroughly planned. As a result, the mulattoes were suspected of being the instigators, and these unfortunates were consequently hunted down and slaughtered in the streets. In the North, there had actually been little mulatto participation in the revolt, but when it spread to the west about 2,000 were active in the fighting.

Lacked Unity

At a critical moment, however, the mulattoes deserted the cause of freedom of the slaves, saying they were interested only in enforcement of the May 15 decree that "people of color born of free parents should be considered as active citizens and be eligible to government office."

The planters effected a truce with the mulattoes agreeing to permit the decree's immediate adoption. In fact, the colonial assembly, in order completely to split ranks of the insurrectionists and win mulattoes to their side, even went further and agreed to bestow rights on free people of color even though born of enslaved parents.

L'Ouverture Joins Revolt

Toussaint L'Ouverture joined the insurrectionists after the revolt had been in progress for some time. He was given a body of troops to command, and soon his men were better disciplined, better equipped, and better fighters than any of the others. Moreover, Toussaint won their devotion and loyalty by kind treatment.

Soon after, the revolt reached a stalemate. Confusion existed both in the ranks of the rebels and among those who were attempting to quell them. Among the white colonists virtual civil war reigned between commissioners sent from France to administer affairs in the colony and the colonial assembly.

Attempts of insurrectionists to carry on negotiations for settlement of the revolt with the commissioners and the assembly were unsuccessful.

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LOUIS XVI was beheaded in March, 1793. Spain declared war against France. The Spaniards in the island promised all the Negroes who joined them "liberty, exemptions and the enjoyment of privileges." The Negro insurrectionists of Santo Domingo went over to the service of Spain on the strength of these promises, and because they despaired of ever being able to conclude successful negotiations for freedom with the representatives of France.

Desire for Liberty

That desire for liberty motivated Negroes fighting on the side of the Spaniards is shown in the following letter of Toussaint L'Ouverture:

"Brothers and Friends:

"I am Toussaint L'Ouverture; my name is perhaps known to you. I have undertaken to avenge your wrongs. It is my desire that liberty and equality shall reign in Santo Domingo. I am striving to this end. Come and unite with us, brothers, and fight with us for the same cause. "TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE."

Toussaint L'Ouverture's unusual ability as a military leader was shown in the brilliant successes which he began to win immediately. He had at first under his command 600 well-armed Negroes, devoted and loyal. With continuance of his successful military exploits, additional men were added to his command, and finally he was leading about 4,000 soldiers.

Spaniards Overplayed Hand

Almost solely, he was responsible for success of the Spaniards' campaign in the island. And all might have been well for them if they had not overplayed their hand. For when English troops, by prearrangement, landed in the island and joined forces with the Spanish, L'Ouverture suspected the sincerity of the Spaniards. His suspicions were confirmed when news reached him that English troops captured important coastal cities.

He knew that if they were successful in gaining control of the island, there would be no hope for Negro freedom. Policy of the English as slave owners was well known. The alliance of the Spaniards with the English opened his eyes to the real purpose behind the Spanish promises to the Negroes.

Then in Paris, the national government on February 4, 1794, as a result of efforts of the Society of Friends of the Blacks and similar forces within the republican ranks, and also as a result of the slave uprising which had aroused France to a real awareness of conditions in the colony decreed that slavery in all French colonies was to be abolished forever. L'Ouverture decided to return to help the French.

His help came at a most critical time, for Spanish and English armies had almost completely conquered those of France. The victory of the French over the Spanish was completed within a short time, for without Toussaint and the Negroes he commanded, the Spaniards had very little army. With signing of the Treaty of Basel, the Spanish gave up all claim to the island and ceded their portion to France.

Conquering the English was not so simple. Caste prejudice of mulattoes against Negroes began to create difficulties within the French forces. General Rigaud, a mulatto who served on the French side, became envious of L'Ouverture's prestige and instigated rebellions against him and the French officials. At one point General Laveaux, commander of all French forces, was captured and imprisoned by the mulattoes and only saved when Toussaint threatened to come with a force of 10,000 soldiers to subdue them.

From Slave to Lieut.-Gov.

Laveaux showed his gratitude by appointing Toussaint lieutenant-governor of Santo Domingo.

Toussaint had indeed come a long way from the days when he was a slave on the Breda plantation.

But this new position meant only increased responsibilities, for there were still the English to be conquered, the recalcitrant Rigaud to be subdued, and bickerings of political factions to be settled. Most important of all was the necessity of re-establishing the productive forces so that life could go on in the island. Responsibility for completion of all these tasks fell on the shoulders of the ex-slave, Toussaint L'Ouverture.

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First Installment of "Slums of the Paradise," Story of Hawaiian Labor—Richmond Ford Strikers Expose Machinist 'Organizer' as Ford Tool—AFL Execu Plans More Labor-Splitting—Pontiac Auto Workers Fight Rising Rents—Union Signs Up First S.F. Cannery—ADDITION AL LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR PA

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STRIKING AUTOMOBILE UNION OF RICHMOND EXPOSES FORD-STOOGE ROLE OF HUYBRECHT

Special Strike Bulletin Cites Previous Strike-breaking of Huybrecht, and Points Out He Backed Landon

RICHMOND—"Organizer" Huybrecht, of the International Assn. of Machinists, is planning to charter a union of scabs for the local Ford plant in an attempt to break the strike of the United Automobile Workers of America, Local 76, the union charged in a special strike bulletin.

The bulletin reads:

Huybrecht—First Lieutenant of Fordism. A Picture of Him

Who is this guy Huybrecht? What does he stand for? Is he labor's friend, or a deadly enemy of the workers? Who pays him? Why are the officers of his "organization" called "The Sunflower Brigade?" What does he intend to do with us Ford workers?

A Ford Stooge

We will present only three of the cases against Huybrecht. You will clearly see that this man, who claims to be the friend of labor, is in reality a servant of the owning class, and particularly of Henry Ford, whose interests he is serving in his attempt to break up the unity of the workers. In splitting, or trying to split the workers at the Richmond plant, he is putting a fitting climax to his career of traitor against labor.

First Huybrecht sell-out: Take the case of the National Motor Bearing (Oakland). It was organized by the old Local 284 of the Machinists. Wharton, Huybrecht's big boss (Wharton is the international president of the group of Landon-supporting strikebreakers now attempting to split the workers at the Ford plant), said to Local 284: Turn them loose; you have no jurisdiction.

And he had not even the decency (which any straightforward and honest working man would have in dealing with another), to say what organization had jurisdiction. After turning them loose, these workers were locked out by Johnson, the manager.

Under Huybrecht and Vernon, in cooperation with other misleaders of labor in the county, plans were laid and carried out whereby strikebreakers were led through the picket lines. Huybrecht's flagrant disregard of the workers' interests is now coming to light at the National Labor Relations Board hearings now going on at the Alameda County Court house, Oakland.

In the possession of Local 1304, Iron and Steel Workers, Oakland, are affidavits sworn to by A. O. Wharton and Walter Nash, in which these two enemies of labor admit that they co-operated with the bosses to break the Machinists' strike of last summer throughout Alameda County.

Nash was so thoroughly exposed as an arch-enemy of labor that he had to leave this part of the country. **Huybrecht has been appointed to take his place as a sell-out artist, responsible only to Sunflower Wharton. But now Huybrecht is smelling so bad that decent workers turn from him in disgust, and he too will doubtless soon be putting in his Pullman box car reservation to leave the Bay Region, where his anti-labor position is now fairly well understood by the workers.**

He Chartered Co. Union

Second Huybrecht sell-out: (Note: Even the stooges of Wharton, Huybrecht, Vernon and Company, Labor racketeers, are getting clumsier and clumsier every day. A photostatic copy of a letter written by Curley Grow, one of their satellites, to Harrington, president at Hall-Scott last year, has come to light. In it, this Wharton-Huybrecht man coaches the bosses on just what steps to take to set up a company union, and thus get the workers in the control of the bosses.)

This second Huybrecht sell-out has to do with the Rheem Manufacturing Company, whose owners work closely with Huybrecht, as you will see: Rheem's was being organized: the bosses found out that 53 had already signed up. And so Huybrecht, bosses' agent, was gotten in touch with. He came over. The owners gave him the run of the plant, and he and the bosses went through intimidating workers, telling them they MUST sign up in Huybrecht's organization—or else!

Stole Election

The workers had to sign away all their rights: "Huybrecht has full authority to represent me," etc. Thus signing away their basic democratic union rights. Facilitating Huybrecht's sell-outs.

The Labor Relations Board held an election; and since the superintendents, foremen, managers, and Huybrecht, working together, had cooperated to intimidate the workers, handing out the application cards even right in the plant, etc., they were able to steal the election. Strike two for Huybrecht, the sell-out artist.

Three Strikes and Out!

Third Huybrecht sell-out: Huybrecht plans to soft-soap and mis-lead as many workers as he can through his scab-herding. What he now wants to do is to give a charter to the finks! This incredible step, which he is brazen enough to do openly, has as its objective the open service of Fordism through pinning a button on whoever he can get to go through the picket lines. He will charter the finks, and get outside men if necessary to take (or try to take!—let him try!) the jobs away from those who rightfully should have them, those whose jobs they rightfully are.

OUR jobs are the stakes with which he now plays. Politically, we must remember that these men, from Wharton on down, were active Landon supporters during the last election—forming the famous Faker Sunflower Brigade, justly hated by all the rank-and-file of labor whom they try to sell out.

Will this be Huybrecht's last sell-out? Is this to be the good old American three strikes and out? We Ford workers intend to make it so!

EAST BAY HAS NEW CEMETERY WORKERS UNION

OAKLAND—Second of its kind in California, the Cemetery Employees Union, No. 29,372, has been organized here with 150 members. The San Francisco Cemetery Employees Union, which recently negotiated a union shop contract with cemetery operators, was the first one in the state.

Brentwood Field Workers Meet

BRENTWOOD, Contra Costa County—Field workers will hold an organizational meeting here next Saturday, June 5, following a first meeting here in Legion Hall on May 19, at which Warren Brown, organizer for the Stockton Agricultural Workers Union, spoke.

"There was a fine turnout of the workers at the first meeting," declared Brown, "but owing to the poor conditions in the district, only five applications were received.

"Many women are working in the pea fields, and some of them have babes in their arms, so one can guess the poverty that the workers are having to put up with due to lack of organization."

Harry McClelland, James Small, Jim Hardy and G. Pappas accompanied Organizer Brown here.

Plasterers Union In Santa Monica Gains in Members

SANTA MONICA—During the last few weeks, Plasterers Union No. 400 of Santa Monica has increased its membership one-third. All contractors in this area have been notified that beginning July 1, the wage scale for union members will be $1.50 an hour for a six-hour day.

MONTGOMERY-WARD STRUCK

KANSAS CITY — The local Montgomery-Ward plant employing 2,000 persons has been struck with the workers demanding full recognition of their CIO union.

"The Slums of the Paradise"

By WILLIAM BAILEY

Everything is not so rosy in Hawaii, the "Paradise of the Pacific" since workers watched with fear a slum dwelling burn to the ground. And as a young worker remarked while watching his home burn: "Let them all burn; then they build new ones."

This is the fast-growing sentiment of the workers who live in the many slum dwellings of this "Paradise." Workers live in constant fear of some day being burned to death while they sleep in these sun baked, wooden match boxes, all crowded together like bees around a hive.

No Slums for Rich

In an interview with Governor Poindexter, a man appointed by Roosevelt, when asked what is the federal government doing in regards to cleaning up the slums and replacing them with modern houses, he remarked: "Leave it to Roosevelt, he will take care of that question when the time arrives for it."

Yet on the other side of the island, around the Waikiki sections, new modern homes are being built to make room for the fast-growing population of "coupon clippers" who are flowing into Hawaii by the boatloads.

There are very few stone houses around the slum area. Most of the homes are made of wood, which were built many years ago when the population of the island was very small. The average home of the worker is poorly equipped with sanitary facilities. In a home where more than 10 families live, there is only one toilet for the whole house; no fancy tiled bath rooms are found, but poor ventilation, broken down wooden stairs, whereby if more than five people stood on it at one time, it would give in.

Workers are jammed into small rooms, some families of five are all bunked in together, some sleeping on the floor on mats, others not so fortunate. Yet while at least once a week one of these homes burns to the ground, leaving the worker completely without even a chair, the rich landlords who charge high rents for these homes, still refuse to build new ones to accommodate the workers, thus forcing the workers to keep moving into rooms that are three times over the limit of accommodation.

The Army of Unemployed

Unemployment is nothing to the workers of the Hawaiian Island. On the island of Oahu alone there are more than 2000 workers without means of securing a livelihood, or any prospects of securing one in the near future.

Practically in every restaurant, every beer joint, cafe, etc., young girls are seen behind the bars in place of the men, naturally a method of paying lower wages. These girls average a weekly wage of $5 to $7, while their working day ranges anywhere between 10 to 13 hours, seven days per week.

In this trade the managements of these places play race against race, in order to make the workers compete amongs themselves for the jobs.

While walking through the streets of Honolulu, it is nothing strange to notice on the various blackboards of the employment agencies, jobs paying as low as $2 per day for an automobile mechanic.

Even college graduates with big diplomas can only find jobs in the canneries paying them 30 cents per hour. In the canneries of Honolulu, such as Dole's Pineapples, which employes a few thousand workers, most of them being girls, there can be found young girls, no more than 13 and 14 years of age, laboring over the machines at a terrific rate of speed for 30 cents per hour. Most of this cannery work is seasonal.

The Sugar Barons' Paradise — The Plantation

About the most profitable industry on the islands of Hawaii are the many sugar and pineapple plantations that require thousands of workers to handle.

On these plantations the Sugar Kings use the method of divide and rule, thus they have established the "caste system," whereby race is used against race. It generally runs as follows:

The white "overseers" are given the best possible jobs such as office work, etc; next is the Portuguese who is given the job as Mill Foreman, etc.; next is the Japanese who is given the job as field Luna; (a luna is the same as a foreman); while the one who actually does the laboring is the Filipino.

Here the bosses have been able to secure the Filipino workers from the Philippines for the lowest wages possible. The average Filipino lives on $7 per month. His earnings are based on how much cane he can cut in a day, and how much cane he can load in a day. Some workers make as low as $1, while some make as high as $2.50 per day.

The work is miserable, tough, and as one of the big company managers of the Alexander and Baldwin Co. remarked when speaking of those who can stand the gaff of hard work: "The Filipino is the best suited among them all, he can live cheap, I do without, luxuries, and is about the best cane cutter that the plantations ever had work for."

This was Frank Baldwin speaking, son of the Baldwins who make a daily salary of $100 doing nothing.

'Little Castles'

The homes of the workers are similar to those that the Negro share cropper in the South are living in—old and broken down, while the homes of the others—Japanese, Portuguese and whites are considered by the Filipinos as "little castles."

It is surprising to note that the wages of these workers are so low, that it's nothing new to find five or six Filipino workers getting together and buying one suit and taking turns in wearing it; the same goes true for an automobile.

Workers Robbed

Stores where he buys his food, clothing, etc., are all owned and controlled by the same persons who run the plantations. Therefore prices are high as possible. In some small towns where there are nothing else but plantation workers, the following system is worked out:

If a worker wants to go to the picture show, he gives his name and cottage number; if he wants a drink of soda, food, clothing, etc., he gives his name and number and it is deducted from his wages. On paydays, some of the workers find out that they owe the company money. They are kept continually from accumulating a large amount of money: this way the boss has the assurance that he will remain working on the plantation, due to the fact that he no money to go elsewhere.

"Role of the Clergy"

Nowhere on the islands is there such spying done as on these plantations. For many years the workers have been kept in submission, denied the right even to read literature of their own choosing. Here, insofar as spying upon the workers is concerned, the clergy play an important role. Dozens of these Bible pounders are found on every plantation doing their "stuff" for the small sugar kings. Almost at every mass, they are continually telling the workers to remain quiet if their conditions are poor, and to say nothing about it, because later when they die, they will be rewarded in heaven. They keep stressing upon the workers to refrain from using organizational methods to gain what they are after, as this will only cause trouble.

These clergy report any activity among the workers to their boss! Thus many times, men are requested to leave the plantation because they dared open their mouths against the miserable conditions.

The homes of the clergy are like the mansions that the white rulers in the South live in. So afraid of organizational ideas among the workers, the plantation bosses even have the reading material that enters the plantations censored. Al labor papers have been barred from entering the grounds—so strict are they of the union scare that a ship's crew was denied shore leave in the island of Hawaii on the pretext that "Communistic literature was being carried ashore by the crew members and given to the plantation workers."

In spite of all this intimidation, in spite of all the spy network that the bosses use against the workers, the workers have finally rebelled against the iron rule of the plantation bosses and have come out on strike.

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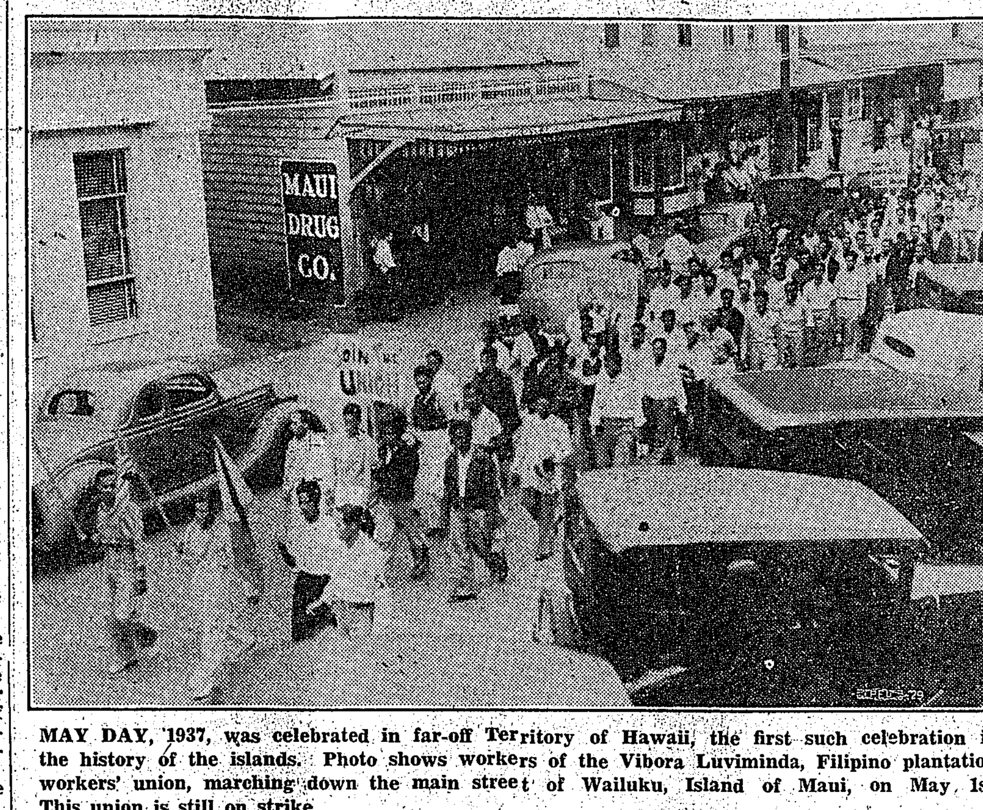

MAY DAY, 1937, was celebrated in far-off Territory of Hawaii, the first such celebration in the history of the islands. Photo shows workers of the Vibora Luviminda, Filipino plantation workers' union, marching down the main street of Wailuku, Island of Maui, on May 1st. This union is still on strike.

MILLMEN ARE UNIONIZED IN BAKERSFIELD

BAKERSFIELD—Taking in all workers handling lumber and materials in yards here, the newly organized Millmen's Union, chartered through the Carpenters' International, was installed here recently with about 100 members.

The organizing work was done under the auspices of the local Carpenters' Union, although the group will have a separate charter.

Reactionaries Set Back in Typo 21

SAN FRANCISCO—Reactionary present officials of Typographical Union Local 21, suffered setbacks in the annual elections held here on May 26.

L. L. Heagney, running on the Independent Progressive ticket, polled 300 votes to run in the finals against the reactionary incumbent president, Geo. S. Hollis, who polled 479. E. C. Browne received 289 cotes. Thus a majority of votes were cast against the incumbent machine.

W. N. Mappin, reactionary candidate for first vice-president, was defeated by F. E. Holderby, independent progressive. Al B. Crackbon, independent progressive, was elected second vice-president, and M. B. McLeod, independent progressive, was elected secretary. One independent progressive, A. Bell, was elected to the executive committee.

The number of progressive delegates to the Central Labor Council was also increased.

100,000 UNIONIZED BY TWOC

NEW YORK—Over 100,000 workers are now covered by Textile Workers Organizing Committee contracts, announced TWOC Chairman Sidney Hillman.

Alan S. Haywood, New York CIO chief, announced 14,000 members of seven AFL Boot & Shoe Workers Union locals, affiliated with the CIO. First CIO charter for a white collar organization went to the Natl. Fed. of Architects, Chemists, Engineers & Technicians. Over 500 local retail automobile salesmen applied for a charter in the United Automobile Workers of America.

TULARE DAIRY WORKERS FIRED FOR UNIONISM

TULARE—Dairymen's Cooperative Creamery (makers of the Challenge butter delivered here) fired two employees last week because of their union activity, chargd Herman W. Phillips of the Truck Drivers' Union at the Central Labor Council meeting here.

The Truck Drivers have been organizing dairy and creamery workers in Tulare County.

Steady Worker for 13 Years

Phillips reported that one of the discharged workers had been a steady employee for 13 years, and that he did not lose his job until he took part in union organizational activities.

Charges would be filed with the National Labor Relations Board, and a boycott move launched, unless the men are immediately reinstated, it was intimated by Phillips.

Union Signs First S. F. Cannery

SAN FRANCISCO—First blood in the drive to organize the cannery workers of San Francisco, was scored last week by Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, Local 20,379, when it won the first signed agreement ever secured from a cannery here. Union conditions were won in the IXL cannery.

Grows Fast

The youthful union issued a leaflet on this victory, as follows:

"The Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, Local 20,379, has been organized since the past four months, starting out with 17 members and now with a membership of over 1000.

"This is the first time in the history of the organized labor movement the canning industry is being organized. At present our union is in the process of organizing the Puritan Preserve Canner, Kockos Bros., Del Rey and the Tea Garden Cannery. The Tea Garden Cannery is on strike, involving 300 workers.

Union Hours and Wages

"The first cannery to sign the agreement was IXL Cannery in San Francisco. Demands won:

"1. Union recognition. 2. Hiring through the union hall. 3. Time and a half overtime. 4. One week's vacation with pay. 5. No work on holidays. 6. Five day week, 50 hour week; women not less than 50c an hour, men not less than 65c an hour, kettlemen not less than 80c an hour, assistant kettlemen not less than 70c an hour, warehousemen not less than 70c an hour, shipping clerks not less than $1 an hour, foremen not less than $6.50 a day."

Union headquarters are at 320 Market St., Room 208, Garfield 2573.

MORE LABOR-SPLITTIN WAR ON CIO ORGANIZ PLANNED BY AFL CON

Reactionary Officials Vote Ex CIO Locals from Central Bod Members for Anti-CIO War

CINCINNATI—A bitter war upon the Industrial Organization's drive to organize and further autocratic moves to split the throughout the United States, were the American Federation of Labor's special conf of "loyal" international unions here.

The conference voted to increase the per capita tax on all AFL members by one cent to provide a war chest to attack the CIO, and also that CIO unions be expelled from all city and state central bodies.

Capitulated to Worst Reactionaries

President Wm. Green's speech was primed to arouse hatred of the CIO to a high pitch, and indicated the AFL executive council strings were pulled in every respect by the extreme reactionaries headed by Hutcheson, Frey and Woll.

Significantly, Green made red-baiting the heart of his speech. In an extreme rage he read an editorial from the Daily Worker, Communist Party central organ, entitled "Murder Will Be Out," as proof that the Communist Party supports the CIO. The editorial warned of the war chest assessment.

Green Started Red-Baiting

His denunciation of the CIO for getting Communist support was the signal for the most reactionary of the International presidents, secretaries, treasurers and a few vice-presidents to thunder out with the biggest demonstration of the occasion.

Frey charged that "the Communist Party in Moscow gave orders to the CIO," and that Communists were on the CIO payroll as organizers. Tobin of the Teamsters drew a laugh from the press table when he cited the Chicago Tribune as authority for branding Adolph Germer, a conservative ex-Socialist, as one of the Communists on the CIO payroll.

For Open War

President Hutcheson, of the Carpenters and largest AFL per capita payer, assured full support to the Council on the assessment.

"I was pleased to hear you declare yourself," said Hutcheson to Green. "There were times when I thought you were easy. As far as I am concerned, I will be a soldier in that war."

International Longshoremen's Assn. President Joseph Ryan indicated in his speech that the AFL executive council plans a campaign to drive progressive unionism off the waterfront. In support of his proposal that the AFL disregard jurisdictional lines in this "emergency," Ryan said:

Ryan Red-Baits

"We know that Rathbone (President American Radio Telegraphers' Assn. of CIO) is a Communist. We know that he is taking orders from Roy Hudson of the Communist Party. When we get back to New York, we are going to refuse to work with Communist radio operators. We are going to clear the waterfront of all radicals."

In an oratorical windup, Green likened Chairman John L. Lewis of the CIO to Satan, and the executive council's action against the CIO to the "expulsion of the rebel angels, who thereupon created hell which we have had ever since."

The jurisdictional dissension which developed and the distaste of many union officials for the fight ahead, marred the "heroic" qualities Green and Frey hoped the conference would have.

Only defender of the CIO at the conference was Charles P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union, who charged that the AFL executive council had usurped the power to suspend the CIO unions and had thus brought about a state of war where there had been peace.

Howard Blasts Red-Baiters

To the red-baiters, Howard declared that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad and make them see red."

If the war chest, as seemed likely, was to be used to prevent organization of the workers, said Howard, then he would try to keep his union from paying the doubled per capita.

SHIPYARD STRIKE IN N. J.

KEARNY, N. J. — Stopping construction on four Standard Oil tankers and four U. S. destroyers, 2500 members of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, Local 16, walked out on strike against the Federal Shipbuilding & Drydocks Co. here.

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Most Catholic Priests Are Against Spanish Fascists

Father O'Flanagan, Beloved Irishman, Talks to Catholic People

By CLINT DUFF

"Catholic organizations such as the Knights of Columbus are allowing themselves to be made the spearhead of Fascism in America." It was Father Michael O'Flanagan speaking on Spain at the Friday luncheon of 200 Commonwealth Club members at the Elks building in San Francisco.

Maintaining that "tongues far more eloquent than mine speak in Spain," the famous Irish priest and patriot dwelt mainly on the role of the American Catholic church in relation to the Spanish crisis.

Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, in his recent trip through America acted principally "not under the Catholic Church but under Mussolini," according to Father O'Flanagan. These actions consisted in instructing high church officials in the United States to suppress all pro-loyalist sentiment in their respective dioceses.

Majority of Priests Against Mussolini

However, Father O'Flanagan assured his audience that judging from the attitude expressed to him by lower church dignataries, the great majority of Catholic priests are opposed to the Spanish campaign of Mussolini.

Spiking rumors that he was a suspended priest, Father O'Flanagan laid these lies at the door of pro-Mussolini Catholic organizations in America. The memory of these ecclesiastical Tories is very short inasmuch as Father O'Flanagan conducted High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in San Francisco as recently as 1930.

One of the dynamic founders of the Irish Republic, Father O'Flanagan was once president of the Sinn Fein, Irish republican party.

Bay Negro Leader For Court Reform

Points Out Vital Necessity of Supreme Court Curb to the Negro People

OAKLAND—"The Negro people have nothing to lose, but they will gain a better chance to fight for their liberties if the Supreme Court change goes through." This was the gist of a statement the Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, pastor of Taylor Memorial M. E. Church, gave the Western Worker in an exclusive interview at his home today.

"I have heard that the NAACP has a fund of $100,000 for the purpose of breaking down discriminatory legislation against the Negro," he said. "But they have not used this money because they believe that the present personnel of the Court will not interpret the laws so as to give the Negro justice."

The Methodist leader, who is also a member of the local executive committee of the National Negro Congress, cited reasons to support his conviction, pointing out that obviously the court's decisions on wages, hours and collective bargaining vitally affected Negroes, since ninety-eight per cent of the entire urban Negro population are wage-earners. Also, because the conditions of farm-tenancy and share-cropping force the workers literally to sell their bodies in order to live, the nine million Negroes working on farms throughout the South fall in the wage-earning class.

Nine Old Men and Negroes

But Rev. Johnson believes certain other reasons make the change of the court urgent and imperative for the Negroes progress. These arise out of the special nature of the Negroes'

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Bonnet Tells of Gains Under Blum Govt. in France

SAN FRANCISCO — "The French People, as the American people, love liberty."

These were the words with which G. Bonnet, French Ambassador, speaking at the Commonwealth Club here, prefixed his recital of the significant gains for the French people under the government supported by the French People's Front.

(Incidentally, the Blum government on June 4 observed its first anniversary.)

Bonnet told of the 40-hour week, two weeks vacation with pay, and wage increases from 10 per cent up gained through the present government. Bonnet is a member of the Radical-Socialist Party, which joined the trade unions, the Communist and Socialist Parties in the Popular Front to halt fascism.

Cardenas Says Oil Strike Will End

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MEXICO CITY—President Lazaro Cardenas announced late Saturday night that by Monday the nation-wide oil workers' strike would be ended. No elaboration was given.

Urge Guild to Go CIO

ST. LOUIS—The Newspaper Guild's international executive board recommended to the 100 delegates to the Guild's convention that the union affiliate with the CIO. The Guild convention began Monday.

Help Buy Candy, Cigarettes for Lincoln Battalion

Help the California boys in the Lincoln Battalion!

Cigarettes, candy and such small favors may seem unimportant when you have them, but to thousands of young and old fighters in the trenches they are important, indeed.

Forward your contribution through the Western Worker. It will be sent immediately to Spain.

C.S. Hearings in Sacramento Wed.

From all over California delegations upholding the civil rights of labor prepared to converge on Sacramento Wednesday morning to crowd the courtroom when the third district court of appeals will hear the arguments on the appeal of the eight victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

The San Francisco delegation was scheduled to leave Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. from 111 Jones Street.

From Los Angeles county a caravan of autos was en route Tuesday morning.

The appeals will be heard with precedent already set in favor of the defendents by two decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court in similar cases where protest campaigns have spread the length of the nation. They were the decisions which released Dirk De Jonge and invalidated the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism Law as it applied to De Jonge and led its repeal and the decision freeing Angelo Herndon from conviction under the "slave insurrection" law in Georgia.

TREACHERY SPIKED, FILM STRIKE SOLID

Painters in Defeat of Plan to Desert Other Crafts

HOLLYWOOD—The Federated Motion Picture Crafts strike committee's action in calling out 18 "independents" came as a drastic answer to the so-called ultimatum "to dissolve within 24 hours" delivered the FMPC by George Brown, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes, and Joe Clark, international vice-president of the Painters' Brotherhood.

High Spirit

Since their mass meeting last Tuesday night, when a proposed "settlement" offered them by Brown was overwhelmingly rejected, strikers have shown militancy and high spirit. Strike spokesmen declare that greater solidarity is being shown at the present time than at any time since the beginning of the strike.

At the Tuesday night meeting, the "settlement," which would have meant the end of the FMPC and the surrendering of the Make-up Artists and Scenic Artists to IATSE jurisdiction, was defeated by a vote of 646 'no' to 276 'yes.'

Further attempts of Joe Clark to get the Painters' local to desert the FMPC and go back under the "basic" agreement signed last April met resounding defeat at a membership meeting last Friday evening, when 469 members against 55 voted to stick with the federation.

Thoroughly discredited with the strikers is Clark who was a party to the "agreement" made with Brown. So strong was the strikers' rejection of him, that he was unable to speak against their boos last Tuesday night.

'UNITED FRONT MUST ANSWER NAZI OUTRAGE'

Joint Commission is Proposed to Make Campaign

MOSCOW—George Dimitroff, hero of the Reichstag fire trial and general secretary of the Communist International, appealed anew to the Labor and Socialist International to join in concerted international action "against German and Italian intervention in Spain."

The appeal of the Communist International, Dimitroff announced, had its immediate inception in the Nazi bombardment of Almeria.

It was directed not only to the Second International, but to the International Federation of Trade Unions, with both organizations urged to join the C.I. in the formation of an international commission to work out plans for rallying aid for Spain.

"A united workers' front for material as well as moral support of the Spanish workers must and will be established as the answer to Almeria," Dimitroff said.

He pointed out that such organization in opposition to Italian and German intervention would force Britain and France to take energetic action against the two fascist governments.

"Germany and Italy," he said, "would be compelled to withdraw troops as well as ships from Spain, and the action would accomplish the victory for the Spanish people."

MOBILIZATION TO AID SPAIN

California supporters of democracy, from whose ranks several hundred have already gone to join the heroic Lincoln Battalion in Spain, plan to raise $10,000 in the course of a week's intensive mobilization and at the same time arouse an unprecedented mass understanding of the struggle for democracy.

Fitting prelude to the week's activities, the San Francisco Nazi consulate will be picketed Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., under the auspices of the Communist Party. The German consulate in Los Angeles will be picketed under the Party's leadership June 19.

The week's mobilization is in response to a nation-wide call issued by the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy, of which Bishop Francis J. McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal Church is chairman.

The June 13-20 date was set in California by the state organization of the committee.

Every trade union, liberal, re-

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I.L.A. PICKET

A WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (ILA) picket at the struck Meier and Frank warehouse in Portland, Ore. Teamsters' reactionary officials have aided employers by waging jurisdictional war on ILA.

RICHMOND AUTO STRIKE ENDS; FORD TRIMMED

UAW Gets Virtual Sole Bargaining Powers

RICHMOND—Once again Henry Ford has recognized the power of the CIO, and has taken a trimming at the hands of the United Automobile Workers.

The terms of settlement of the Ford strike of 1800 men here mean that the UAW gets virtual sole collective bargaining rights.

It is "recognition in fact," as UAW leader Frank Slaby describes it.

Return to work is on this basis, according to Slaby:

1. The company agree not to discriminate against union members.

2. Seniority will be observed.

3. Complete disbandment of all other organizations.

4. Granting the UAWA committee "sole bargaining power for all employes."

5. All men to return to their respective positions.

6. No favorites to be given extra work.

7. Agreement to be witnessed by National Labor Relations Board.

8. National Labor Relations Board to sit in as referee on all grievances that caused the strike.

Should the Ford Motor Co. again get funny with the UAW, the local here has the assurance of national president Homer Martin of full support.

Grievances to go before the NLRB are the union's demand for removal of personnel manager Harrison, and W.W. Creighton, president of the company union, Automotive Employes Association, and return to their original jobs of two union members, given disagreeable work because they welded the gates in the recent sit-down strike.

BITTER FIGHT IN SF TO STOP LABOR SPLIT

Labor Council Vote Did Not Defeat Rank and File

SAN FRANCISCO—The sentiment of the rank and file of the San Francisco trade unions was not reflected in the vote, by 222 to 114, of the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday night, to file the ILA resolution which resolved:

That we, the San Francisco Central Labor Council, hereby officially goes on record as protesting and refusing to support the actions of President William Green and the executive council of the AFL in expelling the two ILA locals (warehouse) from the Central Labor Bodies of Seattle and Portland, and be it further

Resolved: That the San Francisco Labor Council officially goes on record now, that any mandates of President William Green and the AFL demanding the expulsion of ILA locals from the San Francisco Central Labor Council because of their efforts to organize warehouse workers, will not be observed by this council, and be it further

Resolved: That the San Francisco Central Labor Council further officially declares its refusal to observe the mandates of President William Green in ordering expulsion of CIO unions and unions sympathetic or acting in support of the CIO program, from this council, and be it finally

Resolved: That in accordance with the constitution of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, that the Council order a referendum vote of all unions affiliated with the council on this matter and so democratically determine the sentiments of the membership at large in regard to such expulsions, and be it finally

Resolved: That this resolution be acted on upon the floor of the Central Labor Council without being referred to the executive committee of the Council, because of the time element involved and the urgent necessity of taking immediate steps to prevent further disunity and dissension in the organized labor movement.

The vote to file was made after nearly four hours of the sharpest debate yet seen in the Council.

A Splitting Edict

The justice of the resolution was seen when a telegram from William Green was read at the meeting's opening, ordering the Council to put an end to picketing of the Grinnell and Richmond Supply Houses, by the

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CIO Weight Added To Wage-Hour Bill

WASHINGTON—John L. Lewis on Monday assured the support of the entire CIO behind the administration's minimum wage-maximum hours bill.

Lewis urged that the bill be made made to specify a 35-hour weekly maximum, with the proposed Standards Board to allow a 30-hour maximum in some cases.

Sentiment of the AFL membership has forced William Green to indorse the President's wages and hours legislation. Green's indorsement was still lukewarm, however.

Soon to be reported by the legislative labor committees, the administration bill is expected to specify a 40-hour maximum and a $16 weekly and 40 cents hourly minimum wage.

Senator Hugo S. Black and Congressman Wm. P. Connery, chairmen respectively of the Senate and House labor committees, will probably add a maximum work day provision as well.

2 MOMENTOUS CONVENTIONS IN PORTLAND

Brophy, Bridges Are Cheered at Wood-Workers Parley

PORTLAND, Ore.—The momentous conventions of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, with over 60,000 members, and the Woodworkers Federation, with 100,000 members, opened here Monday in the Labor Temple.

Affiliation with the CIO was the major issue at both. Speeches by Harry Bridges and CIO Director John Brophy to the Woodworkers were well-received by all but a small minority of the delegates, who are Hutcheson stooges.

Hutcheson, Carpenters czar, refused to appear, but his representative Abe Muir, through whom Hitcheson has deprived the Woodworkers, as a Carpenters affiliate, of all rights, made a red-baiting talk. The big majority of the Woodworkers delegates openly disapproved of Muir's words.

To Go CIO

The Woodworkers convention was expected to act favorably on CIO affiliation Tuesday.

The Maritime Federation convention recessed for a day, after committees had been selected. After John Brophy's address (Brophy is a delegate) it is expected the Maritime Federation convention will at once start discussion of CIO affiliation.

A huge mass meeting in Municipal Auditorium Tuesday night heard Bridges, Brophy and Pritchett. Hutcheson had been invited but refused to come.

The Inland Boatmen's Union executive board voted Monday for a national unity convention of seamen of all coasts and for CIO affiliation.

Townsendites Out Over Court Plan

CHICAGO—Responding to the discontent among Townsendites with Dr. Townsend's opposition to the President's Supreme Court proposals, 12 high aides of Townsend have resigned.

Gilmore Young, national secretary and treasurer; Gilman Beeler, director of the Townsend National Legion, and W. E. Stahl, editor of the Townsend Weekly, were among those to quit.

At the Deadline

SAN FRANCISCO—Pete McDonough, "fountainhead of graft," went to jail Monday. The "fountainhead" spent all day in a battle to avoid the inside of a cell for contempt of court in refusing to talk before the graft investigating grand jury. McDonough's nephew, Harry Rice, is the latest in the graft ring to refuse to talk.

Steel Scabs Hemmed In

WASHINGTON — Reactionary Congressmen and Senators are demanding an investigation of the charge the Postoffice in Youngstown, Ohio, refused to deliver food parcels to scabs within the Republic Steel, struck by the CIO steel workers' union.

Lansing General Strike

LANSING, Mich.—A one-day general strike in protest against the arrest of eight United Auto Workers' pickets ended with release of the pickets, who will be tried Wednesday.

500 Picket Cal-Pack

OAKLAND—A great picket line of 500 Cannery Workers Union members met orders of Teamsters' reactionaries that teamsters go through the picket lines at California Packing on Monday. Teamsters who went through the lines received a "royal welcome" by pickets.

L. A. EAGER TO PLAY HOST TO BUILDERS CONGRESS

LOS ANGELES—The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Plenum of the County Committee of the Los Angeles Communist Party held last Saturday, June 5:

"TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF CALIFORNIA.

"Comrades:

"The Los Angeles County Western Worker Drive Committee greets with pleasure the decision of the State Committee to hold a Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles, July 17 and 18.

To Strive Doubly Hard

"We of the County Drive Committee feel that with this added impetus, comrades in Los Angeles will strive doubly hard to fulfill our county's quota. At this time, when the Drive is two-thirds of the way over, Los Angeles stands at the half-way mark.

"Throughout the next four weeks, we must intensify our work. Too small a section of our membership has been involved in the work of the Drive. During the coming four weeks, we must utilize every opportunity to draw into the Drive activities, those many other comrades still standing on the sidelines. As yet, our Drive has not been sufficiently extended to the broad ranks of people outside our Party. We must immediately begin to take our Drive before those persons.

"Los Angeles County has accepted a quota of 1,000 new subs to be fulfilled before July 4. Los Angeles intends to make good that pledge. Los Angeles has challenged San Francisco to fulfill its quota first. In a spirit of true socialist competition, Los Angeles intends to win that challenge.

"On July 17 and 18, Los Angeles will be host to the state. We in Los Angeles take pride in extending a warm and hearty 'second' to the State Committee's decision. We welcome all those comrades who will have secured the necessary 100 points qualifying them to attend the Press Builders' Congress.

"We urge comrades throughout the state to work hard, secure those 100 points, be present at the Press Builders' Congress. We promise you that not only will you profit by the rich and valuable experiences of the Press Builders, but you will enjoy yourselves. We are planning to give the Press Builders a swell time!"

MUTINIES IN WAKE OF DEATH OF GEN. MOLA

Rumors Persist That It Was Not an Accident

MADRID — Open riots were authoritatively reported in the ranks of the fascists in the Basque region following the death of General Emilio Mola. At the same time, strong doubts were raised as to the accidental nature of Mola's death.

Bodies picked up near the wreckage of Mola's plane were badly mangled. Although it was reported to have hit a mountain in a dense fog, there are no high mountains in the region where it was reported to have struck.

Possibilities of a "time-bomb" were persistent.

Cliques at War

Rioting was reported between the Falangists (Bourbon supporters) and the Carlists. Friction was reported on the increase between Italian and German "volunteers."

After making a series of gains in the Limona region near Bilbao, the Loyalists made partial retreat before a fascist offensive, entrenching their forces against the siege.

Adding to previously reported discontent in Portugal, new riots were reported from Gibraltar. Fighting was reported to have broken out in several towns in open demonstration against the pro-Franco Salazar dictatorship.

Hearst Writer Tells of Division Among Fascists

PARIS—Karl Von Wiegand, pro-fascist Hearst writer, declared in a dispatch written from here that leading fascist circles are losing faith in the ability of Franco's armies to win the war in Spain.

He reported a strong movement in fascist circles urging "backing out" of the struggle, with the main opposition to it coming from Mussolini.

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ligious, fraternal or progressive organization has been asked to hold special meetings to raise funds for Spain and to participate in arousing sentiment against the interference of Fascist Germany and Italy in Spain.

Two statewide mobilizations are planned for the participation of the membership of all such organizers and of individual volunteers. These are the statewide "miss a meal" day June 17 and the "tag day" on June 19 when hundreds of volunteers will collect funds in the streets of California cities, small and large.

Giving its full support to all joint activities, the Communist Party of California has arranged for additional separate acts of assistance to Spain.

The Party has appealed for volunteers to join in a state-wide house to house collection of funds, clothing and food on Sunday, June 20.

Hawaii Labor Fund Built for Strike

HONOLULU—Organized labor on the islands has issued an appeal to all unions in the new Hawaiian Federation of Labor, and to crews of all ships hitting the islands, for funds to aid the defense of 10 Filipino leaders arrested in the strike of Maui cane field workers.

Trial of the Puunene plantation workers' leaders is set for some time this month. The strike leaders are demanding a jury trial.

CIO Dairy Union in Six New Agreements

LOS ANGELES — The CIO Dairy Workers Union has signed six more independent dairies here, including the Reliance Dairy Farm in Downey. A $120 monthly minimum wage, with an 8 hour maximum working day are included in the agreements.

ARTA SEEKS VOTE

PORTLAND, Ore.—The American Radio Telegraphists Assn. has filed a petition with the Labor Relations Board for a secret election on collective bargaining for employes of radio stations KGW and KEX.

Forced Labor and Cannon Fodder

IN GERMANY the Nazis place the youth under military service, in their feverish war preparations. Rich Nazi landlords at the same time get services of the youth free for forced farm labor.

I. L. A. HITS MURDERER'S WHITEWASH

Grand Jury Refuses To Indict Cop Who Shot Bill Gregg

LOS ANGELES—Contrary to usual procedure when an ordinary civilian is involved, the county grand jury last Thursday, June 3, disregarded overwhelming evidence and refused to issue an indictment against policeman William Redding who murdered longshoreman Bill Gregg in San Pedro two weeks ago.

Deputy District Attorney George Stahlman and U.U. Blalock made no comment on the verdict of the jury but said they "will be guided by the action."

ILA Men Hit Whitewash

Alexander Schullman, attorney for the International Longshoremen's Association, declared that if the complaint for murder against Redding is dismissed by the District Attorney's office, he will take the matter to State Attorney-General U. S. Webb.

"It is the duty of the attorney-general to conduct prosecutions where the regularly constituted authorities refuse to do their duty and we will appeal to him on that basis."

Chief support for Redding came from two U. S. Navy sailors, who claimed to have been in the cafe where the argument took place that led up to the fatal shooting of Gregg. Both men declared that they heard Gregg shout that he would "start shooting."

Numerous witnesses, however, contradicted them by firmly maintaining that the sailors were never in the cafe. In view of the fact that neither of them appeared at the coroner's inquest, many persons expressed doubt of the reliability of their testimony.

Characterized by longshoremen as a flagrant case of "whitewashing a murderer who happened to be a policeman," the grand jury's refusal to issue an indictment against Redding will be hotly protested by ILA attorney Schullman.

3rd Five Year Plan Being Prepared

MOSCOW—With two successful Five-Year Plans under its belt, the Soviet Union is preparing the Third Five-Year Plan.

In the course of the first two Five-Year Plans the Soviet people brought the USSR up to prewar production in industry and agriculture, then succeeded in overtaking and surpassing all European countries in production of steel, coal, oil and other basic products. Even the United States was passed in some fields, such as gold production and the manufacture of locomotives.

Plans for the Third Five-Year Plan will be submitted to the government on July 1. The plan will go into effect next January 1st.

Transport, electrification, canal construction, aviation, mining will be among the key sections of the new plan.

Chamber Calls for Vigilantism; Sacto. Canner Strike Won

STOCKTON—The Central Valley council of the State Chamber of Commerce was told here that Stanislaus county growers have an organization of 200 armed men drilling twice weekly, for action against cannery and agricultural workers. The Chamber urged such action in all areas.

SACRAMENTO—The strike at the P Street canenry of the California Packing Co. was won when canners agreed that the Sacramento Cannery Workers Union, Local 20324, would have the right to organize the plant. This is a temporary agreement.

The union has over 67 per cent of the workers in the plant. The Sacramento Federated Trades Council last week condemned certain federation officials in attempting to organize a dual cannery union here.

Negro Leader for Curb on Court

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problem in America—on the one hand, the struggle for decent American standards of living which forty million other breadwinners are also waging; and in addition to this, a struggle for liberty and for security from persecution derived from their position as an oppressed national minority. It is this special form of the problem, the Negro leader now emphasized:

"The National Negro Congress stands squarely and uncompromisingly for Mr. Roosevelt's proposal to change the court," he said. "We remember that Justice Butler, the millionaire, and Justice McReynolds, the notorious anti-Semite who refers to us in his public speeches as "darkies" —we remember that these two dissented in the first decision that gave the Scottsboro boys a new trial. We also know that the Court finds nothing wrong with the state legislation which permits us to be segregated in the schools, in the places of public accommodation, in the jury-stalls. I believe we have nothing at all to lose if several liberals are added to the highest bench. We'll never be able to fight our rights in the courts of the country until it is done."

It is the Negroes' worst enemies who are fighting the Court change, Rev. Johnson pointed out. Outstanding among these are Carter Glass of Virginia, Bibb Braves of Alabama, Olin Johnson of South Carolina, E. D. Rivers of Georgia, and R. W. Leche of Louisiana. These and the Liberty Leaguers and the Wall Streeters are the ones who claim that a court change will permit the court to be touched by politics.

Rev. Johnson declared that the court had always been susceptible to politics, especially in the Negroes' case, where the influence of the landowners and officials in the southern states has seldom been questioned. The very fact that present decisions are slightly more liberal than those which preceded the current demand for change, is an indication, he believes, that the Nine Old Men have a weather-ear to the political ground.

Urges Action

In reply to the Western Worker's question concerning his recommendations for action, Rev. Johnson said that he would urge all Negro organizations and individuals to communicate with their elected representatives requesting them to vote "yes" to the President's proposal.

He said that he was preparing a program for his Epworth League, a young people's organization, whereby the Negro people of Oakland would have a place for the discussion of immediately practical problems confronting them. This program, to be known as "Youth Building a New World" will be a weekly feature of his church service.

Film Extra Girls Say Studio Forced Them to Submit to Insults, Attack

HOLLYWOOD — Charges by movie extra girls that their studio sent 125 extra girls to a ranch house and placed them "at the disposal" of visiting salesmen at a wild party has served to shock the public into realizing the terrible exploitation of these workers.

20-year-old Patricia Douglas, told the district attorney's office that one of the men at the party had attacked her.

19-year-old Ginger Wyatt described the party as "the wildest and most drunken I have ever seen."

The extra girls are frequently forced, with the studio's pretense of a call for a job, to attend such parties, under threat of blacklisting if they refuse.

LITVINOV CALLS UPON LEAGUE TO ACT IN DEFENSE OF SPAIN, AGAINST MENACE OF NEW WAR

Declares That Nations Have Every Right to Support Legal Spanish Government, No Right to Aid Aggressor

GENEVA—The League of Nations in session here was urged by Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Union People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, to take a firm stand against aggression in Spain, not only to protect the interest of a member of the League, but to preserve the League itself and to defend world peace.

Litvinov levied his attack against the interventionists Hitler and Mussolini without specifically mentioning them by name, charging them with preparing a new series of wars under the cover of a "struggle between ideas and political systems."

"We have before us an indisputable case of violent incursion of foreign armed forces on the territory of one of the League of Nations members, a case of aggression in the grossest form," declared Litvinov.

Spain Government Legal

He pointed out that the Spanish government is legally and democratically elected, having the responsibility of enforcing the laws and protecting its people against internal or external forces.

"I take the liberty of recalling these simple and indisputable facts," said Litvinov, "because some people begin to forget them. They begin to forget that in the present case there can be no talk of equal sides.

"Foreign governments have the right to enter relations with the Spanish government, to conclude any commercial transactions with it, even on the sale of war materials, without violating any international law or obligations.

"But relations with the insurgent generals, and even more so, supplying them with war materials, is a classic example of intervention in the affairs of another state. . .

Foreign Aid Proved

"Unfortunately the published documents prove beyond doubt that the insurrection of the generals was prepared and organized at foreign instigation with foreign aid. Moreover, the insurgents were supplied with arms, airplanes, military instructors and aviators from abroad on the very first day. The extent of this supply increased more and more as the events developed and aid to the insurgents was given not only in the form of military but also human material.

"It may be said that the Spanish Republican army now has to carry on an armed struggle not so much against insurgents as against interventionists who invade the country. Thus, one league member has been subjected to foreign invasion and the threat of violation of its territorial integrity and political independence.

Not Spain Only

"But it is not a matter of Spain alone. The Spanish events created one of the greatest perils to European and universal peace. This menace arises owing to attempts at armed interference in the international affairs of a European state, attempts to force upon the people of that state a regime alien to it, and primarily—a foreign, political orientation. And under cover of this interference, attempts are made to deprive that country of its independence and subjugate it to other states. Should this attempt succeed and pass with impunity, there will be no guarantee that it will not be repeated in other countries. . .

"A tendency manifests itself in intervention similar to that of religious wars of the past—to begin a series of new wars and under cover of a struggle between ideas and political systems to carry out a policy of aggression and expansion. . .

"We must not forget that when the insurrection broke out in Spain, a government existed there whose program was similar to the programs of other governments existing in many other countries.

Soviet Stand

"The government I represent has its own ideology, and would naturally be very pleased if that ideology penetrated other countries. Nevertheless, it never tried and will not try by any means, and least of all by violent means, to force its ideology on other states. We as a state were little concerned with the system which existed in Spain and with whom at the outbreak of the rebellion we did not even have diplomatic or consular relations. There was not a single Soviet citizen in Spain at that time. . .

"The facts fully justify the Spanish government's appeal to the League of Nations. . ."

OPENING AFFAIR

Spanish Week will be launched in San Francisco with a dance and entertainment Saturday night, June 12, at Sciots Hall, 2450 Sutter Street, under the auspices of the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy.

All organizations wishing to participate in any phase of Spanish aid work are urged to inquire at the Peace Center, 715 Ashbury Street, phone HEmlock 8101 or MArket 0331.

1000 in SF Meet Demand Rossi Go

SAN FRANCISCO—With new revelations daily incriminating high officials and prominent financial figures in the San Francisco police graft investigation, more than 1000 citizens met Saturday afternoon, June 5, at Civic Center to demand the immediate resignation of Mayor Angelo Rossi and other officials in the city administration.

William Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party, who was the principal speaker, explained the connection between the exposures of the Atherton report and the strike-breaking tactics of the San Francisco police.

"These same officers who are shown to be stooges for the under-world racketeers," declared Schneiderman, "also distinguished themselves as loyal henchmen of the industrial association and the shipowners during the General Strike, when they beat and murdered waterfront workers who were struggling for a decent American standard of living."

Fleischacker, Crocker, Giannini, the Industrial Association and Standard Oil—"These are the real forces behind corruption in our government," Schneiderman emphasized. "They are the same forces that, linked with Hearst and the Liberty Leaguers, are carrying on a vicious campaign to crush the workers of America and institute fascism. Not until we have united to protect our liberties from these forces, to oust Rossi from the City Hall and Merriam from Sacramento and to put in their places a real peoples' mayor and governor, representing the workers and farmers of California and elected by a California Farmer-Labor Party, will we free our government of graft and corruption."

Schneiderman was followed by Oleta O'Connor, San Francisco educational director of the Communist Party, who offered the audience resolutions urging the formation of a peoples' ticket in the November election, demanding the immediate resignation of Rossi, protesting the beheading of Helmuth Hirsch, a Jewish American citizen, and the slaughter of the Spanish people by Hitler, and pledging moral and financial aid to the Spanish people in their struggle against international fascism. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Workers gave forty-five dollars to carry out the Communist Party's program against municipal and state graft.

Vacaville Attacks 'Fifth Column'

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strike was held in abeyance following the election of a committee to demand assurances from Mayor Cox that next Saturday night's showing will not be broken up.

Although the excuse was given during the raid that the film was being shown without a permit, the committee held that no permit is necessary to project a narrow sized film for benefit purposes.

Those arrested were Lew Mintz and Nathan Adler, who were showing the film, and John Fernandez and Bebel Alonso of Vacaville.

Redwood City Protests

REDWOOD CITY—Five hundred people assembled here Sunday night to see "Spain in Flames" turned the assembly into a protest meeting over the confiscation of the equipment in Vacaville.

A telegram was sent to Mayor Edward Cox and Chief of Police O. E. Alley demanding the release of those arrested, and the return of the equipment. A delegation was elected to attend the protest meeting in Vacaville next Saturday night when the film is again scheduled to be shown there.

Release Demanded

SAN FRANCISCO—"Spain in Flames" has been sponsored throughout the United States by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, headed by Bishop Francis J. McConnell, announced the local committee.

Unwarranted interference with showing and falsely raising the communist issue was condemned as a provocation against liberty in California and an affront to democracy in Spain.

The committee demanded the immediate release of those jailed in Vacaville and the return of the equipment.

Bitter SF Fight For Labor Unity

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warehousemen, because the Plumbers' international claims to have negotiated an agreement with these companies. Neither the membership nor the officials of the San Francisco Plumbers had anything to do with this splitting jurisdictional spite work, which is the work of Green and the Plumbers' international officials. The telegram was referred to the executive committee.

Upon the reading of the ILA resolution, George Kidwell, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, moved that a committee on resolutions, of 15 members, be appointed by the chair to act on the resolution two weeks hence.

Secretary John P. McLaughlin of Teamsters 85, a leader in the attempt to carry out Green's splitting policies in California, amended the motion to the effect that the resolution be filed.

President Shelley ruled the McLaughlin amendment out, but a roll call vote failed to sustain Shelley's ruling. Progressives favored the roll call, since it would mean facing the all-important question on the floor.

Harry Bridges then amended the amendment, to the effect that the Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole, and this carried.

After the appointment of Ed Dillon, of Machinists 68, as chairman of the committee of the whole, Bridges moved that the ILA resolution be adopted.

McLaughlin's Threats

McLaughlin arose and proceeded to threaten that the Council's charter would be revoked if it voted against the splitting by the executive council of the AFL, and if the Council voted to submit the issue to San Francisco's 100,000 trade union members.

The tactics of the Teamsters' reactionaries consisted of such threats and in distorting the resolution. Delegate Barnes of the Milk Wagon Drivers falsely intimated that the resolution meant that the CIO sympathizers in the Council wanted to set up a CIO Central Labor Council.

Delegate Urmey, of Electricians Local 6, who is so reactionary that he could only receive a handful of votes for president of the Council in January, redbaited, stating, to the accompaniment of laughter, that "the people at the bottom of the resolution are Communists," and that the "secretary of the Communist Party is in this Council."

Protests from the floor resulted and Chairman Dillon admonished Urmey.

Delegate Burke, president of the Webb Pressmen, told the Council how the breaking down of craft lines (referring to the CIO) was the only way in which the masses of workers had begun to be organized, and that the rank and file should be allowed to vote in regard to the expulsion policies of the AFL executive council.

Using an oily but sham plea for unity, Andrew Gallegher of the Photogravers fought the resolution which would bring about the genuine unity of the labor movement. Gallegher, as did other reactionaries, stated that since Green's order to expel the CIO and ILA locals had not yet been received in San Francisco, there was no need to condemn such expulsions, ignoring the fact that Green had definitely announced that all Councils must make such expulsions.

Blasts Unity Pretense

Delegate Joe Harvey of the Marine Firemen effectively dealt with such arguments, stating that the reactionaries pretending to favor unity "mean to vote down this resolution, and when the Council receives the expulsion order, then we shall have to expel them."

Sam Jaye of Miscellaneous Culinary Local 110 pointed out that the expulsion order had already been issued for the entire country; that Chicago and New York had expelled the CIO unions and that the Oakland Council had been split in exactly the same way as was being planned in San Francisco—Green had first issued an order that picketing by the Warehousemen be stopped.

George Kidwell stated: "I have searched for a reason to support the position of the AFL executive council, but in vain. A referendum IS being taken at the present time—there isn't an officer in my organization who doesn't say he is astounded at the sentiment in my organization in favor of the CIO."

Despite this, Kidwell was in favor of deferring the protest and the referendum through setting up a committee of 15 to work out a policy.

"Up Against a Gun"

Lou Goldblatt, of ILA 38-44 (Warehousemen), replied to those reactionaries and some of the "liberals" who said the ILA was jumping the gun through the resolution. "Our organization has been up against a gun for the past five months," he said. "We have been guilty of organizing thousands of workers and have consequently been the victim of sniping and jurisdictional disputes (referring to the telegram on the plumbers as an example). If a referendum took place, most of the San Francisco labor movement would go on record against expulsions and also serve notice on that section of the AFL working for a split.

"Those who say we should not concern ourselves with what has happened in Portland or Seattle are presenting arguments which are false—for if we acted on that basis we would be condoning a split in the labor movement."

Harry Bridges replied to the reactionaries who stated those who voted for the resolution are traitors: "The resolution does not call for defiance of the AFL, but that we should not observe the mandates of six or seven men who do not follow the mandates of the American labor movement, but are number one strikebreakers.

"The AFL executive council has stated it will start guerrilla warfare against the CIO and other progressive unions. They've got the gall to make us pay (through the doubled dues voted in the recent Cincinnati conference) for their strikebreaking. Our international president Ryan wanted not merely two cents, but five cents a month dues for this.

"If we don't decide on this question tonight, then we will have to decide next week or the week after. If we don't say we will expel locals," we will lose our charter.

"No matter how many resolutions this Council votes down, the rank and file of the labor movement will decide.

"But even if you vote the resolution down, we, the ILA, even though we are for the CIO policies, will not walk out and we'll continue to help other unions when they need it.

"If the AFL membership had had the opportunity to decide this affair, we wouldn't need this resolution.

"Let's show the nation we've found a way to settle the question by asking the membership."

Delegate Fred West, who works close with the Trotzkyites, and Ed Vandeleur each attacked the CIO in identically the same vicious way. West, who shed crocodile tears for the TUUL and for the National Miners Union in order to make the CIO issue a personal attack on John L. Lewis, merely succeeded in arousing laughter with his claims that he had investigated "and proven that there is no room for the CIO on the West Coast because there is no basic industry."

There were many proofs that the actual vote did not represent the feelings on the matter of the trade union membership of San Francisco. Many of the reactionaries did not dare openly to attack the CIO, because of the sentiment of the membership for the CIO.

The fact that hundreds of trade union rank and file members stormed the doors to hear the debate, many of them being turned away, further proved the interest of the rank and file in the question, and their sentiment against expulsions.

Among craft union delegates voting against filing the resolution was Stereotypers, Carpenters 483, Cigar Clerks, Sheet Metal, Mailers. Kidwell and Bakery Wagon Drivers' delegation also voted against filing.

BRIBE INQUIRY IS BROADENED

District Attorney Otis D. Babcock of Sacramento broadened the investigation into legislative bribery charges, turning the inquiry toward the background of a series of measures including the Arroyo Seco highway bill, a bill for exclusion of Japanese from commercial fishing, and measures on patent devices, the sardine reduction controversy and dog racing bills.

While the strong reason to suspect bribery exists on most of these measures where slush funds have been expended, the investigation of them has simultaneously served to soft-pedal the support given by the Standard Oil Company to the Welch oil bill in connection with which Assemblyman Gene Flint of Los Angeles is already indicted by the Sacramento Grand Jury.

"I am convinced," Babcock said, "that there was something wrong with that Arroyo Seco highway rerouting bill."

SHOW H[OW] EVADE P[AYING] GOV'T

Methods Re[vealed] Congress C[ommittee] Legisl[ation]

WASHINGTON [...] finance committe[e ...] ways and means [...] undertake to pa[ss] legislation to pl[ug] in present tax la[ws ...] seek some mean[s ...] those who, throu[gh] manipulation, are [...] vent" loopholes [...] of taxes.

Methods now [...] wealthy to av[oid ...] listed by the Trea[sury] ing:

1. Setting up fo[reign] holding corporatio[ns ...] amas, Panama [...] and other places [...] low and corpora[...]

2. The device of [...] surance compani[es ...]

3. The device of [...] sonal holding co[mpanies ...]

4. The device [...] yachts and count[ry ...]

5. The device [...] ductions for inte[rest ...]

6. The device [...] of multiple trus[ts ...] and dependents.

7. The device [...] wife or father an[d ...] nerships.

8. The device of [...]

Legal methods [...] come taxes were [...] centages depletio[n ...] income between [...] wife in the [...] property states, [...] non-resident alie[ns ...] the recent Roo[sevelt ...] said, "large oil [...] porations have b[een ...] deduct from 5 t[o ...] of their gross in[come ...] lowance for the de[pletion of] mines or wells [...] tion may be tak[en ...] the cost of the pr[operty is] completely recov[ered."]

"Thus, in 193[...] company deducte[d ...] 000 under this pr[ovision ...] it had already [...] covered the cost [...] The amount of [...] a sheer gift [...] States to this [...] stockholders and [...] lost thereby wa[s ...] The President [...] ed that many [...] made on the e[...] evasions. "Cert[ain ...] publishers" are [...] sify the issue, [...] "not one but ma[ny ...] are in preparati[on ...]"

La Follett[e ...] Asked in [...]

OAKLAND—Th[e ...] Committee, forme[d ...] unions to put a[n end to police] brutality, has wi[red ...] lette Civil Libert[ies ...] in Washington.

"Alameda Coun[ty ...] fice denies worke[rs ...] organize," the te[legram said.] "Brutal unwarr[anted ...] made on picket [lines ...] vidual union mem[bers ...] sheriffs. Latest [...] Ortiz, cannery w[orker ...] beaten unconsci[ous ...] jail threatened wi[th ...] ited from jail to j[ail ...] aid.

"County Board [of Supervisors] refuses investigat[ion ...] gently request yo[u ...] investigate. Affi[davits and] details following."

HOPKINS WANTED TO HAND FEDERATION TO PETE MCD[ONOUGH]

SAN FRANCISCO—With James H. Hopkins, [re]actionary official brought into the graft mess in [...] phone conversations recorded by Edward N. Athert[on ...] cisco trade union members begun to wonder if more [...] federation machine withw hich Hopkins is conected [...] timately involved.

Atherton caught a telephone conversation with McDonough Bros. (bail bond firm headed by "graft fountainhead" Pete McDonough), in which one "Gow" was speaking. "Gow" in the phone spiel, revealed himself as Hopkins.

"Jimmy" Hopkins seemed so fond of "Pete" that he even thought the "fountainhead of graft" might make a "good" head of the State Federation of Labor. The conversation involving Hopkins follows:

Man: Mr. Rice?

McD. Bros.: No (Harry answers).

Man: Harry, this is the "Gow." Damn it all, Harry, I want Pete to know that that was the — — wonderful letter I ever read.

Harry Rice: Thanks a lot, I'll sure tell him. We've had a lot of people calling in to tell us that.

The "Gow": Did you see The Chronicle this morning, Harry?

Harry: Oh, yes; that was about something else entirely, Finnegan and Fernand across the way.

"He Could Run Our Show"

The "Gow": Well, I'm going to put in an application for Peter for the State Federation of Labor. He could run our show. He's a fine man: He's been married 34 years. My wife thinks it's wonderful. Cu[...] but it up on the [...] carrying on some[...] about it. If he wants [to] run for mayor. [...]

Harry: Sure he [...] sure glad you feel [...]

The "Gow": Yeh, [...] to run him against [...] ed if we aren't.

Harry: Have you [...] "The "Gow": No, [...] Frank yesterday. He [...] niest fellow. He was [...] at that cheap pla[ce ...] street, sitting up [...] sailors and longsho[remen ...] said, "Hello, Jim. I [...] pect to see you dow[n ...] ernor." (More about [...] "Gow" continues [...] trying to see Ha[rry ...] Rossi.

Harry: There's pl[...] Jim ("Gow"): No[...] Havenner's going in [...]

Harry: That's so, [...]

Pete and 'The [Gow']

Jim: Well, you ca[n ...] for me that he can [...] and take my job as [...] dent of the Federati[on ...] tomorrow.

Harry: All right, [...] tell Peter. He'll b[e ...]

Jim: Tell him [...] is for him.

Harry: All right, [...]

[CANNERY AND FIELD] UNION TELLS OF ROTTEN TREACHERY [OF V]ANDELEUR IN CANNERIES

Action Against Company Union Instituted by State Federation Secretary and McManus

[Federa]tion Secretary Vandeleur has put over one of the [...] of his career in the Stockton canneries. The [Agricul]tural Workers Union has written Bill Green, de[manding action] against this betrayal. The union's letter follows:

[...]en, [Amer]ican Federation [of Labor]

[...]C.

[B]rother: [...]ip of the Agri[cultural Workers] Union of [Califo]rnia, feel that [...]t of Labor do not [...]annery situation [...] County. Since [...] Workers Union [...]annery Workers [...]ty, we feel that [...] to explain the [...]ou.

[...] Began

[...]6, the member[ship ...] voted to have [...] the district or[ganizer of the] AFL, get a char[ter for the Can]nery Workers of [...] Mr. Pomran[...] his charter. Our [...] Central Labor [...] Joaquin county [...] matter up with [...]e council gave [...] and the auth[...]annery Workers

[...] union had sixty [...]tion blanks Mr. [...] them over. He [...] a charter from [...]se workers. Mr. [...] failed to build [...] cannery work[ers ...]

[...]7, the following [...]resented to the [...]Council of San [...] by the Agricul[tural Workers] Union, and was [...] Council:

[...]No attempt has [...] the American [Federation of] Labor to organ[ize ...] Workers in San [Joaquin County] and

[...]undreds of these [...] organized under [th]e American Fed[eration of Labor], therefore, be [it]

[Resolved, th]at this Central [...] on record as [...] to the Agricul[tural ...] Union, Local No. [...] to organize

[M]arch 24th, the [...]onal campaign [...]ize the Cannery [...] Joaquin County [...]er of the Agri[cultural Workers'] Union. April [...] members were [...]plant for belong[ing ...]on and wearing

[Fir]st Strike

[...] union represen[tatives ...] on the cannery [...]ding he reinstate [...]mmediately. He [...] night of the 8th, [...] voted to strike [...]e morning of the [...]

[...]sted three hours. [...] were reinstated. [...]ay, union repre[sentatives ...]a member of the [...]Council met with [...] the attorney for [...]and Growers As[sociation of C]alifornia, who is [...]do all negotiating [...]s of the Northern [...]t of the State.

[...] refused to recog[nize ...]cultural Workers [...] sole bargaining [...]e Cannery Work[ers ...]ime this was the [...] the plants. On [Ap]ril 14th, all mem[bers ...]ckton Foods Plant [...] a meeting. Mem[...] strike the plant [...] morning, for [...] working condi[tions ...]cognition of the [...] lines were estab[lished ...]

[Sec]ond Strike

[...]f the 15th mem[bers ...]Pak-Well voted to [...]ll the following [...] night of the 16th, [...]s of all four plants [...]blish picket lines [...] morning in front [...]. At 1 p. m. the [...] plants were clos[ed ...] good strong pick[...]

[...]y Operators began [...]n several ways in [...]k the strike, with[...]g the union. They [...] with Mr. C. C. [...]retary of the Cen[tral ...]Council of Stanis[laus ...] Mr. Nunnally [...]he Conenry Oper[ators ...]e a Federal char[ter ...]annery workers of [...] County, from the [Fe]deration of Labor. [...]th, a regular mem[bership ...]ng of the Agricul[tural ...]s union the Can[...] voted to stop the [...]curing a cannery [...]rter through the [...]ion of Labor execu[tive council.]

A collection of $15 was taken from the members. Bonafide cannery workers were elected as officers of the Cannery Workers union. These members had paid their full initiation fees in the Agricultural Workers Union, and had taken the pledge of the American Federation of Labor. The $15 and the following names —Dudley Sargent, president; Rose Liotard, vice-president; Francis Henderson, recording secretary; Jennie Pulliam, financial secretary; Jean Houser, treasurer; Victor Prinze, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Fred Lehr, Belva Perry and Ada Moni, trustees—were presented to the executive committee of the California State Federation of Labor, which was at that time in session at the Stockton Hotel, in Stockton, California.

The state executive committee accepted the names and the fifteen dollars. Mr. Vandeleur, state secretary, gave the committee a receipt in his name for the money and the names. Mr. Vandeleur did not carry out the decision of the state executive committee. He went direct to the cannery operators and accepted names who were working for the interests of the companies—made it his business to get these phoney names placed on the charter. These people are head foreladies and warehouse foremen who hire and fire workers.

Vandeleur Monkeys Around

The following names are the ones that appeared on the charter: Lotti Brunz, Neil Countryman, Maud Harris, Rachel Peterman, Steve Toni, Dudley Sargent, and Leonard Dupey. Dudley Sargent is the only name which appeared on the charter out of the group of the original charter member names.

We very soon discovered that Mr. Vandeleur was carrying out a plain sell-out affair. He laid aside the by-laws and constitution of the American Federation of Labor and used his own judgment, which we do not believe the Council of the AFL approves of. The cannery workers had confidence in the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor. We felt that Vandeleur would help us to build a clean, decent cannery workers union for San Joaquin county.

Vandeleur failed us. He was holding conferences daily with the cannery operators, in order to help build a company union under the banner of the AFL. Vandeleur was very successful with this job.

On May 11th, at 10 a. m., Mr. Vandeleur called a cannery workers' meeting at the auditorium in Stockton. He told the workers he had the charter, but he was not going to install it. The initiation fee was waived, workers were taken in the union without filling applications in the American Federation of Labor. Vandeleur returned to San Francisco, sent Mr. McManus to Stockton to carry on the dirty work against the cannery workers and for the interests of the cannery operators.

McManus' Dirty Work

Mr. McManus came into Stockton without making contact with the Central Labor Council. He went to the canneries. He and the cannery operators started a campaign of collecting one dollar from each worker, claiming it was for dues for the month of May. He passed over one thousand scab receipts which were neither on union paper, nor printed by union labor.

Friday, May 21st, 8 p. m., McManus called all cannery workers to a meeting at the auditorium, refusing to let any representative of the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County be represented at this meeting. He also refused to let anyone speak but himself; claimed that he had the charter with him, and refusing to show the charter or read the names on it, McManus opened nominations.

Twenty-seven people were nominated for office in the Cannery Workers union. This meeting was conducted with a group of people among whom over seven hundred had not taken the pledge of the American Federation of Labor, and had not filled application blanks.

McManus instructed these workers to go home and use the week-end to campaign. The election of officers started Monday morning, May 24th, at 9 a. m. in the Teamsters' hall. Monday evening, at 7 p. m., counting of the ballots was started. No one was allowed to oversee this work but representatives of the Teamsters union. The following people were elected to office; Vince Dunn, president, an office worker of Mor-Pak; True Dyer, vice-president; Gene Coffi, Lena Lema, Rachel Peterman, Burr Tracy, Maud Harris—all of this list are working for the interests of the canenry operators and not for the interests of the cannery workers as a whole.

All unions in the state of California realize that Vandeleur has built a big company union under the banner of the AFL. We do not approve of Vandeleur's tactics and the way he sold these workers to the cannery operators.

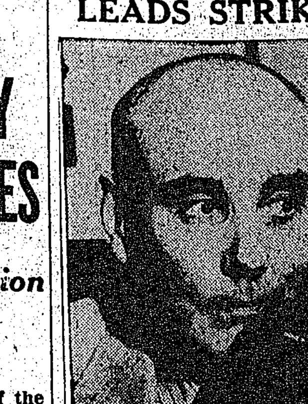
We demand of you as president of the American Federation of Labor to immediately check up on the cannery workers situation in San Joaquin county. We also request that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor revoke this charter with the phoney names, and that a new election be held with some representative of the American Federation of Labor present, and that the Executive Committee of the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County be allowed to participate in this work of the Cannery Workers' Union.

We, the membership of the Agricultural Workers' Union, affiliated to the A. F. of L., follow the constitution of the American Federation of Labor and of the Federal Labor Unions as closely as possible, and we cannot understand why Vandeleur, the Secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is allowed to cast the constitution of the A. F. of L. aside and do as he pleases in this situation. We feel sure that the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor will not allow Edward D. Vandeleur to build company unions under the banner of the A. F. of L.

We are sending copies of this letter to all A. F. of L. affiliated organizations on the West Coast, and we request immediate answer from you and the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

Fraternally yours,
The Agricultural Workers' Union, Local 20221, Stockton, California.
Affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

LEADS STRIKE



VAN A. BITTNER, Chicago regional director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, who charges Chicago police with murder in the killing of six Republic Steel pickets.

Portuguese Show Support of Spain

LISBON, Portugal—Sympathy with the cause of the Spanish Republican government continues to be expressed on a widening scale. Among recent incidents showing this trend are the following:

The munition factory at Xabreges, which has been supplying the Spanish rebels with munitions, has stopped work. This follows the arrest of many foremen and workers who, accused of having committed acts of sabotage as a protest against the aid given by Portugal to the Fascists, have been sentenced to imprisonment and beaten up.

On Sunday, April 28, a company of sailors commanded by a lieutenant from the Portuguese ship Lima, refused to parade to the hymn of the Spanish Legion. They were immediately arrested and sentenced to 20 days' jail.

Meanwhile it is learned that Commander Tenrreiro, Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Marine, has been dismissed from his post because of his Republican sympathies.

ORTIZ SAYS BEATING SHOWS NEED OF FLP

Victim of Police Brutality is for Labor Party

HAYWARD—The trade unions' fight to end police brutality against union men once and for all in this county (Alameda) is going forward with a bang, as a result of the success of the recent meeting around the Ortiz case.

Hundreds of Hayward citizens turned out Friday night to voice their protest against police brutality. I.D.E.S. Hall was crowded with farmers, merchants and workers.

Faustino Ortiz, Cannery Workers Union member, was kidnapped and murderously beaten by Deputy Ebright and one other of Sheriff Driver's deputies last week. Indignation action by workers of several unions secured the victim's release.

Need for Labor Party

Ortiz addressed the meeting. He pointed to his own case as an illustration of the crying need for a Farmer-Labor Party that wuld protect workers in their guerilla warfare with their employers.

Roy Noftz, County Organizer Workers Alliance, main speaker, outlined the history of strike struggles in Alameda County.

"You can see by this bloody history of labor struggles the tie between the city and county government and the employers," Noftz summed up. "Only by labor tying up its struggles with its own political program can the workers hope to rid themselves of police brutality. Only a Farmer-Labor Party can guarantee workers and strikers a square deal."

A resolution was passed calling upon the Board of Supervisors for an immediate open hearing and investigation of Sheriff Driver's and Earl Warren's office. The Board had promised an open hearing if they thought it necessary after hearing Driver's story. A continuous flood of demands for a hearing will convince the Board of its necessity.

Ed Mares, Cannery Workers' Union official and leader in the 125 day strike at Heinz, Berkeley, also spoke.

Secretary Drasnin, of the Ortiz Defense Committee, presided. The Ortiz Committee represents over a score of labor unions and fraternal organizations such as the People's Legislative Conference.

Thomas Condemns Intervention of Hitler, Mussolini

PARIS — Bitterly condemning Italian and German intervention in Spain, Norman Thomas, leader of the U. S. Socialist Party, denounced the fascist nations for "making a long war out of what otherwise would have been a short and unsuccessful revolt."

Thomas, who watched a rebel aid raid in Valencia, declared that the ravages and bombings on the civilian population in Spain "are not examples of the frightfulness born of civil war, but actual acts of war by German and Italian fliers under direct control of their governments. Almost certainly their base of operations is the Island of Majorca, which now is in Italian hands.

"Neither Benito Mussolini nor Adolf Hitler has the slightest cause for war against the people of Spain and neither has declared war. Yet both are waging, on a comparatively small scale, a type of war of peculiar frightfulness in the struggle which they themselves secretly fomented.

"I saw the devastation in the working class quarters of Barcelona and I can testify that its principal effect was not to weaken the morale of the people but to increase their bitterness and hate to a degree that might give even Hitler and Mussolini some reason to fear for the future."

SOME LEADERS OF RELIGION TALK OF SPAIN

"In Barcelona, as everywhere else in Loyalist territory, I was able to verify the fact that there was no religious persecution."—Very Rev. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, England.

"Bitter animosity against the Freemasons was exhibited in all the wholesale murdering of them by Rebel troops whenever they captured a city or town where there was a Masonic lodge or where any Masons resided."—New Age, Scottish Rite 32nd degree organ, commenting on Spanish situation.

"European Catholics know and say in addition that no one can ignore what is doubtless the most poignant aspect of the whole civil war—the struggle of the Basques to escape from the clutches of an iron totalitarianism. The three Basque provinces are the Ireland of the Iberias."—George N. Shuster in the Conweal, Catholic journal.

SF HEARS MAJOR LORD NEXT SUN.

Famous Flyer To Speak for Spain People

San Francisco is to be visited by "the Eddie Rickenbacker of Spain."

Heralded as one of the most heroic figures to come out of the present war in Spain and officially credited with bringing down no less than thirteen rebel planes, Major Frederick I. Lord, noted American war ace who has been fighting with the Spanish Loyalists, is coming to address a mass meeting here Sunday, June 13th, at Scottish Rite auditorium.

The meeting, which will be under the auspices of the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism, will bring together on the same platform a number of outstanding liberals who are opposed to fascism.

Other Distinguished Speakers

With Sol Silverman, editor and publisher of the Emanu-El, as chairman, the gathering will also be addressed by Herman Biberman, distinguished motion picture director and founder of the famous New York Theater Guild; Rabbi Saul White, noted Jewish leader; John D. Barry, feature columnist of the San Francisco News; Dr. Paul Bucholz, executive secretary of the United church Council; and Viola Brothers Shore, famous novelist and scenarist.

On his arrival here from New York, after two months fighting in Spain, Major Lord, whose retirement was forced by serious illness, said:

"I went to Spain as a professional soldier, interested primarily in the salary guaranteed me by the Spanish Government for my services as a flyer. I came back to America a convinced democrat and foe of fascism. For the first time in my life I felt that I was fighting for something worth while—for a principle and not for money or the thrill of a new adventure."

500 Children of Basques to U.S.

WASHINGTON—Despite the opposition of reactionary groups within the Catholic church, the State Department will allow the admission of 500 Basque children made homeless by fascist bombs.

The Catholics who opposed the admission of the children claimed they were to be "placed in the homes of American Communists." Actually, Basque Catholic priests will accompany the children. They will be housed by humanitarian people of all political beliefs.

It is reported that 2700 families offered to take care of the 500 children.

NAZIS WANT HELIUM FOR WAR

WASHINGTON — Prominent officials of a domestic airship company testified before the Senate Military Committee that the Nazis wanted American helium "for military purposes."

OIL STRIKE IN MEXICO TIES UP COMMERCE

Trains, Busses Cut Service; Strike Is Solid

MEXICO CITY—Practically all private automobiles are out of commission, while rail and bus service and electrical power plant operations were curtailed as the nation-wide strike of Mexican Oil Workers continued. Supplies were becoming exhausted, while the 17 major oil companies continued their refusal to grant a nation-wide agreement with increased wages and the 40-hour week as demanded by the oil workers.

Despite the fact that President Cardenas refused even to confer with the oil companies while they maintain their implacable attitude and has not allowed police terror to be used against the workers, the Trotzkyites have raised a demand for a general strike of all workers.

Posters in the name of the so-called "Fourth International" made the "demand" that a general strike be called.

Lombardo Toledano, head of the Confederation of Mexican Workers, disclaimed this provocation.

Suicide Reveals LA Bail Bond Graft

LOS ANGELES—When he left here a month ago after a sudden visit, Attorney-General U. S. Webb was happy and contented with the "progress" that had been made "in cleaning up vice and gambling in Los Angeles."

But last week, Sam C. Ketchum, 40, of 111 North Wetherly drive, Beverly Hills, thought differently, inhaled carbon monoxide gas, died and blamed "city protected parasites and gamblers" for driving him to suicide.

After having been missing for a week, Ketchum's body was found last Wednesday, June 2, in his closed automobile near Malibu. A length of water hose had carried exhaust fumes into the closed car.

In his pocket was a bondsman's receipt showing that he had paid $100 for $1500 bail pending his appearance in Municipal Court, May 28, on charges of issuing bad checks. He had lost "thousands of dollars" to gamblers—the same gamblers who, later, had laughed when he asked them for $300 to "save myself from disgrace."

His whole story was told in a note, penned on the margin of a newspaper dated May 28:

"This is surely the hard way out for me," it read, "as I have faced many troubles and many times death. When I think of the legal fees and city protected gamblers who through me have so robbed my own mother —and of the many people who believe themselves to be righteous that could, but would not help my beloved mother by helping me—well, I believe that I should go insane to let my thoughts dwell on the last three weeks' experiences another 24 hours."

Eight widely known Los Angeles gamblers were termed by Ketchum as "the city-protected parasites that prey on the weaknesses of men . . ."

AMERICAN BOY BEHEADED BY GERMAN NAZIS

BERLIN — Despite protests from the American government, a 21-year-old American citizen, Helmuth Hirsch, was beheaded by the Nazis in Ploetzensee prison on a charge of "high treason."

Hirsch was sentenced to death on March 20 to the accompaniment of vague announcements that the "treason" was in connection with violations of the explosives law.

Although Ambassador William E. Dodd specifically informed Nazi authorities that Hirsch was an American citizen, the German press described him as "a Jew without citizenship."

BLAME WINSHIP FOR MASSACRE IN U. S. COLONY

Gave Instructions to Puerto Rico Police For Onslaughts

NEW YORK — Gov. Blanton Winship is responsible for the killing of 20 people and the wounding of nearly 200 others in the Palm Sunday riot at Ponce, Puerto Rico, Arthur Garfield Hays, American Civil Liberties Union counsel, declared on returning from the U. S. insular possession, where he conducted hearings for nine days as head of an investigating commission.

The noted attorney said the shooting "was a massacre by police officials of innocent and unarmed Puerto Ricans," and placed the blame on Gov. Winship, who forbade a peaceful Nationalist independence parade.

As an aftermath of the demonstration, Albizu Campos and other independence leaders have been sentenced to long prison terms for "attempting to overthrow the U. S. government." Their cases are on appeal.

Conclusions reached by the Hays committee in its report are:

"That the insular police on instructions from the governor refused to permit a group of nationalist cadets, perhaps 80 of them in number, to engage in a peaceful parade; that the cadets in the face of 50 or 70 policemen, armed with revolvers, shotguns, machine guns and tear gas bombs, were given the command 'Forward March.' and stepped forward one or two paces when the police opened fire on them and the crowd. The fire came from three or four different directions so that the police themselves were in their own cross-fire.

Civil Liberties Denied

"That civil liberties for the last nine months have been denied the people where they wished to hold parades and demonstrations on subjects that interested them, such as Puerto Rican independence, the attitude of Gov. Winship and the conviction for a conspiracy of leaders of the Nationalist Party.

"That the University of Puerto Rico has passed regulations under which teachers who take part in any of these activities may be penalized or lose their jobs; that such regulations are for the purpose of curbing civil liberty and should be cancelled."

CUBA CHAMBER HITS BATISTA NEW THREATS

Denounces Proposals To Dissolve the Lower House

HAVANA, Cuba—A growing opposition to Col. Fulgencio Batista's domination of Cuba brought the parliamentary struggle against him into the open with a lower house resolution virtually branding him a traitor.

The resolution was offered following circulation of reports that Batista was planning the dissolution of the Chamber, or lower house, because of its position of opposition.

After having referred in the preamble to the possibility that Basista might make such a move, the resolution declared:

"The chamber of representatives considers a traitor to the democratic regime that governs us any who has designs against the principle of legality which gives supremacy to the constitution, the only guarantee of survival of the powers of the state and also guarantees the securities which the country's inhabitants enjoy and which cannot be subjected to caprices of government functionaries or of force.

"The chamber rejects any present attempt to constitute a corporative system of government, depriving the people of their sovereignty inherent in a democratic regime."

The resolution was introduced in a hurriedly-called session by Rep. Eduardo Suarez Rivas, a member of the anti-Batista bloc. On its passage, representatives asked concurrence of the senate.

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Decree Would Allow Return of Machado

HAVANA, Cuba — Complete amnesty to the former dictator Gerardo Machado, along with 40 of his associates in the terroristic regime which murdered thousands of Cuban people, is provided in an act passed by the Cuban Chamber of Representatives.

At the same time, amnesty would be extended to Machado police officials in exile, who are under sentence of death for the murder of hundreds of workers and students. It excludes from amnesty the hundreds of exiled students and workers driven out of the country under the regime of Batista. Persons who participated in the general strike of 1935 would be pardoned, but the purpose was clearly to allow for the return of Machado and his gang of reactionaries.

The measure will be strongly opposed in the senate.

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"At Every Factory Gate and on Every Picket Line!"

DURING the Douglas Aircraft sitdown strike, the Western Worker was sold to the strikers and met a fine reception. Is it being sold there NOW?

During the 1936-37 maritime strike, the Western" distributed 1000 free copies every issue to the pickets on the San Francisco waterfront. The popularity of the "Western" grew by leaps and bounds. NOW it has very little circulation among the maritime workers.

Four thousand hotel workers have been out on strike since May 1, and still the "Western" has yet to be sold on the picket lines!

While it is criminally negligible to take the paper away from reach of the workers, just as soon as they leave the picket lines, it is a thousand times worse not to see that workers in a desperate struggle on the picket lines have the chance to read the "Western" and get its guidance.

"Sell the Western Worker at the Factory Gates," must become a central slogan to be taken seriously by all county committees of the Communist Party during the Circulation Drive and thereafter 365 days a year. Similarly, county committees and units must see to it that the "Western" is sold on every picket line.

This is the best and most effective way to win new friends for the Western Worker, to win many of them for permanent readers and subscribers. And this is the way to strengthen the influence of the Communist Party, and to build its ranks.

The Rank and File Will Decide

THE San Francisco Labor Council may have voted to file the ILA resolution which called for refusal to obey the AFL Council's expulsion orders, but that vote did not represent the feelings of the overwhelming majority of San Francisco trade unionists, nor for that matter of California trade unionists.

The very manner in which most of the reactionaries spoke against the ILA resolution proved that the sentiment of their membership is against the splitting tactics of the handful of craft reactionaries at the top of the AFL. With the exception of Edward Vandeleur and Fred West, bosom companion of the Trotzkyites, none of the reactionaries dared openly attack the CIO.

In fact, for the most part the reactionaries had to pretend they were friendly to it. Realizing the temper of the membership, many of them had to make it appear that the AFL executive council had changed its opinion, and now stood for industrial organization.

The ILA and the organizations supporting its stand fought in the council for unity of the labor movement and against expulsions, and they intend to continue to do so, in accordance with the desires of the trade union rank and file. They offered a practical and progressive plan for preventing a widening of the split in the labor movement, caused by the executive council, and that plan represented what the rank and file want.

The San Francisco Council has merely postponed the inevitable showdown for a week, or perhaps two, between the Green expulsion orders. It is an issue which will have to be faced, and shortly, for the little band of craft reactionaries on the AFL executive council have shamelessly told the world that they are bent on wrecking the labor movement, come what may,for their own selfish ends.

The words of Harry Bridges to the delegates of the San Francisco Council best characterize the vote of the Council. "No matter how many resolutions you wear down the rank and file of the labor movement will decide."

California Sees the Supreme Court for What It Is

PEOPLE of California who had until now remained unconvinced of the necessity for reform of the Supreme Court can no longer, if they are at all open minded, do other than push for a curb on the Court.

In deciding that the consuming public of San Francisco shall be robbed of $6,000,000 in excess charges collected by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the Supreme Court once more makes its reactionary character apparent to all, and this time close to home for Californians.

The PG&E had admitted that it had long been overcharging the gas and electric consumers, when in 1936 it reduced its rates. But the U. S. Supreme Court, hero of a thousand legalizations of such robbery, remained blind and deaf to the interests of the people.

The PG&E decision was merely another in the long series of Supreme Court verdicts against the interests of the American people. Occasional "liberal" decisions forced by mass pressure (and by the way, invariably by a vote of 5 to 4), should not sidetrack the American people away from the vital necessity of backing the President's proposals on the court.

The address of Earl Browder, reprinted on Page 6 of this issue, ably tells us why.

The June 20 Convention Must Unite the Progressives

THE California state senate is not representative of the people of California and has overridden their mandate. Thirty-seven of its 30 members were elected by fewer than 40 per cent of the people. The remaining 60 per cent of the people were allowed to elect only three senators, with three votes.

Only with such an astounding disproportion was it possible for the senate to nullify such measures as the Yorty "Little Wagner Act" and every other state progressive measure passed by the assembly in the interest of the people.

Small wonder that the demand for a unicameral legislature is increasing and that this question and other proposals for removing the senate's undemocratic power have already been placed before the June 20 convention of the California People's Legislative Conference in Santa Maria.

It must not be forgotten, however, that curbing the undemocratic senate representation is only one measure to clear the road for the mandate of the people to have its full representation in Sacramento. More is necessary.

The task today is that of developing independent political action, to prepare for the election of those who will fight to carry out the mandate of those who elected them, to follow up labor's economic victories with political victories that will guarantee their continuance and extension.

To this end labor, and especially the CIO unions, should be well represented on June 20.

The convention should play an important part in creating unity among the progressive section of the Democratic party. The tremendous expression of progressive sentiment among Democratic voters can be reflected in progressive action in the elected legislators and these voters rallied around a definite program, breaking sharply with the Cotton-McAdoo clique and basing itself on labor, the small farmers and small business and professional people.

This would be tremendously aided by the collaboration of the convention in the work of Labor's Non-Partisan League and the endorsement of the League's program. It could be aided also by the convention's spontaneous campaign to wipe out the anti-picketing and other anti-labor measures from the statutes of the cities and counties of California.

Fascism Shows Its Weakness; Strike a Blow Now

NOTHING could have thrown a better searchlight on the recent German and Italian acts of war against Spain than did the death of the fascist General Mola.

The rioting and disputes in fascist ranks which followed, between Italians and Germans, between Germans and Italian "Volunteers," is only a spectacular form of the dissension which is daily growing deeper and more significant.

The Guadalajara rout of the fascists showed how this dissention and desertion can assume tremendous proportions in a time of major offensive. But even without such stress, fascist desertions to the Loyalists have mounted to an average of 200 a day up to three weeks ago.

In a war for spoils, the criminal leaders resort to quarreling among themselves. Those who are forced or duped to follow them tend to lose their enthusiasm in the face of a united people who are defending their lives and homes with the last ounce of their blood.

Hitler and Mussolini were seeking to bolster up this flagging morale when they fired on Loyalist planes, bombed the Loyalist port of Alicante and torpedoed Spanish Merchant vessels.

Nevertheless, these newest attacks, and every item of news from or about Spain must have one meaning to us in California.

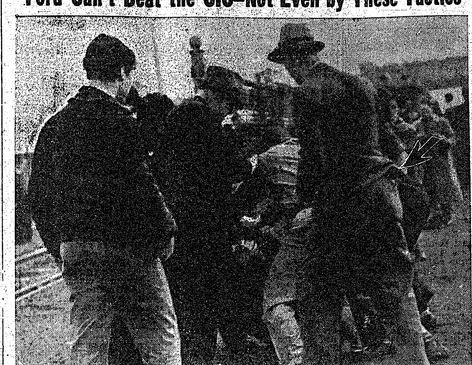
We must increase our aid to the Spanish people! Make Spanish Aid Week, from June 13 to 20, a mobilization of the people against Hitler by picketing the Nazi consulates, by raising $10,000 during that time for Spanish aid.

Thousands of Americans, hundreds of Californians, are risking their lives to fight for Spanish and world democracy. We can help them from here.

Germany and Italy are waging a war against Spain, aided by the British cabinet which condones their acts and sidetracks the demand of Spain for League of Nations Action. Yet in the face of this the American state department refuses to declare an arms embargo on Germany and Italy.

Demand that this embargo be levied in accordance with the neutrality act!

Ford Can't Beat the CIO—Not Even by These Tactics



ARROW POINTS to a pair of handcuffs in the pockets of one of the gang of Ford private police that set upon United Auto Workers Union organizers, outside the gates of the River Rouge plant in Detroit. Union leaders were brutally slugged.

Immediate, Vital Tasks Before Cal. Communists

(This concludes the tasks outlined by the State Committee of the Communist Party for the immediate future. The first section was printed in our last issue.)

More Direct Connection of Leadership With Lower Organizations

4. It is especially important that more careful and systematic attention be given to the lower organizations by the higher committees. The leading committees must go down below the counties to the sections and units—the state committee more regularly to the various counties to check up on the results of the decisions, to assist in improving the work of the organizations and their executive committees, to bring forward into leadership the best young workers from the trade unions, the shops, factories and mass organizations.

Organization Conferences

a) To give the lower units in solving their problems, a series of six Organization-Western Worker conferences should be held in California during the months of June and July. Separate conferences for Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Imperial Valley, with special representatives from smaller counties; a Northern and Southern conference for the smaller counties. Immediate preparation for these conferences to begin now so as to attain the maximum results.

b) To enable a closer connection of the Party membership with the lower organizations to consist in each county organization the following proposals:

1. In smaller rural counties the county buro to rotate its meetings in different towns where the units exist as a means of giving more direct assistance and guidance to the units, enabling the county leadership to have a more knowledge and knowledge of the problems of the units.

2. In larger counties where we still have section organizations, as well as in the smaller county organizations, to consider the establishment of county section leaderships on the basis of delegated bodies of representatives from the units rather than the present committees. This will help simplify the Party structure, eliminate additional meetings, and allow for broader participation in the Party life of direct representatives from the units.

3. To hold periodic quarterly conferences of unit functionaries to analyze the work of good and unit, drawing of general conclusions for all units, as a means of giving more concrete assistance to the development of functioning political bodies.

Political Training and Education Of Party Members

5. The raising of the political understanding of the entire Party membership should be the center of all steps taken to overcome the weaknesses in our organizational practices. Our whole political work should be raised to a level which will make possible the training of Bolshevik—steeled people, people able to deal independently with the many complicated problems confronting us daily. This requires, as emphasized in the report to the Plenum of the Central Committee of the C. P. S. U., the first and foremost, the attention of our leading comrades, of our Party membership, towards political problems—overcoming the situation now existing of the danger of becoming absorbed in current questions, in detail problems, and forgetting their relation to our political perspectives and tasks.

To bring about a better understanding of local, national and international problems, and to make possible a more systematic training of our Party member ship, to:

a) **Establish as a regular institution, the holding of broad functionaries conferences, in all larger counties to discuss major political and organizational problems. To assist the smaller counties to hold more regular membership meetings and conferences by the sending out from the state office regularly, leading comrades to visit the sections.**

b) To institute a system of political discussions on important international, national and local problems in all state, county and section meetings, in every unit of the Party, with special attention to such discussions in the industrial and shop units.

c) To make obligatory for all leading people to attend at least one class or discussion group a week. To the organization of special classes for leading trade unionists, for members of industrial and shop units, for section and unit functionaries, and to the establishment in the larger counties, classes for special training in the technical aspects of various functions (keeping records, running meetings, etc).

d) To **establish week-end schools (for a period of six weeks of carefully selected people). In San Francisco—not later than July—and short term schools in Alameda and smaller counties with the aid of the State Committee.**

e) To set up the Full-Time Training School beginning of August to train 40 comrades, to be followed by two schools in L. A. and Bay Area to train another 60 before the end of the year.

f) To develop a system of circulating leading functionaries, state county committee members, unit organizers, with literature, documents, editorials and articles.

g) To carry through a drive for each unit, section and county functionary, leading trade unionist, to become a reader of the Communist.

Western Worker Circulation

6. The task of building the Party rests on the increasing circulation of our press in California, especially the Western Worker, are inseparably connected. The building of our Party press is a key task both to the building of the inner life of the Party, the training of our Party membership and the winning of the most militant workers for the Party. We find that the majority of our members are not reading the Western Worker. This was seen most glaringly when not a single person throughout the state sent in a protest against the printing of the Dr. Gerhart article in the Farmer-Labor Party in the April 29th issue of the Western Worker. If we can get every entire membership to read the Western Worker, discuss the articles and editorials in the units, we will go a long way in raising the political understanding of our membership.

a) The Western Worker Circulation Drive is to be considered one of the main concentration tasks during the next two months, with the leading committees responsible for its carrying through.

b) **To carry through a campaign throughout the Party that Every Member Become a Reader of the Western Worker by July 4th by systematically getting the Party members to subscribe. In cases where special difficulties exist (as for instance fear of exposure) the units work out special measures to guarantee that the comrades get the Western Worker. But these exceptional cases should not make a general practice of exempting comrades from subscribing through exaggerated fear of exposure.**

c) To give careful attention to bringing the paper to the workers in factories, trade unions, workers' neighborhoods, organizations and homes, through the systematic distribution of the Western Worker by members of the units, through the establishment of mailing lists, through the organization of Red Sunday's and the utilization of the columns of the Western Worker for all important developments in the locality, trade union, factory, etc. This problem is the especially raised in all industrial and shop units.

d) Each section and unit to carefully examine the work of its literature distributing apparatus, and to guarantee that a responsible and competent comrade is in charge, organizing, supervising and directing the work of building W. W. circulation.

e) Every section and unit shall take seriously the fulfillment of the tasks set for Sunday Workers' Forums, and shall place as a task before each unit of getting all leading functionaries, in units, mass organizations and counties to subscribe to the Daily Worker (taking advantage of the special subscription rate) and to secure a collective subscription for each unit.

Building the Party

7. The present developments in California have greatly increased the possibilities of building the Party and make much easier mass recruitment. While the State Committee does not now suggest the development of a special campaign, recruiting will be considered in a couple of months) the question of Party building is one of the most outstanding problems of the entire work of each unit meeting, and a quarterly checkup shall be made by the unit buro on the work of each member in recruiting and W.W. circulation.

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNIST PARTY OR CALIFORNIA.

Vatican Recalls Berlin Nuncio

BERLIN — Negotiations between the Vatican and Germany ended with the withdrawal of the Papal Nuncio from Berlin, leaving the Embassy in charge of affairs in care of routine matters.

The Nazis have recently demanded that the Vatican rebuke Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago for his denunciation of the Nazi attack on Catholics in Germany. Meanwhile they extended their attacks on the Catholics with widespread publicity to trials of priests and lay brothers on moral charges, attempting to wipe out the influence of the church among the rank and file.

Persecution of religious groups in Germany followed the suppression of the political parties in opposition to Nazism, the trade unions, and finally all political action in which opposition might tend to arise.

Recent trials showed that protest against fascism has even made its expression through the church, with Catholics and Protestants working to form a united front with the Communists around their common opposition to fascist suppression.

THE STORY OF SUB GETTI ONE WESTERN BUILDER D

By JERRY FEINGOLD

Let me in this article tell some of my experien get subs for the Western. I think at this time is needed because according to the reports only two San Francisco County actually got over 300 subs to date. The overwhelming majority of the Party m neither getting subs themselves or getting others to are subscribers by this time.

First of all, is it hard to get subs, and on whom shall we concentrate to get them?

My experiences are that, though it requires quite a talk to get the subs, it is not very hard (substantiated by the fact that when this article was written I had obtained 37 subs, most of them yearly subs.)

Primarily I concentrate on sympathizers and people close to our movement. There are several thousand of them in San Francisco (and by that matter many more thousands all over the State). They all are potential Western Worker subscribers and Party members and all our forces should be concentrated to get them first.

The best time and place to get subs from them is at their home around or after supper time, so you could spend an hour or so to speak on the paper and the movement.

Talking to Sympathizers

In short, I will repeat the points of conversation with potential subscribers. With the first sentence (after greetings) I tell them the purpose of my visit. Then I wait for the answer. Usually there is some sort of silly excuse offered in the beginning. There is nothing new to me and I begin to question him on why he feels as he does, and bring out to him particularly the role of the Western in the struggle in his industry or if he is unemployed, I talk on the role of the Western in struggles for social security.

Always I cite concrete examples, using the items from the Western Correspondence page. The conversation never stops at that, usually it broadens out to fundamental struggles against war and fascism, fascist forces here in California, Nazi flags on Market street, and the necessity to have a mass paper here in California.

The conversation closes with the following sentences: "Comrade, there are thousands of you in San Francisco. If you will subscribe, you will enable us to have a paper that is truly ours. We cannot appeal or get support from capitalists in the form of ads, etc. The paper is our and your greatest weapon. You must subscribe to it because the paper depends on subs for regular support."

The reason why most of the subs gotten are yearly subs is because of my enthusiasm, which fact should be emphasized with a talk on the subs. I get subs in ways must have on hand. The instalment payment plan of subs should be used by the sub-getters to make it as easy as possible for workers to become subscribers.

Another point and very important is the fact of the Red Sunday Forum. Each sub I get, by carefully explaining that the paper comes wrapped and the subscriber could use a different name. Not that I cater to the Red Scare hysteria intimidation, but we realize that it is still existent with some workers and the only way in disgust is by educating workers regular readers of the Western Worker, which will be the most permanent type of subscription with the movement, enthuse them, raise their political level, reforge them into sympathizers to active participants in our movement.

While getting the subs from the sympathizers, I always speak to them about their friends and try to induce them to become sub getters. I got many leads from them to get friends and got the subs in this manner.

26 SF United Cigar Stores Are Struck

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty-six United Cigar Stores were shut tight on the strike of Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks Local 1060.

Wage demands are $27 weekly for experienced clerks and $23 for managers, according to Nick Lucia, business agent. All stores were set to strike May 27, but all but United Cigar signed up.

Guild Halts Paper

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — The American Newspaper Guild has closed the Bellingham Evening News tight in a strike for higher wages and less hours. Printers and pressmen did not report for work.

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By S. W

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New Soviet 'Prisoners'

LOS ANGELES—Widely acclaimed Russian film which won special praise in its New York premiere, has been booked into its Los Angeles debut Friday, June 4, at the International Theatre, Grand Ave.

I.L.D. Farewe

LOS ANGELES — Under auspicts of the Distr of the International Defense, a farewell dance in honor of Comrade Nick Lucia, ILD district secretary, and Charles Lewis, will be given Saturday, June 5, at Music Center, 2380 Avenue.

As a delegate to ILD Convention, Cormick is to leave York, and a worker for the Soviet Union

...S GROWER-SHIPPERS' ...SETS UP A COMPANY ...ON OF FINKS AND THUGS

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By a Lettuce Worker

...S, Monterey County—For the past several weeks, Shipper Assn. has been trying to start a company ...Sunday, May 23, it had reached its goal, accord- ...f the head finks.

...ul of rumdum, Job-hungry workers turned out in ...the hopes they might get a job. About 75 showed up, but taking out union men and onlookers, the mass meeting only attracted about 30 workers who were anxious to join up.

Outstanding Scabherder

The whole setting looked like a hophead party. All the speakers were nervous and rattly-looking, each mouthing the same phrase to whip up their courage.

The head speaker was introduced by a scabherder, and he proudly named him as an "outstanding citizen here to help us."

The citizen proved to be a minister in the Salinas Methodist church. This great star was a washout. He raved like a fanatic, wound up by comparing the city of Salinas with the great Workers' Union of Germany, and Benicia ...rest.

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TRIBUTE PAID LOYAL FIGHTER IN OIL UNION

Late John Potter is Mourned by Santa Fe Springs Men

By an Oil Worker

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Los Angeles County—John Potter is dead. He is laid to rest in the foothills above Whittier, overlooking the derricks, tanks and boilers of the Springs oil field.

For over 16 years, John had tended the dehydrators of the Wilshire Oil Co. One of the oldest of the old gang of pipe line operators all through the boom days, when departmental antagonisms were continually splitting the workers apart, old John always worked for the unity of the workers.

His One Hobby

John's hobby was a gold mine, up near the top of Pluto Mt., east of Bakersfield; John worked to support his family and the gold mine.

There was a good possibility that some day the mine would support him, but it would take capital to develop the mine, and John was a poor capitalist.

Working 56 hours a week during the boom years, he hardly got to enjoy the 36-hour week, nine days on and five days off, that came with the 1934 strike. Five days off gave John and his family many happy trips up to the top of old Pluto.

Aided Orange Strikers

In just three weeks, he would have received his first "vacation with pay" under the new union agreement.

His home was in Buena Park, Orange County. All during the orange workers' strike, which raged through the county a few months back, John never failed to give what help he worked in the oil fields, he was a worker just the same; he continually worked to throw the sympathies of his fellow workers with the striking orange pickers.

In the drive of the Wilshire workers for a union, he was one of the first.

John Potter leaves behind a loving wife and his son, aged mother in Oregon, and a host of friends among the oil workers of Santa Fe Springs.

Memory of him will unite all petty feuds of the Wilshire boys and make all in one solid group of union men.

Where the Workers Go in for Yachting

AS SPRING comes to Leningrad, bringing the first warm days of the year, masts appear at the Yacht Club. Workers from shop, factory and office are shown preparing for the first sailings into the sea. That's Socialism, where the workers and the farmers rule.

Another Gigantic Contest!

Jury 'Carefully Selected,' Says Capitalist Press; Pedro Workers Tell Real Story Of Murder of Longshoreman

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN PEDRO—Seven of the coroner's jury found Longshoreman Wm. Gregg died of gunshot wounds "inflicted by Officer Wm. H. Redding in performance of duty—excusable homicide"—but one of the jurymen, L. B. Stanton, young attorney, returned another verdict, "homicide," and recommended the police officer be held for trial. The case will go to the grand jury.

The main argument of self-defense advanced by friends of the killer-cop collapsed when witness after witness told of the shooting. However, the coroner's jury, with a single exception, was unaffected by testimony.

Jury "Carefully Selected"!

The capitalist newspapers let the cat out of the bag, when they reported the jury had been carefully selected.

Mrs. Lucille Wisberger, wife of a sailor pursuing the New Mexico, alleged Gregg had made disparaging remarks about people from Oklahoma and had knocked her down. She testified she screamed and that Redding came and asked Gregg "if a nice way" to leave her alone. She claims he didn't. But the ballistics

Woman's Story Proved False

Howard Kimberly, gas station employee, contradicted her story, said he had taken her to the cafe and that he, not Gregg, had knocked her down. Mrs. Kimberly said he had known her a month as Lucille Quigley, but admitted her name was really Mrs. Wisberger. "Them sailors' wives generally have five or six names because a new man comes coming in," he explained.

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These rotten lie was that Organizer Humphries and Brother Sullivan had run away with the money that they had taken in from the CIO members. All the time the money was in the local bank.

One company stool-pigeon told me that the workers who had signed up with the CIO had better watch out as they would be fired from their jobs. I told him that he was coercing us and to take it easy. He then proceeded to begin signing up employees into the company union, IEU, on company time.

Another Gigantic Contest!

In spite of all these company advantages, Westwood is 90 per cent organized. The company union, although the company claims 1700 members has been organized indirectly and directly. The company has had to spend $2,000 per week to sign them into this company union.

Last Saturday, May 29, the CIO finally got permission to talk in the auditorium, and in spite of the fact that the CIO meeting was held on the same night as the Red River Lumber Co. ball in Susanville, and in spite of the fact that the Red Sunday Forum was held, and Mussolini are doing in Europe. When a group or company disregards the vote of the people for democracy, that's fascism.

In spite of the fact that the employees of the Red River Lumber Co. have voted for the CIO, the company has recognized the IEU. "Industrial Employees' Union." This is a company union, as I have proved in this story.

The company, or some minor, has tried to break up the CIO by coercion and lies. When this company union, known as the IEU, was defeated, they immediately recognized this IEU and have given this company union a charter. They are trying their dirty work closer to the workers.

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The Constitutional Crisis in the U. S. and the Supreme Co

Speech by Earl Browder on the Supreme Court; The Nature of the President's Proposals; The Reactionary Background of the U. S. Supreme Court; Importanc American People of Success of the President's Proposals to Curb the Court.

Following is the complete text of a speech by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, on the Supreme Court, given Wednesday, May 26, at Carnegie Hall, N.Y. under the auspices of the New Masses.

By Earl Browder

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent to Congress his proposals for the reform of the judiciary, with special reference to the Supreme Court, he brought to a head the most serious political struggle that has emerged in America since the days of Civil War and Reconstruction. Like the issues of the Civil War, this presents a constitutional crisis, going to the very foundation of the American system of government, and expressing a deep crisis in class relations. Already it has aroused a stubborn bitterness that was not witnessed even in the 1936 presidential election, extraordinary for its sharpness.

The struggle about the role of the Supreme Court is cutting across old party lines. It has deeply divided the Democratic Party, the party of the Roosevelt administration. It bids fair to furnish the occasion for a fundamental regrouping of class forces, long in preparation and now reaching maturity. It is, therefore, of more than ordinary importance to study the issues of this struggle, and to see the process which is lining up individuals, groups, parties, and classes on one or the other side—a realignment which will indicate in what direction American political life is heading for the next period.

The Nature of Roosevelt's Court Proposals

President Roosevelt's plan for judicial reform does not, in itself, explain the tremendous excitement which it aroused. It is far from revolutionary. It does not attempt to limit the role of the Supreme Court as fixed in the written constitution of the U.S.A. It does not even challenge the power, usurped by the Supreme Court without constitutional authorization, to function as a supreme legislative organ by exercise of a veto upon laws passed by Congress and approved by the President. It is limited to measures, expressly within the power of Congress as fixed by the Constitution, to enlarge the personnel of the court under certain conditions. The expectation that such enlargement of the court may shift its views on disputed questions toward a more favorable attitude to the administration just re-elected by an overwhelming majority, is certainly not something to shock the prejudices of a democratic people. It is an expectation that would be taken for granted in any other democratic country but the U.S.A.

That feature of Roosevelt's plan around which controversy rages, is the provision that whenever judges of the Supreme Court reach the age of 70 years without retiring (upon a pension, already provided by law, of the full salary of $20,000 per year), then the President is empwered, with the agreement of the Senate, to name additional judges to the same number, provided that the present membership of nine shall not be increased to more than 15. Inasmuch as among the present nine members, six are already more than 70 years of age, this means in practice that if the plan is adopted the President will immediately propose six new judges, either to replace them if they resign or to sit with them on the court if they do not.

The immediate significance of this plan lies in the fact that the Supreme Court itself is sharply divided. With a divided vote, often five to four, it has been exercising with unexampled freedom its usurped power to nullify Federal legislation. During the Roosevelt administration it has exercised this power on more occasions than in the entire previous history of the U.S.A. It has cancelled most of the laws embodying Roosevelt's so-called New Deal policies, usually with a bare majority, with the minority of the court itself vigorously protesting against such exercise of a questionable power. It is clear that the adoption of the Roosevelt plan would result in a right-about face of the Supreme Court on most of the controversial issues of the day, and thereby would bring about a new relation of forces within the American governmental system.

Thus it comes about that a minor reform of the judicial system, which in a time of less social strain and struggle would pass with little attention, at this moment becomes the center of political crisis that demands the attention of the whole world. Thus it is that a simple judicial reform becomes the storm center of a constitutional crisis in the most powerful capitalist country in the world.

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1. Historical Background of the Crisis

A clear understanding of the constitutional crisis requires that we review briefly the structure and history of the governmental system that arose upon the basis of the Constitution of 1787. The central or "Federal" government is a federation of sovereign states (now 48 in number). To the individual states is reserved all governmental powers not expressly granted by the Constitution to the Federal Government. The Federal Government of limited powers is itself composed of three co-ordinate branches, which are supposed to act as restraining influences upon one another, with no one branch supreme, in what has been called in American constitutional law the "system of checks and balances." These three co-ordinate branches are the executive, the legislative and the judicial.

Executive powers are concentrated in the hands of the President, and exercised by him directly and through his cabinet. The President appoints his cabinet with the agreement of the Senate; he is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces; he conducts foreign affairs through his Secretary of State, and negotiates treaties with the agreement of the Senate; he may guide legislation through his reports and messages to Congress; he names the judges of the Supreme Court to fill vacancies with the agreement of the Senate; he is charged with the execution of the laws and policies of the Federal Government as laid down by acts of Congress which become law when approved by his signature or when passed over his veto by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress.

The legislative power is vested in the Congress of two houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate, with concurrent powers. Representatives are elected every two years by the states in proportion to their population, and now number some 435. The Senate has two members from each state, regardless of size, a total of 96, elected for six years, with one-third to be chosen every two years. A legislative act becomes law when adopted by both houses and approved by the President, or when passed over presidential veto by a two-thirds majority of both houses. The power to declare war or make peace is vested in Congress meeting in joint session of the two houses.

Judicial powers are vested in a Supreme Court, provided in the Constitution, and in such lower courts as may be provided by act of Congress. The number of its members is determined by Congress. Judges are appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate, and hold office for life; once appointed, they can be removed only by impeachment by the Senate for acts of moral turpitude, and conviction after trial before a joint session of both houses. The judiciary interprets the application of the law to individual cases, on application of the executive officers of the government or on appeal by individual citizens.

The relations between the 48 states and the Federal Government, and between the three co-ordinate and equal branches of the Federal Government, make up the famous system of "checks and balances."

In the course of years, however, by a gradual accumulation of precedent, the Supreme Court assumed such powers that destroyed the theoretically equal "balance" of the three coordinate branches. By assuming the power to determine whether Congress, in adopting legislation, had acted within the powers granted to it by the Constitution, and to cancel such legislation which it declared was not so empowered, the Supreme Court in fact became a superior legislative organ, over and above the elected bodies of legislative and executive branches—a supreme governing power not elected by the people and outside any constitutional means of popular control or removal.

All this makes up a very complicated structure of government. It works without serious difficulty so long as the three branches of government are in substantial agreement as to the boundaries of their varied and overlapping powers and as to the direction of policy to be followed. But when any serious difference arises as to the division of powers and as to fundamental policy, this brings about a constitutional crisis, a deadlock between the organs of governmental power. Such a constitutional crisis exists today in the deep division on policy between the president and Congress on the one hand, and the Supreme Court on the other.

Methods of Solving a Constitutional Crisis

The Constitution itself proves two ways of solving such a constitutional crisis. One way is to amend the Constitution, as provided in that document, with a declaration on the matter in dispute. The other way is to bring the opinion of the Supreme Court into agreement with Congress and the executive by changing its personal composition through additional appointments.

Constitutional amendment is, however, so hedged about with difficulties that it has never been successfully applied on any question which deeply divided the country. Such an amendment must be submitted by Act of Congress to the separate 48 State Legislatures for their approval, and for adoption requires the agreement of 36 out of the 48 states. Any 13 states can block such an amendment and prevent its ratification. Such a group of 13 states might comprise less than five per cent of the population, but its veto is as effective as if it were a majority. Amendments to the Constitution, on fundamental issues, have proved in past history capable of adoption only after a practical solution of the issue in controversy had been found by other means.

A few simple examples will sufficiently illustrate this point. Prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages was written into the Constitution during the World War, under the influence of war conditions which made national control necessary. After the war, the population turned against prohibition by an overwhelming majority. But prohibition remained for many years the law of the land, until mass violation of the law had nullified it in practice. Only the growth of a tremendous industry, outside the law and creating an atmosphere of general lawlessness among the population, finally forced the advocates of prohibition themselves to agree to its repeal as impossible of enforcement. Since this issue did not involve any basic alignment of class interests, it serves to bring out all the more sharply, the rigidity of the American constitutional system.

The constitutional amendments which abolished slavery in the U.S., and guaranteed equal rights to all citizens, came only many years after the practical decision had been made in life by the arbitration of Civil War. The slave power in the Southern states had long dominated the Federal government in all its branches; it had established the principle of the constitutional inviolability of slavery as an institution. The slave power lost control of the executive and legislative branches of the government in the election of 1860, not on the issue of slavery itself, but only on the issue of its extension to the new Western states just being opened up; even after 1860 it still retained control of the Supreme Court. Slavery was destroyed only when the slave states tried to withdraw from the federal union, in order, by military power, to force slavery upon the new states. Even then, abolition of slavery was only adopted, after four years of Civil War, as a military measure necessary to a military decision of the struggle to prevent the permanent disruption of the Union. Only years later did constitutional amendment register this decision in the fundamental law.

Role of the Supreme Court in Constitutional Conflicts

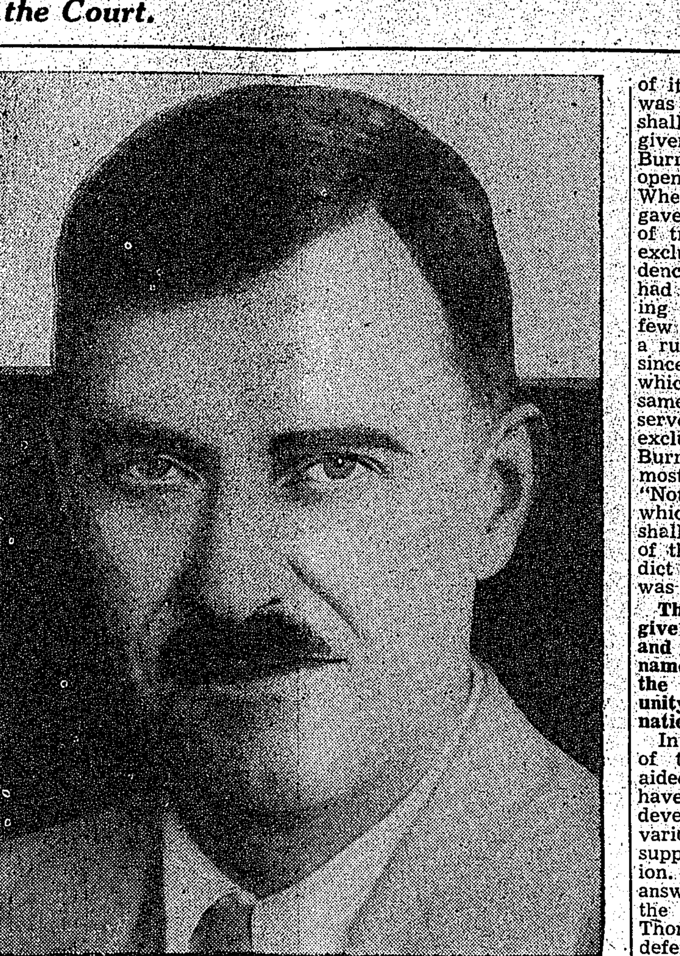
Every constitutional crisis of American history has been, of course, merely the juridical form taken by great social struggles, conflicts of classes, contradiction between fundamental class interests. In every such struggle, the role of the Supreme Court has been a very active and vital one, and in each case the Supreme Court has been the main fortress of the forces of political and social reaction, of privilege and monopoly.

The first great constitutional crisis, in which can be seen the outline of all succeeding ones, arose early in the administration of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the U.S., and the first great ideologist of American democracy.

Jefferson came to the presidency in 1801, at the head of the Democratic Party. He had defeated the Federalist Party, the party which had written and championed the Constitution, and which had held power under it for the first 12 years after its adoption. The Federalist Party represented the landed aristocracy of the East, the clerical influences, and the moneyed interests. In full control of all three branches of the Federal government, it had ridden roughshod over the interests and liberties of the masses, enforcing its policies with exceptional laws (the so-called "Alien and Sedition laws") of a cruelty unexampled in American history.

The Federalist Party, upon its defeat in the election of 1800, determined before surrendering office to maintain and strengthen its stronghold in the judiciary, which holds office for life and is irremovable. To insure this stronghold for a long time, the Federalists, in their last days of power, created additional courts to double the previous number, appointing and confirming the Federalist occupants of the new posts on the last day of their administration before Jefferson assumed office. The Federalist Secretary of State, John Marshall, sat at his desk until midnight of his last day in office, issuing certificates of appointment to new Federalist judges; at that moment Marshall was himself already appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a post he was to occupy for 30 years, and in which he was to prepare the Supreme Court for its reactionary role in the constitutional crisis of today.

President Jefferson, supported by a majority of Congress, when faced by this outrageous abuse of power, proceeded to adopt an act of repeal of the legislation which had created the new



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courts; he refused to recognize the new judges, to set up their courts, or to provide them with salaries. The first great struggle had begun between the elective branches of the government and the judiciary.

The Federalist Party, in control of the judiciary, attempted to use this position to extend their power. A certain Mr. Marbury, a Federalist appointee under the repealed act, was refused his judicial commission by James Madison, Secretary of State under Jefferson. Marbury appealed to the Supreme Court for an order directing Madison to issue his commission. Chief Justice Marshall issued the decision, upholding the right of Marbury, on the ground that the act of repeal was null and void, being in violation of the Constitution because it terminated judicial office during the lifetime of the judge.

This historic case of "Marbury versus Madison" was the first statement of the doctrine of judicial power to nullify legislation. It was a clear act of usurpation, not sanctioned by the Constitution, and embodying a doctrine which had been specifically rejected by the Constitutional Convention which wrote that document.

Jefferson and Congress refused to recognize this decision of John Marshall for the Supreme Court. On his side, Marshall, aware of the great popular support behind Jefferson, had carefully refrained from going farther than the statement of the new doctrine, without granting Marbury any specific measure of redress of his grievance. Thus there was a deadlock. Marshall and the Federalist Party had their doctrine embodied in a decision of the Supreme Court, but Jefferson, with Congress and the country behind him, refused to bow to the decision. The Federalists therefore contented themselves with their judicial victory, and let its enforcement go by default.

So unpopular was this new doctrine of judicial veto of legislation, with its usurpation of power on the part of the Supreme Court, that John Marshall, its author, never again dared to repeat its expression in a decision in all his ensuing 30 years as Chief Justice. To have done so would have created a crisis out of which the Supreme Court would certainly have emerged with its power definitely curtailed. For 50 years the decision in the case of "Marbury versus Madison" slumbered in the archives, and no Supreme Court Justice dared propose to exercise this questionable power. But though slumbering in the archives, this decision remained a judicial precedent, awaiting a more favorable moment for revival and effective enforcement.

Thus did the first great struggle, in that long line of battles that led to the present constitutional crisis, end in a compromise. Jefferson had gained the immediate victory. But John Marshall had laid down a doctrine and a precedent, which was to lead directly to the Civil War and rally all reactionary forces in American life down to the present day.

Supreme Court Gives Aid and Comfort to Treason

In these modern days, the reactionaries wish to bolster up the power of the Supreme Court by assigning to it the special role of "bulwark of the Constitution," of the protector of national unity. But to accomplish this it is necessary for them to ignore, to try to forget, the history of the Supreme Court in the time of Jefferson's presidency. For in that period the Supreme Court, acting as the chief political instrument of the party of reaction, the Federalists, was deeply involved in conspiracies to overthrow the Constitution, to betray the very independence of the nation.

The Federalists were part of the Constitution—but only so long as they ruled the land under that Constitution. When Jefferson and the Democratic Party brought to an end the Federalists' 12 years of misrule and oppression, the Federalists rapidly moved away from their position of being champions of national unification, and passed over to the championship of states' rights against the central government, of secession and disunion, and went so far as to enter into conspiratorial relations with the agents of the British Empire, plotting to cut off the New England and Eastern States from the Union, to unite them with Canada for submission to the British Crown. That their conspiracy came to nothing in the end was due, not to their own lack of determination and zeal in their treasonable efforts, but to the exceptional success of the policies of Jefferson, which brought such economic progress to the country as to cut the ground out from under the Federalists and take their mass support away from them. These well-established facts of American history are conveniently forgotten by those who would glorify the role of the Supreme Court, because in these treasonable conspiracies the court, through its Chief Justice Marshall, was an active participant.

John Marshall, one of the chief leaders of the Federalist Party, by no means retired from active politics when he ascended the Supreme Bench. During Jefferson's first term, the judiciary under Marshall used their positions as rostrums for political harangues against the administration, and to organze the opposition. When, in the election of 1804, the Federalist campaign against Jefferson collapsed, and he was re-elected by a majority which swept into his ranks most of the former strongholds of the Federalists, that party degenerated so completely that it became involved in the fantastic adventure of Aaron Burr, vice-president of the U.S. in Jefferson's first term, who plotted with British and Spanish imperialists to cut off the great Western territories of Louisiana (purchased by Jefferson from Napoleon) by a military coup d'etat. It was in the circumstances of the collapse of Burr's treasonable enterprise, that the Supreme Court, through its Chief Justice Marshall, came into the open as the last refuge of treason against the Constitution and the country's independence and unity.

Burr's conspiracy had collapsed when his confederates among the high officers of the U.S. Army became frightened and withdrew from the adventure, betraying their own treasonable conspiracy to Jefferson. Burr himself was caught while attempting to flee the country to Mexico, after his military expedition had been dispersed. He was placed on trial on charges of treason before the court over which presided John Marshall. The evidence of Burr's treason in the hands of the government was overwhelming and complete. But Chief Justice Marshall was there to protect the traitor in his treason, and he did his job effectively.

There was but one way to save Burr from the consequences of his treason, to prevent the presentation of the evidence against him. While Burr was awaiting trial, Marshall had given him his freedom on bail, through a legal trick. The Federalist gentlemen and ladies vied with one another to heap public honors upon Burr while he awaited trial. He was feasted and lauded in the homes of the gentry. And in the midst of it all, shortly before the trial was to open, Chief Justice Marshall attended a great banquet given in honor of the traitor Burr, associating with those who openly defended his treason. When the trial opened, Marshall gave a ruling to define the crime of treason in such a way as to exclude all the government's evidence. In order to do this, he had to overthrow a previous ruling of his own, given but a few months before, and establish a rule which no jurist before or since has ever defended, and which was later rejected by the same Supreme Court. But it served the immediate purpose of excluding the evidence against Burr. The jury brought in a most unusual form of verdict: "Not proved by the evidence which has been presented." Marshall simply ordered the clerk of the Court to change the verdict to "Not guilty" and Burr was released.

Thus did the Supreme Court give aid and comfort to treason, and save that traitor whose very name has remained to this day the synonym of treason to the unity and independence of the nation.

In the case of Aaron Burr, and of the Federalist Party which aided and protected him, we have a close parallel with the development of Trotzky and the various groups and cliques which supported him in the Soviet Union. This case is the complete answer to those Americans like the Socialist leader, Norman Thomas, who rush to Trotzky's defense in connection with the recent Moscow trial of the Trotzkyist Center, with the cry: "It is incredible that one who participated in the revolution should betray it, and betray it to a foreign power." In all revolutions, there have been those who would later betray it if they could, and in the American bourgeois revolution we have a perfect example in the case of Aaron Burr. But just as John Marshall could pronounce Burr "Not guilty" by excluding the evidence, so can Norman Thomas today give the same verdict to Trotzky upon similar principles. As John Marshall saw fit to attend a banquet in honor of Burr on the eve of his trial, so Thomas can appear in a public meeting on behalf of Trotzky on the eve of the Moscow trial. But no one can disguise the political character of both these parallel actions, as equally a service to reaction and treason.

The Dred Scott Decision and the Civil War

The governmental system of the United States was originally built upon a compromise between the commercial and industrial Northeastern states, hostile to slavery, and the agrarian plantation Southern states, based upon Negro slavery. Despite constant conflict of interest and constant friction in government, this compromise was continued and extended from 1776 until the 1850's. In the middle of the nineteenth century, this system of compromise came to a crisis. It broke down under the blows of the rapid opening up of the tremendous territories of the West following the discovery of gold in California and other Western territories.

The famous "gold rush" to the West of 1848 changed the course of American history, and affected the whole world, as was testified most illuminatingly in the writings of Marx and Engels at the time. The rapid occupation of a new continent, and the erection of a whole series of new "sovereign states" to take their place within the existing union of states, immediately raised the slavery issue as one that could no longer be settled by compromise. If slavery was introduced into the new territories, that would mean that control went to the South and with it control of the federal union so long as slavery existed. If on the other hand, slavery was prohibited in the new territories, that would mean that control went to the Northeastern states, and with it hegemony over the federal union. For the slave-owning South the issue was further sharpened by the urgent need of ever new lands upon which to constantly extend the plantation system, if slavery was to continue at all, even in its old territories, because its backward agrarian system was rapidly exhausting the lands of the original slave states. The struggle for the West would necessarily decide the issue of the continuance of slavery or its abolition.

Into this struggle entered the Supreme Court, then as always the tried and trusted instrument of the most reactionary social and political forces in the land. In its famous decision in the case involving the runaway slave, Dred Scott, it revived the forgotten doctrine of John Marshall in the case of "Marbury versus Madison." It declared that the institution of slavery, antedating the Constitution and the union of states, could not under the Constitution be restricted by the government of the federal union, either in the established slave states or in the new states to be created. If this decision remained as the law of the land, then the victory of the South and of slavery over the whole country was assured.

Both the two major parties, Whig and Democratic, split on this issue in the 1860 election, and a new party, the Republican, formed in 1856, forged to the front on the issue of restraining slavery from extension into the new Western territories. The Republican Party, in a three-cornered contest, gained only a minority of the popular vote, but with a majority of the electoral vote of the states, elected Abraham Lincoln as President.

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II. The New Crisis and Its Possible O

Now once again a deep-going social and economic crisis has produced a crisis of the Constitution. This crisis today is more fundamental than that which produced the Civil War. Once again the electorate has rejected the party of extreme reaction; but this time the majority is more decisive, 27 millions as against 17 millions in the popular vote, and 46 states against 2 in the electoral vote. And once again the Supreme Court has come forward as the bulwark of defeated reaction, has set itself as a barrier to prohibit, as contrary to the Constitution, those policies adopted by the nation in the vast plebiscite of the election of 1936.

The Supreme Court, by nullifying almost all the legislation embodying Roosevelt's policies, and thus closing constitutional doors against any measures of a progressive, democratic, and nationally-unifying character, has brought the country to an impasse.

Roosevelt, and all the progressive and democratic forces which have gathered around him, must either surrender to the program of his defeated enemies of the Republican Party, the Liberty League, and the right-wing of his own Democratic Party—OR he must take up the battle to overrule the Supreme Court, to bring that institution in line with the policies which aroused the enthusiastic support of the vast majority of the people.

Roosevelt has chosen to take up the fight. In his choice of weapons he has taken that one which promises the least fundamental victory, but the quickest one—to change the composition of the Supreme Court.

The Democratic Party, which Roosevelt heads, has an overwhelming majority of the members of both Houses of Congress. With his program clearly and indisputably within the constitutional powers of Congress to enact and enforce, it would seem that Roosevelt's victory in this fight should be quick and overwhelming.

But this is not so clear in the actual relation of forces. Among the Democratic Congressmen, particularly in the Senate, there is a strong right-wing which on this issue is combining forces with the Republicans, probably as a prelude to a more permanent political re-grouping in the country at large.

In the Senate a little group whose votes will be decisive are carefully sitting on the exact middle of the fence, swaying with the political winds and trying to make up their minds as to which side of this issue will best advance their future political careers.

It is this relation of forces which has made it necessary for Roosevelt to go to the country with an appeal for the support of the masses. In this appeal the dominant note is, of necessity, a clear and unmistakable call to the workers and farmers, those whom Roosevelt speaks of as the "underprivileged," to rally against the forces of monopoly capital, of entrenched privilege and greed.

The battle over the Supreme Court has reached an intensity far beyond that of the presidential election last year, unprecedentedly bitter as that was. The Republican Party, the Liberty League forces, the Manufacturers Association, and the Chambers of Commerce, have been joined by those reactionaries who a year ago still remained for various reasons in the camp of Roosevelt. The Democratic Party is now in process of being split much more seriously and fundamentally than Al Smith and his "Jeffersonian Democrats" were able to split it in 1936.

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Incidents on the Circulation Front

A LETTER from "Somewhere in Spain" shows how valuable and valued the Western Worker is. If you lost the "Western," you can't possibly know now how much you'd miss it. But the California boys with the Lincoln Battalion fighting for Spanish Democracy know—just read this letter from E. J. to his union, Local 53 of the Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers, Oakland:

"Dear Brothers:

"We are gaining on all fronts, some small, some larger. Was in Madrid a few days ago, saw John.............. and Al.............. They were O. K. All the boys from California are O. K. except M...............; he is in the hospital. Met two boys from our local.

SPANISH MORALE HIGH

"The morale of the Spanish people is very high. I like it here so well I may stay here after the war is over.

"The climate where I am at now is like California. It is very peaceful here except for the bombing. We have very good equipment. Our air force is much better than the fascist. Also we have modern guns that the Loyalists did not have at the beginning of the war.

"We get very little American news here—a Daily Worker about two weeks old, now and then. I see you get about as much news of the war as I could write. The Spanish girls are beautiful. I haven't been in one place long enough to get acquainted much.

HE GOT HIS W. W. SUB

"My regards to all members of Local 63, the Federal Local 20218, United Auto Workers of America, and all the progressive union members in Oakland, and don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary.

"Write me all the news and send me some Western Workers. If the boys are working, ask them to send me a sub to the Western Worker."

A collection was made among members of E. J.'s union, and a sub to the Western Worker was sent to him.

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BUILD THE CIRCULATION!

JUST IMAGINE yourself cut off from the news you get through the "Western." Then just imagine the thousands of California workers and farmers who wantand need the "Western." Then get into the Circulation Drive with both feet, and determine to be an invited delegate to the Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles on July 17-18!

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MEET A CHAMP!

MEET a Champion Press Builder—Frank Kane. Frank is a reason why you must visit the Plaza in Los Angeles.

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Frank Kane says: "The Western Worker sells itself. I get rid of 50 before I even start to speak."

Yes, he sells 50 Western Workers before he even gets up on the box. But that isn't all. Kane has sold as many as 200 Western Workers in a single Sunday afternoon! How does he do it?

Kane has been speaking at the Plaza for years, just as regularly as Sunday follows Sunday. The workers know him well. He has built up a regular and faithful audience. These workers go to hear him give a Marxian interpretation of current events. It's a treat to watch the crowds melt away from the circus end of the Plaza and gather about Kane to listen silently and intently as he picks up a seemingly insignificant news item and builds it up.

THEY LISTEN TO FACTS

Even well-dressed passers-by stop and listen, five, 10 and 15 minutes. A professional-looking man, with glasses and goatee, stops. He is caught by a sentence. The speaker is talking in a low voice. Gradually, he raises his voice louder and louder, hammering out a point. A half hour passes. The professional-looking man is still there listening, deeply absorbed.

They're getting facts, facts they can't find in the capitalist newspapers. And they know they're facts that's why they listen. This faithful audience has become a collective news agency. The members bring down articles, news items, etc., and give them to Kane, who takes them home and, along with news from workers' periodicals and papers, sorts and summarizes them for the following Sunday.

Some of the listeners have a real workers' affection for their spokesman. You see an old worker suddenly leave the crowd, cross the street, buy a bottle of coca-cola, come back and hand it to Kane, and hold the bottle for him as he pounds out another point. Then comes the sale of the Western Worker.

"There are workers in this audience," says Kane, "who can't afford to buy the paper. I would like to get enough from this audience to pay for 40 papers, so I can give them out."

The workers start tossing nickels and dimes. "Fifty cents more. Fifty cents more. Here's a streetcar token. That's five cents. Forty-five cents more."

THE REAL EXCITEMENT

In four or five minutes, the necessary amount is collected. Then starts the real excitement—the giving out of the Western Worker. The workers crowd the speaker. They swamp him, and all but push him off the box. They know what they want.

And the same event goes on week after week. There is no laughing or jeering when Kane gets up to speak. There is only the joyful silence of the workers, broken only by applause when a good point is made, as they listen to the achievements and struggles of workers in field and factory, in the Soviet Union and in Spain. The only disturbance that occasionally comes up is that of a fascist Italian "preacher," who purposely parks himself close to Kane. But the workers push him and heckle him until he moves on.

"But I don't think it's my speaking alone," says Kane, "that sells the Western Worker. It sells itself. The workers know what they want."

So there's you chance. Try the Kane method and you'll find he is right. Go to the free-speech zone in your town, try news-commentating supplemented with selling the Western Worker.

Pushkin Exhibits At Stanford

PALO ALTO—The Pushkin exhibit has been transferred from the San Francisco Public Library to the Art Gallery at Stanford University, where it will remain on public view until Friday, June 11.

This celebrates the world-wide interest in the achievements of the father of the modern Russian language and literature, on the hundredth anniversary of his death. Pictures of Pushkin and his grandfather, who was of the Negro race, are included.

The exhibit, which is open from 1:30 to 5 p. m. daily and Sunday, is sponsored by the Hoover War Library.

Principal Features

The principal features of the displays are: wood cuts, lithographs, watercolors, crayons; original illustrations for Pushkin's works by the foremost contemporary Soviet artists, Kravchenko, Tyrsa, and Pawhomov; original children's drawings on Pushkin themes; early edition facsimiles, manuscript pages, with Pushkin's own illustrations; plays, operas, ballets by Pushkin, with photographs of scenes; editions of the Special Soviet Pushkin published in 1936.

The latter is in Russian and in many of the country's languages, the editions totaling 13,000,000 volumes. Among the languages are Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian, Turk, Tartar, Uzbek, Kirghiz, Karelian, Mari Tadjik, Jewish, Tungus, Finnish and others.

TEACHERS AND LEGISLATION

Fight Continues for Progressive Bills

By a Classroom Teacher

In reviewing the educational bills which were before the last legislature there were two sponsored by Assemblyman Patterson which deserve some comment. They were defeated by the conservative forces but will probably be heard of again.

In the first place Mr. Patterson worked out two identical bills which dealt with the placement of unemplyed teachers. One of these was sent to the Assembly Committee on Education where it was killed by the lobby of the California Teachers Assn. The other was sent to the Committee on Unemployment, and from thence it got into the Assembly where it was passed by a vote of 52 to 10.

Co. Union Fought Bill

This bill provided that local boards of education must report all vacancies to the State Employment Agency at Sacramento.

It was especially disliked by the California Teachers Assn. because that organization is similar to a company union and is dominated by the school administrators throughout the state. It maintains its own "hiring halls" at Berkeley and Sacramento.

Last fall it was found that the California Teachers Assn. could not support state-wide teachers' tenure because it is interested not so much in keeping teachers in their jobs as in keeping up a continual turnover in the "hiring halls."

Bill Spiked in Senate

After the bill got into the Senate committee, the lobby of the California Teachers Assn. pounced upon it. It got an amendment tacked on which would make the reporting of vacancies permissive instead of compulsory. Then the Senate did the rest. It merely looked at the bill and sent it back to committee, where it died.

Another bill which Mr. Patterson introduced had to do with teachers' conventions. The plan of conventions is one to abolish institutes. Under the present organization the teachers' institute is merely a device for loading teachers down with any sort of propaganda the administrators see fit.

Used for Fascist Propaganda

For instance, on March 19 the teachers of San Francisco were ordered to go to institute. The elementary teachers were herded into Mission High School Auditorium and forced to listen to an address by a woman on "Italian Home Life" under Mussolini's regime. It was a talk which might have been given by the Italian ambassador himself.

After she concluded with the elementary teachers, she went immediately to the secondary teachers and repeated the address to the high school instructors who were assembled in the auditorium of Everett Junior High School. At the close of the address, all teachers were implored by the superintendent to join the California Teachers Assn. It is difficult for a teacher to get a promotion unless she is a member of this company union.

Teachers Demand Own Leadership

Because of the institute, the teachers of California have no chance to develop their own leadership. They must continually submit to the educational politicians who have sneaked around to the back doors of the Board of Education and gotten themselves appointed to an administrative job. This is the polite manner of becoming a stool pigeon.

A convention would set a date for teachers to assemble in various parts of the state under their own elected leaders to lay plans for solving their own professional problems.

The convention bill passed the Assembly once, but Ray Williamson asked to have it reconsidered. Then he and Ken Dawson managed to exterminate it. The teachers of the state do not now look with kindly eyes on Williamson and Dawson.

Soviet Typography At Stanford U.

PALO ALTO—An exhibit of fine typography and illustrations from the Soviet Union is being held in the Library at Stanford University until Friday, June 11. There are interesting reproductions of old illuminated manuscripts, and numerous examples of modern Soviet typography.

Other material, all of which is supplied by the American-Russian Institute of San Francisco, includes books illustrated by contemporary Soviet artists, illustrated children's books, and volumes from the various national language presses.

The exhibit, which is sponsored by the Stanford University Library and the Slavic Department of the University, is open to the public daily from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., Saturday, to 5 p. m.; Sunday, 2 to 6 p. m.

Basque Children Saved From Fascists

RADIOPHOTO SHOWS the Habana on arrival in Southampton, England, carrying 3800 boys and girls, who were rescued from fascist bombings of Bilbao. These Basque children will be housed by English workers' families.

DEBS ON THE ANARCHISTS

More Reminiscences Of California

By J. E. SNYDER

Eugene Debs then took an almost about face in this period (1911-13), aiming his darts at Bill Haywood:

"If I regarded the class struggle as guerrilla warfare, I would join the anarchists and practice as well as preach such tactics. I am opposed to sabotage and to direct action. The very nature of these tactics adapts them to guerrilla warfare, to the bomb plotter, the midnight assassin. Such tactics cannot make for solidarity.

"The very teaching of sneaking and surreptitious practices has a demoralizing effect and a tendency to place those who engage in them in the category of blackhand agents, dynamiters, safeblowers, hold-up men, burglars, thieves and pickpockets.

"If sabotage and direct action, as I interpret them, were incorporated in the tactics of the Socialist Party, it would at once be the signal for all the agents, provocateurs and police spies in the country to join the party and get busy.

Warned Against Provocateurs

"Every solitary one of them would be rabid direct actionists, and every one would safely make his get-away and secure his reward, a là MacPartland, when anything was pulled off by their dupes, leaving them with their necks in the nooses.

"With the sanctioning of sabotage and similar practices, the Socialist Party would stand responsible for the deed of every spy or madman, the seeds of strife would subtly soar in the ranks, natural suspicion would be aroused, and the party would soon be torn into warring factions to the despair of the betrayed workers and the delight of their triumphant masters."

The party leaders were torn into factions and they taught much, by the heated discussion, that the members never knew before.

Robert Hunter used this statement by Debs with glee and so did all the others to blacken their opponents in the battle that took place at and after the convention of 1912.

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Foster's Book is Important Event

When the outstanding leader of the Communist Party, U. S. A., who has lived through four decades of intensive struggle on the labor and political front, writes his autobiography, this is an event of first importance for the Communist Party, and an event which also attracts notice from bourgeois reviewers.

On "From Bryan to Stalin," by William Z. Foster, the Sunday Herald-Sun of North Carolina states:

"Foster is a living symbol of the American labor movement and in this autobiography he has not only written the story of his life, but the history of the American labor movement during the 20th Century."

A Social History

Reviewer Gilbert Day has written: "In a book of less than 400 pages is set forth a social history of the common people in the last four decades."

The Literature Department states that, despite the excellence and invaluable material with which this book teems, not nearly enough emphasis has been placed on its popularization and sale, not enough units and branches have this book in stock for sale and as a part of their unit libraries.

(This historic volume, "From Bryan to Stalin," is being offered absolutely FREE up until the Fourth of July, with a year's subscription to the Western Worker.)

Constitutional Crisis and the Supreme Court

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hated Reds. It is no accident that from such a meeting recently, on April 13, we have reports in the New York Times from which such quotations as the following can be cited which sound like they came from Hitler Germany:

"George U. Harvey, an aspirant for the Republican mayoralty nomination, who spoke before Mr. Al Smith (Democrat), told the wildly cheering audience that if he controlled the New York police department he would rid the city of Communists in two weeks with the aid of a liberal supply of rubber hose"

. . . "Seated with Mr. and Mrs. Smith on the platform was Raoul Desvernines of the American Liberty League who accompanied the former governor on his speaking tour in behalf of Alf M. Landon in the last campaign."

. . . "Father Curran said he hoped to defeat the Reds by peaceful means, but he warned that 'if they want it the way it was in Spain, we'll let them have it.'"

The reactionaries are also digging into past history to find documents with which to strengthen their arguments. One of the most popular in reactionary circles, copies of which have reached the desk of almost every businessman and employer in America during the past year, is the famous letter of Lord Macauley, written to H. E. Randall of New York on May 25th, 1857. The following quotations from that letter show the true anti-democratic face of the American bourgeoisie as it moves toward fascism:

"I have long been convinced," wrote Macauley, "that institutions purely democratic must, sooner or later, destroy liberty and civilization, or both. If we had a purely democratic government here (England), . . either the poor would plunder the rich and civilization would perish, or order and property would be saved by a strong military government, and liberty would perish. It is quite plain that your government will never be able to restrain a distressed and discontented majority. For with you the majority is the government and has the rich, who are always a minority, absolutely at its mercy. The day will come when, in the State of New York, a multitude of people, none of whom has had more than half a breakfast, or expects to have more than half a dinner, will choose a legislature. Is it possible to doubt what sort of legislature will be chosen? . . . Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reigns of government with a strong hand, or your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth. . . Thinking this, of course, I cannot reckon Jefferson among the benefactors of mankind."

This bold and unequivocal repudiation of Jefferson, the founder of democracy in America, this appeal for the rule of the "rich who are always a minority," over the toiling masses of the people, this open appeal for "some Caesar or Napoleon" who is to "seize the reins of government with a strong hand" against the majority of the people if that majority attempts to exercise its democratic rights—here is the program of the reactionary bourgeoisie of the U.S.A., here is the true political countenance of the Supreme Court, that stronghold of reactionary autocracy in the heart of the American government, which defeats the democratic strivings of the American people, and will continue to do so until its power is broken.

The Roosevelt plan for reform of the judiciary is a first blow against the stronghold of reaction. Its success is, therefore, of vital interest to the working class, the farmers, and the toiling middle classes of America and peace-loving masses of all the world.

'JACK LONDON OF SWEDEN' INTERVIEWED BY 'WESTERN'

Noted Novelist Declares Vast Majority of Swedish People Anti-Fascist

By CLINT DUFF

"The vast majority of Swedish people are anti-fascist," declared Albert Kiksten, broad-shouldered Swedish novelist when interviewed in the Western Worker office last week.

Known in his land as "the Jack London of Sweden," Kiksten lives up to the traditions of London by being not only a portrayer of the great outdoors, but a sincere anti-fascist as well. His latest book, "Storm Over the Land," is a thrilling tale of workers' struggles against the lumber barons of Sweden.

Nazis Whipped in Sweden

According to the author, Nazi influence in Sweden is "insugnificant and becoming less." At the last elections, the Swedish Nazi party lost all its seats in parliament (while the Communist Party won 3 seats).

The Swedish medical work in Spain was cited by the novelist with justifiable pride: 1100 hospital beds established and 1,000,000 kronen ($250,000) donated to the heroic Loyalist forces by the official Swedish Trade Union League.

Author of 20 Novels

Albert Viksten has written 20 novels, all set in the rugged beauty of his native land. When asked how he attained his tremendous wealth of nature lore, the novelist's explanation was brief: "It is common for Swedish authors to spend most of their lives in the country; it is too easy to starve in the cities."

Mr. Viksten explained in this connection that book sales in his country were very small because of the wide-spread government libraries and the 20-year-old Swedish Workers' Educational League, which maintains extensive libraries for 900,000 trade unionists.

Fight for Aid to Authors

The Swedish Society of Authors, of which Viksten is a prominent member, is now engaged in fighting for direct government subsidies for impoverished authors.

Before returning to Sweden Mr. Viksten intends to spend the remaining two months of his short summer trip in northern Canada. There he will study local natural settings and labor conditions to afford material for future novels.

USEFUL IDEAS FOR THE HOME

A man writes in the following useful idea for the kitchen:

"Don't throw away the outer leaves of your lettuce because they are wilted and untractive. Chop them up and put them in vegetable soup. These outer leaves that have been in the sun contain more vitamins than the inner leaves."

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MEAT AND VEGETABLE PIE

And here are some recipes:

2 cups cold roast pork or ham.
2 turnips.
3 potatoes.
2 onions.
Salt and pepper.
1 cup milk.
1 carrot.
Strained tomato.

Cut meat into small pieces, slice vegetables very thin, mix and season, pour milk, more if needed, over the mixture. The carrot and strained tomato may be added if desired. Put into baking dish and cover with biscuit dough; bake in moderate oven.

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SPANISH RICE

1 pound hamburger.
2 cups tomatoes.
2 cups cooked rice.
2 small onions, chopped.
1 teaspoon salt.

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and bake in hot oven for 1 hour. Unless tomatoes are quite juicy, more liquid should be added.

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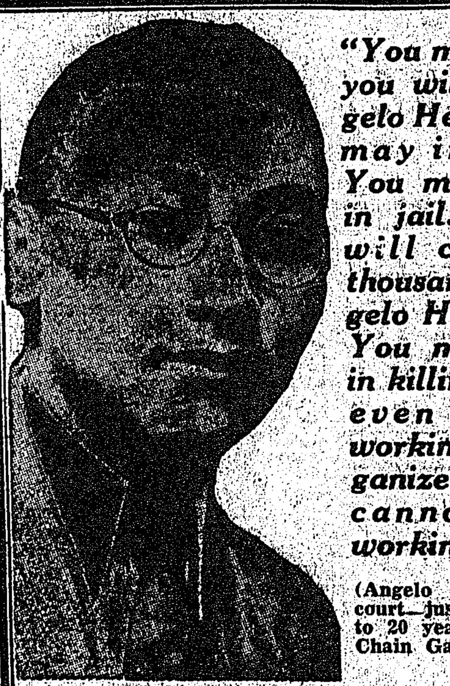
RIB ROAST WITH POTATOES AND APPLES

Sprinkle ribs with salt and pepper, dredge with flour, place in roasting pan; cover with potatoes and apples cut crosswise and sprinkle a little sugar in center of apple. Bake.



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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Feat[ures]

San Pedro Labor Demands End to Murderous Police Attacks—Story of Hawaiian Labor, Second Installment—S.F. Scalers Union Seeks New Agreements—S... County Needs Field Unions—CIO International Charter for Retail Clerks—ADDITIONAL LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

LABOR FORCED COP'S ARREST AS MURDERER

Police Try to Shield Slayer of Pedro ILA Member

SAN PEDRO—Only because of the pressure of organized labor here, was a complaint issued by the District Attorney's office charging policeman W. H. Redding with the murder of Norman Gregg, longshoreman.

The police department, however, was "satisfied" the killing was "justified." Assistant Police Chief George Allen said he believed Redding was justified in killing Gregg and said Redding would stay on duty, in another police district.

It's Different for Workers

A Deputy District Attorney ordered Police Inspector Francis Hautrey to arrest Redding. Hautrey refused, saying he would wait until after the inquest. Even the capitalist press admits that ordinary police procedure when a "private citizen" (read workingman) is suspected of murder, is to arrest the suspect and hold him pending outcome of the inquest.

Six witnesses, including two women, in sworn affidavits in the D. A.'s office, were unanimous that Gregg was merely walking toward the cop when the latter fired three shots into the longshoreman's abdomen, and that the cop was in no danger of his life.

Nevertheless, the police are laying the basis for a "self-defense" plea for the killer.

Capitalist Press Lies

Hearst and Chandler's "Times" and the local sheet are carrying carefully written "color" stories describing the murdered longshoreman as the "terror of San Pedro," "a one-man gang," "feared by all the police," etc., ad nauseam.

A gun was "found" in the door pocket of Gregg's car. It is admitted, however, that Gregg was walking away from the car and "gun" when Redding killed him. Another story has him with his hand inside his coat pocket and in the hand a large cargo hook!

Who'll Protect Them FROM Cops

Coroner Nance is doing his bit in creating the proper "atmosphere" by holding the inquest 20 miles away in Los Angeles "because of the intense bitterness between longshoremen and police."

He promises police "protection" for witnesses but neglects to say who will protect them FROM the police.

Capt. of Detectives Bert Wallis, Central Homicide Squad, informs the capitalist papers he has some unnamed "witnesses" who he is keeping under cover because he alleges they may be "subjected to threats or violence."

Long Beach cops are also "cooperating" and produced two unnamed "business men" who have come forward "voluntarily" and are ready to "testify" the cop killed in "self-defense."

Sta. Clara Union Signs Growers

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Santa Clara County—Just chartered by the AFL, Field Workers Union Local 20,686 is marching forward signing up growers for the new agreement drawn up by the executive committee and approved by the membership.

The agreement provides a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour for an 8 hour day. Work after 8 hours is to be paid for at 60 cents an hour.

Tractor drivers get 60 cents regular pay, 75 cents for overtime. Irrigation work is set at 60 cents, with 70 cents for overtime. Spraying is to be paid 75 cents an hour, $1 for overtime.

Union representatives will have the right to go onto the job and inspect the books of the grower, under the agreement, to see that all men employed are union, as the closed shop is one of the most important sections of the contract.

The members elected permanent officers as follows: George Druzanich, president and business agent; Frank Unquera, vice-president; James Morales, secretary-treasurer; John Artias, sergeant at arms; Emile Ninkovich and C. K. Dodig, executive committee; Walter Pruvich, Frank Cruz and Jack Evanoff, trustees.

New RR Retirement Bill Introduced by Wagner and Crosser

WASHINGTON — Intended to take the place of an act declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court's "nine old men" in 1935, a new railroad retirement bill has been introduced by Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York and Rep. Robert Crosser of Ohio.

Where Police Murdered Again

"CRUSH POLICE TERRORISM!" declare San Pedro Unions. "Let there be no more murders of workers by police!" This photo shows the spot where a Los Angeles police officer coldly and deliberately fired three fatal bullets into the body of Bill Gregg, member of International Longshoremen's Assn. Local 38-82. The workers marked off this spot as a memorial to their brother worker, and decorated it with flowers sent by more than a score of unions and central labor bodies.

SMASH POLICE TERROR, CALL PEDRO UNIONS

Resolution Demands Gregg's Murder Be Tried

SAN PEDRO — Driving forward to smash police terrorism against workers, over 4000 trade unionists assembled in Wilmington Bowl, passed the following resolution:

Whereas, On the afternoon of Thursday, May 27, Norman Gregg, a militant member of the ILA Local 38-82, was murdered while unarmed and in a defenseless condition after having been beaten with a sap by Patrolman W. H. Redding, and

Whereas, It is stated by reputable witnesses that this officer came into the Log Cabin Cafe without being called and insisted upon manhandling Gregg after having been asked to leave by the management, and

Whereas, This is in accordance with the method of violent handling of men, especially union men, when being arrested in Los Angeles and California as a whole, for which it has earned a world-wide reputation, and

WHEREAS, This officer is notorious for the manhandling of men whom he arrests, having recently resorted to this method in other cases, especially on union men, therefore be it

Resolved, That this meeting representing unions of maritime and other workers go on record demanding a thorough investigation of police brutality and terrorism, protesting vigorously the disregard of legal and human rights by the Los Angeles police and the law enforcement officials in the State of California, especially where labor is involved, and be it further

Resolved, That no stone be left unturned to bring to justice the man who, without jurisdiction, killed one of our brothers, and that we pledge ourselves to use every means to secure his conviction, and be it finally

Resolved, That on the morning or afternoon of the funeral, all work shall cease and all maritime workers pay their last respects and homage to a brother who was always ready to fight for the unionization and the betterment of his, the working class.

The San Pedro Labor Council unanimously passed a resolution protesting the shooting and calling for a thorough investigation.

Tintypes

Henry Seidleberg hasn't worked in 20 years; he "toils not, neither does he spin." But he's no "lily of the field," for he's far from ornamental. He's a great actor; he "represents labor."

Twenty years ago Henry Seidelberg worker as a printer, but he decided it was much easier to become a deputy city attorney, but still remained a delegate in the Central Labor Council in our town. And after all, $800 a month salary is a big improvement over the Typo wage scale of $52 a week.

Henry's life is a real "success story," so you'll be interested to know how he rose in life. It's all very simple. Just have a sweet, winning personality and you'll attract such friends of repute as the late "Sunny Jim," Angelo, Tom Finn and Bailbond Pete. These gentlemen like to have a friend of dignity in the ranks of labor; it helps in election campaigns, and also between times when labor really doesn't know what's good for itself.

For example, remember when the Street Carmen were fighting against an initiative proposition to sneak over the one-man car on the municipal railways? Henry sure told those boys where they were wrong. It was too bad the carmen and the Labor Council delegates were so stupid they didn't appreciate the one-man cars.

Henry hasn't worked in 20 years, but you'd never believe it to hear him tell it. Doesn't he work hard every two years as a lobbyist for the Typos up in Sacramento? Of course, he has to fight solely for bills which help the printing bosses, but that makes sure that the bosses won't go broke and have to fire the printers.

Santa Rosa Guild Negotiates Soon For Agreements

SANTA ROSA, Sonoma County—Determined to set a high precedent for small cities, the newly organized Newspaper Guild here will soon open negotiations for what it expects to be a "model contract" on working conditions and wages.

The Santa Rosa Guild meets its first national assessment 100 per cent without delay, despite its small treasury.

S. F. SCALERS SEEKING NEW AGREEMENTS

Ask Maritime Fed's OK on Their Work Jurisdiction

SAN FRANCISCO—New agreements between the Ship Scalers and Painters Union, ILA 38-100 of San Francisco, and operators of fish reduction ships are under discussion and it is expected they will be concluded very soon.

In line with the recent ILA District Convention at Seattle, the Ship Scalers, with locals in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and San Pedro, are now organizing on a district scale and will be entitled to two representatives on the ILA district executive board. These two representatives are to be elected in a coast-wise referendum.

Scalers' Jurisdiction

Considerable confusion has arisen lately in regard to jurisdiction of the Scalers Union over certain classes of work. Because of this the ILA convention passed a resolution confirming jurisdiction of scalers over all such work as cleaning and painting, either by hand or spray in cargo holds, over the side, in chain lockers, deep tanks, double bottoms, bilges, shaft alleys, tank tops, coffer dams, fuel tanks, domestic and boiler tanks, turbining and cleaning of boiler tubes, cleaning of smoke boxes and boiler flues, scraping and brushing condenser tubes and heads, cargo hold cleaning and scaling.

Resolution to Maritime Fed. Convention

Resolutions to this effect will be presented to the Maritime Federation Convention in Portland. In Seattle and San Francisco particularly and in other ports to a lesser extent, the Sailors Union has been encroaching on this work to an increasing extent.

This means that the Scalers, who have been organized since 1934 and did much of this work prior to 1934 and have consistently fought for the Maritime Federation, face lass of livelihood.

The District ILA is on record to back the Ship Scalers 100 per cent in this matter. In 1935, the SUP entered into agreements with the Scalers Union granting the latter jurisdiction over the work in question.

Over 1000 in Scalers

Coastwise membership of the Scalers now exceeds 1000 men. Representation upon the District ILA executive board will give the scalers a great deal of additional strength, both locally and on a coast-wise basis.

BUTTE COUNTY TEAMSTERS IN A. F. L. LOCAL

OROVILLE, Butte County—At a charter meeting in Odd Fellows Hall, 39 teamsters were initiated into Teamsters Local 137, and Robert Strang was elected president. Bert Sousa was elected vice-president; Joe La Voy, recording treasurer; Leonard Damon, secretary-treasurer; and Earl Grant, D. N. Gross and H. C. Brown, trustees. The charter was installed by the AFL, with Will Mack of Marysville the official organizer.

"That's the Style I Want!"—By Gropper

THE FIGHT FOR THE 30-HOUR WEEK was launched by the recent national convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union at Atlantic City, N. J.

JIM COULTER WORRIES OVER POOL OIL CO.

Wants Sick Leave Cut for Wilshire Co. Workers

By An Oil Worker

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Los Angeles County—At a special meeting for the Wilshire Oil Workers here on Friday, May 28, Jim Coulter, secretary of the Long Beach Oil Workers Union, showed his concern for the company.

It seems that the wonderful agreement concluded with the Wilshire Oil Company by him and Special Organizer Calloway contained a clause: "Seven days sick leave with pay."

Now it seems that when they wrote this in, they forgot that the 40-hour week means five days.

So now Coulter wants the Wilshire boys to O. K. this change to "five days sick leave with pay."

The workers are thinking it over.

EX-CONVICT IS FORD LIEUTENANT

DEARBORN—One of the officials of the "Ford Service Department," the company's police department, is none other than Norman Selby, formerly of San Quentin.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

"I see by the papers that the San Francisco Butchers' Union officials are claiming jurisdiction over woolen mills, apparently on the basis that wool comes off of sheep, and sheep eventually get slaughtered for meat. I guess, if the Age of the Horse were still here, they'd be claiming street sweepers on the same basis."

Idaho Miners Still Out on 'Holiday'

KELLOGG, Idaho — Fighting for safety conditions in the mines and for an 8-hour day, portal-to-portal, Mullan Local 9 and Kellogg Local 18 of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers are still carrying on their "Labor Holiday" at the Page mine near here and at the Morning mine near Mullan.

The membership of the locals totals 775.

The unions cite, as showing the vital necessity for improvement in safety conditions in the mines, the killing of 10 men at the Morning mine in October, 1936, when a cage fell to the bottom of the shaft.

Thomas F. McGuire of Anaconda, Montana, district director for the CIO, stated Gov. Clark of Idaho had promised to reopen the case of the 10 deaths, which, said a coroner's jury at the time, was by an "unavoidable accident."

15,000 RETAIL CLERKS ENTER RANKS OF C.I.O.

Union Seceded From AFL Due to Bureaucracy

WASHINGTON—Retail clerks, one of the largest groups of workers to be taken into the Committee for Industrial Organization, were granted an international charter here last month.

The New Era Retail Sales Clerks Union, with a membership of almost 15,000 in 14 locals in New York City, Brooklyn, Newark, Philadelphia, Wilmington, New Haven and Hartford, will be known as the United Retail Employees of America.

CIO Chairman John L. Lewis has announced they will be given jurisdiction over all employees engaged in or about retail establishments.

"I am certain that under the inspiration of your affiliation with the CIO, your efforts will ultimately result in the complete unionization of the industry," Lewis wrote the new organization.

Until recently the clerks' union was affiliated with the Retail Clerks International Protective Assn., of the AFL, but seceded from the international and banded together in the new national organizatoin because of "disgust with the bureaucratic dictatorship and corruption of the AFL leadership."

NEED U[NIONS] IN NE[W] COTT[ON]

Fear Com[pany] Pay, Ch[...] To H[...]

HOLLISTER, [...] County—Immi[...] of agricultural [...] here as an imm[...] ing necessity, a[...] is coming in to [...] tion south of [...] perimental crop[...]

In the past [...] been used pri[...] ing, but now a[...] been planted [...] expected to be [...] larger planting[...]

Cotton in [...] meant low wa[ges] and miserable [...] tions.

The bags [...] waists of pick[ers] around the neck[...] young as seven [...] bags fill, the c[...] pelled to crawl [...] knees to drag [...] from row to row[...]

Vicious Expl[oitation]

Children in th[...] no, Madera, Mer[ced] by the State [...] Welfare to be p[...] of cotton a day[...]

Growers offe[...] hour to cotton [...] Fresno area for [...] Earnings of ent[...] work starting [...] ending the first [...] total no more th[...]

Their Fut[ure]

Schools for co[...] dren are run [...] to spend all [...] field working [...] are too tired to [...] back in school [...] ture broken in [...] ed of the educ[...] state is suppose[d] alike.

If cotton pic[king is organ]ized, they could [...] houses and se[...] to school inst[ead of the] fields.

Unions in [...] Stockton are re[...] in organizing c[...] Cotton acrea[ge] increased from [...] 364,000 in 1936 [...] increased 40 p[...] did not!

"Labor fo[r] Reform"—[...]

WASHINGTON—[...] nation-wide radi[o...] L. Lewis, chairm[an...] mittee for Indus[trial...] tion, called for [...] fight by labor [...] in support of th[e...] reform legislatio[n...]

"Since I last [...] labor has won [...] and wholly ast[...] sion," declared [...] Supreme Court [...] Wagner Labor [...] valid.

"All this has [...] main because [...] changed his mind [...] his motives? W[...] constancy? How [...] ericans defer to [...] price? There ca[...] example of the [...] the Supreme Cou[rt ...] stituted. . .

"The gauntlet [...] and the gauntlet [...] ed. The time fo[r ...] at hand. I bel[ieve ...] overwhelming ma[jority ...] ericans are in [...] President's court [...] labor is strongly [...] and in this I spe[ak ...] of the inarticula[te ...] the United States [...]

"We desire that [...] of the Supreme [...] newed and refresh[ed ...]"

L. A. GUIL[D] ORGAN[IZES] 'EX[...]

LOS ANGELES—[...] aminer' is almost [...] ganized as to edi[torial ...] it was announ[ced ...] Johnson, presiden[t ...] Angeles Newspape[r Guild ...] one other local [...] to be organized [...] Harry Chandler's [...]

At a recent mee[ting ...] elected Ross M[...] Evening Herald & [Express ...] Milton Phinney, [...] ing News, as de[legate to the] national Guild co[nvention ...] Louis.

It was announ[ced ...] of students in So[uthern Califor]nia colleges and [...] are interested [...] sociate members of [...]

ACKNOWLE[DGMENT]

Alameda Coun[ty] Communist Party [...] receipt of $10 fro[m ...] 4-M.

"Slums of the Paradise" --- By William Bailey

(Second Installment)

In the island of Maui, where the Baldwins and American factors have complete control of things, a small Filipino patriotic organization was formed among the workers called the "Vibora Luviminda."

Vibora Luviminda was the name of a Filipino general in the Philippines who led the revolt against Americans taking control of the Philippines; he was later captured, and deported to China where he is in exile today.

This organization, which is about six months old, is striving to recruit every plantation worker into its ranks. After it reached a membership of 200, workers in Puunene Plantation were told by their manager, when they asked for a small increase in wages, to go to hell.

However, this led the workers to walk off the plantation, numbering about 500 of them, including cane cutters, cane loaders, irrigation men, and a few mill hands. After being on strike a day, their brothers in the other camps of Puunene heard of the strike and they too walked out in sympathy with them.

Now the number of men on strike in Maui has reached close to 1500 Filipino workers. Their main demands are an increase in wages of three to five cents, the discharge of a number of "Lunas" who were treating the workers like dogs, and the right to free transportation in the event the bosses refused the demands of the workers.

Because of weak and inexperienced leadership, the strike was prolonged, and while this is being written there is little possibility of a settlement in the near future. As soon as the strike developed, more than 150 armed guards were ordered to patrol the plantation grounds. A big machine gun was rigged on top of the plantation mill overlooking the road where the workers congregated.

Sugar Barons Control WPA

The local WPA which the head of it takes his orders from the plantation bosses was used as a strike breaking agency—200 men were sent from the WPA rolls into the plantations to cut the cane which was about ready to rot. Men were paid $4 per day to keep guard over the scabs, while the scabs were paid $3 per day.

Distorted Facts

All the island newspapers, controlled by the Baldwins, were turned loose upon the strikers to break the strike. In one of the papers, they made it appear that the strike was not for higher wages, but a strike against the Japanese lunas on the plantations, therefore helping to create a feeling where the Japanese storekeepers would withdraw their support from the strikers. This method failed.

All the methods of the bosses to break the strike of the Puunene plantation workers on the Island of Maui, failed when on May Day the islands' leading newspapers appeared on the streets with the headline that the strike was over, that the workers' unity was broken, and that all men men returned to the plantations without winning anything.

Workers Answered on May Day

That day, May First, more than 3500 workers paraded down the main street with their flags, banners, placards, etc., celebrating for the first time in the history of the Hawaiian Islands May First, International Workers Day. The parade was the greatest mobilization of workers' strength that the people of Maui ever saw. Their placards told the sad story of the miserable conditions on the plantations:

"Dinner and Rest for the Donkeys, One Hour — For us, One-half Hour." "$2,000,000 in Profit in One Year for Emperor Baldwin, Nothing for Us." "Make This Paradise a Workers' Paradise." "Either Give Us What We Want or Send Us Back to the Philippines."

These and many others were the slogans that the workers raised during the parade.

Next day the bosses were frantic, and told the sheriff to prohibit any future parades of the workers.

Weak Strike Leadership

As said before, the strike leadership was weak. It rested in the hands of a person who was egotistical and knew nothing of organizational methods, etc. It was a question with him of either winning every point that they demanded or going somewhere else to work, it did not matter how many camp leaders were fired from the plantations, or how they were going to eat.

After about two weeks of the strike, the bosses offered a compromise. This was flatly turned down by the workers after much procrastination by the leader. This small compromise would have meant that the camp leaders would have been recognized as the official bargaining agent of the workers on the plantations. The compromise meant all camp leaders who were chased off the plantation, would be given their jobs back. It meant a breathing spell for the organization to strengthen itself and prepare for future struggles. Yet he failed to see this, therefore keeping the men out on strike.

Governor Refused Aid

The strikers appealed to the Governor to intervene in the strike and bring both sides together. However, the Governor refused to do anything. The strikers then appealed to the Labor Commissioner in the Philippines. Later the reply received was that "they would be dealt with in a fair manner by the American government."

Pablo Manlapit, a man who led the last general strike of Filipino workers in 1924, did very little to help the strikers when they appealed to him for assistance.

Now the strikers have filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board, charging the Hawaiian Sugar Plantation Assn. with unfair labor practices. Hearings on these charges are expected to start soon.

Seamen, coming in on the ships to Maui, have taken up collections and forwarded them to the strikers.

Boss "Promises"

The strikers' demand of free transportation back to their native land, has been met with closed ears by the bosses, who know that once they go back, it will be a hard job getting others to replace them. When the workers sign an agreement with the H.S.P.A., they are provided with free transportation from the Philippines to the Hawaiian Islands, and after they have worked "faithfully" for three years, they are entitled to free transportation back. Most of the strikers have had 10 to 15 years of work on the plantations, yet they have so far been denied their free transportation back.

Strikers Consolidating Ranks

Today, there are possibilities that the men now on strike will appeal in an act of desperation to the workers on all plantations to join them in a general strike to achieve their demands. If this method is used, then there can be only one possible outcome, judging from the picture of the situation at present, and that will be witnessing hundreds of men joining the strike, and in a period of two or three days, these same thousands of unorganized, poorly educated workers will go back to the plantations. Thus, instead of strengthening the strike, it will only defeat the main purpose and weaken the strikers' position at this time.

Regardless of what the outcome of the strike may lead to, the strikers are now recognizing their weakness insofar as their leadership is concerned, and are working on plans to make that leadership more democratic and more powerful.

The strikers have pledged themselves many times that, regardless if the strike is won or lost, they shall continue to organize, regardless of what the wishes of the ruling powers may be.

Determined to Build Union

No longer will they continue to keep their mouths shut about the miserable conditions of the plantations, the low wages, or the abuse that they have been forced to take from the many Lunas (strawbosses) and managers of the plantations.

They are determined to build one powerful union for all plantation workers that will eventually lead them into a happier life on the plantations, in this "Paradise of the Pacific."

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[Sp]ecial Issue on Struggle in Spain and on Spanish Aid Week

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"Neutrality"—Nazi Style—In Spain

LINCOLN'S DOUBLE on the picket line at the Los Angeles Italian Consulate May 29. In protesting the savagery of Italian fascists in Spain, the picketers were carrying on the traditions of Abraham Lincoln. Pickting of Nazi consuls will take place in San Francisco June 12, Los Angeles, June 19.

[FI]REMEN, LUMBERMEN TO BALLOT ON C. I. O.

[...]Ore. — Despite [...] the Maritime [con]vention on the [af]filiation to the [...]ates met in caucus [tod]ay and, acting as [a b]oard, decided to [...]te referendum on [...]

[...]ard said it expec[ts the resul]ts of the referendum [within] three weeks. It [is] sure than 20,000 [lo]ngshoremen will [vote on] affiliation.

Also Vote

[...]ight, the Marine [...] decided to take [...]mmediate referendum [on] affiliation, and a [...] elected to establish [...] The Firemen [...] resolution for an [...]tional unity convention [...] of all coasts. [...] further instructions [...]ates at Portland [...] ILA resolution [...]um of all Maritime [...] affiliates on CIO.

[H]arold Pritchett of [the Timbe]rs Federation said [the] first ballots in [...] on affiliation of [W]oodworkers membership [...] CIO had gone to [...]ip in the North[west ...].

[...]workers executive [...] voted earlier this [...] a referendum, [...] The Woodworkers [...] still continuing [...] obstruction of the [...] a referendum on [...] was Harry Lundeberg, [...] Sailors, who did [...] the fact that the [...] on CIO affiliation [...] results reported as [...] in favor of such [...]

[...] Deadline

[SAN FRA]NCISCO — Postal [...] recognized the [R]adio Telegraphists [...] affiliate, as collective [ag]ency for 350 San [...] employees.

[...] Strike Battle

[...] Mich.—Three hun[dred] policemen and hun[dreds ...] attacked the CIO [...] picket line in an [...] Monday to reopen the [...] plant here. Tear [...] were used, and a [ba]ttle ensued.

[...] Pickets Attacked

[...]ELES — Police at[tacked ...] [IL]GWU picket line of [...] at the struck dress [...] and Los Angeles [...]day, injuring two. [...] president Feinberg [...] complaint of police [...] with Deputy Chief [...]

[Bes]t Offer Yet

[SAN FRA]NCISCO—The "best [...] San Francisco's 16 [...] A hotels was [...] Thursday to outlaw [...]ree years and preferring to all crafts ex[...] workers.

Defend Spain!

(AN EDITORIAL)

The people of Spain have called upon us for help. Their call must be answered in California during Spanish Aid Week.

Their call was issued to anti-fascists throughout the world as the dead and injured still lay amid the ruins of Almeria after the Nazi bombardment. Through the Socialist and Communist Parties and the General Confederation of Labor they ask us to "resist the fascist governments which, with unprecedented brutality, attack our civil population, menacing the lives of the aged, of women and children."

For nearly eleven months they have been sacrificing their lives in the face of the savage fascist air raids which have spared neither homes, churches, historic buildings nor the lives of women, children and aged.

Together with them are volunteers from all over the world, including several hundred from California.

All of them realize that they are fighting not only for their homes and security, but for the peace and security of the world against the forces of fascism, of suppression, of brutality, of war.

This is our fight. The most that we can do is but a small measure of our obligation.

Our immediate answer to the appeal of Spain must be the complete fulfillment of the objectives of Spanish Aid Week: Organize overflowing mass meetings to raise funds for Spain and send their denunciations of the fascist invasion to the German and Italian embassies in Washington and to the state department. Raise $10,000 during the week! Send help so that the children of Spain may live. Form mass picket lines around the Nazi and Italian consulates! Demand that our government place an embargo against Italian and German fascism!

This is our immediate task in defending the peace of America and of the world.

To Publicize Rich Taxation Evaders

WASHINGTON—Publicizing of names of wealthy tax evaders was expected to be the first move of the proposed congressional investigating committee on tax evasion.

Names were not mentioned in a list of evasions sent Congress by President Roosevelt last week.

Trial of 8 Anti-Soviet Plotters

Associated Press dispatches from Moscow report that eight former high officers of the Red Army were to go on trial for treason, before a secret military tribunal.

The AP dispatch quoted an official communique as stating that those to be tried are:

Marshall Tukhachefsky, General K. M. Putna, Gen. A. I. Kork, Gen. I. E. Yakir, Gen. I. P. Uborevich, Gen. E. P. Eideman, Gen. B. M. Feldman, Gen. V. M. Primakoff.

Acting as part of a Trotzkyite traitorous ring, they are reported to have conspired with "leading military circles of one of the foreign countries carrying on an unfriendly policy toward the Soviet Union."

New Step to East Marine Federation

NEW YORK—The long cherished hope of East Coast seamen—an Atlantic Coast Maritime Federation—is a step closer with the formation of a CIO joint maritime council for the port of New York, and immediate plans for similar councils along the East and Gulf Coasts.

Represented at the formation of the council here were delegates of the National Maritime Union, the Radio Operators, the Marine Engineers, the Masters, Mates and Pilots, the Harbor Boatmen, and the Shipbuilding Workers.

The move was a sharp answer to the splitting actions of Joe Ryan, ILA Int. president, whose fake American Marine Labor Council has practically no seamen's representatives.

Kern Farmers Act On Water Rights

BUTTONWILLOW, Kern County—Denied water for their crops, irate Kern County farmers on Wednesday tore out weir boards and sent the Kern River flowing down its natural channel, into Buena Vista Lake. The water had been diverted.

The farmers, armed with hooks, were all small holders.

C. S. VICTIMS SHOW FRAMEUP

Over 80 Delegates at Court Hearing

SACRAMENTO—"In the interests of justice, an immediate reversal of the decision of the trial court is required," declared representations from five trade unions and four liberal organizations in a signed statement issued in Sacramento last Wednesday after the District Court hearing of the appeals from the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Trial of 1935.

Argue Own Cases

Before a packed court of one hundred people, with many others waiting outside the portals, four Communist Party members presented their own cases—an unprecedented event in the history of the District Court.

Caroline Decker, Martin Wilson, Pat Chambers, and Nora Conklin showed that their conviction was a frameup resulting from a Fresno conspiracy of a coalition of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. Standard Oil, and the Bank of America under the guise of the now notorious "Associated Farmers."

Together with veteran labor attorney Leo Gallagher, who spoke for Albert Hougardy, Jack Crane and Lorene Norman, the appellees cited examples of the more than one hundred erroneous rulings of the lower court.

They related how the jury was adversely influenced and intimidated by the court and the police. Finally, they cited the un-

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Over 150,000 Out In Strike Wave

More than 150,000 workers were on strike in 18 states as the Western Worker went to press Friday.

Close to 60,000 were out in Ohio, 50,000 of them steel workers in independent mills, for CIO recognition. Power workers in the Flint, Mich. area, led by the United Auto Workers, ended their 15-hour strike only when an agreement had been granted. Plants employing 100,000 were closed for lack of power.

AFL building trades workers joined the "holiday" of Lansing, Mich. workers, which tied up all industry a second day, in protest against the arrest of 18 wrecking company pickets.

Scabs remained beseiged in Youngstown, Ohio independent steel mills. Railroad workers refused to deliver food to the strikebreakers.

Reactionary senators Copeland (D. N.Y.) and Bridges (R. N.H.) were demanding investigations of "labor disturbances."

Oil Workers in Many Progressive Acts at Parley

(Special to the Western Worker)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Approximately 200 delegates are at the eighth annual convention of the Oil Workers International Union; 25 women auxiliary guests.

A two-hour review of the labor movement by Adolph Germer, CIO representative to Petroleum Workers Organizing Committee met with a standing ovation.

A definite step forward in the PWOC organization drive was taken with unanimous adoption of a resolution setting forth national demands as the basis for a drive, as follows: Seniority rights for all company employees; for refinery employees seniority rights for all workers based on total length of service with refinery unit and irrespective of age; for production employees seniority rights based on total length of service with company irrespective of age; the 36-hour week with time and a half for overtime; $30 minimum weekly earnings and proportionately higher earnings for semi-skilled and skilled; exclusive bargaining.

An important amendment tentatively approved provides for democratizing apparatus for signing contracts.

The amendment was adopted after citing the fact that international officers have been "subject to adverse criticism on account of signing agreements that did not meet the approval of the entire membership concerned." It provides all agreements must be submitted to the membership

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L. A. RELIEF SLASH BEGINS

Over 16% in County To Be Cut Off

LOS ANGELES—First results of the insufficient national relief bill of a billion and a half dollars, local WPA head Colonel Donald Connolly announced Monday here that by July 15, more than 16 per cent of the county's present relief roll will be cut off.

To be made in two groups, the slashing will begins June 15 when 2698 WPA workers will receive dismissal notices. 4985 more will be dismissed next July 15, Connolly said.

According to the relief director, removals from relief rolls are to be made on the basis of first dismissing those "less eligible for the nature of the President's work program."

Under present plans of the WPA administration, workers dismissed from the local rolls will be referred to the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, unit of the State Relief Administration.

Guild for Labor Party

ST. LOUIS—The Newspaper Guild convention went on record for a Farmer-Labor Party, for the President's Supreme Court plan and for the $3,000,000,000 Boileau relief bill.

Anti-Lynch Bill Favored

WASHINGTON — The Senate sub-judiciary sub-committee on Thursday reported favorably on the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill.

PICKETING OF BAY AREA NAZIS IS SCHEDULED

Detailed Plans Made By Committees in S.F., East Bay

Both to give direct aid to Spain and to demonstrate a solid front of hostility to international fascism which has invaded it, California will respond from June 12 to 20 to the nation-wide appeal of the North American Committee for Aid to Spanish Democracy.

Direct aid to the extent of $10,000 is the week's quota, to be realized through mass meetings and affairs given by individual organizations and through two state-wide mobilizations for individual collections. High point of the demonstrative action against the fascist invaders will be the picketing of the Nazi consulates, a phase of the week's program being led by the Communist Party.

In San Francisco the picketing of the Nazi consulate, 201 Sansome street, will lead off the week's activity. It is scheduled Saturday, June 12, at 11 a. m. In Los Angeles the picketing will be a week later, on June 19th.

San Francisco headquarters of the drive, at 712 Ashbury street, has appealed for organizations and individuals to volunteer their assistance. The opening affair will be a dance and entertainment Saturday night, June 12, at Sciots' Hall, 2460 Sutter street, under the sponsorship of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Eastbay Headquarters

East Bay headquarters are set up under a special local committee with headquarters at 531 Eleventh Street, with final arrangements to be made at a conference of affiliated unions and other organizations Friday night, June 11. The committee includes J. A. Kaufman, acting secretary; Dr. Caesare Ortego, Prof. Haakon Chevalier, Dr. George Hedley and Mrs. H. Erdman.

Both San Francisco and Eastbay have made intensive prepa-

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SECOND INT'L EVADES UNITY

MOSCOW—Leadership of the Labor and Socialist International are evading the issue of united international working class action against the fascist invasion of Spain, declared George Dimitroff, secretary of the Communist International.

Dimitroff made public a reply from Louis de Brouckere, chairman of the Labor and Socialist International, to the proposal of the Communist International for joint action in defense of the Spanish people. In it de Brouckere gave no clear answer to the Communist International's pro-

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BIG ANTI-NAZI PICKET LINE SEEN IN L. A.

Lincoln Battalion Boy's Mother to Address Meet

LOS ANGELES—Anti-fascists in Los Angeles are scheduled to turn out full force for the mass picketing of the German Consulate, 9th and Main streets, next Saturday, June 19, at 10:30 a. m., as part of the State-wide Spanish Aid Week observances under the auspices of the Communist Party.

A "skip-a-meal" day on Thursday, June 17, and a mass Spain meeting in the Music Arts Hall, 233 South Broadway, Friday night, June 18, are to be other features of the week in Los Angeles.

All Communist Party members and sympathizers will give one meal on Thursday and donate that money saved to Spain. It is estimated that well over $500 will be raised in this manner for Spain.

Lincoln Boy's Mother to Speak

Paul Cline, Los Angeles County organizer of the Communist Party, is to be the chief speaker at the Friday night meeting. The role that is being played by the Communist Party in the fight for democracy in Spain will be the topic of his talk. Mrs. Eaton, mother of a boy now fighting in the Lincoln Battalion, and wife of a former Mayor of Los Angeles, will also address the meeting.

Keen interest and enthusiasm throughout the entire county is being shown in the preparations for the mass picketing of the German Consulate. Emma Cutler, in charge of preparations for the local Spanish Week, estimates that over five hundred persons will turn out for the picket line Saturday morning.

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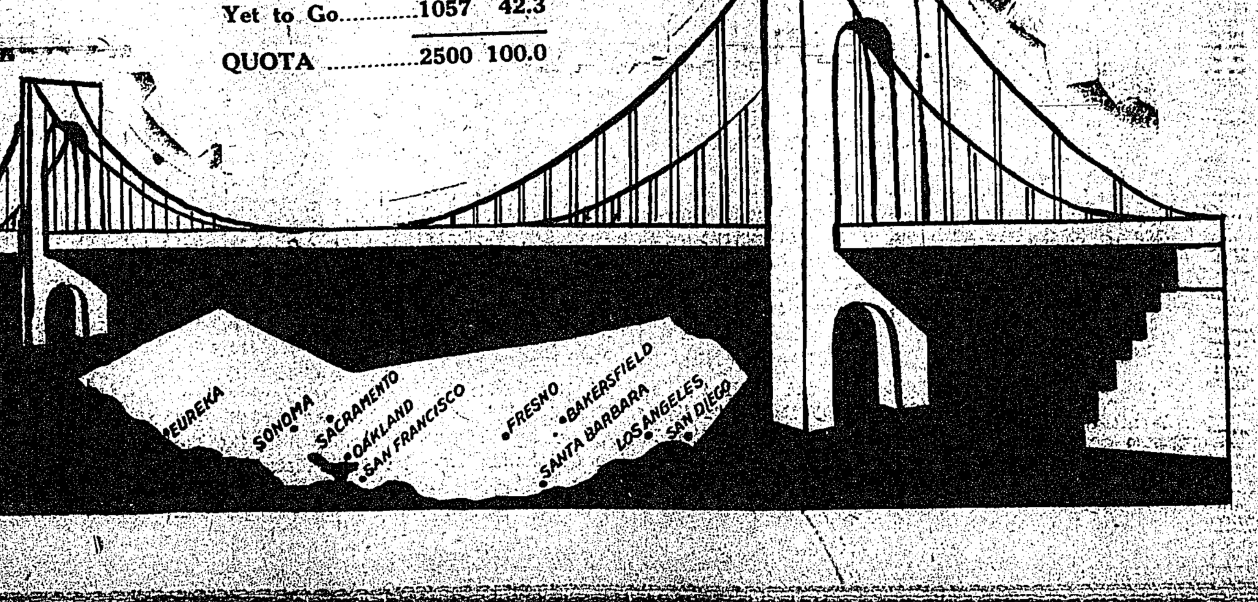

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY FARCE GIVES DIRECT AID TO FRANCO & HASTENS NEW WORLD WAR

Buenos Aires Declarations for a Peoples' Movement Against War Are Not Carried Out in Practice

By LAWRENCE ROSS

When Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt spoke at the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires last December, they plainly declared, without referring to the countries by name, that the fascist powers were the chief source of the war danger; that the hope of world peace lay in the

Preservation of democracy; and that a powerful people's peace movement is one of the most effective weapons against war. It logically follows that such a peace movement would have to be essentially anti-fascist.

But, soon after that South American Conference it became apparent that a wide gulf existed between the sentiments expressed there by the American spokesmen and the official policy of the administration. For America's amazingly cynical policy of "neutrality" in the fascist invasion of Spain was not only continued but even made more drastic. And it is precisely this policy which has lined up American democracy on the side of the fascist aggressors, has earned an expression of gratitude from the fascist general Franco, and is hastening another world war.

What are the facts ?

Rebellion and Invasion

The Republic of Spain is a friendly democratic nation, officially recognized by the United States. The fascist forces of Franco, inspired, guided and maintained by Nazi Germany and fascist Italy, launched a rebellion against the Spanish government, seeking to overthrow democracy and foist fascism upon the Spanish people. The rebellion of Spanish army officers soon became an invasion of Moorish, Italian and German troops.

The Spanish people, united behind their People's Front government, appealed for aid to all democratic powers, all lovers of peace the world over.

Aid to the Spanish people means defense of world democracy; it means checking the barbarous forces of world fascism; it means fighting against war, for a fascist victory in Spain would result in the fascists, with their world base strengthened, plunging the entire world into war, which neither this country nor any other can stay clear of!

What Is Asked

And what is this aid that the Spanish people ask for?

It is not armed intervention, nor anything other than the maintenance of normal, friendly trade relations with friendly powers! And the answer of the American people to this plea by the Spanish people for the maintenance of normal relations, is to place an armed embargo against the Spanish people! While at the same time, the flow of men, money and war materials from Germany and Italy to Franco, remains unchecked, and even increases—a fact which the whole world knows!

This so-called "neutrality" on the part of the United States is an affront to democracy and contrary to those very principles and traditions on which this nation was founded. When the 13 American colonies were fighting for freedom from oppression in 1776, all liberty-loving peoples rushed to their aid, in response to the appeal of the revolutionary founding fathers. Generals Lafayette of France, Steuben of Germany, Kosciusko of Poland —these and others came overseas to offer their services in the fight for democracy. Today the United States is turning a deaf ear to the appeal of the Spanish people—for normal relations between friendly governments—as required by international law!

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S. F. Comrades in the Unions Show the Way!

TRADE-UNIONISTS like and want to read the Western Worker; they have only to be approached to become subscribers.

Latest proof of this has been supplied by the trade union comrades in the San Francisco Industrial Section, Communist Party, who have shown splendid work in the Circulation Drive, going over the top of their quota of 125 subscriptions. And these comrades are not satisfied with their present achievements; they have pledged themselves to double their quota by July 4th!

In view of this, the State Circulation Drive Committee requests immediate reports from the Industrial Sections of Los Angeles and Oakland, from the San Francisco Waterfront Section and the L. A. Harbor Section. These sections are lagging miserably in the drive, are missing a golden opportunity to strengthen the Communist Party's influence in the trade unions through the "Western."

There should be scores of trade-unionists at the State Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles, July 17-18. San Francisco Industrial Section will be sending a good quota, but what about Los Angeles, Oakland and the waterfront? The Section Committees of these sections should immediately check up and find out what's the matter, and lay plans to bring their sections up to the front in the closing weeks of the Drive.

Build the "Western" circulation in the labor movement!

A Great Wave of Organization Looms

THE Maritime Federation and Woodworkers Federation conventions have gone on record for referendum on affiliation with the CIO. There is no question but that the membership will overwhelmingly vote for CIO affiliation.

The forthcoming affiliations of the powerful Maritime and Woodworkers federations with the Committee for Industrial Organization mean far more, important as this is, than the possibilities of 100 per cent organization and national unity for both the maritime workers and the lumber and sawmill workers.

The entering into the CIO of the 60,000 Pacific Coast maritime workers, and of the 100,000 organized lumber workers will bring on a tremendous impetus to the organization of all who are still unorganized up and down the West Coast.

The weight of these powerful organizations behind the principles of industrial organization will for one thing without doubt lead to solution of the problem which the craft union reactionaries have never been able, and in fact, never wanted to solve—the organization of California's 250,000 agricultural workers.

There will ensue, it can be confidently expected, such a wave of organization of the unorganized as the West Coast has never seen.

While the AFL craft reactionaries attempt to continue their splitting policy of expulsions, while they go forward to the chartering of "bigger and better" company unions, the gigantic CIO organization on the West Coast will add new hundreds upon hundreds of thousands to the ranks of West Coast labor.

In contrast to the craft expulsion policy, in the above mentioned path of the CIO lies a road to genuine labor unity.

Wages and Hours Legislation

It is significant that while John L. Lewis, on behalf of the CIO has pledged full support to the Roosevelt wages and hours bill, William Green has given only the lukewarmest of support, and that only because of pressure for the legislation by the AFL membership.

It is important to note that Lewis has not merely announced the CIO's support for the bill, but has asked that it be strengthened. Where the press has reported sponsors of the bill planning to specify a 40-hour maximum work week, Lewis urges that the maximum be made 35 hours, and in some cases 30 hours.

The CIO has also asked that Section 5 of the proposed bill be stricken out. That section would give to the Labor Standards Board power to vary the wage and hour provisions "under certain circumstances"—which could lead to breaking of the minimum wage in many industries and localities. Instead Lewis proposes a flat 40 cents per hour minimum.

The proposed minimum wage-maximum hour legislation far from solves the questions of unemployment, and of an adequate return to labor for its work. But it is nevertheless a vast improvement on what at present exists.

As such, the wages and hours legislation should get the full support of the entire organized labor movement, and reactionary officials who display hesitancy in granting such support should be put on the spot.

The Communist Party has been a pioneer in the fight for minimum wages and maximum hours. Its legislative program calls for an adequate annual minimum wage. It supports the proposed wages and hours legislation (with the amendments mentioned) as a step in the right direction.

Catholics Against Fascism

EIGHTY thousand Catholics poured out of churches into the streets of Munich last Sunday to demonstrate in answer to Hitler's attack on their right to religious freedom.

These Catholic people are fast learning what the Basque Catholics learned when Nazi bombs wrecked their homes, their cities, their churches—and slaughtered them by thousands.

Fascism is opposed to freedom of religion. Fascism is opposed to any kind of freedom which might be utilized by the people in a protest against the regimentation, increasing prices, lower wages and bloody suppression in the interests of the biggest financial and industrial monopolists.

And Fascism will stop at nothing—unless it is stopped.

Catholic people in the United States can learn from the events in the Basque province and in Germany. The overwhelming majority of them have nothing in common with the "anti-Communist" campaign of such organizations as the Knights of Columbus, which, in the words of Father O'Flanagan of Ireland, "are allowing themselves to be made the spearhead of fascism in America."

Instead the Catholic people of America belong with the progressive forces who are opposing fascism and fighting to maintain and improve the American standards of living against the opposition of the Hearst-Liberty League pro-fascist conspiracy. The Catholic people belong with the progressive forces of the country who are today devoting their main energies to give moral and financial support to the leading fighters against fascism—the defenders of Spanish democracy.

Townsendites Need Alliance With All Progressives

The fate of the Townsend movement rests clearly in the hands of the thousands who still want it to be an instrument to win old age pensions.

Dr. Francis E. Townsend has deserted that objective. He has attempted to throw the force of the movement against every progressive feature of the Roosevelt administration. He has used the money contributed by the supporters of the old-age pension plan not to work for old-age pensions but to launch a bitter attack on the Supreme Court reform plan.

Twelve high officials of the movement have now resigned. They have said that their reason for resigning is that they are opposed to "using money contributed to you in the Townsend organization to carry on a fight against legislation proposed by the president which has no bearing on the Townsend plan . . . ." Eight had already specifically protested his attack on the Supreme Court reform bill. Their attitude only reflects the sentiment of the movement as a whole.

Instead of carrying out the campaign he originally proposed, Townsend aligned himself with out and out fascists including Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith. He made himself a stooge of the Liberty League-Hearst coalition in the election campaign.

Townsendites, individually or through their clubs, can carry on their fight by allying themselves with the trade unions, farm organizations and other groups, securing their help in the fight for old-age pensions. They can help in the formation of an independent political movement to lead this campaign along with other progressive measures. They can help to build a farmer-labor party which can lead this campaign. More immediately, the Townsend Clubs in California could profit by sending delegates to the convention of the California People's Legislative Conference on June 20 in Santa Maria.

The Law in its Majesty

THE San Francisco Chronicle wants the whole story of tax dodging to be told. Listen to this fine reasoning of June 5:

The great majority exempt from income tax because their incomes are small would resent being labeled as dodgers. Yet the fact remains that they do not pay the tax, at least not directly. It might be argued that they are legally exempt. But so are the dodgers who resort to technicalities . . . When the poor man dodges, it is a virtue. When the rich man dodges, he is a scoundrel.

The Chronicle would be a little more frank (although it is already clear enough to understand) if it took the example of Eugene O'Neill's hero and argued for a more "democratic" tax—say a sales tax, for example.

The income tax is the most democratic type of tax that exists because its principle is to put the burden on those who can pay, exempting those who cannot. Evasion of it, legally or otherwise, is the act of a scoundrel.

President Roosevelt's proposal for legislation to pin the scoundrels down deserves support.

And the income tax should be made more democratic, by graduating it more sharply in the higher brackets.

"The law in its majesty," said Anatole France, "equally forbids the poor man and the rich man, the hobo and the banker, from sleeping under a bridge."

Majesty, perhaps, but not democracy.

A Holdup—And It's "Constitutional"

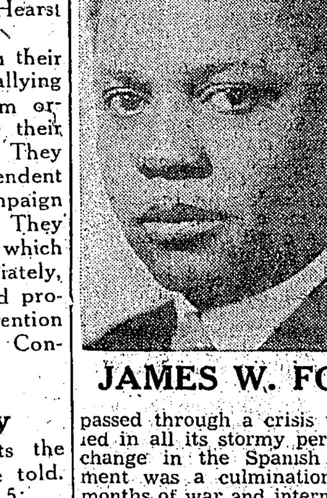
THE U. S. SUPREME COURT okehs the P. G. & E.'s $6,000,000 robbery of the San Francisco gas and electric consumers.

Spain Achieving Unity For Defeat of Fascism

By JAMES W. FORD

I was astonished and hardened by what I saw in Madrid. Of course, one knew that the people of Madrid were determined and full of enthusiasm, but now I confess I had not fully realized the high level of the people's morale. The children play despite hunger, and men and women go about their work despite bombardments. They have a deep sense of unity. I want to say something about that unity and its significance for the struggle of the Spanish people's government in its resistance to international fascism.

During my ten days in Spain in the first part of May I had a great experience. The first fifteen days of May 1937, Spain



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passed through a crisis unequalled in all its stormy period. The change in the Spanish government was a culmination of ten months of war and internal international change, which has strengthened the government and the Popular Front in the direction of victory over the fascist invasion.

The fascists, in their Trotzkyist-inspired uprising at Barcelona completely failed in their attempt to throw the whole country into confusion.

What they failed to achieve at Barcelona they now attempt to accomplish by other means. The German Nazis, by their bombardment of Almeria, have executed an act of war against the whole Spanish people. The fascists, in obvious desperation, are definitely provoking world war. They are fearful of the strength of the new government.

An Offensive Begins

After ten months of defensive warfare which has been crowned with heroism and courage of an extraordinary character, the Spanish people are emerging into an offensive against the fascists on the whole general front. One who has been in Spain during the last several weeks cannot help but feel the great change that has taken place in the country. The Spanish people are about to save democracy and preserve peace in the world.

It was my great privilege to visit and talk with many people in Spain who occupy strategic positions and who were imbued with the spirit of the righteousness of their cause and assured of ultimate victory. Among these was General Jose Miaja, commander of the center front at Madrid. His brilliant words expressed readiness for the general offensive and victory. He said:

From the beginning of the rebellion, Franco and his fascist aides have taken the military initiative, especially so since the fall of Malaga where Franco was aided by the Italian fascists as well as by fascist agents in the rear. The hastily formed Spanish people's defense was dragged here and there by the fascist offensive. The Spanish people's military forces lacked a centralized command. The enemy forces were well trained, disciplined and fully supplied with means of warfare.

At Valencia an Associated Press newspaper reporter, a fine gentleman who had spent the last several years in Italy, and apparently in sympathy with the Loyalist cause, said to me: "By all standards and rules of warfare, by the fact that Franco has had the initiative, and although the Loyalists have the moral support of the overwhelming majority of the people, the fascist have won—from a military viewpoint."

But this gentleman was measuring the independence war of the Spanish people by totally wrong standards, measuring warfare in an entirely different setting and situation than let us say the World War.

This gentleman has forgotten the history of his own country. Spain today recalls the worn-out ragged American defenders in 1775-6, who, after 7 long years of heroic fighting finally consolidated the army of the people against the superior military forces of England.

Or take the rebellion in 1861 against the Federal government of the United States. The Southern rebels had plotted for four years at least before the war began, inside the government; the best men of the government's military school at West Point went over to the rebels. But at long last the progressive forces of the North, aroused the people and the centralized Federal Army moved into action and routed the rebels.

Overcome Obstacles

Every obstacle has been in the way of the Loyalist government, from the beginning of the war up until the present. The people had enthusiasm, the militiamen showed extraordinary courage and bravery but this was only sufficient to hold the enemy at bay, in the face of difficulties and obstacles. The military forces of the government were not yet able to be organized for the offensive. There were few if any political commissars in the army to give direction to the initiative of splendid military forces. Various organizations or groups that had fighting forces at the front led them independently, without a unified command; they were afraid (some were malicious) that under a single military authority their prestige would be lost.

It was only after the Fifth Regiment was created and it became a model of fighting unity with high standards, that a semblance of centralized military organization penetrated the whole army. I met General Contreras who told how the Fifth Regiment was whipped into shape. It became the nucleus for the Spanish People's Army. For his part in shaping the Fifth Regiment, Contreras is now a general in charge of operations and supplies. Contreras is an able organizer, an extraordinary energetic man who is seen on all fronts at almost the same time. He once lived in America.

The lack of universal military service and an understanding of the need for it in this crisis was another hindrance to the government. The government, however, was not wholly responsible for all of the shortcomings and lack of initiative in prosecuting the war against the fascists.

The Anarchists failed to understand the nature of the struggle. They did not see it as an international struggle to cast out the invaders. The hidden fascists and their collaborators, the Trotzkyists, presented the most serious difficulties for the government in the rear. A brief analysis of the Trotzkyist-inspired uprising at Barcelona will bring this up-to-date. Robert Minor, noted American Communist, and I landed at Barcelona on May 5th, the day of the uprising in Barcelona. From there we proceeded to Alicante and Valencia. From my notes taken in conversation with responsible men at Valencia, among whom were J. Falcon, editor of Rojo Frente, and others whom it is not my privilege to mention by name, we get the following picture:

Trotzkyists Aid Fascists

The Barcelona affair was not civil war between Communists and Anarchists. This riotous incident which involved sections of workers in action against the policies of the People's Front government in Catalonia, grew out of preeminent Trotzkyist policies. It can be explained by the presence in Catalonia of many fascists who had remained in Catalonia but had hidden themselves. They wormed their way into the ranks of the Anarchists; they worked their way into the ranks of the C. N. T. and gained responsible positions there. These fascists used revolutionary phrases that made it difficult to distinguish them from the Anarchists. They were also able to get into the C.N.T. because of its loose form of organization and because of its rapid growth: literally hundreds of thousands of workers poured into the trade union organizations in a very short time.

These fascists also preferred and designed to remain in Catalonia in the hope of provoking conflict between the two mass trade union organizations, the U.G.T. and the C.N.T. They were aided in this work by the Trotzkyists in the POUM. In Spain and even in Catalonia they are a small group. But during the last months they have been energetically trying to confuse the Anarchist workers by demanding an immediate revolution against the Popular Front government and by falsely declaring that the interests of the workers were being sacrificed. They have done everything possible to prevent the strengthening of the Republican government.

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German Cathol... Defy the N...

BERLIN—Open clashes between Catholics and ... zations broke out in at least one German city ... throughout the country read a church statement ... paganda Minister Joseph Goebbels' anti-Catholic ...

Organized detachments of Hitler Youth gathere... olic Churches in Munich. Priests then led Catholic youth out of the churches and through the streets, with open clashes and individual fights resulting.

Ten priests were arrested following the demonstration, bringing the total to 11 for the week-end in Munich.

The Catholic statement answering Goebbels pointed out that only one priest out of every 500 in Germany had even been accused of "immorality" by which charges the Nazis are attempting to discredit the entire church.

The church's retort came immediately before Hitler made a speech declaring his intention of continuing the arming of Germany.

Soviets Decrease Prices, More Cuts Scheduled

MOSCOW — Sweeping price cuts on a variety of consumers' goods went into effect here June 1, to be followed on July 1 by lowering prices on other important items of daily use.

Reductions of from five to 15 per cent were announced on cotton, woolen and linen goods, footwear, sewing machines, perfume, phonographs, furs, sports goods, best quality cigarettes, matches, electric lamps, window glass. Prices are reduced on 349 different kinds of cotton textiles and 168 varieties of coarse woolens.

The July 1 cut will affect needle goods, fancy textiles, furniture, musical instruments, school supplies and toys.

Part of Plan

A year ago Chairman Molotov of the Council of People's Commissars told a representative of the Paris "Temps":

"The Soviet Government is firmly convinced that the fulfillment of the second five-year plan will secure a great reduction of domestic prices."

The reductions, which are only part of a steady series which has marked especially the second five-year plan, have taken place along with steady increases in wages and increases in the income of the collective farmers. While this has taken place under socialism, prices of food and most of the commodities in daily use have steadily rise, especially in such countries as Germany, Japan and Poland.

L.A. School Kids In War Toy Ban

LOS ANGELES—School children here have taken a definite stand on the side of world peace against war-mongers and are instituting a boycott against all "war-toys."

11-Year-Old Starts It

Started by Jack Doerr, an 11-year old pupil in Selma Avenue grammar school, petitions are being circulated demanding that Los Angeles stores cease selling cap pistols, toy cannons, soldiers, and other forms of war toys. As a further expression of their opposition of war, the kids are arranging a demonstration when all such toys will be burnt and destroyed.

Said Jack, "A fourth grade class thought of the idea of the petitions. We have about 1,000 names signed now and are about ready to present them to the various merchants selling such toys. We hope that if we have enough names, we will prove there is no market."

The petition that Jack and his schoolmates are going to present to merchants, reads:

"We the children, parents, teachers and friends of Selma Avenue School respectfully request that you stop the sale of toy cannon, machine guns, soldiers, war tanks, bombing planes, pistols, air guns and other war toys because children, playing with such toys, learn to think of war as a pleasant game and that pointing guns at one another is harmless. We know that such play leads to terrible crimes, sad accidents and war which is horrible."

UNIONISM—NOT FORDISM

DETROIT—Such is the heading of a leaflet of the United Automobile Workers in an appeal for 100 per cent unionization.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY,
121 Haight Street,
San Francisco.
OR
224 South Spring Street, Room 409,
Los Angeles.
..........(Mark "X") I want to join
..........I want more information about
THE COMMUNIST PARTY
Name ....
Address ....
City .... State ....

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Police Get ... Disregard ...

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Councilman Bu... representative of ... strenuously objecte... lice department's ...

To Form N... CIO Rubber...

OAKLAND — A ... formation of a No... ornia Council of the ... ber Workers Unio... meeting of delegat... all locals in that ar... called for June 13 ... There are five ... East Bay area.

Plan for LA ... Press Agent ...

LOS ANGELES— only by Councilmen ... and Darwin W. Tal... to create a so-called ... cil public relations ... a salary of $275 per ... defeated in the City ... Friday, June 4.

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...RUBBER CO. BLACKLISTS ...N IN L. A.—ALLIED BLDG. ...A., SEEKING PAY RAISE.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

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"The Wise Wife"

(This poem was printed in the bulletin issued by Twin Cities Auxiliary, Local No. 45, Nevada City, Calif., of the Int. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.)

Said the little hard rock miner,
"Believe me, things are tough,
"Seems that cash is getting scarcer,
"And I do not make enough.

"What becomes of all those dollars,
"Is a mystery to me,
"It seems as though I've brought some hundreds,
"And now where can they be?"

Then the little wife who heard him,
Didn't grumble or complain;
She had gone through lots of hardships;
She had lived through hell and pain.

So she said to her husband,
"There is only one thing left to do,
"Others are joining the Union,
"So we had better join it too."

Some day you will be saying,
"I'm glad to let you know,
"That I have joined the Union
"Of the good old C. I. O."

Miserable Housing Bared by Mother

By a Mother

SAN JOSE—I just thought I would write and let you know a little of the housing conditions in San Jose. I live in a so-called apartment house less than a block from the State College. The house itself is of the vintage three generations back, to be exact 50 years old.

It was built to house one family. At present three families consisting of eight people live in the five rooms on the main floor. One toilet serves all three families and is of the old style type, high water tank, that served its usefulness years ago. A single wash tray is all the convenience for washing clothes for all the inhabitants of the house, which consists of seven families altogether.

Miserable Habitations

The clothes closets consists of rags hung over shelves built in what was originally openings from one room to another.

The furniture consists of the odds and ends from what the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries have salvaged from attics and basements and sold to the present owner who runs the so-called apartment house.

Here's Something to Study

The students at the college spend some of their time delving into the mysteries of the living conditions of the ancient world. I thing they should be compelled to spend some time investigating conditions in their own city and not far from their class rooms.

I'm one of those simple minded persons who has disgraced the nation by allowing a couple of children entrance into the world through me, so am disbarred from a useful job now that they need excuses to prevent relief money from being used for any needful purpose.

Need Mass Pressure for Decent Housing

When the war was on, I took a man's job and I was not told that my place was home with my children. It's true my children need me, but they can live without me better than without sanitary living conditions.

A mother is a protection to her children only as she has means at her disposal to protect them with. I have build up that material protection in my service to this nation as a whole. My children's protection lies not in me, but in the use of that which we have in our power to apply to their needs both in food, shelter and constructive pastime.

We have housing laws, I believe, but I am only a mother and not an elected representative of the people. I am backing you up all I can in your fight for the bettering of the lives of working people.

Dance in S.F. Raises Funds for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO—Food and much-needed clothing for the people of Loyalist Spain will be purchased and shipped with the proceeds expected from a gala dance and entertainment to take place in Sciot's Hall Saturday evening, June 12.

The gathering is under the auspices of the local division of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, and is part of the numerous activities attending the current observance of the People's Week for Spanish Democracy.

U. S. BUYS CAL. FOREST

WASHINGTON — Both the Senate and the House have passed the McGroarty bill to purchase sugar-pine lands near Yosemite National Park, in order to preserve the forest from destruction by lumber companies.

L.A. 6th Graders Stage Sitdown

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The week of May 24 an unusual thing happened. It just seems to be in the air, that even the children in the lower classes of our school have caught the spirit of strikes, yes, sitdown strikes.

At the Harrison St. School, A-6, Miss Nichols' class, the children have been severely punished and punished for slight infractions of obedience. The children have been bearing this for quite a time, until one day the teacher struck a boy in her fury.

Solidarity of School Kids

The boy in self-defense struck back at the teacher. The entire class resented the teachers' punishing. The boy sat down, saying he would not do any work that afternoon.

To the astonishment of the teacher, the entire class in sympathy with the boy, all laid down their pencils and refused to do any work in the class room.

Miss Nichols became panic-stricken. She ran down to the principal to aid her in the predicament she got into.

Principal Is Jew-Baiter

Both of them returned to the class in order to break up the strike. The principal (by the way she is anti-semitic) threatened to call the police. This failed. Then she said she would not promote them, or would return them to a special class.

In spite of all the threats, the entire class refused to be moved by the principal. Finally, five in the class weakened. But the remainder stuck to the end.

Spanish Ambassador And Party Visited Stanford University

By a Worker Correspondent

PALO ALTO — Distinguished visitors to the Stanford University campus recently were Fernando de los Rios, ambassador from Spain, and representatives of the San Francisco Spanish consulate. The ambassador was accompanied by his daughter, Consul General and Mrs. Miguel Pizzaro, Vice-Consul Marcos Gracia.

The Spanish diplomats and their party called on President Ray Lyman Wilbur, made a tour of the campus, and were luncheon guests at the Stanford Restaurant of Prof. and Mrs. Max Savelle.

It is interesting to note that when the anti-democratic "diplomat," Salvador de Madariaga, came to Stanford last semester, the board of trustees called off all classes to hear him.

FIRESTONE BLACKLISTS UNION MEN

L. A. Rubber Factory Fires Workers for Union Activity

By a Rubber Worker

LOS ANGELES—On January 31, 1937, I attended one of the first labor meetings held here by CIO organizers. Among the Firestone employees present at this meeting were members of the Firestone Police Dept., who were there for the purpose of spying on workers that attended.

It was only a day or so until those of us that attended learned that the management knew of our presence at the CIO meeting. I was one of the first to join the United Rubber Workers of America and subsequently got others to join.

Co. Stoolpigeons

I was approached about this time by two men who said that they wished to join the union. While I wasn't positive as to their sincerity, I took their names as prospective members and secured application blanks for them.

I also gave one of these men literature dealing with the labor movement; I have every reason to believe that this material was turned over to C. L. Smith, factory manager. Neither of these men ever joined the union.

It was only a short time after this that I was called in the personnel manager's office and told that I would have to be laid off. Naturally I wanted to know why and was informed that, due to overproduction, it was necessary to cut down the force in the maintainance dept., in which I worked. I was employed as a janitor and there were five men in that dept. with less seniority than I, although we are supposed to have seniority rights in the plant.

Other Workers Blacklisted

A week after I was fired, other janitors were hired. About the same time I was dismissed three other janitors were also fired.

One of these men, John Skolich, had rubber poison on his legs at the time. He has since then endeavoured to secure work at other industrial plants; Ford, Chrysler and others, but as he went before their doctors, he was turned down as being unfit for work because of the poison. Firestone had steadily refused to assist him in any manner. Unquestionably he is entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, but he receives none.

At the time we were fired, we were told that we could take up our cases with C. L. Smith; each day for two weeks I tried to contact him the answer was always the same: "He is out."

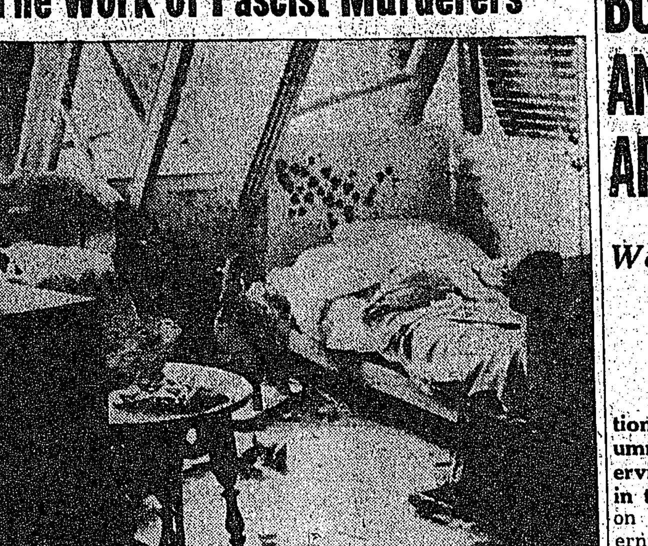
In addition to these atrocities, I have been discriminated against at other manufacturing plants. I went to the General Motors assembly plant here in L. A. and although they readily took my application for work and advised me that they would be able to put me to work within the next day or so, after learning however of my union activities at Firestone's I was blacklisted.

W. W. HELPS WORKERS WIN IN PALO ALTO

By a Worker Correspondent

UALO ALTO—As a result of publicity in the **Western Worker** some time ago, and organizational activity of the unions here, the rich bridge club lady who owns Fuller & Co., "quality grocers," 162 University Ave., is about to sign on the dotted line. Some of the workers will get $6 raises.

The Work of Fascist Murderers



WOMEN AND children died when Nazi planes bombed this home in a civilian quarter of Madrid.

A Prize for Your Drive Experience

Here's your chance of a lifetime! All you have to do is write a letter!

In this new contest for worker correspondents, a grand prize is being offered for the best letter on personal experience in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, including reactions of workers to the "Western."

And the prize for the winner is his, or her, choice of any one of the following books:

"From Bryan to Stalin," by Wm. Z. Foster; "World Politics," by R. Palme Dutt; "Let Me Live," by Angelo Herndon; "Rulers of America," by Anna Rochester; "History of the American Working Class," by A. Bimba.

The rules are:

1. Your entry must be postmarked before midnight of July 4th.
2. Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Reach for a pen or pencil, and send your entry in!

Rex Thomson Not Big-Hearted

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—I wish to call your attention to an item in the issue of May 29. I believe an explanation should have been made; otherwise the reader will receive the impression that the relief officials have become big-hearted. To the contrary.

Rex Thomson, relief director of L. A. County, has taken the first step to aid the relief client by sending the rent check direct instead of sending it to the landlord. Why?

Thomson Not Big Hearted

The landlords have increased the rents. This has given Thomson headaches, since they got their checks directly. By shifting the checks to the clients, this means that the landlords will bother tenants for the increase.

But the relief has not been increased to meet the raise in rent!

But people must live somewhere. It is impossible to find cheaper quarters to live in. Therefore the client must take the extra money for rent from the food allowance to pay the rent.

Does this sound as if Rex Thomson has suddenly found confidence in the clients, or he has had a change of heart?

VIGILANTES ATTACK

MUNISING, Mich. — Armed vigilantes drove out of town a delegation of striking lumberjacks who sought relief.

Unemployment is Great in Alaska

By a Miner

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—An analysis of the workers who come to the interior of Alaska in search of work is indeed something fierce to be reckoned with.

When they get here, 95 per cent are broke, and the other 5 per cent have $10 or $15 in their pockets. Most of them go to the second hand store and hock their watches, or hats, or blankets, or any other thing they have, so that they can get along for a while, and then go in search of a job in a country where there are 10 men to one job.

Meaningless Questions

At the office of the F. E. Co. (U. S. Smelting & Refining Co. outfit), they stand in line, take their turn to get to the boss, and when they get there the boss gives them an application to fill out. Most of the men can't answer all the questions and a great many come to me and ask what this or that means. The only answer I could give them is to go to a lawyer, for it is just about impossible for a poor working man to understand some of the questions.

That situation is identically the same as trying to borrow money from the government—it takes a Philadelphia lawyer to fill out the application.

To cut the long story short, we've got lots of room for prospectors, but not for wage workers.

40% Left Jobless

About four miles from Fairbanks is the University of Alaska. There are about 175 students, and they can learn almost anything—but especially how to get rich in every way in a very short time—60 per cent of the students get jobs when they finish college and the other 40 per cent are wondering what it is all about, for they can't get jobs.

The University has a very able staff of teachers, especially the superintendent, Dr. Charles Bunnell. He is surely an able educator and if he could teach what he knows it would be a different and better society here, but I guess if he wants to be superintendent, he has to teach whatever he's told to teach.

BUT LUMBER WORKERS, MINERS AND OTHER WORKERS EAGERLY ARE AWAITING ORGANIZATION

Worker Cites Low Wages, Long Hours and Dangerous Working Conditions for Tuolumne County Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—**The forces of reaction are getting busy here. The home town bladder of Tuolumne came out with a big blast against unionism. The Supervisors got up a petition to stop the CIO meeting being held in the Memorial Hall, which was built with taxpayers' money** on a WPA grant from the government, on the pretext that "the chairs would be broken up."

They said nothing of the heads, which, I presume would be broken in the process of breaking these chairs. The usual threats were broadcast about closing the plants, etc., and the prostituted press in general carried on a poo-poohing campaign.

Robbed of Rented Hall

The lumber workers, now organizing into the CIO, rented a hall and when they went down to hold their mass meeting, they found a preacher in it expounding on the glories of the hereafter. Fitting! Then they switched to the town plaza which is nothing more nor less than a band stand with a grassless park around it and no benches, seats or comforts at all.

Still there were 220 workers present.

The store workers work 10 and 11 hours here in the Safeway, Purity and independent stores and came to me to ask how they could get in touch with an organizer.

Czar Segerstrom

This county is a regular jungle of reaction. Literature that is even as little as liberal is not permitted upon the news stands. **The county is run by Czar Segerstrom, a big stockholder in the Melones Mine. An explanatory digression will give you an idea of his character. He formerly owned the Dutch Mine at Quartz Mountain, and the men were not even allowed to go on top to attend to the calls of nature, but had to do so in the mine.**

The American Legion has a strong post of 108 members and various fascist moves have been set afoot by them. We have a "Committee of 101," which was set up secretly a few years back.

I would have been run out of the county long ago but it would not look good to run a man out whose immediate ancestors had a big hand in making the county.

There are five supervisorial districts, and each supervisor has his own little machine set up to keep him in office.

In the Mines

There are about 300 miners at the most, from Mariposa to Angels on both belts of the Mother Lode mining district. The Mother Lode is divided into two distinct lodes about 12 miles apart, hence the reference to the belts.

These mines started up gleefully when Roosevelt devaluated the dollar, under the misconception that now that they received $35 per ounce, instead of $20.67, that they could mine ore that could not be mined profitably under the old price. Therefore they installed small plants and find themselves up against an economic fact, that inflation always equalizes in a period of time and that what at first glance looked to be a chance to make a big profit at the new price, has proven to be a chimera.

Workers Raise Demands

Now that values are commencing to equalize, the workers are commencing to murmur about the increased cost of living and are tending towards a demand for higher wages. The owners will not be able to grant an increased wage without curtailing profits and in some cases it will mean shutdown. In the meantime, the mine owner is working the worker under a speed-up that is something terrific.

Powder gas is caused through lack of air facilities (which would cost money to install, and the men's lives are cheaper). I myself have come out of the mine that I was working in, and fallen down upon taking a breath of fresh air.

T. B. Sanitarium Proves It

Now I know that some of these mines will close upon a demand for proper timber and air facilities, increased wages, etc., as they have started in on too small a scale for the working of low grade ore. Still when men's lives and health are balanced against this, I think that they would be better off closed as having been rid of a menace to the health of the working class.

The sanitarium at Weimar for tubercular people, which is filled with miners who have contracted miners' con (made respectable by the name of silicosis) through working in the mines, is mute evidence to the strength of my argument.

Two men have been fired in Tuolumne for union activity, I am told. When I and another worker first went up there, the men followed us down the yard until they caught up with us, to ask us to hurry up and get a union in there.

Lumber Conditions

The West Side Lumber Co. took that mill and plant in general back from the Pickering Lumber Co. on a mortgage which they took on the property, in lieu of cash to complete the sale, which they had formerly made to the Pickering Lumber Co. During the general deflation and loss of markets, Pickering Lumber Co. was unable to complete payment.

Last year the West Side made the biggest sale of lumber in their history when a fire went through and burned the lumber yard, giving them insurance of 85 per cent of full value. They could not have handled it for the 15 per cent which they lost.

Miserable Wages

The head rigger, choker setter and chaser get 55 cents per hour. Board is $1.35 per diem, seven days per week, or a total of $9.45 per week. Eight hours per day, six days per week equals $26.40 per week, minus $9.45, equals $16.95 per week.

The married men have an additional $7.50 per month to pay for a cabin for themselves and family, so he has $1.88 more to subtract from his $16.95 per week, or a total of $15.07 which he clears. A "truly royal wage."

All this he gets for carrying a bedroll, which immediately gets full of bed bugs, and sleeping on army cots with wafer-thin mattresses, eating mulligan cooking, as they don't pay the wages to induce a good cook to go up there and deprive himself of the comforts of town life, and working during the heat of the summer in dust up to the top of their boots under the most dangerous conditions.

A Memory of Death

How vivid is the memory I have of digging a man out of the dust whom we could not even see, he was buried so deep, and whom we would never have found but that his hat was knocked off his head to a distance of about 20 feet by the tree which fell and killed him. We found the hat and commenced kicking around in the dust, where we found jolly Smithy.

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From One of Our Boys 'Over There'

From "Somewhere in Spain."

Dear Comrade:

I have been in Espana for quite some time now, but this is the first time that I have had an opportunity to write you.

You cannot conceive the superb spirit of the people here. Every single person from the babe in arms to the doddering old man, seems to be imbued with a firm determination to drive the fascist invaders out of Spain, and clear off the face of the earth.

Everywhere one goes this is expressed by the proletariat when they raise clenched fists and shout, "Salud Camarada," when they sing the International at every possible chance. There is something so fine about it all that one is continually feeling choked up at the throat, and thrilled.

The Spanish people may be backwards in some respects, but they are very wise politically and economically. They are smart enough now to scoff at the demagogues, quacks and sophists.

The war is not yet won (everyone here realizes what an undermining effect over-confidence can have) but every day the People's Army is making great advances on all fronts; not hastily nor riotously, but in an orderly, well planned fashion.

Indeed, at Pozoblanco, it is said that the fascists retreated so fast that our forces would still be chasing them, if they had not tired after capturing so many prisoners, and so much munitions.

If the advances are continued at the present rate, if the Spanish people keep the ultimate goal always in sight; if the International Proletariat continues to lend the same splendid solidarity that it has displayed thus far—then assuredly victory is only a matter of a few short months, at most.

I hope that everything is progressing satisfactorily in the United States. Our news service here is not as complete nor as prompt as it might be. If you could send any Masses or other periodicals, they would be more than welcome here. Also, American cigarettes are as scarce as hens' teeth and as precious as gold. Send a few packs, I will gladly pay you Tuesday.

As for myself, I am doing some technical work at present. I would prefer to be elsewhere, but this is very necessary, and it may be that I will soon leave this particular place.

The very best,

G. H., Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

PEASANTS OF CHINA FIGHTING AGAINST JAPAN

Retake Chinese Town From Imperialist Invaders

PEIPING, China—With Japanese reaction strengthened by the new cabinet shift, Chinese resistance to Japan's imperialism flared into open conflict this week as armed peasants seized the town of Shantu in the northwestern part of Chahar Province.

Chinese peasants and workers surrounded troops of the Fourth Division of the Japanese Mongolian-Manchurian forces, ordered to suppress the revolt, and at latest reports were fighting them fiercely near Shantu. At Tolakaimiao, about 9 miles east of Kalagan, four hundred men killed the police chiefs on June 2 and began fortifying the town against Japanese attack. In Southeastern Chapei, another police station was seized by armed peasants, who killed the chief and seized 20 guns.

Meanwhile in the mountain fastnesses and difficult terrain of their retreat in Jehol Province, the rebellious 27th regiment of the Mongolian-Manchurian irregulars, leading some 3000 peasants and workers, in conducting ruthless guerilla warfare against pursuing Japanese contingents.

News of the revolt evoked strong sympathetic editorials in the Chinese press.

Another 1931?

Observers believe the spread of the rebellion to be caused by increased oppression of the Chinese people growing out of the strengthening military policy of the new Japanese cabinet. A new "incident," similar to the so-called "Wang-Pac-Shang" provocation in Manchuria, beginning July 19, 1931, has occurred near Tientsin, when Japanese provocateurs set fire to a straw barn and claimed the act to have been perpetrated by Chinese. At the same time, in Tokio, the press has launched a fierce campaign and the Japanese consul in Tientsin has advanced claims calling for Japanese ownership of the land.

In the "Wang-Pao-Shang" incident paid agents of the Japanese seized Chinese peasant-land and began building irrigation works. When the peasants resisted, the Japanese expelled them from the entire district, claimed the land, and occupied it. The seizure of the so-called Manchukuo growing out of this incident is a matter of history.

New Japan Cabinet is Reactionary Coalition

TOKYO—The new Japanese cabinet is preparing to consolidate its gains in the government by liquidating all resistance to the army and navy program. Observers believe the new program will "nationalize" industry and commerce in a form similar to the governments of Hitler and Mussolini, distinguished by characteristic Japanese features. This means that the whole economy of Japan will be coordinated and integrated for war purposes.

Even as it stands, the new cabinet represents a definitely closer step to undisguised fascism. It took office against the popularly demonstrated will of the people, as expressed in Japan's last vestige of democracy—the Diet, which in the April 30 elections clearly indicated the desire for more popular rule. The new cabinet is a coalition of the reactionary forces composed of the landlord groups, the state bureaucracy, the spokesmen of the fascist-militarist bloc, and the representative of the two big bourgeois political parties.

The success of the Japanese ruling class in flagrantly ignoring this remnant of parliamentary government, the increasing development of mass hunger and unrest side by side with falling profit possibilities for the Japanese industrialists, the newly strengthened position of the army and navy in the government—all these factors indicate that Japan's encroachments on the Chinese people will be intensified, rather than lessened, in the near future. The international complications which will respond to this situation are obvious.

House-to-House for Relief to Spain

Sunday, June 20, is the day set by the Communist Party of California for a house to house collection of food and clothing to be sent to the Spanish victims of fascist devastation. William Schneiderman, state secretary, declared that the importance of this task made it urgent that every party member, worker, and citizen should contribute some time to assist in the collection of sorely-needed necessities.

STEEL VIGILANTES

WARREN, O.—A vigilante committee is being formed by steel company agents against the strikers in independent mills here.

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'Mystery' Radio Worries Fascism

GENEVA — Europe's mystery radio, broadcasting the facts about Nazi and fascist activities every night at 11 o'clock over a 29 meter wavelength, is arousing growing alarm in the official chambers of Berlin and Rome, according to the admission of Guglielmo Ferrero, Italian historian and Hearst commentator. He wrote:

"But each night, at 11 o'clock, in Italy and Germany, in the towns and in the country, millions of people anxiously seek this wave-length . . . to learn what their governments are hiding from them."

The station is operated by the German Communist Party.

WHEELER FEELS RESENTMENT OF MONTANA STATE

Court Plan Opponent Is Repudiated At Home

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler faced a dismal crowd of 500 here in his attempt to carry his opposition to President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform measure back to the people of Montana who elected him.

The senator spoke in an auditorium of 1800 seats. Loudspeakers outside for the "overflow" blared to empty streets.

All speakers on the platform, including labor leaders brought "into line" by the Democratic state machine, took a defensive position.

An attempt was made to take advantage of Wheeler's liberal earlier record by the wearing of bronze buttons of the LaFollette-Wheeler presidential campaign of 1924.

The senator's return to his home state was marked by his acceptance of a degree and his speaking at the commencement exercises of the Montana School of Mines, controlled by the Anaconda Copper Company. The newspapers owned or directed by the company are filled with praise of him.

Morgan Approves Tax Evasion of U.S. Millionaires

NEW YORK—"Anyone has a right to do anything," according to J. P. Morgan, fountain-head of finance-capital in America, providing, of course, that the rich man's law "does not say it is wrong." The international banker whose firm rakes in over sixty million dollars a year clear profit, made this statement aboard the luxurious Queen Mary when questioned about Roosevelt's tax evasion revelations.

"Only do what you are compelled to do by law," further advised this man of money who floated more than six billion dollars of financial paper in this country during the last eighteen years.

The financier, smiling, refused to relate the particular methods which he used to evade taxes although he is a past master of the art, having admitted before a Senate committee that he paid no income taxes in 1930, 1931, and 1932. When asked if he had incorporated his big black yacht, Corsair (a favorite truck of big tax stealers), he dismissed the matter with a wave of his hand. "I didn't think it worth while," he explained; the yacht is worth only $2,000,000.

Jessup Opposes Pay Raise by L.A. County

LOS ANGELES — Increased wages for Los Angeles county employees "dismay" Board of Supervisor Chairman Roger W. Jessup according to a recent statement of this die-hard to the press. Jessup is demanding the rescinding of 1937-38 county ordinance in order to adopt a new measure with the salary increases deleted. "I voted for the adoption of the salary ordinance with the definite understanding that it contain no salary increases," complained Jessup.

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Incidents on the Circulation Front

Sparing no effort to put the Circulation Drive of the "Western" over the top by July 4th, the Los Angeles Drive Committee has issued a special bulletin under a "Western Worker" masthead, with the subtitle: "On the Firing Line!" Some excerpts follow from Vol 1, No. 5:

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"Dozens of comrades throughout the state are qualifying for the California Press Builders' Congress to be held in Los Angeles July 17 and 18.

"Are you, who will be hosts for the entire state at the Press Builders' Congress, also on the way to getting those 100 points necessary to attend the Congress?

"Los Angeles must be out in full force when the comrades from all over the state attend the Press Builders' Congress.

"All you Party Builders who went north to the Party Builders' Congress—are you keeping up your fine record and becoming Press Builders?"

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HOW ABOUT SUBS "ON THE LINE"

"A couple of weeks ago, there was a lot of 'sound and fury' around the County. The Professional Section was 'up in the air' because the 'Western' used it as an example of how not to conduct a Western Worker Drive. Said Organizer Pete: 'Why, we'll have your quota in two weeks.' We have over 60 subs on hand.

"And they're still 'on hand.' And the Professional Section is still showing the County how NOT to conduct a Western Worker Drive."

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"Then, there's Sam Cherniak, former hustlin' business manager of the 'Western.' What has happened to Sam? Not one sub and the drive half over. And take Ed Nelson in the Bookstore. He's been quieter than the dead these past few weeks. What about it, Comrade Ed?

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"Look at Lou Saperstein. He has 15 yearly subs. But what about the IWO, Lou? Remember, you can't put the Drive over by yourself. Have you a patent on your method? No? Then why not try telling the IWO about how to do it?"

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SUBS FOR SPAIN!

"'If it is possible to send a few Western Workers over here we'd probably read them until the print faded from the paper. Later on when the various groups become permanently organized, we may send in for several 90-day subs. It would not be practical to subscribe for a longer period as we all feel certain of wiping out the fascist dogs in that time.'

"Thus reads a letter from Spain. Over there, where our comrades are fighting fascism, the Western Worker is in demand. They want it, they remember its value.

"Several people have come into the Western Worker office and suggested that units and groups in Los Angeles send over subscriptions to those boys in Spain. It sounded like a good idea to us—what do you think about it?

"We think it would be a swell thing if each unit would subscribe for a sub to be sent to Spain. Let's have some 'SUBS FOR SPAIN.'"

That the Children Of Spain May Live

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Soviet Scientists Begin Studies at North Pole Base

NORTH POLE, (via Moscow)—Work of discovery and investigation began this week as the four Soviet scientists left here set their new instruments in operation.

Shortly after bidding goodbye to the returning airmen, the men lowered their instruments through ice-cracks to find, at about 1,000 feet below the surface, a layer of warm water.

Three of the four returning planes, arriving at the Rudolf Island Artic airport Monday, reported that the workers at the Pole are comfortable and in good conditions. The homes of the wintering party are made of white snow bricks, with warm, thick carpets covering the floor, and the whole interiors fitted with the necessary equipment.

Chinese People in Support of Spain

PEIPING, China—Chinese Red Army soldiers are burning with a desire to fight the fascist invaders of Spain, Mao tse-tung, Chinese Communist Party leader said this week, according to the North China Star.

"The Chinese people are back of the People's Front in Spain," declared Mao tse-tung. "Spain's fight is oppressed China's fight."

The Chinese people's leader outlined the similarities between the difficulties facing the Spanish people and those which the Chinese Red Army is confronted with. He concluded with an expression of confidence in the ultimate victory of both nations.

Besides the North China Star, 100 Chinese newspapers and periodicals are giving whole-hearted support to the Spanish People's Front. The newspaper Shihszejibao recently called the bombardment of Almeria an open act of provocation bound to have serious international repercussions.

Mayor Dore Moving To Enemy's Camp

SEATTLE — Mayor John F. Dore, elected by labor, continued his course of desertion to the other side by the proposal that Governor Clarence D. Martin "seize and operate" Puget Sound ferries struck by the Inland Boatmen's Union. The course of Dore's desertion began as the labor-splitting Dave Beck organized his campaign against the International Longshoremen's Association.

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PROGRESSIVES PREPARING FOR JUNE 20TH MEET

Reaction of Senate Main Object of Attack

Labor and civic organizations prepared this week to send delegates to the state-wide convention of the California People's Legislative Conference at Santa Maria, June 20, where a post-legislative campaign against reaction will be evolved.

Observing the failure of progressive measures in the recently ended legislative session, the Conference Call cites especially the unprogressive character of the Senate, which stopped every measure drawn in the interests of the people and passed many anti-social bills on the Assembly. It was because of a few staunch representatives in the latter body that reaction was successfully checked.

Among bills which the Conference backed at the last session of the Legislature, and which suffered defeat at the hands of the reactionaries were the bills abolishing anti-picketing ordinances, prohibiting transportation of strike-breakers, 30-hour week legislation, calling for a 5-day week for state workers; three bills banning race discrimination; two bills granting the free use of schools; providing for a pardon for Tom Mooney; eliminating compulsory ROTC; the measure calling for a $20,000,000 fund for youth; repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act; providing for retrial of false convictions.

To correct this situation, the Conference proposes to raise and poplarize one of three issues: (1) Unicameral (one house) legislature; (2) Election of state senators on the basis of population (four senators now represent 75 per cent of the people); and (3), Calling of a Constitutional Convention to re-draft the state constitution (as authorized by the voters in 1934.)

Only by eliminating reaction in the Senate does the Conference believe it can succeed in carrying out its aims. These are the unification of all labor and progressive elements in the state for the passage of laws and ordinances advancing the cause of labor, protecting civil rights, insuring social security, reform of the Judicial system, assisting the unemployed, the aged, youth, and organizations sincerely devoted to helping the small farmer and the small business man.

President Insis[ts] On Court Re[form]

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt strongl[y] ... Supreme Court for taking a four-month adjourn[ment] ... portant government cases not acted upon, and re[...] sistence on the need for court reform.

Congress must pass the reform measure [...] because of the acute need for it, he reiterated.

The President indicated his readiness to recede from his original proposal of six new justices in favor of a smaller number. Opposition raised by reactionary senators to the number of new justices proposed was described as a matter of the trees obscuring the forest.

The main issue, he emphasized, is that of court reform. He declared that this issue should take precedence over the obstacles which senators have brought forward in the disguise of disagreement over the particulars of the reform bill.

The court's recent adjournment came after the court had rendered three decisions tending to obstruct the Tennessee Valley authority and other New Deal measures. These decisions merely refused to throw out reactionary cases against the government in the lower courts or agreed to hear appeals that have been made, all working toward delay while the power companies are attempting to use constitutional doubts as a weapon to swing municipalities against federal loans for power plants.

Call for Mich. Rent Strike of 200,000

DETROIT — Detroit tenants were urged at a meeting here, called by CIO auto union leaders, to organize in such a powerful way that they could call a sitdown strike of 200,000 tenants against rent increases.

Mort J. Furay, heading the organizing committee, called for "united action against the big banks and trust companies" who have tripled rents in the last year. Rent strikes have started in Lansing and Pontiac.

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For Democracy, For Liberty

ABOUT TO leave for the front, these fighters for Spanish democracy, being seen off in Madrid, pledge to fight to the death.

Oil Workers in Many Progressive Acts at Parley

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involved and must be approved by the majority of locals affected before any officer shall approve and sign such agreements.

Resolutions committee expected to report out favorably on an amendment setting up apparatus within international to more effectively cope with problems and special needs of various field groups in the petroleum industry.

A strongly worded resolution unanimously adopted in support of the Spanish people in their struggle against "Spanish Liberty League and German and Italian Fascism"; local unions are urged "To support by whatever means possible struggles of Spanish people for democracy." The resolution provides that the secretary of our international communicate and demand of Secretary of State Hull that "present neutrality legislation be applied to Germany and Italy in order that war supplies from the U. S. shall not be used against the Spanish people."

Militant labor consciousness of the delegates is manifested by many actions; wires of greeting to St. Louis convention of the American Newspaper Guild and Portland convention Maritime Federation Pacific; voted boycott on Montgomery Ward, whose 2200 employees of the local distribution warehouse on strike; changed meeting place from picketed hotel to one that signed with striking hotel workers; dozens of delegates and wives participated in the street march and demonstration through the downtown section by one thousand striking AFL hotel employees.

Hitler Prepares Coup in Danzig

MARIENWERDER, East Prussia—Direct seizure by the Nazis of the free city of Danzig was strongly indicated here as Dictator Hitler scheduled an address on Polish frontier problems in this little city on the borders of the Danzig free state.

Danzig has been nominally under League of Nations supervision since the treaty of Versailles. Its earlier traditions are those of free city; it became part of Poland and was swallowed up by Germany when Poland was divided between Russia, Prussia and Austria. The Nazis at present control a two-third majority in the Danzig parliament.

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	20	8	40.0	12
	35	10	28.5	25
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CIO COUNCIL STARTS IN L. A.

Represents 40,000 Members of Unions

LOS ANGELES—Representing over 40,000 workers, the local CIO Conference became an official Industrial Council of the Committee for Industrial Organization after installation last Monday evening of a charter from CIO national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

New delegates were seated from 25 locals of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, representing 8,000 workers, from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the United Textile Workers, and the Tobacco Workers.

Roberts, Jordan Nominated

Nominations for officers of the council were made with George Roberts, organizer of the United Rubber Workers Union, and Bill Busick, ILGWU organizer receiving nominations for the presidency. For secretary of the organization, C. H. Jordan, secretary of the American Radio Telegraphists Association, Charles West, Charles Rodgers, John Despol, and Gene Judd, were nominated.

Officers will be elected within three weeks. At the same time, an executive board of 10 members will also be elected.

In response to an appeal from representatives of the striking Federated Motion Picture Crafts, the Council put on the unfair list all motion picture theaters in Los Angeles. Previously, the Council had gone on record supporting the strike of the FMPC and had offered to provide pickets.

Guild Brings New Strength to CIO

ST. LOUIS—Delegates to the 4th annual Newspaper Guild convention voted 118¼ to 18½ for affiliation to the CIO, adding another important international to the CIO ranks.

The Guild has not been suspended from the AFL, although some reactionary AFL executive council members have intimated that this would be done.

To Include Office Employes

The vote to affiliation with the CIO followed on a recommendation by the Guild's executive board to that effect.

Assuming a true industrial character, the Guild at its convention also adopted a resolution to broaden the Guild's constitution, making newspaper business office employes as well as editorial employes eligible for membership.

Maj. Lord, Loyalist Ace, SF Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO — Major Frederick I. Lord, American world war ace, proclaimed "the Eddie Rickenbacker of Spain" will be one of the principal speakers in the symposium "Nazism versus Democracy" in Scottish Rite auditorium, Sunday evening, June 13, under the auspices of the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Shot Down 13 Rebel Planes

Major Lord was rated second only to Eddie Rickenbacker for his record of enemy planes shot down during the world war. He is credited with having brought down thirteen enemy planes for the Spanish Loyalist government in the present conflict.

Other speakers to be heard include: Herbert Biberman, distinguished stage and screen director and founder of the famous New York Theatre Guild; Rabbi Saul White, noted Jewish leader; John D. Barry, local columnist and political commentator; Dr. Paul Bucholz, Executive Secretary of the United Church Council; and Viola Brothers Shore, Hollywood novelist and scenario writer. Sol Silverman, editor of the Emanu-El, will act as chairman.

TESTIMONY ON MOONEY IN CONGRESS

On Resolution to Urge Merriam to Pardon Tom

WASHINGTON—Appointment of a subcommittee of the Senate judiciary committee to hear testimony on the resolution of Sen. Murray (D, Mont.) memorializing the Governor of California to pardon Tom Mooney, was announced here by Sen. Ashurst (D, Ariz.), chairman of the committee.

The committee will consist of Sens. Neely (D, West Va.), McCarran (D, Nev.), O'Mahoney (D, Wyo.), Hughes (D, Del.) and Norris (Ind., Neb.). The date for the beginning of hearings has not been set.

To Present Testimony

It is planned to present the committee with testimony of Rena Mooney, Israel Weinberg and Ed Nolan, also charged with the Preparedness Day bombing in 1916 for which Mooney was convicted. Sens. Nye (R, N. D.), Wheeler (D, Mont.) and Murray will also appear to urge passage of the resolution as will Reps. O'Day (D, N. Y.) and Fitzgerald (D, Conn.).

C.S. Law Victims Expose Frameup

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scrupulous tactics of the prosecuting attorney and his henchmen; one of whom, Lloyd G. Buchler, still had the brass to rise before the District Court and declare himself "a red-blooded American."

The court was openly unsympathetic to the defendents throughout. No extensions of time were granted for speeches, the defendants were not allowed to lunch with their friends who had come from all parts of the state, and Gallagher's request that the remaining prisoners be released on bail pending the court's decision was refused.

Over 80 Delegates

Over eighty delegates from thirty organizations attended the hearings, including the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, seven branches of the ILD, the United Auto Workers and the Street Car Union from Oakland, the CIO Steel Workers from Pittsburg, the Agricultural Workers of Sacramento, the Workers Alliance, the Communist Party of both San Francisco and Los Angeles, and the Pile Drivers Union No. 34 and Construction Workers No. 261 of San Francisco.

During the noon recess, these delegates met in an informal luncheon meeting. During the meeting Assemblyman Paul Richie stated: "I believe that if the Criminal Syndicalism Law is placed on a ballot before the people, they will repeal it."

The delegations were organized by the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, which has been endorsed by ten labor councils, 85 union locals and 65 other organizations.

The Conference and the International Labor Defense, according to spokesmen, intend to fight the Sacramento C.S. case through to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary, and at the same time to wage an incessant fight to repeal the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Law of California.

Vandeleur Conceals Much on Canneries

SAN FRANCISCO — On the spot for his company-unionizing activities in Stockton and other cannery centers, state federation secretary Edward Vandeleur found it necessary on Wednesday to issue a long, but misleading statement.

Masterful Evasion

The Vandeleur statement was particularly misleading in that it sought to give the impression that the reactionaries in the state federation leadership were mainly concerned with the canners dealing with the cannery workers "as a whole" as against "piecemeal organizing." Here Vandeleur sought to conceal his craft union policies by which he plans to divide cannery workers among the crafts, such as teamsters, etc., openly announced by state federation vice-president McManus in Stockton.

The California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers, which Vandeleur attacked by innuendo but did not dare name, is organizing cannery and agricultural workers on an industrial basis.

Vandeleur's statement carefully avoided mention of his pro-company acts in Stockton, where a company slate was put into charge of the Cannery Workers Union, or of similar acts in Sacramento, San Jose, etc.

The Workers Allianc Social-Dance-Entertainment at Yosemite Hall, 120 Page St., Sat., June 12, 8 p. m. Useful door prizes. Adm. 25c.

SITDOWNERS IN DOUGLAS KEPT ORDER

Police Chief Admits In Trial of 22 Strikers

LOS ANGELES—Directly refuting Donald Douglas' charges of "rioting," Santa Monica Chief of Police Charles Dice, testifying at the trial of 22 Douglas sitdown strikers in Superior Judge Edward Bishop's court, admitted that the men "had conducted themselves in an orderly manner."

Further giving the lie to the Douglas aircraft company president, Chief Dice declared that the defendants, on trial for "conspiracy to trespass," were not only orderly but had enforced rules against smoking in the plant during the strike.

Evidences Favors Strikers

From the long line of company stooges who have taken the witness stand in the prosecution's attempt to build up a case against the 22 defendants, a great mass of evidence has been built up in favor of the strikers.

Under cross-examinations, witnesses have time and again either retracted or contradicted statements to the effect that the men were "rioting" or planned violence and damage to the plant.

When George W. Stratton, plant official, was on the stand, defense attorney John Packard asked him:

"The Douglas company officials made no attempt to operate the plant after the strike. Why?"

"Because of the rioting," Stratton replied in well-rehearsed manner.

"By rioting you mean men walking around, asking others to join them?" Packard suggested.

"Yes—and calling names — scabs," Stratton declared.

"Were any of the men assaulted by what you call rioters," Packard demanded.

"No," came the hesitant reply.

Prosecution attorneys efforts to identify crudely constructed "saps" and billies with weapons strikers are alleged to have had, came to dismal failure when district attorney investigators were forced to admit that they could make no positive identification—could not even find the usual fingerprint clues.

Bay Area Spain Week Plans Made

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rations for the statewide mobilizations: "Tag day" on June 19 and "miss a meal" day on June 17. On a statewide scale also the Communist Party will organize a house-to-house collection of food, clothing and funds on Sunday, June 20.

First mass affair in Eastbay will be a mass meeting at Jenny Lind Hall, Wednesday evening, June 16. The same night a dance will be held at CIO Hall, 531 Eleventh Street, with Spanish entertainment.

C. P. Participation

In addition to its local participation in statewide phases of the program, San Francisco's Spain Week will include two important mass meetings held by the Communist Party. Monday morning, June 15, 6:30 a. m., the Waterfront Section will hold a meeting at Embarcadero and Clay Street, with County Organizer Frank Spector as speaker. Dave Saunders, waterfront organizer, will preside.

Sunday afternoon, June 13, 1:30 p. m., the regular Party meeting in Jefferson Park will be devoted to "The Role of the Communist Party in the Spanish People's Front."

The closing Party affair in San Francisco will be the Spanish Fiesta and dance Sunday night, June 20, at 121 Haight Street.

Santa Barbara Plans Spanish Aid

SANTA BARBARA—Mass organization members will solicit funds under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy during Spanish Aid Week. The Communist Party will collect funds in its own name. 375 copies of the special issue of the Western Worker will be distributed.

A benefit bazaar will be held Saturday, June 19, at the Workers' Center, 208 W. Canon Perdido. Six different towns in Santa Barbara will see "Spain in Flames." Medical supplies, food and supplies will be solicited from stores and house to house.

Warehouse Union Assists Strikers At United Cigar

SAN FRANCISCO — Twenty-six United Cigar Stores, struck by the Cigar and Liquor Clerks, are still padlocked tight. The ILA Warehousemens Union has tied up the company's warehouse here. The latter supplies more than 300 stores and agencies on the coast in the Western states. Both unions demand wage increases and recognition, and neither will return without the other.

LEO GALLAGHER, Caroline Decker welcome C. S. prisoner Nora Conklin (at right) on her release from Tehachapi prison. Nora sent following greeting to Western Worker:

Sacramento, California.

Greetings to the Western Worker and the Communist Party! I am glad to be back among you, and am looking forward to the day I will be able to join you in active participation in the work for the improvement of the social and economic standards of our class. Comradely yours,

NORA CONKLIN.

Fast One Meal for Spain

(CUT OUT AND SEND IN)

FOR ORGANIZATIONS

We..................(number) members of Unit—Branch..................
Section..................have fasted one meal on June..................
and are turning in this money we saved..................(amount)
so that the children of Spain may live.

FOR INDIVIDUALS

I have skipped one day, June..................and I am turning in this amount..................so that the children of Spain may live.

If collected by the unit or branch, please see that this blank is clipped and filled out and is turned over with the money to your Section or County Committee.

If this is your personal sacrifice, please forward the blank together with money to the California State Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Fascists Accused By Great Britain

LONDON — After nearly a months' delay, the British government formally accused the puppet fascist government of General Franco with responsibility for the deaths of eight British sailors aboard the British destroyer Hunter off the coast of Almeria on May 13.

The Hunter ran into a mine laid outside the three mile limit. The incident came shortly after British-owned food ships went through the fascist "blockade" at Bilbao and received the protection of the British navy largely because of the demands at home for this protection to be given.

Delayed

The British government shielded the fascist invaders by delaying any protest on the incident. In its formal note delivered to fascist headquarters at Salamanca, the British government said that a full investigation had revealed that the fascists had mined the high seas, a practice illegal in international law.

SEVILLE — Loyalist bombers were reported here to have retaliated against the fascist bombardment of civilians by dropping bombs on the exclusive residential suburb of San Lazaro de Teranda here. Eight persons were reported killed and 72 wounded.

CEUTA, Morocco—A loyalist naval bombardment here seriously damaged fascist military defenses and silenced shore batteries.

Pedro ILA Warns Shaw on Cops

LOS ANGELES — A sharp warning on police brutality has been sent Mayor Shaw by ILA Local 38-82, one of whose members, Bill Gregg, was murdered two weeks ago by Policeman Redding.

In a letter signed by Secretary-treasurer Francis G. Fetzer, the ILA Local told Shaw:

"Accept this as an official notification to yourself as chief executive of the government of the city of Los Angeles, that from this date we shall publicize and prosecute to the fullest extent any unnecessary roughness or brutality to members of this organization by members of the police department.

"I shall personally do all in my power to bring to an end the persecution and torture of innocent men, women and children by a few cowardly men who take advantage of a uniform and badge for the satisfaction of their brutal instincts."

SECOND INT'L EVADES UNITY

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posals for united action, saying "neither the chairman nor the secretary of our international has the necessary powers to participate on its behalf in the committee which you propose."

"Not Convincing"

This latter statement, Dimitroff cabled in reply, "does not seem convincing to us, if only because you could request such powers from the corresponding authorities of your international.

"Nor can it be assumed that the absence of formal powers is decisive when it is a question of the life and independence of the Spanish people, subjected to an attack by German and Italian interventionists."

Not Accepting Responsibility

Dimitroff contradicted de Brouckere's statement that the Labor and Socialist International is fully carrying out its duty "inasmuch as it continues to refuse to unite all forces of the international proletariat for the defense of the Spanish people."

Stressing that the essence of the C. I. proposals was more important than the form, Dimitroff urged that a meeting be arranged for a preliminary exchange of opinions between representatives of the two internationals as to how unity could be achieved.

Teamster Heads Go In for Vigilantism

OAKLAND—A cavalcade of six automobiles, led by reactionary Charles Real of the Teamsters, and Fowler, business agent of the Laborers Union, attacked and beat up a small picket line of ten men and women Wednesday in front of the California Waste Company, now being organized by the CIO.

The CIO people were notified and they came down to investigate just in time to see the vigilantes leave. The vigilantes were wearing white arm-bands and carried pick handles. They followed the vigilantes to try to get an explanation. The vigilantes stopped in front of the AFL Labor Temple and when questioned, the vigilantes fell on the CIO members with the pick handles and a fight ensued. The entire front of the Labor Temple was demolished.

Police went on a wild spree in front of the Calpack Corporation Plant at 29th Avenue, and beat up two school kids who were on their way to the school adjoining the Calpack plant. The superintendent of schools took the kids to Police Chief Wallman to complain.

CONSTITUTION-ALITY OF WAGE LAW DEFENDED

Asst. Attorney Gen. Jackson in Favor of Challenging Court

WASHINGTON—Constitutionality of the proposed wages and hours law, now pending before Congress, was vigorously defended by Assistant Attorney General Robert Jackson at the first of the joint hearings held by the House and Senate labor committees.

Jackson argued that the bill should be passed if only to give the Supreme Court a chance to overrule itself on its child labor stand which he termed "a perversion of our constitution."

Jackson analyzed for the committee the legality of the proposed measure from the standpoint of regulation of interstate commerce, delegation of powers, state's rights, and due process of law. From all these standpoints, he said, the law is constitutional.

Dealing at length with the decision of the court in holding that Congress has no power to ban from interstate commerce the products of child labor, Jackson declared, "The doctrine of the majority in the child labor case belongs to the same dark era of legal thought as the decision holding that the minimum wage law was unconstitutional."

Time to Challenge

He pointed out that the court had overruled itself on the minimum wage question and declared, "Congress may with propriety decline to let such decisions stall legislative reason. Had not the legislators persisted in challenging the minimum wage cases, their inaction and acquiescence would have prevented the court from amending its doctrine.

"Hence I have no hesitation in urging that the time has come when the child labor decision should be challenged and reargued. We may reasonably hope that Hammer vs Dagenhart (holding child labor laws unconstitutional) will be laid to a tardy and unmourned repose beside the lifeless remains of Adkins vs Children's Hospital (holding minimum wage laws for women unconstitutional.)"

Fire First Gun in Milk Rise Fight

SAN FRANCISCO—First gun in the fight to protect the health of San Francisco children against milk price rises came with the conference Wednesday of women's organizations, called by ILA Auxiliary No. 3. Over 100 representatives attended.

Dr. Vera Goldman told of the suffering which milk price increases bring to the children. Jay Kugley, secretary of the California Milk Institute, and John Marshall, attorney for the San Francisco Milk Dealers Assn., gave feeble arguments for the milk price rise, the latter using the already blasted excuse of wage increases.

Mrs. W. T. Cleverdon, state president of the Housewives League, stated the Milk Trust worries more about its profits than about the welfare of the public. M. B. Gurney, member of the Board of Directors of the California Cooperative Council, stated that from the farmers' point of view the milk price rise might be justified legally but not morally. He stated the milk dealers manage to make a small profit on fluid milk, and millions on the by-products.

Roberta Jones, of ILA Auxiliary No. 3 told how since 1929 the cost of living has risen consistently higher than wages.

She suggested that demands be made for a decrease of 1 cent a quart in stores and deliveries; that the Mayor and supervisors declare a public health emergency, and that the Governor authorize the Board of Health to publicly investigate the milk industry in California.

Mussolini Envoy to Spread Poison, Cal.

WASHINGTON — The Italian Fascist ambasador, Suvich left Friday for the Pacific Coast, where he planned a tour of Italian organizations for the purpose of propaganda on behalf of Mussolini.

Suvich will be in San Francisco June 23.

His presence on the West Coast will not be welcome to workers and other progressive sections of the people, who have participated in demonstrations at Italian and Nazi consulates in protest of the Italian and Nazi invasion and brutalities in Spain.

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UNION LEADERS URGE SUPPORT FOR SPAIN AID

Berolla, Garcia Urge Spanish-Speaking People Aid

SAN FRANCISCO—"Spanish-speaking workers of California justly feel a close tie with our brothers and sisters of Spain, who are fighting so heroically against the fascist invasion of Franco, Hitler and Mussolini," declared Jack Berolla, officer in the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, and Pete Garcia, officer in the Ship Scalers Union, ILA 38-100, in a joint statement issued to the Western Worker.

"Bound to the Spanish people by a common language, by the same deep sentiment for democracy, by the international solidarity of workers against fascism, we must do our utmost here in California to help the Spanish people drive fascism out of Spain," these trade union leaders stated.

Support Spain Aid Week

"We can and must make California Spanish Aid Week, June 13 to 20, a tremendous success in rallying aid for the Spanish people, raising funds to send medical aid, clothing and food to Spain.

"We believe all Spanish-speaking people in California, in particular, will rally to the cause of Spanish democracy during this week of June 13-20."

New Headquarters, Sacto. Field Union

From Agricultural Workers Union, Local 20,241, Labor Temple, 8th and I Sts., Sacramento, comes the following letter:

"Dear Editor:

"We notice that your paper has a directory of field and cannery unions, in which our local was listed. We wish to express our appreciation for this service, as we are always glad to get any assistance, no matter how small it may be. Your paper champions our cause, which is not very well appreciated by many other newspapers in the state.

"However, if you are going to continue to run a directory of Agricultural Workers Unions, we ask you to kindly change the address of our local, to the address on the above letterhead.

"With fraternal greetings, Secretary-Treasurer Henry H. Wells."

The change will be made in future directories printed in the "Western."

Studio Strikers For Spain Govt.

By an IATSE Member

HOLLYWOOD—As I left the First National lot tonight (June 3), I stopped by a car at the curb where some of the pickets were huddled hearing the 10 o'clock radio news. When the announcer said that General Mola was killed in a plane crash, a chap with a middle-western accent remarked that it was too bad that Franco wasn't along.

Another, who spoke like a native son, said, when the announcer gave a melodramatic emphasis at the "news" from Germany that "Soviet planes, directly from Moscow," had bombarded the Deutchless-something or other battle ship, that he hoped it was the truth, and all agreed with him.

On the CIO

The radio spoke of the CIO, and I said that I was an IATSE (Intl. Alliance of Theatrical State Employees) member, although I went out in the 1933 strike when the IBEW (Electricians) scabbed on us, and I added that it was about time that we had the CIO in the studios, since most of the IATSE rank-and-file is for it.

There was a chorus of "you said it, brother," and one of the pickets pulled out a CIO application and gave it to me, saying that my name would be kept secret, that nobody will know that I had joined or intended to join, and only when there would be several thousand applications on file would it come in with a bang.

The thought that the fellow with the dinner pail is getting politically conscious, and is also swinging to the right side of the labor movement, sent me to bed full of optimism, and so goodnight.

38-44 Signs West

SAN FRANCISCO—Chalk up another one for the Warehousemens Union (ILA local 38-44.)

The West Disinfecting Co. has granted recognition, preferential hiring, 8 hour day, 44 hour week, 7 cents an hour minimum.

Shipowners Plot Against Spain Democracy

By ROY HUDSON

Basil Harris is Vice-President of the International Mercantile Marine.

Basil Harris is also Chairman of the "American Committee for Spanish Relief."

On May 4, the Spanish Ambassador, who is the duly accredited representative of the Spanish government, and is recognized as such by the United States government, issued a statement exposing this committee as a fraud.

A Fraud to Help Franco

In the name of the Spanish government, the Ambassador warned that the committee headed by Basil Harris of the I.M.M. does not aim to provide relief for Spain, but to help the German and Italian fascists, who, together with their Spanish agent Franco, are trying to destroy the democratic government elected by the Spanish people.

The reasons why Basil Harris is chairman of this committee for support of fascism are not hard to discover. Has not the I.M.M. resisted every effort of the marine workers to establish an American standard of wages and conditions and to maintain democratic unions?

Enemies of Unions

Basil Harris and others like him have always opposed the real forces of democracy and progress in this country, and now he is actively aiding the fascist plot to destroy democracy and trade unions in Spain. Does it not follow that Basil Harris, and others like him, dream and plot of doing the same thing in the United States and hope that a fascist victory in Spain would strengthen the reactionaries in the U. S.?

Does not this incident show how the reactionaries of all countries cooperate for the purpose of defeating democracy and enslaving the people? This international solidarity of the bosses must be answered with the international solidarity of the workers!

Basil Harris and other reactionaries own the I.M.M. If he wants to aid the fascists, does it not follow that he and other reactionary shipowners may refuse to permit I.M.M. ships and other American vessels to carry material needed by the Spanish government? May they not try to use these same ships to carry war materials for the fascists? But these ships cannot be used for the support of fascism if the marine workers say NO!

This committee, headed by Harris, is organized for the purpose of helping the fascists crush democracy in Spain. Whose lives are these fascist butchers taking because they dare defend democracy?

Whom They Murder

Spanish workers and poor people; Catholics and trade unionists; men, women and children, and members of the International Seamen's Union and other maritime unions who are members of the Lincoln Battalion, a part of the famous International Column.

These American marine workers, together with hundreds of other American workers, are defending democracy with their lives! They are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Spanish people, for the same reason that Lafayette fought shoulder to shoulder with the American people in 1776!

Marine workers—where does your sympathy lie? With your brother trade unionists heroically fighting to defend democracy, or with the fascists who have the support of the shipowners?

Harris, Hearst and the other reactionaries will no doubt try to hide all these facts by dragging out the old red herring. According to them, the revolt against the Spanish people's government, organized by Hitler and Mussolini, is justified to save Spain from "Communism." But this government, which included only a minority of Communists, was democratically elected by a majority of the Spanish people. The fascists are trying to cancel the democratic votes of the people with bullets!

Why They Raise Red Scare

Let us not forget that these same forces also labeled President Roosevelt a "Communist" in the election campaign. And have they not time and again denounced marine workers, fighting for honest unions and decent conditions, as "Communist" plotters? They raise the red scare in order to hide the fact that they are the enemies of progress and democracy.

The Communist Party is on the side of progress and democracy. It seeks to help defend and extend democracy here in the United States. It has always supported the fight of the rank and file of the maritime unions for honest, democratic unions, and to establish a national maritime federation. Every effort of the maritime workers to improve wages and conditions has received the backing of the Communist Party.

C. P. Defends Democracy

The Communist Party, which fights for socialism, realized that the issue in America today is not socialism, but the defeat of the reactionary, fascist-minded forces in America who threaten the democratic rights of the majority of American people. The Communist Party joins with all progressive forces in defending these rights, in supporting all measures that are in the interests of the American people, and in defeating the reactionaries. Only such united action of all progressive forces can defeat the reactionaries who would like to bring fascism in the United States. Such united action of the people of Spain in support of their democratic government has prevented Hitler, Mussolini and Franco from establishing a fascist Spain!

The Spanish people have received the sympathy and support of democratic people in all nations, especially the Soviet Union. Stronger united action of all supporters of democracy and progress throughout the world can now bring about the defeat of fascism in Spain. Such a victory would make the danger of a world war less great, and weaken the position of all the fascist-minded forces in the United States.

Maritime Workers Have Power

The American maritime workers, more than any other section of the American people, have it within their power to help bring about a victory for democracy in Spain. The American maritime workers have every reason for doing so.

Basil Harris, vice-president of the I.M.M., has shown where he and other reactionary shipowners stand—and the maritime unions certainly cannot have a united front with the shipowners against the Spanish workers and people!

If the maritime workers want to maintain democratic unions and a democratic government in the United States, then they must help defend democracy in Spain.

Prevent World War

If the maritime workers want to prevent another world war, that will cost the lives of tens of thousands of marine workers, then they must help defeat the fascists in Spain who are the forces that are preparing this war.

If the maritime workers want to remain loyal to their brothers who fought shoulder to shoulder with them on the picket line, and are now fighters in the Lincoln Battalion, then they must stand solidly behind the Spanish People's government!

Maritime Workers: Act!

Collect funds on your ship or dock to provide relief for the women and children whose relatives have been slaughtered by the fascist butchers of Hitler and Mussolini.

Pledge not to sail on any ships carrying cargo consigned to the fascists!

Repudiate the embargo. Declare your willingness to man vessels needed for carrying food, medical supplies and other equipment needed for the Spanish people's government. The British seamen have done this—you can do no less!

Demand that the United States government provide protection for American ships, manned by American crews, bound for Spain carrying material for the defenders of Spanish and world democracy.

Remember the Seattle longshoremen who in 1919 refused to load arms that were to be used in the war against the Russian workers' government. Show that this spirit of international solidarity still lives!

HAWAI[I] URGE[S] MAUI

Need Fu[nds]... Attem[pt]... Strike...

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CLOSED SHOP WON IN STEGE CHEMICAL CO.

STEGE, Contra Costa County—Chemical Workers' Union Local 266, CIO affiliate, has secured another closed shop agreement in this county. The Stauffer Chemical Co. signed a closed shop agreement with the union last week.

Average raise for the workers in the plant was $1 per day, the union announced.

Huybrecht's Ford Co. Union Dies

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Another company union bit the dust here last week, despite efforts of "Organizer" Huybrecht, of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists, to keep it alive.

The solidarity of the Ford workers in the United Automobile Workers of America, which brought them victory last Sunday in their strike, blocked all attempts of Huybrecht to set up an American Federation of Labor charter for the Ford company union.

Huybrecht took his last swing and fanned out. He was forced to abandon his company union at the Ford plant. Only a handful of Ford "service men," alias thugs, and Ford stoolpigeons were available for the company union. All the Ford workers were loyal members of the UAW and out solid on the picket lines.

PORTLAND UNION FIGHTS AGAINST A. F. L. SPLITTING

PORTLAND, Ore. — Charging the Teamsters and Carpenters Unions, AFL, are attempting to break up their local, members of Furniture Workers Local No. 1482, appealed to the Federation of Woodworkers for assistance and advice.

They were advised to elect committees to meet with the Federation executive board and the representatives of all woodworkers groups of the northwest for the purpose of resisting the craft-splitting campaign.

Defeat for Lydick In San Diego on a Credentials Comm.

SAN DIEGO—Secretary John Lydick suffered a defeat Wednesday night when the Federated Trades and Labor Council rescinded its action of the previous week in establishing a credentials committee to inspect all incoming delegates.

The credentials committee was set up last week, with a majority of its members reactionary, after Secretary Lydick spoke for and made the motion for the committee. Daisy Lee Worcester of the Teachers union led the fight to abolish the committee. Ed Dowell was the only speaker for the committee. Apparently sensing that defeat on this issue was inevitable, Lydick's followers did not vote and the committee was unanimously ordered abolished. Delegates united against the plan when it was explained that its sponsors intended to use the committee to prevent progressive delegates from being seated.

Close Vote on IATSE Issue

A resolution asking William Green to suspend the IATSE from the AFL for strikebreaking activity in the current Hollywood studio strike, and to place ten major picture studios on the unfair list, lost by a vote of 48 to 43.

The defeat was made possible when a majority of the building trades delegates voted with the reactionaries. A representative of the FMPC of Hollywood was present and spoke for the resolution. Ed Dowell blustered that hereafter he personally would "keep these liars out of the council meetings." When delegates rose to challenge his statements, President Brown rapped them out of order and permitted Dowell to continue.

Editor Garrigues of the Labor Leader presented two letter to the Council and asked for instructions as to whether they should be printed. The first was from Dan Taylor of the Retail Clerks Union who was refused a seat by the Council last week on charges that he is a Communist. According to reports, the letter was an attempt by Taylor to present his side of the case since the Council refused to allow him to appear before them. The other was a request from Aircraft Lodge 1125 that a letter from C. F. Grow of the Machinists International to Secretary Lydick, be printed in the Labor Leader.

In the letter Grow politely told Lydick to hereafter keep his nose out of the affairs of the aircraft union. It resulted from an attempt by Lydick to get the International to order the aircrafters not to remove their reactionary former financial secretary. After some debate the Council instructed the editor not to print the letters.

Morrie Smolan, Chairman of the Organizing Committee reported on the three unions his committee has launched since it was established, and he called for volunteer organizers to help start new unions. In his report he proposed that a local flying squad be established to go out every Saturday and line up non-union jobs; and he scored the city's anti-picketing law, stating that all efforts should be directed towards having it removed. He was warmly applauded.

Trade Unionists Aid Spain People

NEW YORK garment union members have sent over 200,000 garments to Spain's people. Scene shows garment workers making clothing for Spain.

SAN MATEO NURSES TALK OF STRIKING

SAN MATEO—The San Mateo County Hospital Nurses' Assn. is talking strike to force a wage increase equal to what Palo Alto City Hospital now pays.

These county supervisors always have money to increase police equipment to use against the unions, but holler how uncooperative it is for nurses to want a decent wage. The un-American conduct of these real-estate-and-insurance-men-supervisors is like the high class burglars owning the San Francisco Class-A hotels, who are constantly causing strikes and refusing to disgorge their booty.

A strong San Mateo nurses' union will prevent any inconvenience to patients, just as stronger culinary unions would have prevented the hotel owners' recent attempt to wreck the Bridge Fiesta.

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Pacific Freight Strike is Won

LOS ANGELES—End of the two months' strike of the Teamsters' Union against Pacific Freight Lines was announced last week, in a statement signed by George Schultz, union secretary, and George Duntley, president of the company.

Though terms of the settlement were not made public, union leaders acclaimed it a victory for the teamsters. Approximately 300 men were scheduled to return to work, union spokesmen announced.

Joint Statement

The statement read:

"The strike at Pacific Freight Lines and Pacific Tank Lines has been terminated. A mutually satisfactory settlement has been arrived at, the details to be worked out later."

Seeking to explain somewhat the reticence of the union and company officials to disclose terms of the agreement, one unionist stated that "good sportsmanship would prevent the union from announcing its victory."

Struck for Union Recognition

Involving more than 300 workers, the strike began last March 29, in demands for union recognition and reinstatement of drivers dismissed for union activity. From the outset, Pacific Freight Lines, supported by a solid front of open-shop forces headed by the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Assn., took a determined stand of refusal to deal in any way with the union.

Falling in line with the city's reactionary anti-labor groups, the superior courts, through Judge Emmet Wilson, handed down an injunction in an attempt to break the strike.

Answer of the union to this move came when Harry Dail, union organizer, declared the injunction "itemizes and prohibits every crime in the statutes, but does not affect our right of peaceful picketing."

Final capitulation of the company to the union demands came when the boycott called by the Teamsters proved too effective for the Company's profits.

CABMEN AND CIO

NEW YORK — The United Auto Workers Union has turned over 4000 taxicab drivers to the CIO Transport Workers Union.

Demand Probe of Steel Murders

CHICAGO—Eighty Congressmen and Senators have sent wires and special communications requesting open investigation into the murder of six steel workers and the shooting and clubbing of hundreds of men, women and children near Republic Steel plant in South Chicago.

The International Labor Defense issued a statement:

"The red-baiting raised at the inquest, the conspiracy charges against those in the hospitals and prisons, we brand as frame-ups for the purpose of white-washing the hookup between the City Hall, its police and Republic Steel.

"The Illinois State Office had various observers present at the premeditated police attack on Friday, May 23, as well as on bloody Sunday. It has also a reel of movies that can serve as effective documentary material for an open investigation. This evidence should aid materially in answering the brazen lies of the police and their champions, City Hall and the corporation-controlled newspapers."

Demands for an investigation should be sent to U. S. Attorney General Marshall Igoe, Chicago, Illinois; to LaFollette Investigating Committee and to President Roosevelt.

DEPT. STORE UNION FOR LABOR UNITY

SAN FRANCISCO — Although a new union, the Department Store Clerks Union, Local 1100, has learned the value of labor solidarity. On May 26, it voted without a dissenting vote to instruct the union's delegates to the Central Labor Council to "vote against the expulsion of any union or delegate from the Council because of union affiliation."

Sentiment among the union membership is strong for maintaining unity in the labor movement, and likewise strong for the principle of industrial unionism.

Local 1100, which now has over 5200 members, is negotiating for agreements with six large department stores.

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"Slums of the Paradise" --- By William Bailey

(Third Installment)

The struggle on the part of the workers to build unions in the Hawaiian Islands has been a very hard one—a struggle that has met with many obstacles.

Around the year 1933, the carpenters, plumbers, machinists and moulders started their organizations. To some people it seemed that the plumbers got together chiefly to establish a method of keeping the scale of prices for their jobs on an equal basis, to prevent cut-throat competition. Since their early start at organization, they have failed as a union to map out a policy that called for united action with other unions; they have neglected to seek the organization of the unorganized.

Maritime Organizing

The same holds true of the machinists, moulders, etc. They remain within themselves in a sectarian manner.

After the 1934 maritime strike, the Pacific Coast unions sent representatives to the Islands to establish branches of the unions. Upon the arrival of the International Longshoremen's Assn. organizer, many of the steamship companies gave an increase in wages to their employees in order to keep them away from the idea of organizing.

Ryan Betrayed Again

Next came representatives of the Firemen's and Sailors' unions. In a short time a good number of longshoremen were recruited into the union. The men applied for a charter from none other than Joe P. Ryan. They waited many months for a reply from him. Besides the request for a charter, they asked for an experienced organizer to come to the Islands.

Instead of sending them the charter as the men asked for, Ryan attempted to break down whatever organization the men had built up.

Wm. Craft, of Seattle, appeared on the scene just before the recent strike of maritime workers, 1936-37.

When the strike broke out, the shipowners again raised the wages of the men, with the hope that this would keep them from joining the strike. No one denies the fact that this increase in wages resulted in a good number of workers remaining on the docks while the strike was in progress, thus further resulting in the couple of hundred who walked off the docks to be later blacklisted because of their union affiliations and because of their strike record.

Rap Craft

Craft deserves the sharpest criticism for not keeping in contact with the rank-and-file, and for playing ball with the Chamber of Commerce all through the strike. His fiery speeches of solidarity on the one hand and on the other hand his dealings with the chamber of commerce at the top, soon convinced the maritime workers in the port of Honolulu that Craft was a detriment to their organization. The appeal for a charter never was answered.

The maritime workers soon learned through their bitter experiences to trust no one but to keep on striving to build their union and to organize the maritime workers of the Hawaiian Islands. After the strike terminated and more than 15 ships steamed out of the harbor, more than 54 militant longshoremen were left out in the cold, refused employment upon the docks where they worked for years prior to the strike. What semblance of organization was left among the longshoremen, appealed to the seamen for their support in getting the shipowners to take these victimized men back to work. With the fear that the seamen would tie up the ships again, the shipowners were forced to take back a few of the men.

Charges Filed Against Shipowners

Because of the longshoremen's determination to organize, charges were filed with the National Labor Relations Board, charging the Matson, Castle and Cooke steamship companies with unfair labor practices as stated in the act. Almost immediately, E. J. Eagan, representing the Board, arrived and hearings commenced.

All through the hearings, dirt and more dirt was dug up, showing proof of how the Honolulu police captain made daily calls to the head office of the steamship company for orders during the strike, of how certain rank-and-file leaders were framed up, of how murder plots against militant leaders were hatched right in the main office of Frank Thompson, leading lawyer for the steamship companies.

It dug up evidence proving how the Seamen's Church Institute of Honolulu, a "charitable" institution for seamen, was turned into a scab-herding agency for the shipowners. Of how many methods were used to keep the longshoremen from organizing, of how a company union was established through a Company Recreation Center on the waterfront, etc.

Strike Won At Port Allen

While these hearings were going on, unorganized longshoremen in Port Allen on the Island of Kauai broke loose with a spontaneous strike for higher wages. The steamship companies dared not use any methods to break the strike at that time but gently gave in to the demands of the workers, which totaled around 250 longshoremen of all nationalities.

Inspired by their first victory, they soon commenced to speak in terms of establishing a branch of the International Longshoremen's Assn., and at this time they have already lined up their membership into this union.

The hearings ended in a victory for the longshoremen. All discriminated men were placed back on the docks, with the companies paying them all the wages that were due them since their dismissals.

Islands Fed. of Labor

Today the Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn. has taken the lead in reorganizing the Joint Labor Council, which heretofore servative groups like the Machinists, Plumbers, Carpenters, had been dominated by the conetc., and has changed the name to the Hawaiian Island Federation of Labor. All unions affiliated with this Federation have representatives on the executive baord, with equal voice and vote. Their goal is to "Unionize the Hawaiian Islands."

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A HERO!

JOE BYRON, who was a member of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, died fighting for democracy as a member of the Lincoln Battalion in Spain. He was active in the SUP San Pedro branch.

HIT ARREST OF SPAIN PICKETS

Action of S.F. Police Scored as Illegal

SAN FRANCISCO—Protesting the Nazi invasion of Spain and the atrocities committed by the Nazis against the Spanish people, 100 pickets demonstrated last Saturday at the German Consulate on Sansome street. The demonstration was sponsored by the Communist Party.

The anti-Nazi picketing was not to the taste of the Rossi machine, whose police finally seized on a technicality to arrest six of the picketers for carrying banners.

Arrests Denounced

Within an hour the ILD had bailed the six out.

The arrests were denounced as illegal by the Civil Liberties Union, which pointed out that the advertising ordinance invoked applies only to business advertising and clearly exempts "notices or advertisements by labor, fraternal or charitable organizations of their meetings, acts or other affairs."

While the demonstration was in progress, a Communist Party YCL committee of five presented a resolution to the Nazi consul, protesting the Nazi butchery of the Spanish people.

A Spanish Fiesta and Dance will be held in San Francisco on Sunday night, June 20th, at 121 Haight, as a conclusion to the Aid to Spain Week.

On a state-wide scale, Communist Party members and sympathizers will mobilize on three dates. Thursday, June 17th, is "Skip a Meal for Spain Day," on which day all are asked to donate the cost of one meal for the Spanish cause. "Tag Day" will be on Saturday, June 19th, during which Aid to Spain Tags will be sold. Finally, on Sunday, June 20th, will be a house-to-house collection of clothing, food, and funds for Spain.

Seamen to Ballot On E. Coast Lines

WASHINGTON — Elections among unlicenced men—sailors, cooks and firemen—on the International Mercantile, Black Diamond and Luckenback lines have been ordered by the Labor Relations Board.

Elections were sought by the National Maritime Union, rank and file controlled East and Gulf Coast organization uniting all three departments.

It is considered certain that the seamen will overwhelmingly vote for the NMU as their collective bargaining agency, as against the reactionary Intl. Seamens Union officials.

[Yorkmar']s Crew Aids Spain

[Seamen] on the "Yorkmar" Do Their Bit For Democracy

...O—How a ship's ... to the aid of the ... ion of American ... or Spanish democ... in the following ... Western Worker,

... phia, before we ... scussed the ques... t for the Lincoln ... pledged that as ... uld get the money ... ake a substantial ...

This we have done and have forwarded the sum of $20 to the North American Committee in Los Angeles. Will have more to report as fast as we can get the money. We also have collected the sum of $24 for the King-Ramsay-Conner defense, that will be turned over to the committee as soon as we arrive in Frisco.

Fraternally yours,
V. R. KRAMER,
S. S. YORKMAR,
Calmar S. S. Co.,
San Pedro.

BIG GAINS END HOLLYWOOD FILM STRIKE

Union Shop Granted By 28 Producers In Industry

LOS ANGELES—1500 Hollywood motion picture studio workers are back at work, their six-weeks-old strike against 28 film producers ended with an agreement by producers to strikers' demands of union shop, reinstatement of all strikers without discrimination, and removal of all scabs.

Negotiations on questions of wages and working conditions will begin immediately with the provision that all points not settled within 30 days are to be submitted to an arbitration board of three members.

Called a Decided Victory

Arrived at by individual unions and the producers' representative, Pat Casey, the agreement does not specifically recognize the Federated Motion Picture Crafts under whose leadership the strike has been conducted. However, according to Charles Lessing, executive secretary of the FMPC, the agreement does not mean the end of the Federation.

Termed a "decided victory" by Lessing, the settlement came as a climax to six weeks of vicious strike-breaking on the part of George Brown, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. Three weeks ago the FMPC was on the point of arriving at a settlement with Louis B. Mayer, when Brown threatened to "call out every theater projectionist in the country" if the producers signed with the strikers.

Bilbao Defended, House by House

BILBAO—"We are ready to defend Bilbao house by house and district by district in fulfilling our historic duty," was the dramatic statement Monday of Basque president Jose Antonio de Aguirre.

General Davila's rebels were able to enter the Bilbao suburbs, and its is reported, parts of the city itself, only by the use of heavy concentrations of Nazi and Italian troops.

CIO Vote by Field, Cannery Labor Due

The Cannery and Agricultural Workers Federation will begin a referendum next week on CIO affiliation.

All agricultural and cannery unions, AFL or independent, have been invited to participate. A national convention in Denver, Colo., July 9 to 11, to discuss national CIO affiliation, has been endorsed.

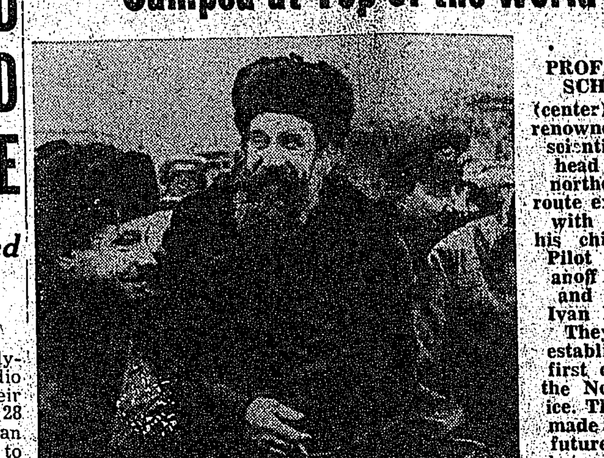
The state federation of labor reactionaries, with their company unionizing actions, have forced the move. The state federation has refused to obey the will of the rank and file of the cannery, agricultural and fruit and vegetable packing unions, who in the San Francisco conference in February called for a statewide industrial set-up.

TAG DAY FOR SPAIN!

Every tag is a blow against fascism! On Tag Day, Saturday, June 19th—the principle activity of People's Week to Aid Spanish Democracy, thousands upon thousands of tags will be sold throughout the Bay Area to aid the children of Spain. Supporting the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, every Communist Party member is urged to participate in the sale of tags. Women comrades especially—you are needed!

Report yourselves, and bring your friends to work with you, to the Tag Day Stations in your area: San Francisco, 121 Haight Street and 779 Vallejo Street; East Bay, 2078 Broadway, Oakland. This is the way we can do our part to defend democracy and peace! Keep the date, and register for your assignment at any time from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturday, June 19th.

Camped at Top of the World



PROF. OTTO SCHMIDT (center) world-renowned Soviet scientist, and head of the northern sea route expedition, with two of his chief aides, Pilot Vodopyanoff (right) and aviator Ivan Papanin. They have established the first camp on the North Pole ice. They have made possible future flights between Moscow and San Francisco.

Western Worker On the Air in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—To be something entirely new in the history of Los Angeles, the Western Worker will present its first Radio News Broadcast over Station KMTR, Thursday evening, June 24, 8 p. m.

In anticipation of the broadcast, units are planning open meetings where possible subscribers will be invited to "listen in." Following the "Air Edition" of the Western Worker, each unit will hear a Press Builder tell haw he got his subs. Over a hundred Press Builders are scheduled to visit unit meetings that night in order that the membership at large may know how subscriptions can be secured.

"Listen in on Radio Station KMTR, Thursday evening, May 24, 8 p. m.! Hear a News Broadcast that will put all the "March of Times" to shame!

Court Reform is Before Senate

WASHINGTON — A majority of ten to eight members of the senate judiciary committee brought in a report Monday already freely predicted, calling for defeat of President Roosevelt's proposals to enlarge the Supreme Court.

The coalition report of reactionary Republicans and Democrats argued that the bill to enlarge the court would not accomplish the purposes for which it was drawn, that it applies "force" to the judiciary and would undermine the "independence" of the court, and that it violates all "precedents" and in itself would be a "dangerous precedent" for the future.

Formally, the original purpose. which the committee declared would not be accomplished, was to introduce younger men on the court and enlarge it to facilitate court business if men over 75 pears of age did not see fit to retire on full pay.

The committee majority disclosed its opposition to the reform intent of the proposal on the court by attacking it obliquely and failing to answer the charges that the court usurped power not granted to it under the constitution when it overrode the acts of the elected representatives of the people.

Brophy Tells of CIO Aim

Declares Agriculture Needs Industrial Organization

John Brophy, director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, declared in an interview on his visit to San Francisco that agriculture is a basic industry in California badly in need of the industrial form of organization.

He expressed confidence that the Maritime and Woodworkers' Federations, whose conventions he addressed in Portland, would find their way into the Committee for Industrial Organization, bringing new strength to their progressive organizations and to the entire labor movement by their affiliation.

"Labor More United"

He declared that in spite of the split brought on by the executive board of the American Federation of Labor, "The split has not weakened labor. On the contrary, the increased numbers and power of the labor movement finds it more united today than ever before."

Brophy talked for more than an hour with reporters, dealing with many phases of currently disputed labor issues. In answer to a question by the Western Worker's representative he said: "Part of my purpose on the West Coast is to get a picture of the West Coast scene and an understanding of the prob-

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Build the Congress Of Press-Builders!

BULLETIN! Alameda County went "over the top" in the Circulation Drive last Saturday, with 251 subscriptions on its quota of 250!

"California's first Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles on July 17-18 needs the most possible delegates," is the statement issued by the State Western Worker Circulation Drive Committee.

San Francisco has pledged to send at least 50 Press Builders, even more are expected to attend from the host city; Los Angeles. Alameda County, leading the Drive so far, is expected to have a good quota of delegates in attendance.

Most counties, however, have not yet qualified a single Press Builder! The State Drive Committee urges all Communist Party county committees to take immediate steps to insure that their counties are represented by at least one delegate to the Congress, to turn over contact lists to the leading sub-getters and help them to score the 100 points necessary.

Individuals who have three, four, five or six subscriptions, are urged to concentrate in the remaining few weeks before July 4th to push their total points up to 100.

Here's how points are scored: 1 point for each month of "Western" subs (3-months sub equals 3 points, etc.), 1 point for each month of Sunday Worker subs, 2 points for each month of Daily Worker subs.

MINERS OUT IN SYMPATHY FOR STEEL STRIKE

CIO Calls Out New Reserves in Big Showdown

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — While Bethlehem steel strikers were clashing with attacking police all during Monday, Van A. Bittner, CIO steel organizer, announced the possibility of a general strike of 600,000 United Mine Workers members in support of the steel strike, in which 90,000 are out for CIO recognition.

Twenty were injured in the Johnstown clashes.

CLEVELAND—John L. Lewis has called out 10,000 coal miners employed in Bethlehem, Republic, and Youngstown Sheet and Tube mines, in sympathy with steel workers on strike in the mills of the above-mentioned independent steel companies.

At Canton, where three Republic mills are struck, the executive committees of the 50 unions in the Canton Federation of Labor voted to call a general strike if the newly-formed vigilante "Citizens League" tried to break the strike. At Youngstown, where four Republic mills are tied up, the United Labor Council was also considering possibilitise of a general strike.

Thousands of Bethlehem steel workers joined the steel walkout Sunday and Monday.

Lewis coupled the mine strike call with a ringing condemnation of the armed terror by Republic, and with a demand that the Republic Steel Corp. be "restrained and disarmed."

Strikers in Warren, Ohio, blocked all railway lines to prevent shipment of food and other freight to strikebreakers.

A mass meeting of 35,000 steel strikers and sympathizers just outside Monroe, Mich., heard Steel Workers Organizing Committee leader Van Bittner state, "We will be back," in reply to the brutal police attack on Republic steel picket lines a few days ago.

Monroe is filled with armed vigilantes.

ANDERSON, Ind.—CIO United Auto Workers Union members resisted an attempt by company agents to attack their hall here, and nine company unionists were injured. The battle started after a company man had fired a shot gun near UAW headquarters. The attack was the work of the Delco-Remy and Guide Lamp companies.

Big Delegation is Expected Sunday At Santa Maria

Santa Maria's hotels and auto courts will be overtaxed over the weekend as delegates from trade unions, farm organizations, cooperative and progressive political groups convene for the June 20 convention of the California People's Legislative Conference.

Notifications of delegations already elected, according to the state office of the Conference, indicate that the representation will far surpass the 450,000 who were represented at the January convention in Sacramento.

More than 50 unions and other organizations are already known to have elected delegates in the Bay Area alone, with many more expected to be on hand when the convention opens at the Eagles' Hall, 200 North Broadway, Santa Maria, on Sunday.

Meanwhile, according to the state office of the Conference, California reaction is leveling its guns at the proposals of the Conference executive board for a campaign to curb the power of the state senate.

The San Francisco Industrial Association in its bulletin praised the blocking of "radical" measures in the recent legislative session at Sacramento, warning its reactionary followers that a uni-cameral legislature, "controlled by radicals," would change this conditions.

Aside from the uni-cameral proposal, the convention will also consider the question of election of the senate on a population basis and the question of a constitutional convention in California. One of these means of curbing the senate's power is proposed as the basis of a cam-

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Green in New Act Vs. ILA

Many S. F. Craft Men Vote Against His Order in Council

SAN FRANCISCO—Sustaining Bill Green's order granting plumbing supply warehousemen to the Plumbers union, and ordering the warehousemen to cease picketing these houses, the San Francisco Labor Council vote Friday night again failed to reflect the sentiments for unity on the part of the rank and file of the trade unions.

Green's order was sustained, after hours of debate, in a 188-112 vote to accept the recommendation to that effect made by the Council's executive committee.

Many Craft Men Against Green

This session's vote found even more of the delegates from the craft unions than last week, deserting the splitting policies of their international officials. Voting against Green's order were some of the delegates from the Stereotypers, Waitresses, Laundry Workers, Waring, Garage Employes and even a Milk Wagon drivers (Teamsters) delegate, Morrison and Tinsley of Street Carmen 1004 among other surprise votes.

Facts brought out, both at the executive committee and at the Council, revealed that 442 Auxiliary Plumbers Union had signed an agreement with the Plumbing Supplies Wholesalers Assn. without consulting the workers, and in fact, while the latter were out on the picket line in 13 shops under ILA Warehousemens Union leadership. (The Plumbers agreement affects 19 shops, 13 of which the warehousemen struck.)

The executive committee's recommendation that the Warehousemen call off the strike and that the question of jurisdiction be left to the respective internationals was something of a joke, because Joseph P. Ryan, ILA international president, has agreed to take the inland warehouses away from the ILA and give them to the Teamsters and other crafts.

Bosses Welcomed Craft Officials

Lou Goldblatt of the Warehousemen told how, after facing tough opposition from the employers (one of which Crane, is a U. S. Steel subsidiary), the Warehousemen began to get a majority organized, only then to find Plumbers 442 officials, who had never paid attention to these workers, horning in. While the plumbing supply house workers were in no sense plumbers, their work is closely related to that in hardware, steel and pipe supply houses, which the Warehousemen have organized, said Goldblatt.

Goldblatt cited the fact that while Warehousemens organizers were "booted out" by the companies, the Plumbers organizers were courteously received and allowed to go in the houses on company time.

"We told the Plumbers Union officials, let's have a vote among

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Vacaville Wins Permit for Film

VACAVILLE—Organized protests of the people of Vacaville, backed by sympathetic delegations and messages from numerous other Northern California cities. won a promise of official permission to show the film "Spain in Flames," on June 26.

The mass meeting of American and Spanish people Saturday night was addressed by Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson of King City: Dr. G. Facci, editor of the Italian anti-Fascist Popolo Culturo; Herbert Nugent, representing the International Labor Defense, a minister who was introduced from the floor.

A committee representing the Union Espagnola earlier in the afternoon had secured a definite promise from Mayor Edward Cox that a permit to show the film on the 26th would be formally issued Tuesday, June 15. He had repeatedly refused to issue the permit earlier.

Four workers arrested when the mayor and vigilantes raided the showing of the film on the night of June 5 were scheduled to go on trial June 17, when defense counsel will ask for a postponement.

REFERENDUM IS SURE TO FAVOR LINK TO C. I. O.

Would Add 40,000 Up and Down Coast To CIO's Ranks

PORTLAND, Ore.—Not a dissenting vote marked the decision of the Pacific Maritime Federation convention Monday to order a referendum among 40,000 West Coast maritime workers on CIO affiliation. The resolution passed was that of the ILA, with minor amendments.

It is considered sure that an overwhelming majority of all eight Federation affiliates will vote for CIO affiliation.

Expect Heavy Vote for CIO

Of the eight unions affected the ILA and the Marine Firemen had already, last Thursday, decided on such a referendum. The Sailors Union ballot is reported overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation; the Marine Engineers executive board will discuss CIO affiliation soon.

The ARTA (Radio men) is already in the CIO. Other unions affected are the inland Boatmen, Marine Boilermakers, Marine Cooks, Masters, Mates and Pilots and Marine Machinists.

The resolution adopted Monday stated in part that the affiliated unions "must definitely move to support in every way possible the policies and program of the CIO even to the point of direct affiliation, and to fight against splitting the labor movement."

(Washington, D. C. reports that Joseph Ryan, international ILA president had conferred with John L. Lewis, opened up the possibility that the sentiment of the ILA membership was forcing Ryan to consider the possibilities of CIO affiliation nationally for the ILA. The growth of the National Maritime Union and the move toward national maritime unity may also have forced Ryan to such consideration.)

SAN FRANCISCO — Harry Lundeberg flew down for the Monday meeting of the Sailors and put over a resolution to "seal ballots" on the CIO "until some future time." This was signed by 35 members, and was a clear violation of the constitution and the wishes of the membership, who voted overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation.

E. Bay Industrial Council's 1st Meet

OAKLAND—The first meeting of the new CIO Industrial Union Council was held Monday night.

Delegates from CIO unions and those sympathetic with the CIO compose the Council. The cannery situation was an important question dealt with.

Cannery Workers Local 20,099, leading the strike of Cal-Pack workers, has demanded representation on wage negotiations with the Canners and Processors, who have agreed to negotiate with Edward Vandeleur and the state federation. The latter have indulged in company unionizing activities in Stockton, Sacramento and other centers.

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UNITED YOUTH COMMITTEE TO AID SPANISH DEMOCRACY IN PROTEST TO NAZI CONSUL ON BARBARISM

Hit Bombardment of Almeria by German Cruiser; Demand Fascist Troops be Withdrawn From Spain

LOS ANGELES—Signed by Mort Newman, chairman, and Sylvia Hirsch, secretary, the following resolution was adopted by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy at its last meeting, June 7:

"To the German Consulate:

"In the name of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, in the name of the thousands of honest young people of the United States, organized, we protest the action of your Government against the Spanish people; we protest the destruction of the city of Almeria, the merciless bombardment, the murder of innocent civilians.

"Leaders of Germany claim this slaughter as 'retaliation' for the crippling of the battleship Deutschland, by a Spanish government plane, but the voice of youth everywhere asks: 'How is it that this ship, ostensibly on non-intervention patrol duty, was in the territorial waters of the rebel-held harbor of Iviza—within the three-mile zone!'

"For months, German planes have been raining destruction on the legal government of Spain. For months, German ships have been supplying a handful of insurgent fascists with troops and war supplies. We hold, therefore, that the Government planes were within their rights in answering fire for fire the pocket battleship, Deutchland—illegally anchored in Rebel territorial waters.

"We hold that the people of Spain have democratically chosen their government; that, therefore, not only is any support to an insurgent minority against that government contrary to international law, but such ruthless and barbarous attacks as the crime against Almeria must be considered an open act of war.

"We demand that German troops be withdrawn from Spain, that German support to the insurgent, Francisco Franco, cease. We demand an end to the aggressive acts of the German Government against the people of Spain."

CIO FOR WAGE LEGISLATION

Lewis Proposes Some Amendments

WASHINGTON—Simplifcation and strengthening of the pending bill to establish minimum wages and maximum hours was recommended to a joint Senate and House labor committee by John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Speaking on behalf of the United Mine Workers, of which he is president, and the CIO, Lewis pledged general support to the principle of minimum wage and maximum work week legislation. This support, he said, is based on the grounds of increased purchasing power, increased employment, greater leisure and well being for workers, and on "opportunity to rise to industrial citizenship."

"We feel that the minimum wage and maximum hour provisions on this bill are a modest beginning of genuine planning towards a better economic order," Lewis told the committee.

Proposes Amendments

Complete elimination of Section Five of the bill and all other provisions connected with the section was asked. This section gives to the labor standards board the power to vary the wage and hour provisions under certain circumstances.

Lewis asked instead that a flat minimum of 40 cents an hour and maximum hours of 35 a week be set and that all industry be required to conform. Particular exception was taken to the phrase saying that the board shall "be guided by like conditions as would guide a court."

"Labor does not relish its experience with the courts—either in Maine or anywhere else," Lewis said. He argued that such provisions, as well as the provision for judicial review of the findings of the board, would constitute wage-fixing and might lead to injunction suits against trade unions seeking to raise wages.

Lewis argued that the board should have the power to deal with wages and hours running below the standard set in the bill and agreed that collective bargaining contracts providing for substandard wages and hours shall be subject to examination and investigation. He opposed, however, giving the board the power to fix a "fair and reasonable" wage up to $1200 a year on the grounds that such a wage might in time come to be considered the "legal" wage.

Charge Shaw Used WPA in Campaign

LOS ANGELES—Charges that local WPA project directors allowed workers to do political work for Mayor Frank L. Shaw in his campaign to defeat John Anson Ford, were made last Tuesday night by the Democratic County Central Committee in a resolution calling for an investigation of WPA cultural projects.

Seamen Hit Ryan Anti-Union Act

BOSTON, Mass.—A two-hour sitdown by National Maritime Union members on the J. L. Luckenback and the Lykes liner Ogontz answered the Ryan ILA machine's order against longshoremen working the steamer Pan-American because the latter had an NMU crew.

Stewards on "Taft" For Labor's League

SAN FRANCISCO—The Stewards' department of the Dollar liner President Taft have endorsed Labor's Non-Partisan League as a step toward independent political action by labor, and wired the Maritime Federation convention urging similar action.

Teamsters Join CIO Pipe Co. Strike

BALDWIN PARK (Los Angeles County)—AFL Teamsters are out in sympathy with the strike led by the CIO at the United Concrete Pipe Co. here.

The strikers demand a 10 per cent wage raise, CIO recognition, reinstatement of all workers discharged for union activities. Sixty are affected.

Canners, Vandeleur Fixing Up Deal

The California Processors and Growers, employers' organization representing 61 canning concerns operating 100 plants, have agreed to negotiate "with representatives of the workers."

The agreement was in answer to a request by state federation secretary Edward Vandeleur, who has worked against the interests of the Stockton and other cannery workers by attempting to company unionize locals. It is the Vandeleur clique with whom the Processors and Growers seem prepared to negotiate a blanket agreement, which, if Vandeleur's recent acts mean anything, will be based on a much lower scale than the cannery workers in the IXL plant in San Francisco have won through their progressive leadership. The latter scale was in line with that adopted by the recent cannery locals' conference in San Jose.

Drive to Organize Hawaii 100 Percent

HONOLULU — The Honolulu Longshoremens Assn. is about to start a real drive to organize every port on the Islands. Longshoremen, warehousemen, teamsters, railway clerks, all workers connected with transportation will be organized and brought into the newly-formed Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor.

"Make the Hawaiian Islands 100 per cent union," is the slogan under which the campaign will proceed.

Hopkins Orders 937 Fired on 2 Projects

SAN FRANCISCO — National Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins has ordered dismissal of 637 of the 2618 Federal Music Project workers in California. The order is effective July 1.

Hopkins has also ordered the Federal Theater Project in California to fire 300 workers by July 15.

L. A. Council Hits Cops Attack on CIO

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Central Labor Council, on Friday night passed by a two-thirds vote, a resolution from Machinists, Cinema local condemning police brutality against the CIO-led strikers at the Darling shop.

TO FIRE 450,000 WPA

BOSTON — Close to 450,000 WPA workers will be discharged in the next three months, according to Deputy Federal Relief Administrator Aubrey Williams.

Bloody Sunday in the Big Steel Strike

MEMORIAL DAY was a blood-drenched one in South Chicago, when the police shot into CIO steel workers' picket line at Republic mill, killing six and wounding over 100. It was a brutal and unprovoked massacre, showing labor the need for a Farmer-Labor Party, whose men and women in office would protect labor, not attack it.

What Press Builders' Congress Means to CP

By FRANK SPECTOR

July 17 and 18 are going to be red-letter days for our Party. On these days, in Los Angeles, will gather our best people, members, who in the present Western Worker subscription drive are setting an example for the rest of us to follow.

The last Party Builders' Congress which climaxed our Browder-Ford membership drive is still fresh in our minds. It was a wonderful gathering. Its participants were truly our best people—comrades who clearly grasped the full meaning of our basic slogan: "Build the Party." And having grasped that they translated their understanding into splendid deeds. Each of them came to the Congress with deeds performed and with fascinating descriptions how they performed them, thus aiding immeasurably the whole party in its growth.

Not Mere "Sub-Getters"

Building the party means building our press. The growing number of members who are now ahead in the sub-drive are not mere "sub-getters"—they are builders of our party. For, as Lenin taught us, without a strong party press a Communist Party is weak and ineffective. Just recently the whole Soviet Union people poured its affections upon the "Pravda" (official organ of the Soviet Union's Communist Party) on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of brilliant service to the world and Soviet Union toilers. "Pravda" was the inheritor of the finest traditions of the pioneers of the bolshevik press and from an underground, bulletin size, under conditions of czarism-capitalism, has grown with socialism into a paper fist in the world—in circulation and prestige.

Our Press Builders' Congress is not intended to be a mere celebration. Its chief function will be to make our entire membership profoundly conscious of the burning need to make the Western Worker a powerful organ of the California masses, to make the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker known to thousands of California's toiling people. To accomplish this aim the Congress must be built and the way to build it is to make the present sub-drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker a complete success.

How do we stand in the drive? At this writing with only four more weeks to go, we have reached—on a state scale—57.7% of the goal for the Western Worker. In cold figures this means that till July 4 there must be a steady, uninterrupted flow of subs every day.

If we fail in this we fail in the drive. Can this be done? Of course it can! When you look at the fine accomplishments we have made in recruiting nearly 2000 members in the Browder-Ford Membership Drive, in securing the funds we did in the last Western Worker and Daily Worker Financial Drive, there remains no doubt that we can reach our goal in the present drive.

An Obstacle to Be Removed

However, there is one obstacle that has continually hampered our present drive, and if not removed will endanger the whole job. I have in mind the fact that no more than 15 per cent of our membership has taken a really active part in the drive. This obstacle must be removed at once!

The remaining four weeks of the drive must show a complete elimination of this intolerable condition. It is presumed that by this time the bulk of our membership has fulfilled our original slogan—"Every Member a Subscriber and Reader of the Western Worker." For the next four weeks our major slogan in the drive shall therefore be—"Every Member Obtain One Subscriber."

Fulfillment of this slogan will achieve a double purpose: it will guarantee the completion of the drive by July 4 and will at the same time draw the largest portion of our membership into the basic duty it has, to build our press. Hand in hand with this goes the need for a large number of our members, and functionaries in particular, to become constant readers of the Daily Worker, the central organ of our party.

The Sunday Worker, appealing as it does to most varied layers of America's laboring population, must be given far greater attention than it received in the drive till now. Accumulated experience has already shown that the Sunday Worker with its remarkably fine, popular features, receives the response of people who are yet ready to become readers of neither the Western Worker nor the Daily Worker. The Sunday Worker is therefore of particular value for broadening the field of potential

The Congress Must Be Built!

The Press Builders' Congress must be built! It must reflect in its composition and content the deep realization on the part of our membership that without a powerful press it is unthinkable that our party can make those strides which the present surge of the labor forces affords. The Congress must also reflect our party's understanding of the full meaning of Comrade Stalin's clarion call to all Communists to master Bolshevism, which implies the combination of practical work with uninterrupted reading and study of our party's press and literature, so that every party member may be equipped to find his bearings in the daily complex features of the class-struggle.

The Congress must be built! From each county and section there must come to its sessions on July 17 and 18 dozens of our best people, builders of our press, men and women with brilliant records of achievement in our sub-drive with stories to tell, in their own way, "how they did it," what experiences they encountered in obtaining subs for the Western, Sunday and Daily Worker, how they brought within the party's fold and influence new hundreds of friends—supporters and potential fighters in the party's ranks.

The practical and political responsibility for putting over the drive and for building of the Congress is squarely upon the shoulders of our leading people—the members of our state, counties' and sections' committees, the unit and branch organizers. It is they who must lead the entire membership in these tasks—even as they do in all other phases of our party work. They must show a personal example of their work in the drive; they must fully utilize as stimulating examples the splendid work performed by the best sub-getters within their organizations; encourage these pace-setters and thereby encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Above all, the remaining four weeks shall be fully used up for broadening the ranks of "press-builders—not 15 per cent, but many times more, must be the number of active workers in the present sub-drive. This is the crux of the matter. This will accomplish both of our aims: to successfully complete the drive, and to lay a firm groundwork for making the building of our press a permanent institution in our party.

Every member obtain a new subscriber! And, until July 17-18, let us greet one another with "Meet me at the Press Builders' Congress."

Expect Big Group At Santa Maria

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paign to be launched at the June 20 convention.

Proposed County Ordinances

Already drawn up for consideration at the convention are a series of "model ordinances," proposed as the subjects of local campaigns following the convention. They were drafted by the lawyers' committee of the Conference and include measures punishing racial discrimination in restaurants, regulating purchase of tear gas by counties, requiring registration of strikebreakers and similar measures.

A full report will be delivered by State Chairman John Wolters. Legislative representative A. F. Gaynor and Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson will report and comment on the past session in Sacramento. Assemblymen Paul Richie and Jack B. Tenney have signified their intention of being present.

Auto Workers Elect

Although few of the numerous delegates elected in Los Angeles are known at the state office, the United Automobile Workers are among the unions already having issued credentials.

Four different San Joaquin Valley locals of the Dairymen's Union have elected delegates: Livingston, Modesto, Turlock and Cow's Landing.

Among union locals to be represented are ILA 38-79 and 38-44, Oil Workers 5 of Martinez and 326 of Rodeo, Carquinez local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Machinists' 68, Painters 1158, Carpenters 1710, Bay Area Federation of Teachers, Northern California Newspaper Guild and many others. Numerous cooperative organizations will be represented, as will the Northern Area of the California Church Council.

The convention will start at 9 a.m. Sunday. Delegates may register at Eagles' Hall after 8:30 a.m.

Green in New Act Against ILA

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the men, and if they want the Plumbers Union we'll wash our hands of the matter." The Plumbers rejected this.

Goldblatt stated that the strikers did not want to return to work until they obtain recognition for the ILA Warehousemens Union, 38-44.

When John O'Connell and Spaulding of the Plumbers claimed the Plumbers had produced 129 attendance cards out of 160 workers involved, Patton of the Warehousemen corrected this misinformation, with the statement that 104 of the men were picketing every day in the week; he stated that at the last Plumbers meeting only 53 were present, "10 of them our men who were there to see what was going on."

Spaulding Would Use Cops

Spaulding, it was shown, had threatened that the houses would be opened with police protection.

Delegates Heide of the Warehousemen, Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers, Dillon of Machinists 68, Thompson of the Newspaper Guild, Baltrum of the Textile Workers, were among those who showed that the sudden awarding by Green of jurisdiction to the Plumbers was closely connected with the splitting decisions of the recent AFL Cincinnati conference.

Roundly booed was AFL organizer Rowland Watson, who again threatened to split the Council with his statement "the quicker you fellows get out of the Council the better off we are."

Secretary John O'Connell heartily agreed with that.

Reactionary delegate Kuhlberg of the ILA showed himself a Ryan stooge by voting against his own organization.

L. A. WOMEN ARE UNITING, FIGHT RENT INCREASE

Discuss Ways to Stop Rising Cost of Living There

LOS ANGELES — To discuss ways and means of combating the rising cost of living, over fifty determined women from labor, civic, and religious groups, met together on Monday, June 7, under the auspices of the Trade Union committee of the League of Women Shoppers.

With the provisional name of "The Committee to Lower the Cost of Living," a committee of eleven was formed out of the meeting to carry on necessary initial work. Temporary officers were elected with Mr. D. C. Franchi, chairman, and Mrs. Nell Higman, secretary.

Concentrate on Rent Fight

Though the purpose of the organization will be to fight against all increased costs of living, chief emphasis will be laid on the increased rents.

To draw into activity more organizations, the Committee to Lower the Cost of Living is planning a mass meeting. Calls are to be sent out to all progressive and labor groups.

Among the groups represented were the Council of Catholic Women, the Workers Alliance, the American League Against War and Fascism, the Musicians Union, the CIO Women's Brigade from the Douglas Aircraft local, the Pharmacists union, the Millinery Workers union, the National Negro Congress.

New Fabrications In Douglas Trial

LOS ANGELES—Some of the prosecution's testimony in the trial of 22 Douglas sitdown strikers sounds a lot like the famous Nazi Reichstag trial fabrications.

Some Weird Stories

For example, James C. Wallace, company watchman, told the jury in Superior Judge Brady's court a weird tale of a plot by sitdowners, whom he described as pouring lacquer thinner from pans into a big can to set fire to the plant. Other company men couldn't agree on this fabrication, for Peter Kohlmaier and Charles Moyer, plant supervisors, gave a version which had one striker with a lighter and welding torch.

An assistant plant supervisor, Victor D. King, had a different fabrication up his sleeve. "We saw the plant filled with men armed with billies and clubs," King told the jury.

Hotel Strikers in Vote on Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO — Hotel strikers in 16 "luxury" hotels were to vote Tuesday on the employers' "best offer," which is expected to prove not good enough for the strikers. The latter were expected to vote the offer down.

Summarized, the hotels' offer calls for an agreement banning strikes for three years, and a modified form of preferential hiring for all groups except clerical workers. Such terms would leave the strikers right where they were when the strike started 45 days ago.

CIO Leads Strike in Riverside Brick Co.

ALBERHILL (Riverside County)—Led by the CIO, 117 employees of the Los Angeles Pressed Brick Co. have struck and closed the plant.

Layoffs of union members caused the walkout.

Sheriff Carl Rayburn has resorted to violent threats against CIO organizers, threatening to form a big army of deputies. Milkers under CIO leadership are demanding a wage increase from the present $80 per month to $135.

Negro Minister to Talk on Court

OAKLAND—A special sermon discussing the issues of the proposed change in the Supreme Court will be given Sunday, July 4, by the Rev. Horton Colbert, pastor of the First Universalist Church, 491 Cheney Avenue.

Rev. Colbert, commenting on the announcement, declared that he considered the problem of the Supreme Court to be one of the most important issues of the day. "I feel that a satisfactory treatment of this issue calls for extensive preparation, which I intend to do during the coming weeks."

Following the sermon on the Supreme Court, Rev. Mr. Horton announces a series of discussions on current problems affecting the people of the world.

75-Year Sentence For Scottsboro Boy Upheld by Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala—The 75-year frameup sentence for Heywood Patterson, one of the nine Scottsboro boys, was affirmed Monday by the Alabama Supreme Court. Defense attorneys charged Patterson did not receive a fair hearing.

Brophy Tells CIO West Coast Aims

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lems of the agricultural and canning industry.

"It is already evident to me that craft unionism doesn't fit these conditions," conditions which Brophy described as those of a major industry with conditions of production peculiar to the West Coast.

"It is either industrial unionism and organization or confusion and disorganization," Brophy declared. He expressed an interest in the work of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Federation, but continued that a definite policy of the CIO is yet to be formulated for the industry.

Brophy said that the exact process by which the maritime and woodworkers organizations come into the CIO is not important, although he was confident that the conventions would be able to work out a policy on this matter.

"I believe that here is a progressive force," he said, "which does not want to be identified with a force that is undermining it."

Questioned as to the disputes which have arisen at the Maritime convention when the Sailors' delegates attempted to secure a "preferred" position in affiliating to the CIO, Brophy said that it would be "unfortunate if the convention becomes tangled with subordinate questions."

"No committment," he said, "has been made by the CIO except broad committment to all those labor groups who can accept our program and work to carry it out. Personal and minor matters should not be allowed to stand in the way."

Questioned further about the efforts of Harry Lundeberg, secretary-treasurer of the Sailor's union, to secure "safeguards" as conditions for joining the CIO, Brophy emphasized that any approach which makes demands on the CIO is a bad approach.

"The CIO policy," he said, is clearly stated and unions for the benefit of unions applying for membership. He characterized as "poor approach" any attempt to insist on "conditions" under which to enter the CIO.

Asked if the CIO would charter seamen's union separately on either the East or West Coast, Brophy said that the CIO "would like to see a national union," but added that the door of admission is open to progressive forces on both the East and West coast.

"We won't say not to separate applications," said Brophy, "but will deal with the situation as it arises. But if progressive groups have differences among themselves, they could contribute more to the CIO by settling these differences and coming into the CIO as a united force."

Moral Breakdown

Brophy described as a "moral and ethical breakdown" the attempts of the national craft union leaderships to resort to wholesale raiding even to the point of organizing workers along industrial lines such as attempted by the Machinists' international officers.

"If they had declared for industrial organization, that would be an intelligent treatment of the question," he told reporters. "But instead they have resorted to sniping methods merely to handicap the CIO.

"More and more," he continued, "unions of long-standing affiliation will leave the AFL for the CIO. The policy of obstruction by craft union leaders drives them to make this decision."

Amplifying his statement that the split induced by the executive board of the AFL had not weakened labor, Brophy declared that AFL unions are among the beneficiaries of the organizing drive in the mass production industries which has resulted in outstanding triumph for the CIO. Their organizational gains, he said, are by-products of this important drive.

Brophy said that arrangements have been made to send an additional corps of organizers into the nation-wide drive to organize the oil industry, with a number of them to be assigned to California.

CIO Laundry Strike, L. A., Going Strong

LOS ANGELES—Despite issuance of a temporary restraining injunction by Superior Court Judge Emmet Wilson, the strike of the newly-formed CIO Laundry Workers' union against the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning plant against firing of six employees is continuing 100 per cent solid, Mike Schulman, union secretary, announced.

With the support of the steel workers, the International Longshoremen's Association, and other organizations, strong picket lines are maintained daily, Schulman declared. Because of the picket lines and the boycott, business in the company has dropped more than 80 per cent.

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Chairman, Ora[...] Section, Comm[...] U. S. A.

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No Pasaran—"They Shall Not Pass"

LOYALIST SOLDIERS dig in around Madrid, with the slogan that "They (fascists) Shall Not Pass." Serious mutinies in ranks of the fascists at all fronts are reported, following the death of fascist general Mola recently.

Trotzkyite Is Recalled by San Pedro Sailors

SAN PEDRO — "Duke" Delaney, Trotzkyite, received a setback to his ambitions for career as a pie-card artist at the last meeting of the Sailors Union of the Pacific here.

The job of patrolman being vacant due to the temporary absence of a delegate to the Maritime Federations convention, the "Duke" resigned his stand-by job on the Catalina boats and invited the "winos" to a local grog shop where he laid a sawbuck on the bar and stood treat—impressing the fact that the "boys" could return the favor by voting for him as patrolman at the special meeting that afternoon. Which they did and elected him!

A Dubious Record

It turned out later that Delaney, in spite of his openhanded generosity, was not qualified for the job. It was learned that the "Duke" had only a probationary card when he went East on a Pennsylvania tanker after the strike in '35. He had no clearances to show for the rank and filers strike in the spring of '36. He had no discharges either and no one knows what he was up to.

In the East Coast strike this year he didn't do a single day's picket duty. He landed in San Pedro recently with clearance from the Wobbly hall in New York and it is said, paid up his back dues and was reinstated as a probationary member.

When he was challenged as to the record the membership decided they had acted hastily in electing him at the special meeting, so he was recalled and Brother Voltero was elected to replace him.

Pedro ILA Men Hit Reactionary

SAN PEDRO—At their last meeting, the membership of local 38-82, International Longshoremens Association howled down the report of A. L. Bebo, who was one of their delegates to the I. L. A. convention and voted to recall him as delegate to the Maritime Federation convention.

Bebo's "report" was, in his usual manner, "always belittling," but this time the members resented his disparging remarks, and applied the whip. They voted to reject his report and instructed the Secretary to prepare a petition to recall him by the required number of signers.

As this is written Francis Fetzer (ILA Secretary) has delayed getting out the petition in an effort to defeat the will of the membership. Fetzer did not take the floor to defend Bebo. The only one of the reactionary ex-leaders who dared brave the wrath of the members was Lindegren.

Donnelly Assails Bebo

Roy Donnelly, president of the local, assailed Bebo for his report and declared that Bebo did not raise his voice or submit a single proposal at the convention he so soundly condemned. One of the delegates proposed that a sack of sawdust be sent as a substitute for Bebo to Seattle.

The local went on record as supporting O'Neil for editor of the Voice of the Federation and supported the proposal to add Schomacker to the Editorial Board. Herman Stuyvellaar was endorsed for Federation Secretary and the delegates were instructed to oppose the reelection of Fisher as Federation president.

Negro Congress for Full Support to CIO

WASHINGTON—Negro organizations in all affected communities were called upon to "rally to the support of the steel and auto workers' union and the Committee for Industrial Organization which is making so gallant a fight on behalf of all workers regardless of race, creed or color," in a statement issued here by John P. Davis, secretary of the National Negro Congress.

LABOR'S LEAGUE FOR WAGE BILL

Oliver, Its Head, Asks Amending

WASHINGTON—Principles of the pending wages and hours bill were endorsed by E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, in a statement before the joint Senate and House labor committee.

Asks Amendments

Oliver asked changes in the section of the bill giving the board the power to set up wage and hours standards. "The experience with such standards under the Transportation Act of 1920 was very unhappy," he said. "The breakdown of the labor provision of that act was due, in part, to the provision of wage standards in the law."

Much of Oliver's testimony was given to citing statistics showing the need for minimum wages and maximum hours regulation. In the cotton textile industry, for instance, 45 per cent of the women earned less than 25 cents an hour. In the manufacture of children's clothing, 58 per cent earned less than 25 cents an hour and in the manufacture of candy 57 per cent earned less than 25 cents an hour, he said.

A number of other witnesses appeared before the committee to endorse the measure.

Italian Foe of Fascism Shot

PARIS—Agents of Mussolini were suspected of complicity in the killing of Carlo Roselli, editor of the Italian anti-fascist periodical "Giustizia e Liberta," and his brother who was associated with him in the work.

They were found shot to death in the forest of Dagnoles de l'Orne.

In their car was an unexploded time bomb, its fuse having been ignited and extinguished by rain.

Roselli was formerly professor of political economy at Genoa. He belonged to the Italian Socialist Party. Native of Rome, he escaped from the penal colony on the Island of Lipari and made his way to France in 1929.

10 CIO Organizers In Lakes Ports

WASHINGTON—Ten Committee for Industrial Organization organizers have been assigned to the Great Lakes, it was learned here. These organizers will attempt to enlist the Great Lakes marine workers into the National Maritime Union. There has been little organizing activity on the lakes, it was said, and a large number of the men are unorganized.

Ask Big Subsidy for Shipping Companies

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate $10,000,000 immediately and to authorize a further $150,000,000 in subsidies for merchant marine ship building. The new ships would become a naval auxiliary for war purposes. The Maritime Commission will administer the program.

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LOYALISTS IN DECREE GIVE FARMERS AID

Machinery is Made Available to All Spanish Peasants

By RALPH BATES

MADRID—Spanish agriculture is being transformed. The eve of the harvest finds municipalities providing small farmers with agricultural machinery which formerly only the wealthy could afford. It sees people from the city organizing shock brigades to go to the countryside and replace manpower taken away by the war.

The government's agricultural decree of June 7 embodies the spirit of these and other far-reaching changes. The reaping of the wheat, the climax of the agricultural year, approaches.

Machines for All

The process of harvesting the grain had been little mechanized. Sickle and scythe are used in reaping. Some collective municipal councils and cooperatives possess machines. In threshing, the trillo is still in widespread use.

The trillo is like a sledge, the underside set with sharp flints or metal blades. Peasant poverty has been the obstacle to the introduction of modernized trillos. The trillo is drawn round and round over the threshing floor on which the wheat stalk and head are thrown. Oxen, horses and mules are used in this work, which calls to mind age-old traditions and the Biblical phrase: Thou shalt not muzzle the ox which treadeth out the grain.

Each operation still is accompanied by its special work songs. In winnowing the chaff, the grain is thrown into the air for the wind to separate. Winnowing machines formerly were possessed only by rich owners. Poor peasants could not afford to rent machines. Today machines have been acquired by municipalities for the use of all.

Many peasants are in the army. Therefore shock brigades are being organized in the cities to go to the country to assist in the harvest. Here in Madrid the trade unions are preparing these columns and organizing groups of mechanics. In the villages, a system of mutual help is being organized by municipal councils, collectives, cooperatives and trade unions. Mechanics are touring the villages to adjust and repair the machines.

The modernity and democratic approach of this procedure is startlingly new in a country where many things about farming remained unchanged for a thousand years.

Richmond Cannery Workers Go CIO

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—The Richmond Cannery Workers local has voted to affiliate with the CIO.

The vote was unanimous.

Over 100 of the cannery workers have already signed up in the CIO. Rowland Watson, AFL organizer for California, offered an AFL charter only if the union took in scabs at the struck Felice and Perelli cannery here. Watson insisted that he be allowed to appoint new officers and that the present progressive officers never again hold office.

As a result the cannery workers had no alternative but to seek CIO affiliation.

Watson's ambition now seems to organize a company union outfit, taking in the strikebreakers.

ARTA Signs First Full Tuna Pact

SAN PEDRO—The first complete agreement between a tuna-clipper owner and the American Radio Telegraphists' Association was signed here last week.

The agreement concluded between L. Ikemura, owner of the Tuna-Clipper Santa Margarita, and C. H. Jordan, Secretary of American Radio Telegraphists' Association, Local No. 7, provides for a closed shop, shipping by rotation through ARTA hiring hall, $150 per month as straight radio-operator, and a full share for radio-operator-fisherman after the third trip.

She Tops All the Press Builders in L. A. East Side

LOS ANGELES—Topping all the rest of the Press Builders in the county, Minnie Goldstein, of the Eastside Section, has turned in a total of 24 subs to the Western Worker!

How does she do it? Ask her!

Asked if she was worried about Paul Cline beating her, she replied:

"Huh! I'll get twice as many as he does!"

Paul raised his pledge at the recent County Plenum to 20 subs. So far, he has ten subs. Remember, Paul, there's only three more weeks to go.

Censor's Orders To Italian Press Shown by Editor

NEW YORK—The trials and tribulations of a Fascist editor in Il Duce's Italy have been revealed by Girolamo Valenti, editor of the liberal Italian newspaper, La Stampa Libera, published in New York City. Valenti recently translated samples of secret orders sent by the ministry of press and propaganda to all Italian editors.

The not-so-free press of Italy received the following and scores of other orders during the past months:

"Don't publish any news of bombardments of inhabited centers by the nationalists (rebels) in Spain and above all refrain from mentioning Italian or German aviators.

"Don't picture the military situation of the Spanish reds as disastrous. Be less optimistic.

"Don't give any news of (1) the arrival of Chancellor Schuschnigg (Austria) in Italy; (2) of his coming marriage with a worldly woman; (3) of the disbanding of the Fascist party in Austria.

Silence of "Volunteers"

"Absolute silence on the expiration of the terms for the sending of volunteers to Spain.

"Strike hard against the anti-Italian campaign conducted by the English papers.

"Don't publish, not even a resume, of the Duce's interview which will appear in Popolo d'Italia (Mussolini's personal newspaper).

"Don't reproduce the speeches of Queipo de Llano (Spanish rebel general), which are too dull and far from reality.

"Do not fail to bring into relief the super-power and the immorality of the adventurer Stalin.

"You must do away, once and for all, with the publication of news of children leaving their homes and coming to Rome to see the Duce.

"Don't publish data regarding the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy, published by the French papers."

Blasts Failure to Clear L. A. Slums

LOS ANGELES—Placing the blame for continued lack of slum clearance here squarely upon the large banking interests, Siegfried Goetz, chairman of the technical board of the Joint Housing Conference of Los Angeles, declared last week before the Cheremoya Open Forum that Federal grants to the city had been withdrawn when it was learned that they were to be used for graft.

"A year and a half ago," said Goetz, "$6,500,000 was allocated to Los Angeles by the housing division of the PWA. Instead of using this money to clear up actual slums, our city fathers allowed certain banks, which owned large blocks of land where slum conditions do not exist, to dictate the city's slum clearance policy.

"The banks, interested only in thawing out their frozen assets, petitioned the government to clear up districts with passable living conditions, not the rotten shacks and filthy tenements of the real slum areas.

"The government investigated and, seeing that the $6,500,000 was going to be used by Los Angeles for graft and not for slum clearance, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes withdrew the $6,500,000 from the hands of entrenched graft in Los Angeles."

SUPPORT COURT PLAN

TYLER, Tex.—The convention of the Texas Federation of Labor supported the proposals to reform the Supreme Court.

TRAITORS IN SOVIET ARMY ARE EXECUTED

Convicted of Giving Information to Enemies

MOSCOW—Twenty-eight spies for Japan, convicted of wreaking activities on the new Amur railroad, were reported by the Pacific Star, Khabarovsk, Siberia newspaper, to have been executed June 4.

MOSCOW — Mikhail N. Tukhachevsky, former assistant commissar of defense, and seven others who were in leading positions in the Red Army were convicted of treason for furnishing military information to an outside power.

Sentence of death was passed and carried out.

All of the accused, after investigations had revealed their connection with the Trotzkyite plot which worked with German fascism, admitted their guilt. The same admission was made by Jan Gamarnik, who committed suicide before being brought to trial.

"The traitors admitted that they had conspired with and furnished information to 'leading military circles of one of the foreign countries carrying on an unfriendly policy toward the Soviet Union.'"

Aside from Tukhachevsky the condemned men were General I. E. Yakir, former commander of the Leningrad district; General I. P. Uborevich, former commander of the White Russia Area; General A. I. Kork, former head of the Red Army College; General R. P. Eidemann, former director of the reserve corps; General B. M. Feldman, former personnel chief of the general staff; General V. M. Primakov and General K. V. Putna.

"Masked by high titles," said Marshall Klementi Voroshiloff, commissar of defense, "they undermined the famous might of the Red Army and did everything in their power to expedite an attack by our enemy.

"These enemies miscalculated. They will never see defeat of the Red Army, which has been and will remain invincible."

"The fascist masters placed big hopes on this corps," wrote Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, on the day of the trial, "and therefore the wild howl set up by the bourgeois, and particularly the fascist press in connection with the arrest of this espionage gang is readily understood . . .

"Exposure of this band and its trial is a sign of the strength, the power, and the indestructability of the Soviet system . .

"The spies have been caught red handed. Their plans and the plans of their fascist masters were exposed by the dictatorship of the working class . . .

"All of their cunning, all their refined camouflage, all the centuries of experience of bourgeois espionage have been, and will continue to be, smashed by the growing vigilance of the Soviet intelligence service, the vigilance of the organ of the working class dictatorship, created by the great Party of Lenin and Stalin."

The military collegium which tried the admitted traitors was headed by Vassily M. Ulrich, and included Marshall W. M. Budenny, cavalry chief and commander of the Moscow garrison; General T. I. Alkanis, assistant commissar of defense; Marshall Vassily K. Bluecher, commander of the Far Eastern Red Army.

Domestic Workers in East Bay Organizing

OAKLAND — The Domestic Workers Union will hold an organizing meeting next Thursday, June 17, at Carpenters' Hall, 763 12th St. In the future, regular meetings of the union will be held the first and third Thursdays of every month in this hall.

Vargas Tries to Send Spaniards To Certain Death

RIO DE JANEIRO—The reactionary dictatorship of Getulio Vargas has ordered the deportation of 26 anti-fascist Spaniards, charged with being Communists, to a fascist port in Spain, where they would be summarily executed.

It was reported here that a previous group of deportees have already been sent to this death.

The Spanish consulate is attempting to pay additional fare to send the deportees to France instead.

ANTI-JAPANESE ARMY GAINS IN NORTHERN AREA

Driving Invaders Out Of Charhar, Jehol China Provinces

(By Wireless)

SHANGHAI — Launching new military operations against the Manchurian mercenary army, the anti-Japanese "People's Army of Self Defense" has occupied a number of regions in the Huan and Dolonnor districts on the border of Charhar and Johol Provinces.

At the same time, other detachments of the People's army disarmed a large contingent of Japanese-Manchukuoan troops in Southwestern Jehol province, after defeating them in a short battle.

Dispatches report the People's Army numbers swelling steadily as thousands of peasants join the anti-Japanese movement.

Several units of Manchukuoan troops in Dolonnor, Northeastern Charhar province, announced they will join the rebels.

The anti-Japanese army disarmed the entire force of so-called border police in the Finnin district, Southwestern Jehol Province.

Commander in Chief of the People's Army of Self Defense is the highly popular Li-hing. The political commissioner is Tsin-ken and chief of staff, Yanfu-tsin. Army headquarters are at Sandaochuan. The army is divided into several divisions.

Dr. Norman Burns Talks on Spain to Anti-Fascists, L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Doctor Norman Burns, well known lecturer, will speak on "Great Britain's Position in the Spanish Situation" at the next meeting of the Hollywood Chapter of the American League Against War and Fascism, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m., June 16, at 4655½ Hollywood Boulevard, Miss Edna Dexter, publicity chairman, announced.

Great progress has been shown in the growth of the Hollywood chapter of the League, Miss Dexter declared. Through the open meetings every second and fourth Wednesdays in the month, many persons are being contacted and drawn into the activities of the organization.

CHINESE DEFY AGGRESSORS AT PEIPING GATE

New Courage Prevails As China Develops National Unity

PEIPING — Chinese military guards at the gates of Peiping flung a challenge to Japanese militarists by refusing admittance to an official party of Japanese army officers who sought to continue their practice of violating military rules and entering the city.

Three motor cars from the North China Garrison of the Japanese army, containing a number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, started to enter the Hataman Gate, an important entrance of Peiping. Despite its violation of Chinese sovereignty, it had previously been done with regularity.

Not Intimated

Guards held their rifles and refused to give way.

One Japanese officer flourished his sword, but when the intimidation failed, the whole party left.

Although it would seem a small matter in which the Japanese were merely denied what any military code would deny them, the incident recalls the fact that two years ago the soldiers from the same Chinese Twenty-Ninth Route Army fled before a single Japanese soldier who challenged them.

A Big Change

They had been taught to fear any minor conflict with the Japanese, knowing that it would be used as a provocation for more Japanese military aggression. Less than a year ago a Chinese officer was reported to have been forced to apologize to massed ranks of the Japanese army because a Chinese trooper had slapped the rump of a Japanese officers' horse.

The incident at the Hataman Gate is only an indication of the fact that the Chinese army as a whole is taking a more firm attitude. It has influenced the Hopei-Charhar Political Council, which the Japanese set up as a puppet government, and which is no longer completely pliable to the Japanese.

Wide Protest at Proposal to Send Caffrey to Brazil

NEW YORK—Widespread protest has been aroused among liberal groups by the report that Jefferson Caffrey might be appointed U. S. ambassador to Brazil. His imperialistic record in Cuba and Colombia has made him so hated in Latin America that last year when there was talk of sending him to Mexico, the unions threatened a general strike.

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There are tens of thousands of such people in California. Let's bring the "Western" to them. They are only waiting for it.

Oil Workers, News Guild Take Exemplary Action on Spain

TWO national trade union conventions last week passed resolutions in support of Spain which should not only serve as a guide to action by all their affiliated locals, but give inspiration as well to the entire labor movement and to all progressive forces.

The International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America, convening at Kansas City, declared unanimously for support of the Spanish people against the "Spanish Liberty League and German and Italian Fascism" and further urged all its locals "to support by whatever means possible the struggles of the Spanish people for Democracy." It demanded of Secretary Hull that "present neutrality legislation be applied to Germany and Italy in order that war supplies from the United States shall not be used against the Spanish people."

The American Newspaper Guild, also recognizing that the struggle in Spain is the struggle for democracy in the U.S. as well, voted by a two to one majority its emphatic support of the Spanish people against their fascist attackers.

These two unions have drawn logical conclusions.

The struggle in Spain is a world-wide struggle in which world democracy is at stake. Trade unionism is at stake—in Spain and the United States. It remains now for the locals of these two organizations to take up the fight in their communities. It is a fight against the same forces of reaction which they are forced to picket regularly for better wages and working conditions.

Significantly, the same forces in the two unions who have taken the most active part in building their organizations are the forces who came forward with these resolutions.

Their passage should be an immediate stimulus to trade unions and all progressive groups in California for a mass participation in Spanish Aid Week—for raising $10,000 in the week for Spain, for organizing mass picket lines in front of the consulate of the German Nazis.

What's Behind Green's Blows at The ILA

IT IS again regrettable to have to state that the majority of the San Francisco Labor Council delegates failed to represent the sentiment of their rank and file—this time in voting, 188 to 112, to concur in William Green's splitting order that the ILA turn over plumbing supply warehousemen to the Plumbers.

It was pointed out that the rank and file of the plumbers had nothing to do with this new act of robbery, but that it was a plot cooked up by Green, the AFL Executive Council, and the reactionary international officials of the Plumbers.

Previous to the recent Cincinnati conference of the AFL, there had been more than enough provocation on the part of the AFL executive council (ILA International President Ryan included), in ordering that inland warehousemen, whom only the West Coast ILA had cared to organize, be turned over to the reactionary Teamsters officials, who had never cared to organize these workers.

Since the Cincinnati conference, such provocative acts have increased ten fold throughout the country. On the West Coast, the strikebreaking actions of the Teamsters officials, and reactionaries of some of the other crafts, since the Cincinnati conference against the CIO unions, but particularly against the Warehousemen in Portland, Seattle, and in the Bay Area, have disgusted the trade union rank and file.

The plumbers-warehousemen question in San Francisco is more than a question involving two unions; more than a San Francisco issue.

It is the latest and perhaps the sharpest warning signal, telling organized labor that the AFL craft union reactionaries are now out to accomplish one purpose—to prevent the organization of the unorganized; to undo that organization where CIO or other progressive unions have accomplished it, and to split the labor movement wide open if necessary for those aims—and the craft reactionaries seem to have found it necessary.

Harry Bridges' characterization of the San Francisco Labor Council's defeat of the ILA resolution which urged a referendum that the Council go on record to disobey expulsion orders from Green, and to hold a referendum on the subject, holds true also for the use by Green of the Teamsters and other craft officials to undo the achievements of the ILA and of other progressive unions.

"No matter how many resolutions you turn down (or pass), the rank and file will decide."

We are confident that that decision will be to support the CIO, the ILA, and all progressive organizations who aim to organize the unorganized. For the rank and file know that true labor unity lies in this direction.

Eliminating Traitors While Building Socialism

THE deliberation with which the Trotzkyite fascists plotted with fascism of Germany and Japan to betray the Socialist fatherland becomes clearer as each new thread in the vicious and underhanded plot is brought to light.

Yet the strength of the great Socialist Republic against which they plotted was never more clearly demonstrated.

It was inevitable that the self-confessed traitors in the Soviet Union would have sought strongholds in the workers' Red Army. It was inevitable that part of the plan which they openly confessed would have been to establish themselves in strategic positions to sabotage the powerful weapon which stands as a firm defense against world war. It is now clear that they not only sought, but actually gained such positions.

They gained such positions by deceit, by lying. They proposed to use them to sabotage the workers' defense in a time of crisis.

Eight men of high rank in the Red Army have been disclosed to be nothing less than traitors concealing their real purpose in order to be able to use their positions against the workers.

Their treason is insignificant beside the mass resentment of their acts in the minds of millions of Soviet toilers who have put through two heroic five year plans and who are increasingly enjoying the fruit of their struggles by better living, steadily lowering prices, broader democracy.

But their conviction and sentence can serve as a stern warning to every fascist spy: The Soviet masses and their political party and government will build in spite of their enemies, open and secret. They will expose their hidden enemies. They will deal with them as they must be dealt with. They will give them the only treatment they deserve. And they will continue their work, more vigilant than ever as long as fascism is still a menace, as long as capitalism exists.

Steel and the American People

The fight the CIO and its Steel Workers Organizing Committee are making on the big independents is one on whose outcome much of vital importance to all organized labor depends.

The ruthless massacre of eight of the Republic Steel strikers in Chicago recently showed that the open shop elements of the country realize that fact.

The brutality of the big steel independent corporations, and their open defiance of the National Labor Relations Board and the right to organize and bargain collectively is a desperate attempt to stem the great tide of organization which has ensued as a result of the progressive policies and energetic work of the CIO.

Big Steel was forced to its knees by those CIO policies and by the determination of the great masses of hitherto unorganized workers who form the solid foundation of the CIO.

The defeat of Big Steel was a first-rate blow to the Wall Streeters-Liberty League open shop fascist combination. It resulted in the greatest surge of organization the nation has ever seen.

But the open shoppers do not surrender so easily. They drew on another ace in the hole—plan, iron fisted brutality.

The American people will determine whether fascist-like lawlessness of the South Chicago type shall continue, to the detriment of the welfare of the people as a whole, or whether the American working class will go forward to complete organization of the workers, with its consequent benefit to all of better wages, better standards of living, and a greater degree of prosperity for all.

Here is an opportunity for Labor's Non-Partisan League, to rally the unions, the farm organizations, and all progressive elements, to demand of the White House that an end be put to the lawlessness of the open-shoppers, and that the Wagner Labor Act be defended strenuously against the American Liberty Leaguers.

A Gift From Italian Workers to Spain People

AN ITALIAN soldier deserts the fascist trenches in Spain for the loyalists, and brings his machine gun as a gift to the forces of democracy.

Dimitrov Issues Call for United Aid to Spain

MOSCOW—United international action of workers organizations to stop the Hitler-Mussolini invasion of Spain is proposed by the executive committee of the Communist International.

George Dimitrov, secretary of the International, made the proposal in a telegram to Louis de Brouckere, chairman of the executive committee of the Labor and Socialist International, with headquarters at Brussels.

At the same time, Dimitrov cabled heads of the Socialist Party, Communist Party and General Workers Union of Spain, replying to a radiogram from them containing an appeal from the Spanish people for international action to stop the fascist invasion and prevent a world war.

Joint Commission Asked

Dimitrov suggested to de Brouckere that a joint contact commission of the three internationals—Communist, Labor and Socialist, and International Federation of Trade Unions—be established to bring about the united action.

"We are prepared to discuss any proposals either you or the International Federation of Trade Unions may make with respect to the defense of the Spanish people," Dimitrov told de Brouckere.

To the Spanish working class leaders, Dimitrov wired "full support" of the proposal for joint action. He informed them of the message sent to de Brouckere, and recalled that on several occasions the Communist International had proposed to the other internationals the organization of joint action in the struggle against fascism and, in the defense of democracy and peace.

Cable to de Brouckere

The Executive Committee of the Communist International cabled de Brouckere as follows:

"We have received an appeal from Valencia, from the Socialist Party, Communist Party, and the General Workers Union of Spain, suggesting joint action by international working class organizations in defense of the Spanish invasion.

French warships, and consequently the "Deutschland" could not fulfill any functions of international control in these waters.

If, nevertheless, the cruiser was there, this only goes to prove it was helping the rebels. It is therefore, the height of fascist cynicism for the fascist warships, which allegedly should have ensured non-intervention, themselves to bombard a Spanish town, and for the fascists now to picture themselves as victims who have been subject to attack and to insult.

As is well-known the attack on Almeria is not the first case of the barbarian behavior of the fascists. The last few weeks have been producing ever new facts of fascist sadism, ferocity; and the wiping out of thousands of peaceful citizens and the destruction of peaceful towns.

Not so long ago, the ancient town of Guernica, the traditional object of worship of the freedom-loving Basque people, was destroyed by fascist aviation. For several months, the fascist rebels and interventionists have been trying to destroy heroic Madrid, and wish to wipe Bilbao off the face of the earth.

By bombarding Almeria and undertaking further military measures, the Hitler government desires once again to face world opinion with an "accomplished fact." Those who wield power in Berlin and Rome are again speculating on the non-fascist states and progressive public opinion allowing themselves to be scared into yielding to fascist extortion.

It is no secret to anybody that the helplessness of the League of Nations, in the face of the seizure of Ethiopia, and the constant concession made by the biggest Western states to the German and Italian interventionists in Spain, encouraged and still encourages the brazen aggressiveness of the governments of Berlin and Rome.

And what the fascist bosses in Berlin and Rome are counting on is that the international workingclass movement will not be in a position to muster its scattered forces for a victorious struggle against fascist aggression.

It is well known that the cowardly and hysterical—as they actually are—fascist beasts fear nothing more than that their aggression and acts of provocation should meet with the courageous and resolute resistance of the united working class and of all progressive mankind.

The destruction of Almeria and the murder of peaceful inhabitants, women and children, by the fascist interventionists have called forth a storm of popular indignation in all countries. Public opinion is arising. Millions of working people are being brought into the movement.

But the task is to organize these forces for effective resistance to the fascist violators.

In connection with the situation created by the bombardment of Almeria, the Socialist Party, the Communist Party and the General Workers Union of Spain have issued a call to the Labor and Socialist International, International Federation of Trade Unions and the Communist International, to take measures to organize joint action in defense of the Spanish people.

The fullest support should be given to this initiative of the Spanish workers' organizations, which responds to the feelings, thoughts and interests of millions of working people. It should be realized in all countries. Never before has it been so necessary as precisely now.

The Spanish workers' organizations are absolutely correct in calling on the world proletariat to "take the most energetic joint action to mobilize the proletarian solidarity of all the people who have decided to prevent the designs of fascism from being fulfilled."

The many millions in the forces of the international labor movement must be mobilized immediately against the bandit military action of German and Italian fascism.

Everybody understands that there must be no delay now.

In a situation as serious as this, it is absolutely clear that the Socialist, Communist and Trade Union internationals ought to call a joint conference, to establish a permanent contact committee, to indicate all the necessary measures, and immediately to proceed to put them into operation; that is, to do what is being demanded by the Spanish Socialists, Communists and members of trade unions who are fighting side by side and shedding their blood in the struggle against the fascist violators.

The brazen attack on Almeria may become the beginning of events pregnant with serious consequences for all peoples, if the forces are not mobilized in time to curb the fascist interventionists.

Appeal From Spain

The Spanish comrades are perfectly correct in stressing, in their appeal to the international proletariat, the point that in the struggle against German and Italian intervention, it is not only a question of the liberty and independence of Spain, but also of the maintenance of universal peace, of the struggle against fascism, "which schemes to light a world conflagration."

This is a fact about which there can be no doubt whatsoever. Therefore, it is all the more urgent a duty of all working class organizations to declare immediately for the establishment of international united action, and also for united action by the working people in the various countries.

Only the united forces of the whole international labor movement, and of all honest friends of peace, can ensure that the criminal designs of the fascist barbarians and the instigators of war are finally destroyed.

One must really be politically blind to fail to see what tremendous significance and what consequences would follow on joint action by the working class and their organizations in each country, and throughout the whole world.

By undertaking such action, it would be possible to rouse and rally the widest masses of the people. The British conservatives, who are patronizing the machinations of Hitler and Mussolini, would be driven into a corner. The British and French governments would be compelled to adopt energetic measures against the intervention of German and Italian fascism.

It would be possible to achieve the withdrawal of the armed forces of Germany and Italy from Spain, and the recall of the warships of the interventionists from Spanish waters.

It would be possible to secure the operation of international law in relation to the Spanish Republic. It would be possible to achieve a situation where the fascist interventionists and invaders would be regarded, as they deserve to be, as aggressors, bandits and pirates.

Joint action by the working class throughout the world would provide the Spanish Republic and its heroic fighters with not only immeasurable moral aid, but also with colossal material aid.

All this would undoubtedly speed up the victory of the Spanish people.

Finally, a joint onslaught by the progressive forces of the whole world would make possible the curbing of the instigators of war.

A tremendous historic responsibility lies on those on whom the decision of the Labor and Socialist International, and of the International Federation of Trade Unions, now depends.

Nothing can justify the fact that attempts at organizing joint action by the international proletariat in defense of the Spanish people have hitherto fallen through. This should not and cannot continue.

The whole situation is such that it demands that an absolutely clear position be taken by every working class organization, by every leader of the working class movement, on the question of united action by the world proletariat in defense of the Spanish people. One cannot sit between two stools.

Every worker, every honest Socialist, is necessarily faced with the questions:

"What sort of a workers' international is it if it turns down united front proposals when millions of workers affiliated to it imperatively demand united action?"

"What sort of a socialist international is it if it turns down demands which come from its own sections, and even from such a one of its sections as the Socialist Party of Spain, which stands together with the Communist Party in the front line of the struggle against fascism?"

"What sort of working class, socialist leaders are they who disrupt united action by the international proletariat when it is precisely this unity which is the decisive means of curbing the fascist violators?"

"What sort of bearers of international working class solidarity are they who, by disrupting united action of the international proletariat, help fascism to crush the working class movement and enslave the peoples one after the other?"

The fate of the Spanish people and the cause of universal peace urgently demand united action of all international working class organizations.

The bombardment of Almeria is a serious lesson to all working people, irrespective of their political views and of the organizations to which they belong.

It is a serious warning against the further division of the forces of the labor movement.

United action of the international proletariat must and will be established!

How Spain Bu[ilds] Unity of Pe[ople]

By JAMES W. FORD
(Continued from last issue)

How unprincipled the POUM propaganda has been anyone can judge from this: At one time last autumn the Trotzkyists were charging the Soviet Union with leaving the Spanish people to their fate. A week later when the Spanish people were rejoicing at the arrival of help from their Soviet brothers, "La Batalla," the Trotzkyite organ, while hypocritically thanking the Soviet Union for its help, declared that its object was to dictate to the Spanish people.

Some of their slogans were the following: "We may win the war but lose the revolution," or to the effect that support to the Popular Front government may mean the creation of a too solid governmental apparatus. "The C.N.T. and the F.I.A. (Iberian Federation of Anarchists) should make themselves immediately (in order to preserve the revolution) the decisive force and aim for taking over the power."

"From this it is clearly seen how the Trotzkyites have influenced the Anarchists. The Anarchists say: "We want to make the revolution but we may find that we have built up a strong governmental apparatus that will suppress the workers' revolution. We want to win the war but without a strong state government."

The uprising was started by a provocative strike against the government. The immediate cause leading to clash and barricades in the streets was the attempt of certain Anarchists inspired by the Trotzkyists to dislodge the organization of the unified Socialist and Communist Party from a public building which it had been occupying.

Why was it possible for this uprising to develop against the government? Not that the Anarchists have a majority of the workers or that the Trotzkyists have any influence among the working masses but because of their policy of arming themselves in the rear. The supporters of the government do not make a practice of running around in the rear, behind the front with arms. They go to the front to fight the enemy, the fascists. The Anarchists specialize in supplying themselves with all kinds of arms in the rear which could be used to advantage at the front.

The followers of Trotzky failed in their attempted uprising in Barcelona, but caused the death of more than 80 people on the first day and altogether of about 900.

Needless to say, only a small minority of Anarchist workers were deceived. The government was never for a moment in danger, and the situation was at once under control.

I believe good will come out of this dastardly attempt. The Spanish people reacted splendidly and expressed their contempt for their enemies of the Republic. The U.G.T expelled the Trotzkyites. Every political party at once declared its faith in the Popular Front government and condemned those who tried to undo its work.

Behind the lines this feeling of unity is tremendously impressive. It is the same at the front. Robert Minor, noted American Communist, and I visited the American boys in the Spanish trenches.

These boys are proud to bear the name of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. They were keen to explain to us that they were defending real American ideals of liberty on Spanish soil. They expressed themselves in downright good American about the criminal and bloody attempt of the Barcelona Trotzkyites to overthrow the People's Government from the rear.

I cannot describe how thrilled I was to talk with our American boys in the trenches under fire, nor how glad I was to find splendid Negro fighters in their ranks from New York and Chicago. In particular I must mention that a Negro soldier is in command of a machine gun section of that sector of the front.

We walked through a long line of trenches talking with the volunteers of the International Brigade, of the Dimitroff Battalion and with the English fighters who together form a small part of the vast and splendid Spanish People's Army. Everywhere we found tremendous enthusiasm and determination to win.

Our delegation was enthusiastically received. The boys were happy to see that the American people are interested in the ideals for which they are fighting. Many of them asked me to give personal greeting to their friends at home.

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[Work]ers Win Out

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Personal Letter

TO ALL WORKER CORRESPONDENTS:

How are you making out in the big Western Worker Circulation Drive? How many workers in your union, shop or neighborhood have you gotten to subscribe to the "Western" as the paper they need most?

This letter is to remind you of the big contest for worker correspondents, running simultaneously and in connection with the Circulation Drive Competition. All you have to do is write a letter telling your experiences in the Drive, response of workers to the "Western," etc.

And the prize for the best letter is a choice of any one of the five following books: "From Bryan to Stalin," by Wm. Z. Foster; "History of the American Working Class," by A. Bimba; "Rulers of America," by Anna Rochester; "Let Me Live," by Angelo Herndon; "World Politics," by R. Palme Dutt.

Just follow these simple rules:

1. Get your entry in postmarked before midnight, July 4th.

2. Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Rush your entry in today!

Vital Issues are Facing Musicians

By a Musician

SAN FRANCISCO—Our three delegates are off to the National Convention, meeting this year at Louisville, Kentucky.

The annual conventions of the American Federation of Musicians, have been cut and dried propositions for years. Everything is carefully planned by Mr. Weber, Wm. Green's close friend and co-worker, and it has always gone off exactly as planned. In fact, the conventions were such dull affairs that the "boys" just had to get drunk to get a little excitement.

Stooge Defeated

This year should be different. There have been upsets already. Brother Canavan, Joseph Weber's understudy, was defeated as a delegate from the New York local. We hope this is only the beginning.

It is a well known fact that Weber has maintained his job because of the financial support he gives to the small towns when convention time rolls around. The cities, even those with the most conservative officials, have wanted a change in national leadership.

This year Mr. Weber is not going to find it so easy to swing many thousands of musicians behind the labor-splitting tactics of the Green, Woll, Hutcheson clique.

Members Against Machine

The members of Local 6 are awaiting outcome of the convention. We want to see what kind of a fight our delegates will make when matters of vital importance come up—matters important to the labor movement as a whole, as well as the important problems facing musicians, such as the campaign to bring back living music, and the increasing monopoly exercised by the Music Corporation of America.

Tunnel Sub-Locals Hit Reactionaries

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING — The failure of Local 270 to rally to the support of the progressive union men laid off during May at the Potrero Shaft and Lawrence adit camps of the Metropolitan Water District is back-firing throughout the acqueduct region.

Because of the general reactionary and class collaboration policies of the leadership of this union, three of the sub-locals have applied to the International for seperate charters.

1900 Members Disapprove

This means that nearly 1900 members are now voicing their disapproval of the fake leadership which now exists in one of the first, and at one time the strongest local of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers on the West Coast. In January this same local voted 97 per cent for a strike to support one man who was laid off for union activities.

It now becomes the task for every progressive to rally at the election in Local 270 and vote in a slate of officers more devoted to the interest of the rank and file and to bring back the unity and militancy that existed here before these reactionary leaders gained control.

Peninsula Painters Seek $1 Increase

By a Worker Correspondent

PALO ALTO — Painting contractors of the Peninsula meeting here a week ago offered a 50c a day increase in wages to union painters, who are demanding $1 increase. These reactionary contractors included bosses from San Bruno to San Jose, who are trying to tie up the industry to their low standards and cause strikes.

SACTO. LABOR TO HOLD FREE SPEECH FIGHT

Fight on Ordinances Led by Political Action Group

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO—The Federated Trades Council here is laying plans for a free speech fight. Details are to be worked out by the executive board of the Committee for Progressive Political Action.

The political action group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m., Room 3, fourth floor, Labor Temple.

The Council unanimously readopted a resolution passed June 11, 1935, referring it to the Political Action Committee as follows:

Free Speech Resolution

Whereas, The rights of free speech, of public assembly and of unhampered publication have, for many generations, been recognized as absolutely indispensabel to a free people and are a part of the basic law of our democracy wherein it is explicitly declared that Congress shall be powerless to impose any limitations whatever upon the free exercise of these rights, and

Whereas, Minority influences, lacking in the final judgment of the people or because of personal interest in some form of special privilege, frequently seek to impose a degree of censorship by means of local laws or ordinances in order to accomplish that which even the Congress of these United States is, by constitutional mandate, expressly forbidden to undertake; and

Whereas, Such ordinances, particularly ordinance No. 61, fourth series, part of section two and three, ordinance No. 637, fourth series, sections one and two, and ordinance No. 638, fourth series, part of section one and all of section three, are now in force in Sacramento and constitute a dangerous invasion of our most fundamental rights; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Federated Trades Council of Sacramento, first, that we call upon the City Council for the immediate repeal of all of these ordinances, insofar as they hamper or in any way interfere with the free exercise of the rights herein referred to and, second, that we urge all affiliated organizations to immediately take like action; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Mayor, to the City Manager, to the City Council and to the press of this city with a request that they be published in full, to the end that all persons who value liberty may join with us in this demand

A Club for Defenders of Soviet Union

THE NEW Red Army House in Minsk, Soviet Union, containing club rooms, gymnasium, reading rooms, and full recreational facilities for the workers' and farmers' Red Army boys.

San Diego Culinary Workers Mobilize

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO—Local 402, Culinary Workers Union, is soon to have its regular election, and progressive members are mobilizing their forces to defeat Tex Skinner, present business agent, who is threatening to wreck the working conditions and wage scale in the industry by permitting houses with cards to pay less than the scale and discriminate against active union members.

Skinner placed a card in Hillcrest Cafe over a year ago and has made no effort to get the scale for the workers there. The scale for dishwashers is $2.70 a day and they are only receiving $2. Cooks and waitresses are also getting less than the scale.

Other houses with a card that are paying less than the scale are; Red Sales Inn, Vick's Cafe, Empress Cafe, Harbor Cafe and States Cafe.

If this practice continues, cooks, waitresses and dishwashers in San Diego will soon be working under open-shop conditions.

UNIONISM IS ENDORSED BY S. F. CHURCH

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — The United People's Church, meeting every Sunday, 11 a. m., at Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., here, deserves looking into. They say: "We believe in Education, Tolerance and Church Union. We endorse Union Labor and all Humanitarian Movements."

Dr. James M. Heady, its leader, says: "This is, so far as I can discover, the first church in the world whose endorsement of union labor is one of the cardinal principles of its program."

YORTY SPEAKS TO SHOPPERS' LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES—The League of Women Shoppers will hold its next meeting Saturday, June 26, at 2 p. m. in the Unitarian Church, Channing Hall, it was announced last week.

Assemblyman Samuel Yorty will talk on the Wagner Act.

PROGRESSIVES SCORE PRES. COREY FOR WEAK SUPPORT TO 88 DISCHARGED WORKERS

Charge Company Collaboration Policy is Followed by Corey and His Organized Gang of Disrupters in Union

By a Tunnel Worker

BANNING—On May 14, 15, 16, 88 workers were discharged from Potrero Shaft of the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct job here. M. W. D. officials closed down operations in both east headings as a pretext for the "lay-off."

The list of men selected for the lay-off was supposed to be compiled on the basis of efficiency and seniority.

Active Unionists Fired

Actually most of the men discharged had been very active in organizing the local union here and in union work. A majority of these workers had been employed at this camp for periods ranging from one to three years.

These things were pointed out to the M. W. D. officials by the grievance committee and the question of seniority was positively disproven. When thus cornered the officials stated flatly that these men were not selected because of inefficiency or lack of seniority.

Officials on the Spot

Unwillingness on the part of local union officials to support these discharged men prompted the following poem which was posted in the union hall:

"An injury to one is an injury to all"—
But an injury to 88 is not an injury at all.
I'm just a poor femme—so I guess I can't see—
But in Local 270 the case seems to be:
A strike vote for one man as quick as a wink,
But a few months later they let 88 sink!

I'm just a poor femme—so I guess I wouldn't know—
Did you organize to stand together or just to get the dough?
Do you really want a union—or just a finky show?
Are you going to let 'em whip you, boys, and never strike a blow?
Or will you fight together for our CIO?
—By a puzzled femme.

This deplorably weak union support to the 88 discharged workers was attributed by progressive tunnel workers at the union meeting Tuesday night, May 25, to the company collaboration policies of Jim Corey, president of the local, and his organized gang of disrupters.

Corey Held Up Charges

On hearing the report of union attorney Grover Johnson that charges had not yet been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against the Metropolitan Water District, some of the discharged workers pointed out that the union a week previous had already approved filing affidavits charging the company with discrimination against active union members.

Attorney Johnson explained that Secretary Randolph had phoned him during the week with instructions from Jim Corey to delay filing the charges.

Corey injected as an alibi that he had heard that individual lawsuits would be filed. As a result of Johnson's report, the union accepted his announcements that the charges would be filed the next morning against the M. W. D. officials.

Charges were then preferred against Jim Corey and substantiated by Vice-President Reno who verified the charges that while attending a committee meeting in Los Angeles he was told by Corey that Corey had telephoned Assistant General Manager Burkholder of M. W. D., asking police assistance in removing sitdown strikers from the Potrero shaft several months ago. Other charges of procompany and anti-union activity were filed against Corey.

Charges Not Fairly Heard

Randolph, financial secretary, hastily appointed a committee for an immediate trial which exonerated Corey and the report was accepted by a vote of a little more than half of those present which included many workers confused by the demagogy of Corey and his gang.

The Corey machine in retaliation hurled absolutely unfounded charges against several progressive members and these workers likewise were exonerated.

CIO Leaders Try to Help Union

International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union Organizer C. J. Powers and Wm. Dalrymple, state representative of CIO, were both present and made a strong effort to inject genuine union spirit into the meeting. But several drunk members of Corey's gang continued their constant disruption and attempted on every occasion to promote a riot.

A most ludicrous revelation occurred when Dalrymple read a letter written to John L. Lewis by a tunnel union member of Corey's machine, namely Barney Doran. This hodge-podge letter of self-adulation credited Doran with a long list of accomplishments ranging from battles with Communists in the union to a claim that he had organized 90 per cent of the business of Beaumont and Banning into the union.

This same Barney Doran in a report from the finance committee tried to put over a constitutional amendment on finances which would eliminate assessments for a fighting fund.

Disrupters

The disrupters made orderly business impossible and as a result, many members drifted away, leaving the meeting still at the mercy of company hirelings, who overrode the progressives, with the result that until now no union support has been given to the discharged militants.

The Workers Alliance --- Bulwark Against Hunger

By a Worker Correspondent

GLENDALE—Never before in the history of the U. S. has been so evident as now, the tendency of the reactionary forces to drive against the unemployed. Unable or unwilling to solve the problem of millions of unemployed in a land filled with the possibilities of abundance for all, those who are in control of our economic and political life seek to starve us into submission.

For proof, we have only to remember the order that went out from the national administration to start mass lay-offs last December and March 1 of this year. These orders were not permitted to be carried out only because of the huge mass demonstrations, protests and sit-down strikes in California and all over the country. In many U. S. communities, there is no direct relief whatsoever. A gigantic relief crisis is spreading from state to state and threatens to envelop the entire nation.

Drive Against Whole Working Class

This drive of reactionary forces against the unemployed is only part and parcel of a general drive against living standards of the entire working class. We find pictures of it in the ruthlessness with which the employers, supported by their lackeys—sheriffs, governors, vigilante bands and militia commanders, with their tear-gas bombs, guns and bayonets—try to destroy the organized power of the trade unions. The more and more frequent use of these tactics indicates determination of the masters to crush the labor movement. The denial of civil liberties to the unemployed, evidenced almost every day in the capitalist press, shows the willingness of the capitalist class to do away with democratic rights.

We can be under no illusion as to what we face. We know from bitter experience that gains have been made only as result of power and strength of the organized unemployed.

Since formation of the Workers Alliance of America, we have seen many brilliant struggles against growing reaction. The Illinois hunger march, occupation of the Trenton, N. J., State Capitol, heroic strikes for union wages on WPA in California, New York, Baltimore, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and countless other places, occupation of the State House in Madison, Wisconsin and countless other places, occupation of the State House in Madison, Wis.—are pages of history that mark determination of the Alliance not to yield an inch in the struggle for a decent standard of living.

Drive Against All Relief

Today the reactionary forces claim to wave some magic wand and declare the crisis is over, and there is no need for relief to the unemployed. Unless we can halt this reaction and turn it backward, it is going to sweep over us. In their merciless attempt to deny relief to us, they will attempt to stamp out all civil rights, all protests, and move toward fascism.

The mission of the Workers Alliance has become clearer since it was born two years ago. It was recognized at that time that only a united organization in the neighborhood, city, county, state and nation, could obtain anything for the unemployed, and that in developing a program of demands, the Alliance was not selfishly fighting for the unemployed alone. Then as now, we saw clearly that our interests are identical with the workers in the trade unions and with the working farmers.

All United

We understand that it is the intention of the rulers of this nation to set unemployed against employed, skilled worker against unskilled, white against Negro, native-born worker against foreign-born. The Workers Alliance, within its ranks, has succeeded in fighting down these differences in building a united front of all unemployed and WPA workers.

The Alliance has partially succeeded in breaking down the barrier that separated the jobless from the trade unions, attaining recognition from the AFL. In many places this has resulted in practical cooperation in the fight for union wages on WPA jobs (San Francisco), picketing during strikes, preventing the unemployed from scabbing. All the great strikes of the past two years have found the unemployed fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with the strikers.

During the last national elections, political considerations postponed the reactionary drive against unemployment relief and compelled the politicians to exercise some restraint and employ a great deal of camouflage. But even during the period of greatest vote consciousness the reactionaries did not lose sight of "economy" at the expense of the unemployed. So, even prior to election, the reactionaries pressed for immediate curtailment of relief and were determined to reduce and if possible liquidate relief. In the meantime, they also systematically laid the basis for further and more drastic relief cuts after election day.

After the election, under pressure from the reactionaries who clamored for economy, relief appropriations were reduced from the previous $4,880,000,000 to one-fourth that sum—$1,425,000,000.

In the face of government figures which showed 6,000,000 had applied and were found eligible for the 3,500,000 WPA jobs originally promised as a substitute for direct federal relief, the administration reduced the number of WPA jobs to less than 2,500,000. Instead of increasing the monthly earnings of WPA workers in conformity with the admitted increase in the cost of food and other essentials, the national administration reduced these earnings by abolishing the "security wage."

Under infamous Administration Order 44, WPA workers are docked for time lost when projects are shut down because of inclement weather and other conditions beyond their control. In the very heat of the 1936 election campaign, projects were closed down in many sections, so that WPA workers would be forced to take jobs at wages far below the prevailing scale.

Republicans Want Return to Hoover Hunger Program

Nothing less than return to the Hoover hunger program will satisfy the Republicans, the Hearsts, the DuPonts, etc. Their ultimate purpose is to cut the amount of relief and leave thousands of families without any relief, but this is not their sole or immediate purpose. Their immediate purpose is to prove more relief is being given to the unemployed than is necessary to prevent widespread discontent and possible disorder. This is part of the reactionary strategy which at the same time is aimed to disorganize the unemployed and discredit their organization.

Unification has brought about a favorable change in the character of the unemployed movement. The Workers Alliance, into which all unemployed organizations were merged in April, 1936, is not only a different organization than prior to unification, but provides the unemployed with a better instrument of struggle than any of the various organizations previously existing.

Conditions existing today make it more necessary for effective and intensive organization activity of the Alliance among unemployed and relief workers than at any time since the inception of the present economic crisis.

In the course of the struggle against retrenchment we have been able to judge who are the sincere and devoted forces that can be relied upon to lead the struggles of the unemployed.

For Independent Political Action

Growing consciousness is being expressed among the unemployed for independent political action, proved by participation of the Workers Alliance in such movements in almost every part of the country. The Communists helped to give more guidance in this direction and to strengthen resistance of the unemployed and WPA workers to every attempt made to weaken their positions or lower their standards.

The Alliance members have shown their solidarity by going into the struggle since the national election, when the national administration, betraying the mandate of the people, attempted wide-spread lay-offs. This so far has been successfully blocked by the struggles conducted, sit-down strikes, mass demonstrations, etc. The most important factor in this was the speed with which large sections of the trade unions, civic organizations, liberal and progressive forces came to support of the Workers Alliance in resisting these attempts to cut down WPA.

Struggles Forced Increase in Funds

This organized struggle has forced President Roosevelt repeatedly to increase his proposals as to the amount to be appropriated for unemployment relief, from $500,000,000 to $650,000,000 and now to $1,500,000,000, all because of these constant and repeated mass protests.

The Workers Alliance put forward its demands of a 20 per cent increase in wages and the addition of hundreds of thousands to be taken from direct relief rolls and given work on WPA projects. A tremendous demonstration was rallied throughout the country behind these demands, resulting in almost 3000 delegates from 25 states arriving in Washington in the greatest demonstration of the unemployed there since 1932. Over 200 union representatives were present in this delegation. This was an expression of the great desire among the masses to carry forward independent struggle to force through the mandates given to Congress and the President. It signified the growing unity of labor against reaction.

The Communist Party was able to influence, lead and guide this development by its correct analysis of the situation.

Communists Proved Decisive Factor

The organization of the Communist Party forces has proved to be a decisive factor in influencing the growth of the Workers Alliance. This is especially so in New York. Development of the Alliance as one of the most important workers' organizations, is decisive in building the People's Front. The program of the Alliance can rally around it large sections of the community, and become a very large factor in building a strong and successful people's movement. This has been proved time and time again in many sections of the United States.

Every Communist Party member not engaged in private industry should immediately become a member of the Workers Alliance. Every comrade in the Alliance should become an active organizer, building unity between the unemployed movement, the trade unions, liberal, progressive and radical forces.

Wm. E. Sherwood

CORRECTION ON NIPOMO FRAME-UP TRIAL STORY

By a Worker Correspondent

NIPOMO, San Luis Obispo County—I am enclosing a cutting from the latest paper that deals with C. D. Mensalves' and Ed Bushnell's case on "disturbing the peace" in connection with the recent pea-pickers' strike, which conviction has been appealed.

The part I have circled is incorrect. While the workers were told not to picket further, the anti-picketing ordinance was not used for the arrest charges. It was the vagrancy law that was used. This case to date is to become more and more of a check on the particular and peculiar use that was made of the vagrancy law, which led up to the arrest of Mensalves and Bushnell.

BOSSES LIKE PHONIES

NEW YORK—The Brooklyn Edison Co. has signed with the reactionary Electricians Union officials, as an attack against the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union.

Legislative Summary Shows Reaction Centers in Senate

CONVENTION ON JUNE 20 WILL FACE PROBLEM

Legislative Conference Reviews the Past Session

SAN FRANCISCO—In its initial summary of the state legislative session, the California People's Legislative Conference concluded that the people achieved very little in return for the $249,266.33 which the session cost to operate.

But it also pointed out that despite actual progressive gains through legislation, the concerted effort of reaction was not able to make any advance, despite its domination of the senate.

It is to launch a campaign to curtail or eliminate the powers of the senate that the Legislative Conference is calling its second convention on June 20 in Santa Maria.

The conference points out that many of the defeated measures would have been passed in the last session but for the veto of the senate which is not elected on a population basis and in which four of the forty senators actually represent 75 per cent of the population, while the remaining 36 were elected by only 25 per cent of the population.

Deadlocked

Summary of the legislative session shows that conflict between progressive and reactionary influence was most pronounced on labor board bills where a complete deadlock ensued.

Both "Little Wagner Act" bills introduced by Assemblyman Yorty of Los Angeles were killed in the senate after passing the assembly. The senate countered with five separate "voluntary" arbitration bills, framed to impede labor. They were rejected by the assembly.

The senate passed two bills against sitdown strikers, both of which were rejected by the assembly. The assembly also passed a law outlawing anti-picketing ordinances, but later rescinded its action. It passed an "anti-spotter" bill against use of employer spies against labor, only to have it rejected by the senate.

The senate rejected, by burial in committee, a measure passed by the assembly to give the five-day week to state employees. Finally, the senate passed two reactionary bills, one governing strike votes and the other punishing delay of food and medical supplies by strikes. Both were rejected by the assembly committee.

Still other bills of a progressive nature were rejected by the assembly, including prohibition of transport of strikebreakers, thirty-hour week bills, and a law to make employers liable for the acts of special officers hired by them.

In the field of labor rights, three definitely progressive measures were actually passed by both houses. One forbids the sale of goods produced in whole or in part by child labor. Two others, now before the governor for signature, permit workers on public projects to sue when they are not bein' paid prevailing wages and prohibit employers from taking rebates or paying a wage scale agreed upon by collective bargaining.

Civil Rights Ignored

In the field of civil rights, all relief to Tom Mooney by direct legislative action was rejected by the legislative session, but the governor was memorialized by the assembly to grant a pardon.

Bills granting free use of the schools were rejected.

No action was taken on three bills punishing race discrimination in restaurants, illegalizing racial property restrictions and prohibiting racial libel. The session took definitely reactionary action on militarization, rejecting both bills proposing to eliminate compulsory military training in the schools and passing an act requiring state colleges to give ROTC courses. The assembly judiciary committee killed a proposal to allow free distribution of political handbills.

Use of tear gass against strikers was only slightly limited; a bill passed limiting its use to peace officers and regularly assigned deputies.

On Social Security

Certain advances were made in the field of social security, foremost among which was the slight liberalization of the old age pension, although the bill establishing a $50 minimum compensation was lost. Unemployment provisions of the Unemployment Reserves Act were extended to shops having as few as four workers, but agricultural workers remained eliminated from the benefits. Among progressive bills repected in this field were amendments to the Workman's Compensation Act, the California Youth Act both in its original and revised form and bills to provide state aid to minor and orphan children and pensions to the physically handicapped.

The repeal of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act was blocked by the Assembly Crime Problems Committee. Although a progressive step was taken by a bill opening grand jury sessions to the public, a more important bill was rejected. It provided for selection of jurors solely by lot rather than political influence. Another rejected bill would have allowed a retrial in the case of convictions based on false testimony. At present neither Tom Mooney nor the Modesto Boys have opportunity in law to secure retrials, despite the proven perjury in testimony against them.

Labor Injunction Remains

The senate and assembly were at odds with each other again on a bill against labor injunctions, passed by the assembly, but rejected by the senate. Both houses, however, passed a law which gives each side in a trial one peremptory challenge of the judge.

Again refusing the mandate given by the voters in 1934, the legislature adjourned without passing the enabling act for a constitutional convention to redraft the state constitution. A constitutional amendment for a unicameral legislature failed of passage.

These latter bills, which have a strong bearing on the reason why others were rejected, will be in the center of attention at the June 20 convention at Santa Maria, which is called to organize a post-legislative session campaign around one of three issues: (1) unicameral legislature, (2) constitutional convention and (3) election of senators on the basis of population rather than of territorial division.

Dairymen Relieved

Few progressive measures for the relief of agriculture were brought before the legislative session. The moratorium measure was enacted, giving debt-ridden farmers a respite until July 1, 1939. Farm labor contractors were required to be licensed and schools were to be set up for migratory workers. Dairymen losing by the tuberculosis tests were relieved to a certain extent by the appropriation of $2,500,000 to compensate them for slaughtered cattle.

The reactionary supervisors' relief bill, which would have thrown relief clients on the mercy of their local politicians, was blocked by the governor's veto after it had become the object of a sectional fight between reactionaries.

Negro Cooks and Waiters Support Change in Court

OAKLAND—Negro workers in the transportation industry are looking forward hopefully to a change of the Supreme Court, according to Bernard Gravelli, second vice-president of the Dining Car Cooks & Waiters' Union, Local 456, in a statement given the Western Worker today at the union headquarters, 705 Peralta St.

"In a recent survey of sentiment relative to Mr. Roosevelt's proposal," said Gravelli, "we found our men overwhelmingly in favor of enlarging the court in order to speed up justice and to eliminate dubious opposition to the people's legislative representation."

Since Negroes are a minority and a persecuted group, the Cooks & Waiters' official pointed out, they would obviously be benefitted by a change in the interpretation of their constitutional rights—rights which should be cherished by all sound-thinking Americans.

Union Is Growing

More than 1000 Negro workers are represented by Gravelli's union, which, including Local 582 in Los Angeles, is sole bargaining agent for the men employed on dining cars by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Executive chairman of the two locals is Clarence Johnson, veteran champion of the men in many a struggle with the company.

To the question whether the union was growing, Gravelli replied that membership had grown more than 30 per cent in the last two months. The reasons for this increase he found in greater efficiency by the union leaders, increasing labor consciousness among the Negro people generally and the rapid fall in the living standards of the Southern Pacific workers.

Pointing to the bulletins and other information posted about in the office, Gravelli indicated that the publication of data formerly withheld was an example of the growing rank-and-file control in the conduct of union business. Other officers, besides Johnson and Gravelli, are Joseph Early, president; Anderson Fields, first vice-president; and I. P. Flory, secretary and business agent.

Describes S. P. Conditions

That the living standards of dining car workers have fallen rapidly and failed to rise with the present up-surge, Gravelli felt to be the result of low wages. Rates of pay range from $115 monthly for chef cooks to $62 for waiters, second cooks receiving $95, third cooks $72.50, fourth cooks $67.50, and pantrymen $65. The company has shifted the burden of paying a decent wage to waiters on the public, who are supposed to make up the difference by "tipping" generously.

"But where gratuities have in past years been important in maintaining the living of waiters," explained Gravelli, "since the depression tips have fallen to an average of $20 monthly. The public economises at the point of least resistance. Therefore, they reduce expenses in gratuities to waiters and porters. This means a reduction of at least 35 per cent in our monthly earnings since 1929."

The Southern Pacific's low wages are accompanied by long hours, unpaid overtime work, insanitary working condition, and inadequate protection against sickness and accident. Although waiters are required to work 240 hours monthly on regularly assigned runs, with eight hours out of twenty-four for sleep, on limited trains the men seldom get eight hours, working later than 9:30 o'clock in accordance with the demands of the guests. Over a period of years the time thus spent without compensation would amount to a substantial sum of money, Gravelli believes.

Sleep on Table Tops

The company pays little or no attention to the health of the men, except to deduct $1.50 monthly from their salaries for "hospital accommodation." On the job, the cooks and waiters are compelled to work under extremely unhealthful conditions. At night, on cars not provided with cots, the men are forced to sleep on the hard tops of the tables. Although they have the opportunity of participating in a group insurance plan, the monthly premium to be deducted by the company, they obtain inadequate coverage from this, receiving no compensation in case of illness. Moreover, the insurance expires when the worker is fired or resigns.

Another continuous source of grievances among the men is the standard of judging fitness and ability. Due to the fact that the stewards in charge of the cars are accustomed to submit reports regarding the workers, numerous cases ocur in which partiality and personal animus are the sole reasons for discharge. These cases are infringements on seniority rights, and workers have no assurance that long and faithful service with the company will ensure their jobs.

Sees Unity of Workers

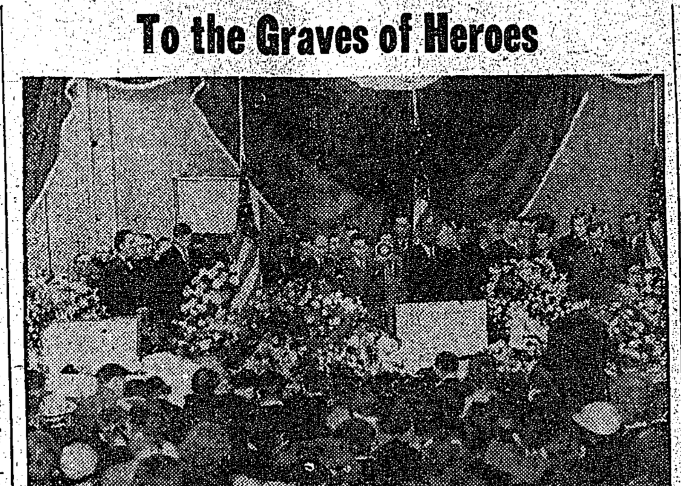
But Gravelli is optimistic concerning the future of dining car workers. His union is taking a leading part in negotiating for a national organization of all dining car cooks and waiters.

"I have already contacted locals in Omaha and Chicago," he declared, "and Leo Metzel of 351 in Chicago has given me assurance that he is favorably disposed toward unity. Local 351 has the largest membership in the country, and if we get together, we can prevent railroad corporations from using geographical differences in wages to beat down our own standards of living."

In the South, he explained, where it is customary to pay Negroes lower wages than paid to other workers, railroad companies treat their dining car employees with less concern than the Southern Pacific. This is used by the companies in the North and West as a standard by which to measure the working conditions of their workers.

Gravelli refused to commit his union on the question of the CIO, but declared instead: "I admire the definite stand taken by the CIO on the question of discrimination. We will never achieve unity among workers in this country until every attempt at racial discrimination and segregation is prohibited and punished."

To the Graves of Heroes



GO THESE seven steel workers, CIO members, murdered by police in attack on Republic Steel picket line in Chicago. Scene at Eagles Hall, Chicago, as thousands of workers massed to do honor to their comrades.

Farm Tenancy Program Lags

By Farm Research

WASHINGTON—The Roosevelt farm tenancy program which has been creaking along on one cylinder, has come to a dead stop. After the President's budget message, Secretary Wallace mournfully announced that in all probability tenancy legislation was doomed. He added that since the "evils of tenancy" had persisted so long, "a few years' delay would probably not make much difference."

Through the winter the half-hearted actions of Congressmen and Administration officials, supposedly in favor of the Jones Tenancy Bill, indicated that it would be killed at the first opportunity. The Bill, finally reported out of the House Committee on Agriculture after 11 weeks of bitter wrangling, was even more ineffectual than the original upon which long hearings were held.

Wallace now admits that even this original Bill, HR 8, was entirely inadequate, although at the time of the hearings he refused to ask for more than the $50,000,000 a year provided. To date only four of the fourteen members of the Rules Committee are even willing to let the revised Jones Bill come up for a vote by the House.

Representative Boileau, Wisconsin Progressive, led a sharp fight to retain the government purchase, lease and sale provisions, but was defeated by the big landowning interests.

Farm Bureau Opposes Aid

The present Jones Bill, H. R. 6240, is a victory for the Farm Bureau, which has objected all along to any plan "making it easier for tenants than for able farmers to own land." In contrast to H. R. 8, which had no property qualifications, H. R. 6240 gives preference in making loans to "persons who are able to make an initial down payment, or who are owners of livestock and farm implements necessary successfully to carry on farming operations."

In the form reported out of Committee, the Bill calls for an appropriation of $470,000,000. This money is to be divided as follows: $150,000,000 for Rural Rehabilitation loans to be spent in the next two years; $70,000,000 for a sub-marginal land purchase program, to be spent in the next four years. Both these features of the bill continue activities now carried on by the Resettlement Administration. $250,000,000, spread over five years, is to be loaned to selected farm families at 3 per cent interest, the loans to be repaid in 30 years.

This last provision was inserted into the Bill by big landowners as a substitute for the government purchase program. County Committees of three farmers appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture are empowered to select "worthy" tenants and also to pass on the farms on which the prospective owners get a government loan. This amendment reveals more clearly than ever before that the main purpose of the tenancy program is to enable the large commercial and absentee landlords to unload excess and usually worthless land at a good price.

Ignores Recommendations

As several farm leaders of the Farmers' Union and the Holiday pointed out, this Bill flatly ignores the recommendations of the President's Tenancy Committee. It "is merely a Bill for the making of business loans . . . excludes the fellow who is really down and out . . . and will be used to retain their farms rather than to give tenants a start."

AFL CHIEF ANTI-SEMITIC

NEW YORK—A. O. Wharton, president of the International Association of Machinists in a circular letter classed "scabs" and "Jewish organizations with all their red affiliates" together.

C. P. DEFENDED AT HEARING ON C. S. APPEALS

Real 'Crime' Was the Organizing of Workers

By CLINT DUFF
(Special to the Western Worker)

CAPITOL, Sacramento—"Communism is Twentieth Century Americanism."

This proud slogan was upheld by seven members of the Communist Party who appealed here today either in their own name or through Attorney Leo Gallagher against their conviction under the Criminal Syndicalism Act and answered the accusations against the Communist Party which had been used as the basis for their conviction.

"The heart of this case is the right of the American people to change their form of government." declared dynamic young Caroline Decker. She had cited the Declaration of Independence as it upheld that right.

Far from advocating violence, she continued, the workers under the leadership of the Communist Party will make every effort to avoid it, but experience has taught the class-conscious workers of the world: "When the majority of the people are sufficiently educated and ready for a new society, the ballot will be taken away from them by a fascist minority—We would be betraying the people of this country if we did not point out the lessons of Spain."

Nominally the eight defendants were arguing against a conviction of "conspiracy" to violate the C. S. Act. Actually they had been convicted because of their part in organizing the agricultural workers, with their membership in the Communist Party as the chief prosecution agument against them.

Before a packed courtroom, the defendants showed misconduct of the prosecution during the trial and bias on the part of the judge and jury.

Outcome Doubtful

Despite this evidence that the trial was a frame-up, the decision of the Third District Court on the appeal is doubtful. On a previous labor case this same court stated with incredible class bias: "It is a matter of common knowledge that the Communist Party advocates force and violence"

If the original verdict is upheld, the case will be carried on to higher courts, eventually to the United States Supreme Court, according to Attorney Gallagher.

This means that Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, and Jack Crane will have to serve out their remaining six months at San Quentin, while the remaining defendants: Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Albert Hougardy, Lorene Norman and Norman Muni will continue to be on parole from one to two years. The latter conducted defense separate from the others.

But, althought reversal by the courts would free the defendents, such a reversal in all probability would not touch the C.S. Act.

The United States Supreme Court has always evaded a full decision on the constitutionality of these acts.

In the recent De Jonge hearing the court declared the act was misapplied by the Oregon Court and gave that state careful instructions on how to use their Criminal Syndicalism Act in the future.

Only the action of the Oregon voters in repealing the Act assured Oregon labor that there would not be another DeJonge conviction. The law under which Angelo Herndon was convicted was indeed declared unconstitutional by the court but this latter law, strictly speaking, was not a C. S. but an anti-slave insurrection measure.

Progressive Assemblyman Richie declared on this point that there were two methods of repeal: by referendum to the people, requiring a petition campaign, or by legislative action. Said Richie at the recess luncheon of the eighty delegates to the hearings: "I believe that if the Act were put on the ballot the people would repeal it." He pointed out the obstacle of the California Senate, however, and advocated that it be curbed by establishing a unicameral legislature.

Vacaville Defying Terror

Vacaville citizens are still indignant at the consistent attitude of Mayor Edward Cox and Chief of Police O. E. Alley in refusing civil rights to the workers and in organizing vigilantes against them.

A delegation from Accion Democrata visited the district attorney on June 10 to demand an investigation of the vigilante raid on June 6 on the scheduled showing of "Spain in Flames" and the connection of the mayor and chief of police with it. An assistant refused all requests of the delegation and remarked sarcastically "Well, you fellows got a lot of publicity."

Organized Vigilantes

Mayor Cox and Chief Alley called out 50 vigilantes to put up a front of terror when the Spanish consul went to city hall to investigate the cause of the raid at the film showing. Their only answer to his inquiry was to charge that the showing was sponsored by "Communists."

Under questioning by the consul the mayor admitted that the Spanish people have a right to meet in their hall without police interference. The consul then held a meeting with the Spanish people, urging them to take legal means to maintain their civil rights, and saying that he would await the outcome of the trial of the four arrested workers before making a diplomatic protest.

Bank of America Involved

Facts brought out by workers who spoke at the meeting showed that every law has been complied with, but that permits are consistently refused for any leaflet or film showing, despite compliance with the law.

Mayor Cox is cashier of the Bank of America's Vacaville Branch, which was effectively boycotted in 1933. A new boycott is scheduled, since the bank's officials have been active in the terror.

DR. TOWNSE ORGANIZAT IN COLLA

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Mass Weapon of the People

Drive for "Western" Circulation in 23rd A. D.

By R.
(23rd Assembly District Branch, C. P.)

The Western Worker is our entering wedge toward the formation of a mass Communist Party. To thousands of non-party people it represents all we stand for. On many issues the Western is the only voice for the majority of the working class. This is particularly evident on the Supreme Court issue, on which it is the only San Francisco newspaper which supports the President's reform proposals.

Our press is more and more expressing the deepest feelings and desires of the people.

To clarify the desires of the people and to guide their attainment, our press is an indispensible weapon. Every subscription builds the Farmer-Labor united front. Every subscription is a step toward socialism.

Realizing the vital importance of and need for the Western Worker, the 23rd Assembly District Branch took up the subscription drive in a serious manner. The active members have cooperated enthusiastically.

Checked Themselves First

We began by checking ourselves on both subscriptions and regular reading. We agreed that every member must become a subscriber to and reader of the Western Worker. We have achieved a 100 per cent subscription record, with a checkup expected to show that every subscriber in our branch is also a thorough reader.

A main factor in the 23rd Assembly District Branch's leadership of the Western Worker circulation drive has been the shock brigadier work of a few comrades. On the other hand, many members haven't even started. While not everyone can get five or ten subs, we must frankly admit that many members have been slack—have not got off the dime as yet. We appeal to these comrades and others in similar circumstances not to let this drive end without getting at least one subscription for their paper.

Hard-Working Manager

Our branch at the beginning of the drvie elected a drive manager, C. Joe Brown. He has earned for himself and from the branch a commendation from the state drive committee. This comrade has labored under difficulties, but in spite of this he is one of our shock brigadiers. We are proud of his work. However, we must admit that we did not sufficiently involve the branch executive committee in the drive. We let this one comrade shoulder the burden and because of this we have not done as well as was possible. We have not made the drive a factor in our mass work in the neighborhood. We omitted to prepare contact lists and through this omission the time of many comrades was spent on incomplete and out of date lists given to us by the county office. In future drives the responsibility for the success of the drive must be placed directly on the executive committee of the branch.

Showed Premiums

In our personal work it has been our collective experience that we had most success by carrying around a few premium lists, showing contacts first what they can get free, then the advantages of subscribing. If not successful on the first visit, we often left a premium list and a copy of the Western Worker and were successful on the second visit.

Comrades in neighborhood branches should give particular attention to the Sunday Worker during the drive, since it is an excellent vehicle for reaching the neighborhoods with our program.

The 23rd Assembly District Branch has done far too little neighborhood work. However, it has been our experience, based on what we have done, that the Western Worker and the Sunday Worker are our best means of working in the neighborhoods. They are essential to our work. We know their value to ourselves and to our party work, and because of this we are going to over-fulfill our quota. To build powerful branches in the Assembly districts we must have subscribers to our paper. For a better weapon in our fight against graft, high cost of living, one-man car and our other problems we must all fulfill our quotas.

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WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

Labor History of California—Your Health—Interview With Errol Flynn

USEFUL IDEAS FOR THE HOME

Contribute Your Own Recipes and Ideas

By EVA WILLIAMS

What is your favorite recipe? Do you know any "short-cuts" in house-cleaning? What are your ideas on improving the home? Send in your contribution to this column on "Useful Ideas for the Home." Address Eva Williams, care of Feature Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

HINTS

When frying eggs, dust a little flour in the skillet. This will prevent the fat from popping out on the floor or stove.

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Your custard pie will be a nice even brown if you sprinkle a little sugar over the top just before putting in the oven.

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If you have accidentally used too much salt in your cooking, a small amount of brown sugar will counteract it.

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Dry salt rubbed onto hot griddle before frying pancakes will prevent sticking.

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A pinch of salt will make egg whites beat more quickly.

Fascism in Spain

"It Is Happening in Spain," price 5c, is a new pamphlet issued by Workers' Library Publishers, relating the terrible destruction and slaughter by the fascists, as told by the victims themselves.

How Many Can You Answer?

1. How many international unions are now chartered under the Committee for Industrial Organization?
2. How many members has the United Automobile Workers of America?
3. What Hitler agent is on Henry Ford's payroll?
4. What are the average yearly wages for workers in the employ of Ford?
5. What huge German Nazi trust is Edsel Ford connected with?

California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

WITH the beginning of the Gold Rush days in 1849, California labor began to organize. The first demand by a group of California workers for higher wages, as far as can be learned, was made by carpenters and joiners of San Francisco in the winter of 1849. The prevailing wage scale was $12 per day, which was very low considering the prices of commodities skyrocketed with the advent of the Gold Rush. On November 10, the carpenters and joiners demanded a scale of $16 a day.

When their demand was refused, the men walked out on strike. On November 18 the strike was settled when the employers agreed to pay $13 per day until December 7, after which they were to pay $14.

About the same time (November 14, 1849) the carpenters and joiners of Sacramento made a similar demand and proposed that an agreement be drawn up themselves to work for no person other than a boss carpeneer for less than $20 per day. The employers refused the demand and a strike followed. The outcome of this strike is not known, as the newspapers of that day seldom followed such a labor struggle to its conclusion.

First Union on Pacific Coast

Formal organization of workers into unions did not come until 1850, when the San Francisco Typographical Society was formed, growing out of a demand of the printers for piece wages instead of day wages. They had been receiving from $50 to $75 per week and demanded the rate of $2 per 1000 ems, which was granted by the newspaper owners and maintained until June, 1852, when it was reduced to $1.50 per 1000 ems.

This first trade union on the Pacific Coast had notices of its meetings appearing in local papers as early as June 24, 1850.

In July, 1850, the teamsters of San Francisco organized themselves into an association to regulate their charges. However, in these early days, most of the teamsters were self-employed, owning their own horses and drays. Therefore, their objects were primarily price-fixing and attempts to drive out the Australian teamsters, who had entered the local field with stronger and better horses.

Independent Political Action

The call for the meeting of the teamsters contained the statement: ". . . and if necessary, nominate a candidate for one of the vacancies in the Council, so that we may at least have one representative who will be in favor of protecting the laboring citizens."

Thus it can be seen that early in California labor history, the necessity for independent political action by labor was seen.

At the meeting when the Teamsters' Association was organized, the men nominated James Grant as their candidate for the City Council. An objection, however, was raised to his nomination and "fifty-three and many others, embracing a majority of the teamsters in the city," nominated William Ledley as the rival candidate.

However, Grant, who was also the regular Democratic nominee, was elected by a large majority.

(To Be Continued)

Film Shows Soviet Solving of Crime

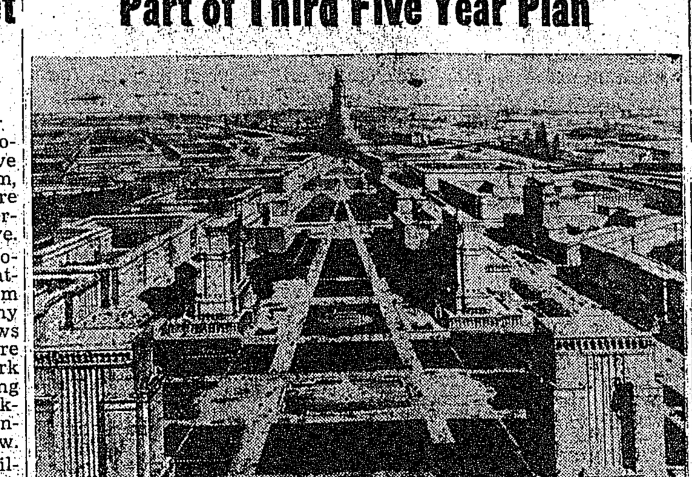
LOS ANGELES — Criminologists all over the world have studied the new Soviet film, "Prisoners," which opens here Friday, June 18, at Grand International Theatre, 730 Grand Ave.

"Prisoners" shows the revolutionary method of rehabilitating criminals and sending them back into society as trustworthy and useful citizens. It shows how criminals of both sexes are persuaded to study and work and realize that they are being given the opportunity of making over their lives and returning to society to start life anew.

In the able hands of the brilliant young Soviet director, Eugeny Cherviakov, the production becomes a vivid and thrilling document.

A. I. Chaban, B. G. Dobronravof and M. F. Anstagof of the Moscow Art Theater, head the cast of players which numbers into the thousands. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by superimposed English titles.

Part of Third Five Year Plan



THE FIRST TWO Soviet 5-year plans brought the Soviet Union ahead of all European countries in basic industrial production. Included in the 3rd Five Year Plan, to begin Jan. 1, 1938, is the rebuilding of Moscow, plans for which are shown above.

CONVENTION OF S. P. IN 1912

More Reminiscences Of California

By J. E. SNYDER
(Continued)

Although it had been a hotly discussed issue, neither the Haywood group nor the Debs group mentioned once the use of sabotage in that Socialist Party convention of 1912, for I was one of them.

We demanded a united front of industrial unionists and the Socialist Party. But Article 2, Section 6, was sprung on the convention during the last hours. Many of our fellows, thinking we had brought the convention to "harmony," had drifted away and so after victory, we lost through compromise with those who had no intention to compromise with us.

Old Guard Tried to Block Debs

They used every tactic to keep Debs from being nominated. Winfield R. Gaylord in his eloquent speech, swung the convention off its feet when he declared, "They are too smooth," referring to the Haywood and Debs forces in swinging the convention to a position with teeth in it. Berger, Hilquitt, Spargo and others of the Old Guard were schooled politicians, and we were very credulous on our side.

How they ever got Debs to write such a statement as quoted in the last installment, is beyond me. It was not six months after that when he issued another statement warning the Party against compromise and other tendencies then openly appearing, especially in Los Angeles, when a State Executive Committee openly advocated, through referendum of the Party, that the National Constitution be ignored.

This same Los Angeles executive board in 1917 refused to send out the Anti-War Referendum.

Bitter Inner-Party Fight

Debs was kept in constant hot water during the campaign. J. Maylon Barnes had been chosen campaign manager, and at once a group started out to recall him. It was a vicious fight, and Debs tried to be a good fellow with both sides and to stop the bitter charges being hurled.

H. C. Tuck and those surrounding him, also lost their balance after the McNamara trial ended and joined the "holier than thou" forces and made a grandstand play on the self-sufficiency of the ballot. The Amalgamated Steel and Iron Workers certainly needed a friend, but they had few in the Socialist Party for a few months following the trial.

But after the scare was over, Comrade Debs and others took up their cause, and Debs wrote some splendid historical data about the persecution this organization had gone through.

Debs often said of himself: "I have made my mistakes. I hope to live to make many more." Happily he seldom floundered for long.

The World War was coming on. The real test of all of us was about at hand, and of that we will write later.

(To Be Continued.)

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

The Milk Question

Health Director Geiger proposed a short while ago that San Francisco supply its population with milk from its own dairies.

"Malnutrition, fatigue, lack of resistance, and susceptibility to illness, especially tuberculosis, follow in the wake of the increase of milk prices, because its use is reduced," Geiger declared.

An excellent idea, Dr. Geiger! However, in order to have municipally-owned dairies it will be necessary to throw the corrupt political machine which appointed you and other city officials out of office and vote in a Labor city government.

This reactionary machine is not only interested in wood-piles and bawdy-houses but also in protecting the profits of other capitalistic enterprises, including those of the Milk Barons. Municipally-owned dairies would destroy the profits of the latter, which they squeeze out of the bodies of under-fed children.

NO NEW LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON — Congress now has before it all the legislation it will be asked to pass this session, according to administration leaders.

ERROL FLYNN SEES SPAIN

Film Star Hits Press Lies About Spain

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD — After Errol Flynn returned from Spain, motion picture decorum demanded that he refrain from too openly expressing opinions on anything as controversial as the Spanish situation. But the film trade paper, Hollywood Reporter, recently carried from its Barcelona correspondent an interview given by Flynn during his stay over there.

Asked about the American attitude toward the Spanish war, Errol commented:

"That's it. The confusing news, and the fact that all the American press is in the hands of powerful 'trusts' made me decide to take this trip to see with my own eyes what is really happening."

His own impression, he said, was "excellent. . . I thought that disorder would be general here. . . I even brought with me the shabbiest clothes I had, so as not to draw public attention with a wardrobe that might have been considered conspicuous. . .

"Barcelona, however, offers a normal aspect and in the several visits I made to different institutions I found there is a high spirit of renovation everywhere, a great desire for building up things, with all the faces reflecting the confidence in the triumph of legality."

The original report that Flynn had been seriously wounded in Spain was grossly exaggerated, but the actor has confirmed that he was knocked unconscious for several hours by the explosion of a bomb which just missed wounding him.

How Many Did You Answer?

1. The CIO has chartered 22 internationals.
2. Over 300,000 members in the UAW.
3. Fritz Kuhn is the Hitler agent on Ford's payroll.
4. Since 1932, Ford workers have been getting from $600 to $800 a year, the lowest wages in the auto industry.
5. Edsel Ford is a member of the board of directors of the Nazi-controlled industrial and chemical monopoly in Germany.

Toussaint L'Ouverture — Negro Liberator

Last Installment of History of Great Negro Leader

By L. SMITH

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(Concluded)

FOLLOWING appointment as Lieut. Governor, Toussaint L'Ouverture was also made commander-in-chief of French forces in Santo Domingo. As military commander he first concentrated on subduing English forces in the island, letting Gen. Rigaud go for the moment. Shortly after his new appointment Gen. Levaux was replaced by Gen. Hedouville as commissioner, and this was to also help increase Toussaint's difficulties.

Fever, and lack of support from their home government had reduced the energy and fighting ability of the English troops considerably. Toussaint quickly pressed this advantage, and overcame the English at strategic points. He negotiated with them for Port-au-Prince and was able to take it without bloodshed.

Maitland, the English commander, becoming discouraged with possibilities for a successful outcome in the island, made overtures to Toussaint for a truce. Such a truce was concluded in October, 1798. By terms of the treaty, the English agreed to give up their military positions and set free all Negro and mulatto troops under their command. A commercial agreement was entered into by which England was to recognize Santo Domingo as an independent and neutral power.

After conclusion of the treaty, Toussaint wrote to his friend Levaux:

"I found the colony distracted, dismembered, ruined, over-run by the bands of Jean-Francois, the Spanish and the English who fought among themselves for the remains. Today our country is purged of all enemies, serene, at peace, and rapidly approaching complete restoration."

There was still trouble in store for Toussaint with the mulatto Gen. Rigaud, and with the new French commissioner, as well as those die-hard colonists who were still unwilling to concede abolishing slavery. But still after five years of incessant hardships and tremendous sacrifice of human lives and property, there was comparative peace in most of the island, and Toussaint began immediately to organize reconstruction.

Toussaint's Prestige High

At this time his prestige and influence among almost all sections of the population was enormous. The Negroes idolized him as their liberator. The intelligent white colonists recognized that only through him could order be restored and they were willing to follow his leadership. He was still considered an enemy by many mulattoes who could not forget that he was a Negro—a former slave.

However, regardless of opinions, Toussaint pressed forward with his plans. He outlined plans for rehabilitation of the island's economy, urged the colonists and workers to return to the plantations and begin production, served notice on colonists who attempted to stage demonstrative resistance to the decree abolishing slavery that they would either work in harmony with the new regime or leave the island or suffer the consequences. He found it necessary to execute several such recalcitrants.

Rebuilding Colony

Toussaint earned enmity of the new commissioner by declaring a general amnesty for all colonists who had helped the English but who were now willing to cooperate in reconstruction and who would pledge allegiance to the French Republic. He secured cooperation of the freed Negroes by a plan whereby they received a fourth of what they produced.

L'Ouverture's genius for organization showed results. Agricultural production, trade and manufacture had been practically stagnant. Now they began again to flourish. To quote Castonnet des Fosses, a French observer:

"I am dumb with astonishment to see this Negro, just out of slavery, reveal himself as a statesman, a man of government, in every sense of the term."

Waxman in his biography of Toussaint says:

"He appointed to important positions the most capable and honest men, white, black, or mulatto. He completely reorganized the public service, rebuilt bridges and kept the roads in repair. He created schools in every district and visited them regularly. He sent young women—both black and mulatto—to Europe to be educated as teachers, at public expense. He plunged into every kind of activity if he thought it was for the colony's benefit."

Justification in Plenty

The prosperity of the colony was a testimonial not only to the ability and genius of Toussaint Louverture but to the superiority of free labor over slave labor. If Toussaint needed any justification for such devotion he had it now in the growth and prosperity of the colony freed from the burden and attendant evils of slavery.

Then once again events in France had repercussions in the island. Napoleon Bonaparte had become master of the French "republic," marking beginning of a most despicably treacherous policy in regard to the colony.

Threat of Napoleon

Napoleon had referred to the freeing of the slaves as a concession, and had ignored the principle of freedom for the slaves.

Commenting on this Toussaint said:

"We are free today by right of might, and when Napoleon has the power to bring it about we may again be forced into slavery." He gave guns and ammunition to the Negroes telling them as he did so: "Whoever takes these from you also takes your freedom."

To organize the new policies in the colony on a legal basis and to test Napoleon's regard for these policies, Toussaint decided that a Constitution should be drawn up. A representative commission was appointed to do the work.

Chief among the articles, as finally adopted by the assembly, was one declaring slavery forever abolished in Santo Domingo and that all men born there were free citizens of the French Republic and eligible for any and all kinds of employment. It also stated that "in consideration of the important services which General Toussaint L'Ouverture has rendered to the colony he is named governor for life, with power to choose his successor." This document, together with a letter from Toussaint L'Ouverture explaining the reasons that had made the drawing up of a Constitution necessary, and setting forth general conditions, was sent to France for Napoleon's approval.

Far from approving the Constitution, Napoleon reaffirmed a decision he had previously formed that the colony must be re-established on the old basis of pre-republican days. He determined to send an expedition against the colony, ostensibly a friendly one. Leclerc, Napoleon's brother-in-law, who was placed in charge of it, carried a letter from Napoleon to Toussaint saying he promised Liberty of the Negroes in Santo Domingo would always be maintained. He addresed another letter to the Legislature stating:

"At Santo Domingo and at Guadeloupe there are no longer slaves; all there are free; all will remain free."

Traitorous Expedition

But what a difference in the secret instructions he gave to Leclerc, which included instructions how to win confidence of Toussaint and his officers, how occupying of the strongholds and forts was to be carried out—everything up to the time best to proceed with military occupation and designation of unsatisfactory persons to be sent back to France for punishment. No expense was spared in assuring the successful carrying out of Napoleon's plans.

When the expedition arrived in the Bay of Samana, January 29, 1802, Toussaint was quickly informed. One sight of the fleet was all he needed to realize the significance of the expedition.

"France has been deceived and has now come to wreak vengeance and enslave us all again," he said. At first he was almost overwhelmed by the size of the expedition, and the fact that his own armed forces totalled at full strength only about 19,000 men. But he had faced superior arms before and the decision to risk annihilation rather than submit to enslavement quickly came to replace his first despair.

Once again Santo Domingo was at war—this time no "foreign" enemy but their own countrymen. Leclerc found carrying out Napoleon's instructions was no simple task. Where the forces of Toussaint were not able to win directly, they made the "victory" of their foes valueless by leaving them cities in ashes. The campaign dragged on all during the fall and into the summer. Neither side was definitely victorious.

Treachery Within

Leclerc was becoming heartily sick of the war. He decided to begin negotiations with Toussaint's generals in an effort to win them from Toussaint and thus effect with treachery what he could not accomplish on the battle-field. To the undying shame of some of Toussaint's associates, Leclerc was successful. Christophe, Dessalines, Maurapas, Laplume, Clervaux — all these comrades in arms of Toussaint and the best generals in his army—fell for Leclerc's flowery promises and believed his pledges of the continuance of "Liberty, equality, freedom." They were intrigued also by his brilliant pictures of the futures in store for them in the "new France" which Napoleon's genius was to make possible.

Toussaint's plans for a new offensive against the French were thus dealt a devasting blow. The bitterness of the betrayal of those he had called friends added to his misery. He felt he could not carry on alone. He knew he could always get new recruits, but he felt that without capable officers to lead them, it would be only leading them to slaughter. Perhaps in this Toussaint made a mistake. Who knows what new forces might not have risen from among those same ex-slaves from which he himself came. But it is simple to judge the past from the vantage point of the present.

With Toussaint's military position broken, Leclerc began negotiations for his surrender. He did not dare attack even a defeated Toussaint L'Ouverture. When Leclerc gave his solemn promise slavery would not be re-established, Toussaint still not believing, nevertheless consented to formal negotiations. On the day the war officially ended and the treaty signed by Leclerc and L'Ouverture, again the solemn promise was made that slavery would never be restored in Santo Domingo.

Following conclusion of peace, Toussaint went into retirement on his plantation. But one final betrayal awaited. True to the agreement he had signed he lived quietly in retirement and took no active part in political life. All Leclerc's efforts to trap him into some indiscretion failed. Then Leclerc asked him to come to Gonaives to confer with General Brunet, the new French commander, to advise him about distributing troops in that district. Toussaint consented to go. When he arrived at Gonaives he was handed a letter from Brunet asking him to come to the latter's plantation. When he arrived there, he was greeted cordially by Brunet who excused himself after a short conversation. After a few moments 10 officers with swords and pistols in their hands entered the room and informed Toussaint he was under arrest. That night he was taken aboard a French frigate to Le Cap, and from there transferred to another vessel, bound for France.

Death of Great Leader

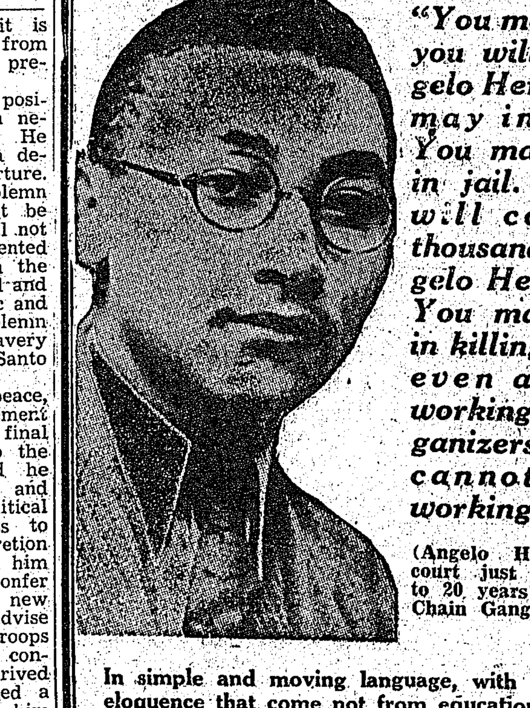
Toussaint was allowed no communication with his family and was guarded carefully from the time of his arrest until the day he died in the prison of Fort de Joux.

Not long afterward those same officers who had betrayed Toussaint's trust were accorded similar treatment. Christophe alone escaped to take up again later the struggle for freedom which he had thought it unnecessary to continue under persuasion of Leclerc's promises.

And the beautiful sentiments expressed by Leclerc for Napoleon Bonaparte were exposed for what they were—the basest of treachery.

So ended the life of Toussaint L'Ouverture, but as he foresaw, the cause for which he gave his life did not end with him. Deeply prophetic were the words he spoke when arrested:

"In overthrowing me only the trunk of the tree of Negro liberty has been cut down; its branches will shoot up again, for its roots are numerous and deep."



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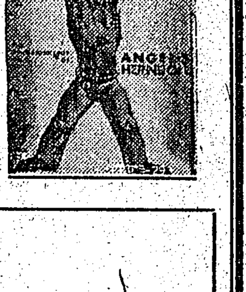

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"American Citizen" Tries to Block Union

RED-BAITING PAPER MAILED GOLD MINERS

Twin Cities' Miners Union Won Despite Col. Sanborn

NEVADA CITY—Just prior to Labor Board elections here on May 29, when the miners voted 151 for representation by Twin Cities' Local 283, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, as compared to 67 for the company union "Grass Valley Miners' Protective League"—an unknown number of copies of the red-baiting, anti-labor "American Citizen" was received through the mails by miners and others.

This indicates a close tie-up between "Col." Henry Sanborn and the big mine operators of this district.

The union issued a special edition of the Gold Miners News, stating:

Agent of Reactionary Employers

"This man and his paper, the 'American Citizen,' as an agent of the most vicious and reactionary employing interests of California, is still at large to continue his anti-labor acts. His entry into Nevada County indicates that certain interests here are attempting to use the same vicious means to mislead and confuse the workers and common people.

"We appeal to the workers and their supporters to stand on guard against this social menace."

The union also issued a special bulletin exposing the "Protective League," stating:

Co. Union Exposed

"Consider the 75 per cent increase in gold price that the government handed the mine owners. Add another 50 per cent gain in profits flowing out of the terrific speed-up of the workers, and the introduction of improved technical methods in the mining and milling of ores. And then, let the workers honestly decide what the League has done—until forced into SHAM ACTION by the advent of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers into this district."

The election results showed this company is through.

Twin Cities Mine Union Seeks More U.S. Labor Boards

NEVADA CITY—Creation of additional regional federal labor boards under the Wagner Labor Act, and full staffing of existing boards, was recommended by Local 263, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, in a resolution adopted as follows:

Whereas: The U. S. Supreme Court having decided that the Wagner Labor Act is constitutional, and

Whereas: Since the rendering of this decision, hundreds of workers' organizations are appealing to Regional Boards for assistance in solving grievances against their employers, and

Whereas: Serious delays are being encountered by reason of there not being enough boards, and not enough staff workers in existing boards, to handle the pressing needs of the workers' grievances, therefore it is

Resolved: By Twin Cities Miners' Union, Local 283, International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, in regular meeting assembled, that appeals be made to the Federal authorities to remedy this situation promptly, and it is further

Resolved: That we recommend increased appropriations for additional boards as need demands, and the full staffing of existing boards, in order that quick adjustments will be made of workers' grievances that accord with the provisions of the Wagner Labor Act, and it is further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Perkins, National Chr. Madden, Labor Relations Board; National Director Brophy, Committee for Industrial Organization; Sec.-Treas. Sherwood, Int. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, for circulation in all locals, and such other organizations as may be deemed necessary.

Adopted: By Twin Cities Miners' Union, Local 283, I. U. M. M. & S. W., in regular meeting the 1st day of June, 1937.

Foster on Murder Of Steel Pickets

Wm. Z. Foster, national chairman, Communist Party, who led the great 1919 steel strike, called for mass protests against murder of five steel strikers in South Chicago, in a statement as follows:

"The Chicago massacre of the steel strikers on Sunday by the Republic Steel Co. demonstrates that it is still the steel industry of old with which the workers have to deal. The steel corporation's traditional murder campaign against those who stand for unionism, is being unleashed by the Republic Steel Corp, and its allies.

Fascist-Tempered Reactionaries

"The same spirit which murdered Fanny Sellins in 1919 is guiding these steel companies. Today this violence is more sinister because of the fascist-tempered forces behind it.

"The pro-fascist-Hearst-Liberty League outfit, allied with reactionary elements in the Democratic Party, are striving by any means to stop the advances of the Committee for Industrial Organization, under the leadership of John L. Lewis.

AFL Heads Not Without Blame

"For these bloody developments, the American Federation of Labor leadership is not without responsibility. They have split the labor movement and attempted to outlaw the CIO unions. They have encouraged the reactionary employing interests to wage war against the rising industrial union movement. These interests have taken the cue quickly enough.

"Henry Ford began this campaign of terrorism with his organized assault upon the representatives of the CIO—Richard Frankensteen and Walter Reuther—at Dearborn. It is now followed by the attacks on Friday and the murders on Sunday at South Chicago.

"The American workers can call a halt to this campaign of murder. Without delay, they should flood President Roosevelt, Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois and Mayor Kelly of Chicago with protests against the terrorism of the Republic Steel Co. and the local police.

Support the Steel Strike

"They should rally vogorously to support of the strike. The future of the steel campaign is involved in this strike of 80,000 workers. The attack upon the strike is engineered by the big financial and industrial interests.

"Without delay, the workers in every part of the country can show that they are 100 per cent behind this steel strike.

"By this living demonstration of solidarity, they can smash the campaign of terror and assure union victory."

Rally in 21st Year Of Mooney Jailing

SAN FRANCISCO — A mass Mooney-Billings rally on July 25 in Exposition Auditorium here will bring thousands of organized labor members from all northern California on the 21st anniversary of the imprisonment of the two trade union leaders.

All Bay Area Labor Councils and Building Trades Councils have endorsed the rally. The AFL Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings is sponsoring the big meeting.

Seek Guild Closed Shop With Hearst

LOS ANGELES—Backing up demands of the Hearst Evening Herald & Express workers for the union shop, the newly-formed Examiner Unit of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild pledged itself to ratify no open shop contract without prior approval of a majority of Hearst units in the nation.

Previously the Guild unit at the Evening Herald & Express had gone on record overwhelmingly in favor of the Guild shop, and had voted to conduct negotiations on a national scale for all Hearst publications.

Elect Unit Officers

Negotiations with the Hearst general management are at present being conducted in Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, and Los Angeles participating.

Newly-elected officers of the Examiner unit are: Jimmy Lee, chairman; Casey Shawhan, first vice-chairman; Sam Sansoni, second vice-chairman; Urcel Daniel, secretary; Al Brett, treasurer.

RED-BAITING HIT BY COOKS AND FIREMEN

SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine Firemen and Marine Cooks & Stewards have passed resolutions condemning the policies as advocated in the "Call to Action," distributed on the Coast recently, naming Harry Christofferson, Ed Caester, Bob Dumbroff, Wm. Fischer, Harry Lundeberg, Boston Hunt and C. F. May as sponsors of a "Progressive Union Committee."

Police of the "Call to Action," which proposed to set up a paper in opposition to the "Voice of the Federation," was condemned as an unprincipled attack upon Harry Bridges, District ILA president. The red-baiting "call" was also scored as against the best interests of Maritime Federation unity and a hindrance to future formation of a National Maritime Federa-

Disarm the Corporations!

LAFOLLETTE Committee has shown huge arsenals owned by corporations for use against unions. American people must exert pressure on state legislatures and national congress for legislation to outlaw use of arsenals and spies by private individuals and corporations.

LAWS ARE NO BAR FOR THIS OPEN-SHOPPER

SAN LEANDRO, Alameda County—"I will stop organization in every legal way and some ways that aren't legal."

This is the attitude of the Hudson Lumber Co. here, expressed by Superintendent Neal to CIO Organizer Larry Root. The organizer said that penitentiary conditions prevail in the yards, with armed guards carrying shotguns guarding against the workers talking to organizers.

CIO to Organize In Aircraft

WASHINGTON — Organization of workers in the aircraft industry will be pushed in a campaign to be launched by the Committee for Industrial Organization and the United Automobile Workers, Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W., said here after a conference with John L. Lewis, CIO chairman.

Plans for the campaign were discussed by Martin and Lewis and details outlined.

Martin also said that charges against the Ford Motor Co. alleging unfair labor practices have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board and that the LaFollette committee is investigating the civil liberties violations of the company.

Disarm Girdler!

Lewis commented further on the anti-union policy of Republic Steel Corp. which resulted in killing of five and wounding of over 100 in Chicago on Memorial Day.

"The CIO," said Lewis, "believes that Tom Girdler should be disarmed. A super gunman like Tom Girdler should not be allowed to influence policy affecting labor policy in the United States.

"There is no more excuse for his plants to be arsenals or his agents to be armed, than there is for the strikers to possess caches of arms and munitions."

DEFEND UNION TEACHERS

MILWAUKEE — Organized labor has come to the support of two school teachers fired for being union members.

'Red-Baiting' Hit By Labor Paper

In an editorial, "Too Much Red-Baiting," the Contra Costa County Labor Journal scored this type of labor-splitting in its issue of June 4, in part as follows:

"It is becoming increasingly disgusting to have people resorting to the much over-used method of red-baiting to discredit opponents within the labor movement or occupying positions of political influence or public office that may be dealing fairly or sympathetically with labor.

Red-Baiting From Labor's Enemies

"Such accusations were made against President Roosevelt during the last pre-election campaign. In case of a strike, it is almost invariably charged that the strike was fomented and is being led by reds, etc.

"Surely it should be possible for people to work for the advancement of the cause of labor without becoming the target of red-baiters, who usually do not bother about checking up on the real facts. There is entirely too much red-baiting resorted to in efforts to discredit loyal and true-blue members of organized labor. So much so is this true these days that the practice is becoming more and more nauseating to honest people."

Brewery Union Helps Fight King Frame-up

SAN PEDRO—The Brewery Workers have contributed $25 to the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, one of many contributions by Southern California unions for the coming appeal of the "ship murder" frameup in Oakland last January.

Associated Farmers Fight Wage Plan

SAN FRANCISCO—The merits in President Roosevelt's wages and hours legislation are all the more clear now that the Associated Farmers has joined other reactionary forces opposing the proposed law.

Co. Union in Sacto Canneries Blast[ed]

Sacto. Cannery Bosses Forced To Negotiate

SACRAMENTO—Strike of the P Street (Cal-Pack) Cannery Workers resulted in an agreement (temporary) being reached between the Sacramento County cannery operators and Sacramento Cannery Workers Union, No. 20,324, AFL, and the strikers returned to work Friday morning June 4.

The strike was the result of stalling of the cannery operators on opening of negotiations. The union, having more than 67 per cent of the workers, demanded that the operators negotiate and were forced to use strike action to obtain this.

Operators Forced to Negotiate

A picket line was thrown around the cannery, and the response of the people still working in the plant was almost 100 per cent. During the noon hour, the picket line was temporarily broken up, with several pickets being beaten by the police. Soon after an understanding was reached between the cannery operators and the union that the picket line was to be withdrawn with the understanding negotiations were to begin.

The union negotiating committee, with representatives of the Federated Trades Council, met with the operators and worked out an agreement which was presented to the strike meeting of 400 workers. Considerable opposition was expressed against the agreement; the strikers being afraid of the part State Federation Vice-President Stokel might play in the union.

Points of the Agreement

The main points of the agreement are:

The cannery operators agree that the canneries in Sacramento County are to be organized by the sacramento Cannery Workers Union. Two organizers in each cannery are to be permitted to sign up the workers, one to be elected by the Cannery Union from workers in each cannery, and one selected for each plant by the State Federation, the organization to be concluded by June 10.

Election by secret ballot of permanent union officers and a negotiating committee was to be held June 15, under supervision of the State Federation and the president and two other members of the Sacramento Federated Trades Council.

Negotiations Date

The negotiations were to begin June 15 on wages, hours, etc., with a time limit of one month. The Federated Trades Council was to participate with the union committee in the negotiations.

All money already collected by Stokel in his efforts to establish a phoney company union, and all money collected during the union organizing drive, are to be placed in a trust fund under name of the State Federation vice-president, Stokel, to be turned over immediately after the election of officers to the union. This part of the agreement was amended by the strike meeting to place the funds jointly in the hands of the union secretary and Stokel. The union officers were instructed to try to put this in the agreement, but in case of failure, to sign the agreement as is.

The official applications, receipts, etc., of the Cannery Union are to be used in signing up the cannery workers.

Fake Union in Sta. Clara Canneries

SAN JOSE—Attempt by canners to disrupt the six-months-old organization drive among the 15,000 Santa Clara County cannery workers by Cannery Workers Union No. 20325 and Warehousemen's Union, ILA 38-44, was seen in circulation of a petition for a "union" in all canneries now operating by foremen or other employers' agents.

Letter Warns Workers

Both unions and the Central Labor Council have issued a joint open letter warning the cannery workers of Santa Clara County not to pay money to anyone claiming to speak for the AFL but without union credentials.

"Those workers who realize the benefits to be gained from membership in a cannery union and have signed petitions which they thought would give them these benefits, are asked to come to the Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, and fill out official applications for membership which are furnished and signed by the AFL," says the leaflet.

The Cannery Workers Union sent the following telegram to AFL President Wm. Green and State Federation of Labor Secretary Edward Vandeleur:

Coercion Protested

"Anonymous petition addressed to California State Federation of Labor being circulated in all Santa Clara County canneries which employees are being coerced into signing. Petition purports to be an application for organization of an AFL union in this territory. Initiation fees are being collected purporting to entitle signers to AFL membership by persons with AFL credentials.

Ask Statement

"Consider this entire move irregular and illegal act on part of companies to control whatever union they are forced to recognize. Calling for National Labor Board on coercion issue. Feel this petition in conflict with jurisdiction our union 20325. Necessary to have your statement that 20325 is only chartered AFL cannery union Santa Clara County authorized to enroll members and collect dues.

"ALFRED GURTADO, Secretary and Business Agent."

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"Slums of the Paradise" --- *By William Bailey*

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ANOTHER spontaneous strike developed into the first sitdown strike on the Hawaiian Islands when 75 women workers in the American Sanitary Laundry sat down for a period of 30 minutes until their demands were recognized by the boss. Their strike ended in partial victory.

Three days later in Hilo, at another branch of this laundry, 50 women workers, after hearing of the successful strike of their sister workers in Honolulu, walked out of the laundry and won a victory too.

Organized Laundry Workers Union

The strikers in Hilo did not intend to stay at that one victory, but went further and organized a Laundry Workers Union, with the help of the Longshoremen in Hilo. Today they have rounded up the majority of women workers in the laundry there and have started unionizing the workers of the Honolulu laundry.

Longshoremen's wives have taken the initiative in forming Women's Auxiliaries in Hilo, and the same is about to start in Honolulu and other islands. The union spirit is spreading these islands, and spreading fast.

Newspapermen are getting together and talking of starting up a Newspaper Guild here. Work has already begun on this, including the signing of an application for a charter from the Guild in the mainland.

Dish Washers Talk Union

Dish washers are talking union. The motion picture operators, who are earning less than $25 a week, for seven days work a week, are talking in terms of union.

Growing side by side with the unions, in numbers and influence, is the Communist Party of the Hawaiian Islands. Taking the lead in building these unions are the handful of Communists who have entered the Party in the past three months. Already, after three months of hard grinding by two or three Communists, every union here now has a Communist or two in its ranks.

Communist Party Grows

Every day finds one or two new recruits coming into the ranks of the Party, to help build these unions among the workers. On all principal islands, units of the Communist Party are functioning.

There are many obstacles that make recruiting and functioning of the Party apparatus hard on these islands. Leaflets and printed material in the name of the Party has not been started yet, due to difficulties in printing, but a Communist Party bulletin will be issued soon among Honolulu workers.

Youth Peace Strike Blocked

While the Communist Party has been establishing itself as the vanguard of the workers, the forces of reaction have not been lying idle. R.O.T.C. youths in the high schools were able to break up the students' strike for peace this year. Last year, when a few mainland youths were attending the University of Hawaii, a movement was started to join with the mainland students in the fight for peace. When the strike came off, the R.O.T.C. youths did everything possible to break it up. This year found the students without that movement, due to fear of being expelled from the University for participating in such a movement.

Defense for Whom?

The Hawaiian Islands mark a very important point in this Pacific Ocean, being a powerful armed base for Wall Street. The armed forces that now occupy the many army and navy bases of this island total in the vicinity of 28,000 soldiers and about 5000 navy men. Besides these men, there are hundreds of ships, tanks, aeroplanes, etc.

War Preparations

The very first object that one may lay eyes on when approaching this "Paradise" is a dead volcano called Diamond Head, a beautiful sight to look at from the beginning of the breakwater, but a horrible sight on the inside, for inside this huge crater are loaded from 16-inch guns down. Secret tunnels are known only by a few. Huge arsenals of ammunition and bombs are stored in this crater in special bomb-proof vaults. Now and then army bombers fly overhead and drop bombs into this crater to test its strength. No one outside the army and navy is allowed to get near the top of it. All commercial planes are warned to fly a good distance away from the crater and are subjected to a heavy penalty if this rule is violated.

Continual Maneuvers

Huge bombers fly overhead during the day in war maneuvers, while at night many searchlights are thrown into the sky during night maneuvers. Special roads are now being built all through this island from one end of it to the other, that, when finished, will enable army tanks and trucks to travel across the island in a small amount of time. It's nothing new to see a fleet of submarines continually patrol the island in their maneuvers.

When the army begins regular maneuvers here, a radio broadcast is made throughout the island warning all the people to set their windows, so when the guns go off, they won't break. After the "games" are over, many people report their windows and dishes broken due to the severe vibration of the guns, which seems to shake the island from its foundations.

Recruits Dissatisfied

Insofar as working on these war projects is concerned, very few Japanese are picked to do this work. It's a known practice here that the War Dept. never hires any Japanese workers for this kind of work.

On speaking to many new recruits that come to Hawaii for an enlistment period, they seem to be very dissatisfied with the conditions here insofar as the army life in concerned.

All the ballyhoo that has been created in the mainland about the Hula girls, the grass shacks, the wonderful sunshine and tropical life, is all a lot of rubbage to the men who come down here to see things for themselves. Very few ever put in a second term here.

Big Tasks Ahead

The Communist Party has big tasks before it in the islands. It has the task of bringing together the workers of these islands into mass powerful unions, the task of winning these workers to the side of progress and against reaction, the task of educating these backward workers who have been denied an education by the small powerful handful of parasites that control these islands, the task of winning these workers eventually to the fight for Socialism.

The Party has the job of winning the youth for the struggle for the people's rights, because if it doesn't the forces of reaction will get them for fascism.

For a Real "Paradise"

All this article is only a brief idea of what the Communist Party, with its few members, is about ready to tackle.

With the proper cooperation from the comrades aboard the ships that come into these islands, and with the cooperation of leading comrades on the mainland, we can really go ahead and make these islands what the Hawaiian Tourist Bureau has always been calling them: "A Paradise of the Pacific."

But this time it will be really a Paradise of the Pacific for the working class.

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Basques' Heroic Defense Holds Off Fascist Entry

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier—Despite a terrifying rain of artillery fire, aerial bombs and aerial machine gun bombardment, besieged Bilbao, fought back with uncompromising hand-to-hand battles and has partly stemmed the advance of the fascist armies.

Triumphant predictions of the fascists that they would occupy Bilbao almost immediately gave way to statements that "caution" was necessary and that Bilbao "may not be actually occupied this week."

Fight for Every Inch of Ground

Fascist promises that "most honorable terms" would be granted if the Basques would evacuate, went unheeded. Instead the Basques fought for every inch of territory.

South of Bilbao it was reported that Loyalists had cut a fascist column in half as it attempted to close up and join the other besieging forces. Another report cited the capture of 2000 Italians in an area where Italian "volunteers" are operating together with Spanish royalists.

The entire area around Bilbao smoked from the first of the fascist siege guns, pouring tons of lead into the city, leveling buildings and sending them up in flames.

Throughout the area surrounding the city could be heard the crack of rifle fire and the explosion of grenades, disclosing the stubborn resistance of the Basques in close-range fighting.

WHEN S. F. anti-fascists demonstrated (last Saturday) at Nazi Consulate, against Nazi atrocities in Spain.

MARINE MEET HITS G-MEN'S INTERFERENCE

Dictaphone Found In Harry Bridges' Hotel Room

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Pacific Coast Maritime Convention has wired Secretary of Labor Perkins protesting the interference with delegates by immigration authorities.

Under regional immigration director Norene, Federal men "investigated" Harry Bridges, among other delegates, and planted a dictaphone in Bridges' room in a hotel here.

The convention also wired the La Follette investigating committee.

Resolutions adopted included a sharp condemnation of the murder of ILA member Bill Gregg in San Pedro, and protesting police terrorism; and resolutions demanding freedom for Ray Becker, Centralia prisoner; and for the Modesto boys.

Text of the resolution adopted last Monday, without opposition, for a referendum on CIO affiliation follows:

Whereas: The main issue facing the maritime unions and the general labor movement today is the question of the CIO and the importance of the CIO program being supported by all workers and trade unionists, and

Whereas: Joseph R. Ryan, President of the ILA has openly declared himself as opposed to the CIO and in favor of using a part of the per capital tax paid by the Pacific Coast District to the International to finance the AFL fight against the CIO, and

Whereas: The maritime unions of the Pacific Coast, comprising the powerful Maritime Federation of the Pacific must definitely move to support, in every way possible, the policies and program of the CIO even to the point of direct affiliation with that body, and to fight against splitting the organized labor movement, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Maritime Federation Convention go on record as recommending that each organization affiliated to the Maritime Federation take a referendum ballot of their membership on the matter of affiliating with the CIO as soon as possible, according to the rules of each organization.

Ballots Out to AFL and Independent Unions

Any Negotiations by Vandeleur Machine With Cannery Employers Repudiated by Rank and File Federation

The ballots have gone out for a referendum of California cannery and agricultural unions, AFL and independent, on affiliation with the CIO.

The referendum, called by the executive committee of California Cannery and Agricultural Federation, is to be completed by July 3.

The referendum follows the adoption of the following resolution, by the executive committee last Sunday:

WHEREAS: The organized cannery and agricultural workers of California have several times in the past expressed their desire to have an international union for Agricultural Workers created, and

WHEREAS: They are facing this coming agricultural season with their unions still divided according to Craft and Sectional lines, and

Vigilantism and State Federation

WHEREAS: The agricultural employers have started a dual offensive against the agricultural workers union of first, breaking them with direct vigilante terror, and second pursuing with the help of the State Federation of Labor of California, the policy of building company unions among the agricultural workers to prevent them from joining the real workers' unions, and to get sell-out agreements designed to hold these workers in their present status of economic slaves, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California goes on record repudiating any agreement that the state secretary of the State Federation of Labor may make with the Processors and Growers Assn. covering cannery or agricultural workers without the consent of these workers and their duly chartered unions, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California in executive session on Sunday, June 13th, goes on record to call a referendum of all its affiliated members on the question of whether or not they want CIO affiliation, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California send 10 organizers immediately in the field, organizing the workers throughout the State, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cannery and Agricultural Federation endorses the call sent for the purpose of calling a convention in Denver July 9th, 10th and 11th to consider (1) forming a National Union for Agricultural and Cannery Workers and (2) having this National Union affiliate with anybody willing to grant it an international charter and help it organize the workers.

The Stockton Agricultural Workers Union was to begin balloting on CIO affiliation Sunday.

STRIKE BRINGS RAILR'D UNIONS CLOSER TO CIO

Canton AFL Unions Perfect Plans for General Walkout

CLEVELAND—The three-man board named by Secretary Perkins with President Roosevelt's approval will begin its attempt to help settle the steel strike by holding inquiries in this city first.

CLEVELAND, O. — Drawing closer of the CIO and some of the powerful railroad unions is seen as one probable effect of the great strike of 80,000 men in the independent steel mills.

In stating that the Railway Trainmen and the Railway Firemen, and the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee would insist on signed contracts in the strike of both groups against Bethlehem Steel, John L. Lewis this week spoke of an "entente cordiale."

(The two railroad brotherhoods have struck short lines (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Attempt to Expel San Diego Guild Is Given Defeat

SAN DIEGO—The Central Labor Council here served blunt notice that it will not permit a split in local labor when a move to expel the Newspaper Guild was defeated by a comfortable majority Wednesday night.

A telegram from William Green "authorizing" the expulsion was tabled by a vote of 47 to 33 with four not voting, after President Brown and his reactionary supporters exhausted every parliamentary trick in an effort to effect the expulsion.

Secretary Lydick precipitated the bitterest fight the council has seen in months when he presented Green's telegram to the body. It read: "UNDERSTAND NEWSPAPER GUILD AFFILIATED WITH CIO. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEL THIS ORGANIZATION." Turning to Brown, Lydick then exclaimed: "You know what the law is; now you do as you are told." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

EAST MARITIME UNION ASKS ALL PULL FOR UNITY

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Conditions on East and Gulf Coast ships are constantly being bettered, the National Maritime Union points out in a statement distributed this week to West Coast seamen. The betterment of conditions is due to the NMU, which, in a short space of time "has won job control in most ports and recognition from 90 per cent of the steamship companies."

Spreading Out

"We have gone further into the field, having signed a closed shop agreement for all tug boats in Boston for the first time. Fishermen, Harbor Boatmen and Lake seamen are coming in rapidly. The National Maritime Union is now a powerful force on the East Coast, Gulf and Lakes, and we are now in a position to propose that which we have been unable to do in the past, national unity, which all seamen want.

"To promote national unity of all seamen is the goal of the National Maritime Union and to this end we therefore propose the following:

"1. A National Unity Convention of all unlicensed personnel, East Coast, West Coast, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters.

"2. This Convention should be called as soon as possible. We recommend that it be called in the latter part of August.

"3. The Convention to be held in San Francisco. The reason for this is the National Maritime Union knows that the West Coast unions have been through terrific expense in the past strike and the National Maritime Union is (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Police Head Roche Is "Convinced"

SAN FRANCISCO—"Up to the last two or three months I was ignorant of graft or raid tipoffs on the part of the police department," President Theodore J. Roche of the Police commission told the grand jury Thursday. "Now my opinion is changed. The tapped telephone conversations convince me that policemen have been dealing corruptly with McDonough Brothers."

L. A. ALLIANCE DELEGATES GO

Leave for Milwaukee Unemployed Parley

LOS ANGELES—To attend the national convention of the Workers' Alliance in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, delegates from the local organization left Los Angeles Thursday, June 17.

Elected recently, the delegates are: Al Heltness, Alliance organizer, in the absence of Pat Calahan who is to be away for two months; William Taylor, spokesman for the Mexican locals of the Alliance; Mel Oster; Anna MacName; I. Conners; and L. Beldner.

Call July Conference

Under the auspices of the Workers Alliance, an Unemployment Conference of liberal, progressive, and labor organizations will take place July 7, Pat Calahan, Alliance spokesman announced.

Purpose of the Conference will be to work out on a county-wide basis, a fight against WPA mass lay-offs and the government's repatriation program, Calahan declared.

F.D. Asks Speedy Action on Court

WASHINGTON—Speedy action on the proposed reform of the federal judiciary was asked by President Roosevelt here by way of answer to the bitter denunciation of the plan by 10 members of the Senate judiciary committee.

The President said he hoped for a vote in the Senate soon on the measure and added that the country also wanted quick action. In response to a question he explained that he felt the country wanted the Senate to vote as soon as debate was concluded and was opposed to a filibuster.

It was reported that persons attached to the White House are still confident that the court proposal will pass although it was not said whether the action will come on the original proposal calling for six new justices on the Supreme Court.

Collections to Assist Spain Are Continued

California's Spanish Aid Week will close this week-end with two state-wide mobilizations to appeal in person to the people for funds, clothing, food and supplies to aid the Spanish people in their fight against fascism.

On the streets of most of the large cities Saturday, volunteers will canvas with collection cans labeled "That the Children of Spain May Live." The mobilization is sponsored by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The Communist Party, which has participated in all of the joint mass affairs of the week and in many more of its own, will sponsor a statewide mobilization Sunday, when volunteers will go from house to house to collect money, food, clothing or any articles that might be of use to the people in Spain in their present struggle.

Closing mass affairs were scheduled in many important centers.

American League Party

In San Francisco the American League Against War and Fascism arranged a benefit entertainment and dance to wind up its participation in the week's work. It will be held in the Peace Center, 712 Ashbury Street, Saturday night, June 19, at 8 p. m.

A colorful Spanish fiesta and dance will be held by the Communist Party of San Francisco at 121 Haight Street, beginning with a dinner at 6 p. m. and followed by a program and speakers at 8 p. m. At the conclusion of the program, dancing will be in order until 1 a. m.

5-Year-Old Aids Spanish Children

SAN FRANCISCO—It's a big sacrifice for a youngster to forego his birthday cake, but Leon Linberg, five years old, knows that Spanish children, whose parents are fighting tooth-and-nail to drive fascism out of Spain are desperately in need of food and clothing. Last Thursday Leon donated the dollar that was to have gone for his birthday cake, to the Spanish children.

ILA ASKS WEBB ACT IN KILLING

Pedro Police Beating Up Seamen

SAN PEDRO—A demand that he investigate the murder of ILA member Bill Gregg by Policeman Redding on May 27, has been sent to State Attorney General Webb by San Pedro ILA local 38-82.

Both Coroner's Jury and Grand Jury have whitewashed Redding. Demanding that Webb "vigorously prosecute" the killer, the local stated that "local constituted authorities and the District Attorney have refused to do their duty to prosecute."

The Marine Firemens Union here has informed Webb, in a protest, the Pedro police are brutally beating up seamen at police stations.

The ILA here has decided to hold an annual memorial meeting on the day on which Gregg was murdered.

Mussolini Envoy "Greeted" in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—A group of 15 anti-fascists, carrying placards with the slogans "Down with Mussolini" and "Get the Italian Murderers Out of Spain" met Italian Ambassador Fulvio Suvich on his arrival at the Santa Fe R. R. station Thursday noon.

A crowd of 300 was present and shouted at the ambassador. The Los Angeles Italian consul and police whisked Suvich away in a police squad car.

Scottsboro Case to Go to High Court

NEW YORK—Affirming of the 75-year sentence of Haywood Patterson, one of the Scottsboro Negro boys, by the Alabama Supreme Court, was assailed by the Scottsboro Defense Committee as an indication that "the state of Alabama is determined to punish the Scottsboro defendants regardless of the overwhelming evidence of their innocence."

"Of course the case will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, and all the other cases will be fought to the end," a committee statement said.

BRIDGE THE GAP IN THE WESTERN WORKER DRIVE FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Internationals to Confer on Spain

MOSCOW—The Second International has agreed to a meeting with a delegation representing the Communist International in answer to the latter's urgent request for joint international working class action in defense of the Spanish people.

The announcement was made in a telegram from Louis de Brouckhere, chairman of the Second or Labor and Socialist International, to George Dimitroff, secretary of the Communist International.

Dimitroff has in turn notified the Socialist and Communist Parties and the General Workers' Union of Spain of the forthcoming meeting. It was in answer to the request of these three bodies, addressed to the two international political bodies and to the International Federation of Trade Unions, that the Communist International made its call for unity.

A committee of five has been appointed by the C. I. to meet with the Labor and Socialist International's representatives, which will be held in Geneva. Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the C. P. of France, was selected to complete preliminary arrangements on behalf of the Communist International.

The Communist delegation is instructed to do everything possible to achieve an agreement on joint action on behalf of the Spanish people, in accordance with the Spanish labor groups.

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REACTIONARIES LINE UP IN SANTA MONICA TO DEPRIVE PRISONERS' KIDS OF MILK

Many Protests Follow Council's Action in Bowing to Demands of Labor's Enemies; Mayor on Spot

SANTA MONICA—This city's professional patriots don't believe the children of labor prisoners whom they and their kind have helped to place behind steel bars for the crime of fighting for an American standard of living, are entitled to anything better than the inadequate diet and all the other ills of poverty which are the lot of workers' families the world over—except in the Soviet Union.

All the reactionary forces in Santa Monica, aided and abetted by the red-baiting press, rallied at the call of the local American Legion posts and Knights of Columbus to storm the Council chambers in protest against the Council's reluctant action in granting the Harry Simms branch of the ILD a permit to sell flowers on the streets of this city on June 6, to raise funds for the annual milk drive for the children of labor prisoners.

The permit was granted on May 11, but was rescinded without notice to the ILD on May 28th.

The Line-Up of Reactionaries

Joining in the clamorous protest was the usual line-up of reactionaries, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the disabled American Veterans, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Grand Army of the Republic. They made up a delegation of about 40.

George A. Meyer, "Grand Knight" of the K. of C., read the protest, a letter signed by **Herman G. Dobrott of the local Legion post. Dobrott's letter complained that the Fish Congressional report had found the ILD to be a "Communist organization," and for that reason "the organization is not entitled to make a public solicitation for funds for defense of persons accused of criminal acts."**

Mayor Gilleland, Commissioner Plumber listened to the protests with evident sympathy, but solicitude and promptly voted to cancel the ILD permit. The "patriots" trooped out with faces beaming like doubtboys being decorated with tin medals after Chaplain Thierry. They had licked the Reds!

A few days later, however, on the request of the ILD, the Council's reluctant action in granting the Harry Simms branch of the ILD a permit to sell flowers on the streets of this city on June 6, to raise funds for the annual milk drive for the children of labor prisoners.

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in a financial position to send delegates to San Francisco which, the same time would give the Rank and File seamen of the West Coast a good chance to be organized with the Rank and File Coast seamen on their own ground.

"4. This Convention will be called for the purpose of setting up a National Union of all seamen—constitution and structure to be decided on referendum basis.

"5. Question of affiliation to the CIO on a national scale to be discussed.

"6. Last but least, to discuss the setting up of the National Maritime Federation!

Forget Differences

"With this program in mind, the National Maritime Union asks that any minor differences be forgotten so that we can go down the line and unite all the seamen on all coasts into one national union under the banner of the CIO and to build a National Maritime Federation.

"We ask further, that in view of the mistakes that have been made in the past that we profit by our experience and go forward united in our efforts to play our role in the forward march of the labor movement in America."

The statement is signed by Joseph Curran, General Organizer, National Maritime Union of America.

F.R. Urges Raise In Buying Power

WASHINGTON — President Franklin D. Roosevelt told the press here that the proposed legislation to establish wage and hour minimums is part of a broader program under the administration is trying to work out to raise the purchasing power of the country's population.

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Unions Push for Anti-Lynch Bill

OAKLAND — Condemning the state of affairs that has permitted lynching in the United States, and calling for immediate passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill, Locals 562 and 456 of the Dining Car Cooks and Waiters Union this week wired Senators McAdoo and Johnson of California, and Berry of Pennsylvania, urging them to work for the passage of the bill in the Senate.

"Calling lynching a crime will not stop it," said Clarence Johnson, executive chairman of the two locals. "The only way to protect our liberties and lives is to fight for them. I should think every Negro who has any influence in his community would work to make the punishment for lynching so severe no police official or community leader dare permit it."

Johnson said that of other unions and organizations, including churches and clubs, took the same steps, enough pressure would be brought on senators to force the bill through. This united action was necessary, he explained, in order to forestall the filibustering which is certain to take place, and which might "talk the bill to death."

FLOOD PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON — The President has asked Congress to approve creation of seven regional agencies to administer federal power projects.

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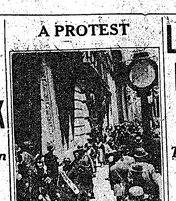

AND A DEMAND. S. F. anti-fascists demonstrating at Nazi consulate Saturday, to protest Nazi murders in Spain and to demand withdrawal of Nazi troops.

LaFollette Fights For Higher Tax On Big Incomes

WASHINGTON—Senator Robert M. LaFollette Jr., Wisconsin Progressive, announced that he would carry on to the senate floor a fight to amend the "insurance tax" bill of the government by increasing taxes on incomes in the higher brackets.

La Follette's bill to this end received a seven to seven tie vote in the senate finance committee, which senate rules consider a rejection.

The proposal would lift the tax on a net income of $16,000 a year from $780 to $4020, with proportionately higher increases on larger incomes.

The "nuisance taxes" were given a two-year extension by a recent vote in the House of Representatives.

Johnson Flies to Hawaii Defense

Grover Johnson, attorney for the International Labor Defense, left San Francisco Wednesday, June 16th, at 3 p. m. on the China Clipper, to defend nine Filipino sugar plantation strike leaders, convicted on the "third degree conspiracy" in the plantation district, now island-wide in Hawaii.

Word has been received indicating that the trial is going on.

Judge Daniel of Wailuku, having refused to grant a postponement. The men have no attorney. The strikers have been driven from their homes and the Honolulu Longshoremen's Association urges organized labor be appealed to, to help with funds for defense and relief.

The Southern California District, ILD, borrowed five hundred dollars in order that an attorney might be rushed to help the strikers' defense.

Forward funds for defense and relief to:
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, 1237 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, 1095 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

Fred West Sets Up Dual Citrus Union

LOS ANGELES — Efforts of AFL officials here to block the booming drive toward organization of unorganized agricultural workers resulted in the setting up last week of what workers term "dummy" unions in opposition to the Citrus Workers' Union, No. 205, affiliated with the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union.

Had AFL Jurisdiction

Despite the fact that the Citrus Workers' Union has been given jurisdiction by the AFL over all workers in the citrus fruit, Fred West and Cal Ewing of the Executive Board of the Santa Ana Central Labor Council, set up another Citrus Workers' Union to organize all pickers and packers.

In addition to this union, the two Council officials have established a Sugar Beet Workers' Union to offset the work of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union.

Workers attribute this move of the Council officials to the fear on their part of the growing sympathy among the rank and file agricultural workers toward industrial organization.

SPANISH FIESTA AT 121 HAIGHT WILL AID SPAIN

SAN FRANCISCO—Outstanding speakers and an entertaining program are arranged for the Spanish Fiesta to be given by the Communist Party at 121 Haight Street, as a conclusion to Spanish Aid Week. Dinner will be served at 6 p. m. The program will be opened at 8 p. m. followed by a dance which will continue to 1 a. m.

L. A. WATER DISTR. FIGHTS WAGNER LAW

Tunnel Workers Are Taking Strike Vote For Closed Shop

LOS ANGELES — Possibilities that the Metropolitan Water District would attempt to fight the Wagner Act as justification for its refusal to grant the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union, local 270, demand for closed shop were seen as the first move locally to break the Labor Relations Act.

According to reports, attorneys for the District, which is constructing the Colorado River Aqueduct, are prepared to 'test' the jurisdiction of the Wagner Act over political and governmental subdivisions,' claiming that the District does not come under the provisions of the Act.

Demand Closed Shop

The union's demand for closed shop conditions on divisions 4 and 5, of the Aqueduct project, is expected to bring the issue to a head. Announcement was made by local 270 that the workers on the two divisions begin taking a strike vote this week.

If the outcome of the 'vote' is to strike, a ruling on the Water District's position will probably be made by Doctor Towne Nylander, of the National Labor Relations Board here.

Goodyear L.A. Section Over Top in Subs

LOS ANGELES—Goodyear Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Party went over the top in the Western Worker sub drive last Wednesday, June 16, to lend the county with 101 per cent of its quota fulfilled.

With a quota of 100 subs, Goodyear has brought in 101, and doesn't intend to stop, says its drive director, Mary Butler. Hollywood, challenged by Goodyear in the beginning of the Drive, is still trailing with only 74 per cent of its quota of 150 subscriptions fulfilled.

Running second in the Drive is Eastside, with 76.8 per cent of its goal reached.

Significant of the high citizenship done in Goodyear is the fact that out of the 101 subs, 85 of them are yearly subs. Four are six-months and 12 are three-months.

SF Plumbers-ILA Dispute Up To AFL

SAN FRANCISCO—The ILA Warehousemens Union has ended its 15-day strike against local plumbing supply warehouses, in settlement on jurisdiction to be left to the AFL convention in Denver on October.

The warehousemen had organized a majority of these workers, and while the men struck and picketed for higher wages, Plumbers' officials signed an agreement over the heads of the workers with the companies.

Each union will retain its present members, and not solicit each other's pending the convention decision.

Plan Contra Costa Industrial Council

MARTINEZ—Plans for setting up a CIO Industrial Union Council for Contra Costa County will be perfected within 10 days, said Pat Lydon, CIO organizer.

Lydon told of the CIO signing up close to 700 agricultural workers in the Diablo district, the Port Costa brickyard workers and 200 workers in the Cowell Cement Co. plant. The latter was notorious for its poor conditions.

CIO Shoe Strike Looms in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Setting up of a strike committee by the CIO United Shoe Workers Union has been announced, as part of preparations to force shop manufacturers here to meet union demands.

A meeting of 600 union members last week clinched such a move. A resolution was adopted by the membership, expressing determination to continue the struggle for union demands.

LABORERS' DANCE

SAN FRANCISCO—Members and friends of organized labor will gather in Dreamland Auditorium Saturday night, June 19, for the mammoth benefit ball and entertainment to be given under the auspices of one of the largest unions in San Francisco—the Construction and General Laborers, Local 261, which numbers nearly 5,000 members. Admission is 50c.

Mojave Gold Mine Strikers Accuse

Charge AFL Officials are Ordering Men to Go Through Picket Lines

MOJAVE—Charges of strike-breaking on the part of officials of the American Federation of Labor were filed with the local National Labor Relations Board this week, by striking workers of the Cactus Queen mine, near Mojave.

More than 100 men, members of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' union, affiliate of the Committee for Industrial Organization, are striking for recognition of their union as sole collective bargaining agency.

"Executives of the Teamsters' and Truck Drivers' unions, affiliated with the AFL, have given their members the right to break through the picket lines of the CIO here," said John Pengilly, union official.

"There will be no truce in this fight until our union is recognized," he added.

Though AFL officials have ordered their members to pass through picket lines, strikers declare that many AFL carpenters and other workers have walked out with the CIO workers.

Under police escort, workers charge, commissary workers from Los Angeles have been taken into the struck plant. Picket lines will be orderly and peaceful, strike leaders state, so long as the commissary men do not try to take our jobs."

Attempt to Expel San Diego Guild Is Given Defeat

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Brown, nodded his head, and declared that Green's letter automatically expelled the Guild and that its vote would be taken up.

The Council was in an uproar as delegates demanded democratic procedure. Brown refused to accept a motion to lay the matter over for a week, and it was amended to wire Green for specific instructions on the expulsion. Both the amendment and motion lost as progressives insisted on an immediate showdown. In an effort to head off certain defeat for the reactionaries, Bill Coffey, Laborers' delegate, moved to adjourn, but his motion lost 50 to 35.

Bill Adair of the Newspaper Guild moved to file Green's telegram and Coffey continued his obstructive tactics by demanding that it be declared out of order. When President Brown ruled the motion in order, Coffey appealed to the floor but he was badly defeated, the roll call vote being 50 to 24 to sustain the chair. Finally the motion to file was voted on and carried.

Dairy Lee Worcester, teachers' delegate, and News Guilder Bill Adair led the progressive fight and were frequently accorded deafening applause. Bill Coffey and Ed Dowell, symbolizing the combination of the Lydick reactionaries with the recalled former officers of the Council, valiantly pleaded for full support to Green's labor-splitting policies.

Second labor be appealed to, to help with funds for defense and relief.

The Southern California District, ILD, borrowed five hundred dollars in order that an attorney might be rushed to help the strikers' defense.

Spain Funds Received by C. P. of Cal.

The following funds have been received through the California State Committee of the Communist Party for Spain:

S. S. Brunswick (S. F.)	$10.00
Haymarket Unit (S. F.)	15.00
ILGWU Unit (S. F.)	5.50
Misc. Needle Trade Unit (S. F.)	14.00
Youngquist (S. F.)	1.00
Waterfront Demon (S. F.)	11.49
Frances H. (S. F.)	2.00
John R.	2.00
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Building Trades (S. F.)	4.00
Kaspar, Santa Cruz	5.00
Tulare	2.15
	$86.44

The ball is rolling! Help it along. The need today is greater than ever.

Disunity Brings Haycraft Defeat

MINNEAPOLIS — Unable to overcome the obstacle of sabotage and disunity created by Trotskyites and right-wing Socialists, the Farmer-Labor candidate, Kenneth Haycraft, lost the contest for mayor in the municipal election. He was defeated by General George E. Leach, the final count being: Leach, 89,764; Haycraft, 71,968.

Control of the city council remained in the hands of the Farmer-Labor Party, with a majority of 15 aldermen to 11. Two of three Farmer-Labor judges were returned to office.

The Farmer-Labor forces were originally divided on the initiative of the Trotskyites who organized a rump convention and split the contest by nominating the incumbent mayor, Tom Latimer.

In the final campaign the Trotskyites supported the FLP although the nominally supporting Haycraft, carried on virtually a campaign to expose the reactionary character of Leach, nor to speak a word in the latter's campaign, a renegade from the FLP who helped to paint Leach as a "non-partisan, independent and progressive."

Mass WPA Layoffs Started in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Part of the mass WPA lay-offs resulting from President Roosevelt's billion and a half dollar relief appropriation, 900 workers on Los Angeles' Federal Theater project received dismissal notice last Tuesday, June 15.

In issuing the dismissals, J. Howard Miller, national assistant director of the FTP, announced that the cut was the initial step to reduce local project personnel to 1300 workers.

"Two theaters now being used by the FTP will also be closed, Miller stated.

Steel Strike Sees CIO-R.R. Union Tie

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owned by Bethlehem.)

The convention of the Intl. Switchmens Union, in Buffalo, heard representative Mead of Buffalo, chairman of the house committee on post offices and post roads, justify the refusal of the post office department to deliver mail to "scabs" in strikebound independent steel mills in Ohio, on the grounds that the post office department cannot be a party to violation of the Wagner National Labor Relations Act.

The switchmen applauded these sentiments.

Ready for Canton General Strike

The Canton, Ohio, Federation of Labor, composed 99 per cent of AFL unions, has completed plans with the CIO defence committee in the steel center to call a general strike if CIO steel picket lines are attacked by the vigilante Law and Order League, it was learned. The Youngstown AFL unions have also declared their readiness for a general strike in a similar event.

Almost 15,000 United Mine Workers members remain out in "captive" coal mines, owned by the steel trust, Bethlehem, Inland Republic, and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Steel Companies.

Only remaining obstacle to peace is the companies' refusal to sign their names to written contracts with the CIO.

President Roosevelt has added his voice to those who believe that refusal of independent steel companies to sign a contract with CIO steel workers' union is unreasonable.

Alameda Tops Sub Drive; L. A. Bo

ALL HONORS to Alameda County! By good Comrades of the East Bay comrades put the Western Worker Drive over the top last Saturday, June 12, over three days before the drive ends on July 4th.

And Alameda has just begun, and is continuing to get more subscriptions. Its total on June 16 was 780 subs on its quota of 600, or 76.3 per cent, and with so far or lose its socialist competition with L. A. which the S. F. Bay Area Workers and Professional Section.

The closing days of the Drive are on, and 11 counties below 50 per cent. Starting from the cellar up, these Bragg, Stockton, Sonoma, Santa Clara, San Diego, Fresno, Monterey, Fresno, Sacramento and Merced. County committees in these counties must take immediate to put the Drive over the top.

The Drive standings, as of June 16, are as follows:

County:	Quota	Obtained	% Quota	Yet to Go
Alameda	250	253	101.2	....
Los Angeles	1000	780	78.0	220
San Francisco	600	458	76.3	142
Santa Barbara	50	36	72.0	14
San Bernardino	40	27	67.5	13
San Mateo	50	29	58.0	21
Contra Costa	55	29	52.7	26
Bakersfield	20	10	50.0	10
Merced	25	11	44.0	14
Sacramento	75	31	41.3	44
Fresno	25	10	40.0	15
Monterey	35	12	34.3	23
Tulare	20	5	25.0	15
Eureka	25	6	24.0	19
San Diego	100	23	23.0	77
Santa Clara	50	8	16.0	42
Sonoma	40	4	10.0	36
Stockton	20	2	10.0	18
Fort Bragg	25	1	4.0	24
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RED ARMY STANDING FIRM, OF FASCISTS ON SPY RING SPIKED IN MOSCOW NEWSPAP

Fantastic Fabrications by Fascist and Reactionary Papers Exposed, Iron Discipline is Shown

MOSCOW—The Red Army and the Soviet people, rear of the nation's defense forces—support each other, stitute a bulwark for peace which throws fear into the war provokers, Pravda, Communist Party newspaper, says leading editorial today.

Discussing the fantastic lies spread by fascist and other reactionary newspapers in connection with exposure and liquidation of the army spies, the paper points out that whereas the Red Army is consciously and sincerely devoted, other armies aren't an opportune time to settle accounts with their oppressors in their countries.

Firmly At Its Post

"The Red Army of the Soviet land is strong and mighty!" says Pravda.

It continues:

"The Red Army stands firmly at its post, guarding the borders of their great state, and ready to crush the enemy should he dare to assail the Soviet Union.

"Those who wish to upset its vigilance have more than once felt the blows of their own skins.

"Welded by iron discipline based on the greatest consciousness and love for the fatherland, surrounded by the ardent love and the untiring care of the whole country, the Red Army is invincible!

"Fascist rulers are far from sure of the reliability of their armies and it is not an accident that all their adventures they undertake, whether in the West or the East, they have to contend ever more frequently with desertions, insubordination, violations of discipline, and disorder.

"The Red Army, child of a victorious people, does not know such things nor can it know them.

Citadel of Peace

"The fascist rulers are even agreed to accept arms in pre-sail starvation, poverty; lawless-ness, discontent. The fascists now well that the workers and diers in case of war; will set-arms against the hated re-me of blood and medieval bar-rism.

Certain the opposite picture is presented by the immense ghty rear of the Red Army, workers, engineers, farmers, toilers of the land of triumphant socialism, and an open to give richer and fuller a daily.

The Soviet citizen will bare breast in defense of his great nquests, his new free life ir right against the fascist aggressors.

"This might, this power of the viet Union is counted upon by allies and friends in all coun-ies. To them the USSR is a adel of peace, a hope in the ruggle against fascism and ar, a bright shining beacon."

MOONEY BACK IN JAIL

SAN FRANCISCO—Tom Mooney has been ordered back to County Jail No. 1 here, it was taken to San Francisco Hospital May 24, suffering from an attack of stomach ulcers.

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PORTLAND, Or the Federation of 120,000 members The bags for the Harold Pritchett, C., raised his sig at a potential 1,000,000. At least organizers will be in t within a week to s campaign, he said.

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Go to the Builders' Congress

FOR A GREATER PEOPLE'S CHAMPION!

Two More Weeks Left Workers to Build West's Mightiest Foe of Reaction and War

July 4 set as the deadline of the ntic Western Worker Drive, friends the workers' press have only two ks in which to throw their energies nd the struggle for a greater voice berty, progress, and peace, and to for themselves a free trip to the s Builders' Congress in Los Angeles, 17-18.

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rding to these figures, the comrades nly 69.4 per cent efficient, an un-onable deficiency in a year when the labor movement surges forward with irresistible momentum, bringing with it increased popular interest in the struggles for bread and freedom. Everywhere, in every town and hamlet of this great West, are people hungry for news, eager to learn of the victories of their fellows on the labor front and of the encroachments on their liberties by the Liberty Leaguers, the money-barons and open-shop employers.

Twice a week the Western Worker brings this news to them. Twice weekly its pages open to them an entire panorama of the world's history while it is being made. And never does it compromise, or distort, or suppress the facts they want to know. The people wish nothing better. They want the Western Worker. They will gladly pay the small amount to receive it regularly. Members of the Communist Party fail to bring the "Western" to them.

Observe by how much the comrades of Fort Bragg, Stockton, Sonoma, Santa Clara, and San Diego have failed to fill their quotas. Yet, it is precisely in these counties that fascism stalks the streets without make-up—vicious and hideous in all its savagery. It is in these counties that thousands of starving workers beg in vain for the chance to work for a pittance. It is here that they are answered with clubs and pick-handles and tear-gas. Say these people are not eager to read of the new moves of their enemies, to learn of the success of their comrades in similar situations? It is untrue! Only a little organized effort is required to find and win new friends of the Western Worker, new soldiers in the international war against oppression and fascism.

The objectives set for our drive were five:

1. Every Party Member a regular reader of the Western Worker by July 4. This alone, if carried through, would almost send our drive to victory. Let every unit, every branch, diligently check-up on its members. Let the body as a whole make some provision for carrying subscriptions of members unable now to pay. This is important. How can a Communist sell his newspaper to the people if he himself does not subscribe to it? Fact is, all party members might make files of their Western Workers for future reference. They'll need to know the information it contains in many a struggle later.

2. Two new non-Party readers from every Party member by July 4. Here again is a simple task, easily executed by any Party member who gives even a reasonable amount of time to his work. Let units and branches carefully check-up on this assignment also. There is no assignment more immediately important, in fact, none so pre-occupying that it will not allow a few minutes each day in order to build the Party Press.

3. Fifteen hundred new Sunday Worker readers by July 4.

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5. Twenty-five hundred new subscriptions to the Western Worker by July 4. The imperative and immediate concern of every Party member, every Party unit and branch. To those counties still lagging, a word or two: Have you organized your campaign? Have you designated special days, activities, canvassing squads for rounding-up subscriptions? Have you impressed each Party member with the importance of this campaign? These things are important. The drive can succeed. It must succeed.

Let's Go, comrades! One hundred points and we'll meet in Los Angeles July 17. Just one hundred points—one "point" for each month of Western Worker subscriptions, two points for each month of Daily Worker subscriptions, one point for each month of Sunday Worker subscriptions! The Drive must be victorious. The Party Press must continue its struggle for liberty, progress, and peace. The people of America must keep the voice of a militant, disciplined working-class leadership. Reaction and fascism must be defeated.

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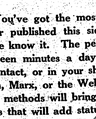

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A Real Hope for the Cannery And Agricultural Workers

A referendum of cannery and agricultural workers has been called in this state to decide on affiliation with the CIO.

The referendum has been called for by the Cannery and Agricultural Federation, which reflects, and in fact, was born out of the needs and desires of the cannery, fruit, nut and vegetable field and packing workers of California.

If any group of workers can be said to have the right to express a lack of confidence in the promises of the American Federation of Labor officials, that group is the cannery and agricultural workers.

For a generation or more, they have been callously ignored by the reactionary AFL officials. When they began to organize independently some years ago, they found those self-same reactionary officials lined up, with the growers, against them.

When again, in the past few years, these workers, suffering the worst exploitation of any in California, appealed time and again for organization, or at least assistance from the Vandeleur machine of the state federation, they were in most cases again ignored, in some cases thrown federal charters as bones are tossed to a starving person, and the financial assistance promised was never forthcoming.

When the comparatively few federal locals were forced in their desperation to strike, then the state federation hastened to "pay attention to them" rushing to the strike scene to betray the strikes. Salinas and Stockton are sufficient proof.

When the federal locals undertook progressive actions, the Vandeleur machine would hasten, as in Stockton, to see that a slate of officials close to the company was placed in charge.

It is therefore not surprising that these workers should turn toward the CIO, with its fearless and successful record in steel, automobiles, and other basic industries.

It is not surprising to see the Cannery Federation repudiate any agreement which Vandeleur may make with the Processors and Growers Assn., for clearly Vandeleur in no way represents the cannery workers, and only the workers themselves can make a real agreement with the employers.

Immediately 10 organizers of the California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers will go into the field. Within a month 25 organizers will be active. They deserve the backing and cooperation of the entire California labor movement.

These are steps which will do much toward organization of agricultural and allied workers throughout the country, an objective which is also to be speeded by the calling, on the part of a whole series of federal agricultural and cannery locals throughout the U. S. of a national conference in Denver, July 9-11.

King Canute Lundeberg

THE action of Harry Lundeberg, secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, in flying from Portland last Monday specifically to force through a move to seal the union's ballots on CIO affiliation is totally out of line both with the sentiment of the SUP members for CIO affiliation, and with the inspiring development in the labor movement as a whole today.

The Marine Federation convention, in voting unanimously for a referendum on CIO affiliation, has stated clearly what has become the outstanding desire of the membership of all the West Coast maritime unions, including that of Lundeberg's own organization.

The SUP vote is admittedly for affiliation; Lundeberg himself predicted such a result from the referendum.

Yet Lundeberg at the Portland convention obstructed constantly on this all-important question; now Lundeberg on Monday again over-rode the rank and file to prevent publicizing the results of the Sailors' referendum.

CIO affiliation by the maritime unions will mean linking up with the powerful organizations in steel, in autos, in rubber, in the garment trades, in textile. It means getting the backing of such powerful organizations, as against sabotage and downright treachery of the AFL executive council.

CIO affiliation for the maritime unions means bringing about that unity which has long been the aim of the nation's maritime workers.

The rank and file of every maritime union know this and in practically every maritime union they have demanded such affiliation.

The personal and petty ambitions of one man, or of a few at the most, cannot stand in the way of such an overwhelming desire. It would be by far the better part of wisdom for those who attempt to obstruct that desire to realize this fact.

Legend tells us that King Canute tried to halt the tidal waves. King Canute has become a household word for futility.

The Santa Maria Convention has Important Tasks

THE California People's Legislative Conference, holding its second statewide convention in Santa Maria Sunday, can already count itself a definite progressive force, developing broad sentiment for independent political action in California.

Its lobby in Sacramento during the past session was virtually the only avenue through which the majority of the people of California could make their will known to the legislators who were elected to represent them. It took an active part in the fight for labor's right to collective bargaining, against racial discrimination, for the freedom of Tom Mooney, for the bill to reimburse dairy farmers for cattle slaughtered as a result of tuberculin tests which threaten to wipe out their herds and drive them out of business.

This People's Lobby at Sacramento spoke directly in the name of some 250,000 people in the organizations represented at its January convention. It gained added support, especially from trade unions, as its activities during the session proved that it was consistently lobbying—not as the oil companies, railroads and power companies lobby, but lobbying on behalf of California's five millions who virtually need to keep a check on the men they elected, the men who promised to serve them.

The Western Worker greets this Santa Maria convention, confident that its representation and its influence will have grown tremendously.

It is to the credit of the Legislative Conference that its proposals to curb the power of the state senate have incurred the wrath of such an organization as the Industrial Association of San Francisco.

The Santa Maria convention will consider three proposals to this end. One, the question of a uni-cameral legislature, particularly infuriates the Industrial Association. The others are for election of state senators on a population basis and for calling a constitutional convention to re-draft the state constitution to embody this and other desirable changes. In any event, one of the main purposes of the convention will be to launch a campaign aimed at the reactionary and unfair power of a senate in which 75 per cent of the population have only one-tenth of the representation.

Before the convention also is the task of participating in local elections, introducing and campaigning for local ordinances protecting labor's rights, outlawing racial discrimination and defending civil liberties. As these local problems get increased attention, the need grows more apparent for organization of the Conference on a county basis, already accomplished in many important areas.

To carry out its objective the Legislative Conference cannot but see the need for unity among the progressive and labor forces of California. The convention must see its role as that of a strong factor in developing this unity. Its program must be formulated to support the interests of labor, the small farmers, small business and professional people. It should give utmost encouragement to the building of a political federation of the labor and progressive groups in California—a crying need of today.

The Basque People Fight On

Bilbao has been entered by the fascist forces according to latest dispatches available at this writing. And still the heroic people carry on the fight from street to street, from house to house—even as fascist planes mow them down with machine guns.

Their stand will be recorded as one of the most courageous episodes ever known in history. Nor are they fighting in vain.

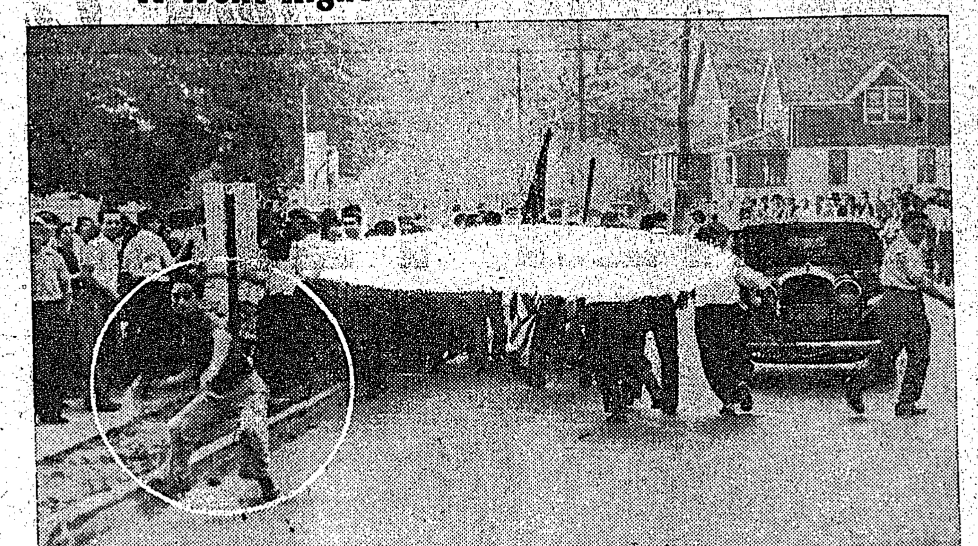
Fascist Germany and Italy undertook the Bilbao campaign only after they had completely failed on the battlefield that is most decisive in the struggle between fascism and democracy in Spain — the Central Front around Madrid. Even though Bilbao is by no means decisive in the military struggle in Spain, they undertook this campaign to bolster up the failing morals of the German, Italian and Moorish troops. They expected to secure an easy victory, but they required a month and a half to enter Bilbao and find the Basque people still unconquered, still fighting.

By their slaughter in the Basque province the fascists have increased the tempo of a growing world opposition to the fascist atrocities in Spain. By their devastation of the churches they have shown up the real significance of fascism to new millions throughout the world.

All Loyalist Spain is preparing for a major offensive. It has shown that it has reserves, not only in Spain but in the thousands of international volunteers reaching Spain from America and from all over the world. Even as the Basque people will never be conquered, so the Spanish people in fascist-held territory are carrying on an ever-increasing struggle behind the lines.

Even as the fall of Malaga was the prelude to Guadalajara, the Spanish people will see to it that fascism will pay dearly for its butchery at Bilbao.

It Went Right Back Where It Came From



WHEN THE picket line at Little Falls, N. J., Laundry Co. was attacked, by tear-gas throwing cops, one striker (in circle) stopped to seize un exploded bomb and hurl it back where it came from. Strikers are led by CIO.

Year of Blum's Government

NOTE: The government supported by the People's Front, in France, has recently completed its first year. What it has achieved, what it has done are shown in the following article, which is of special importance in showing the American people the necessity of building, by means of a Farmer-Labor Party, an American People's Front.

By HARRY GANNES

In France, one year is a long life for a cabinet. On June 4 the government of the People's Front, headed by Premier Leon Blum, celebrated the close of its first year with a powerful legislative attack on the venal capitalist press.

Not only the political prophets forecast an early and violent demise of the People's Front cabinet, but such forces as France's dominating 200 rich families — those who virtually own the country—the fascists and the Trotzkyites, agitated and worked for the collapse of the Blum government.

The first anniversary of the Blum government is of international significance because the key situation of France with regard to Spain, Hitler's war plans, the peace policy of the Soviet Union, and because the French sit-down strikes of last summer set off the great strike wave that has since encircled the globe.

Toilers and anti-fascists everywhere have reason to rejoice over the fact that the People's Front government of France is entering its second year.

The Blum government came into existence at a critical stage of fascist war provocation: Hitler counted on French fascism by a violent coup to prepare the ground for the next world war.

By uniting their forces, the anti-fascists of France were able to drive back the fascist plotters, and in the period of one short year inaugurate not only the most widespread and advanced social legislation in the entire history of France, but to raise the power and potentiality of the French proletariat to its highest point.

The Spanish Issue

The shortcomings, the vacillations, and even the capitulations before the dictates of British Tory foreign policy of Premier Blum do not prove the failure of the People's Front government. Rather they emphasize how much more could be achieved if Blum had followed the will and aims of the French masses who voted the People's Front to victory and who by their strikes and demonstrations proved how far they were ready to go.

On Spain, Blum permitted the London Tories to lead him around by the nose. Yet, when the worst mistakes of the Blum government with regard to Spain are condemned, all interested in defeating fascism beyond the Pyrenees must ask themselves: What would have been the situation if Laval or another foe of the People's Front had been at the head of a French cabinet? Franco would have conquered long ago. The existence of the Blum government, with all its retreats on Spain, still gave the Spanish people certain advantages and opportunities for victory which would have been impossible had not the People's Front in France put a government supported by it into power.

The Record

A glance at the record of achievements of the People's Front government of France is an inspiration to anti-fascists throughout the world.

1—When all the political wisecrackers predicted the imminence of Fascism in France ("The March of Time" tried to convince the American people Fascism was a matter of a few days in France) the People's Front was able to defeat the plots of civil war. Today the fascist gangs, reduced in strength and influence, are trying to unite to save themselves from complete annihilation.

2—The French proletariat politically and economically, was made stronger than at any time in its history. The trade union membership rose in one year from 2,000,000 to 6,000,000. Both the Communist Party and Socialist Party membership increased tremendously.

3—Peace was strengthened. The Fascist war mongers were driven back. Efforts to smash the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact were defeated. Though the Blum government capitulated to the British cabinet on Spain, pressure of the People's Front repeatedly forced Blum to take important steps to aid the Spanish Republic.

4—In the field of Social legislation, the People's Front government made huge gains. We list the most important:

Forty-hour week: The 40-hour week was extended to virtually every industry.

Vacations with pay: By government action, the workers were granted vacations with pay, a thing hitherto unheard of in France.

Collective contracts: Besides recognition of the unions, sweeping legislation granted the workers seven to 15 per cent wage increases. Though the employers strove to counteract these gains by inflation (in which the Blum government showed signs of capitulation) the living standard of the French worker shows remarkable advances.

Public Works Plan

A plan of large scale public works was inaugurated; unemployment relief was increased; the debts of small merchants were lightened; and a wheat plan assisting the peasants and workers was adopted.

(5) To strike at the base of fascist strength, the Blum government initiated an assault on the banking power of the 200 rich families of France. The Associated Press, reporting the fact that the hold of the 200 rich families on the Bank of France was seriously clipped, declared: "The old Board of Regions was taken out of the hands of the 200 families and replaced by a new council of administration."

(6) Against the protests of French finance capital, the war industry was nationalized.

Under the People's Front program, endorsed by the parties forming the Front Populaire (Socialist, Communist and Radical Socialist) a definite goal was outlined for the Blum Government. That goal was, first, defeat of fascism; second, peace, and third, the social advancement of the toiling and petty bourgeois against the power of big capital. On the whole, the basic aims of the People's Front program have been advanced by the Blum government. It successfully overcame a dozen deliberately-induced crises engineered chiefly by big capital with its fascist agents.

People's Front Holds Solid

The tactic of the big bourgeoisie was to attempt to break the petty-bourgeoisie away from its alliance with the proletariat against fascism. This, also, was General Franco's scheme in Spain. The 200 rich families failed to cause a rift between the middle class and the proletariat. Every effort to rupture the anti-fascist unity was answered by forging the bonds of unity still stronger.

The Communist Party of France, the most loyal adherent of the People's Front, repeatedly criticize the Blum government—because it veered from the program of the People's Front under rightist pressure. Yet the Communist Party raised the slogan: "Everything through, by and for the People's Front." And this confounded the enemies of the People's Front. They had hoped that Communist criticism would lead to a rupture. They consciously tried to provoke Blum to split with the Communists. These efforts now have reached a more feeble state, though the big bourgeoisie can be expected to strike again at any moment. For the time being it is consolidating its badly harassed fascist gangs.

An important question, one to which the Fascists pay great heed, is: What is the attitude of the French people to the People's Front achievements? A substantial answer is available through the by-elections to the French parliament and in the canton elections since the inauguration of the Blum government.

Stronger Than Ever

There have been 11 by-elections for the Chamber of Deputies. Out of these seven candidates showed no change in political representation. Two were victories for the People's Front over the Fascists; in one instance, a Centrist replaced a Fascist, and in the final case, a Radical Socialist replaced a Socialist. Thus, the balance is a distinct increase of popular support over the April-May 1936 elections which put the Blum government in power.

A more positive guide is the 83 canton (or township) elections which took place since the installation of the Blum government. They resulted in a loss of one-third of the seats of the Fascists and other Rightists, while all candidates of the People's Front made big gains. Within these elections, while the Radical Socialists gained over the Rightists, and the Socialists held their own, making appreciable gains in some places, the Communist Party gained most within the People's Front because it has been the most faithful advocate of carrying through the program of the People's Front.

Thus, at the first-year mark, despite the prophets of gloom and the joint activity of the Trotzkyites and Fascists to bring about the end of the People's Front government, the Blum cabinet enters its second year stronger than ever. Its gains have encouraged labor the world over. They have been a blow to the Fascist war plans. The future promises much more. The French proletariat is rapidly moving towards its next great goal, organic unity, the creation of one mighty party of the workers.

Anti-Fascists everywhere have real reason for encouragement at the spectacle in France after one year of the government of the People's Front.

The Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill

THE Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill is out of committee. But the task of the people of America has only begun.

Reaction in the Senate is prepared to kill the bill. Representatives of the planters and industrialists of the South are determined to filibuster this outlawry of barbarism to death.

Ten million Negroes who till the fields and man the machines that return huge dividends to these land-owners and mill-operators must be kept defenseless, docile, ready and willing to work for a pittance.

Nearly five million of their brothers in the industrial centers of the North and East must be kept "in their place" — as a reserve labor army to break strikes and force down the wages and living standards of forty million other Americans.

Above all, the tradition of racial inferiority must be preserved. It is too useful for diverting the attention of starving workers and farmers from the real cause of their misery and guiding it into harmless channels (for capitalism) of race hatred!

Racial discrimination, jim-crowism, terrorism, and lynching do all these things. So reaction will try to maintain them. If it succeeds, the planters and bankers of the South will grow fatter. And the Wall Streeters and Liberty Leaguers will be more able to send ammunition to Franco, to block the Supreme Court change, to cut relief, and to raise prices and increase the workers' tax burden. If reaction succeeds . . .

But the people must not let the filibusterers kill this bill.

Through the National Negro Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the trade unions, the churches and civic organizations, and other progressive groups, the people must fight to end lynching in America.

Begin to fight now! Send letters and telegrams to your representatives in Washington. Get your organizations to adopt resolutions urging the Senate to pass the bill and destroy this remnant of savagery.

This is the people's fight. Act now to end lynching!

THE IRISH PEOPLE OPPOSE THE NEW CONSTITU…

(The new draft constitution proposed by the De… Ireland does not by any means signify the end of the … gle for Irish liberation. The opposition of the Irish p… is voiced in this declaration of the Irish Republican …

The Draft Constitution has not caused a single bo… lighted on an Irish hill, nor brought out even one fife and drum band. And yet its authors can be assured of this: that if this Constitution had been a call to the people to re-declare the Republic and set up a National Assembly to organize and govern it, then Ireland would have gone gay. No nation can emerge from servitude into the dignity of a sovereign state without the people coming out of doors to cheer.

The argument, however, is not that the Constitution proclaims the Republic but that it ends the treaty. Men did not die to end the treaty but to defend the Republic, and not merely to defend the Republic but to undo the Conquest. And anyway the Treaty has been dead since the spring of 1932. Republican Ireland has been waiting the signal to rally once more to the 1916 Proclamation, and to take its stand on the high ground which the Ard-Fheis of 1922 refused to desert even under the threat of war.

Poor Will Oppose It

The poor of Ireland will receive this Constitution with increasing opposition. Within the hearts and minds of the common people of this country the breaking of the connection included the supplanting of the traitor minority who shut them out from land, drove them into exile and impoverished them at home. The 1916 Proclamation was always read to promise just such a triumph of the poor over the small group of rich men who trafficked in their misery. This Draft Constitution would, if adopted, sound the death-knell of their dreams. For private property is raised here almost to the dignity of a sacrament. It is the price paid for winning the support of the interests behind such journals as the "Irish Catholic." Landless men, jobless, underpaid, insecure, harassed breadwinners are guaranteed only their poverty. Tenement dwellers are guaranteed only the smelly overcrowding and the rack renting. The articles on private property are the holdfasts to which the Irish people are to be shackled so that the people's enemies may feel secure.

It is in keeping with this betrayal that the whole tradition of the Fenian struggle should be outraged also in the articles on religion. Under the guise of venerating the religion to which the majority of Irish people belong, the government surrenders to the political ambitions of the Roman Catholic bishops. Irish history proves that it is the Irish people and not the Irish hierarchy, Protestant or Catholic, who hold steadfast to religion. Irish history establishes that the Irish hierarchy have been the bitterest enemies of the Separatist movement. And it is precisely because they are on the side of the rich minority, whose interests this Constitution would serve, that the Irish bishops seek to entrench themselves politically.

Principle of Equality

Republican Ireland, however, does not rest its opposition on the passing accident of worthy or unworthy bishops. They take their stand on the principle of equality before the state of all citizens, irrespective of religious belief. They are opposed to a state or a semi-state church and will offer any such proposal unbending opposition. They recognize, too, that partition will not be overcome unless the terms Catholics and Protestants are merged in the common name of Irishman and would point out to all democrats that to set up the Roman Catholic hierarchy in any position of political privilege except what devotion to the independence of the country and to the general … struggle may earn th… perpetuate partition… same goes for the … bishops in the northe…

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE!

INSURANCE CO. USES EX-FARMER TO HELP EVICT FARMERS—ANTI-LABOR ACTIONS OF SEC'Y DOWD IN FRESNO.

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"Hinky-Dinky"

By a Worker Correspondent

With Landon licked, the boys got wise, parley-voo;
It was time for steel to organize, parley voo.
Then old Bill Green he stepped right in
And tried to help the bosses win,
Hinky, Dinky, parley-voo.

Of all the finks that rat named Hearst, parley-vo,
Is certainly among the worst, parley-voo;
But how about Green and his splitting crew
Who're doing their bit for the bosses too,
Hinky, Dinky, parley-voo.

But Willie Green, he hasn't a chance, parley-voo;
Like any fink, we'll make him dance, parley-voo;
Like any fink, we'll make him dance;
Like any scab, he'll lose his pants,
Hinky, Dinky, parley-voo.

BRUTALITY OF OXNARD POLICE IS CONTINUED

New Chief Is Bad As Kerrick Toward Mexican Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

OXNARD, Ventura County—In the local papers of Oxnard, the "Crystal City," a few days ago appeared an obscure little news item stating that on the day previous at 2:30 p. m. a local Mexican laborer, 75 years old, had been found dead in jail. He had been arrested at 11 p. m. the evening before by the city police and had lain on the concrete jail floor for 16 hours, without attention of any kind and unconscious.

Investigation Demanded

The police reported that he was picked up on the sidewalk drunk and thrown in jail, but the coroner reported he had died from two skull fractures, one over the ear and one high on the forehead.

The coroner's jury demanded that the grand jury investigate and determine responsibility for the inhumane treatment of this prisoner.

Had this happened anywhere but here, it might not look quite so suspicious. Oxnard is the former stomping ground of Chief of Police Kerrick, and Chief of Police Geo. Pryor is one of Kerrick's fascist thugs.

Brutal Treatment of Mexican Workers

Finding Mexican workers laying around with skulls fractured by police clubs is an ordinary occurrence in this Crystal Sugar Co. city.

Especially liable to fractured skulls are workers who have dared to think that the unemployed should have relief or that employed workers should receive sufficient wages to keep their half-starved children out of garbage cans.

Worker Murdered in Jail

It is told here that one worker active in the strike of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union four years ago, was thrown in jail. Two days after he was found dead in jail hanging by his belt fastened to a water pipe in the ceiling. Sure, committed suicide. Mexicans do not commit suicide, and furthermore both arms were broken, both legs were broken and his ribs were caved in and his teeth knocked out.

He could not possibly have hung himself in that condition and certainly did not do it after he had hung himself. But that was in Oxnard, and Kerrick was chief of police, so he "committed suicide."

Another worker was picked up and taken to the General Hospital by the sheriff's deputies. He was found lying on the sidewalk in a pool of blood, had been there two hours. City police had clubbed him and left him, threatening the same treatment to anyone who dared assist him. His skull was fractured.

Frame-up "Trial"

Attorney Astle of Los Angeles was sent to Oxnard about 18 months ago by the International Labor Defense to defend a worker about to be tried. He was emphatically denied a jury trial by Judge Driffil. He had been kept in jail eight days, tried, convicted and sentence was about to be pronounced upon him when Astle asked to see the charges against him. There were no charges; none had ever been filed. Some $25 taken from the man, after a long search, was found hid in the rafters of the jail arsenal by Kerrick.

One worker in Oxnard who has never had a carpet on the floor of his home, has bought and paid for three vacuum cleaners. Sure, the electric appliance agent, collaborating with the police, delivers the appliance. If the worker doesn't sign the contract and pay, he is taken to jail. When he gets out, he is glad to pay. Business is good.

Kerrick and Hitler

Ventura city police one stopped Kerrick from beating up a handcuffed prisoner in Ventura city jail. Trusties in the county jail prevented Kerrick from beating to death two prisoners whom he had handcuffed together, hands behind backs. Hitler should send exchange students to Oxnard. They could then teach even Hitler tricks about barbarous treatment of prisoners.

In ridding ourselves of Kerrick, we thought we were through with this, but evidently not. Our new chief, Prior, has started where Kerrick left off,

Comments by Readers of "Western"

"Better and Better"

Menlo Park, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker:

I am enclosing a clipping I found in the Sunday S. F. Chronicle. You may be able to use it effectively. Your paper is getting better and better. More power to you.

Comradely,

F. C.

Protests In C. S. Case

Venice, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker:

I sent the following letter to the Clerk, 3rd District, Court of Appeals, Sacramento:

"Sir:

"I am glad to cut the enclosed clipping from the Western Worker, sign it, and add my protest to the criminal persecution of the eight young men and women convicted under the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Act.

"I am not a Communist, but I buy the paper published by that Party in order to get some information of the class struggle, information I cannot obtain from any other source."

C. E. S.

Oroville Workers Seeking Unions

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County — From what I have learned from the talk of the people here, the unions are going to act in behalf of conditions here soon.

The workers are looking for real results, and the pressure will come from the rank-and-file workers that will force the AFL to act in the interest of labor. No side-track policies will hold back these workers very long, for they are forced to seek more wages in order to meet the rising prices on what the workers must have.

Western Pacific Shops Need Unionism

One man was in to see me, who works for the railroad company. He said that the men there were waiting for an organizer to come and organize the Western Pacific shops, that the men were wanting a union, more wages and a closed shop.

I have a friend here who is going to see about getting the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. men to join a union of their own. He said the men had joined a company union and paid 25 cents per month for dues, but that the workers never wanted to belong to it.

At any rate, the union idea is growing fast here. Oroville will be a red-hot union town, as I have written before.

OLD LONGSHORE LEADER STILL IN FRONT RANKS

By a Maritime Worker

SEATTLE — Enclosed find a clipping of a picture showing a waterfront workers' demonstration against flying of a Nazi flag here. The old man on the extreme left, with the banner, is McLennen, who was vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Assn. during the war, and called the special meeting which passed a motion to refuse to load the S. S. Delight, which had munitions for Kolchak, the White Guard general, fighting against the Soviet Union.

HOW FARMERS ARE SOLD OUT BY 'FARMERS'

Farmers Evicted by Calif. State Life Insurance Co.

By a Farmer

ELK GROVE, Sacramento County—About the farmers (so-called) in the Associated Farmers, in Sacramento County a branch has been formed and one of the directors is Fred Grimshaw of Slough House.

Now why Fred Grimshaw wants to join such an organization, is beyond me, as I know that he knows better. However, the following may clarify the matter.

You know Fred used to have a fine prune orchard on the Cosumnes River. The price of prunes went so low that he pulled it out and has nothing, except possibly a little alfalfa on it now.

Hired to Sell Out Farmers

He lost out so badly on farming, though he has lived here for years, that he no longer tries to farm. Instead he has a job with the California State Life Co. as an appraiser, as that company has money invested in farm lands and therefore needs one who understands value of farm lands.

As you see, he is not only hired as an appraiser but is also hired to sell out his fellow farmers by saying "we" farmers must stand together and refuse the right of the farm laborer to a decent living by fighting against their organizing to better their miserable lot. (Associated Farmers program.)

"We" farmers have nothing in common with the California State Life that buys up the farms from under the farmers' feet at a bargain price, and then puts on a tenant in place of the owner.

Farms All Mortgaged

Some day we will see the difference between the man who lives on his farm home and works, and the man who owns a farm as an investment and puts on a tenant to work for him.

All along the Cosumnes River from Slough House to Elk Grove, there is not a farm but that is mortgaged to the hilt. One of the finest ranches has a sign posted on the highway, "Calif. Sands, Inc.," and is rented to a tenant, although the former owner lived on it for 40 years.

Large Families on Relief Suffer

By an Unemployed Worker

LOS ANGELES—To what extent has supplemental aid to large families on WPA been granted again? Let us see.

A family of seven, father working on WPA for $55 a month, whose budget on direct relief would be $66.82, has been refused supplementary aid by the SERA because "the deficiency is only $11.82 and Mrs. Copeland (head social worker) has not been approving such cases unless there is a health problem."

Poverty and Degradation

The five children in this family are without decent clothing and have no shoes to wear. They are thin and nervous from undernourishment. The mother is pale and thin.

The entire family live in one room and kitchen together with the wife's mother, who is living on the measly pittance allowed by the county relief for a single person (about $18 a month for food, rent and utilities and other necessities).

Is there a health problem in this family? The supervisor, before whom this case was presented by the grievance committee of Local No. 2 of the Workers' Alliance, admitted that, "if there is none now, there surely will be," and promised to send a resume of the case to Mrs. Copeland.

A call was not made at the home of this family to determine whether a health problem exists, but Miss Brown, intake supervisor, advised the mother when she presented her papers for supplementary aid that this aid could not be granted and that she did not see why the family could not continue living in the one room with the grandmother. Is this social work? Or is this chiseling on the part of the relief administration?

Alliance Relief Demand

Is the Workers' Alliance justified in their demand that the federal government appropriate three billion dollars for WPA so that none of the families of the men now working will be thrown back on the states, and for one billion dollars as a grant to the states for direct relief? If the states had more money for relief it would not be necessary for the social workers to become chiselers at the expense of the health and comfort of the unemployed and their families.

HOW CANNERS LEAGUE SEEKS VIGILANTISM

Red-baiting Letter Spreads Lies to Small Farmers

By a Worker Correspondent

GIRARD, L. A. County—A fellow worker from the Workers' Alliance dropped in and handed me the enclosed letter which is being distributed to the local farmers.

(The letter, sent out by Libby, McNeill & Libby, throughout the state, starts out by saying: "You are in real danger of not being able to harvest your crops or get them to market if you do harvest them in the year 1937. So is every other grower in the State. It is planned that ILA Warehousemen and Communist pickets will by force prevent you."—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Worker Not Fooled

This fellow worker, being a good union man, was not fooled. He was quite excited about it.

"This is vicious," he said. "Nobody will picket them if they are union, so obviously they intend to operate a scab outfit and mobilize the small farmers into a vigilante gang to try to break our unions!"

He asked me to get the letter to the agricultural unions, but when I proposed to send it to the "Western" instead and told him I was sure the "Western" would see that it reached the proper source, he was satisfied.

Need to Reach Small Farmers

Now the question enters my mind, are we reaching these small farmers? Our papers are full of items saying that it is the big farmers who go on these vigilante raids. I am inclined to think that we are a little complacent in this matter and that if we do not reach these small farmers, a lot of them are going to be on the wrong side without knowing it. This letter could be very misleading to a farmer who did not understand how his interests are tied up with those of labor.

(Agricultural unions have already obtained copies of the Libby, McNeill & Libby letter, which undoubtedly was mailed to every farmer in the state at considerable expense to Libby, McNeill & Libby. This outfit is tied up with the Canners' League of California, which organized the terrorism against the Salinas lettuce strikers in 1936 and the cannery strikers in Stockton two months ago. It is absolutely necessary to reach the small farmers with the truth about unionism, so that they will not be mislead by these arch-reactionary forces.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Stanford Big-Shot Is Anti-Labor

By a Worker Correspondent

PALO ALTO—Dr. Thomas Andrew Storey, who pulls down a swel salary from the Stanford Board of Trustees as General Director of the School of Hygiene and Physical Education, has lots of money for parties but none for decent American working conditions for his workers at his big home at 739 Santa Ynez Ave. on the campus.

Mr. Storey told a friend at a tea last week that she couldn't afford a washing machine or other appliances to bring her laundrying methods up to date.

If the Storeys cancelled two parties a month, that would buy a $45 washing machine, the friend says. The workers at the Storey mansion are forced to laundry many pounds of washing by hand each week, it is reported by one who attended a tea there.

Mrs. Storey also has lots of money to supply the Stanford students' medical advisor office with copies of the fascist-minded "Saturday Evening Post" each week to inculcate its un-American slurs on unions and democracy in the minds of youth.

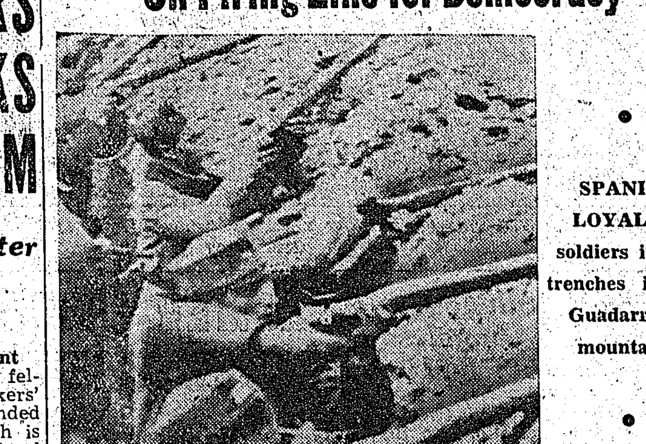
Tax Dodgers Have Bad Consciences

WASHINGTON—Wealthy tax dodgers, viewing the imminent investigation and report on their methods, have been prompted to make cash settlements with the U. S. treasury.

Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi announced that one check for $280,000 had been sent in from a citizen "oddly stricken by his conscience right at this particular time."

The investigation, with full publicity, was scheduled to begin June 17.

On Firing Line for Democracy



SPANISH LOYALIST soldiers in the trenches in the Guadarrama mountains.

DOWD PLAYING A TREACHEROUS ROLE IN FRESNO

Labor "Leader" Aids Watson Red-Bait Against CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

FRESNO—For the second time in two weeks, fire was opened on Clarence Dowd, the red-baiting secretary of the Fresno Central Labor Council. Since the first attack on him by progressives, this traitor has performed an act of treachery that is unparalleled in local labor history.

Dowd called an open-house meeting in the new memorial auditorium in the name of the Central Labor Council, and invited as the guest speaker, one Rolland Watson, an imported thug from Seattle whom Vandeleur and Co. is displaying in California as a labor organizer.

This gangster spent 30 minutes in a vicious tirade of lies and slander against the CIO and the Communist Party; he said the AFL had begged the CIO for several months to come back into the ranks of the AFL, but the CIO insisted on splitting the labor movement, so now it was a war to the finish.

Red-Baiting Lies

He accused the Communists of causing most of the trouble, then added that all Communists had been driven from the AFL and had joined the CIO.

He said that if patriotic Americans would do their duty as the legitimate labor leaders had done, there would not be any Communists left in America.

Calls for Violence

After this call for violence, Watson said that the AFL was opposed to sitdown strikes and was in favor of outlawing all strikes, and concluded with a brazen appeal to the employers to sign long contracts with the AFL for their own protection.

Clarence Dowd thanked this gangster for his "excellent address" and expressed his regrets that Edward Vandeleur, who was scheduled to speak, could not be present to explain things in more detail.

It Needs Explaining

Progressives agree that such treason should be explained in more detail, so they will analyze the situation and give their opinion on what honest members of the labor movement can do to repair the damage done by these unspeakable traitors.

OAKLAND STEEL LODGE CHARTER IS INSTALLED

OAKLAND—Representing the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, P. J. Lydon installed the charter for Lodge 1798, Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, last Tuesday night. Miles Humphries, CIO leader, also spoke.

Lodge 1798 includes workers from Bethlehem Structural Iron Co., California Wire Co., and other plants.

Nominations for permanent officers were also made Tuesday night.

UNION GROWS FAST IN L. A. GOODYEAR CO.

By a Rubber Worker

LOS ANGELES — I know the "Western" readers will be glad to hear that the membership of the Goodyear Rubber Co. local of the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO, has doubled itself in the last week, and we expect almost the same increase next week.

Our membership now is approximately 500, or about 25 per cent of the working force at Goodyear. All this in one month.

Gambler Throttles Watsonville Union

By a Lettuce Worker

WATSONVILLE—The Watsonville sub-local of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union has gone on record to break the ranks between Salinas and Watsonville.

Certain members of Watsonville—Frank Menez, Francis Sims and Jimmie Sells—made their plans recently. Mr. Sells is not working in this industry, but is a gambler, and it looks like he has full control in Watsonville, with Menez and Sims following his directions.

More for Shippers

And they seem to be working more for the shippers than for the union.

Sells says he can't get along with the negotiating committee. Seems like the reason is because he can't use his tactics with the shippers as he has before, in the last four years when he never brought back anything in favor of the union.

Tries to Tear Down

On the other hand, Sills comes back to the Watsonville Local, trying to bring a split between Watsonville and Salinas. Through the help of the members that were mentioned before, Sells seems to be trying to use tactics to tear down what benefits we should gain from the National Labor Relations Board.

The sub-local only had 40 members present out of 700, and only about half of them voted on this plan that Mr. Gambler Sells brought out.

Attack on Relief Bill Defeated by Senate

WASHINGTON—By a vote of 53 to 25 the senate defeated the first round of a reactionary attack on the administration's relief bill. The vote came on an amendment to turn back to the treasury more than $200,000,000 in unassigned balances from previously voted relief funds.

Harry L. Hopkins' testimony that even under the $1,500,000,000 proposed appropriation 120,000 persons would lose their relief jobs was brought into the debate by Senator McKellar.

Another obstructing amendment soon to be voted on would require local sponsors of relief work to furnish 40 per cent of the required funds.

TRY TO FORCE IN LINE SMALL CONTRACTORS

Unity With Labor is Need of "Little Fellows"

By a Bldg. Trades Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—A half-dozen of the largest contractors in the various building trades industries are organizing a united front against labor in a manner they think will force the small sub contractors in the allied industries to fall in line with them in this new drive, in which they hope to smash or split the labor movement in San Francisco.

They are forming a new organization to be called the Building Trades Employers Assn., to be composed of a delegate from each of the business men's associations in the various building trades and their allied industries, "to act in unison in collective bargaining with labor."

To Subdue Small Contractors

Under their plan they propose that no sub-contractor be permitted to figure any job through any general contractor's office without his first producing his membership card in BTEA, in the hope of making it impossible for the small sub-contractor to get any business unless he joins this organization.

To make certain of the continued control by the large contractors, they have set up an executive committee, and have drawn up laws empowering the executive committee to expel any member and to accept or reject any application for membership.

They further plan to require that each contractor, on a job, nail a poster on the building, on which the work is to be done showing him to be a member of the BTEA, and in the event that he is unable to do so, all other contractors are to pull their men off until he joins their organization, or a member be given the job.

Forcing Small Contractors

It is not known whether or not the various jobbing house will be members of the BTEA, but if so, it is not illogical to assume that material prices may be greatly increased to non-members, which would be a powerful factor in forcing the small contractors in, and in making them be "good dogs" after they get in, under pain of expulsion.

Need Unit in F.-L. P.

This is further proof that the interests of the small business man and middle class in general are identical with those of the workers, and that they have nothing in common with the big business man, and that not only is big business trying to force the small business man to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them, but also want to force the latter to conduct their very lives the way the big fellow wants him to.

A powerful Farmer-Labor Party would go far to free the small business man, the worker, the professional and the middle class from the yoke of big business.

Cops Blackmailing L.A. Store-Owners

By a Small Store-Owner

LOS ANGELES—Recently I was approached in my little store by members of the L. A. Police Dept. The last time, a person who said he was a police commissioner, convinced (?) me that the "healthy thing" for me to do was to purchase a book costing $3 from him.

The book is full of ads, large and small, and I KNOW that most of these "ads" were solicited in the same at-the-point-of-a-gun manner.

This little store is the source of my meagre living, not being able to do anything else. The taxes, rent and the various licenses take all my earnings. Contributions to these uniformed hoodlums will eventually drive me to charity.

Organize Against Blackmail!

I do not know what to do. My boy attending elementary school goes bare-footed, as I cannot afford to buy him shoes, but I must buy a book extolling the beauties of keeping an army of uniformed blackmailers and of course their superiors, at fat salaries on the public's back.

Please advise me through your columns what I should do against these legalized gangsters.

(ANSWER: Alone, you can make no effective protest against this blackmailing, but if all the small shop keepers organize and gain the cooperation of labor and other progressive forces, the protest can be effective. If you belong to a neighborhood merchants' organization, raise this issue at its next meeting.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

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U. S. MEDICAL MEN TOILING HARD IN SPAIN

Victory by People Over Fascism is Certain

By TED ALLAN

VALENCIA (By wireless to FP)—Back from Paris and Geneva, where I observed the machination of diplomats in the face of a world catching on fire, I decided to cut out the talkfest of (of British diplomacy especially) by taking a trip to southern Spain and seeing the People's Front in action.

I also wanted to observe the results of the Negrin cabinet which was formed the day I left for Paris. I had already seen the efficiency which resulted on the central fronts after a central command had established itself.

I wanted to see what the far-away Cordoba front looked like.

People Will Win

What I saw convinces me again that no matter what vacillating attitude Britain takes, the Spanish people will win the war. The Guadarrama offensive is the first definite indication of how the new government is dealing with the Fascist bloodslaughter in the Basque country. It proved its effectiveness by forcing the fascists to withdraw planes from Bilbao.

Now, 30 miles from Cordoba, the government is digging in, solidifying the gains of the last few weeks. I traveled nearly 1,200 miles. In the fertile fields of Andalusia, I saw the small farmers cooperating wholeheartedly with the government. There was a steady stream of mules, driven cattle, and farm carts to the front and to the villages.

I spent the day with Canadian blood transfusion car making a tour of the southern fronts to organize a blood center there. We visited American Hospital No. 1, 2½ miles behind the lines, closest hospital to the front in Spain. The morning we arrived the front was bombed by fifteen planes—six Junkers and nine chasers. The hospital is completely camouflaged. The mobile operating room, technically known as "auto clinic," has bullet-proof windows and looks like an ordinary truck load of hay on the branches of a tree, where the American, Dr. Barsky, performs operations on the wounded in such auto-chirs in Spain.

Dr. Barsky said that abdominal cases and severe hemorrhages need immediate attention, and this makes it necessary for the unit to be located so near the front. The need for more auto-chirs is most apparent.

The heat, dust, and the flies and mosquitoes unbearable.

Well, we got accustomed to the shells and bombs, but it is tough getting used to flies and mosquitoes. Also, the heat is sticky, scratching himself.

One nurse said: "The only consolation is that the mosquitoes are biting the fascists too."

American Workers Sew Garments for Spain's Heroes

NEEDLE TRADES workers in New York sewing garments, to be donated to the fighters for democracy in Spain.

Strikes Banned by Carpenters' Head

PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County—"This plant can never shut down. You have no right to have a picket line."

That's what President Campbell, boss of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, told workers in the Redwood Mfg. Co. here, when he handed them the word he had made with the employer.

To add insult to injury, Cambino told them he had agreed with the Pearson-Pounds Management, that the Millmen's Union grievance committee must be by same on a personal as the old company union "grievance committee."

The workers were first organized by the Martinez Carpenters' Local but Cambino moved in and set up a separate "Auxiliary Local" charter for the lumber handlers and clerks. The agreement he gave this local was a minimum wage of 65c an hour, whereas the Oakland scale for the same work is $6.50 per day, and a 48-hour week instead of a 40-hour week.

HIT DISMISSAL OF PROF.

NEW HAVEN—Yale University was unjustified in dismissing Prof. Jerome Davis, a special commissioner of the American Assn of Professors found. This is a national Teachers Union president.

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A Few Challenges From Los Angeles In "Sub" Drive

LOS ANGELES—With twenty-two yearly subscriptions to his credit, L. Shrier, member of the Downtown Section, has decided that he is going to do places"! He has challenged Jerry Feingold, chairman Press Builder of San Francisco, to beat him on the basis of points!

What about it, Jerry? Will you take him up on it?

Here's another challenge from Los Angeles:

The Professional Section at its membership meeting on Thursday, June 10, challenged the Professional Section of San Francisco to reach its quota of 100 subs first.

Hawaii Labor Seeks Help in Fight on Strikers' Frameup

SAN FRANCISCO — Fighting against framed charges of "third degree conspiracy" lodged against nine Filipino leaders in the plantation strike on the island of Maui, the young Hawaiian Islands' labor movement has appealed here for financial, moral and legal aid from the labor movement on the mainland.

Frameup Charges

"They are charged with third degree conspiracy," states a telegram sent the International Labor Defense here by Ed Berman, Vice Chairman of the ILD of Honolulu; Max Weisbarth, Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn. agent, and Harry Lealoha, Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn. agent.

"It is alleged that they brought a scab into union headquarters and compelled him to sign a strike pledge. The scab was originally in the group that called the strike. It looks like provocateur work."

The frame-up trial was set for June 14, and the ILD cabled Berman advising him to seek a postponement on the trial and to attend by, because help was coming. The ILD had immediately set machinery in motion to get a trustworthy attorney to Honolulu to defend the framed workers.

However, the ILD received a cable from Berman on June 14, as follows:

"Judge refuses to grant postponement. Jury will be chosen today. Workers are being evicted from their homes and we need funds. Appeal to all organized labor."

The plight of Filipino workers against intolerable conditions on the Puunene plantation, Maui, started in April under the leadership of the Vibora Luvimindia, Filipino workers' organization. The plantations are owned by the Baldwins, sugar barons.

Pension Funds!

Crews of many ships docking in the Islands have already donated funds to the strikers.

The ILD urged all unions in the States to contribute directly to the strikers' aid, via Honolulu Longshoremen's Assn., Honolulu, Longshoremen's Assn. Territory of Hawaii.

CIO Strikes Famed Mojave Gold Mine

MOJAVE—One hundred members of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter workers union have struck the famed Cactus Queen gold mine, as a result of the management's refusal to grant union recognition.

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A FARMER-LABOR CONGRESSMAN HELPS TO ORGANIZE LABOR UNION

"It's My Duty," Says Bernard of Minnesota, Helping to Unionize Steel Workers

By IRENE PAULL

DULUTH, Minn.—Congressmen come and go and never leave a ripple on the surface of current history, but when a congressman, elected by the people, actually makes it his business to represent the people and act in their behalf, that's front page news.

I pair Rep. John T. Bernard a visit in the office of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

"Mr. Bernard," I asked, "what is your official capacity in this organizing campaign?"

Mr. Bernard paused. "I don't know," he said, "if I have any official title. I am in charge of the organizational work in the three states of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, for the organization of miners and steel workers."

Devoted to Labor

"Isn't it rather unusual, Mr. Bernard, that a congressman should take such a personal and active interest in the problems of the working class?"

"It might be unusual," he smiled, "but the organization of the workers has been my most cherished dream for years. We have struggled shoulder to shoulder with them since 1919 trying to buck the steel trust. I was president of the miners' union in my home town until two years ago and through the unscrupulous and cruel tactics of the steel trust I saw my little local dwindle from 320 members to a minimal thirty. This was due to the intimidation, spy system and terror of the steel trust."

"How will you divide your time, Mr. Bernard, between your duties in Congress and your duties in organizing?"

"I shall always be ready to fight for unity and to do my part to achieve it," Zyromski told the Monde News Agency. He said that in his opinion no time should be lost in responding to the appeal for international unity made by the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain and by the General Workers Union (UGT) of Spain.

Zyromski is the leader of the Socialist Party's left wing.

FRENCH LEFT SOCIALIST IN UNITY APPEAL

Zyromski Urges Second International to Respond

LONDON — Jean Zyromski, leading French Socialist, called upon leaders of the Second International to join with the Communist International in immediate united action to support the Spanish Republic.

"I shall always be ready to fight for unity and to do my part to achieve it," Zyromski told the Monde News Agency. He said that in his opinion no time should be lost in responding to the appeal for international unity made by the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain and by the General Workers Union (UGT) of Spain.

Zyromski is the leader of the left wing of the French Socialist Party and a member of Party's executive committee.

"International unity of action for Republican Spain," he continued, "is more necessary than ever. This has always been my opinion, but today I must put it forward still more energetically.

"I am quite aware of the opposition toward it within the Labor and Socialist International, as I have often had an occasion to combat it within that organization.

"At the present moment there is no justifiable reason which can be put forward against the establishment of unity of action."

DEMONSTRATE VS. FORD

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POPE TOLD OF SUPPORT FOR BASQUE GOV'T

Priests' Delegation Cites Devastation By Fascism

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The text was made public only after the Basque delegation had returned to Spain from the Vatican in Rome.

The letter carefully points out that the Basque government has protected the Basque clergy and people, and gives explicit details on the fascist invasion and destruction of thousands of lives, together with churches and homes of the people in destroyed Basque towns.

The letter completely answers the arguments of fascism that Catholic people and their clergy in the Basque province are not supporting the Basque government in its opposition to the fascist invasion.

"These facts," it said, "to which we fix our signatures and to the truth of which we invoke the testimony of God, are the same which the Basque government has published in its White Book."

Your Holiness, are the same which the Basque government has published in its White Book."

The letter ends with a plea to the attitude that labor should not go into politics when by going into politics they could elect representatives, from congressmen to judges, who would protect their interests".

"What has been one of the tragedies of the working class, that they have not realized the necessity of entering the political field to put in elective offices, men and women who were pledged to work in their behalf. The employers have taken advantage of the situation and con-

Emergency Power Voted in France to Meet Crisis

PARIS—The Leon Blum government has been granted emergency powers over French finances up to July 31 to meet the effort of the "200 families" to bring financial disaster to the country in order to discredit the People's Front.

Vincent Auriol, finance minister, charged that speculation is threatening the financial structure of the country. Recognizing

that this crisis exists, the Communist Party strongly insisted on its position that the solution rests in taxing the rich. It opposed granting the emergency powers until the Blum government made it clear that it would split the People's Front unless the powers were granted.

Every effort was being made by reactionary deputies to oppose granting the powers to the Blum cabinet, although they had supported similar powers when used by the reactionary Laval cabinet.

Communist deputies voted for the measure only when it became clear that the Blum cabinet would not rescind its position and would automatically be forced to resign if it failed in its program.

Such an outcome was exactly what was wanted by the reactionaries, who were led on the floor of the Chamber of Deputies by Paul Reynaud, former premier.

Communists' opposition was directed against provisions which included the possibility of increasing taxes and raising rates on government-owned utilities.

Retrial Denied in Suit vs. Vigilante

SACRAMENTO — Silva M. Green, Santa Rosa tar and feather victim, has been denied a retrial motion by Federal Judge Roche, in a suit to collect $25,000 from Fred M. Cairns, Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce head and leader of the vigilante tar and feather mob.

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U.S.S.R. Mourns Sister of Lenin

MOSCOW — Thousands of workers filed silently past the coffin of Maria Ilinishna Ulianova, sister of Lenin, who died here June 13 of high blood pressure. She was buried with full official pomp.

Maria Ilinishna was a leading leading active worker for the Communist Party for the Soviet Union for more than 40 years.

At the time of her death Ulianova was a member of the presiding committee of the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and a member of the bureau of the commission for Soviet control.

She was born in 1878 in Simbursk, now known as Ulyanov, and was in the vanguard of the revolutionary movement began in her early youth under the influence of her brother, Vladimir Ilyich Ulianov (Lenin). She stood with the Bolsheviks following the 1903 split. Her work prior to the revolution of 1917 was often interrupted by arrests and prison sentences, from which she returned each time to active work.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Railroad union members still refuse to move supplies into steel mills for strikebreakers housed in the mills.

JOHN L. SCHEDULE VISIT MEX

CTM Invites P Of Visit P To U.S.

MEXICO CITY — The has been announced John L. Lewis, Pres Committee for Indus ization, will visit Mexico September, at the of the Confederation Mexican Workers.

Soon after the CTM ed in Mexico City delegation to the to establish contact relations with the of the American Fed the AFL refused Mexican delegation parently out of offended by the Mexican Federation Labor, leader of the CROM.

The CTM was welcomed, however, by dividual unions and erations of the AFL leaders of the CIO.

Lewis's visit to Mexico will give him first-hand knowledge of the condition Mexican working class and thus help to strengthen the unity of the progressive labor of both countries.

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Thomas Scores Trotzkyist Putsch in Spain

NEW YORK—"To condone the 'purge' of the POUM is to play into the hands of the fascists," declared Norman Thomas to an audience of 3500 in the Hippodrome here.

In answering a question from the floor, the leading figure of the Socialist Party declared that "this uprising, whatever its intention, could cripple the necessary war which the people want against Franco."

He was speaking on the May 1 revolt organized in Barcelona by the Trotzkyite POUM in his first address since his return from a visit to Spain which included both Spain and the Soviet Union.

While Thomas maintained his "unconditional" stand on such questions as the role of the present Negrin cabinet in Spain, he directly refuted the Trotzkyist contention that the role played by the POUM was in accordance to that played by the Bolsheviks in Russia during the early years of the revolution in defense of the full support to the various People's Front "coalitive" fight against capitalism. He admitted, however, that "they were stopped fascism."

He devoted much of his address to an elaboration on the point raised by his question "By what transition do we bridge the gap between the defensive fight against fascism and the triumph over capitalism?"

Attacks Collective Security

Again he declared that "The longer the capitalist break-up in large-scale European war is postponed, the better is the chance that it may possibly be avoided or turned into a comparatively brief death struggle of the fascist dictatorships." He followed this up with an attack on collective security, stating that as long as capitalism is irresponsible, he rapped the capitulation of the British Labor Party and the trade unions to the progress being made in building unity against fascism within that party.

Thomas admitted his inability

Paul Cline Will Debate on Court

LOS ANGELES—Paul Cline, Los Angeles County Organizer of the Communist Party, will debate Robert Kenny, public head of the fascist Constitutional Society, on the subject of President Roosevelt's proposals of President Roosevelt are for the best interests of the American people." The debate takes place Sunday, June 27, at the Music Arts Hall, 730 South Broadway.

Brewery Intl. Won't Pay Tax Against CIO

CINCINNATI — The Brewery Workers international executive board has refused to support the unity of its 45,000 members in refusing to pay the doubled dues demanded by the AFL executive council to fight the CIO.

Refusals in locals throughout the country are increasing.

WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

Health Conditions Among Workers In Hotels—California Labor History

Earl Browder's Speech at Writers' Congress

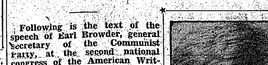
Following is the text of the speech of Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party, at the second national congress of the American Writers Congress, June 4, in New York:

Friends:

This Second Congress of American writers, gathering at a moment when world peace is immediately threatened by the fascist dictators, is a challenge to arms and culture, faces most serious tasks. Writers can stand aside from the struggles that are rending the world only at the price of removing themselves from the life economy, the source of all strength in their art, and of becoming, even if unwittingly, apologists for reaction. They can join the camp of reaction only by completely abandoning all real honesty and decency, not to speak of the professional attitudes of all writers who join the goose-step parade of fascism which celebrates its victory by burning books. Writers cannot contribute anything to literature except by taking their place in the ranks of the people against reaction, fascism, and war, which by every test is irretrievably shattered by the bombs of Hitler and Mussolini.

In Service of the Masses

We of the Communist Party welcome the growth in the movement of the writers to enter the service of the masses of people. The first Writers' Congress we made clear that we do not approach the writers with the intention of bringing them into union organizers, or leaflet distributors. We welcome heartedly with those who say the task of the writer is to write—and to write better and better. There will surely be some writers who will find the road to do this work through direct participation in the struggles of labor and of the people; all will find it these struggles directly or indirectly, the source of their inspiration work. But each must find his own way, in free consultation with his conscience, in accordance with his gifts, and formal discipline we have no desire to impose upon the writers. We welcome the free cooperation of writers of all parties. We are especially glad to see at this Congress, in contrast to that of last year, addressed by representatives of all political groups which place the preservation of democracy as the supreme task of the day. We hope you will listen with equal attention to all of them, and pass judgment each one on each point on its merits as it relates to your problems as writers. We ourselves claim only the same right to exercise the same freedom of expression that we gladly join in guaranteeing to all others. That is the foundation for a broad unity of all democratic



which we are enlisted in a war —a war which the fascist powers are rapidly translating into air-bombings and hails of machine-gun bullets over ever wider areas of the world.

Writers must work out their own discipline for the problems of their own work. But in relation to the two great warring camps, democracy and fascism, they will find it necessary to adjust themselves to the high and higher discipline of the whole struggle for democracy. They have to make their own decisions on the content and method of their work; but they are responsible to their fellow-men that their work does in truth serve the cause of peace and democracy, which every writer demands can be served by no sophistry. Every writer is responsible to his associates and to the people for the results of his work.

We Communists ask for no privileged position among your ranks. We welcome the free cooperation of writers of all parties. We are especially glad to see at this Congress, in contrast to that of last year, addressed by representatives of all political groups which place the preservation of democracy as the supreme task of the day. We hope you will listen with equal attention to all of them, and pass judgment each one on each point on its merits as it relates to your problems as writers. We ourselves claim only the same right to exercise the same freedom of expression that we gladly join in guaranteeing to all others. That is the foundation for a broad unity of all democratic forces, including those of us whose aims reach into the future to the socialist revolution, against the rising menace of fascist barbarism.

Communist Attitude

Allow me to make the Communist attitude very clear by concretely dealing with a public accusation, made against the Communists, and specifically myself, in the current issue of The New Republic. I choose this exchange, rather than the hysterical diatribes of Trotzkyites, who can be answered only in the same way as the similar outbursts of Senator Royal Copeland and Al Smith. In the New Republic we have accusations against the Communists, written by Reinhold Niebuhr, which are not applicable wholesale to any one of the whole Writers' Congress, the progressive movement, and even the Roosevelt Administration, as has become the fashion. Mr. Niebuhr is more sober, and his apparent honesty merits a frank and clear answer.

Mr. Niebuhr charges that "the similarities between Communist and Catholic orthodoxy are becoming daily more apparent." Because I spoke in sharp terms against a proposal from Father Frank Gavin, who in his rejecting the evidence and verdict of the Moscow trials, of the Soviet Union in the trial of the Trotzkyite wreckers and fascist agents, Mr. Niebuhr concludes that "Mr. Browder no doubt imagines himself a champion of free communication." He sees in this the "spirit of a politician" which "dismisses the artist" with "pat, conning abuse."

Mr. Niebuhr's comments had really created such an issue of "political versus artist," we would be glad to have him accept it. In this Writers' Congress which consists, presumably, exclusively of artists of the pen. But I presume to declare that Mr. Niebuhr is mistaken, and to feel confident that my fellow-artists gathered here will acquit me and say with me: Amen!

Purely Political Issue

The issue presented by Waldo Frank and others is not primarily a purely political. The letters published all of us read and judge. Those who agree with Mr. Frank will doubtless "express approval of the League of Nations." I think," she said, "it is a very good thing, but it seems to me rather a pity to have so many foreigners on it!" na."

The militant traditions of Pacific Coast maritime workers date back to 1850, when, from notices appearing in the newspapers of the day, it seems probable there was some sort of organization among the boatmen of San Francisco. They participated in the Admission Day parade of 1850, and frequently asserted themselves in the proceedings in the daily papers, but there is no definite information on their organization.

In August, 1850, the sailors attempted to resist a reduction in wages by going on strike, but they failed due to the fact that many miners returned back to San Francisco, disheartened, penniless and eager to work at any wages. This left the shipowners took advantage of this to get cheap labor and to force down the sailors' wages.

Two other strikes took place in California in 1850. In October, the musicians refused to take part in the Admission Day celebration unless paid an increase in wages of $26 and $32 instead of the old wage of $18 and $20, but the strike was broken and the musicians did not enjoy.

In Sacramento in September, the carpenters won a pay increase from $12 to $14 a day through a strike.

It should be pointed out, that wages were high in dollars but not in real purchasing power, for the prices of necessities of life had skyrocketed upward with the advent of the 49ers and the Gold Rush. Therefore, labor was forced to fight for increased wages in order to maintain their standard of living.

Widespread unemployment developed in San Francisco during 1851 and 1852, as men came back from unsuccessful prospecting. Also, the construction of wharves and piers, running far out into San Francisco Bay, meant unemployment to hundreds of carpenters and boatmen.

Only the building crafts were comparatively unaffected by unemployment. The fact that the fires swept the city in 1851 and occasioned much rebuilding. For instance, commented one newspaper of the time, sawmills ran day and night in order to supply the demand for lumber.

In May, 1851, the sevedores and the lumbershovers struck for $6 per day, although it does not appear that they had any formal union organization. The printers were successful in opposing a reduction in wages.

Due to the great unemployment, the coal heavers were unable to halt a reduction in wages from $100 to $60 a month, by strike action, and the musicians were filled in the demand for $60 each for playing at the Fourth of July celebration.

The unions of the teamsters and the boatmen met frequently. C. D. Murray and C. H. Bailey were president and secretary, respectively, of the Teamsters' Assn. as organized in 1851.

In February, 1852, a union was organized among the brickmakers, and two months later the bakers organized a union. The bakers had been compelled to work Saturday nights and Sundays. The union was organized at well-attended meetings on April 18 and 25, 1852, and resolutions were adopted demanding the abolition of this Saturday night and Sunday work. After a campaign by the bakers, the Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale and vending of bakers' goods on Sunday.

Outside of San Francisco the only organization of workers known is that of the printers of Sacramento, which was formed some time before March, 1852, with J. B. De Yoe as president.

In San Francisco, the "Alta California" of August 4, 1852, mentions the following organizations that were to participate in the ceremonies held in San Francisco to pay "the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of Henry Clay": seamen, drymen, lightermen, Pacific Typographical Union and mechanics.

(To Be Continued)

Pamphlet Shows Future of YCL

By CLINT DUFF

"Make Your Dreams Come True," is the title of Gil Green's address to the Eighth National Convention of the Young Communist League, issued recently in 50-page booklet form (6c), the speech is a tremendous inspiration to all who are interested in the problems of youth today.

"Let's Give Youth What It Wants" reads the heading of one of the chapters of Green's address, explaining that young people do not want a Junior Communist League, but a youth organization that teaches them "an understanding of the world they live in" and helps them "how to win a better life."

New League Constitution

Many new proposals are being made in the Young Communist League forms the meat of this splendid address. Particularly is this subject will soon be available, when the new Constitution of the League is published.

This document, according to Green calls for greater inner democracy and the possibility of independent organizations affiliating to the YCL. Thus will be furthered the purpose of the League "as an organization of youth and education by the youth—to carry forward everything that is best and progressive in American life."

(Pamphlet is available at all Workers' Bookstores.)

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Screen Writers Go Before N.L.R.B.

HOLLYWOOD — The Screen Writers Guild is coming to life with a bang!

It has filed a petition with the labor board to be certified for sole representation in collective bargaining, and the guild meeting June 8 showed a big increase in membership.

Dudley Nichols was elected president. The new board includes Lillian Hellman, Dorothy Parker, Donald Ogden Stewart, Morrison Raphaelson, Morris Ryskind, Edwin Justus and Mayer Guild.

CHURCHES AID UNIONS

NEW YORK—The Council for Social Action of the Congregational Churches of America urges support for the steel unionization drive.

Medical Equipment is Desperately Needed in Spain, Reports Seldes

NEW YORK — "You cannot imagine how desperately the Spanish people need medical help. I was asked to try to get a doctor some hypodermic needles in Madrid. I have 8000 anti-typhoid injections to make and only 36 needles," he said. Hemingway (Ernest Hemingway, the novelist) sent Sid Franklin (American boxing bull fighter) to every drug store in town and he collected 200 needles. But where will the next supply come from?"

This is part of a letter written by Lester Seldes, well-known American writer, who recently returned from Spain.

American Hospital Bombed

Its release coincided with receipt of a cable from Dr. Edward B. Barsky, New York surgeon in charge of four American hospitals in Spain, advising that for the second time the new American mobile hospital, which follows the lines on the Cordoba front, has been heavily bombarded by the fascist invaders.

Communications were made public by the Medical Bureau, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City. Donations are urgently requested by this committee for use in purchasing the desperately needed medical equipment for the defenders of democracy in Spain.

Mrs. "Liberty League"

It's supposed to have happened. Talking with her brother, Mrs. "Liberty League," expressed approval of the League of Nations. "I think," she said, "it is a very good thing, but it seems to me rather a pity to have so many foreigners on it!" na."

East Bay Theater Union Announces Program in July

BERKELEY—The East Bay Theater Union has announced it will present "Squaring the Circle," a Soviet comedy, and one act from "The Silent Partner," a new play by Clifford Odets, on July 9 and 10 at the 20th Century Club, 2716 Derby St., Berkeley, just above College.

"Free Tom Mooney" Committee is Set Up By Texas Labor

TYLER, Texas—By unanimous vote, the Texas State Federation of Labor in convention here set up a special "Free Tom Mooney Committee."

The committee is authorized to conduct a state-wide campaign in support of Mooney in his fight for vindication in California.

By Ned Dahl

Set Up League of American Writers

NEW YORK—Marching side-by-side with labor, and with the world movement against fascism, the second national American Writers' Congress created a national body here, the League of American Writers, with the calling of six regional groups. National headquarters are established at 1123 Sixth Ave., New York City.

Donald Ogden Stewart, Hollywood playwright and humorist, was elected president.

Keynote speech of the Congress, Archibald MacLeish, chairman of the opening meeting Saturday night, declared anti-fascists "are fighting our future battle on the battlefields of Spain."

Four hundred novelists, dramatists, poets and critics attended the congress. Ernest Hemingway, novelist, made the first appearance in his native country since he declared himself actively in the fight against fascism.

Soviet Union News Briefs

NORTH POLE (Via Moscow) —Bird-life has been discovered at the North Pole, the Soviet expedition reported seeing a black-winged, white-feathered water bird, the guillemot, above a fissure at the North Pole.

MOSCOW—Ten districts in the South have reported their spring sowing and mass planting continues in the collective farms of the Ostyako and Bougalsky regions.

Cities Grow

LENINGRAD — During 1936, Leningrad had 512,000 arrivals and 445,000 departures, 67,000 people remaining to live in Leningrad. Of 710,000 arrivals in Moscow from different sections of the Soviet Union, 95,000 remained in the capital.

MINSK — The White Russia Soviet government made arrangements for Pioneer Summer Camps, which will accommodate over 64,000 children.

New Mineral Wealth

ALMA-ATA—Thirteen new deposits of nickel have been located here in recent months, making a total of 25 extensive nickel deposits within the radius of the local smelter.

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Birth Control

Several months ago, a federal court handed down a very important decision in regard to the giving out of birth control information. There has been a great deal of discussion on this question since then. The reactionaries still claiming that it is illegal to send such information through the mails.

The legal committee of the Birth Control League has answered these reactionaries. According to this committee, it is now possible for a doctor to send birth control information through the mails without fear of being prosecuted.

This opinion will be investigated and if it is certain that it is correct, and that there will be no danger of the Western Worker losing its mailing rights, I will shortly print some articles giving full information as to birth control measures.

Hotel Strikers

In the future, as large strikes develop, this column will print articles on diseases caused by, or connected with, the strikes. Strikers follow. This should give strikers valuable ammunition to use against them.

If you go out on strike or if you have a friend who is striking, this column for such articles. Today, we shall take up the question of hotel and restaurant employees on strike in San Francisco.

Hotel and restaurant employees have a much higher sickness rate than persons in other occupations. This is due to the long, irregular hours, overwork, and the bad air, contaminated with tobacco smoke, that they are constantly forced to breathe.

Nearly 1/7 of all deaths of workers in industry are due to tuberculosis, mainly tuberculosis. The number with tuberculosis is very large. Cooks especially, suffer from these diseases because they work in very bad surroundings and catch cold very easily, which soon leads into a draft.

Most hotel workers must stand, or walk for long hours. This develops flatfeet, knock-knees, varicose veins (swollen veins), etc.

There is a great deal of anemia among maids, due to the indoor work.

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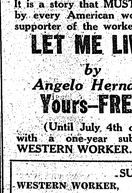

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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Feat[ures]

Alaska Cannery Workers Union Member Writes From Spain—Red-baiting is Danger in S. F. Cannery Union—Stockton Cannery Workers Fight Bosses' Control i[n] —Alameda County Supervisors Condone Police Brutality—100,000 Now in Textile Union—MORE LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

East Bay AFL Heads Organize Violence Against the C[IO]

CIO COMMITTEE STATEMENT EXPOSES STRIKEBREAKING BY SPOONER, FEE, REAL & CO.

"CIO Does Not Support Strikebreaking or Destruction of Property," Declares Statement, Exposing Press Lies

OAKLAND—The Alameda County Committee for Industrial Organization has issued the following statement, exposing lies of the capitalist press that CIO and AFL workers are at odds and fighting each other, under the title of "Who Is Fighting Who in the Labor Movement":

"The newspapers state that the CIO has attacked AFL property. This is to make it appear that CIO and AFL workers are battling among themselves. Here are the facts:

AFL Heads Stoop to Gangsterism

"The AFL has, in its desperation, now stooped to open gangsterism. The Central Labor Council, now set up by William Green, through his representatives, Watson, Spooner, Fee, Real and Company, has now become allied openly with the California Canning Corporation to break the strike of the Cannery Workers and Warehousemen ILA 38-44, by taking the California Packing Company off the unfair list and running scabs through the picket lines. Although the teamsters' Union, Local 70, voted 175 to 32 not to go through picket lines, Charles Real is ordering teamsters through AFL picket lines.

"In addition to this strikebreaking activity, sanctioned by the Central Labor Council, headed by Spooner and Fee, the reactionary leaders, Tyrell, Fowler, and Reynolds, of the Laborers' Union, Local 304, attempted to intimidate the workers of the California Waste Materials into joining the AFL.

"To do this, Real and Fowler organized their gangsters and attacked the workers of the California Waste Materials. These workers were peacefully picketing the plant when attacked by these gangsters armed with pick handles.

Cooperating With Bosses

"The natural result of this strike-breaking activity against the workers in the Canneries, Warehouse, and Steel Workers' Unions, has naturally aroused bitter resentment in the minds of these workers that are struggling against the Canners' League.

"The AFL leaders are not only strike-breaking, but they openly admit that they are cooperating with the Cannery Owners in organizing the bosses, foreladies, and finks into a dual union to the Cannery and Warehousemen. It must be understood that both the Cannery and Warehousemen are AFL unions. The Steel Workers Union is affiliated to the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers.

CIO Position

"The CIO wishes to state that we do not support or endorse any strike-breaking or destruction of property. We want it understood that we recognize every picket line that is the result of workers striking against their employers, whether these workers are CIO or AFL. We are organizing to bring about better working conditions, higher wages, and industrial peace. Strike-breaking and gangsterism does not result in peace and harmony.

"Any destruction of property that has taken place, any conflict that has taken place, is the result of the strike-breaking activities of the leaders of the AFL. They must shoulder the responsibility of their activity.

"The CIO refuses to accept any responsibility for the revolt of the workers against their strike-breaking leaders.

"Fraternally yours,
"Alameda County CIO Committee."

Cooks Back O'Neil For "Voice" Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—Jim O'Neil, acting editor of the Voice of the Federation, organ of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, carried a coast-wide referendum in the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union by 3-1 vote over Barney Mayes, Trotzkyite who was removed as editor for disruptive activities during the 1936-37 maritime strike, announced E. F. Burke, secretary. The recent ILA convention also endorsed O'Neil for permanent editor.

CIO UNION WINS

NEW YORK—By a vote of 2373 to 536, the workers on the Third Avenue Railway system chose the CIO Transport Workers Union as their representa-

SUPERVISORS OF ALAMEDA CO. OK POLICE TERROR

Condone Brutal Beating of Cannery Worker By Cops

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND — The Alameda County Board of Supervisors have surrendered their public-endowed right and duty to act as a legislative body for the county.

The Board permits the military of Alameda County, as represented by Sheriff M. B. Driver, and the district attorney, to trample every constitutional right of the people.

In reply to Roy R. Noftz, Workers Alliance organizer, who on behalf of the Ortiz Defense Comittee demanded that the Supervisors conduct an investigation of Sheriff Driver's office, the Board states: "The Board of Supervisors has been of the opinion that it had no jurisdiction in this matter and this (Driver's) report substantiates that fact."

Demand Legislation

The Ortiz Defense Committee demanded this investigation so that on the basis of its disclosures, the supervisors would enact legislation intended to prevent police brutality as practiced by Driver's deputies.

The Board, by claiming that have no jurisdiction, state that they have no function in office. Like all legislative bodies they are elected for purposes of enacting and passing on laws for the territory they represent.

Ortiz, a Cannery Worker picket, was kidnapped in Hayward, and beaten in the new Courthouse by deputies from Driver's office, yet the Board states it has no jurisdiction over such fascist activities!

14,000 SHOE WORKERS IN EAST GO CIO

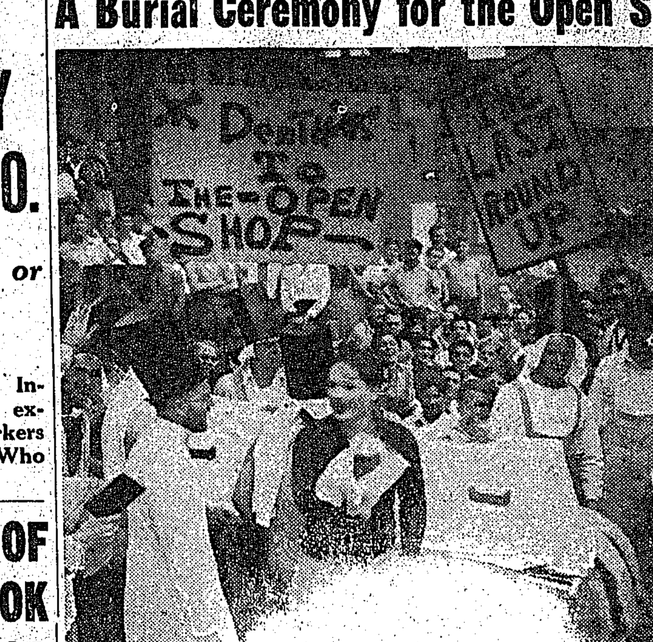
NEW YORK—Seven locals in Joint Council No. 26, Boot & Shoe Workers Union, have voted to break away from the AFL and affiliate their 14,000 members with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Discouraged with their long struggle for autonomy in the AFL, the locals decided to join the other shoe unions in the United Shoe Workers of the CIO.

Millmen's Union, Bakersfield, Has Charter Installed

BAKERSFIELD—The newly-organized Millmen's Union has received its charter from the Carpenters' International. The organizing work was done under auspices of the local Carpenters' Union, but the group has a separate charter taking in all those handling lumber and materials in yards here. About 100 members are in the local.

A Burial Ceremony for the Open Shop



SITDOWN STRIKERS at Philadelphia's Apex Hosiery Mills lighten their fourth week of struggle by holding a burial ceremony for the open shop.

Red-Baiting Danger To Cannery Union

By a Cannery Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—With the union now in a critical situation in the process of organizing, and in carrying on a strike at the Tea Garden Cannery, several members of our Cannery & Preserve Workers Union 20379 have brought a dangerous thing into the ranks of the union by red-baiting at our last union meeting.

All this was brought about because the Young Communist League wrote a letter to our union offering any help it could in our strike, and because it put out bulletins outside our union meeting on the same question.

Hearst Lingo

Henry Richter, a member of the union board of trustees, was one of those who red-baited and, whether consciously or unconsciously, he advanced the same kind of lingo that Hearst always uses in attempts to break up unions, that the union was "Communist-controlled."

I am a cannery worker and also a Young Communist League member. In fact, if I were not a good union member and went against the interests of the union, I could not be a YCLer.

Because red-baiting has been proved time and again to be against the interests of real unionism, it has been outlawed by all successful unions. For example, the Maritime Federation, which won its big victories because it had unity of the workers and did not allow this unity to be broken by division among workers for political beliefs, race, or religion.

Only Bosses Profit By Red-Baiting

When Jack Shelley became Central Labor Council president last January, he spoke along similar lines against red-baiting.

Only the bosses, and we are fighting a very powerful set of bosses in the Canners' League of California, can benefit by division among the workers, whether by red-baiting or any other method, and frequently send stoolpigeons and provocateurs into the unions to carry on this red-baiting. I hope those who red-baited in our union did so only because they didn't understand this question, and don't really know what the Young Communist League stands for.

YCLers Belong in Unions

You find YCL members in the unions because YCL members are workers who are particularly conscious of the necessity not only to belong to unions, but also to strengthen them so they can win better wages, shorter hours and better working conditions for all the workers.

And you will find YCL members among the hardest fighters for democracy in the unions, as well as everywhere else. We believe every worker has a right to express himself in our union.

Let's outlaw red-baiting in our union, and join the ranks of those other progressive unions who have done so and who have won great gains for labor.

Crafts Try to Rob S.F. Paint-Makers

By a Paint Maker

SAN FRANCISCO—The Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Makers, Local 1070, formerly in the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, were received into the International Union of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America with a proviso that they were to remain an industrial union, and with the definite understanding that in any event no jurisdictional claims would be pushed until organization was complete. Separate crafts were grouped under the name of "Maintenance Men" to avoid this.

Jurisdiction Squabbles

In open breach of this agreement, Machinists are already claiming members. As a token of what may be expected, they were pressing claims for men of the Glidden Paint Co. while the latter was on strike.

State Organizer Moore, Painters Union, told the members they could expect the same from other crafts as it was there the men belonged. When asked why the craft unions had made no effort to organize these men, he replied he did not know.

Different With Warehousemen

In contrast has been the attitude of the Warehousemen, who scrupulously refrained from claiming men they might have claimed, in one instance at least telling men to go back and join their own union.

It is one of the ironies of the situation that the paint manufacturers have all along been afraid of the Warehousemen taking members.

Bakery Union Set Up In Oroville, Chico

OROVILLE, Butte County — Eighteen of 25 workers in the Log Cabin Bakeries here and in Chico have signed up with the Bakers' Union, and Walt Louman of Oroville chosen temporary president.

HIT SHEPPARD BILL

TYLER, Texas — The Texas Federation of Labor has condemned the Sheppard-Hill mobilization bill, a fascist measure.

"THE MODERN WOMAN"

Come on, all you miners, and join in the fun.
We're out to win a battle and I'm sure it can be done;
It may be work and worry, that much we all know,
But if we want some action,
Let's all join the C. I. O.

Come on, all you ladies, join Local 45;
Make your husbands proud to say,
"My wife is still alive."
We're not like our grandmas who used to stay at home and sew,
Let's get out and give all our support,
To the good old C. I. O.!

(This poem is reprinted from a bulletin issued by Ladies Auxiliary No. 45, Twin Cities Local, International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, Nevada City, California.)

ALASKA CANNER[Y] IN ANTI-FASCIST RANKS IN SPAIN

Letter From Fighter In Tom Mooney Battalion

SAN FRANCISCO—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union has received a letter from one of its members, Abraham Neufeldt, now fighting in the Tom Mooney battalion in defense of democracy in Spain, and has forwarded it to the Western Worker to be published, as per Neufeldt's request. The letter follows:

"Dear Brothers:

"I am addressing this letter to my brother union men, hoping that it will find the brothers in harmony and success in their fight against the Packers. But more important than this is the unity and harmony of all of our brothers in the union. Solidarity and unity are of the utmost importance to the workers. Let there be no discrimination or chauvinistic feelings among our brothers. We must stand shoulder to shoulder in our fight for proletarian democratic freedom and rights.

Many Maritime Fed. Members in Spain

"I feel, brothers, that I made the most decisive move in my career, the day I decided to fight fascism here in Spain. I am at this time more determined than ever before in my stand for the battle against fascism, and for the establishment of democracy.

"We have a very large representation of fighters against fascism from the Maritime Federation, especially from San Francisco. We have formed the Second American Battalion, called the Tom Mooney Battalion. I am a machine gunner.

"The boys here areall in high spirits, and the morale of the International Brigade is high and courageous. You can rest assured that we will win through. But brothers, you can do your part too, by being real union men and supporters of the fight against fascist intervention in Spain. Every penny helps; it is your fight just as much as the workers of Spain.

Want Labor Papers

"As a request, I would say that we would also appreciate a bundle of the Voice of the Federation, Western Worker, etc., and some news as to the success of winning our new demands for this season. I have not seen a "Voice" or a Western Worker for seven weeks.

"It has been a long way that I have come through life to the stand I am taking voluntarily, with courage and determination, for the fight not only to save Spanish democracy, but to crush fascism and capitalism. True enough, I also dreamed at one time of the glorious traditions of the forefathers of America and Canada, builders of a new world, and built a castle as to the part I would take in the development of a big republic of capitalism.

Pledges Life Against Fascism

"But as I read books by Thomas Paine, Ingersoll, Jack London, Debs, and studied the movement and traditions of the fight for the working class, I became rebellious and anarchistic at first. But I slowly developed and realized that to be rebellious and anarchistic was of no benefit to me; my conditions and my environment would not improve. At this stage, I became acquainted with Marx and Lenin. From then on I progressed slowly until I became acquainted with the first example of their teachings—the Soviet Union and its greatest architect of Socialism—Stalin. And now, comrades and brothers, I no longer only dream, but know that I have pledged my life here with my American comrades to relentlessly fight against fascism.

"The Fish Reduction Workers Union is also represented here with Brothers Ray Ticer, Leon Ticer, Herb Morberg, and Frank Bates in our battalion. But then practically every union on the "Front" is represented. All of us join in the request for cigarettes, soap and chocolate. They would make a lot of difference here, and we'd sure appreciate receiving them. You can send them to Socorra Roja Internacional, Place Actazano 20 G. P., Albacete, Espana.

"I would ask of my friend, the president of our union, George Woolf, to get my letter printed in the Voice of the Federation and in the Western Worker. If they will oblige, I hope they will correct my soelling and grammar, but not the essence of the letter.

"Comradely and fraternally yours,
"ABRAHAM NEUFELDT."

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PEGLER AND U.S. FASCISM

Those who hoped that Westbrook Pegler's experience with German Fascism might enlighten him about our budding American brand are apparently doomed to disappointment. Pegler, in fact, seems to be going Ku Klux in a big way.

How else account for the fact that his sole reaction to the brutal police murders in Chicago is to write a diatribe denouncing John L. Lewis as a "dictator," attacking the steel pickets, and calling for the incorporation of labor unions?

(From "Daily Worker," June 5, 1937.)

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SEEK CIO AID

Mass Meet in Washington Is Step Nearer CIO

WASHINGTON — Government employees moved a step nearer affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization as an international union when a mass meeting of over 1500 here voted unanimously to ask CIO aid in organizing government workers.

Held under the auspices of seven suspended lodges of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL, the meeting heard resolutions of support from other AFGE local unions.

The suspended lodges compose the "Committee Against False Economy."

For Unity in Labor Ranks

The resolution adopted at the mass meeting commended the work of the CIO and urged "the Committee Against False Economy to join with representatives of all other interested government employee groups in approaching the CIO to ask its help in organizing government employees in defense of their jobs and job standards and to unite government employees with the rest of the organized labor movement."

CIO Will Organize Tobacco Workers

WASHINGTON—Organization of tobacco workers into local industrial unions, with possibility they will later become an international union affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, has been started, it was learned here.

John P. Davis, National Negro Congress secretary, reported over 2000 Negro and white tobacco workers in Richmond Va., have voted to apply for a local CIO charter. Another group in Durham, N. C., has also applied for a local charter.

Discrimination by AFL

Davis said that 81 per cent of workers in the Big Four tobacco companies are Negroes and that they are dissatisfied with the agreements signed by the AFL Tobacco Workers International Union, which signed sole bargaining agreements with Liggett & Myers and Phillip Morris providing only for the white tobacco workers.

CIO organizers will soon be assigned to the tobacco industry, to concentrate on Liggett & Myers, American Tobacco Co., R. J. Reynolds and P. Lorillard.

Cleaners Aid Fight On King Frame-up

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 7, Intl. Assn. of Cleaning & Dye House Workers, adopted a resolution demanding a new trial for Earl King, Ernest G. Ramsay and Frank J. Conner, maritime workers railroaded to prison on a framed charge of murder.

"A MINER'S ADVICE"

Said a poor old miner,
I've been in a terrible daze,
I've worker and worked and worked,
And never got a raise.

But things are gradually changing,
And I want you all to know,
To get the things we need the most,
We must join the C. I. O.!

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RICHMOND & CHASE CANN[ERY] WORKERS, STOCKTON, [...] 'PRESIDENT' DUNNE ON[...]

Progressive Cannery Workers Tr[y ...] Union Away From Control of Canneries and Their Stooge[s]

By a Cannery Worker

STOCKTON—The men of the Richmond & C[hase Canne]ry here were ready to walk out Tuesday, J[une ...] they are to receive a 2½-cent wage increase [...] 62½ cents an hour which they had hoped for.

About 9 p. m. June 8, the canners were advise[d ...] on the platform to hear our erstwhile president, Vinde Dunne, speak to us. Mr. Dunne was there sure enough, surrounded by a group of men and women. Also by two beautiful black eyes, which are a mystery.

Embarrassing Questions for Dunne

The men wanted to know just when we were to have a meeting, and suggested that it be held on Friday morning, but the president would not agree to this. Questions were asked which we thought would clear up a lot of misunderstanding as:

"Why is everything being held secret?"

"Why did we have to work Sacramento asparagus when the cannery there went on strike?"

"Why must we scab on another cannery when we are in the AFL Cannery Union?"

"Why have we not as yet received our books and stamps?"

Mr. Dunne was very much perturbed, nervous and could not answer all the questions slung at him. They confused him dreadfully. When asked why he had not received the stamps and books from Washington in his name, he stated that headquarters did not have any other place to send them but to Dudley Sargent, since only his name was sent East.

Dunne in Phoney Threats

The workers wanted to know why he did not receive said paraphernalia, as he was our president and not Dudley Sargent.

Dunne also stated Sargent had no legal right to open the package of books and dues stamps, and that he and Ambrose, of the Agricultural Union Local 20221, would find themselves behind bars for tampering with the mail. With a flourish of feminine skirts hanging obligingly on his arms, he made a quick getaway into the cannery office.

Some Women Reactionary

Some women of the cannery then began to chide the progressive group with insult and slander, personal stuff. These women have husbands who are in local unions and it would be a good suggestion if these husbands were investigated to learn just what kind of union men they are who permit their wives to scab on poor workers who depend solely on cannery work from season to season and have to live on relief for the winter.

If Richmond & Chase Cannery is allowed to dominate all the cannery workers, then Stockton will become the most discriminating town this side of the Mason and Dixon Line. Only Caucasians are permitted to work in this cannery, and the three other canneries are the same, except for a few Mexican workers.

Make It a Real Union

It is time that the workers wake up to the fact that a house divided cannot stand. There can be no peace as long as the various races and nationalities are pitted against one another. We must have solidarity and equal representation for all peoples.

YOU WORKERS WHO HAVE PAID YOUR MAY DUES, PAY YOUR JUNE DUES AND KEEP ON THE INSIDE OF THE CANNERY UNION—WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS A GOOD UNION WITHOUT THE BOSS CONTROL. ATTEND EVERY MEETING WHEN CALLED, AND KEEP ACTIVE.

100,000 ORGANIZ[E] TEXTILE[...]

TWOC Drive [...] Throughout [...]

NEW YORK — [...] workers have [...] under contracts [...] the Textile Work[ers ...] Committee, CIO, [...] 200 employers, [...] man Sidney Hillm[an].

Negotiations ar[e ...] the remainder [...] in the synthetic [...] with is 70 per ce[nt ...]

"In every part [...] the drive is [...] clared Hillman. [...] close to a clim[ax ...] the tide to tur[n ...] within six mont[hs ...]

Combat Terr[or]

Hillman reve[...] South, where [...] tried to laugh [...] campaign in te[...] are now stoopi[ng ...] est type of [...] the TWOC drive [...] rons of the mi[ll ...] have been orga[...] and slug organ[...] kinds of violence [...]

"These method[s ...] advance our ca[use ...] man. "The worke[rs ...] first time a real [...] fort in textile. [...] what this mean[s ...] ion in the country."

"With all their [...] a counter-organi[...] try and find one [...] textile organizer [...] TWOC has 500."

Progressiv[e ...] In Laborers[...]

SAN FRANCI[SCO ...] gressive slate wa[s ...] per cent in the re[...] held in Laborers [...] 261. No oppositi[on ...] Wm. Edminster, p[...] the election for p[...]

Ed Jackson, [...] feated reactionary [...] Cormick by 694 to [...] cial secretary. [...] rv Roche and [...] were elected, [...] polling 868 and 8[...] while reactionary [...] trailed with 210.

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S. F. LAUN[DRY] WORKER[S] IN SI[T ...]

SAN FRANCI[SCO ...] Laundry workers [...] down strike to [...] in refusing to ha[ndle ...] of the Bellevue [...] The laundry [...] came in the [...] through the wa[...] is under the [...] Economy owner, [...] man. When it cam[e ...] lers for drying [...] charge refused [...] was fired by [...] The union hall [...] On arrival of [...] work was order[ed ...] a half hour the [...] instated, and the [...] work was not d[...]

Send in news [...] Mention WESTE[RN ...]

[Ri]chmond Cannery Boss Deliberately Drives Car Over 7 Women Pickets

THE JOHN R. COMMONS LABOR RESEARCH LIBRARY [...] HALL

Trade Unionists On the "Western" (See Page 8)

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PEOPLE'S CHAMPION OF LIBERTY, PROGRESS AND PEACE

Central Committee, CPUSA Greets Soviet Flyers (See Page 2)

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[M]ATTERN HAILS FLIGHT AS GREATEST YET

[Co]nvention [O]pens Fight On Senate

[De]legates at Santa Maria Vote for [Uni]cameral Legislature Campaign; Plan Radio Broadcast Series

[SANTA] MARIA—In its second convention held here Sunday [re]gularly elected delegates in attendance, representing [...]50,000 members, the California People's Legislative [...] prepared to carry the campaign against reaction di[...] state's six million population.

The convention adopted a resolution endorsing a unicameral legislature as a means of curbing the undemocratic power of the senate. It endorsed the work of Labor's Non-Partisan League and instructed its new executive committee to investigate the advisability of applying for affiliation to it. The convention further pledged itself to work for the formation of a political federation of labor and progressive groups looking toward the 1938 elections.

Radio Broadcast Planned

It provided, further, for the formation of a Radio Club of the Conference to sponsor regular radio broadcasts to facilitate its appeals to California's voters.

Approximately 400 attended the convention, overflowing Eagle's Hall and giving tremendous ovations in approving the work of outgoing President John Wolters and other officials.

Patterson Cheered

They cheered Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson when he described the obstacles to the progressives in the legislative session just concluded and called for "a more responsive democracy" and advocated a full-time unicameral legislature as an aid to this end. They gave an enthusiastic greeting to Jack B. Tenney, assemblyman and delegate from the Los Angeles Musicians' Union, and to Senator Culbert L. Olson who gave a resume of the past session and pledged his support to the education of the people in the continued flight for liberal, labor and progressive legislation.

Commonwealth Federation Greeting

The convention received a let-

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[...]EMBERS [...]E AFTER [...] MURDER

[...]wn Labor [...]o; 600,000 [...] May Join

[...]WN, O.—First an[...] [...]ized labor here to [...] murder of two [...] strikers Saturday [...]he form of a gen[...] [...]ll teamsters.

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[...] Union Ready

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[...]ND — While chair[...] Girdler of Republic [...]onday attacked the [...] "responsible" and an[...]blic would not sign [...] with that organiza[...] Ohio unions joined [...] list of Ohio labor [...] have announced [...]es for a general [...]n and Youngstown [...] general strikes in [...]h the steel work[...]

[...]d Cannery [...]or CIO

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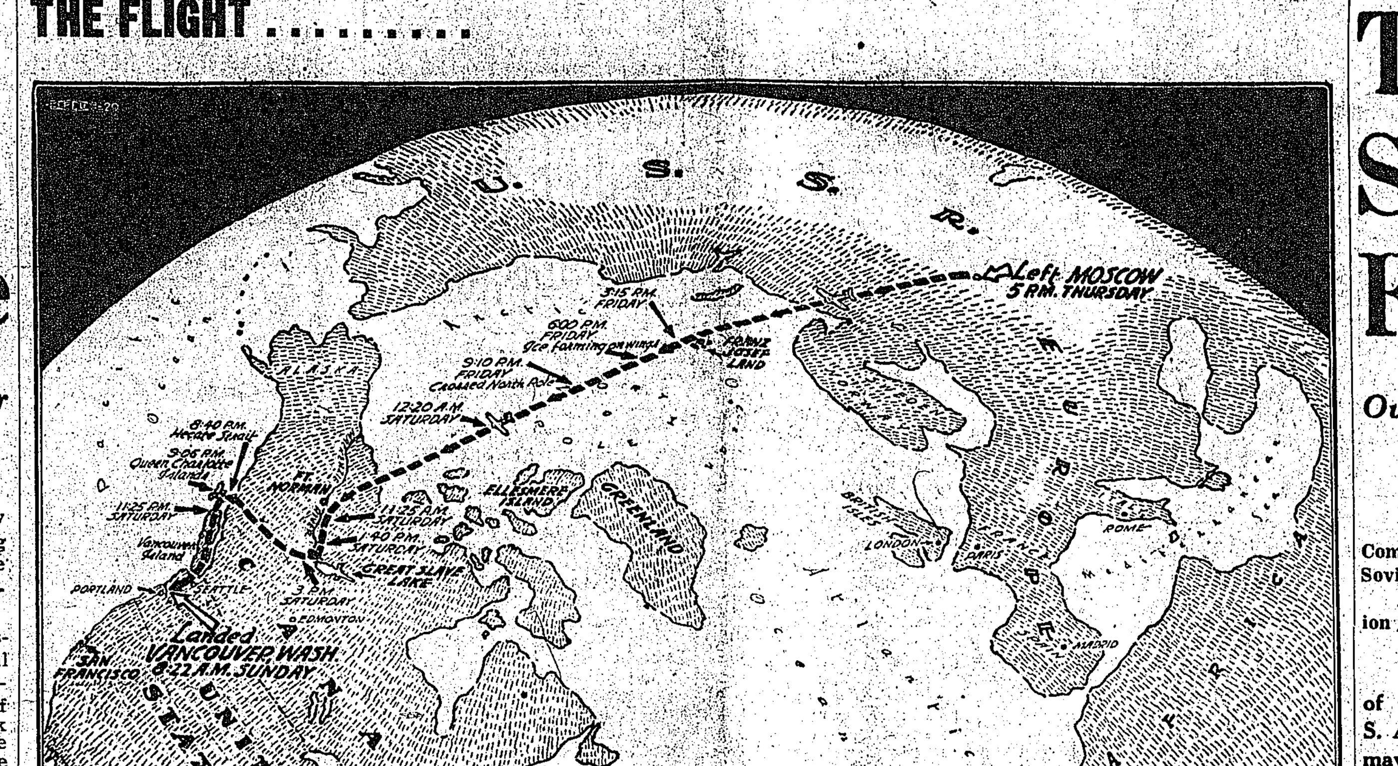
Wage Bill to Cover Use of Hired Thugs

WASHINGTON—Protection of labor against employers' spies will be included in the broadened wages and hours bill, according to plans of administration leaders.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin will seek to enlarge the bill already introduced to cover most of the anti-labor activities unearthed by the La Follette civil liberties committee.

THE FLIGHT ....



MAP SHOWING ROUTE TAKEN BY SOVIET FLYERS ACROSS THE TOP OF THE WORLD, FROM MOSCOW TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

OVER 500 IN L. A. PICKET AGAINST NAZIS

Protest Murderous Troops in Spain

LOS ANGELES — Over five hundred people picketed the German Consulate at 117 West Ninth Street last Saturday, June 19, in protest against the Nazi attacks on Spanish democracy and in demands for the withdrawal of Hitler's troops from Spain.

Under the auspices of the Los Angeles Communist Party, the picketers maintained their lines for two hours from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Standing on the sidelines were hundreds of other persons unable to get into the line which extended for a whole block from Main to Broadway. Present were members of the "red squad" and uniformed police.

Protest to Consul

While the picketers made their protest to the public, a delegation of seven leading members of progressive and labor organizations, headed by Paul Cline, county organizer of the Communist Party, and Mrs. Fred Eaton, wife of a former Los Angeles mayor, whose son is now fighting in the Lincoln Battalion, delivered a protest resolution to the Nazi Consul, George Gyssling.

Successfully defeating the ordinance in this city which prohibites the carrying of placards (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

L. A. INDUSTRIAL SECTION TAKES UP A CRITICISM ON THE SUB DRIVE

LOS ANGELES—Answering the criticism appearing in the editorial columns of the Western Worker last week, the Los Angeles Industrial Section of the Communist Party sent in the following communication:

"The Industrial Section of Los Angeles fully agrees with the State Drive Committee in its estimate of the poor work of our Section in the Circulation Drive for the Western Worker.

"Therefore, the Section Committee sets itself the following tasks:

"1. That we immediately constitute ourselves an Emergency Drive Committee for the Industrial Section.

"2. That we immediately conduct a thorough survey of our membership with a view to convincing every comrade in our Section to become a Western Worker subscriber.

"3. To make contact with every one of the more than 400 trade unionists who received the sample subscription to the Western Worker.

"4. To pledge to secure in addition to our regular quota of 150 subs, at least 50 more by July 4th.

"5. To have at least 10 delegates to the Press Builders' Congress.

"6. To assume personal and collective responsibility for the above-mentioned tasks.

"Signed, Industrial Section Committee, Los Angeles."

.... THE PLANE

THE PLANE that proved it can take it. Designed in 1932, completed in 1935. Tested by Soviet ace, Sigismund Levanevsky just before flight to U. S. A. This plane flew more than 6000 miles in 56 hours, 20 minutes early in 1936. In July, 1936, it flew non-stop from Moscow to Nikolayevsky-on-Amur, Siberia, a total of 5220 miles.

TERROR DRIVE IN RICHMOND

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County — Attempting to open their struck plant by outright violence and terrorism, Fellice & Perelli Cannery owners last Tuesday morning sent an automobile crashing into a group of seven women pickets, knocking down two CIO Cannery Workers Union officials. The car hit all seven women.

Tony Marazzo, nephew of Ralph Fellice, an owner in the cannery, deliberately set his touring car in low gear, and ran down the women pickets.

The touring car preceded a truckload of scabs, who were taken into the plant.

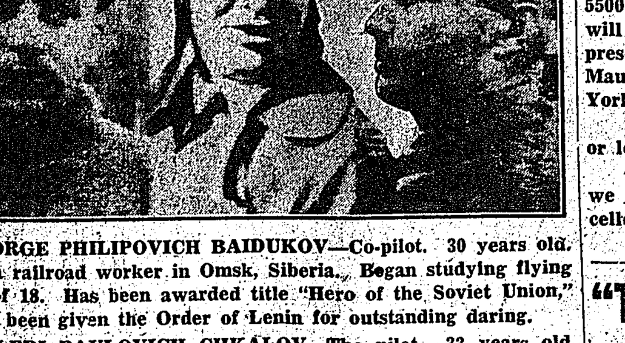
Mrs. Florence Snelling, union president, was knocked unconscious and taken to Richmond Cottage Hospital. Miss Minnie Cook, financial secretary, was also run down and taken to the hospital, but returned lame back to the picket line.

When the workers were run down, scabs rushed out of the plant to attack pickets with clubs and rubber hose. Police immediately arrested—not Marazzo or the scabs—but Bill Williams, head shop steward for the United Auto Workers Union at the Ford plant, who was helping on the picket line.

An armored truck, escorted by State Highway Police, ran a load of scabs goods into the plant, and another truck, similarly escorted, was reported on its way.

The Richmond Cannery Workers Union immediately mobilized a mass picket line of 500 in front of the cannery to meet this violent attack. Ford workers were helping on the picket lines.

.... THE FLYERS



GEORGE PHILIPOVICH BAIDUKOV—Co-pilot. 30 years old. Father a railroad worker in Omsk, Siberia. Began studying flying at age of 18. Has been awarded title "Hero of the Soviet Union," and has been given the Order of Lenin for outstanding daring.

VALERI PAVLOVICH CHKALOV—The pilot. 33 years old. The son of a boatman on the Volga River. Joined the Red Army at 15. Entered an aviation school, became a pilot. Received highest Soviet award—Order of Lenin—for heroic acts as a test pilot in 1935. Awarded title "Hero of the Soviet Union" for a long-distance flight in 1936.

ALEXANDER VASSILIEVICH BELIAKOV. Navigator. 40 years old. Father a teacher on collective farm. Served in World War. In charge of chemical service in Red Army artillery division during civil war. Then entered air navigation school. Professor of air navigation in Military Aid Academy. A Hero of the Soviet Union.

Maritime Federation Vote Favoring CIO

PORTLAND — First balloting from Maritime Federation affiliates indicates an overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation, delegates to the Federation convention, continuing in session, have learned.

ILA and Inland Boatmens balloting will end before a week, and seamens' unions' soon after.

The CIO has sent a corps of organizers to organize the Great Lakes seamen into the National Maritime Union. The delegates to the convention are vigorously on record condemning the strike-breaking acts of Intl. ILA president Joseph P. Ryan, who has ordered East Coast longshoremen to strike N.M.U. ships.

Tells 'Western' Soviet Flyers' Feat Was Tops

Over 5000 Welcome Three Soviet Heroes On Arrival at Oakland Airport; Record is Seen

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Committee of the Communist Party wired the following greetings to the three Soviet aces:

"We greet the historic flight of the heroes of the Soviet Union as an outstanding achievement of Socialism."

The special aeronautical board which supervised removal of the barograph instruments of the Moscow-North Pole-U. S. A. plane indicated on Monday that the three Soviet flyers may have flown 62.137 miles further than Codos and Rossi, Frenchmen who made the world's distance flying record in the New York to Syria flight of 5675 miles a few years ago.

Over 5000 acclaimed the three Soviet flyers on their arrival Monday at Oakland Airport. A United Airline plane carried them, passengers this time, from Portland. Soviet Ambassador Troyanovsky accompanied the intrepid flyers.

A delegation of the Communist Party of California, headed by Anita Whitney and Frank Spector, were among those welcoming the three Soviet heroes.

A reception was held Monday night at the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco.

"The greatest aviation feat in the history of humanity!"

Famed U. S. flying ace Jimmy Mattern spoke for the world when he thus characterized the mighty trans-polar flight of the red-winged Soviet monoplane, which ended at 8:22 a. m. last Sunday on a U. S. Army airfield in Vancouver, Washington.

But Mattern was not alone in his wondering acclaim of the three Soviet birdmen—Chief Pilot Valeri Chkalov, Copilot Georgia Baidukov and Navigator Beliakov—who left Moscow at 5:05 p. m. last Thursday and did not put the wheels of their huge plane to the ground until they had performed the miracle of the ages by flying over the North Pole, across the top of the earth, and had stayed in the air 63 hours, 17 minutes.

The Soviet fliers were on everyone's lips, throughout the world, and world-famed scientists paid glowing tributes to their courage, their daring, their scientific achievement in blazing a new trail through the airways.

Through Soviet Ambassador Alexander Troyanovsky, President Roosevelt wired his congratulations:

"I have learned with the greatest pleasure of the successful conclusion of the first non-stop flight from the Soviet Union to the United States.

"The skill and daring of the three Soviet airmen who have so brilliantly carried out this historic feat commands the highest praise. Please convey to them my warmest congratulations."

Secretary of State Hull wired congratulations on the "successful termination of the hazardous flight."

Whether the Soviet plane cracked the existing world record for non-stop flight distance, is undetermined as yet. With instruments still to be checked, the plane had covered approximately 5500 miles and possibly had broken the record. The barograph will be officially checked to determine the exact record. The present official record of 5657 miles was set August 5-7, 1933, by Maurice Rossi and Paul Cosos, of France, who flew from New York to Rayak, Syria.

"Never once, in all manner of weather, were we off our course or lost," declared the Soviet aces, via interpreter.

"At times ice coated the windows of our plane heavily, but we were never lost. No, not even in the blind flying. The excellent cooperation given by signal corps radio men was very

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"THE GREATEST AVIATION FEAT"

Jimmy Mattern, U. S. Ace, Hails Soviet Birdmen

By JAMES VICTOR

OAKLAND AIRPORT—"The greatest aviation feat in the history of humanity! They are marvelous flyers over there in the Soviet Union."

That's how Jimmy Mattern, world-famous aviator, paid tribute to the transpolar flight of the Soviet birdmen, when interviewed here at the airport in the early morning hours of last Sunday.

"Marvelous Flyers"

When asked for an interview on his opinion of the historic flight, and on his impressions of the Soviet Union, Mattern replied: "Oh, yes, certainly."

"What do you think of this (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

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Communist Central Committee Greets the Three Heroes of the Soviet Uni

NEW YORK—The Central Committee of the Communist Party, U. S. A., has sent the following wire to the Soviet flyers:

"Central Committee CPUSA meeting in plenary session joyfully and proudly greets you, our heroic comrades, on this epoch-making occasion, an outstanding triumph of the genius and achievements of Soviet science and aviation.

"All of America and the whole world marvels at such miracles of daring in the conquering of the Arctic and Polar regions, but we know as you know that such miracles can only occur in the land of Socialism under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party and its guiding genius, Comrade Stalin, who said there are no strongholds that a Bolshevik cannot conquer.

"We who with the entire world followed with breathless suspense your flights over the Arctic wastes, following a true and unwavering course to your destination and objective, were confident in your success because the great Soviet people and the Party of Lenin and Stalin have already given the world myriads of examples, climaxed by your own, of achieving the seemingly impossible.

"Let the fascist enemies of the Soviet Union rage, as world rejoices at this latest example of unconquerable invincible might of the Soviet Union and the Party of Stalin. We warmly shake your hands, dear comrades inspiring occasion and welcome you to American soil."

STATE-WIDE BALLOT TO DECIDE ON REPRESENTATION FOR PGE EMPLOYEES; CIO UNION IN IT

Electricians Brotherhood and Co. Union Jumped Into Field After United Had Begun Work of Organization

SAN FRANCISCO—A state-wide ballot will soon be taken to determine whether or not employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be represented in collective bargaining by the CIO. Exact date of the election will not be known until after the National Labor Relations Board has held formal hearings on the CIO charges that the P. G. & E. is guilty of unfair labor practices in refusing to recognize or bargain collectively with the United Radio and Electrical Workers' Union. Officials of the Board predict that the vote will be taken within thirty days.

The ballot will enable P. G. & E. workers to choose between the CIO and two other unions which jumped into the field shortly after the CIO began its organizing drive, and which are recognized as efforts to frustrate the CIO.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, an AFL affiliate, has been in existence for many years. It never made any effort to organize the P. G. & E. workers or improve their conditions during all this time. To the contrary, it has many times blocked the efforts of these workers to organize themselves. It was not until the CIO stepped in that the AFL union jumped out of its mummy case and began a counter drive.

A Company Union

The other "employer preferred" union is the California Gas and Electric Employees' Union, a belated attempt at the formation of a company union.

A preliminary hearing before the National Labor Relations Board was held on June 17th. Representatives of the CIO, of the employers, and of the two "employer preferred" unions were present. An effort to reach an agreement on an immediate ballot by mutual consent was blocked when the AFL representatives refused to consent to any ballot whatsoever unless ordered by the Labor Relations Board. The CIO men immediately announced they would bring charges against the P. G. & E. and effect a ballot by that means.

Another matter to be decided is whether the vote will include office workers or be confined to production and maintenance workers. The CIO union favors the latter plan, since its present membership and activities are all in that field.

TO SET UP 'CALIFORNIA' HOME, SPAIN

For Taking Care of Orphaned Children In Civil War

LOS ANGELES — Announcement of plans to establish a War Orphans' Home in Spain was made last week by the local United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

To raise the necessary funds for the establishment of this home to aid the Spanish children, the Committee is planning several large affairs for the summer. Already two house parties have been given by the Vanguard Branch of the International Workers Order, and by the Searchers' Club, with the proceeds going to the Youth Committee.

"California Home"

Initial event to be given by the Committee will be a big benefit dance at Sebastian's Cotton Club, Monday evening, June 28. Stars of the stage and screen are scheduled to be present at this affair.

Also underway are plans for a Youth Symposium to be held under the auspices of the Youth Committee.

According to spokesmen for the committee, the planned Orphans' Home—to be named the California Home—will be patterned after the Thomas Jefferson Home, already established in Spain by the National Youth Committee.

Picketing Rights Promised in E. Bay

OAKLAND—City officials here have been forced, by a strike threat of the warehousemen, to agree that peaceful picketing will be unmolested by police, and that extra police will be withdrawn from struck canneries.

The agreement was made at a conference last Saturday between City Manager Hassler, Police Chief Wallman, a warehousemens' delegation headed by Lou Goldblatt and Paul Heide, and Federal Conciliator Walter G. Matthewson.

The strike threat followed a long series of police brutalities against pickets.

SP Ends Secret Pact Against Two Unions

SAN FRANCISCO—Seven of nine points still remain to be settled before cancellation can be made of the Trainmen's and Firemen's strike votes, taken in April on the Southern Pacific.

The S. P. has abrogated secret agreements with the Engineers and Conductors, under which the Trainmen and Firemen were not allowed proper representation for their members.

TRIBUTE BY DELEGATION OF SPANISH

OAKLAND AIRPORT—A delegation of Spanish people came here all the way from Monterey to present the Soviet flyers with an immense floral reproduction of the hammer and sickle Soviet emblem.

"We must show our gratitude to the Soviet people for their aid to Spain," declared Mrs. Emilia Navarette de Martin, who has written a series of poems: "Abajo El Fascismo—La Verdad Sobre La Revolucion de Espana" (Down with Fascism — The Truth About the Revolution in Spain.)

When it was found the Soviet plane could not come here, the floral tribute was delivered to the Soviet Consulate.

LEADS WALKOUT

JOHN L. LEWIS, CIO chief, who spoke of an "entente cordiale" the other day, in respect to joint strike of Railroad Trainmen, Railroad Firemen and CIO against Bethlehem Steel. Indications are that some of the big railroad unions are drawing closer to CIO.

BASQUES MOVE OUT OF BILBAO

Orderly Retreat to Carry on Fight

HENDAYE, France—While the Basque government mobilized all forces for a heroic battle to the death in defense of the Basque regions, the rebels were charged with having slaughtered thousands of civilian refugees in shelling of boats loaded with women and children.

HENDAYE, France — German, Italian and Moorish troops of fascism, nominally commanded by General Jose Davila, entered Bilbao to find it virtually deserted by a population that preferred the terrors of evacuation to surrender.

Even as the Basque people have withstood the devastating siege for more than two months, they began evacuation of civilian population long before the army finally made an orderly retreat toward Santander.

They retreated to continue the fight to preserve the Loyalist government of Spain, knowing that their heroic defense of the Basque capitol had seriously set back the fascist plans for its early capture as a means of creating morale. The fascists' campaign in this area of secondary military importance had been undertaken only after their failure in battles on the strategic Madrid area where the Loyalists have been strengthening their military preparedness and political unity.

The fascists entered a city without water, electric or transport system. These had all been destroyed by their own bombs and artillery, but the Basque people, with every intention of coming back into possession of their capital, had destroyed no buildings in advance of their retreat.

Selby Smeltermen Sit in 8-Hr. Shifts

SELBY (Contra Costa County)—The American Smelting and Refining sitdowners had completed six days in the plant as the Western Worker went to press.

The 6000 Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers members have been occupying the plant in relays of 200. They demand dismissal of an anti-union foreman.

The men are sitting down in 8-hour shifts.

Armed guards have been placed in the plant, under the excuse of "safeguarding stores of silver and gold" refined in the mill.

Hotel Lockout Is Cancelled

SAN FRANCISCO — Public protest has halted the proposed lockout of workers in 160 secondary San Francisco hotels, planned at the instigation of owners of the 16 struck major hotels.

A conciliation conference took place Monday, participated in by the Labor Council advisory committee, hotel owners and Federal conciliator Walter Matthewson.

Picketing of the Olympic and Chancellor Hotels (Class B) continued, because the ownership of these hotels is affiliated with the struck William Taylor Hotel.

3000 Machinists on Strike in L. Beach

LONG BEACH—Approximately 300 Machinists Union workers have gone into action against their employers and have spread picket lines throughout the city. About 560 men have ceased work because of the strike. At least 21 automobile agencies have been affected by the strike action.

The men want wage increases and recognition of the AFL union.

C. S. FRAMEUP SCORED BY UNIONISTS

They Join With Other Leading Progressives

Blasting the continued imprisonment of the Criminal Syndicalism law prisoners, trade unionists and other progressives who attended the recent Sacramento hearings have issued the following statement:

"The undersigned representatives of trade unions and other progressive organizations, after attending the hearing before the Third District Court of Appeals in the cases of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism defendants, Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman and Norman Mini and after listening to the arguments of the appellants and the rebuttal arguments of the Attorney General have arrived at the conclusion that there was absolutely no justification for the conviction of these defendants in this case.

Fundamental Right Abrogated

"We have also concluded that there is no evidence of any illegal acts, or illegal conspiracy by the defendants and that there is evidence of gross misconduct on the part of the prosecution.

"The case clearly shows that under the vicious Criminal Syndicalism Act fundamental American rights of free speech, press and assemblage were abrogated.

"The evidence showed that the C. S. Act was used to prevent trade union organization, particularly in the agricultural field.

"We are of the opinion that an immediate reversal of the decision of the trial court is required in the interests of justice.

"Lowell D. Hoxsey, Inter-Professional Assn.; George Wahlgren, Pile Drivers Local 34; Thelma S. Haut, American League Against War and Fascism; M. Vargas, Maritime Fed. Council No. 2; Ethel Turner, Western Writers Congress; Alexander Noral, Workers Alliance of Calif.; Anthony Ciociola, CIO Steel Workers, No. 1440; Lillian Bradley, Pittsburg Democratic Club; F. Strickland, Construction and General Laborers Union No 261.

"THE GREATEST AVIATION FEAT"

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flight?"

"The greatest aviation feat in the history of humanity," he replied, without hesitation. "They are marvelous flyers over there in the Soviet Union."

Mattern, a big six footer, gradually warmed up to his favorite subject, talking at length about the marvel of flying over unknown, unchartered territory, over eternal ice, etc.

"What do you think of the plane, especially the single motor feature of it?" I asked.

"They must have a marvelous motor, and they also evidently have implicit confidence in it."

Praises Soviet Union

"Mr. Mattern, what were your impressions of the Soviet Union, when you flew through there? Your impressions of the people, etc.?"

"The country is immense and so beautiful," he replied. "I was there only a very short time, busy with my flight, but the Russian people, and especially the aviators, treated me marvelously. A wonderful country!"

"Mr. Mattern, what is your opinion about the air-mindedness of the Russian people as a whole? How will you explain the fact that the Soviet people have become air-minded within such a short time?"

"Never thought about it until now, but now that you brought it up, it is a very interesting feature."

Regular Route Feasible

"Mr. Mattern, what is your opinion about the establishment of a regular transpolar route between Moscow and San Francisco?"

"Easily feasible. After this marvelous demonstration, this flight, together with the Soviet polar meteorological stations, will make such a route practicable within a comparatively short time."

Mattern was rescued when his round-the-world plane cracked up at Anadyre, Siberia, in 1933, by the very man who navigated the transpolar flight, Alexander V. Beliakov.

"Those Russians are skilled flyers," he said. "I'll be glad to see them, especially Alexander V. Beliakov, the navigator. He was one of the five men the Russian government sent to rescue me when I cracked up in Siberia in June, 1933, trying to make a round-the-world flight."

Film Negotiations Set to Begin

LOS ANGELES—Negotiations between producers and victorious studio strikers are scheduled to begin Monday, June 21, union officials announced. Wages and working conditions will be chief points of discussions.

Demands of the painters' union included a wage increase from $7 to $8 per day with a 6-hour day, 6-day week. Scenic artists are asking for a pay increase from their present $2.25 per hour rate.

Possibilities that jurisdictional issues between the strike-breaking International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Make-up Artists would delay negotiations of this union, were seen.

East Maritime Union Giving Aid to Spain

New York—Running true to progressive form, the recently organized National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts is whole-heartedly supporting the forces of Spanish democracy.

A marine committee to aid Spanish Democracy has been formed.

At one union meeting $126.68 was collected. A telegram was sent the state department demanding a war embargo on Germany and Italy.

Many seamen are in the Lincoln Battalion, and some have given their lives for the Spanish people.

STEFANSSON HAILS SOVIET POLE FLIGHT

TULSA, Okla.—The successful top-of-the-world flight by the Soviet plane is "the forerunner of inter-continent commerce through the Arctic," declared Dr. Valhjalmur Stefansson, internationally known Arctic explorer who has acted in an advisory capacity for Pan-American Airways in Arctic work for the past five years.

Expressing pleasure at the successful flight, Dr. Stefansson paid tribute to the seven years' groundwork which the Soviet government has been laying for commercial airways through the Arctic circle.

UNIONS OPEN SPAIN DRIVE

$250,000 Is Goal of Trade Union Relief

NEW YORK—The Trade Union Relief for Spain, 3 W. 16th St., New York City, has launched a drive to raise $250,000 for loyalist Spain. A special appeal will be made to trade unions. Funds will be used to build and equip hospitals in Spain and to establish camps for Spanish refugee children in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

The new organization succeeds Labor's Red Cross for Spain which raised $100,000 last year in response to a plea from the Intl. Federation of Trade Unions. In announcing the drive, Pres. David Dubinsky of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union, who is treasurer of the Spanish fund, said: "The crisis in Spain is of paramount importance to organized labor the world over. It is an invasion of a democratic country by hostile forces of Fascism and Nazism as part of a plan to dominate and subdue the workers in every land. American labor cannot ignore this threat to itself."

San Pedro ILA Keeps Up Drive On Brutality

SAN PEDRO—Continuing their drive to stamp out police brutality against workers here, members of the local district council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific last Thursday, June 17, sent the following resolution to various civic groups including the Chamber of Commerce:

"It is hereby resolved that this meeting go on record as protesting the brutal and terroristic action instituted by police against members of labor organizations in this area, and that we urgently request the cooperation of all organizations in our action, and that all merchants of San Pedro, and vicinity be requested to cooperate in the action taken by this council.

"Unless such cooperation is forthcoming, members of all organizations will be instructed by their respective organizations to trade elsewhere until such time as it is considered safe for innocent union men to go about San Pedro without fear of arrest and discrimination by so-called public servants, and that this motion be given the widest possible publicity."

The recent murder of longshoreman Bill Gregg, by policeman William Redding fired the local maritime groups into intense activity against the police activities here that have been directed against workers.

Webb Replies

Replying to a telegram sent him last Wednesday, State Attorney-General U. S. Webb announced that his office would begin a "thorough study and investigation" of the killing of Gregg. Unions of the Maritime Federation had demanded that he step in after the district attorney's office refused to prosecute Redding for murder.

Teamsters Respect CIO Gold Miners Pickets in Mojave

MOJAVE (Kern County)—The Teamsters Union members will not go through picket lines at the struck Cactus Queen mine, according to Secretary Herman W. Phillips of the Truck Drivers Union, Local 87.

Phillips said no orders to run the picket lines of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union Local 272 had been issued from Los Angeles.

Over 100 miners are out for union recognition. Families of the miners have joined in picketing.

BLUM CABINET RESIGNS OVER FINANCE PLAN

Senate Refuses Vote For Emergency Powers

PAIRS — The campaign of French reaction to precipitate a financial and political crisis in France resulted early Monday morning in the resignation of the Socialist Premier Leon Blum and his entire cabinet.

Resignation followed the refusal of the French senate, under conservative control, to approve the action of the Chamber of Deputies which granted emergency powers to the cabinet to deal with speculation and to prevent the reactionaries from destroying the franc.

Provoked by Financiers

The crisis was precipitated by a new drive of the large financial interests in France to export gold and to speculate on the French stock exchange in an effort to undermine the financial structure of the government and to discredit the People's Front. Its seriousness, multiplied by the proximity of the struggle against fascism in Spain, was emphasized when President Albert Lebrun began conferences to form a new government only a few minutes after Blum had resigned.

Tense apprehension of the French people, particularly in the labor movement, was only emphasized by Leon Blum's plea to the Communist Party and labor leaders to prevent a general strike. Direct action by labor would only be in answer to an open attack or serious obstruction to prevent the formation of a government capable of meeting the present situation.

Immediately after Blum's resignation, President Lebrun conferred with Camille Chautemps, minister of state in the Blum cabinet and a Radical Socialist. It was not believed that he could get the support necessary to form a cabinet.

Split Opposed

The Communist Party prepared to make every effort to prevent formation of a cabinet representing a coalition of right-wing figures in the People's Front with elements from the reactionary forces which have opposed it consistently and which had demanded that the Radical Socialist Party stop its collaboration with the Communists through the People's Front.

Such a split in the People's Front was one of the possible outcomes sought by the reactionaries when they deliberately provoked the crisis by inducing the financial crisis and making use of the senate to prevent Blum's program to deal with it.

Over 500 in L.A. Picket Nazis

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advertising the purpose of the picket line, picketers wore sweaters with "Withdraw Hitler Troops" and "Defeat Fascism" painted on them.

At Eleven o'clock, leaflets calling for united protest against Nazi and Italian invasion of Spain were showered upon the street from the tops of buildings.

When the delegation entered the offices of the Consul, an attache told them that Gyssling was not available. However, after Cline had read half the resolution, Gyssling, trembling with impotent rage, rushed out of his office and grabbed the statement out of Cline's hand.

"You can't read that here," he shouted.

"We represent a thousand people downstairs," Cline replied.

"We are American citizens and expect a little courtesy from you," declared Mrs. Eaton.

"You can't read that here," Gyssling furiously repeated.

"Then, we want it sent to the German ambassador in Washington," said Cline.

"I'll send it, but you can't read it here," was the Consul's answer.

Declaring, "That's the kind of courtesy to expect from that government," Cline led the delegation out of the office.

In addition to Cline and Mrs. Eaton, Emma Cutler, wife of a fighter in the Lincoln Battalion; Betty Sennett, whose two brothers are fighting in Spain; Lou Baron, of the Furriers Union; Louis Saperstein, Secretary of the International Workers Order; and Harold Ashe, leading member of the Communist Party, made up the delegation.

Mackey Rehearing

SAN FRANCISCO—Labor Relations Board attorneys insist that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals should reverse its decision refusing to order reinstatement of five ARTA men blacklisted by Mackey Radio Co.

Flight Hailed as Greatest in Air H

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wonderful, and it is appreciated by us.

"Once we reached as far south as Eugene, Ore. Low clouds and rain became steadily worse. We knew we arrive at our planned destination."

Pointing at a map, Pilot Chkalov stated: "Here is We flew back here, and then as far north as Tacoma tried again. Yes and turned south again. We thought get through this time."

Pointing to Vancouver on the map, he said: "We green landing field. Swan Island port? No, we did not saw simply a green field, and landed.

"We had 750 miles of flying remaining in our gas line trouble did not force us down."

On being thoroughly checked over, the giant mono reported in tip-top shape, despite its gruelling trans-po

"Here, over Queen Charlotte Island," pointed out "we could neither climb over or under a bank of fog freezing on our wings and fuselage. We climbed as high feet. Then we flew as low as 500 feet.

"Then we ran out of the fog before the ice coating became heavy. Cold and cramped? No, not at any time. Our quarters inside the cabin are very large quarters for only three men such as ourselves."

"Not Glory Seekers"

At Portland, Oregon, Stanislaw Shumovsky, Soviet aeronautical expert, praised Chkalov, Baidukov and Beliakov as scientists doing a job in the development of aviation, pointing out they had made two previous long-range flights of over 6000 miles.

"They are not glory seekers," said Shumovsky, "but scientists doing a matter of fact job in the world's greatest attempt to build planes for long range flying."

A commercial air course over the North Pole is entirely feasible, the three flyers said, in a radio broadcast Sunday night from the home of Brigadier General George C. Marshall at Vancouver.

"They think," said Ambassador Troyanovsky, acting as interpreter for the broadcast, "that such a course planes should be equipped to fly as high as at 7000 to 10,000 meters 1,000 to 30,000 feet)."

The Soviet plane maintained an altitude between 4000 and 0 meters during the flight, though at times climbed to 6000, Beliakov revealed, with an average speed of 100 miles an hour.

When Troyanovsky asked if they could have continued to Oakland Airport but for adverse weather conditions, Chkalov replied they felt they "could have gone farther on."

"The worst meteorological conditions were met at the Bering a, where ice formed on the wings, Franz Josef Land, Patrick and and a little near the North Pole," said Chkalov.

Ambassador Troyanovsky declared: "The Soviet Union is proud of them!"

Personal congratulations of Joseph Stalin to the Soviet aces were conveyed by Troyanovsky.

On his arrival at Vancouver, Ambassador Troyanovsky declared:

"I am happy that the boys came through, and it was very fortunate for both the old country and the United States. It shows the possibility of direct communication between the two nations.

"Of course, this flight was non-stop, but it will not always necessarily be so. Stopping in different points would make the flight much easier. The flight across the North Pole is only the beginning. It was a great achievement for all these boys.

"In Russia these boys are known as Soviet heroes. Now they are entitled to be called world heroes. They can be compared with Charles A. Lindbergh."

Troyanovsky also conveyed congratulations from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, famous Arctic explorer, who called their achievement "one of the greatest feats of combined exploration and flying in the history of aviation."

The Soviet press declared that only under Socialism are such triumphant flights as the transpolar hop possible. How true this is was revealed in statistics revealing the tremendous, organized preparations for the flight.

Ten Regular Airlines

In Washington, D. C., the Soviet Embassy revealed that 10 regular commercial airlines, covering 7500 miles, are now established in the Soviet Far North. Arctic pilots flew 2,200,000 miles last year, having 2000 planes at their disposal.

In addition to the recently established "Drifting Station No. 56," at the North Pole, there are 55 other radio and weather stations or outposts now established in the Arctic region, stated the Embassy. The North Pole station was of tremendous value in guiding the flight of the three Soviet aces.

Aviation experts declared that in years to come, the North Pole may become just a "way station" on the Soviet Union-U. S. A. air routes.

The Soviet flyers revolutionized long-distance flying by using one water-cooled motor, capable of 125 miles per hour at slow motor speed, instead of the air-cooled motors that have been used in long-distance flights in the past.

Use of a water-cooled motor allowed the plane to flight with much les an air-cooled motor w required, thus allowi space for more equi the flight, the plane ca sufficient for the thre 30 days, an auxiliary dio and a rubber boa

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Comradely your California State Communist Party. Wm. Schneiderm Secretary.

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CLINE, L. A. COMMUNIST NTY ORGANIZER, WRITES PARTY MEMBERS ON SUBS

Own Goal to 30 Subs for the Western r; A Word on the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles

NGELES—With 21 subs to his credit (probably more ul Cline, county C. P. organizer here, is proud of his he's not stopping at that! Not only has he raised his 0 subs, but he has taken the personal responsibility , by letter, every Party member in the county, to entire membership in the Drive.

Cline sent out the following letter last week:

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riting this personal letter to you in order to report in putting over the Western Worker circulation drive, sk you what you are doing.

eport for my work that to date, Tuesday, June 15th, ed twenty-one subscriptions. Thus I have fulfilled my subs, and I have now pledged myself to secure 30 by July 4th.

orth while reporting, I believe, that among my 21 are subs from two union aircraft workers, both of since been recruited into the Party. I am certain ing Western Worker subscribers constitutes somewhat nce policy toward keeping them in the Party.

r words, the two subscriptions from these aircraft not merely the question of another $2 or another paper, but they represent a step toward the consoli r Party, toward the training and educating of new ers. It is in this sense that I think the securing of ker subscriptions is of basic importance in the build movement.

mong those 21 people from whom I have secured Pedro longshoremen; women in the Auto Workers' waiter in a restaurant (who engages scores of work sation daily—and who will, of course, get much ma he Western Worker for carrying on his personal pro k); from the President of an AFL local (who of be very much clarified on developments in the trade ent); from an active fighter in the Workers' Alliance; people in the Social Workers' field, etc.

llustrations alone indicate how Western Worker sub become the cement for building a solid Party struc housand new subscriptions for the Western Worker es will add tremendous strength to the fighting ca bility of our movement all along the line.

to every Party member in Los Angeles to do his or these last two weeks in the home stretch of the

challenged San Francisco in Socialist competition. time, the State Committee has given Los Angeles responsibility of playing host to the Western Work adiers at the Press Builders' Congress, July 17th and we in Los Angeles, receive our honored comrades the State with apologies and explanations for hav eated by San Francisco in the Socialist competition, be able on July 17th and 18th to greet our visitors y feeling of a Party job well done, with the greet omrades, Los Angeles went away over the top in Worker Drive."

to each comrade to ask himself these questions: ny subscriptions am I going to get in the two re s of the Western Worker Drive; and, secondly, what do and what is my unit going to do to organize a ss Builders' Congress on July 17th and 18th?

"Comradely yours,

"PAUL CLINE."

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RO — The National ons Board is conret ballot to deterion the port watcht. Officials of Port Union, local 127, af the Building Sers International Unthe operators with meet the union for Employes of the merican - Hawaiian, Swayne and Hoyt, W. R. Grace, Haing, Outer Harbor rehouse, Inner Har, and Pacific Port panies are affected. s Diamond Comned with the union g the scale. All District Lumber l canneries but one ed negotiations cone scales and condiilding service ems announced by the

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FILM WRITERS UNION GROWS

LOS ANGELES—To break the company union, Screen Playwrights, supported by major film producers, the Screen Writers' Guild, headed by Dudley Nichols, filed a petition for collective bargaining election with the National Labor Relations Board this week.

Boasting a membership of 375 screen writers, many of whom are among the highest paid in the industry, the Screen Writers' Guild made a successful comeback to life during the recent studio workers' strike.

Chief reason behind the Guild's demand for elections is the recently concluded "agreement" between the company union and the producers. Main supporter of the Screen Playwrights is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, No. 1 labor-hater of the major film producers.

Safeway Stores in Pedro Under Union

SAN PEDRO—Safeway stores here, in Wilmington and Lomita have signed an agreement with the Retail Clerks Union and have reopened with their 50-odd employes working under union conditions, it was announced by Haskell Tidwell, Business Agent.

The seven markets have been closed several weeks.

DEFEND ISLAND LEADER

NEW YORK—The Civil Liberties Union has filed a brief to the U. S. Supreme Court in support of the appeal of Albizu Campos, convicted Porto Rican nationalist leader.

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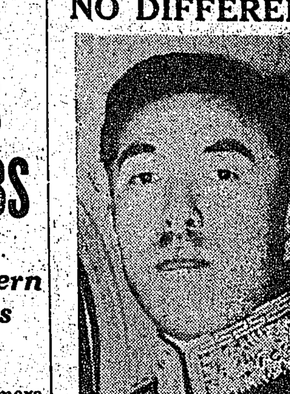

PRINCE FUMINARO KONOE, new premier of Japan. Appointed to succeed Gen. Hayashi when parliament and masses of people became impatient with military-fascism, Konoe represents the same elements as did Hayashi.

U. S. TRUCKMEN SPAIN HEROES

Many Americans Are Driving for Spain

By TED ALLAN

MADRID—After visiting American Hospital No. 1, 2½ miles behind the lines on the Cordoba front, I rode back to the base with an ammunition truck driven by Ben Levine, 21-year old American.

These truckdrivers are the unsung heroes of the Spanish war. Levine wants the people at home to know that many Americans and Canadians are driving trucks and working as mechanics.

"We are doing our duty too, although many of us are not in the Lincoln battalion," said William Gordon, young Montreal garage mechanic, who drove over 1,200 miles with a truck to Almeria, bringing back a number of Americans stationed there.

Gordon said several Americans were wounded in the shelling of Almeria by the Nazi fleet, but he couldn't give the names.

There are 35 American and Canadian truckdrivers on the Cordoba front. On the way back to Madrid via Valencia I met members of the newly-formed Canadian Mackenzie - Papineau battalion now fighting alongside the Lincoln Battalion at the Jarama front. In spite of the long drawn-out character of the war, there is a magnificent spirit and morale. The simple words and statements of the volunteers and what I saw of the new efficiency due to centralized control on all fronts indicates the energy of the Spanish people and shows that their will to conquer over Fascism is as strong as ever.

The Cordoba front, with mountains and valleys stretching 120 miles, is being solidified to such an extent that when the government begins an offensive every front can begin moving according to plan and not in a sporadic fashion as in the first days of the war.

War Fund in Pedro Far Above Relief

SAN PEDO—A War Department bill for $194,328,363 recommended for passage by the House Appropriations Committee will give nearly $8,000,000 to Los Angeles harbor. The money will be used to complete the remaining 2000 feet of breakwater and to dredge a 40-foot channel and turning basin.

This sum is better than twice the total being spent this year from "relief" appropriations.

Labor Board Hears Marine Office Case

SAN PEDRO—National Labor Relations Board hearings on the petition of the Waterfront Office Workers Union will be held in the City Hall here June 24 at 10 a.m.

350 employees of some 21 shipping and allied lines are asking for collective bargaining.

POLICE SHIELD SCAB GUNMEN IN SAN PEDRO

Frampton Shot and Wounded Union Taxi Driver

SAN PEDRO—The police department has refused to arrest Leroy Frampton, taxi driver for a scab Long Beach concern, who shot Charles H. Barron, dispatcher for a Wilmington union cab company last week.

Furnished identification of the assailant by the Teamsters Union, the police said they would not act unless a complaint was issued by the District Attorney's office.

Barron is in the county hospital with a .38 calibre revolver bulet in his left breast and Vernon Patrick was treated for a lacerated abrasion of the head received when he and another union driver, Charles Wilson were disarming the gunman.

A Scab Concern

Cabs of the scab concern are reported to have been cruising in Wilmington picking up fares without a Los Angeles license. The union drivers were investigating when Frampton started shooting. One of the bullets barely missed Wilson. The police of San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach all investigated but Frampton was not held. He is still driving for the Drive 'N Taxi Service, an "independent" company whose employes own their own cars (thus enabling the company to evade insurance).

Oil Progressives Gain in L. Beach.

LONG BEACH—The progressives in the Oil Workers Union here recorded considerable gains in the elections just held.

Pete T. Murphy of the Texas Company was elected president over the Coulter machine candidate, H. T. Geiger, although Coulter was elected financial secretary without opposition.

D. E. Fisher led in the balloting for the three vice presidents, but there will have to be a run-off between Harry Landers, J. A. Mockwert and F. J. Finch, who received the same number of votes.

R. W. Gale (Union Oil) was elected recording secretary; A. F. Lynch, guard; V. B. Foster, guide, and Ray Swearinger, trustee.

Coulter and Geiger were elected to the Central Labor Council delegation with the addition of a newcomer, Thomas Benbery, and Coulter, Crail and Fisher were elected to the District Council with the addition of O. E. Forrester. Only 256 voted out of an eligible membership of 1300, it is said.

Paso Robles Mayor Defends Film of 'Spain in Flames'

PASO ROBLES—Mayor George Lyddle scored reactionary members of the city council and board of education who brought about cancellation of the permit to show "Spain in Flames" in the school auditorium.

These reactionaries, responding to demands by the leadership of the American Legion which organized a vigilante band to break up any attempted showing, refused even to attend a showing for city and civic officials in the city hall to determine whether or not it was a fit picture for the people to see.

The council and board of education took their action after the Vacaville mayor had led an attack on the film showing. Sponsors of the film urged them to see it before they went through with their refusal. The mayor, chief of police and others did see and approve it, but the majority of the officials boycotted it.

The film was shown instead to an audience of 150 in Eaglet, 15 miles south, and efforts are being made to secure another hall in Paso Robles.

American Legion official's appeals to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to join in the vigilante band were turned down.

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Refusal of Allied Troops to Fight Soviets Revealed

WASHINGTON—The files of the state department have been opened to reveal how interventionist troops of the World War allies mutinied and refused to fight against the Soviet government in 1919.

Secret information just made public disclose Russian-American relations throughout the year 1919, showing the record of secret Paris conferences and disclosing the flat refusal of British, American and French soldiers to continue the fight into which they had been sent.

Conference Plots War

The files showed that President Wilson proposed to allied powers that a peace conference be held in Prinkipo Island, Greece, to draw up a "truce" between the Bolsheviks and the allied interventionists. This conference turned into a demand for sending more troops rather than to withdraw any, with the record showing that troops were sent to Russia shortly after the Bolsheviks had concluded a separate peace with Germany.

Then Lloyd George is indirectly quoted as having said at a secret Paris conference:

"Now Canada has decided to withdraw her troops, because the Canadian soldiers would not agree to stay and fight against the Russians.

Troops Wanted Peace

"Similar trouble had also occured amongst the other allied troops, and he felt certain that, if the British tried to send any more troops there, there would be mutiny."

Other records disclosed showed that "an offensive against Red troops had collapsed due to the failure of a British detachment accompanying Russian partisan troops to advance in the face of the enemy." Again "dissatisfaction and unrest" was reported among American soldiers at Archangel on March 31. One company "for a time refused to go to the front," and the American charge d'affaires recommended that the troops be withdrawn.

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French Trade Unions Support Spanish Appeal for Unity

PARIS—The Spanish workers' appeal for international united action to support the Spanish Republic is fully supported by the French trade unions. This announcement was made by Julien Racamond, vice-president of the General Confederation of Labor, who said:

"We examined the proposals made by the General Workers' Union of Spain, the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, which correspond to the efforts of the C.G.T. has always made for international unity.

"The executive committee instructed the delegation of the C.G.T. to the Warsaw meeting of the Bureau of the International Federation of Trade Unions to support this proposal."

BAKERS SIT DOWN

NEW YORK—Three hundred bakers at three Pechter Co. plants went on a sitdown strike to protest the closing of a plant throwing 180 out of work.

NAZIS ADMIT FIRING UPON LOYAL PLANES

Ends Earlier Denial That Deutschland Started Fight

WILHELMSHAVEN, Germany—Admiral Erich Raeder, commander-in-chief of the German Navy, blutly admitted here that the Nazi battleship Deutschland fired on Loyalist planes at Iviza, Balearic Islands, before the latter bombed the Deutschland.

The Nazis had heretofore insisted that the battleship fired on the planes only after they had bombed the Deutschland. They used this incident and this version of it as an excuse for the bombardment of the defenseless Loyalist seaport of Almeria.

Raeder, speaking at a memorial service for the 31 men who were killed when the Loyalists answered the German attack, said:

"Part of the ship's anti-aircraft guns were manned. In accordance with a warning which the German admiral had given Loyalists authorities, orders had been issued to open fire on any Red (meaning any anti-fascist) plane that approached a warship in a suspicious manner.

"The airplanes were sighted by the lookout, despite unfavorable conditions. The presence of the planes was noted at once. . ."

He went on to say that the anti-aircraft fire began before any bombs struck the ship.

Eden Aids Franco Under Cover of 'Neutrality' Talk

LONDON — Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, under a smokescreen of the slogan "no more landing of foreign troops in Spain," advances the Tory government's movement to grant the status of "government" to the fascist junta of General Franco.

Eden attempted to present as a victory for peace forces the fact that Mussolini had agreed to return to the International Non-Intervention Committee. The fascist countries had returned only to continue their empty pretense of collaboration for peace despite their latest military activities in Spain. The committee now denies to Spain the right to protect its own coasts, shipping and planes from attack by the Nazi and Italian "neutrality" patrol ships.

Eden further indicated the British Tories' carefully worked out policy against the Spanish Republic with the disclosure that Baron Konstantin von Neurath, Hitler's foreign minister, will come to London June 23 on Eden's special invitation.

British and Nazis both have an interest in the iron and other metallic ores in the Basque region. The Basque campaign was undertaken by the fascists only after an agreement for possession of metallic resources was made with Hitler.

CIO Auto Workers To Ask Better Pact

DETROIT—The United Automobile Workers of America, which cracked the open shop front in the automobile industry last February by signing a 6-month contract with General Motors, has announced that it will seek a better agreement affective August 11.

Specific proposals will be forwarded later, but one report had it that a 35-hour week and 10 cents hourly wage increase would figure among the new demands.

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Planters Oppose Independence Of Philippines

MANILA—Large scale sugar plantation owners here have announced their opposition to the Tydings-McDuffie law by which nominal independence of the United States would be established at the end of a ten-year period.

The planters' opposition was voiced by Amando Avancena and Placido Mapa, prominent planters, and Jose Mirasol, technical advisor of the Confederation of Associations of Sugar Cane Planters, who said they were preparing a resolution urging the United States to amend the law and continue the Commonwealth under U. S. supervision.

The planters offered as their reasons the fact that Japanese imperialism is penetrating the economy of the country.

The actual intent of the Tydings Act was to retain the economic domination of the United States in the Phillippines without political responsibility. Large scale planters are fearful of the mass anti-imperialist movement in the Islands which would move toward actual as well as nominal independence. Their efforts are directed toward retaining the help of the United States government rather than encourage the rise of a mass movement which would threaten their domination over the Filipino people.

Basque Children Near Leningrad

BILBAO—The Steamer Havana which the CGT has always made children bound for the Soviet Union, their place of refugee from the inhuman shelling of their homes by the fascist forces of Italy and Germany.

The children will be transferred to the steamer Santai in the French port of Liapalis for the remainder of the voyage. They were expected to arrive in Leningrad about June 20, to be divided into smaller groups.

They are accompanied by 75 Spanish teachers and will continue their schooling in their native tongue. The fathers of more than three fourths of the children are now fighting in the Loyalist armies, while about 100 of them are orphans.

Show How Motor Bearing Co., AFL Leaders Plotted

OAKLAND — Before a clash between Labor Relations Board Attorney Clifford O'Brien and AFL Attorney Galliano broke up hearings on unfair labor practices by the National Motor Bearing Co. last week, Anthony Dias, CIO Auto Workers' member told how the company had asked him to return to work as an AFL member.

Dias said he had refused to desert the CIO union. The UAW charges that AFL reactionaries worked with the company to break the UAW.

Italian Press Takes Credit for Franco

ROME—An editorial in Mussolini's personally-owned newspaper, Popo d'Italia of Milan, openly boasts that Italian troops are taking part in the siege of Bilbao and declares:

"Italy's dead in the battle of Guadalajara on the Madrid front will be avenged."

Other newspapers describe the fascist gains at Bilbao as "an Italian victory."

S.F. United Cigar Strike Needs Aid

SAN FRANCISCO—The United Cigar Store strikers, members of the Cigar and Liquor Clerks Union, are appealing to organized labor for financial and moral support.

No word has been received from New York headquarters of the company on opening negotiations but the clerks are standing solid for recognition and wage increases.

CHINA FIGHTS JAPANESE IN NEW CLASHES

Volunteers Attacking In Northwestern Provinces

(By Wireless)

SHANGHAI—Reports of clashes between strong detachments of the anti-Japanese volunteers and Japanese-Manchukuoan troops at many points in Chahar Province indicate that the uprising of Chinese nationalist forces is still on the offensive.

The volunteers, organized into the Anti-Japanese Army of Self Defense, have captured a number of important strategic points in the Hunyuan and Tushihkow districts of Charhar.

Attack Mercenaries

One contingent of volunteers attacked two divisions of Mongolian "irregular" troops, or bandit forces in the hire of the Japanese, in Naoylanchen, about seven miles from Chapsura, central point in Inner Mongolia.

The Mongolian troops were badly beaten and were forced to retire towards Poachan-Chanpei.

Volunteer forces have cut off communications between Chapsura and the Hunyuan district. One detachment of 1500 volunteers marching from Ping-ti-tsuan, attacked the town of Nonghao-tsun.

Send for Reinforcements

Li-shu-sing, assistant to the Japanese agent, Prince Teh-uan, sent a telegram to the Japanese army garrison at Chanpei for reinforcements.

More than 5,000 anti-Japanese volunteers are now estimated to be on the field in Charhar province.

Tietsin papers also report volunteer attacks in districts of Eastern Hopei, Shunya and Hwei-chow.

Soviet Masses Call On Government to Issue Defense Loan

MOSCOW—A public, spontaneous movement is spreading throughout the Soviet Union calling upon the government to issue a national defense loan. It originated in the aftermath of the trial of the eight convicted Nazi agents, headed by M. Tukhachevsky in the Red Army.

Thousands of resolutions from trade unions, collective farms and defense organizations throughout the Soviet Union have been pouring in supporting the original resolution of the railroad workers of the Moscow Sortiorvochna depot, which said:

"The enemies of the people, the foul spies and assassins, wanted to weaken our strength and power, wanted to undermine the defense of our country. Their foul plans did not succeed. In order to still further strengthen the defense of the Soviet Union, we ask the government to hasten issuance of the defense loan."

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The Moscow-North Pole-U.S.A. Flight

THE DARING Moscow-U. S. A. flight via the North Pole serves to further cheapen the barrage of anti-Soviet lies and slanders appearing in the capitalist press, and issuing from the mouths of fascists and their Trotzkyite colleagues in connection with the trials of those who betrayed the Soviet people.

The phantastic tales of the fascists would make it appear as if the entire Soviet Union is in a state of terror and disorganization because a handful of confessed spies have been properly dealt with. The capitalist press echoes these lies, and then, in contradiction, is forced in bold headlines to gasp in amazement at the great courage and scientific achievement of the Soviet Union as expressed by the flight over the pole.

It goes without saying that a government ruling by terror, and a population in a state of chaos would be incapable of devoting the amount of planning and scientific work involved in such an undertaking as the Moscow-North Pole-U. S. A. non-stop flight. The same is true of the recent Soviet conquest of the North Pole, or of similar brilliant achievements too numerous to mention.

The anti-Soviet lies are invented so that the fascist powers and their friends might be able to cover up the guilt of the fascist powers in the activities of the spies and to hide the fact that it is actually the fascist governments which are interested solely in maintaining themselves by terrorism. It is worth noting that no great scientific achievements come out of Nazi Germany, or out of Italy and Japan.

The Western Worker joyfully welcomes the Soviet flyers to San Francisco. Their achievement is yet another example of what socialism, guided by Comrade Stalin, is able to accomplish.

Resign, Mr. Rossi

THEODORE J. Roche, president of the police commission of San Francisco, told the jury that "Up to the last two or three months I was ignorant of graft or raid tipoffs on the part of the police department. Now my opinion is changed. The tapped telephone conversations convince me that policemen have been dealing corruptly with McDonough Brothers."

Thus Roche, who refused to aid the Atherton investigation, who sabotaged it, admits what has been disclosed beyond credible denying. So much and no more.

It might be "a good thing," Roche professed, if the police commission had its personnel changed occasionally.

The Rossi administration cannot whitewash itself so easily as that. The Kaiser goes, the generals remain. The Rossi administration got rid of Dr. Shumate by accepting his resignation when his presence became too embarrassing. Roche apparently is slated to take the same way out.

But for the Rossi administration this is all too apparently an effort to hide the fact that it is itself implicated up to the neck in the system of corruption and graft around the McDonough brothers' bail bond business.

The Rossi administration is the fountainhead of graft in San Francisco. Roche's innocent contention that for 25 years he remained blissfully unaware of any taint of corruption is so much hogwash. Not for nothing did he sabotage the Atherton investigation from the start. His admission of last Thursday was simply another phase of the effort of the administration to profess that it is amazed at the exposed graft and has been altogether aloof from it.

Changing a Shumate for a Sykes does not alter the police commission except to replace a man who can no longer serve effectively for one who can. Roche's resignation is in order as well, but it will bring no essential change until that change is made by the people—beginning at the city hall.

Police graft in San Francisco is not an isolated phenomenon. It goes hand-in-hand with Rossi's flagrant attacks on the maritime strikers of 1934 and in 1936. It goes hand-in-hand with his defense of the flaunting of Nazi flags in San Francisco more prominently than the flags of any other nation displayed during the recent fiesta.

Rossi refused to aid the Atherton investigation from the start. He sought to discredit it by his vicious attack the moment the report was issued. His silence now is a further admission of guilt. If he were sincere in his original denunciation of the report why his silence now?

He is silent because a denunciaton of graft in San Francisco is a denunciation of Rossi. He has shown himself to be aligned with the most reactionary forces in the city. He has shown himself as hostile to the labor movement.

His resignation is in order—or his removal. His resignation or removal will be forthcoming when the labor and progressive forces organize a campaign to sweep his corrupt machine out of office and to replace it with elected officials whose records show them to be responsive to the needs and the demands of those who elected them and whose counselors will be the labor and progressive forces of the voters who elected them rather than the shipowners and the sympathizers of Nazi Germany.

Their Days Are Numbered

WILLIAM Green and the AFL Executive Council have not dared to issue direct simultaneous orders to all central labor bodies and state federations, carrying out the decision of the Cincinnati conference for the purging of all CIO and other progressive locals.

Green and the Executive Council are too well aware of the sentiment against splitting, so strong among the AF rank and file, to resort to such action.

Instead, they have indulged in a policy of selecting central bodies here and there, as "test cases."

Such a "test case" was the advice from Green to the San Diego Central Labor Council to the effect that the Newspaper Guild, now a CIO affiliate, might be expelled from the San Diego Council.

The San Diego Council voted, by 47 to 33, to file the Green telegram. Even the combination of the Lydick group of turncoats with the oldline reactionaries availed Green little.

Making the blow all the more painful for Green were the numerous desertions of craft delegates from his policy.

The result of the San Diego vote ought to make the hidebounds of the Executive Council realize that their days in the labor movement are numbered.

More Aid to Spain!

CALIFORNIA has just completed a week's special mobilization to gather funds for aid to Spanish Democracy. The amount raised is not determined yet, but the real results of the week's work can be judged only by the extent to which it has dramatized the obligation of the people right here in California to help the Spanish people now, and every day.

The heroic fight of the Basque people is today's reminder that the time to help Spain is now, tomorrow and the next day.

It will be time to aid the Spanish people as long as fascists remain on their soil. It will be time to aid the world fight of democracy against fascism as long as there are still fascists attempting to carry out their program of starvation, terror and death.

Even at this writing it is clear that one of the finest responses to Spanish Aid Week in California came in the form of contributions to the "miss-a-meal" fund. It is a literal truth that hundreds of supporters of Spain deprived themselves of food on the occasion. They did so not as a dramatic gesture but in sober realization of the fact that our own freedom is threatened no less than that of the Spanish people.

Far from being thought of as a finale, Spanish Aid Week should be considered an impetus to carry on the campaign for funds. Organizations that have contributed in the past should make regular weekly or monthly pledges. Organizations that have not yet joined in this campaign should join it now, inviting speakers from the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy to address their meetings.

Miss a meal! Not once only, but every week. Contribute the price of it, along with every additional cent you can possibly spare, to your own cause. The Spanish people and the heroic international volunteers are contributing their lives on the field of battle. Our contribution is just as necessary and far easier to make. Between them, they will win for democracy in Spain and throughout the world.

This Convention Concerns the Unions Too

WHEN the Workers Alliance holds its national convention in Milwaukee, June 22 to 25, its deliberations and decisions will be vital not only to the unemployed and the project workers, but to the trade union membership as well.

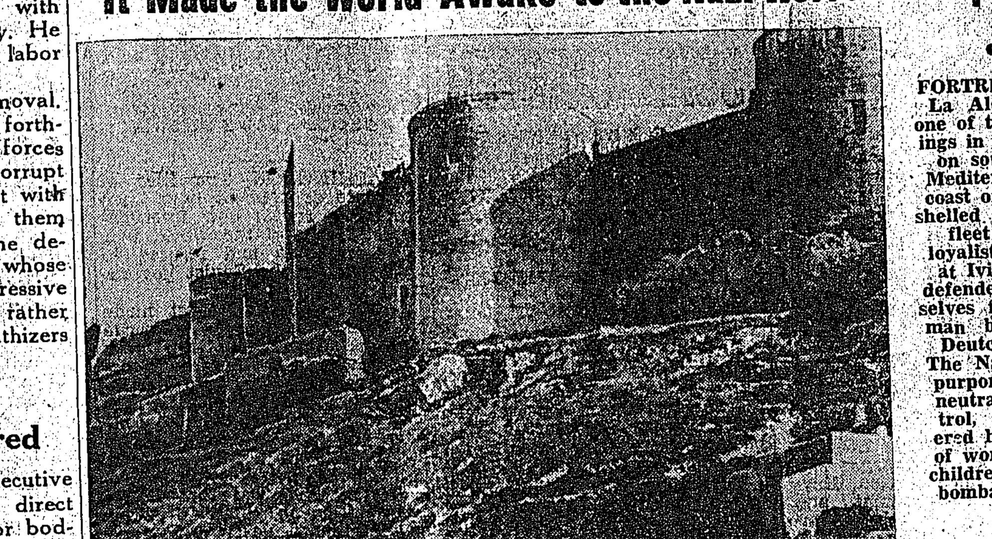
The Alliance holds its national convention at a time when the Works Progress Administration announces that hundreds of thousands more are to be lopped off the project rolls. It meets at a time when attempts are being made by reactionary Senators to whittle down even the insufficient $1,500,000,00 administration relief bill.

The Alliance is heading the fight against cutting down on the projects. The drastic slashes announced would serve to make more insecure the jobs held by trade unionists employed at the present time, by adding to the ranks of the totally unemployed.

Slashes in relief, as proposed, would further lower the purchasing power of the American people; this in turn would result in the laying off of great numbers of trade unionists at present employed.

It is therefore a serious necessity that the trade union movement, in its own interests, support to the full the fight of the Workers Alliance against cuts in the projects, and for support of the $3,000,000,000 Boileau relief bill.

It Made the World Awake to the Nazi Horrors in Spain



FORTRESS OF La Alcazaba, one of the buildings in Almeria on southern Mediterranean coast of Spain, shelled by Nazi fleet after loyalist planes at Iviza had defended themselves from German battleship Deutschland. The Nazi fleet, purportedly on neutrality patrol, slaughtered hundreds of women and children in the bombardment.

Trotzkyite-Lovestone Link On Spain Grows Clearer

By HARRY GANNES

Universally among anti-Fascists the Barcelona counter-revolutionary uprising was deplored and condemned. It caused a shudder of horror among the revolutionary proletariat and aroused a feeling of revulsion against those responsible for the coup which aided General Franco.

In the light of the Barcelona events, those workers in the U.S. who believed there was a difference between the program of Trotzkyism and the Lovestonites must now seriously re-examine the question.

At the first news of the uprising in the rear at Barcelona, the Workers Age tried to absolve the POUM from complicity in this crime against anti-Fascist unity. That the POUM (an alliance of Trotzkyites and the extreme right ousted from the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain) had anything to do with the dastardly uprising, the Workers Age said was an invention of the Daily Worker. ("Our raucous contemporary, the Daily Worker, has seen fit to give a special POUM angle to the wole Barcelona struggle."—Workers Age.)

The first hesitation of the Lovestonites over Barcelona events now seems to have turned into boldness with the return from Spain of the living link between the Lovestonite leadership and Trotzky. We refer to Bertram D. Wolfe, stooge for Diego Rivera, who in turn is chief defender and host of the Fascist agent, L. D. Trotzky.

Wolfe, on his return, not only reveled in the significance of the uprising against the People's Front government, but considered it a sign of "proletarian revolution" against the "Kerensky-ite" People's Front government. He promises—with no small measure of comfort to General Franco and his backers, Hitler and Mussolini—that more of such uprisings in the rear against anti-Fascist unity will come.

An Alliance With Fascism

In an interview in the Workers Age, May 27, the peripatetic Wolfe says "the end is not yet," speaking of counter-revolutionary uprisings like the May putsch; welcomes the shooting down of antifascists as a symptom of the coming Soviet phase of the Spanish revolution.

Wolfe clearly declares that the Lovestonite line in Spain (now in complete harmony with the Trotzkyite aims of the POUM) is to organize an armed uprising to overthrow the People's Front government. This is the Clemenceau thesis of Trotzkyism; to utilize the war of the People's Front government against Fascism in order to strike in the rear and overthrow the existing State power. The phrases used, of course, are the most revolutionary sounding; just as the perfume needed to cover the most odorous stink has to be the most fragrant. But the counter-revolutionary content, aims, and policy of the Lovestonite program with regard to Spain cannot be denied.

The Lovestonites in theory are in favor of war on two fronts; that is, war against the People's Front government (as a "capitalist" government), and war against the Fascists. In practice, as the facts of Barcelona show, their "theory" becomes an alliance with Fascism and its agents to carry on the war exclusively in the rear against the People's Front.

Even in the Kerensky period which only charlatans can compare to the present situation in Spain (with the danger of a Hitler, Mussolini and Franco threatening not only Spain but the world) Lenin castigated as provocateurs those who sought by the July events of 1917 to assist Korniloff by creating civil war at that moment in the rear.

Talking "Revolution"

Under the guise of carrying out the "revolutionary" struggle, the POUM and the uncontrolled Anarchists by confiscating the property of the middle-class and "collectivizing" peasant holdings, at the point of the revolver work to split the anti-Fascist unity which alone can insure what the workers of the entire world want above everything else—the early and smashing defeat of Fascism in Spain.

The struggle to attain such unity, the organization to insure the victory in the war against fascism will not merely preserve the present class relations. Instead, it will present the world with the defeat of Spanish fascism, the unity of the proletariat and the peasantry, and the certainty of the speediest social progress. The Trotzkyist line of talking "revolution" but working for the defeat of the war against Fascism destroys every possibility of proletarian victory.

We wish to call upon two witnesses, who on many occasions showed Trotzkyist influence on the historical estimate of the Barcelona uprising against the People's Front. We refer to the Nation (New York), and the Manchester Guardian. Both of these liberal periodicals have shown the strongest partiality to Trotzkyism. On the issue of Spain, at the very outbreak of the Fascist rebellion the Nation's "expert" on Spain was the Trotzkyite Anita Brenner. She, with approval of the Nation, endorsed and praised the POUM. On the question of the Trotzkyite alliance with Fascism, the Manchester Guardian defended the Trotzkyites.

Assailed Even in Nation

So crassly counter-revolutionary, however, so obviously an aid to Franco, Hitler and Mussolini was the Barcelona uprising, that the Nation wrote about it as follows:

"Last week Anarchist irreconcilables supported by the POUM staged a little civil war within the Spanish civil war by attacking the Loyalist government. Several hundred were killed and several hundred wounded in the fighting. THE DISSIDENTS COULD NOT HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB IN FRANCO'S BEHALF HAD HITLER AND MUSSOLINI PAID THEM."

The Fascist attitude on the Barcelona uprising was expressed by that butcher of Spanish workers, General Queipo de Llano from his Seville broadcast station when he said to the POUM: "we sympathize with you, and will render help. Stand fast!"

Now the Lovestonites want their followers to believe that the uprising was "spontaneous." Yet on May 1st, the POUM leader, the Trotzkyite Andreas Nin wrote in Batalla, official POUM organ: "Today it is still possible. Tomorrow it may be too late." On Monday, May 3, the counter-revolutionary attack began.

The 'Workers Age' Lies

Whenever the issues are the struggle against Fascism, for the victory of Spain and the defense of the Soviet Union, the vaunted differences between Trotzkyism and the Lovestonite officialdom narrow down to a point where even a microscope cannot reveal them.

These facts should alarm those Lovestonite followers who believe that the Lovestonites are friends of the Soviet Union. Sending money and messages of greeting to the People's Front of Spain by Local 22, on the one hand, and stabbing the defenders of Spanish democracy in the back, with the other hand is the dilemma all those face who support the Lovestonite-Trotzkyist policy with regard to Spain.

It cannot be refuted that from the very outbreak of the Fascist uprising the Workers Age could find nothing but venomous hatred for the People's Front of Spain and its heroic defenders of Spanish democracy. The Workers Age treatment of the news of the heroic battle against General Franco is proof of this statement. When the reports heralded the desperate but glorious defense of Madrid the Lovestonites editing the Workers Age deliberately lied in their haste to give Madrid to Franco and blame the People's Front for it.

On November 14, 1936, in the issue ironically enough devoted to the "Russian (Revolution) Anniversary," the Lovestonite sheet resorted to the vilest wish-fulfillment in print, publishing as its chief headline the following: "FASCISTS ENTER MADRID; CABALLERO CABINET FLEES." Describing the "fall of Madrid," the Workers Age goes on luridly: "Under a withering barrage of fire, and the fierce attack of Moorish mercenaries, the Fascist forces of Franco have fought their way into Madrid proper."

Caught With the Goods

Then the "theoreticians" of the Workers Age, as wide-awake as their manufacturers of Spanish news, added: "The strange collapse of the defense of Madrid . . . leaves very grave suspicion as to sabotage within the government."

Later, caught with the goods and condemned by their own followers, the precipitous destroyers of the People's Front government of Spain on the Workers Age grudgingly "apologized." But the slanders against the Spanish people giving their lives in the fight against Fascism continued.

On Nov. 21, 1936, the Workers Age wishfully hoping for the end of the People's Front said: "Under the heavy blows of the crisis, the carefully constructed edifice of the People's Front is fast crumbling, giving way to what is virtually a worker-peasant regime in Catalonia and Madrid."

The six months which have passed since the above was written proved that the People's Front far from crumbling as Franco, Hitler, Mussolini and Trotzky would wish, has become stronger, more powerful, creating the Guadalajara and Cordoba victories while the POUM could endear itself to the Fascists by the spectacle of the Barcelona counter-revolutionary putsch.

When the Trotzkyist POUM leader in Spain, Nin, declared: "Today it is possible. Tomorrow it may be too late!" he was expressing the desperation of Spanish Trotzkyism. The vast majority of the Anarchists and Anarcho-Syndicalists are beginning to realize that only the strongest anti-Fascist unity can achieve the victory in the war against Fascism. The POUM, therefore, incited the small gangster element of the uncontrolled Anarchists who retained arms very much as American gunmen retain arms to hasten its attempts to overthrow the People's Front government.

Anti-Fascist Unity Vital

Not only did they fall, but they were driven back with little hope of successfully reenacting their pro-Fascist exhibition.

The defeat of Trotzkyism and the uncontrolled Anarchists in Catalonia will mean the reversal of the scandalous military spectacle of a virtual tacit truce on the Aragon front. The slogan of the Communist Party of Spain which is rapidly being realized is: "The most determined offensive on all fronts; the most thorough clean-up of the rear."

Just now the Lovestonites, as well as the Trotzkyites on the Socialist Call, are directing their main fire against the Negrin Cabinet. They are already beginning to justify new counter-revolutionary putsches against it. The workers everywhere realize that in Spain the most important, pressing, and immediate task is winning the war against Fascism. To achieve that closer anti-Fascist unity for that sole end is imperative. The Trotzkyite and POUM policy of trying to widen the split at this moment is enleavoring to achieve by words what Franco could not gain by arms.

The Negrin Cabinet cannot be judged by phrases but by its program. And its program is the most resolute one of mobilizing the whole country for winning the war against Fascism.

Do the Lovestonite followers support the policy of civil war against the People's Front government as advocated by Bertram W. Wolfe?

Are they in favor of the criminal alliance of Lovestonism and Trotzkyism in Spain and against the Soviet Union, regardless of the phrases used to conceal the actual organic unity of their aims?

Does the Trotzkyist stooge, Bertram D. Wolfe, speak the mind and sentiments of the Lovestonite followers of Local 22 when he calls for more shedding of workers' blood in Catalonia to defeat Socialist, Communist, Anarchist, Basque, Catalan and Republican unity?

The battlelines have formed in Spain. There is the People's Front government and the People's Army shedding their blood to defeat Franco and his allies Hitler and Mussolini. The POUM has merited the praise of General Franco. Where do the Lovestonites stand on the open expression of the Workers Age and Bertram D. Wolfe in behalf of the instigators of the Barcelona uprising and the plotters of new counter-revolutionary coups in Spain?

Labor Leaders H Fascist Invas

By J. P.

Labor leaders of San Francisco and the East Bay called for strict enforcement of neutrality legislation S. State Department to ban shipments of war materi and Germany for use against the Spanish people.

Of nine union officials interviewed by the Wester seven endorsed the action of the 225 delegates to the International Oil Workers' Convention, meeting in Kansas City June 9, in supporting the struggle of the Spanish people against "the Spanish Liberty League" and international fascism, and demanding that Secretary of State Hull apply present neutrality legislation to Germany and Italy, "in order that war supplies from the United States shall not be used against the Spanish people." The other two local officials issued strong statements in support of Spain Week.

Fur Workers Unanimous

Gordon Stein, president of Local 79 of the International Fur Workers' Union, with offices at 149 Mason Street, San Francisco, said that not only did the Oil Workers' protest reflect his personal sentiments, but that on May 17, at his International's convention in Chicago, 101 delegates had voted unanimously to take the same action.

Joe Easley, president of Local 456 of the Dining Car Cooks & Waiters Union, 705 Peralta Street, Oakland, speaking for some 400 Negro employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad, pointed out the importance to minority groups of the struggle against fascism.

"All of our men and most of my friends are hostile to the slightest thing that looks like fascism," declared Easley, "and you can say that we heartily sympathize with the Spanish people and oppose this government's indirect aid to their enemies."

The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union is doing everything it can to aid the victims of fascism, and has already contributed funds to labor's Red Cross, according to Jennie Matyas, international organizer.

"Ambassador De Los Rios spoke to our convention," said Miss Matyas, at the office of the San Francisco Local, 149 Mason Street. "He painted a very stirring picture of the frightful economic conditions under which most of the Spanish workers are engaged. The fight is clearly one for a better living among the working people."

Miss Matyas said that whereas some individuals in her International were sympathetic with the fascists and were "entitled to their own opinion," the organization as such is opposed to "any form of dictatorship or fascism and is doing what it can to aid the Spanish people."

Auto Workers Approve

Frank Slaby, president of the United Auto Workers, 531 Eleventh Street, Oakland, approved whole-heartedly the action of the Oil Workers and said that his organization, in a special conference June 5, had adopted a resolution to the same effect.

Local 4 of the Millinery Workers Union, 1267 Market Street, San Francisco, sent protests condemning the slaughter of the women and children of Almeria to the German consulate Wednesday, June 9, according to Carmen Lucia, international organizer.

"The government of Spain was constitutionally elected," said Miss Lucia, "and the attack by the royalists, sponsored by the fascist countries of Europe, should be condemned."

Jerry Calahan, president of the Filling Station Employees, 112 Valencia Street, San Francisco, pointed out the analogy between the American Revolution and the Spanish People's struggle.

"The proud Americans who trace their families back to soldiers of the Revolution," explained Calahan, "should remember the principles at stake in 1776. Then, as today in Spain, a people's government was attacked by Tories, by the soldiers of imperialist Britain, and by Hessian mercenaries. Today, the royalists, imperialists, and fascists mercenaries in Spain are attempting to destroy a democratic government of the Spanish people."

Unless action is taken immediately by the State Department, the American people will find themselves partly to blame for the subjection and slaughter of millions of Spaniards, which, in the opinion of Frank Sullivan, secretary of the East Bay Machinists, 531 Eleventh Street, Oakland, will constitute the "Twentieth Century's blackest crime."

Culinary Workers Want Action

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Smiling Despite Fascist Air Raids

THE COURAGE of the Spanish people is shown by this woman leaving a Madrid pharmacy, smiling despite the murderous fascist air raids on civilian quarters. Sandbags have been piled as protection against air raids.

Convention Opens Fight on Cal. Senate

(Continued from Page 1)

ter of greetings from the Washington Commonwealth Federation which hailed its work as a step toward a progressive federation in the Western states. A telegram of greetings from John Anson Ford, L. A. County Supervisor and recent candidate of the progressives for mayor, declared the convention was "seeking a practical path to progress for this reactionary controlled state" and pleaded "for emphasis on essentials only. With patience and tolerance you can gain unity necessary to success."

Gaynor President

A. F. Gaynor, delegate of the Railway Clerks and legislative representative of the Conference throughout the past legislative session, was unanimously elected president to succeed John Wolters. C. R. Van Winkle, of the Carpenters' District Council of Los Angeles, was retained as first vice-president. Although absent, he sent a telegram of greetings and solidarity to the convention. Wolters, president of the Typographical Union in Oakland, was elected second vice-president after he had declined to continue as president on account of new duties in the labor movement at home. Dr. Floyd Seaman, Methodist minister of Los Angeles, was elected third vice-president and A. F. Gaynor was named to continue as legislative representative.

New Executive Board

An executive board of 25 was elected, including such representative figures as Al Sessions, delegate of the Kern County Labor Council and leader of the progressive Party; William A. Standridge, Merced Dairymen's Union; G. A. Bruno, Filipino Labor Union, Guadalupe; Charles Bingham, Sacramento Central Labor Council; Harold Sawyer, San Francisco, National Lawyers' Guild; Frank Lintner, Workers' Alliance; Oliver Thornton, editor of the United Progressive News of L. A.; Dr. Giuseppe Facci, editor of the Italian anti-fascist paper, Cultura Popular, and Joe White, Negro member of ILA Local 38-79.

The new executive committee will meet bi-monthly, but its members in the Bay Area will form a resident committee to meet at more frequent intervals. The convention voted to extend the present county organizations of the conference, already organized in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Sacramento counties. Delegates attending the caucus on county organization pledged to organize local councils in Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, San Diego and San Luis Obispo counties.

County Activity

The county councils were authorized to participate in local elections in the name of the conference. The caucus further urged that they form lawyers' committees to study and adapt progressive county and city ordinances, drawn up by the state lawyers' committee, to the local situations.

The resolution proposing formation of a labor and progressive political federation in California was brought before the convention by the trade union caucus, and called for taking a poll throughout the labor movement to determine sentiment for it. From the same source came the proposal regarding affiliation with Labor's Non-Partisan League and for the formation of a Radio Club. The latter, adopted enthusiastically by the convention, called for a monthly membership charge of 50 cents to be sold to individuals as a means of supporting a nightly broadcast on a state-wide scale.

Big Contributions

In response to an appeal for funds to wipe out an existing deficit and to start the work on the program as outlined, delegates contributed or pledged $487.43, much of it in the form of individual contributions from the delegates themselves. Still other pledges were made by the delegates to make an appeal for funds from the organizations they represented.

Of the 238 organizations represented, 137 were labor unions, including Bakersfield, Sacramento and Stockton Central Labor Councils and three union district councils. The credentials committee estimated that a minimum of 253,000 members were represented by the delegates, allowing deductions for duplications.

The majority of more than fifty resolutions submitted to the convention were referred to the new executive committee to determine action on them by a referendum. The resolutions, along with the minutes of the convention, will be sent to all delegates. Action on those not considered by the convention as a whole, will await the mail votes of the delegates.

Jerry Feingold Grabs Schreier Sub Challenge

SAN FRANCISCO—In the last issue of the Western Worker, I. Schreier of the Los Angeles Downtown Section challenged Jerry Feingold, San Francisco champ sub-getter, to beat him on the basis of points.

Here's Jerry's answer:

"I accept your challenge. So far I've gotten 67 subs. My challenge is that from this day on, I'll get more subs than you up to July 4. The winner is to get a good dinner at the expense of the loser, when we see each other at the Press Builders' Congress in Los Angeles. I'll give you a good run for the dinner and I'll enjoy that dinner, too."

"Real American" Praises C. P.

By a Worker Corerspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—I was going to send the following letter to the "News-Letter and Wasp," but decided the Wasp would not publish it, which probably you will:

"Noticing your ad in the Examiner asking for information about Communists (an ad seeking to enroll stool pigeons, which also appeared in the Chronicle—Ed.), would like to say that I saw a crowd of them at the Civic Center the other day holding a mass meeting against Rossi and demanding his resignation.

Praises Communists

"They were not afraid apparently to tell the truth about the city hall parasites. Many of these pot-bellied tax eaters stood on the outskirts of the crowd.

"These Communists seemed to understand a lot about government and the causes of our depression and were not afraid to tell the world about it—and right under the city hall dome, too.

Will Support C. P.

"This attitude appeared to me to have certain admirable things about it, and although I am a small property owner and an American whose first ancestor crossed the Atlantic in 1635, I bought a copy of the Western Worker.

"I did not stay the entire meeting because I thought I saw city hall spies at it, but left with the resolve that I will support Communism in preference to such a rotten regime as we have here in S. F.

"I intend to move away as soon as I sell my property. At that time I will make a donation of five or ten dollars to the Communist war chest.

"Yours truly,
"REAL AMERICAN."

Expose Thug-Stoolpigeon Record Of McManus of Teamsters' Union

ORIGINATION OF CORONER'S TIP ON WHITEWASH

No Wonder Murderer Freed, Says Pedro Longshoreman

By XYZ Longshoreman

SAN PEDRO—The monstrous verdict of the Coroner's Jury and the County Grand Jury that whitewashed and released Redding, the police officer who murdered Norman (Bill) Gregg, makes the following quotation from the magazine Health & Hygiene for June, of timely interest. I hope you will find space to reprint it. It is headed: "Inquest on the Coroner," and follows in part:

Origin of Coroners

"The office of coroner was established more than 800 years ago in England. Originally 'crowner,' the coroner was an officer of the crown who had many duties. In time, however, his work was limited to investigating deaths by violence.

"The coroner system in the United States is a remnant of the laws that existed in the colonies and provinces before the American Revolution. When the country was largely agricultural, with a small, scattered population, the coroner could function with some efficiency. With the growth of the United States as an industrial nation, with the advances in medical science and criminology, the coroner system became old-fashioned, inefficient, and even dangerous. Still, in most parts of the country the coroner continues to act as sand in the gears of progress.

Too Many Powers

"The coroner has a double duty—to determine what caused the death and who caused the death. The first problem is purely a medical one and the second belongs to the police and the courts. Coroners are either appointed or elected, and, in most places, they need not be physicians. Nor is there any supervision of the doctors they may call upon to aid them.

"Nevertheless the coroner has wide powers. He decides whether there shall be an inquest or investigation of the death. He may therefore deliberately or unknowingly conceal crime. On the other hand, for the sake of newspaper publicity, he may start a public investigation when none is needed. He may summon anyone as a witness and have anyone who refuses to testify put in jail.

"Only against considerable political-machine opposition were laws providing for the office of medical examiner passed in Massachusetts, and even today in New York State the law applies to few places outside of New York City.

"The institution of coroner is one that is as outmoded as hoopskirts and high-wheeled bicycles. This is an age of scientific advancement, and yet, in many communities, the very important subject of death is left to a man who conducts an undertaking establishment, and, as a sideline, determines why and how men died. It goes without saying that such a job will often be given to the man who can perform the greater service for the political machine that happens to be in power, and for this reason the position is often given to men of not very high calibre."

Grand Jury Also Corrupt

I think the Grand Jury is (even more so) a part of the corrupt county ring. A typical member of the Grand Jury that exonerated Redding, is the wife of the former city manager of Long Beach, Mrs. E. S. Dobbin. Dobbin himself was retired from public office in 1933 after Police Lieut. Ralph C. Miller had exposed him in a signed affidavit as the instigator of the kidnapping and tarring and feathering of a speaker at a local open forum.

I'll wager that an examination of the record and background of all those who compose the county Grand Jury will disclose that they have all served the ruling class in some similar capacity!

Today the police walk the streets of Pedro in squads of three and four. Overbearing in their manner, they resemble Hitler's storm troopers.

Like Hitler Storm Troopers

And they are filling the jails with longshoremen and seamen, on trumped up charges of intoxication. The word of a copper that he smelled alcohol on the breath of a worker from the waterfront will earn him a conviction for "drunk and disorderly."

The voters here will remember next election time and you can look to Pedro for support for independent political action the part of labor.

Get Your Entry In!

Less than two weeks' time! If you want a chance to win your choice of five valuable books, books which any worker in the U. S. A. would be proud to own, be sure to get your entry in for the Worker Correspondents' Contest before the deadline.

The contest is hooked up with the current big Western Worker Circulation Drive—all you have to do is write a letter giving your experiences in the Drive, such as response of workers you know to the "Western," etc. There are only two rules:

1. Get your entry in postmarked before midnight, July 4th.

2. Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

The writer of the best letter will get his or her choice of the following prize books: "From Bryan to Stalin," by Wm. Z. Foster; "History of the American Working Class," by A. Bimba; "Let Me Live," by Angelo Herndon; "Rulers of America," by Anna Rochester; "World Politics," by R. Palme Dutt.

The contest is easy, the prize to the winner is worth while, so get your pen or pencil and rush your entry in today.

Anti-Labor Ranting By Pedro Minister

By a Longshoreman

SAN PEDRO—An aftermath of the shooting of the longshoreman Norman Gregg by the cop Redding, and the action taken by the ILA in boycotting the local newspaper, was the speech of the pastor of the First Baptist Church here, Rev. James Holmes, before the Civitian Club at the YMCA.

Holmes, who was reputedly a liberal, denounced the longshoremen whom he branded "Communists" for their "interference with the inherent right of the free press," and condemned Communism as "the great deceiver of the working man."

He wound up by appealing to the "better element to join together to "take action, not tomorrow, or the next day, but immediately, with the ultimate purpose of ridding America of this growing evil."

Dr. Holmes' tender solicitude for the working man and his democratic liberties (as exemplified by the lying newspaper columns of the News-Pilot), was seconded by Major A. W. Lawrence of Fort MacArthur, who spoke immediately after the Rev. Holmes.

"San Pedro needs a leader," shouted the major, "a man capable of leading San Pedro out of this conflicting turmoil, and a man capable of organizing a movement counteracting and opposed to Communism." The major did not state whether he had a white horse all saddled and ready.

L. A. SOCIAL WORKERS MAY JOIN LABOR

By a Social Worker

LOS ANGELES—The great organization drive now sweeping the country is making itself felt among all workers. Social workers here are considering affiliation with organized labor and, preparatory to such affiliation, are discussing pros and cons of AFL or CIO affiliation.

At the L. A. Social Employees' Guild meeting, June 9, Henry Cruzat, president of the L. A. County Hospital local, AFSCME, urged members to organize and affiliate with organized labor—whether AFL or CIO.

The members voted unanimously to have a CIO speaker for their next meeting Wednesday, June 23, and to poll the membership on affiliation with labor, stating whether AFL or CIO is preferred.

Since the L. A. Guild is affiliated with social service groups throughout the state, through the newly-formed "Pacific Coast Federation of Social Service Employee Groups," decision of the local group will influence social workers throughout California.

SUBS DONATED FOR AMERICAN BOYS IN SPAIN

Slogan: "No Pasaran In Vacaville as In Spain!"

By a Worker Correspondent

VACAVILLE, Solano County—Enclosed you will find money for two three-month subs to the Western Worker for any of our boys in the Lincoln Battalion in Spain.

This money for these subs was raised amongst the members of the Civil Liberties Committee organized here to combat our own vigilantes and robbers of our democratic rights in Vacaville, as was demonstrated by Chief of Police Alley, Mayor Cox and the vigilantes in the past week when they attacked a peaceful showing of "Spain in Flames" to raise money for the boys of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

Pledge to Fight Vigilantism

Vacaville symbolizes the struggle for democratic rights in the small farming communities of California, where embryos of fascism lie. We the workers here pledge ourselves to continue in our fight to stamp out vigilantism in Vacaville; and in Vacaville, as well as in Spain, NO PASARAN!

We have answered your call for subs to Spain and think other groups should do likewise. Over 2000 American boys are in the Lincoln Battalion. If each boy got a sub, just think what a help that would be to the Western Worker, and how glad it would make our fighters feel, to know we have not forgotten them. Get to work!

E. Bay Domestics' Union Established

By a Domestic Worker

OAKLAND — The Domestic Workers Union is now going to hold regular meetings the first and third Thursdays of every month, in Carpenters' Hall.

At the organizational meeting on June 3, representative of the women's group of the National Negro Congress spoke on the organization of domestic workers in general, and the particular problem of the Negro woman in the field of domestic work.

There was also present a representative of the Central Trades School, who showed considerable interest in the union and promised cooperation.

Union Is Sturdy Child

There were a good many questions, remarks and suggestions from the floor, and finally a motion was passed, establishing regular bi-weekly meetings.

Various YWCA groups are also interested. However, the union is by no means limited to women but is for all organized workers. It is a small child, but a sturdy one, and will, I think, grow steadily. The big problem now, of course, is a drive for membership. We are certainly very glad of your help, and will send in news from time to time.

Salinas Co. Union Asks AFL Charter

SALINAS — Company unions have gotten so used to receiving the cooperation of the Vandeleur state federation machine that the Independent Fruit and Vegetable Workers Assn., a company-sponsored outfit, has applied to the state federation for a charter.

The Association was formed in an attempt to break the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, AFL affiliate.

The Grower-Shipper Assn. has just signed an agreement with the "dummy" union, which stipulates that all disputes shall be referred to the Salinas Valley Industrial Relations Board, also company-inspired and dominated.

The National Labor Relations Board has informed the growers-shippers that the new "union" is charged with being a company union!

PASS IT ON!

When you get through reading this issue, let your fellow-worker or next-door neighbor read it. Then ask him or her for a subscription. Get in the big drive to build up the "Western" circulation!

"HOW EASY IT IS TO GET SUBS!"

By WM. E. SHERWOOD

GLENDALE—I have 20 yearly subscriptions to my credit at present, but the section is making a very poor showing so far—only a very few who have had the vision of the great opportunity they now have of educating the masses through the Western Worker, and how easy it is to get subs through the wonderful book premiums you are giving.

All power and glory to the People's Champion of Liberty, Peace and Progress!

COWAN, ERNST MISLEAD S. F. HOTEL STRIKE

Strikers' Killing of "Best Offer" Hits "Leaders"

SAN FRANCISCO—In snowing under the employers' "best offer" by a vote of 2202 to 124, San Francisco's hotel strikers dealt a stinging rebuke to the owners of the "luxury hotels" and to the vacillating policies of the strike committee headed by Hugo Ernst and Walter Cowan.

This ballot further exposed the misleading and sell-out tactics of Ernst and Cowan to the strikers.

The employers' "best offer," which was printed in eight pages at great expense to the unions involved, was submitted to the strikers without any comment whatsoever by Ernst and Cowan, who had assured the employers that they would not make any comment on the proposal before it was submitted to a vote.

Then AFTER the strikers overwhelmingly killed the proposal, Ernst and Cowan issued a statement that they "expected the result," and that they knew the resentment of the workers agains the proposal!

The rejection of the "best offer" by such a big margin is crystallizing a strong sentiment against the bureaucratic and dictatorial role that Ernst and Cowan are playing in this strike.

Ernst and Cowan are the strike committee. They are supposed to be the leaders, and yet they consent to the employers' demands that no comment be made before the balloting. They wait until the vote is announced, and then say that the last offer of the employers was a fake.

The vote indicates an angry realization developing in the strikers' ranks to the obvious attempts being made to break the morale of the strikers and thus break the strike itself.

On June 13, it was reported that a permit had been issued by the strike committee to deliver oil to the Wm. Taylor Hotel. This report was greeted by boos and cat-calls for Ernst and Cowan, who lost control of the meeting so that the chairmanship was taken over by a rank and filer.

To avoid a sell-out, the hotel strikers will have to keep as alert and on guard as they were in rejecting the "best offer."

Hotel Worker is Strong for WW

By a Hotel Worker

SAN FRANCISCO—Bed maker distributing old copies of the Western Worker to guests, bed maker saying to one of the guests: "You don't read this kind of literature, do you?"

Guest, just going to work, seeing the headlines of the "Western" in bed maker's hand, said: "Why wouldn't I read it—I am a Western Worker."

You who read this by chance should buy one, even subscribe to it, and the Western Worker can be a unit in helping the cause of working men and women, thereby helping yourself. Do your bit, let us be proud of you. Your actions will be louder than words, be active.

Now turn your sympathy into deeds, actions, contribute your bit to the working class.

Have a working class mind. The capitalists have had your hands and brains exploited, for a terrible long time in the past. Stay with your class, the workers; we are the power in the land, as all labor produces the wealth.

Buy a worker's paper; help your own kind. You will find more reading interest in it than all the capitalist papers put together.

WORKER FLAYS HIS RECORD IN TAXI DRIVERS'

MacManus Pulled Stockton Cannery Betrayal

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—Recently a story appeared in the "Western" about a "Mr." McManus, Teamster official and vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, about his anti-union activities in the Stockton cannery strike sell-out.

When I knew this fink, he was in the employ of the Yellow Cab Co. in San Francisco. He worked a few days a week so that he could hold a union book. His record in the Chauffeurs Union Local 265 is as black as Scharrenberg's in the Seamen's Union. He is a member of the American Legion.

A Bosses' Thug

MacManus served on the "goon" squad which smashed a workers' bookshops and dumped militant workers in the 193 strike. For this heroic work Rossi had him as a bodyguard.

In 1935, MacManus with four other finks, dumped an old man 60 years old for selling a progressive labor paper. The dumping took place at the corner of Haight and Market Streets and they used brass knuckles and saps. The only way they got the guts to do this was with a few quarts of whiskey.

MacManus, turning yellow failed to appear at the union meeting that night because several of his fink friends talked. A check on his absence that night can verify the story.

A Stoolie Against Militants

The same year MacManus spied and stooled on a brother unionist and had him expelled. He preferred the charges and the brother was expelled without a trial by membership.

Near the end of 1935, MacManus, a Yellow Cab stool openly joined forces with the S. F. "red squad" and rode around with Dectectives Lucy and Merrick of the "red squad." This outfit arrested a militant brother and attempted to frame him, but it failed. MacManus admitted to this brother he helped the bulls make the arrest. All this while he was packing a union book!

Rewarded By Vandeleur

He later was the star witness in expelling six other militant brothers out of Local 265 for so-called Communistic activities. This fink has now been rewarded for his anti-union activities by Vandeleur, and unless he is expelled out of the labor movement, it seems he will do almost anything to serve the employers.

During the shakeup in Local 265, MacManus failed to get re-elected to the executive board, and if rank-and-file members would assist the taxi drivers, they would expel this fink.

Oust Him From Labor Ranks!

MacManus' record is one of a gin-soaked thug who now wears gloves in place of his brass knuckles. Never having much courage, he uses the bottle often.

A wide campaign should be started to rid the labor movement of this type of employers' agent. Let the rank-and-file members of the Chauffeurs Union Local 265 blush with shame to have a fink-hearted rat such as MacManus hiding in their ranks. This is the union he uses to further the employers' plans.

If immediate attention were given to this character by everyone who knows or has friends among the taxi drivers, asking them to expel MacManus, it could be done.

500 in Department Stores May Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—A strike vote of 500 Woolworth and Newberry department store employes is a definite possibility, according to Stanley Scott, president, and Marion Brown, business agent of the Department Store Employes Union, Local 1100.

Employers have turned down demands for a 5-day, 40-hour week, and wage increases sought by the union.

The ILA Warehousemens Union will support any strike of the department store employes.

DISCUSS CORPORATIONS' ARMS

BERKELEY—What must be done to disarm the corporations will be the subject of a forum sponsored by New America on Thursday, June 24, at 8 p. m., 2640 Ashby Ave., Berkeley.

YOUTH IN L. A. PLAN SURVEY FOR JOBLESS

County Officials Call Parley in Chamber Of Supervisors

LOS ANGELES—An immediate survey of youth unemployment to be conducted by the youth of Los Angeles County was the demand of more than 200 young people at an officially called youth conference June 12 in the Assembly Hall of the Board of Supervisors.

Roger Jessup, chairman of the L. A. Board of Supervisors, and George K. Roth, research technician for the county, called and organized this conference on youth conditions in the city.

After the official greetings and introductions, one youth after another rose and pointed out the inadequacies and biased nature of previous unemployment surveys conducted by the Chamber of Commerce and by the Board of Education. The overwhelming sentiment expressed was that a youth survey, to be thorough and adequate, must be conducted by youth.

Committee Formed

As a result of the conference, a committee of five young people was formed to work out ways and means of carrying out the conclusions of the meeting. Miss Phelps, President of the Young Baptist Youth; Michael Reagan, president of the Catholic Youth; Frank Bell of the Young Communist League; Education Project; Rosser of the Negro Youth Movement; and Miss Brook von Rosenstein, vice-president of the I.S.C.C. School of Democracy. The group will receive the close cooperation of Mr. Roth who has already given the project much encouragement and time.

In an address to the gathering, Supervisor Jessup urged that the youth take pride in their civic government. "To encompass the young people of his district to do so, Jessup announced that he would build his own power plant. Also cited was a telegram from Rural Electrification Administrator Cammondy to the governor of West Virginia commending that all attempts by farmers to take advantage of the REA were blocked by the private utilities.

Similar evidence of which Norris said there was a great deal, will be examined by the Federal Trade Commission if the House agrees to the resolution for investigation of the utilities which has already passed the Senate.

Norris Discloses How Utilities Bribe Their Way

WASHINGTON — Payment of $400 a month for a period of five years to one of the leaders by a private utility to keep Kime from talking about public ownership of electric light plants was disclosed in the Senate by Sen. George W. Norris (Ind., Neb.).

Norris read into the record a copy of a contract between Kime and B. J. Price and H. M. Bowman, officials of the United Light and Power Co. which operates in the State of Illinois. "This is nothing new as a matter of fact," Norris said, "but has been going on for years. I have yet the evidence shows the nature of the activities of which I call the attention of the Senate, immoral, illegal, unfair methods by which they have blocked distribution of electricity among the farmers or city dwellers by means which may be municipally owned."

The contract showed that Kime was to be paid $400 a month for lectures "to be delivered at such times and places and on such occasions as may be designated by his employer on the subject of food conservation, preservation of sight and other kindred scientific subjects."

It was charged that the contract was just a blind and that no lectures were ever delivered by Kime although he continued to receive his monthly payments.

Another clause in the contract declared that Kime agrees "faithfully to serve his employers and to perform his obligations to the best of his ability. He further agrees not to engage, directly or indirectly, in the promotion of any kind either at Fort Dodge or elsewhere which may be regarded by the United Power and Light as being inimical or against the interests of the subject of the company or any of its subsidiaries."

Obstruct Localities

Norris also recited the history of Villisca, Ia. which had to fight for years through clouded elections, five lettings of awards for contracts and 12 lawsuits before it could finally build its own power plant. Also cited was a telegram from Rural Electrification Administrator Cammondy to the governor of West Virginia commending that all attempts by farmers to take advantage of the REA were blocked by the private utilities.

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C of C Seeks Its Kind; Finds it in City of Hitlerism

The American delegation will be headed by Thos. J. Watson of the International Business Machine Corp. and chairman of the American committee of the international chamber; Eliot Wadsworth, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Silas H. Strawn, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Watson is the highest salaried executive in the United States. Boston and its Chamber of Commerce are the most principally for their opposition to liberalism and their murder of Sacco and Vanzetti. Silas Strawn is a prominent member of the American Liberty League.

Others joining the delegation in Berlin will be Henry I. Harriman of Boston, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Willis H. Booth, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust; Rudolph Hecht, vice-president of the American Bankers' Association, and Clark Minor, president of the International General Electric.

Topics to be discussed at the convention are Economic Nationalism and International Monetary Relations, Glut and Scarcity of Raw Materials, and Planning.

Bills for, Against Labor Compiled By Labor Defense

WASHINGTON — The following compilation of bills and resolutions now before Congress was prepared by the International Labor Defense and is an aid to those who want to keep abreast of the legislation now in the hopper.

Representatives must know about the measures in which they have to vote intelligently on them when they come up for action.

SHEPPARD-HILL BILL (S. 25 and H. R. 6716). These bills would implement the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, establishing industrial dictatorship that would destroy all civil liberties and the trade union movement in the event of duration of a war, and until the President declares the emergency is at an end. To be opposed.

ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION. H. R. 1884, which would bring under the Trust Laws; S. 1715 and H. R. 5193, to regiment unions of maritime workers under Government control. To be opposed.

End Discrimination

To Be Supported: H. R. 6499, which would remedy discriminatory clauses in provisions of act dealing with certificates of efficiency of seamen.

ALIEN AND SEDITION LEGISLATION. H. R. 3423 denies employment in jobs to non-citizens; H. R. 6391 (Dies Bill), would facilitate the terrorization and intimidation of foreign-born labor; H. R. 4353, H. R. 4354, H. R. 4355, H. R. 4356, provide for the reduction of quotas, fingerprinting registration of aliens, deportation and denial of relief; H. R. 1642 and H. R. 4083, Federal sedition statutes, and H. R. 1591, aimed against all organizations whose affiliations or purposes are directly limited or in any manners "within the territory of the U. S., excepting commercial ones. To be opposed.

To Be Supported: H. R. 5687, H. R. 6183, H. R. 6245 re-establish the right of political and religious asylum traditional in the U. S.; H. R. 6907, would facilitate naturalization of non-citizens married to citizens, favorably reported by House Immigration Committee.

SPANISH FASCIST ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION. (H. Res. 209 and 210). Call for Congressional investigation of murder and destruction of civil rights on island. To be supported.

L. A. COUNCIL DENIES RAISE TO EMPLOYEES

Reactionaries Callous To Necessities of Lower-Paid

LOS ANGELES—Over heated protest of five members, the City Council last Thursday, June 17, passed a $20,000,000 City Budget for the fiscal year of 1937-38 without making any provision for raises in salaries of approximately 1,000 lower-salaried city employes.

James Hyde, councilman for District 2, moved to amend the committee's report to the effect that all proposed increases in salary be taken out of the budget and placed in an unappropriated balance fund to be used during the year at the council's wish.

Seconded by Edward Thrasher, the proposed amendment received the support of Councilmen Dennett, Christensen, Lewis, and Kindig. When voted upon, however, the motion was defeated in a vote of 9 to 5.

A compromise move by Bennett whereby a sum of $60,000 to be set aside in an unappropriated balance fund No. 3, and to be used to raise salaries of the lower-bracketed workers, was finally passed. Most violent opposition to any move to change the budget in favor of the city employes came from Councilmen Gay, Baumgartner, Wilson, and Tate.

Declaring that some city workers are being forced "to eat out of garbage cans," Lewis called for a new post dish corporations, as wage increases, said "I will never vote for a budget until there is justice in city government."

Final vote on the budget was 10 to 4, with Councilmen Christensen, Hyde, Lewis, and Thrasher, voting in the negative.

L.A. Alliance Tabs Ones Fired on WPA

LOS ANGELES—Registration of white collar workers dismissed from the WPA is being undertaken by the Workers Alliance at 121½ South Broadway, Pat Calahan, Alliance spokesman announced this week.

The registration is part of a move of the Alliance to see to it that the dismissed workers get relief from the State Relief Administration, and Calahan pointed out, to see that these workers get jobs at union wages or that WPA increase in quotas so that the unemployed workers will have jobs.

DEFY LANDLORD

DETROIT — Backed by the Renters' and Consumers' League and by a "flying squadron" of the United Automobile Workers of America, the tenants of a 45-family apartment house here defied an order for one of the tenants to quit the premises.

Fascists Who'd Lead World Slaughter

MUSSOLINI escorts Nazi Marshal Werner Von Blomberg (right) from Littorio airport, Rome, as Nazi military chief arrives to further discuss fascist plans for war.

Robinson Joins in Effort to Retain Relief to States

WASHINGTON—Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic majority leader in the Senate, won the applause of most reactionary Republican "economizers" by an amendment which would put into effect an essential feature of the Hearst-Landon platform on relief and add new thousands to the half million already slated for elimination from WPA.

Robinson advanced an amendment to "compromise" the proposal of the reactionary Byrnes to require the local areas to contribute 40 per cent of the funds for work relief projects. He proposed that the amount be lowered to 25 per cent.

Aped Republicans

The Republican 1936 platform called for shifting the responsibility of relief off the federal government and back to the local governments.

His hand was called by Senator Schwellenbach of Washington who read the provisions of the Republican platform and denounced Robinson's proposal as complying with that platform.

Alliance in Action

The Workers' Alliance had already swung into action on a campaign to defeat the Byrnes amendment, beginning with a letter addressed to every member of the senate.

It pointed out that even if the billion and a half appropriation proposed by the administration should be fully used, it would still mean cutting 500,000 persons from present work rolls.

White Collar

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 20 per cent of the workers on five different types of white collar projects throughout the state are slated for dismissal under an order received here by William B. Lawson, WPA administrator, from Washington headquarters.

Dismissals are scheduled to take effect July 1, which means that dismissals are likely to begin immediately in many cases.

The five white collar groups reduced are those in the fields of art, music, theater, writers, and historical records. With the exception of musicians, most of administrative workers are to be dismissed.

The reductions are considered only as a prelude to general WPA layoffs of skilled and unskilled projects which will affect not only the large cities, but rural communities as well.

The order calls for reducing the art projects of the state from 415 workers to 362; music, from 2634 to 1,981; theater, 1784 to 1596; writers, 300 to 190, and historical records, 120 to 90.

DANGER SEEN IN NEW LAWS OF INSURANCE

Can Now Invest in Common Stocks of Corporations

By ELIOT JANEWAY

Federated Press Financial Writer

Millions have been spent upon cultivating the idea that the average American has his cooperative, the American "co-operative" is, of course, the insurance company, which, in so many cases, is legally owned, though not actually controlled, by its policy holders, but by the hundreds of thousands of families from the lower-income groups.

Whenever suspicion has been directed at the insurance companies, they have been able to plead the interests of their working class policyholders as sufficient reason for not having their affairs pried into. They have admitted a thousand times that they are the property of their customers.

Hoover's Influence

But now, as a result of years of lobbying, principally by Mr. Herbert Hoover, who cuts quite a figure in these "cooperative" circles, the insurance companies are to be permitted to buy the common stocks of corporations. In other words, these cooperative properties of the small man may themselves become large investments in corporations.

Under the provisions of the new insurance investment laws, the insurance companies may now buy the common stocks of corporations, as Aluminum Co., Firestone Tire & Rubber, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Standard Oil, and Swift & Co. It so happens, of course, that many of these companies has been involved in a more or less serious labor dispute within the last several years.

Used Against Him

What if a Standard Oil worker puts his life's savings into an insurance policy? Then, perhaps a strike is called, and he goes on strike. But the insurance company has in the meantime invested his money in the stock of the company against which he is striking.

Ironically he owns the life insurance company. But in reality he has no way of influencing the policies of the company's policy. The upshot of the matter is that he has made it more difficult for himself to help his employer break his strike.

Not a Remote Subject

This is not at all far-fetched. Insurance companies have for years been concentrated on the directorates of railroads and banks, so much so that they committed to hold common stocks, the enormous blocks they will be able to buy will entitle them to positions on corporation executive and finance committees. Thanks to the cumulative forces of the savings of their many working class families, they will become directly instrumental in molding the policy of such "progressive" corporations as Good-year and Swift.

Already Involved

Moreover, the insurance companies have already had their first breach with strikes. Their own employes and agents are organizing. The companies are writing anti-unionization policies for many corporations. As they themselves win representation on the boards, they will not materially be in a better position to force out strike policies as a guarantee against loss from anti-labor policies. From any angle, therefore, the new insurance law which permits insurance companies to buy common stocks participants in the ownership of the great corporations, also provides funds of working men and women to be used for purposes directly inimical to their interests.

McDonough Only Part of System

SAN FRANCISCO — Elimination of Pete McDonough by jail sentence or police readjustments would not remedy the evil in San Francisco's vice problem while the essential setting remains the same.

This analysis was given to the Commonwealth Club here by Dr. J. P. Grant, former advisor to the state of Oregon on sex problems, who discussed the problems relating to prostitution.

McDonough is only a part of the vice system, the speaker declared.

Wheeler Will Front For Tories' Attack

WASHINGTON—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, considered the most effective leader of opposition to the supreme court reform bill by reason of his long standing influence with labor, was named by the senate floor leader of the reactionary attack in the coming weeks on the bill.

Wheeler's reputation as a "liberal" received a sound reputation from his home state, Montana, when only 500 people attended a homecoming reception for him in Great Falls, held in an auditorium seating 1800.

Merriam Approval Of 3 Bills

Old Age, Blind Relief Are Liberalized By Action

SACRAMENTO — Governor Merriam put his signature to three important measures supported by the California People's Legislative Conference during the past session.

The bills were the Hornblower measure to liberalize the old-age pension system and increase its benefits, the bill to increase aid to the blind and the so-called "non-partisan" relief administration measure which establishes a social welfare board and turns the administration of relief over to the state welfare department.

All three, and particularly the latter, represented only a small part of the program for which the Legislative Conference worked during the session.

Merriam apparently has not yet put his signature to the notorious Welch oil bill, the subject of the main charges of legislative bribery in connection with which Assemblyman Gene Flint is under indictment in Sacramento County for accepting a bribe.

This bill, the signing of which would automatically replace the Welch bill, settles the state's claim of more than four million dollars against the Standard Oil Company for $500,000 and further gives Standard Oil and other major companies a preferred position in making tideland leases at a lower rate than that offered in the Olson bill.

Olson Bill

The Olson bill was signed earlier, but a later signature on the Welch bill would automatically void the earlier measure.

The Hornblower old-age pension bill allows recipients of old age pensions an exemption of $15 on outside earnings without deducting from its $25 a month compensation. It further provides that the recipients will not be forced to file with the counties a lien on their property, and denies to the property owned by the pensioners will not be considered income.

The signature on the change in the relief setup was written in spite of an opinion by Attorney General U. S. Webb that it was unconstitutional. Although it specifically denies the increased relief that the Legislative Conference sought, it has nevertheless become one of the issues in an apparent rift between Merriam and other Republican forces of the state.

Trial of 8 Proof Of Soviet Strength

MOSCOW — Describing the part played by the eight executed traitors, former Red Army generals, Pravda, state newspaper of the Soviet people will try the band of spies in full harmony with Article 133 of the new Stalinist Constitution, according to which "treason to the fatherland" consists in the "flight or assertion to the enemy, impairing of the military might of the State or espionage." It is punishable with the full severity of the law with "confiscation of all the property."

Kernel of Fascist Spies'

Calling the roll of the eight defendants, Pravda, the central organ of the Communist Party, referred to them as "the thrice-despised names and hated names of the participants in this now crushed kernel of Fascist spies."

"Great and holy is the hatred of the toilers of our fatherland against the enemies of the people—spies, traitors, wreckers, all who wish to besmirch the prospering Soviet land with the foul blood of German and Japanese fascism," Pravda continued. "Scouts of the capitalist world do not receive any mercy in our country.

"The reptile of Fascist espionage has many heads, but we will cut off every head. We will smash and sever every tentacle and extract the snake's venom. The vigilance of the Soviet secret service, the vigilance of the organs of the Commissariat of Internal Affairs, headed by Comrade Yezhoff, whose words harmonize with his name (Yezhoff means hedgehog), has ensured the base activity of eight Fascist spies.

"The destruction of a military espionage group brilliantly shows the crisis and decline of the bourgeois state apparatus and proves that every new attempt to send spies and saboteurs into the U.S.S.R. will be stopped in time. The Soviet secret service is becoming stronger. Let all spies, diversionists and murderers tremble. The Soviet secret service will show what it is capable of."

Confessions detailed German interpretations that the arrests and trials of leading Red Army figures revealed weakness in Soviet power. Instead, their detection, said Pravda, demonstrated the strength of the Soviet Union and the weakness of capitalist intelligence services.

USE ANCIENT LAW

AUBURN, Me. — Arrested by a practice dead 97 years, the state of Maine has convicted nine CIO shoe strikers of "conspiracy to injure business."

S. F. May Vote On Bonds for Rapid Transit

SAN FRANCISCO—A proposal to submit the proposition of a bond issue for subway and bus rapid transit to the voters of the city and county was made here by a three to two vote of the Public Utilities Finance committee of the board of supervisors.

The matter now goes to the board as a whole with a recommendation for passage and instruction to the city attorney to draw up the necessary legislation for submission of the bond proposal.

No figure was set in the action. The figure was estimated at $49,250,000, but actual establishment of the amount to go to the voters will be made only after a thorough study of the cost of interest during construction.

The proposal calls for three subway lines totaling seven miles, an extension of the Mission Street line and 14 feeder bus lines.

L. A. Building Unions Stop Saturday Work

LOS ANGELES—After several months of wage activities, the Building Trades Council "flying squadron" report an almost complete shutdown on Saturday work on construction jobs throughout the city.

Furthermore, unionists declare, Sunday picketing of work done by non-union labor, is rapidly being felt by contractors. At a recent meeting in the French Room of the Clark Hotel, attended by 60 contractors, one contractor reported to Council representatives:

"Your Sunday pickets have out-sold our salesmen."

Professionals and the 'Western'

Progressive professional people in San Francisco and Los Angeles are hearing and will hear from the Western Worker.

Among them in both cities are professional sections of the Communist Party, which will see to it. Below is some of their correspondence on the subject of the circulation drive:

Los Angeles, Calif.

WESTERN WORKER,

San Francisco.

At a membership meeting last Thursday night the members of the Los Angeles Professional Section voted unanimously to challenge the San Francisco Professional Section in the Western Worker drive. Finally, let us have been lagging in the campaign, we are confident that we will beat the S. F. Professional Section in completing our quota. Sixteen subs were secured at the meeting.

Let's hear from S. F. Professional Section.

Comradely,

L. A. Professional Section.

And, for the benefit of Los Angeles, the professional section organizer in San Francisco has given the "Western" this statement the membership:

San Francisco.

Comrades of the Professional Section:

In the election campaign of last year our section went over its quota of Daily Worker subs. In the Browder-Ford recruiting drive our section more than doubled its size. During the drive for funds for the Workers' Press we not only fulfilled our quota but assisted the striking Waterfront comrades with a part of ours.

Now we are engaged in a drive that means even more to each one of us. To have every Party member a Western Worker reader is absolutely essential.

But how are we treating this drive? Of we judge by results it is apparent that we have been slackers. With one-half of this time gone, we have not filled one-fourth of our quota!

Let us achieve once again our proud record. If methods have been tried and have failed, we must find new ones. Comrades who can canvass directly must do so. Those who cannot will have the cooperation of the Western Worker staff if they will turn in names of good prospects to be contacted by the staff. Also, we can buy gift subscriptions for others, for libraries or organizations can be sent in part in this way. Finally, let each unit check its own membership for any who may have refused to subscribe themselves—there probably are none, but a checkup must be made.

One month to redeem the record of our section! Rally to the support of the Workers' Press!

Meanwhile, Los Angeles calls for all hands to the task, and is ready to challenge by delivering the goods:

Los Angeles.

Dear Comrades:

The Professional Section of Los Angeles has been taking it on the chin in the present subdrive. Two weeks ago, with the drive half over, we had secured but 40 per cent of our quota. We were pictured in the grave-yard, an example to the Party how NOT to conduct a campaign.

A special meeting of the executive committee of the section analyzed our failure. We had started late, comrades were too involved in immediate organizational tasks, individual comrades failed to come to meetings, and in fact there was an understanding of the political significance of the growth of the Western Worker. But, excuses to not bring in Subs.

Our first membership meeting, at which 105 comrades were present, accepted the County Drive Committee's lowering of our quota to 100. (We had never been consulted originally as to our quota.) We pledged ourselves to eradicate our weaknesses and rally all forces to go over the top.

Three weeks remain in the Drive. The Professional Section must establish itself as a valuable Party force. We will fulfill our quota. To this end, we challenge the Professional Section of San Francisco. They have jumped on us, but we shall bend all efforts to secure a larger percentage of our quota than they do by July 5th.

Comradely,

LANE, ORGANIZER.

Priests Scored Red-baiting in American Movement in 1917

WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

A Poem by a New Contributor—Your Health — Letter From an Old Friend

SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME WORKER REACHES SPAIN

Letters From Worker Now in Tom Mooney Battalion Fighting for Democracy

Marseilles, France, May 20, 1937.

Dear Comrades:

Well, at last we're out of jail. We were released May 14 but went to trial May 9. We were convicted and given 40 days in jail. They counted all the time we were in jail previous to the trial, so after the trial we only had five more days to serve in jail. The 29 of us were considered political prisoners.

We received much better treatment than the other prisoners. The food was good in jail. We were also given about four hours out in the courtyard, so we've all gotten a good tan. You'd think the whole gang had been around the beach.

We were arrested in a little brick town about 25 miles south of Toulouse and about 75 kilometers from the Spanish border. From Toloune, the gang was all split up. Another fellow and myself went to Montudan, where we stayed a couple of days, and from there to Marseilles.

We were here for several days, looked over the city and saw all the sights. It's the best city we've been in in France. The C. P. here is about 70,000 and in a fairly good position. May Day in France was a great success. There were over a million marching in Paris and every town had a big parade.

Our May Day was spent in jail. We had quite a time. We had sparklers, singing of revolutionary songs, and different acts, also field meets.

I'll continue from the next stop. Forgot to mention that only six fellows from Frisco are left. The rest made it. Also we received an expulsion order to leave France within eight days. Then to top things off, the American consul took our passports—but we're not licked yet, I hope.

May 22, 1937.

Well, comrades, we're on the move again. They expect to be walking on Spanish territory tomorrow afternoon. Will continue from there, I hope.

IN S.

Valencia, Spain, May 23, 1937.

Well, fellows, we're in Spain. We arrived in Barcelona yesterday, and are here for a few hours today. We leave at 4 p. m. for training camp. Will continue later. We arrived in Valencia about 9 o'clock this morning.

Well, fellows, I'll write again immediately after we receive an address that's half-way permanent. Don't forget to back all the organizations that are helping the people here in Spain. Also come over, if possible. Comradely, S.

WANTS "WESTERN"

Spain, May 29, 1937.

Dear Comrades:

Well, at last I'm in the training camp. I belong to the 2nd American Battalion, fortified in the Tom Mooney Battalion. I'm in a machine gun company. We have a little training every day. It's plenty interesting.

We expect to be in here for a while yet, then go to town. You know what I mean. The food isn't so bad. We get along fine on it. There's a shortage of different articles here that you comrades could help raise by joining the organizations that are sending things here. Soap and different toilet articles are fairly scarce.

Bring up the question of raising money for the aid of the Spanish workers in the unions and among your friends. Also, come over if you can. Also send over the Western Worker and Voice of the Federation. There's plenty of Frisco fellows here, and you could take this point up with whoever is in charge to send them regular.

I haven't heard a thing from back there so far. Say hello to all the fellows for me and tell them they're sure missing something that's really interesting and for a good cause. How is everything in the union? Give me all the dope on the waterfront situation. Also when you get donations to help the workers here, you are helping out plenty of little children.

Comradely, S.

SAN FRANCISCO PRIESTS HIT RED-BAITING BACK IN 1919

Progressive Stand at Irish Convention is Mirrored Today by Priests in Spain

ALTHOUGH THE Pope has joined Hitler and Mussolini in attacking the People's Front government of Spain as "Bolshevik", "Red," etc., the majority of the Catholic priests of Spain today are with the people in their fight against invading fascists. This includes most of the priests in the Basque country, called "more Catholic than the Pope."

This is not the first time that we have gone with the people, despite the dictates of the Upper Hierarchy of the Catholic Church. San Francisco provided a similar example in 1919 when a priest took place at the Irish Convention, as reported in the "Oakland World," organ of the Socialist Party at that time, as follows:

Gallagher Put On Spot

"The Irish convention was held in the Knights of Columbus Auditorium Sunday, July 13. Which Irish group in the Irish workingmen were lined up against each other. One of the delegates criticized the handling of the recent Irish Freedom Fund.

Brody Gallagher (now an executive secretary, represents the Irish Progressive Union in the S. F. Central Labor Council—ed.) jumped up, and in his struggle between our Irish clergy and the Bolsheviks!' he shouted.

"Immediately 50 Irish boys raced for Andy. The leader got a wallop at him. Andy's bodyguard surrounded him and a half dozen punches were thrown and a general 5 cents per hour wage increase. Seniority rights have been recognized and the grievance committee set up.

shouted that the young Irish working men were true and that were as good Irishmen as those who didn't even go to mass. Andy Gallagher, Father O'Toole and Father Allman said that the term 'Bolshevik' was a misnomer in the new Irish constitution, and that the Irish Convention was not meant to be bolshevik.

Father O'Toole joined in again with 'it might be an honor to be a Bolshevik.'

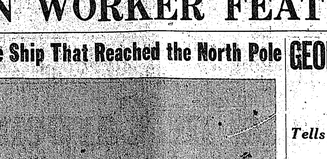
"The Gallagher state was kept from going over and the convention adjourned."

UAW Signs Vultee Aircraft Company

LOS ANGELES—The CIO Automobile Union has added another feather to its cap—a signed agreement with the Vultee Aircraft Corp.

Gains include union recognition, guaranteed collective bargaining, 5-day week, 8-hour day, time and a half for overtime work and a general 5 cents per hour wage increase. Seniority rights have been recognized and the grievance committee set up.

The Ship That Reached the North Pole



THE USSR N-170, in which Prof. Otto Schmidt, head of the Soviet northern sea route expedition, three pilots and a mechanic, made the flight to the top of the globe.

"The Voice From The Fight"

By VETRA BRUCE

The room is drab, the floor is bare,
The walls are dark, no pictures hang there.
The sun shines through the cracks in the wall,
Or drops of rain through the ceiling to fall.
There is little to eat, and little to wear
For the hungry children gathered there
Around the home-made shaky table.
A spindery box with an apple label
Serves as the only chair in the room,
And the picture of the apple brightens the gloom
That settles on the children with nothing to eat
But old brown beans without any meat,
And cold corn bread without any sweets.

When people are young, then hope will rise
Like a haunting vision before your eyes;
Hope for a future, when all shall be
Employed, happy, well-fed and free,
After hoping for years, they at last found out
That hoping alone won't bring about
The change which they are sure is needed.
But now they have heard and they have heeded
The voice from comrades in the fight,
Saying: "Workers of the World, Unite!"

Price Raises are Major Threat to Gains by Labor

NEW YORK — "Labor should recognize in the threat of price rises that the painfully won gain of collective bargaining will be cruelly destroyed by increased prices — wage gains are being nullified by the rising cost of living."

This statement was made by Dr., Leon Henderson, WPA consulting economist, at a recent luncheon of the People's Lobby.

Mr. Henderson further predicted that "workers' income would fall further behind because retail prices will be much higher in the Fall."

Much has been written recently in the capitalist press about the increased wages workers have won through strikes or have been given to ward off organization and strikes. The impression is broadcast that at least the employed workers are much better off, than they have been for years. (Naturally the millions of workers who have remained unemployed over a period of years are in a worse plight today than before all their resources were exhausted.) But what actually is the case? How do real wages—money wages in terms of what the worker can buy with them—compare with the depression year 1932? How do they compare with a year ago?

Costs Up 13.5%

In an article in "Barron's," Spencer B. Meredith, economist for a New York bank, compares investment house, compared average weekly wages in 89 manufacturing industries and in non-manufacturing industries in November, 1932 (U. S. Department of Labor figures) with those in November, 1936. During that period, cost of living rose 13.5 per cent so that each dollar would buy only 88.1 per cent as much in 1936 as in 1932.

The Meredith study showed that the profits of leading banks in the industries studied were worse off as to real weekly wages after four years of "recovery" than they were in the midst of the depression in November, 1932. Fewer than 3 per cent of the workers were receiving smaller money wages in November, 1936, than in November, 1932, but such increases as many had received up to that time had been more than offset by the rising cost of living.

Figures of Labor Research indicate that only workers employed in manufacturing, crude petroleum producing, brokerage, insurance and building construction have had any increase in money wages in the period. And even these increases in dollar wages have been sharply cut by increased cost of living, increased food prices, and higher prices for clothing, housefurnishing, etc.

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HOW CALIF. IRISH-AMERICANS AIDED IRISH MOVEMENT, 1916

More Reminiscences by an Old-Timer in The California Labor Movement

By J. E. SNYDER

(Continued)

Since the Irish movement for independence from Great Britain was growing and moving rapidly in the years, it was inevitable that it should attempt to get the support of the Irish-Americans in this country. The Irish Revolution in 1916, when James Connolly was murdered along with 14 of his closest associates in the Dublin uprising.

In April of 1916, James Connolly's Partner, John MacBride, and Thos. MacDonald, and other leaders headed the Irish Citizen Army in Dublin, in order to seize Dublin, as a preliminary to a general Irish revolution.

The revolt was for the time defeated, but the Irish revolutionary movement carried on under other leaders.

Irish-Americans in Calif.

In past years a goodly number of Irish representatives came to the Pacific Coast and organized thousands of Irish people to back up the republican movement in Ireland.

In 1916-17, a rare opportunity to the Socialists of Irish birth in San Francisco Bay District to reach the Irish people. Connolly had been a staunch supporter of Connolly in the Dublin Revolt, and on the Coast and featured-to large audiences of all nationalities and aided in organizing the Irish Citizen Army, a few members of which was a Socialist.

(To Be Continued)

GEORGE GEOFFRIN WRITES A LETTER FROM FRANCE

Tells of Huge Demonstration in Memory of Communards of Paris, 1871

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATION

THE DEMONSTRATION in memory of those first Communards who fell for the cause of democracy and liberty, took place May 30 at Pere Lachaise Cemetery. At 2 p. m. under a burning sun, at least half a million workers with their banners and placards, answering the call of the Communist Party of France and their trade unions and organizations, had taken their positions in the space indicated to them in the different boulevards and avenues leading to Pere Lachaise.

At the head of the marchers and leading this gigantic parade, the parliamentary group of the Communist Party and the Central Committee were applauded by the multitude of people massed on both sides of the wide Boulevard de Menilmontant.

Bigger Every Year

The demonstration was powerful and solemn. I heard people saying it was bigger and bigger every year. You realize that the Parisian workers have not forgotten their forefathers, and you think that the hatred against the enemies of liberty has increased. No doubt that these tragic days will never be erased from the memories of the French proletariat.

For seven hours were after wave of workers at an accelerated pace went through the gate and laid many flowers at the base of the walls where 30,000 men and women lost their lives fighting for a cause which was the dearest to them, inflicted by the most reactionary elements of that time. You could not see the walls any more; they were covered completely.

A New World in the Making

Opposite the walls in the tribune were seated the leaders of the French proletariat, and their presence caused loud cheers. The plebeian unique for a moment and they were paying tribute to the past and now, in cheering their beloved leaders, they were expressing the joy, enthusiasm and hopes for the future. You are in the presence of a new world in the making, a rebirth, a Renaissance in its growth and about to be born.

It was a Popular Front demonstration—Communists, Socialists, veterans, unaffiliated people, professionals, artists, trade unions, intellectuals, as well as pioneers, young girls in thousands. It was a proof of unity sincerely desired by the working class.

Communist cells from great banks, from the stock exchange, carried signs demanding that the bankers pay the cost of the war to people's pensions. Others demanded guns and airplanes for the Irish Republicans and for immediate action from the League of Nations.

Almost $100,000 for Spain

A little girl, wrapped in the flag of the Spanish Republic, carried a big sign. Little comrades in Spain must be remembered, and they were there to send help. By the way, 150,000 tags were sold almost $100,000 was collected for the benefit of the doctor.

The Salians, Poles, Finns and Czecho-Slavaks were there also and gave an atmosphere of international solidarity.

The bust of Henri Barbusse was removed from its original place and will be put as near as possible to the Wall. The monument is simple and made of granite from Russia, sent by the Russian workers. The veterans were at the head by the time, morning, on duty and at attention, flags down. Deep regret was expressed by everybody seeing by. The loss of this sincere comrade and great organizer, is felt as much in 1936 as in 1932.

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How to Understand The Steel Strike

New understanding of the courageous struggle of the steel workers under the leadership of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee, their fight for union conditions against the murderous brutality of the police and company guards, will be provided by reading four pamphlets written by William Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party, U.S.A., who led the great 1919 steel strike.

These pamphlets, obtainable at all Workers Book Stores, are: "What Means a Strike in Steel," "Industrial Unionism," "Organizing Methods in the Steel Industry," and "Unionizing Steel," all priced at five cents.

Study of these pamphlets will provide invaluable for very progressive trade-unionist in California.

Soviet Union News Briefs

Improve Housing

MOSCOW—With an appropriation for 1937 of close to 94 million rubles, the modelling and enlargement of residential accommodations is proceeding rapidly. Many workers' houses are being remodelled, with particular attention to steam heat, boilers, gas system, etc.

Subways Lead

MOSCOW—A special exhibit on "The Spanish Revolution" has been opened in the Museum of the Revolution here, with hundreds of documents, statuary and pictures.

How Many Did You Read in 1936?

1. Mother Ella Reeve Bloor.
2. Mother Jones.
3. Miss Ibarruri, "La Pasionaria," member of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Spain.
4. General Motors and Chrysler auto strikes, 1936-37. Pacific Coast maritime strike, current strike in steel, by organizing John Women's Auxiliaries to help on picket lines, in strike relief, etc.
5. Fight against raise in price of milk.

(Angelo Herndon to the Georgia Chain Gang.)

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Prove Hutcheson Fraud in Carpenters' Referendum V

FIGURES SHOW RED-BAITING AMENDMENTS PUT THROUGH BY RETURNS FALSIFICATION

Progressive Committee of Carpenters in Appeal to Members to Consider Semi-Fascist Amendments Defeated

Proof that Wm. Hutcheson, arch-reactionary president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, who was the "labor front" for Wall Street's campaign for Landon in the 1936 elections, falsified election returns on the red-baiting amendments submitted to a referendum of the locals, is advanced by a press release issued by the Progressive Committee of the Brotherhood.

The press release follows:

A wave of resentment is now spreading through out the carpenters local unions of the country against the decision of the General Executive Board of the Brotherhood of Carpenters to enforce two defeated semi-fascist amendments to the union constitution.

Figures Prove Fake

On the protests of dozens of locals proving with figures that the Tabulating Committee had reversed thousands of votes cast against the two amendments, General President W. L. Hutcheson answered that the General Office "discarded" the return sheets from the locals and he "cannot" therefore make any changes in the report of the Tabulating Committee.

This answer was sent recently by Hutcheson to the New York City Carpenters Locals 787 and 2090 and to many other locals who protested the reversal of votes by the Tabulating Committee.

New Evidence of Fraud

New and shocking evidence against the report of the Tabulating Committee was given out a few weeks ago by Carpenters Local Union 2090 of New York City.

Last January, at the beginning of the referendum on the 13 amendments adopted by the convention of the Brotherhood of Carpenters held in December 1936 in Cleveland, Seattle, and other Spanialards in resisting by force of arms this fascist uprising," declared J. W. Kenen, president of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild, local.

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"My interest in the matter is purely political. I favor democracy and oppose fascism. So does the Guild."

SOUTHERN STARVATION

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The average wage in southern cotton fields is 7½ cents an hour, says the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

fascist amendments in order to terrorize the opposition in the reactionary politics of the Hutcheson leadership.

The Hutcheson-Duffy administration of the Carpenters Union is also using the support of the reactionary press. On Monday, May 17, this year, an editorial headed "Carpenters Put Their Feet" appeared in the "New York American" praising the result of the referendum and the Hutcheson leadership. This editorial is issued by the Hearst press is based on Hutcheson's misleading Committee's report which was proven to be false by the facts and figures given out by Local Union 2090 and by new reversals of votes which were discovered day by day and more local unions throughout the country.

Fight These Amendments

The progressive committee of the Brotherhood of Carpenters is therefore appealing to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters to consider the amendments 10 and 12 as defeated, and to object against all attempts to make them a law of the constitution of the Carpenters Union.

Proposition 10 calls for the expulsion of all members who are "disobedient" and "disobedient" and Proposition 12 is amending the Obligation Ritual, compelling every member to declare that there is no communism and that "the Communist Party is not a political party."

Under the present constitution of the Brotherhood of Carpenters every member is assured freedom of political belief and if these two propositions are unconstitutional and will give Hutcheson the opportunity to get rid of every honest and progressive member of the Carpenters Union.

Optical Workers Go Over to CIO

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Optical workers organized in AFL federal unions decided to cast their lot with the Committee for Industrial Organization at the convention of the National Council of Optical Technicians and Workers of America.

Nine locals are affected by the decision—in St. Louis, Los Angeles, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Newark, Reading Philadelphia and San Francisco.

The convention adopted a resolution pointing out the AFL had not given the necessary assistance to organize the industry and that it was of utmost importance that the big factories as well as the prescription workers, should be organized.

Thos. Anderl, 407 Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., was elected chairman of the organizing committee set up by the convention, and Thos. Cerstacker, secretary.

GUILD LEADER BACKS SPANISH ANTI-FASCISTS

CLEVELAND, O.—"As a believer in democracy I must endorse the action of Loyalists, Basques and other Spanialards in resisting by force of arms this fascist uprising," declared J. W. Kenen, president of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild, local.

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What Leaders of California Labor Say of 'Western'

PATRICK J. LYDON, HEAD OF THE STEEL WORKERS' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SAYS:

"I have always found that the Western Worker has always faithfully recorded the aims and achievements of the CIO, the news of the steel organizing drive, etc. For news of the progressive labor movement and its rapid growth, for a force in the direction of unity in the labor movement, I certainly recommend reading the Western Worker."

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WILLIAM LIEBOWITZ, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS, LOS ANGELES, SAYS:

"I am strongly impressed by the sterling work of the WESTERN WORKER in aiding the maritime workers to win the notable victory that solidarity secured. The full reports and editorials that strengthen the CIO drive are completely commendable. My local is now intent on an organizational drive. I am confident that the Western Worker will be in the forefront in reporting its activities and progress. More and growing power to the Western Worker!"

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FRANK SLABY, PRESIDENT OF UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS IN OAKLAND AND CHAIRMAN OF EAST BAY CIO COUNCIL, SAYS:

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CHICAGO — Launching of an intensive coast-to-coast drive, in what is practically the last remnant of the ladies garment industry to remain unorganized, was announced following a conference of 52 representatives of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union here.

By signing of 50,000 unorganized cotton dress workers as the goal, the conference decided to ask for additional organizers into the field to reinforce existing staffs. Twenty-five thousand in this branch of the industry have already been organized in the southwest and in New England.

Dividing the country in seven districts, the conference appointed a steering committee of eight headed by Pres. David Dubinsky to direct the work, and gave it full power to issue a call for a general strike in the industry if and when the situation should demand it. The committee announced it would demand a minimum wage of $16 and, as soon as the majority of the workers are organized, a 36-hour week.

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PROGRESSIVE UNIONISTS— HERE'S A TIP

It'll Be Your Loss if You Don't Use the 'Western'

By NAT DAVIS

Before you go any further, you might as well know that this isn't going to be an attempt to hand out some free advice to you who are members of the trade union movement.

It's going to be a tip, and it's your loss if you don't take it. Quite a considerable loss to a progressive trade unionist, too.

The Cannery Workers and the Agricultural Workers Organization are out to get a decent wage scale; they're out to rid themselves of the Vandeleur machine, which has been fixing up a neat little deal with the cannery employers. ..

Exposing Vandeleur

It's a question, with the progressives, to put every cannery worker in Stockton wise to what the Vandeleur machine is doing.

They therefore turn to the Western Worker, which they have found is more than glad to open its columns to progressive unionists.

In the Ford strike in Richmond, there was a little confusion in connection with the settlement of the strike. Some of the workers, good men, didn't fully understand why it was best to settle on the considerable gains they had made, pending the CIO's readiness to strike all the Ford plants throughout the country.

So, therefore, quite a few felt that the Western Worker would be a good channel whereby the situation could be made plain.

Helps CIO Organizing

Tunnel workers down in the Bonneville Dam are fighting hundred workers up in Northern California, just organizing into the CIO, turn to the "Western" when it news so that they can all the better swing their fellow workers on.

When a new CIO steel lodge is organized, the members always write the world to know it through the "Western."

You get the point, don't you?

Use the "Western"

Here you are, a progressive in a trade union, wanting to see your union undertake progressive policies and actions. You want the members of your union, if it's a craft local, to know what the CIO stands for, what it's doing. If you're in a CIO union, you want to speed the work of your local union in its campaign to organize the unorganized, to gain better wages, hours and conditions.

You see innumerable cases of progressive, in other unions making good use of the Western Worker for that purpose.

So why not you?

Now you haven't merely a chance to get the "Western" regularly. You see that a fellow unionist gets it regularly, but you've got to send in the blank in the advertisement in this issue.

ANOTHER ARTA WIN

NEW YORK—The American Radio Telegraphists Assn. (CIO affiliate) has been recognized as sole collective bargaining agent by the New York's 2600 Postal Telegraph employees.

Leading for National Maritime Unity

HARRY BRIDGES (right) and Joe Curran, leader of the National Maritime Union of East and Gulf Coasts, leaders in the movement for national unity of maritime workers. Convention for national unity, within CIO, is called for August.

Ortez Case Brings Move to Smash E. Bay Police Terror

OAKLAND—Demanding abolition of police terrorism directed against the organized labor movement of Alameda County, a mass meeting under auspices of the Ortez Defense Committee will be held June 30, 8 p. m., at Pacific Building, 16th and Jefferson Streets, to protest the recent example of

Like Hitler's Gestapo Police

"Wake 'up you . . ." They hit me in the stomach. More cops jumped on me. They struck me on my back. They cursed me, then kicked me in the thighs with their blackjacks. This went on for two hours. First Ebright, then Bonnington, then both together. I would pass out. They beat me more till I came to. Then they commenced more blows."

On Sunday, May 16, Ortez was walking down Jackson St., Haywards, from Grant Street to D St., a strikebreaker named Sousa was hiking up a cop and pointing at Ortez. The militant worker was picked up and taken to jail.

Sadistic Deputies

"There the chief, 'Jimmy the Mick,' took off his coat, necktie and shirt and proceeded to work him in a cell. Hours later Capt. Ebright, Oakland cop and ant in southern Alameda County, took Ortez to the Alameda County Jail. Ebright walked behind me with a pitch dark cell for six or seven hours.

Richter came to the door with Ebright, official slugger for Sheriff Dreyer and known in Oakland, Niles and Livermore as "the mad dog." They took Ortez to the basement and Richter started in with a rubber hose, blackjacks and fists. Not a sound came from the beaten man.

"So they call you 'concrete' when you are through with you, you'll be 'cream puff,' " said Ebright rammed his big fist into Ortez' stomach.

Evaded Cannery Workers

But beasts with clubs cannot win the militant workers of Ortez. All they got out of him was blood. When the deputies were tired, they had Ortez take off his clothes. When they saw his body, they were afraid he might die, so they quit.

They feared releasing him in that condition, so to evade the cannery workers who had gone from jail to jail looking for Ortez, they took him to Pleasanton, then to Livermore, then back to the County Jail. Three days after the arrest Ortez was released on $500 bond and charged with "battery."

Every Saturday Faustino has been on the picket line of the California Packing Corp. plant, urging them to strengthen the picket lines, to keep sober, to keep their hands solid. The locals of the Canners League in the sheriffs office know Ortez is a power among the workers, so they inflicted the brutal beating on him.

Police Brutality Must Stop!

This brave fighter, Faustino Ortez, cannot be daunted by clubs, blackjacks or fists, nor by threats of intimidation.

But the workers in the East Bay are determined that these brutal attacks on militant labor leaders must stop, and expect to jam the June 30 mass meeting to protest Sheriff Driver's Hitlerite activities and to demand that the Board of Supervisors take action to prevent police brutality in the future.

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Cherry Pickers in San Joaquin Win

STOCKTON—Under the leadership of local 20,221, Agricultural Workers Union, 1200 cherry pickers in San Joaquin county have won an increase in wages from five to 10 cents an hour more than other employers were paying.

They won the union scale of 40 cents per hour.

One buyer agreed from the start to hire only union workers at 40 cents per hour which included the nine-hour day instead of the eight-hour day. He hired 40 pickers on the four orchards he bought.

Won in 3 Hours

On the other ranch were working 80 pickers at 35 cents an hour. The workers went on strike for 40 and won their demand within three hours. The work here was 8½ hours.

Both employers are well satisfied with the "union help."

They agreed to hire union help as soon as the peach season starts.

CIO Popular With Biltmore Workers

LOS ANGELES—Strength desire among workers in the swanky Biltmore Hotel for affiliation with the CIO United Hotel and Restaurant Workers union was disclosed in elections held last week under supervision of the hotel management.

In the first election held on June 11, when kitchen workers, including waiters, dish-washers and bus boys, voted, the results were 150 for CIO, 158 for the so-called "Yeoman Plan," a company union set-up; 61 for the AFL and 71 for remaining unorganized.

On June 16, clerks and chambermaids voted overwhelmingly for the CIO. Results were: clerks, 100 per cent for the CIO; chambermaids 60 to 1 for the CIO.

According to reports, a local CIO organizer has been set up in the Biltmore.

NEW OFFICERS IN PITTSBURG STEEL LODGE

PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County—Newly elected officers elected president of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Lodge 1440 in the Columbia Steel Co. plant here, in the lodge's first elections, Chevrolier said he would serve as temporary president.

Other officers elected vice-president, Jack Travis, financial secretary, and George King, treasurer.

PROBE INTIMIDATION

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Cummings has ordered an investigation of CIO charges of intimidation on the part of Georgia textile bosses.

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Seamen Voting on Nat'l Unity Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—With ballloting of the ILA up and down the coast, and the Cooks and Firemen on CIO affiliation nearing a close, Marine Cooks and Stewards this week began their referendum on the question of a national unity convention of seamen. The Inland Boatmen also began voting on this question this week; the Marine Firemen had begun their voting the week before.

The balloting follows the call of the National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts for a national unity convention, to be held in San Francisco some time in August.

Maritime Federation, Bay Area Council, has accepted the invitation to send delegates to the August 10-20 convention of the NMU in New York. All district councils have received similar invitations. The Bay Area Council endorsed the NMU convention over the opposition of Harry Bridges and Hogan Lee.

From Entire Nation

From the deep south, the east coast and the far west they came by car, bus, train—some paying, some thumbing their way or riding the rods. As the convention came to order, some thousand-odd delegates of America's 10,000,000 unemployed were on hand to begin dealing with the many serious problems of the jobless.

David Lasser, national president, stated upon his arrival in Milwaukee: "The convention will be extremely important from the standpoint of the 10,000,000 unemployed who are being pushed into a crisis by reduction of WPA rolls. It is quite probable the convention will not only take action to get improved relief conditions, but will strike out for a real social security program which will give jobs in private industry and result in sharing the abundance and lifting the purchasing power among the one-third of workers of the nation. President Roosevelt has spoken about."

News Guild Ousted Illegally, San Diego

SAN DIEGO—In defiance of constitution and parliamentary law, officers of the Central Labor Council expelled the Newspaper Guild from membership without permitting a vote on the question. Progressive delegates, in a letter submitted at the meeting, a majority, made numerous unsuccessful motions including appeals to the floor, and attempts to adjourn were ignored.

Ed Dowell, AFL organizer for the Fruit Growers Exchange

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I. L. A HAILS USSR FLYERS

ILA Local 38-79 greeted the flyers this week through the Soviet Consulate here. Signed by Assistant Secretary Schmidt and Recording Secretary A. L. McCurdy, the greeting expressed the hope that the flight "will establish a more friendly understanding between the workers of the U. S. A. and the workers of the USSR."

Flyers, Chkalov, Baidukov and Beliakov, are to be received by Pres. Roosevelt in Washington.

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'Proudest Sitdowners You Have Ever Seen'

Selby Smeltermen Have Everything in Smoothest Running Order

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Eleven hundred CIO members closed the American Smelting and Refining Co. plant in a sitdown strike Wednesday, demanding collective bargaining elections.

SELBY—Employers submitted a settlement proposal to smelter sitdowners Thursday. They were to vote on it Friday.

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SELBY (Contra Costa County)—While the 800 workers of the American Smelting and Refining Co. stick solid in their sitdown strike, background of the strike, as told by a feading member of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union reveals a long-standing list of grievances on the part of workers.

Union members had for months turned in grievances to the management, and in no case would the company admit it was at fault, much less agree to any satisfactory adjustment of a grievance made.

"A Quivering Devil"

The union had been turning out a weekly one-sheet bulletin, through which the workers' grievances were published. Last week, the company "got nervous," and the bulletin ceased to appear.

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BILBAO, YOU SHALL BE AVENGED! IS CRY THROUGH SPAIN; BASQUES STILL HOLD IMPORTANT AREAS

Government Continues Advance on Central And Aragon Fronts; Victory There Will Bring Counter-Offensive in Basque

By TED ALLAN

The fall of Bilbao is a hollow victory. From a military point of view it in no way changes the course of the war.

But the reaction throughout Spain is like that of a lion being smacked on the tail. It roars in anger and surprise, and woe betide those nearby! Internationally the fascists may make a new bid for recognition, but the world, in spite of its tolerance of the farce of non-intervention, can see only one thing rising out of the ashes of Bilbao—the soul of the people battling against overwhelming odds to preserve its liberty.

Not that Bilbao's fall is not a blow, but it has turned out to be the sort of blow which infuriates an entire people. Bilbao had become a legend. We here thought it would never fall. Why? Not because we felt that the Basques had sufficient arms, planes and men, but because of the miracle that the Basques held out so long. We began saying: "If they have held this far against indescribably overwhelming forces, then a miracle may happen and they may hold out forever."

But the mechanized might of Hitler and Mussolini was too much even for the Basques, who were obliged to fight almost unaided, isolated from the rest of loyalist Spain and with insufficient aircraft for defense.

The reaction to Bilbao's fall can be sensed already in Madrid. Militiamen on leave, hearing the news on the street, shook both fists in uncontrollable anger. I heard one roaring to groups of comrades: "Let's get back to the front! Let's wipe the earth with them! Bilbao, Bilbao, you shall be avenged!"

Bilbao's fall will give no appreciable aid to the fascists as far as withdrawing troops for other fronts is concerned. The Basques still hold important mines and industrial zones northwest of the city. The fascists find it difficult to bomb and shell away at this center. Therefore an infantry attack is necessary, and on those terms the Basques can more than hold their own.

The fascists still have plenty on their hands in the Basque country. Meanwhile, on the central and Aragon fronts, the government continues to advance. High circles believe one or two things will happen now: either speedy government victories on the central and Aragon fronts will see a new concerted counter-offensive in the Basque country, or slow government gains on these fronts may see a stalemate until the reserve army is in position to take the field for the final offensive. The latter outcome would prolong the war.

The fascists may gloat. Bilbao falls for the first time in history after two sieges. But the gloating is offset by that militiaman on a Madrid street who roared with tears of anger in his eyes: "Bilbao, Bilbao, you shall be avenged!"

LINCOLN BOY TO TALK AT L. A. JULY 4

Major Lord, Mike Gold, Pellman at Youth Rally

LOS ANGELES — A soldier from the Abraham Lincoln Battalion who has been sent home because of his wounds, will speak at the Independence Day Youth Rally of the Young Communist League at the Sons of Herman Hall 25th Street and Main, on Friday, July 2, at 8 p.m.

Major Lord to Speak

Major Frank Lord, America's War Ace (through the courtesy of the North American Committee), Michael Gold, famous American writer, and Matt Pelman, President of the Young Communist League of Southern California will be the principal speakers.

The Contemporary Theater will present a short one-act play, "No Pasaran," (They Shall Not Pass.)

Guillermo Acros, world's foremost guitarist will play.

"The Miracle of Madrid," a moving picture revealing how Franco and his fascist hordes were repulsed at the very gates of Madrid.

Dancing and other entertainment will conclude the rally.

Over 1000 young people of Los Angeles are expected to attend.

Mayor's Aide is Accused of Graft

SAN FRANCISCO — Maurice Rapheld, executive secretary to Mayor Angelo Rossi, was for the second time accused of complicity in the graft ring under investigation here by the grand jury.

Captain Arthur Layne cited a series of encounters with Rapheld in connection with raids of gambling houses and stated his belief that Rapheld was the backer of a notorious Turk Street gambling house.

Rapheld earlier was cited as the participant in a "tapped telephone" conversation with Peter McDonough, operator of the bail bond business around which the investigation is centering.

Although Rapheld issued a blanket denial of all charges, he made no offer to appear before the grand jury himself. He is scheduled to be called.

Layne cited a series of raids dating as far back as 1920. On one occasion he reported arresting Rapheld in a gambling hall. In another he found records showing that Rapheld had placed election bets totaling $15,000. In 1933, after a raid at 62 Turk Street, he was called into Mayor Rossi's office where Rapheld lauded Jimmy Ryan, owner of the establishment, as an "upright man." Rapheld was assertedly the backer of Ryan.

WOMEN AND children, some of the many residents of the Spanish city of Jaen, who have been living for weeks in caves in the nearby hills because of the fascist air raids, which spare neither young nor old, women nor children in barbarousness.

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San Pedro, assumed the chair, replacing President J. W. Brown, and as the meeting opened he ordered the conductor to escort the Guild delegates from the hall. This followed the reading of a telegram from Wm. Green demanding the expulsion.

Beef Squad Acts

Conductor Lee Gregovich, president of the Cooks' union, refused to carry out the order without a vote of the Council. Dowell then appointed Pat Nolan of the Laborers, Rock of the Butchers and a Teamsters' delegate, members of a beef squad previously organized by Secretary Lydick and Louie Mehl, to oust the Guild delegates. Dressed for the occasion in old clothes, they advanced toward the Guilders with their hands over blackjacks sticking from their pockets. Observing an agreement among progressives not to allow bloodshed, the Guilders then arose and left the hall. A dozen delegates spontaneously left with them while the majority remained to fight the issue out.

The reactionary front sagged badly later in the meeting when a reactionary delegate was expelled and conservative "Sparky" Adams of the Postal Clerks resigned from the Council in protest against the terroristic tactics.

Reactionary delegates abandoned their usual practice of sitting together and instead were carefully placed behind progressive leaders, in accordance with the decisions of a meeting held in a hotel room close by the Labor Temple earlier in the evening. The meeting, organized by Lydick and Mehl to form a beef squad, was attended by several building trades delegates.

Following ejection of the Guild members, delegate Stock of the Retail Clerks moved to file Green's telegram and declare the previous action illegal. A score of seconds were shouted but Dowell refused the motion. During this flurry Bill Coffey, Laborers' delegate, yelled, "All right, let 'em have it!" but no action followed.

Progressive strength was first demonstrated when a motion to seat new delegates from the Office Workers Union carried against reactionary opposition. Stanley Gue, deputy labor commissioner and ace red-baiter, declared he had been illegally removed as a delegate by the Office Workers Union, but by a majority vote he was ordered from the hall.

C. H. Garrigues, editor of the Labor Leader, was among the new Office Worker delegates and Dowell defied the previous Council vote by ordering him from the hall because of his membership in the Newspaper Guild.

Dowell relinquished the chair to President Brown, whose first action was a refusal to accept a motion that editor Garrigues be seated. As the hectic meeting continued, Harry Steinmetz, former President of the Council, moved that all action taken while the elected chairman was out of the chair, be declared illegal. His motion was ruled out of order and an appeal to the floor was denied.

Daisy Lee Worcester, Teachers delegate, moved that Secretary Lydick be instructed to read all communications concerning the business of the Council. It was ruled out of order, but an appeal to the floor was allowed. Mrs. Worcester was upheld 58 to 46.

Following adjournment of the Council meeting a progressive caucus, attended by 30 delegates, was held at the Longshoremen's hall. According to reports, CIO unions have applied for an industrial council charter and all progressive locals will be invited to send fraternal delegates.

Stockton Council Rejects Co. Men

STOCKTON—The San Joaquin County Central Labor Council has refused to seat the company-dominated representatives, led by Vincent Dunne, of the San Joaquin Cannery Workers Union.

The slate headed by Dunne as president of the union was put in with the aid of Edward Vandeleur. All are foremen or other boss types.

14 KILLED IN STRIKE

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — The death toll of strikers killed by armed authorities in an oil field clash has mounted to 14.

GET YOUR COUNTY OVER THE TOP IN SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE!

Intense socialist competition in the Western Worker Circulation Drive is shown in these latest standings, as of June 23, last:

County	Quota	Subs Received	% Quota	Yet to Go
Alameda	250	285	114.0	....
Los Angeles	1000	1004	100.4	....
San Francisco	600	534	89.0	66
San Bernardino	40	30	75.0	10
Santa Barbara	50	37	74.0	13
San Mateo	50	32	64.0	18
Contra Costa	55	32	58.2	23
Monterey	35	19	54.3	16
Bakersfield	20	10	50.0	10
Merced	25	11	44.0	14
Fresno	25	11	44.0	14
Sacramento	75	32	42.6	43
San Diego	100	25	25.0	75
Tulare	20	5	25.0	15
Eureka	25	6	24.0	19
Santa Clara	50	9	18.0	41
Sonoma	40	4	10.0	36
Stockton	20	2	10.0	18
Fort Bragg	25	1	4.0	24
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STRIKEBREAKER OUT

SALINAS—City Manager Barlogio has removed Police Chief George Griffin, notorious for his vigilante leadership in the lettuce strike last fall.

OVER 2000 IN DEMONSTRATION IN TORRANCE AGAINST COURTS STRIKEBREAKING; 1000 MARCH

Speakers From CIO and AFL Unions at Huge Mass Meeting; Hit Courts' Actions Against Laundry Strikers

TORRANCE (L. A. County)—"The most successful union demonstration that I've ever seen"—that is how the recent mass CIO meeting in Torrance protesting the use of the courts as a strikebreaking weapon and supporting the Torrance Laundry Workers' strike against the Torrance laundry, was described by Pat Comorre, local Steel Workers' organizing committee representative and chairman of the meeting.

Fully 2000 enthusiastic CIO workers from the southland gathered here to demonstrate their strength, register their protest, and support the strike of Torrance laundry workers. Speakers from the SWOC, the ILA, the Teachers' Union, the Dairy Workers' Union, and the United Rubber Workers' Union spoke as representatives of their respective unions, the CIO and as workers vitally interested in the high-handed court methods which have been used to break strikes in this area.

1000 in Parade

After the meeting at least 1000 persons paraded around the town on foot, while being accompanied by a motor brigade. The men converged around the Torrance Laundry Company in a temporary picket line to show their solidarity with the Torrance laundry workers. About 1200 people attended a dance that night, whose proceeds were delivered to the strike fund.

The speakers at the demonstration were Pat Comorre, Ken Hunter, field representative of the SWOC; Fetzer, secretary of the San Pedro local of the ILA; Lee Geyer of the Teachers' Union local; Charles Steele, Columbia Steel Lodge No. 1414; E. H. Kope, Dairy Workers' Union; and George Roberts, international representative of the United Rubber Workers' Union.

The strike against the Torrance Laundry Company is being conducted by Laundry Workers' Local No. 85, of which Mike Schulman is financial secretary. The discharge of six men for union activities caused the strike.

Thus far the strike is at a standstill. The employers had submitted a plan which would reinstate all but three of the workers. This was rejected by the union, which wants all those discharged to be put back to work without discrimination. The company has already agreed to give the men a union shop.

"Bloor-Whitney Month" in July

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of Anita's Whitney's life has been set for achievement during July.

Symbol of '76 Traditions

Anita Whitney's life is a history of long service in the cause of progress and against reaction, a symbol of the revolutionary traditions of the American people.

She was born 70 years ago in San Francisco, of a long line of American ancestry dating back before the historic year of 1776. Her mother was for years treasurer of the California Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America, and her father was at one time a State Senator.

After graduating from Wellesley College in 1889, Anita Whitney taught in private schools, and then for seven years was a social service worker in Oakland. She was Alameda County's first Juvenile Probation Officer.

Charter C. P. Member

For several years, she was vice-president of the National Women's Suffrage Assn., taking a leading role in the fight to gain women the right to vote. For one year, she served as president of the Northern California Assn. of University Women.

In 1912, Comrade Whitney became a member of the Socialist Party, and in 1919 joined the Communist Labor Party, as the C. P. was first known.

In 1919 she was a victim of the infamous anti-labor California Criminal Syndicalism Act, being railroaded to prison, but so great were the mass protests in her behalf, that she served only a few days in Alameda County Jail and then was out on bail while the case was appealed. Finally, in 1926, mass pressure forced a pardon.

In 1928 she was Communist candidate for the U. S. Senate, and in 1934 polled 100,800 votes for State Controller. In the 1936 elections, she was candidate for Congress in the 5th District, San Francisco.

Send Greetings!

Banquets in San Francisco, Alameda county and Los Angeles will honor this great American woman during July, and will feature recruiting of new women comrades to carry on the people's struggles in which Anita Whitney has distinguished herself throughout her life. The San Francisco banquet will take place Saturday, July 10, at 121 Haight St.

Workers and organizations are urged to send birthday greetings to Comrade Whitney for July 7.

Portland Meet Cheers Eastern Representatives

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have struggled for over many years. While differences of opinion may exist between some leaders on both coasts any direct attack on the N.M.U. is an attack on the rank and file organization set up by the seamen themselves after years of bitter struggle. The rank and file of the East have been inspired and given courage in the dark and hungry days of struggle by the accomplishments of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific."

Cause of Sitdowns

The sitdowns after the 1936-37 strike were caused, Lawrenson explained, to get the licensed officers, who had struck with them, back aboard the ships. The records will bear this out, he added.

Speaking of the recent strike action in Baltimore, Lawrenson said that United Licensed Officers were striking vessels of the Baltimore Mail Line in an attempt to replace N.M.U. men with scabs supplied by ISU officials. However, when the defunct ISU officials were questioned by Mail Line officials, they were forced to admit that they could not supply a single ISU book man.

The West Coast ships in the harbor cooperated of their own free will with the N.M.U. by refusing to supply steam to longshoremen, who were working the ships. When no replacements were forthcoming, the ISU fiasco was called off and the ships worked. Another victory was chalked up to the progressive seamen and another rung climbed in the ladder of national unity.

As a concrete example of NMU cooperation with bona fide licensed officers' groups, namely the MEBA, Masters, Mates and Pilots and the radio operators, the East Coast representatives pointed to the action on the Ward line, when the crews sat down for NMU recognition.

After a 6-hour tieup, the company agreed to a conference but before the conference was held the NMU insisted that the licensed officers be part of the negotiations and conference. The negotiations resulted in the MEBA, Masters, Mates and Pilots and the ARTA being recognized for the first time on this line. This was accomplished despite the fact that the United Licensed Officers had previous recognition.

The Eastern S. S. Co. also tasted some of the action of the NMU. This company was forced to recognize the NMU through sitdown action. Lawrenson explained that, "Emperor" Grange of the ISU was able to have 12 NMU men removed from one of the ships of this line. Immediately the rest of the fleet folded arms and found a comfortable spot to sitdown. The strikers demanded that the men be put back on board.

The most important development was when all longshoremen working on Pier 25 in New York harbor walked out in the support of the discharged seamen. This was the first time in history that Ryan's strangle hold on the East Coast ILA was threatened and actually loosened a bit. Needless to say, the discharged seamen were given their jobs back.

Ferdinand Smith, the Cooks' delegate, stated that the National Labor Relations Board is now conducting and supervising elections in three large East Coast steamship companies, the Intl. Mercantile Marine, the Luckenback and the Black Diamond Lines, and that "there is no doubt of the outcome."

The vital thing brought home by both Lawrenson and Smith was that "the National Maritime Union stands for National Unity of all seamen on all coasts. We offer no stipulations and establish no conditions. All we ask is that a National Unity Conference be called and attended by all maritime unions for the purpose of establishing the organization we have fought for so long—A UNITED NATIONAL UNION OF ALL SEAMEN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY RESULT IN A NATIONAL MARITIME FEDERATION."

The report and explanations of the East Coast delegates were warmly received and many confused points were cleared up.

VOTE ON S. F. DRESS STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO — ILGWU members will vote at a special meeting next Thursday on a strike against wool and silk dress companies. Higher wages are sought.

Picket Banquet For Mussolini's Envoy in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—An effective picket line of 25 at the Elks Club Thursday night made things uncomfortable for Fulvio Suvich, Mussolini ambassador to the U. S., who was being banqueted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Pickets bore signs pointing out the murderous acts of Italian fascism in Ethiopia and Spain and demanding withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. Someone upstairs attempted to provoke trouble, throwing firecrackers.

"We're Proudest Sitdowners You Have Ever Seen"

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slavedriving inhuman devil if ever there was one, was placed over a crew of men who had previously made up their minds not to work for him," says the Western Worker's informant.

As soon as this foreman was placed over the crew, they sat down. Soon four other departments joined the sitdown, in sympathy. The company then called a meeting, lasting an hour, in which it agreed to settle the situation within 48 hours, and work was resumed.

That night, the union meeting passed a motion demanding removal of the slavedriving foreman "from all supervising capacity over our personnel," and the company was given until 4 p. m. the next day to answer.

The company, next morning, tried to slip one over. At 12:45 it attempted to ship out a truckload of gold and silver concentrate, not yet processed (the company planned to send the shipment East for further processing).

The truck was stopped by the union members and a sitdown strike of the entire plant called. **The union allowed certain jobs to continue, to show the public that the union men were desirous of keeping the plant in perfect condition and safe from all possible damage.**

The company ignored the 4 p. m. deadline completely. The union was forced to call the strike.

Perfect Discipline

The sitdown has perfect discipline. The strikers have set up nine posts, with heat and electric lights at every post. There are radios and magazines at every post.

"We have a system just like the company," boasts the union member, "every man sits in his 8-hour shift and leaves his post only when relieved."

The Ladies' Auxiliary is cooking meals, and each post is being supplied with hot food at meal time. Immediately after meal time all dishes are removed by special duty men and washed, ready for the next shift.

"We are the proudest sitdowners you ever heard of, because everything runs so smoothly and agreeably," states the Western's informant.

The union, incidentally, is negotiating for a new contract, because the Wagner Law invalidates the old agreement, since it was an agreement with the "employees" instead of the union.

In the new agreement the union seeks a $1.73 daily raise throughout the plant, closed shop, two weeks' vacation with pay.

Chautemps Heads French Cabinet

PARIS—Faced with the virtual exhaustion of the 450 million dollar franc stabilization fund as a result of speculation and shipment of gold by wealthy financiers, a new cabinet headed by Camille Chautemps is seeking a solution to an impending monetary crisis.

Having provoked this crisis the "200 families" through conservative majority in the senate, refused to grant to the Leon Blum government the power to deal with it by emergency decrees and thus continued their campaign of obstruction to discredit the People's Front.

Decisions on finance policy awaited the arrival of Georges Bonnet, who was recalled as American ambassador to become minister of finance.

The new cabinet is composed of 23 members of the Socialist and Radical Socialist Parties, including former Premier Leon Blum.

Auto Men Take a Walk on Huybrecht

OAKLAND—When Paul Huybrecht, Machinists International representative, called a meeting of Fisher Body workers here Wednesday night, about 600 men came, but all but a few walked out on him when Huybrecht announced he was out to set up a dual union as against the CIO United Automobile Workers.

Huybrecht put the charter back in his pocket, and left without a further word.

Huybrecht tried the same trick in the Ford plant in Richmond, when the UAW had that factory on strike recently.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDIS[...] CO. PULLS ANOTHER "F[...] ONE" ON RATES FOR [...]

Reduction in Rates, Long Promised, Benefit Only for Large-Scale C[...] sumers in San Bernardino Are[...]

How the Southern California Edison Co. has pul[...] "fast one" on the consuming public is revealed in a [...] a Yucaipa (San Bernardino County) reader of the We[...]er. The letter follows:

"Editor Western Worker,
"121 Haight St.,
"San Francisco, Cal.

"The company has an established rate of 53c per K. W., which is three times the rate of any municipal plant for lighting service. I might mention the city of Seattle delivers juice to the consumers' meters for ¾c per K. W.

"However, the Edison Co. has been shouting for some time past that a vast reduction in rates would become effective June 1st, and lo and behold, if it is not for the benefit of the rich as usual, and means nothing to the working class whatever.

"It figures something like this: If you use 50 K. W., your bill is $2.65 per month and there is no reduction, but should you use 100 K. W. per month and your bill is $5.03, then you get a reduction of 13c.

"Isn't that sweet?

"Just another demonstration as to why we need a Farmer-Labor party.

"And this outfit has the crust to send out a circular stating that this reduction is in conformity with their established policy of frequent rate reductions to further the use of electricity.

"Very few working people can afford $5 per month for electricity."

L. A. City Council Cuts Light Rates After Pressure

LOS ANGELES—Spurred on by a resolution from the League of Women Voters, the city council last Tuesday, June 22, unanimously adopted an ordinance effecting lower electric light rates, both inside the city and in adjoining territory.

According to city estimates, the lowering of rates will reduce the income of the Bureau of Power and Light by approximately $1,250,000. Despite his sitting in the council for over an hour waiting to answer questions, Chief Engineer Scattergood was not called upon by councilmen.

Said Parley Parker Christiansen, "It is certainly a pleasure to see this council go on record to reduce rates," and then proceeded to introduce a motion to set a license tax on all metropolitan newspapers. The motion was lost.

S.F. Picketers Hit Slash in WPA

SAN FRANCISCO — Again picketing the regional offices of the WPA at 681 Market Street, representatives of WPA unions on Thursday called on Linton Smith, direct representative in the West of Harry Hopkins, and presented a resolution demanding that the administration carry out the present WPA program without any cuts in personnel.

The resolution pointed out that Congress has left the disbursement of the one billion and a half WPA appropriation in the hands of the President and that it is entirely within his power to spend that appropriation without cuts and upon its exhaustion to demand a further appropriation from Congress.

Smith agreed to forward the resolution to President Roosevelt, Harry L. Hopkins and to the Senate and to the House of Representatives.

The committee also protested the contemplated cuts to Mrs. Isham, regional director of Women's and Professional Project of the WPA. Mrs. Isham admitted that in her division the contemplated cuts are arbitrary and mandatory.

Twenty thousand persons are to be laid off the WPA in California within the next two months, according to present plans. The white collar projects are to be particularly hard hit.

Guild, E. B. Supervisors, Hit Cuts

SAN FRANCISCO — The Northern California Newspaper Guild has sent to the Board of Supervisors, resolutions protesting WPA professional project cuts, and favoring the establishment of government-sponsored newspaper projects.

OAKLAND—Visited by a delegation of 75 Workers Alliance members and Federal Writers project employes, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday sent telegrams to representatives in Washington, protesting WPA cuts.

HEARINGS [...] SHOWN [...] OF DOUGLA[...]

Company Uni[...] Right on Air[...] Firm's Pro[...]

LOS ANGELES—[...] National Labor Rela[...] began its investiga[...] labor policies of [...] Aircraft Corporation[...] recent sitdown strike[...] tion was to determ[...] or not there had be[...] ination against the [...] **Prior to the strike** [...] before the board [...] determine how much [...] ation there has been.

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Hamilton said th[...] was elected to a [...] the company union [...] handedly "declared" [...] tion.

To Picket S[...] WPA Office

SAN FRANCISCO[...] 800 WPA workers a[...] ponents of the curr[...] WPA employment [...] Wednesday night to [...] WPA state office at [...] urday where resolut[...] presented protesting [...]

The meeting was [...] "Save WPA Commi[...] ing of representative[...] ous San Francisco [...] spokesmen of the [...] ance and the Clerica[...] sional Projects Asso[...]

Protest against [...] of WPA employment [...] by such spokesmen [...] man Ellis E. P[...] Lydon, acting [...] of the Steel Work[...] ing Committee; [...] executive board m[...] Workers' Alliance [...] president of the [...] Professional Project[...] Joseph Murray, [...] News Vendors' [...] AFL; Bib Tollis[...] and William Watts [...] charged Federal [...] jects director.

[...]ITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES [...]STIGATING POWER SLUSH [...] IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION

[...] Hints at Collusion Between Power [...]rm and City's Representatives In Purchase of Company

[...]NGELES—Acting on a resolution presented by Coun[...] H. Kindig, the city council has authorized an investi[...] a contribution by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric [...] of $45,000 to the Municipal Light and Power Defense League.

Used as propaganda last winter before the special elections of December 8, to "educate" the public to vote for the special charter amendment authorizing the purchase by the city of the Gas and Electric corporation to the tune of over $46,000,000, the $45,000 "contribution" was exposed two months after the election by the State Railroad Commission.

Said Kindig in his resolution: **"Such evidence justifies the suspicion that the council was misinformed, and the L. A. Gas and Electric, instead of being reluctant to sell at the stated figure, was in fact so anxious to sell as to aid in the campaign to the extent of $45,000, and that there may have been collusion between the owners of the property purchased and the city's representatives."**

E. F. Scattergood, chief engineer of the Bureau of Power and Light, was implicated in the affair when Kindig stated that "evidence now seems available to indicate the said contribution was not actually made to the Municipal Light and Power Defense League, but instead was made to the chief engineer of the Bureau of Power and Light as the corporation's share of a $90,000 fund, the balance of which was to be raised by the officials of the municipal bureau to be used as a campaign fund in behalf of the said charter amendment and that the expenditures were made under direction of the said chief engineer."

A committee of five councilmen to be appointed by Council Chairman Burns to carry on the investigation was authorized in the resolution.

[...] Committee [...] Within [...] Labor

[...] Formation of a [...] Committee within [...] Party was announced [...] Stafford Cripps. The [...] is composed entirely [...] Party members who [...] the former Unity [...] Committee which in[...] bers of the Com[...] Independent Labor [...]

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[...]azi Acts [...]ywood

[...]ELES—Investigation [...] last Monday, June [...] Hollywood Anti-Nazi [...] a flaming swastika [...] red in the Holly[...] last Friday night, [...] ger, executive sec[...] League announced. [...] a fascist outburst," [...] rized the incident. [...] behind the swastika [...] should be expos[...] ed.

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WINS FOR CIO

WITH VICTORIES over two of New York City's subways behind him, Pres. Michael J. Quill, of the Transport Workers Union has opened a drive to organize 35,000 New York taxicab drivers. The Transport Workers Unit, with over 10,000 members, recently affiliated with the CIO.

Senate to Vote On Recommended Anti-Lynch Bill

WASHINGTON—The Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill is now before the Senate, favorably recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Southern Senators will fight the bill, but it stands a good chance of passage.

Borah Opposes

The Wagner-Van Nuys Bill would levy a fine on counties from which a lynch victim is abducted, but not on the county in which the lynching occurs, unless it occurs in the county in which the victim is seized. Senators Borah, Idaho, Connally, Tex., and Pittman, Nev., were the 3 out of 16 committee members who voted against the bill.

French Electors Reject Doriot

PARIS — The French people showed anew their adherence to the People's Front, in the midst of the confusion created by the conservative senate's action bringing about the fall of the Blum cabinet.

Jacques Doriot, renegade from the Communist Party and fascist collaborator with de la Rocque, was decisively defeated by a Communist candidate in a municipal bye-election in St. Denis.

His decisive defeat, after action had been taken against him for corruption in municipal administration, resulted also in his resignation from his seat in the Chamber of Deputies.

Labor Board Gold Mine Hearings on

(See Page 8 for Other Details)

GRASS VALLEY — Labor Board hearings on the gold mining industry of California were opened promptly at 10 a. m. Monday, June 20th here. This is the first hearing on the gold industry in this state and grows out of charges filed by Twin Cities Miner's Union, Local 283, of M.,M.&S.W. against the Idaho-Maryland Mining Company on account of a lock-out of about 80 miners at the old Brunswick mine of this corporation.

A prior case of this kind has just ended at Juneau, Alaska. After many months on strike, and the filing of charges, the workers have gained favorable decisions, including the payment of wages for time lost that in most cases, averaged better than $500,000.

In the Grass Valley-Nevada City district hearings, corporation counsel, Edgar Zook, objected to the proceedings on the grounds that his company was not engaged in interstate commerce. This objection was overruled by the trial examiner, Mr. Patrick H. McNally.

British Parley Supports India

LONDON—More than 180 delegates from British trade unions and other organizations attended a conference held here under the sponsorship of the leading parties of national liberation in two major British colonies, India and Ceylon.

The conference was organized jointly by the Indian Congress, Socialist Party and the Lanka Sama Samaj Party of Ceylon.

A leading resolution of the conference demanded the abolition of landlordism, a moratorium on peasant indebtedness, and lightening the burden of taxation. It called attention to the anomalous position of the British cooperative movement in its role of landlord in Ceylon and laid stress on the importance of aid from the British working class movement to the colonial people in their struggle.

N. Y. BLDG. UNION WON'T PAY WAR TAX

NEW YORK—The 1 cent per capita assessment levied by the American Federation of Labor Executive Council at Cincinnati recently, for the purpose of warring on the CIO organizational drive, will not be paid by 53,000 New York City building service employees.

James J. Bambrick, president of the local union, made the announcement and said that International President George Scalise of the Building Service Employees Union would have an announcement on the matter soon.

Long Beach Auto Service Companies Yelp at Strike

LONG BEACH—The usual cry of "outside influence" is being raised by the employers in the strike which closed repair and service departments of 21 Long Beach auto dealers.

The Auto Mechanics Union is leading the strike. Business agent Waggoner said ILA members may refuse to handle cargo directed to the struck concerns.

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TOM MOONEY TO TAKE CASE TO HIGH COURT

Vindicated Three Times, He States; In San Quentin

Tom Mooney, world famous labor prisoner, on being returned to San Quentin Prison today after a twenty-one month stay in San Francisco County Jail pending determination of his petition for a writ of habeas corpus, had the following statement to make:

"In going back to San Quentin where I have spent eighteen years of a crime of which I am entirely innocent, I am certain that it will not be for long. My case is now in the California Supreme Court on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. While we expect an adverse decision from this court which has consistently refused to do justice, we will appeal immediately to the United States Supreme Court, at whose hands I firmly expect freedom and vindication.

"We are waiting for the decision of the California Surpreme Court and hope it will come very soon so we can prepare the case for the United States Supreme Court's Fall term.

Four Times Vindicated

"I sincerely wish that the California Supreme Court would consider my case fearlessly and impartially, for then I would be freed by it. That would only be agreeing with Judge Franklin Griffin, who originally sentenced me and then became one of the strongest advocates of my pardon when the perjured and fabricatd case against me was exposed.

"It would also be agreeing with the United States Government, which three times investigated the Mooney case, and three times concluded I was the victim of perjury, hysteria, and was denied a fair trial.

"But if we are required to, we will go to the nation's highest court. I firmly expect the United States Supreme Court will find all my charges of frame-up are true, and will free me to enjoy the few years remaining to me. The labor movement is pushing forward with renewed vigor on all sides. That, if nothing else, is the token that will mark and insure my freedom."

Call for Defeat Of Dies Measure

NEW YORK—In a "Statement of Fact," issued here, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, declares that certain changes must be made in the deportation bill, H. R. 6391, introduced by Martin C. Dies, of Texas, passed by the House of Representatives last week and now before the United States Senate. The American Committee states that every effort must be made to strike from H. R. 6391 the entire first section, which menaces the rights of American labor.

(In its Statement, the American Committee says, in part: "H. R. 6391, as passed by the House of Representatives, would put in the hands of reactionary elements powerful weapons which could be used in attacks against the American labor movement. If a choice must be made between the passage of this bill as it stands and its defeat, it should be defeated by all means.")

The objectionable provisions in H. R. 6391 are those under which non-citizen workers could be deported if convicted of minor crimes and "sentenced to an institution," or if convicted "of carrying or possessing firearms," whether or not any sentence has been served. The American Committee requests that letters and telegrams be sent to all Senators requesting that H. R. 6391 be amended or defeated.

Auto Mechanics on Strike, Long Beach

LONG BEACH—Fighting for basic demands of a 40-hour week, $1 per hour and union conditions, 400 auto mechanics are on strike here against 21 dealers in new cars. Militant picket lines are being maintained.

PARAGUAYANS DEFY ORDERS OF PRESIDENT

Refuse to Evacuate The Gran Chaco Region

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Paraguayan troops have refused to retire from their position in the Gran Chaco region, object of the war between Bolivia and Paraguay which was settled by a truce.

Troops were acting over the head of President Raphael Franco of Paraguay, who attempted to persuade them to accept the result of negotiations carried on subsequent to the truce which brought the fighting to a close. Franco became the head of the government because of his immense popularity with the troops, which enabled him to carry out a putsch to head the government.

Repudiated by the forces which were formerly his prime support, Franco turned over to the Chaco peace conference meeting here the problem of how the Paraguayan troops were to be "persuaded" to evacuate the region.

The war over the oil-bearing region, despite the national differences by which the soldiers were induced to fight, represented a conflict between British and American imperialism. British capital gave support to Paraguay and American capital to Bolivia, both in an effort to secure major concessions in the Chaco in disregard of the interests of either of the countries.

Catholic Schools In Bavaria are Closed by Nazis

BERLIN—Nazi Germany pressed forward its campaign against the Catholic Church by closing all the Catholic Schools in Bavaria, a state in which the majority of the people are Catholics.

Immediately afterward the notorious Jew baiter, Julius Streicher, turned his talents to the denunciation of Catholics, telling a mass meeting at Nuremburg that priests convicted of "immorality" charges should be executed on the guillotine.

Streicher, dramatizing himself and not forgetting his role as a leading Jew baiter, declared that he had been marked for assassination by Helmuth Hirsch, American citizen executed by the Nazis a month ago on vague charges.

From the Vatican, despite a policy of conciliation, came the accusation that of Germany had violated the terms of the Concordat of 1933 by its action against the Bavarian Catholic schools.

ILGWU Drive in Wool Dresses

LOS ANGELES—A drive to organize all workers in the silk and woolen garment industry has been launched by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Sixty shops in the industry, which employs 3000 workers in this area, have already been organized. Unless remaining shops sign up, strikes will be called against them. The ILGWU is demanding a $22 weekly minimum for operators.

Filling Station Union's Triumph

SAN FRANCISCO—The progressive leadership of the Filling Station Employes Union here has chalked another big victory for the membership—the signing to an agreement of 37 stations this week. Picket lines were withdrawn from two struck stations, which were among those signing. Last week the union announced the signing of McKale's, a chain.

ASBESTOS MINERS CRUSHED

NAPA — Two miners were crushed to death under a ton of shale in an asbestos mine in Steele Canyon, 20 miles east of here.

Winning the War Is Major Issue of Spain C. P. Meet

By G. MARION
(By Wireless)

VALENCIA, Spain—With discussion centering about the problems of winning the war against the fascists, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain has been meeting in plenary session here.

This historic plenum is being closely watched not only by the 301,500 members of the Communist Party, plus the 64,000 members of the United Socialist Party of Catalonia, plus the 22,000 members of the Communist Party of the autonomous Basque Republic, but by the whole of the revolutionary people of Spain.

One of Spain's leading Socialists, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, is attending the conference as a constant reminder that this is "the plenum of unification."

Though the general secretary of the Communist Party, Jose Diaz, is absent because of illness, others of the political bureau of the Communist Party, Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionaria), Jesus Hernandez, Antonio Mije, Francisco Anton and Delicado are present.

Commander Lister Present

Other prominent Communist figures seen at the plenum were Commander Lister of the famed Fifth Regiment, now the backbone of the Spanish People's Army, and his political commander, Carlos; Lieutenant Castillo Alcala Zamora, son of the former president of Spain; and the oldest Communist of Spain, Isidoro Acevodo.

La Pasionaria delivered the main report setting a perspective for a single party of the working class and a single great trade union federation formed by the fusion of the UGT and the CNT, Marxist and Anarcho-Syndicalist trade unions.

Of the Caballero Cabinet

Reviewing the three months' period since the last great plenum, which set forth the conditions necessary for early victory, Ibarruri spoke at length of the most important political incident of that period, the fall of the Largo Caballero cabinet.

This was caused, she said, by its failure to carry out these conditions in practice. She then stressed the significance of the present cabinet headed by Juan Negrin, saying:

Task of Winning the War

"We now have a People's Front Government that works with People's Front methods and dedicates its full energies and enthusiasm to the earliest possible solution of the fundamental problems of war and production."

Winning the war is still a tremendous task requiring the utmost effort, self-sacrifice, coordinated labor organization, and public order. The task of defeating the domestic foe is heightened greatly by the open aid to General Francisco Franco from international fascism, and the cowardly policy and the weakness of the capitalist democratic governments.

The establishment of political and trade union unity of the working class to strengthen the People's Front is the profoundest aspiration of the Spanish people today, La Pasonaria said. But it is more than that.

Production and Military Strength

It is also a pre-requisite for increased military strength and increased industrial and agricultural production.

The sessions of the plenum are taking up the problems of production, the question of organization of various forces, and the leadership policy of the Communist Party.

The plenum is thus devoted chiefly to working out methods for tightening organization and increasing production to aid the quickest possible victory in the war and the consolidation of the people's revolution.

While the political general staff of the army of nearly 400,000 Communists is engaged in these vital discussions, the Communists outside are already hard at working increasing and improving production.

Aid in Harvesting

Worthy of special note is the work of harvesting shock-brigades composed of industral workers and other city-dwellers, who devote "Red Sundays" to gathering grain, pulling out weeds and saving crops.

Although the Communist Party by its example during the past 11 months has preached such necessities as the creation of a regular army, construction of fortifications, and the defense of Madrid, it is obvious that this latest activity has reached deeper than any previous Communist Party work.

The Communist leadership has not only brought thousands of workers to the farms to aid the peasants increase the food resources of the nation, but for the first time hundreds of thousands of peasants and farm hands have become aware of the unselfishness of the Communists.

It is precisely this highly increased authority of the Communist Party among the masses, this growing awareness that the line of the Communist Party is the line of the Spanish people and their People's Front, that makes the Central Committee sessions the "plenum of unification" not alone for Communists, Socialists and trade unionists, but also for the millions of Spaniards barely emerging from political darkness.

Toward Greater Unity

These newcomers are deeply grateful to the forces of labor and the Communist Party for the protection of the interests of small proprietors, artisans and manufacturers.

The advanced proletariat is equally grateful because the Communist Party has thus preserved the workers' alliance with the peasants, intellectuals, students and urban petit bourgeoisie—the alliance which is so indispensable to win the war.

It is towards the Communist Party that thousands of Socialists and Anarchists are beginning to look for guidance along the path of the creation of one party, one trade union.

Socialism Made Flight Possible

MOSCOW—Only under Socialism are such flights as the transpolar flight possible, declared the Soviet press, as the Soviet people throughout the U.S.S.R. rejoiced in successful termination of the top-of-the-world flight in the U.S.A.

The Soviet government immediately telegraphed congratulations to the flyers who carried out a most difficult task with a high degree of success.

The flight was approved on May 25, it was disclosed, after a lengthy conference including Valeri Chkalov, pilot; George Baibukov, co-pilot; Alexander Beliakov, navigator; Joseph Stalin; V. M. Molotov, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars; Commissar of Communication L. M. Kaganovitch; Marshall Klementi Voroshilov, Commissar of War; and N. I. Yezhov, Commissar of Home Affairs.

SECOND INT'L TO MEET OVER SPAIN ISSUES

Non-Intervention is Failure, Leaders All Agree

PARIS—A special meeting of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions has been called to meet in Paris this week to consider measures to halt the fascist intervention in Spain.

The decision calling the meeting, taken at a special conference of members of the bureau of the LSI and the IFTU at Geneva on the occasion of the International Labor Office conference does not mention the question of a united front with the Communist International.

Spain Delegates Report

The Spanish delegation to the International Labor Office conference attended the meeting and submitted a report on the present situation in Spain. The press was informed that no formal decisions were passed, in view of the forthcoming session of the bureau of the IFTU, to be held in Warsaw.

At a session at which Grumbach, a leading French Socialist close to Leon Blum, was present, a heated discussion took place during which all speakers agreed that the policy of so-called "non-intervention" had failed.

"Control" Aids Fascists

A resolution unanimously adopted declared that the system of naval control of the Spanish coastline was a complete failure, not having prevented continued German and Italian aid to the Spanish fascists, that the situation arising out of this failure made it incumbent upon the LSI and the IFTU to issue an appeal to all nations to put an end by all means in their power to the policy of permanent intervention carried on by Italy and Germany under the cloak of non-intervention.

Marcantonio Made President of ILD

WASHINGTON—Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, outstanding New York progressive, has been elected president of the International Labor Defense.

Election of Marcantonio followed a three-day national conference of the ILD here. Robert Dunn, Labor Research Assn. director, was elected national treasurer, Ann Damon, national secretary.

Louis Colman is assistant national secretary; Sam Dlvgin, national organizer, and William Patterson, first vice-president.

One hundred delegates at the conference heard Earl Browder and John P. Davis, national secretary of the National Negro Congress.

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On Being "Pushed Around"

WITH a real honest to goodness drive to organize agriculture and the canneries getting under way (led by the California Cannery and Agricultural Federation), the big growers are unleasing what may, if unchecked, become the bloodiest reign of terror the state has yet seen.

On Tuesday of this week attempts were made to reopen the Filice and Perrelli Cannery in Richmond through such brutal actions as the running down of pickets by an automobile driven by one of the employers. The company has laid in stores of tear gas.

Because apricot pickers in Yolo County and Solano County have decided to affiliate with the CIO and to strike for decent wages and hours, growers and authorities have mobilized another one of those Salinas-Stockton style vigilante armies.

In their union-wrecking campaign, the cannery companies and the growers this time openly beckon to the reactionaries of the state federation of labor, and the Vandeleur leadership openly and unhesitatingly responds, chartering company unions, revoking federal charters as in San Jose, and ordering teamsters to refuse to haul crops picked by CIO members.

Because the campaign to organize the agricultural and cannery workers is in determined hands, that section of the daily press which in the case of the Salinas terror found it expedient to wear a liberal mask, this time openly incites to vigilante murder.

Witness the San Francisco Chronicle, which states, in regard to Yolo County, that "if the union trouble makers get pushed around they will have no one to blame but themselves."

It would be advisable that the editors of the Chronicle read their own news columns. They would perhaps learn that the union members are in no mood these days to be "pushed around," as the San Pedro workers showed in reply to the murder of ILA member Bill Gregg.

As has been done in the steel strike in Ohio, the trade union membership of this state, AFL and CIO, will meet boss-inspired terror with the greatest mobilization of support behind the unions involved.

The best answer right now to the growers and their press is full moral and financial support to the Cannery and Agricultural Federation's drive in California's most important industry.

What Socialism Can Do

THE world gasps in amazement at the breath-taking courage of Pilots Chkalov, Baidukov, Beliakov—heroes of the Soviet Union.

At the same time, the world sees what the planning of Socialism can do. Soviet industry has shown the world what it can do in the way of turning out aircraft that can stand the harshest of tests. Soviet science has shown what can be accomplished when the work of a nation does not revolve around profits for a handful. The Soviet people have shown what planned economy can achieve.

The words of Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famed British polar explorer, one of the many great scientists who have expressed their admiration for the flight—show that repeated Soviet achievements in Polar exploration have set scientists to thinking. "The Soviet Union has shown itself to be as advanced in the realm of science as it has in political science," were the remarks of Sir Hubert on the flight. Only in the Soviet Union, Sir Hubert pointed out, do the government and science work in the closest cooperation.

The Western Worker joins with the people of California and of the entire nation in welcoming Pilots Chkalov, Baidukov, and Beliakov into the hearts of the American people.

The Santa Maria Convention And the Tasks Ahead

THE successful second convention of California People's Legislative Conference held in Santa Maria on June 20 was not only a tribute to the excellent work of that organization on behalf of the people during the last session of the legislature. It was an inspiration and an impetus to the development of the independent political action of labor and the progressive forces of California.

The presence of 298 official delegates from 238 organizations, including 137 trade union bodies, was in itself a clear recognition of the need for a concerted campaign to arouse the public against reaction. It was especially significant because the campaign now looks to future rather than immediate state legislative sessions. It was significant as a recognition of the need for action against county and city reaction, for the passage of county and city ordinances guaranteeing the right to picket, for the election of local candidates whose records prove them to represent the interest of the people and who will be responsible to the progressive organizations which sponsor them.

Moreover, the organizations sent their delegates to the Santa Maria convention in response to a specific appeal for a statewide campaign—now—to curb the power of the senate. It recognized in the senate an undemocratic force not representing the people but responsible largely to the powerful lobbies of the Standard Oil, the power trust and the railroads.

The way has been further opened for a broad, comprehensive federation of all the labor and progressive organizations in California. Such a federation was unanimously endorsed by the convention. An impetus has been given for the greater unity around a positive program of the progressive forces in the Democratic Party. Assemblyman Patterson at the convention remarked very appropriately that these forces represent at least two thirds of that party's membership.

This two thirds must establish majority rule. The greater participation of labor is one of the main necessities to accomplish this end.

The convention's enthusiastic endorsement of a uni-cameral legislature for California and its decision to organize a campaign toward establishing it can rapidly become the rallying point for all progressive forces in California. It is directed against the senate which all progressives are recognizing as the major stumbling block thwarting the will of the electorate as expressed in the last election.

This task is to help build the unity of the progressive and labor forces of California—to build unity in struggle against reaction.

Labor Knows What the Steel Strike Means

ANSWERING the killing of at least 15 pickets thus far in the strike against the independent steel companies has been one of the finest displays of labor solidarity the nation has yet seen.

AFL Central Labor Councils in Youngstown, Canton and Warren, Ohio, where Republic mills are struck by the CIO, have established the machinery for general strikes should the steel companies unloosen any further show of terror.

The United Mine Workers of America has called out 15,000 men in the coal pits operated by the struck steel companies, and has declared its readiness to call out its entire membership of 600,000 in support of the steel strike.

Rubber workers from Akron have offered their active, physical support against the vigilantes.

The railroad workers' sympathy with the strike has been expressed in the apparent close alliance developing between some of the brotherhoods and the CIO.

These are great tributes to the progressive, industrial union policies of the CIO. They are further proofs of the fact that the CIO, and not the ancient craft union officials, stand for the unity of labor.

They show too that organized labor sees in the independent steel strike a test of strength, in which the open shop employers of this country hope to break the CIO.

Organized labor, in giving such staunch support to the steel strikers, does so in the realization that victory for the steel companies is a serious threat to the very existance of trade unionism in the United States.

The need is serious for all trade unions, and all progressive organizations to rally for the defense of civil rights, and for disarming of vigilantes and the corporations, in the entire nation, and, of course in California.

Demands should be made that newsreels of the Chicago massacre suppressed by Paramount be shown in all cities, for the people to see how liberty in this country is threatened.

Demand an Embargo Against Germany and Italy

THE latest brazen attack on world peace and on the Spanish Republic must be answered from America! Emphatically and immediately!

German and Italian fascism reached a new high in its criminal and bloodthirsty action in renouncing the four-power accord and declaring its right to open intervention in Spain.

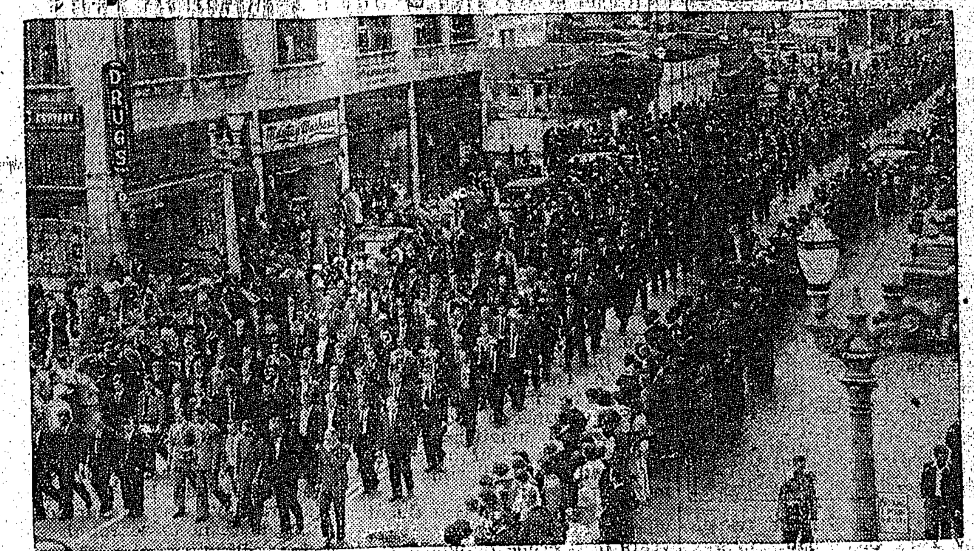
It is clear that fascism intends to repeat the Almeria and Guernica outrages on a tremendously increased scale, flaunting itself anew as the criminal murderer of women, children and the aged and the provocateur of world war.

It can be stopped. The democratic governments of the world, whose people are overwhelmingly opposed to fascism and outraged by the slaughter in Spain, can put a stop to it. But the people of America must smash the false "neutrality" which the American government has put in the way of aid to Spain. It must smash the "neutrality" which is in reality a direct aid to fascism.

Demand of Secretary Hull and President Roosevelt that Italy and Germany be declared aggressors in Spain, and that an embargo on arms be placed upon them! Demand that the unfair embargo be lifted from the Spanish government which has every right to defend itself against this aggression!

Join with the Communist International in appealing for united international working class action. Only through such action organized independently through the trade unions and the progressive forces can the force of democratic governments be brought behind the support of the Spanish Republic.

They Demand Punishment of Murderer of Bill Gregg



THESE 4000 San Pedro ILA members, shown marching in the funeral procession of Bill Gregg, now demand that State Attorney General U. S. Webb act to punish Policeman Redding, who murdered the ILA member in cold blood. Coroner's jury and grand jury have whitewashed the murder. Seamen's unions are demanding an end to police brutality against their members in San Pedro.

Thomas Visits the U. S. S. R.

By A. B. MAGIL

Norman Thomas has returned from Europe and from the Soviet Union. For two weeks he breathed the air of Socialism. For two weeks he lived in the land without unemployment, without hunger, where the exploitation of man by man has been banished forever. This would be a great experience for anyone. For the leader of the American Socialist Party one would expect it to be like a burst of sunshine in a world of darkness, illuminating all the problems that face mankind.

But there are all sorts of ways of looking at the sun. For some it means light—for others blindness.

As he stepped off the boat Thomas hastened to give his impressions to representatives of the capitalist press. Nothing wrong in that. No. And the capitalist press evidently found nothing wrong with his impressions.

Press Gives Big Party

THOMAS BACK, SAYS FEAR GRIPS RUSSIA, headlined Tuesday's New York Times.

And Hearst's American: THOMAS BACK, SCORES SOVIET DICTATORSHIP.

The American, in fact, thought so well of Thomas's opinion of the Soviet Union that in the early edition it published the story on the front page.

The headlines in both papers were based on the following statement:

"I do not feel that the Soviet is moving to a classless society or a withering away of dictatorship. To the contrary, dictatorship is increasing in Russia. The masses give the impression of well-being and contentment, but there is a grave evidence of a rule by fear."

Contradiction

On his way to the Soviet Union Thomas passed through fascist Austria and semi-fascist Poland. But it is in the Soviet Union that "dictatorship is increasing." On his way back he went through Nazi Germany. But it is in the Land of Socialism that there is "a rule of fear."

Of course, Thomas isn't bothered by the fact that in a single sentence he makes two statements that contradict each other. How the masses can give the impression "of well-being and CONTENTMENT" and at the same time show evidence of "a rule by fear" is one of those startling feats of mixing fire and water that perhaps only such a political chemist as Norman Thomas can explain. No doubt the explanation is simple—particularly if you have the black magic of Trotzkyism to help you.

And against whom is dictatorship increasing in the Soviet Union? Does Thomas mean to say that the Soviet government is something apart from the masses who created it and that it is exercising a dictatorship over them?

Yes, the iron hand of the proletarian dictatorship of the people's government of the Soviet Union is today falling more heavily than ever on the enemies of the people, on the Trotzkyite agents of fascism, on the spies, grafters, and bureaucrats of every stripe.

But this makes possible more, not less democracy for the masses. Is this what Thomas objects to? And why is it that he says nothing about the new advances of democracy under the new Soviet Constitution?

The above quotation is no newspaper distortion. Tomas says the same things and more in an article in the June 5 issue of the Socialist Call, written from Amsterdam. In slightly different language he makes the same self-contradictory statements:

"The masses impressed me as generally happy, but there is an incalculable and poisonous weight of fear which, if continued, will destroy our dreams of Socialism."

Dreams Coming True

This non-extent weight of fear may destroy Norman Thomas' dreams of Socialism, but it cannot destroy the dreams of the Soviet masses. For those dreams are being realized.

Elsewhere in the same article Thomas writes:

"The evidence seems to me strong that fear is so great among the more articulate portion of the community that it affects adversely all political and historical writing and discussion."

Question: Who are "the more articulate portion of the community?"

Certainly the grafters and bureaucrats and concealed Trotzkyite spies have every reason to be filled with fear. But the Soviet government, by sweeping out that traitorous scum, is FREEING the 170,000,000 workers and collective farmers of the fear of these internal enemies.

Another Opinion

Let us see what another observer, the liberal economist George Soule, had to say on this subject after a trip to the Soviet Union. In the New Republic of Feb. 12, 1936, he wrote:

"What I can say, as a partially informed tourist, is that we saw no indication whatever that the Russian masses, who had made the revolution, felt any lack of freedom, or were governed by fear."

"Certainly Russia has cleared the grounds for real Socialist building," Thomas admits.

Perhaps one should feel grateful for this concession. But if the Menshevik policies which Thomas has advocated for the past 20 years had been followed, if the Trotzkyite agents of fascism whom Thomas defends had achieved their aims, the ground would have been cleared, not for Socialist building, but for fascism.

It was the policies of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, under the leadership of Stalin and backed by the enthusiasm, energy and devotion of the Soviet masses, that cleared the ground for Socialist building.

Norman Thomas was disappointed in the Soviet Union, but he did find Socialism somewhere after all. He found it—in Denmark and Sweden. True, the capitalist class still owns all the means of production in those countries despite the Social-Democratic governments. True, there is still exploitation, still unemployment, wage cuts and all the other blessings of capitalism. Nevertheless, Norman Thomas seemed to find more real Socialism in capitalist Denmark and Sweden than in the Socialist U.S.S.R. He writes:

"In sum total these social institutions and social services fall far short of what one finds in such happy lands as Denmark and Sweden, but they shine out in comparison with what there was—or was not—in old Russia."

Happy Denmark, happy Sweden, happy capitalism! And in contrast: the Soviet Union, gripped by a "poisonous weight of fear." And this from a man who calls himself a revolutionary Socialist.

Security in U.S.S.R.

Sidney and Beatrice Webb, who spent a little longer than two weeks in the Soviet Union, described social insurance in the U.S.S.R. as being far in advance of anything ever contemplated in the capitalist world (Soviet Communism, p. 864). And they declare:

"The scheme of economic security by way of social insurance in the U.S.S.R. is so general in its character, so elaborate in its provision and so liberal in its treatment of all classes of sufferers that it is hard to describe it otherwise than in terms of eulogy." (Soviet Communism, p. 884.)

But then the Webbs are a couple of old-fashioned Socialists, who do not use the adjective "revolutionary" before that designation.

On Democracy

In the matter of democracy Thomas also finds Soviet democracy far behind the bourgeois. He writes:

"Don't let anyone tell you that there is no feeling of class distinction between the poorer paid workers and the high officials or even the Stakhanovites!

"I breathed a purer air of democracy as between man and man in Denmark than I did in Russia."

It is evident that Norman Thomas has been writing about the wrong country. He spent two weeks in the Soviet Union, but it was in capitalist Denmark that he found the real co-operative commonwealth. In Denmark, where democracy is so pure that both the rich and the poor have the same right to sleep under bridges.

What About U.S.A.

And if the quality of democracy is so fine in Denmark, it certainly can't be much inferior than in the United States, which like Denmark, also has the advantage over the Soviet Union of being a capitalist country. And who will deny that under American democracy both J. P. Morgan and the humblest storekeeper have the same right to dodge taxes?

Norman Thomas' comments on the Soviet Union reveal him as a muddleheaded reformist, whose conception of Socialism is nothing but the most vulgar caricature of Socialist reality. His article will please the Trotzkyites, will please Hearst, will please every reactionary and enemy of the Soviet Union, but it gives a thoroughly false and distorted picture of the epic Land of Socialism, the shining bulwark of world democracy and peace.

Thomas went in search of Socialism, but discovered the great wisdom which every apologist for capitalism discovered long ago. He might have spared himself—and his readers—the pains.

The Spanish-American Shock Brigade; Its Reputation is Aces High in Spain

By TED ALLAN

MADRID—There is a man in Spain who'll celebrate his first wedding anniversary August 12, simultaneously with the collapse of the rebel central front. His prophecy is based on two facts: that he's commandante of "the best bunch of fighters in the Spanish army" and that operations on other fronts are forcing the fascists to withdraw troops so that when the government is in a position to attack it will break through.

The name of the commandante cannot now be told. He is a 23-year-old Cuban exile who heads the Primero Brigada Choque or First Shock Brigade. The brigade was on leave at a village near Madrid, so he had time to sit in a cafe sipping lemonade and talking to me.

Was Sentenced to Death

His record and that of the brigade he commands reads like a romantic novel. He was a leader in the Cuban student movement and was sentenced to death by the bloody dictator Machado.

"But I put one over on him," he added. He escaped, remaining in hiding until Machado himself was overthrown and had to flee the country. When Col. Batista established the power which today holds sway over Cuba, the commandante again found himself sentenced to be shot. "This time I got really disgusted and escaped to New York," he said laughingly.

When he first came to Spain he fought together with Cubans, Americans and Canadians at the Jarama front. Soon he was made captain of a Cuban battalion. He was wounded twice and then transferred to another brigade, in which he found himself at the Gudalajara front. His battalion was the first to enter Brihuega, where he was again wounded.

"This was lucky," he related, "because when I arrived at the American hospital, I found my wife arrived the same day as a nurse. I promised her we'd celebrate our aniversary with the collapse of the rebels' Madrid front, and I always keep my promise."

After he recuperated he was made commandante of the first shock brigade formed in Spain. A better name for them is death battalion. They only attack, only take positions. This Brigada Choque is the apple of his eye. He speaks of it like a mother of her brood, this man who at 23 commands one of Spain's most daredevil aggregations.

"We replace the men in charge," he explained. "We only go into attack—bayonet charges or hand grenade fighting. There's where we're the pick of the crop."

His English is faultless. He learned it at a school in Miami, Fla.

"My brigade has men from every part of the Spanish army," he continues. "All are volunteers, 90 per cent are Spanish, remainder Cubans, Americans, Canadians. And, baby, when we attack, we always take what we're after! Those fascists are learning to know what shock brigade means!"

After Brihuega, the brigade saw action on the Guadarrama front May 7, where they took positions near Cerro Garabitas. Early June saw action on the Segovia sector, where they advanced five miles.

I have asked a number of military men what they thought of the Brigada Choque and received the answer in one enthusiastic but untranslatable word: "Ole!"

A Straitjacket, Painted Gre[en]

The New Irish Constitution; De Va[lera in] Open Sympathy With Franco in S[pain]

By E. T.

I would like to congratulate the Western Work[er on the] article on the new Free State Constitution, signed by F[rank Ryan] and Peadar O'Donnell.

Peadar O'Donnell is one of Ireland's finest creat[ive writers] and a constant worker for his country's political a[nd ...] freedom. Frank Ryan, who had been editor of a Dublin working-class weekly, went to Spain to fight for the Loyalists. He was wounded and returned home. Immediately he made plans to publish a newspaper that would tell his tragically misled countrymen who had been duped by the clergy and by reactionaries into giving funds for Franco, the truth about the Spanish situation.

Both Catholic and Protestant churchmen brought pressure on Dublin printers, according to Father O'Flanagan, and the upshot was that Frank Ryan had to have his "Irish Democrat" printed in Belfast, while he himself edited it in Dublin.

De Valera Is for Franco

When De Valera was questioned outright as to which side he favored in Spain, he replied that he didn't mind saying he was on the side of Franco. This is scarcely a surprise to those who have watched his behavior during the past few years. The Coercion Act, which he has used with full vigor to suppress freedom of speech, press and assembly, and to throw republicans in jail for "sedition," has betrayed how little feeling he has for democracy and the civil liberties.

His new Constitution not only raises private property "almost to the dignity of a sacrament," as Ryan and O'Donnell have said, but clamps down on the freedom of a people, by use of a simple word, "however." To quote:

ARTICLE 40. Paragraph 6.

The State guarantees liberty for the exercise of the following rights, subject to public order and morality:

The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions. The education of public opinion being, however, a matter of such grave import to the common good, the State shall endeavor to insure that organs of public opinion such as the radio, press and cinema, while preserving their rightful liberty of expression, shall not be used to undermine public order or morality or the authority of the State . . .

The right of citizens to assemble peaceably and without arms. Laws, however, may be enacted to prevent or control meetings which are calculated to cause a breach of the peace or be a danger or nuisance to the general public . . .

The right of citizens to form associations and unions. Laws, however, may be enacted for the regulation and control in the public interest of the foregoing right . . .

With reference to further points in the much publicized Constitution, I quote from "Prison Bars," a tiny publication issued monthly by the Women's Prisonuers Defense League in Dublin. This league is bravely fighting in the face of overwhelming difficulties for the case of the republican political prisoners in De Valera's jails. This is from the June issue, just received:

We now have a new Constitution, presented to us with a great blowing of trumpets . . . All the powers of the infamous Coercion Acts are retained for this "free" people . . .

The family and the home are given a predominant status—on paper. There is nothing in it which holds out any [op]portunity to make [...] those who are flying [the] country. The right [to] property is guarant[eed] to those who already [have prop]erty—regardless of [...] by which it was [...] the opportunity to [...] erty is (as far as th[e ...] tion is concerned) [...] guarded as ever fro[m ...] and respectable bo[...] of no property." [...] members of the So[...] promised protection [...] say, as a sop to the [...] women are to be [...] prived of the right [...] gainful employment [...] airily waved to "the [...] presumably the Com[...] which will be the [...] enty-five per cent of [...] cept they choose the [...] ship . . .

There is not a [...] Constitution which [...] its framers do not [...] erty and unemploy[ment ...] normal condition of [...] yet it is claimed for [...] a step toward a new [...] der. In one clause of [...] Document No. 3, the [...] ly promises that "[...] its policy so that [...] find the means of [...] sonable provisions for [...] mestic needs." Co[...] with that fine cl[...] Democratic program [...] publican Dail of 19[...] turn for the willing [...] in the name of the [...] clare the right of [...] to a share of the pr[...] Nation's labour." [...] Ireland's freedom [...] eclipse, the noble [...] of its founders w[...] secured.

For all the ballyh[oo ...] Constitution seems [...] witty phrase of Fa[...] agan. It is a "str[aitjacket] painted green."

350,000 R. R. [...] To Vote on [...]

CHICAGO—Over [...] bers of the "Big F[ive" ...] brotherhoods are a[...] a national strike [...] sentatives of the [...] ing here unanimo[usly ...] on the vote.

The membership [...] on a demand for a [...] wage increase; revis[...] ing conditions, and [...] a conference with [...] cutives. An affirma[tive ...] mean strike sanction [...]

Wife Says Hol[man] Gets $750 a [...] In Anti-ILA [...]

OAKLAND—Lee [...] would-be head of a [...] ion for longshoremen [...] ing $750 a month [...] union organizer," his [...] es in a suit for divorce [...]

Mrs. Holman said [...] home was constantly [...] arsenal, with hordes [...] men hanging about [...]

She charges the [...] with cruelty and [...] association with other [...]

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[R]oland Watson Is Organizing Another Company Union

[INTE]RESTING [LET]TER FROM [DO]WN UNDER'

[Austra]lian Worker's [Comm]ents on Labor [M]ovement

[By a W]orker Correspondent

[SAN FR]ANCISCO—I just re[ceived a l]etter from George P. [...] Australian worker [who some y]ears ago was a dele[gate of] his union to the So[viet Union] and who on his re[turn passed t]hrough San Francisco [...] under the auspices [of the Fri]ends of the Soviet [Union ...] the longshoremen and [...] public meeting in [...] Club.

[...]re you might want [...]e of his letter for [...] and I am giving you [...]ections of his letter [...]ld be of interest to [...]

[...]y passed off very [...] in the country, the [...]ns being the largest [...]roughout the Com[monwealth] of Australia. In this [...]ane) the number of [...]t in the procession [...]erably more than in [...]rs, whilst many more [...]

[...] unions participated, [...]any instances slogans [...] "Defeat the Lyions [...] "Defend Spain," [...]and Democracy," etc. [...]nist influence was [...] many instances.

[...]s had a general de[mand ...]e 40-hour week and [...] wage cuts. The [...] Railway Union, in [...]ecent decision of the [...]ourt when they gave [...] four shillings per [...] tableau picturizing [...]s of the industrial [...] all in receipt of [...]ounds ($10,000) a [...]ing workers to live [...]ds (about $900) a [...] "You gave us four [...] about the other [...]" This would bring [...]age back to the [...]el.

[...]y Day we have had [...]n Buffoonery. The [...] Railway men threat[ened ...]our strike if they [...]id double time for [...] this after the Ar[bitration Co]urt had ruled that [...] and maintenance [...]ntial services should [...]d time and a half. [...]as sufficient for the [...] a compulsory con[...] the result that the [...] time plus an extra [...] annual holiday with [...]

[...]nly the first skir[mish ...] railway combined [...]ghout Australia for [...] tie-up in the busy [...] in September if they [...]eir demands granted. [...]ers also are prepar[...]e action in August. [...]way award in this [...] are 300% interpreta[...] award, all of them [...] men, and these are [...] of the court. No [...] call it "the catch" [...]ntry.

[...]ep free of this arbi[tration ...]. Already there have [...] of your legal and [...]xperts touring this [...]vestigating how it [...]y have had confer[ences ...] all the reactionary [...] officials throughout [...]nwealth.

[...]t (June 16) the stu[...]er played for the [...] this state, the play [...] Lefty." The theater [...] room only. It was [...]udience yet held in [...]ar theater. There are [...] repeat performances. [...]tically and culturally [...] large section of the [...]ment on the march [...]

[...]azi propaganda is [...] this country from [...] other night a man [...] pamphlets against [...]rinted in the Russian [...] which were being free[...] among Russian [...]

[...] there is a Nazi party [mem]bership in this town [...] yet they have held [m]eetings or appeared [pu]blic platform as an [...]rty. Warfies (long[shoremen) ...] will assist in taking [...] breed should they [...] the open.

[...] the leader of the [La]bor Party, has ex[pressed a] desire to absorb the [...] Party into the Labor [...]filiation is not enough: [...] dissolve the Com[munist Par]ty and get into the [...]y. By maintaining [...]endence you are rob[bing the L]abor Party of the [...]eeds and leaving it [...]

[...]an admission worthy [...]t the Labor Party [...]

Merced Becoming Union-Conscious

Labor "Leaders" Fail to Fool Workers on AFL; Cement Workers Unionize in CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

MERCED—Another open meeting was held here recently with 200 or more attending, showing that Merced is rapidly becoming union-conscious.

Mr. Allen of the Carpenters' Union, the man who was at least partly if not wholly responsible for the anti-picketing law being passed in Merced, acted as chairman.

Mr. Allen expressed a childlike faith in the ability of AFL representatives to place their feet, large or small as the case may be, under the table and solve any situation that may arise, and as Mr. Nunnally of Modesto so pointedly put it, "they will be solved," but he failed to point out for whose benefit, and I'm inclined to believe he didn't mean labor's.

"No Labor Trouble"

Mr. Allen went on to state that labor and employer had gotten along beautifully in the past and expected to do so in the future, with no labor trouble of any kind!

As near as I can see, aside from the Painters and Carpenters (both very reactionary if one takes Mr. Allen as an example) the Barbers Union (about which I know nothing), and the Culinary Union, which is comparatively new, there was no other organization representing labor here until lately.

As everyone knows, the four above-mentioned unions represent a very small percentage of labor in any community, so it's just possible Mr. Allen made a slight mistake in saying that there was no labor trouble in Merced.

Labor Had Plenty of Trouble

I believe labor had plenty of trouble trying to make both ends meet and pay their debts. Of course, Mr. Allen wouldn't be interested in that, so it is safe to say that as long as Mr. Allen is at the helm, the employer need fear nothing of labor.

Far be it from me to advocate trouble of any kind, labor or otherwise. On the other hand, I find it difficult to arouse enough enthusiasm within myself about the employer to see eye-to-eye with him as apparently do some of our leading laborites.

Mr. Nunnally was on the spot when asked by a cement worker if it were true, as has been stated in the papers, that Green was to use the money raised by special assessment to fight the CIO. He couldn't say yes, and apparently he didn't want to say no, so he beat about the bush and really didn't say anything.

Nunnally Flopped

However, I don't believe he fooled many on that score. In fact, he is so easily seen through that I wonder he fools anyone.

The cement workers are to have a meeting the first of the week and if possible, a CIO man is be there. They are on the right track and appear very determined to organize on an industrial basis. More power to them! Let's hope they're successful!

L.A. Relief Czars Playing "Game"

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—I've simply got to tell my story to all of the thousands of Western Worker readers. Some may recall an article recently printed in the Western Worker of how the Los Angeles relief czars use clients like a football. They are still playing their little game with me.

I've gone so many times from the LACRA office in Huntington Park to the County Relief (I should say "Grieve") Administration that I could shut my eyes and go back and forth without any trouble at all.

The County Charities sends me to the LACRA saying I'm OK for work. The LACRA fools around for a month telling me I will have to be examined by their doctor. (They don't trust the county's doctors, and vica versa.)

After waiting about six weeks, I finally got an examination. Now they claim they are not satisfied with my chest and refer me back to the county for a t. b. test. All this is unnecessary because if the LACRA wants to turn me down because of my health, no examination by them is necessary because the General Hospital has already established the fact that I have stomach trouble, and both the County Relief and LACRA have this medical history.

It's merely a sham battle between the two with me as the victim. While this "shadow boxing" goes on, I'm striving to keep body and soul together, while I should really be in a rest home trying to get back to health.

The fight goes on!

LIGHT READING IS SUGGESTED FOR "WESTERN"

Yuma Reader Wants Fiction And Lively Features

By a Worker Correspondent

YUMA, Ariz.—I have a few suggestions for the bettering of our paper. In the first place, I have found, and often read, that you must always give people a little of what they want in order to get them to take what they need.

People, as a rule, like features and a little light reading. I liked the "ideas for the kitchen by a man," that appeared in the Thursday, June 10 isue. Dr. Bissell's column always goes good.

Wants Short Stories

I think the "Western" might take to following the method of the Christ; teach important principles by short stories and paradoxes. A paradox is interesting and especially thought-provoking. People don't mind thinking when they don't realize they are; on the other hand, they are rather lazy about having to think when they do realize there is a little work connected with reading our paper and thinking things through.

Try to have our regular features regular and placed in a very conspicuous position. Start more features; for instance, start a column on household hints, asking the readers to supply material, that is, give their own experiences.

Principles via Fiction

One reason why the novel reached its peak in England during the Victorian Era was that authors used stories to help remove social evils. The Methodist Sunday School papers often have short stories that teach cooperative principles and equality of man, and even have stories on Russia.

The struggle of Toussaint that has been running in the "Western," was given in the Methodist paper, "Classmate," in a much more interesting and dramatic form under the title of "His Spirit Lives."

Wants "Letters From Readers"

I advise you to have more stories, but keep them morally clean as well as class-conscious.

Letters from readers are always interesting. We all like to see what others think and compare their ideas with our own.

I hope I have not bored you and hope you may be able to follow some of my suggestions.

The Dream That More Than Came True

MICHAEL VODOPYANOFF, commander of the Soviet flight to the North Pole, wrote the play "The Dream," of which final scene is shown above in Moscow production. The picture shows the explorers raising the Soviet flag at their goal. When Vodopyanoff wrote "The Dream," the flight to the Pole was only a plan. "The Dream" has more than come true, with the recent flight to the pole followed by the Moscow-North Pole-U. S. A. flight.

DEPOT SET UP IN HAYWARD TO GET SPAIN AID

Great Activity for Aid of Spanish Democracy

By a Worker Correspondent

HAYWARD, Alameda County—The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy has extended and broadened its range of vital activity with the establishment of a committee in Hayward and the opening of a Spain Depot at 810 Castro St.

With funds collected from sympathizers, the committee rented a building for one month and opened it to receive donations Saturday morning June 19.

In one day's activity, 32 collection cans together with educational literature, were placed in various stores and places of business.

Fifteen workers participated in Tag Day, Saturday, in house to house, store to store, and street corner canvassing.

Wednesday night, June 16, the committee filed a request with the City Council for a permit to solicit aid for Spain. For some reason or other, the council was not in session, but City Attorney White, Councilman Macabee and Mayor Manter were present in the chambers. The committee was informed verbally that no permit was necessary.

However, Attorney White could not resist the opportunity to find fault with something. He criticized the official credentials of Faustino Ortez, caling attention to the phrase "Spanish Democracy," which, according to Mr. White, raised a political issue.

The Committee plans to advertise its Depot widely with leaflet distributions and ads in the local papers, asking for donations of all kinds.

Party to Honor Star S. F. Press Builder

SAN FRANCISCO.—Honoring Jerry Feingold, star press builder who has secured 84 subs for the Western Worker, a party will be held Saturday, June 26, 8 p. m., at 1848 Pine St. All new and old subscribers are invited. Entertainment and dancing will feature. Admission is free.

GOOD QUOTE FOR AID TO SPAIN WEEK

By a Worker Correspondent

BERKELEY — Here is a quotation appropriate to Spanish Week:

"The cause of America is, in a great measure, the cause of mankind. Many circumstances have, and will arise, which are not local, but universal and through which the principles of all lovers of mankind are affected, and in the event of which their affections are interested."

—Thomas Paine in "Common Sense."

NEWSBOYS AID SPANISH KIDS

Majority of S. F. People Sympathetic to Spain

By a "Spain Aid" Girl

SAN FRANCISCO—Two little newsboys came up to me on Market street near the Crystal Palace Market last Saturday, while I was collecting funds for the children of Spain, and contributed their small donations for the aid of the heroic youngsters whose parents are fighting against fascism.

Also, a little girl about six years old came up and gave 15 cents for the Spanish kids.

A man, who said he had been in Spain just a few months ago, contributed 50 cents.

"I feel so sorry for the children over in Spain," said one woman, as she gave a dollar donation, "that I can't even listen to the radio without crying."

The majority of the people I contacted were strongly in sympathy with the Spanish people and their fight for democracy.

Layoffs Begin on L.A. County WPA

By a Worker Correspondent

VALENCIA, L. A. County—The WPA has started to lay off, June 13, commencing with a general transfer of workers, and a reduction of wages.

Foremen have been reduced to $65 per month, and many others reduced to $55 per month. One worker has been reduced from timekeeper, a position he held for two years, to laborer, and has been assigned to a project 10 miles from his home. This is typical of what is going on in the WPA.

The remark is constantly heard: "What are we coming to; and what is going to happen to us?"

There is little work to be found for those who will be thrown off of the WPA by July 1, in this over-crowded section of the state.

Rents Skyhigh

The crowding is bad, work is scarce, and rents are increasing by leaps. Hovels and shacks that remained empty for years are now occupied, with thousands living in tents and trailers. But this latter is not cheap living at all. A trailer rents for $6 per week, and standing room for a trailer is $16 per month.

Small, badly furnished houses and apartments have increased in rent from $10 and $12 per month, a year ago, to $20 and $25 now, with little increase in wages for those employed, and none at all for those on direct or work relief. The city is filled up with nothing to rent for fair rental.

FROM "SOMEWHERE IN SPAIN"

"Somewhere in Spain."

Dear Comrades:

It is comparatively nice here at this time of the year. The flowers are blossoming over the countryside, blending themselves in beds of deep green fields and forests.

I haven't much to say, yet nevertheless I take this spare opportunity to write because it may be quite a while before I can do so again. As time rolls along, the spirits of the people are continually mounting, which will prove to be the decisive factor in the present situation.

You have no doubt read where in desperation fascism, through its agents (Trotzkyism) has gambled and lost. Also, in the Basque country the best forces of fascism are uselessly attempting to gain a victory.

Of course, as usual, I will say that we receive a copy of the Daily Worker once in two weeks, and then they are about two weeks behind time.

About a week ago, I met some of the comrades who left Frisco two or three weeks ahead of our group.

Our unit has adopted the name of Tom Mooney.

Yours Comradely,

WHITEY.

Win Your Choice!

1. "From Bryan to Stalin," by Wm. Z. Foster.
2. "Let Me Live," By Angelo Herndon.
3. "World Politics," by R. Palme Dutt.
4. "Rulers of America," by Anna Rochester.
5. "History of the American Working Class," by Anthony Bimba.

And all you have to do to get your choice of these workers' books, is to write the winning letter in the current Worker Correspondents' Prize Contest!

Just tell what your experiences are in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, how you got new readers, how they react to the "Western," etc. Just follow these two simple rules:

1. Your entry must be postmarked before midnight, July 4th.

2. Address Workers' Correspondence Editor, Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Hurry up and get your entry in today!

Venice Field Labor May Go on Strike

By a Worker Correspondent

VENICE, L. A. County—There is a little throw-away paper here published by a local chain grocery, and in it there is a weekly editorial, with almost a weekly attack on the Communists, or all left-wing groups.

This is local, but the effect was that when the International Labor Defense, Harry Sims Branch, of the Bay Cities, tried to hold a flower sale on the streets for the benefit of the political prisoners, they were refused a permit.

I notice constant fascist acts on the part of the henchmen of the owning classes, and this was one of them.

Field Workers May Strike

The agricultural workers in this locality are just as bad off as they were a year ago, when they struck. They made some small gains, but nothing like they should have won.

But these small gains in pay, hours and treatment, have been more than offset by the increased cost of commodities, including rent. There is another strike in the making at this time, with all the forces of "society" against any betterment in the pay or hours of this overworked and underpaid class of workers.

I was told that the strike will be called soon against the renters of land, mostly Japanese, from the Bank of America, who got the land via the mortgage route, and this bank will do everything in its power to break any strike.

Oil Truck Drivers Organized by CIO

BAYONNE, N. J.—Truck drivers of the Tide Water Oil Company refinery have been organized 100 per cent by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

AFL REPRESENTATIVE IS WORKING WITH HUNT BROS. AGAINST REAL AFL UNION

Hayward Cannery Workers at Hunt Bros. Plant Are Urged to Join Genuine Cannery Workers Union 20099

By a Worker Correspondent

HAYWARD, Alameda County—The infamous Roland Watson, American Federation of Labor representative, is getting plenty of help from the Hunt Bros. Packing Corporation in his activities of organizing a company union in that plant.

The corporation has put its own organizers in the field. Such an organizer is a man named Clark, old and trusted employee of Hunt Bros., living on Fairview Ave., who is going from house to house trying to induce employees to join the company union. Much of the organizational attempt is carried on in the plant itself by petty bosses and "loyal" employees.

Real Union Is Active

To meet this situation, Cannery Workers Union Local 20099, chartered AFL union, during the past week, has carried on a campaign of education among the employees of Hunt Bros., with distribution of leaflets at the factory gates.

This contact with the workers in Hunt Bros. has revealed much. It became clear that the workers were terribly confused. In all but a few cases, the leaflets were accepted with zeal, and many workers displayed their desire to know the truth.

Many Workers Tricked

It also became evident that many had joined Watson's company union with the impression that they were joining the bona fide Cannery Workers Union.

A committee from the union (Local 20099) took a copy of their leaflet to Police Chief Silva. After reading it, he stated that he could not see anything wrong with it, but it was out of his jurisdiction, they must see Attorney White.

Attorney White didn't like the idea much. He said: "Why do they always pass the buck to me?"

He read the leaflet and said that there was nothing wrong with it and to go ahead and distribute it.

No Police Interference!

The committee from the union made their position clear. They wanted it understood that they were not asking for a permit. Whether or not they received permission, they would deliver their leaflet, but they didn't want any trouble with the police. They wanted the police to know that they would stand for no interference.

The leaflet stated in part:

"When you go to work in the cannery, you will be surprised to find that the company is organizing a union. You don't have to join, but you are afraid you might lose your job if you do not. This is a company union and they are breaking the law when they ask you to join.

Watson Is Co. Unionist

"But, they tell you it is an American Federation of Labor union. It most certainly is not.

"They (the canning companies) are rich enough to buy off certain American Federation of Labor officials. This is what is known as a 'sell-out.'

"Two such officials are Edward Vandeleur and Rowland Watson of the AFL.

Join the Real Union

"On the other hand, there is Cannery Workers' Union 20099. It is a strong union and has already won better conditions in many canneries.

"All money paid in this union is used entirely for the members. When the companies are forced to stop the violence against this union, there will be large benefits for every member."

STOP POLICE PROVOCATION IN SAN PEDRO

Halt Anti-Union Activities B[y] Cops, Demands C. P.

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN PEDRO — The Harbo[r] Section of the Communist Par[ty] issued, under the heading "Sto[p] Police Provocation," the follow[ing] leaflet:

"Since the murder of B[ill] Gregg, police provocation has i[n]creased in San Pedro. Fright[en]ed by the splendid demonstr[a]tion of protest against police br[u]tality which the unions ma[de] with Gregg's mass funeral, t[he] police administration has [at]tempted to buck up the mora[le] of its men by even more arro[gantly] disregarding the righ[ts] of San Pedrans and over-ridi[ng] their wishes.

"In the last week scores o[f] union men, especially seam[en] and longshoremen, have been a[r]rested on flimsy pretexts in th[e] streets of San Pedro. Furthe[r]more, the local police force h[as] been increased by some 65 e[x]tra officers. Policemen wal[k] their beats in pairs. They ha[ve] used abusive language again[st] union men. Obviously, they hav[e] been goaded into these actio[n] by their superior officers, re[p]resenting the union-hating Lo[s] Angeles Merchants and Manu[facturers] Assn. and Chamber o[f] Commerce.

"As a slap in the face to th[e] unions and a direct provocatio[n] to them, the police administra[tion] HAS RETURNED OFFICE[R] REDDING, THE MURDERE[R] OF BILL GREGG, TO DUTY IN SAN PEDRO!

"People of San Pedro! Stop this police provocation! Demand that the extra police be removed from San Pedro! Demand that Officer Redding be taken off the police force! Demand that the persecution and unnecessary arrests of union men cease!

"The Communist Party of San Pedro is 100 per cent for enforcing peace and order in the community. We are in favor of enforcing the laws against drunkenness and disorder. And all decent citizens of the community are likewise in favor of such law-enforcement. But this does not mean that every man who wears a union button on his cap should be arrested for drinking a glass of beer or for being on the streets after dark!

"We call on all citizens of the community to demand the stoppage of this police provocation. Union men and business men alike must be together on this issue. Let a delegation of representative citizens of the town appear before the Los Angeles City Council and demand an investigation of the police situation in San Pedro! Let Councilman Buyer be informed that his constituents want action! Let the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee in Washington hear of this!

"TELEPHONE CAPTAIN BASHMAN, SAN PEDRO 5111 —DEMAND:

"1. That Patrolman Redding be removed from the force.

"2. That extra police be removed from San Pedro.

"3. That persecution of union men cease."

"SUGGESTED OBITUARIES"

By a Worker Correspondent

Here in his best bib and tucker,
Lies WILLIAM GREEN, a blowed-up sucker.

Here lies a bubble that has burst.
Just the remains of WILLIAM HEARST.

Shed a tear for MATTHEW WOLL.
No one misses him at all.

Here lies VANDELEUR, at rest,
One more labor faker gone West.

Once again we toll the bell,
Now it's Hutcheson gone to—well!

Say goodby to HENRY FORD.
Gone to educate the Lord.

SPOONER'S under this sod and hay.
I wonder how he got that way.

—F. S., Oakland.

'DUCE' WANTS TO INSTRUCT LEGIONNAIRES

By a Worker Correspondent

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—I saw in the Legion paper, the "California Legionnaire," an article by A. Rainaldi, consul general of Italy, to the effect that "every Legionnaire who lives in California is invited to visit Italy next September after the closing of the New York Convention of the American Legion." I thought you might make use of it.

Mussolini thinks the Legion members might need some re[al] Duce Wants ... P5 ...we[ll] minding on fascist methods, and could benefit by a little private coaching.

RAILROAD COMMISSION HELPS MARKET STREET RAILWAY TO GET MORE FROM THE PUBLIC

Rumors of Granting Seven Cent Fare Pave Way to Announcement of Plan Giving Greater Anticipated Revenue

By CLINT DUFF

"Increased revenue to pay the cost of increased wages and social insurance" is the camouflage behind which the Market Street Railway and its crafty president, Samuel Kahn has put over their latest "job" on the San Francisco public.

Accustomed to enormous profits such as the 1929 net income of $292,485, the company found the 1935 profits (1936 not published yet) of $69,509 entirely too meager to satisfy its wants. Therefore, the company owners seized on the age-old pretext of "increased labor costs" and instituted a high-pressure drive for permission of the State Railroad Commission to raise their fare two cents.

Rumors Fly

For several weeks it looked as if the commission would readily agree to the exhorbitant request of Kahn and associates. Suddenly, however, we are confronted with a "surprise decision," one which is greeted by the capitalist press as "a victory for the people": the fare is to be kept at five cents with two cents additional charge for a transfer.

But what is the net effect of this supposedly public-spirited ruling of the commission?

Those who live in such districts that they must use "cross city lines" to get in and out to the industrial sections of the city are forced to transfer and pay 7c fare. This means that a person who lives in the Mission or North Beach sections, the two chief working class districts of the city, must pay $12 more a year for carfare than the business and upper class residents of Richmond, Sunset, or Ingleside.

The Company's Interest

Not only will the decision hit the workers' sections of the city hardest but by the decree, in the words of the Railway Commission: "the earnings of the company will thus be increased to an amount in excess of that which it estimates it will obtain from the fare structure (7c fare) proposed in this application."

While the Commission estimates that only $350,000 in increased gross revenue would result from an adoption of the 7c fare by the company, Samuel Kahn himself admits that the transfer charge will probably bring in $500,000. But this last figure is decidedly low considering that the company now handles 59,000,000 transfers a year.

If It "Fails"

But in case this well-laid plot does fail, the Commission makes very plain that "if it develops that this fare is not fulfilling the requirements, the entire matter can be reviewed" with an aim to "provide a revenue sufficient to meet the cost of performing the service."

Such is the last public service of the Market Street Railway and its willing handmaiden, the State Railway Commission: a $1,000,000 steal from the pockets of the workers. Only a farmer-labor government will put a stop to an extension of such tactics.

Appeal for Funds To Defend the Hawaiian Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO—Appeal for funds for the defense of the striking Filipino and Hawaiian workers in Maui, T. H., where they are being defended by Attorney Grover Johnson.

The campaign on their behalf is being waged by the Committee for Defense of Hawaiian Workers, and the appeal signed by George Woolf, chairman of the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California, and by George Nugent for the International Labor Defense.

On June 10 the San Francisco office of the International Labor Defense received the following cable:

"Nine Filipino strike leaders framed on trumped up charge by sugar planters association to break morale of island wide strike. Trial set for June fourteenth in prejudiced court on island of Maui. Unable to get attorney we can trust. ILD must help. Funds exhausted helping destitute workers. Will get postponement if notified immediately legal help coming wire union hall 122 North Queen (signed) Ed Berman, editor Voice of Labor; Max Weisbarth, chairman Honolulu Longshoremens Assn.; Harry Kealoha, agent Longshoremens Association."

A cable was sent to Honolulu to postpone the trial and that an attorney would be sent as quickly as possible. On June 14 the following cable was received from Honolulu:

"Judge refuses to grant postponement. Jury chosen today. Workers evicted from homes need funds. Appeal organized labor.

(signed) BERMAN

Due to the urgency of the situation, funds were borrowed and on Wednesday, June 16, Attorney Grover Johnson was sent to the islands by plane. He is now on the island of Maui at the trial.

"We must raise as quickly as possible," said the appeal, "approximately one thousand dollars for the defense of these strikers and for the defense of those who may be arrested in the future. This is absolutely essential to meet the attack by the large sugar barons on the growing labor movement of the islands, the waterfront unions there and the progressive forces generally.

"We urge your organization to contribute in whatever sum possible to meet this critical situation."

LABOR PARTY OF NEW YORK HITS TAMMANY MOVE

Pointedly Suggests Wagner Should Remain Senator

NEW YORK—The American Labor Party issued a warning to Tammany Hall and reaction when its state committee took steps to solidify its organization for the coming mayoralty campaign and applauded the statement that "It is now clear to friends and enemies that the American Labor Party is an independent political group."

Speakers were applauded when they made clear that the American Labor Party is definitely opposed to any "drafting" of Senator Robert F. Wagner as the Tammany candidate for mayor and asserting that he could best serve by remaining in his present position in the U. S. Senate.

Although the meeting was not called to make any endorsements of candidates, State Secretary Alex Rose was applauded when he said: ". . . in New York we want to continue in office the present progressive, Mayor La Guardia."

Oppose Maneuver

"Tammany Hall," Rose pointed out, "is trying to draft Senator Wagner." Tammany Hall is suddenly looking for a progressive candidate. This is in itself the greatest compliment to the liberalizing influence of the American Labor Party and also a great compliment to La Guardia."

Speakers at the meeting included President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union; Sidney Hillman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Hillman, praising the American Labor Party for its realization of the necessity of an independent campaign in the presidential election, cited the massacre of Chicago and the exposure of criminal tactics in Harlan, Ky., as showing that reactionary interests are determined to deny labor its rights.

Permanent Party

"We are engaged," continued Hillman, "in an effort to establish a permanent party to express the desires of labor and the progressive groups of the nation. We must work in the state and nation for a realignment of the political forces of the country."

Although Hillman did not refer directly to the position of isolation taken by the Socialist Party he declared his hope that the American Labor Party would follow no policies of isolation but would make it easier for all labor groups to affiliate.

"In my judgment," Hillman said, "the Labor Party will be the dominant party in New York City."

W. C. F. GREETS SANTA MARIA CONVENTION

Costigan Shows Need Of a Progressive Federation

Following is abridged from a letter of greetings sent to convention of the People's Legislative conference of California, sent by Howard Costigan on behalf of the Washington Commonwealth federation.

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The Washington Commonwealth federation sends sincerest greetings to the People's Legislative conference of California recognizing that in the growth and maturity of your organization the Washington Commonwealth federation will be assisted in the realization of its goal—a unified federation of all progressive organizations embracing farmers, workers, and middle class people of all political parties throughout the eleven western states.

Reaction is rapidly dropping the mask of party differences, through open unity against the President's proposal to unpack the Supreme Court, against minimum wage, maximum hour legislation, against the Wagner-Connery act, and for the fascist type forced incorporation of labor unions.

To effectively overcome this uniting front of Tories, it is imperative that progressives likewise brush away the barricades which have kept them separated and build a popular front of all progressive forces desirous of a better distribution of our national income, protection of the civil rights of our people and the preservation of our democratic institutions.

In each state as well as in the nation itself it is therefore imperative that a permanent political union seeking a fuller and freer expression of democracy be forced. Insofar as the People's Legislative conference becomes the motivating force in your state of such an organization will it make possible the realization of the objective for which the people of the nation voted last fall.

Fascism now threatens democracy on two fronts—in Europe through the invasion of democratic nations in an undeclared war by Germany and Italy and in the United States by the rapidly crystallizing efforts of big business to defeat the growing power of labor unionism by placing the shackles of forced incorporation on free trade unions.

To defeat fascism, both at home and abroad, equally concerned with the destruction of democracy in order to preserve the profits of the few no matter what the cost to the many, the American people must prepare to take the reins of government, local, state and national, completely out of the hands of the pro-fascists.

This coalition must in each section of the country, be flexible as to means, but inflexible as to the end—the defeat of a threatening American fascism.

In the name of the growing anti-fascist forces in the state of Washington which find political expression through the Washington Commonwealth federation, I wish you every success in your convention.

—Howard Costigan

FILM NOTABLES TO SUPPORT SPAIN

Elissa Landi, Frances Farmer and Lief Erickson are among the latest of film colony notables to indicate their support for the embattled Spanish Loyalists. These stars, among others, will serve on the reception committee to greet the guests of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, at a benefit dance sponsored by the Committee at Sebastian's Cotton Club, 8781 Washington Boulevard in Culver City, the evening of Monday, June 28th.

All funds realized by the affair will be used to establish a Children's Home in Loyalist territory for Spanish children orphaned by the tragic civil conflict.

For the Murder of Women and Kids

GERMAN NAVY destroyers off Spanish coast, allegedly to participate in "neutrality patrol," but in actuality to murder women and children, as in Nazi shelling of Almeria.

Senate to Hear New Evidence on Mooney Frameup

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Impetus was given the movement working for an unconditional pardon for Tom Mooney by the appointment of a sub-committee by Senator Henry F. Ashurst, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, to hold hearings on the joint resolution of Senator James Murray of Montana calling upon Governor Merriam of California to grant Mooney a pardon. With the announcement of the appointment of the sub-committee the Washington Tom Mooney Defense Committee let it be known that startling new circumstantial evidence from the records of the German war sabotage hearings in 1929 would be introduced before the sub-committee.

Senator Murray's resolution requests both Congress and the President to memorialize Governor Merriam in behalf of a pardon for the famous labor prisoner who was convicted of bombing a preparedness day parade in San Francisco 21 years ago.

First Effort of Kind

So far as it can be ascertained this is the first time in the history of the government that Congress has ever been requested to memorialize a state or state official. Heretofore it has always been the custom for the states to memorialize Congress. The subcommittee appointed by Chairman Ashurst is composed of Senators M. M. Neely of West Virginia, Patrick MacCarran of Nevada, Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, James H. Hughes of Delaware and George W. Norris of Nebraska.

The new circumstantial evidence, which will be presented by the Mooney Defense Committee, definitely points the finger of suspicion at a German baron, a former German Army General and a former soldier in the German Army. The document from the sabotage hearing records, which was just recently discovered by John Jenkins, chairman of the Washington Tom Mooney committee, contains the sworn testimony of J. H. Van Koolbergen, a British spy, to British authorities, and casts suspicion also on C. C. Crowley, a convicted dynamiter, who, according to evidence in the hands of the Mooney defense, was employed by Charles M. Fickert, district attorney responsible for the alleged railroading of Mooney and Warren K. Billings to life sentences for the Preparedness Day bombing.

Admits Making Bomb

Contained on pages 2543 and 2544 of U. S. Ex. 600, printed record of sabotage cases, Koolbergen's testimony shows that he was asked by Lieut. Von Bricken, a member of the German consul's staff in San Francisco, whether he could make a bomb to specifications. Koolbergen said that he made the bomb and took it to room No. 7076 Palace Hotel, where he met C. C. Crowley.

There, according to Koolbergen, Crowley proclaimed the bomb an excellent piece of goods and immediately placed an order for 12 of them at $75 each. One bomb was purchased from Koolbergen but the deal for the others fell through when members of the German staff began to get suspicious of Mr. Koolbergen.

When the details of the bomb made by Koolbergen and sold to Crowley are compared with pictures of the preparedness day bomb as published in a San Francisco newspaper on July 24, 1916, they are shown to be identical. An interesting point arises when it is considered that witnesses of the fatal explosion have declared that the bomb was completely destroyed and that only through advance information could the newspaper have obtained the complete drawing which was published a few hours after the explosion.

Records Show Payments

Additional records here in Washington show that Crowley made payments to Lewis Smith, another convicted dynamiter, who served in the German Army, amounting to $550 in the months preceding the explosion for which Mooney and Billings were blamed and sentenced to life imprisonment. These payments are listed on page 747, Vol. 2 of the bill of exceptions to the trial of German Consul General Von Bopp and Lieut. von Bricken.

According to one Frank O. Stevens of Dayton, Ohio, Smith died in Cleveland July 4, 1922. Smith previously had confessed in the presence of six persons that he was the one who had planted the Preparedness Day bomb in 1916 which resulted in the death of 10 persons and the injuring of 40 others.

Crowley, according to a document dated San Francisco, June 14, 1915, was a special agent of Fickert, supposedly assigned to the investigation of traffic in illicit drugs. Mr. Fickert, it appears, was none too particular about the character of his investigators, for, as a side line, Crowley at the time of his appointment was participating in dynamitings on behalf of the Imperial German Government, the record shows.

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VENTURA AND OXNARD SEE SPAIN FILM

Last Minute Denials Of Halls Reduce Attendance

By D. L.

VENTURA—"Spain in Flames" offended the forces of fascism, represented by the Knights of Columbus in Ventura County. They unsuccessfully attempted to stop the showing of the picture in both Ventura and Oxnard by identical cowardly means.

Halls were rented in both cities a week before the picture was due, in Ventura the Athene Club House and in Oxnard the Community Center. The committees had no difficulty in obtaining permission to use the halls and thousands of leaflets were distributed in both cities. Business houses displayed the large posters and a great deal of interest was created. A record-breaking crowd could be expected.

Two-Hour Notice

But, two hours before time to open the doors the public was greeted by a notice in the local paper that "Spain picture will not be shown at Athene Club house." The article went on further to state that the sponsors had not notified the paper as to another meeting place. This was true because the sponsors were not informed of the fact that they would be unable to use the Athene Club that evening until after the paper had gone to press.

The picture was shown in Ventura to those who did not believe all they read in the paper or who had been fortunate enough to fail to read the paper that evening. There was no trouble in obtaining another hall, but the publicity had been sufficient to keep large numbers of people from going to the original meeting place, where they could have been directed to the new hall.

Repetition in Oxnard

The Oxnard meeting was a repetition of the one in Ventura except that the workers were aware of the possibility of the same tactics being used, knowing that the two towns are controlled by the same ring and were on the job to find the custodian of the Community Center and obtain the keys early in the morning.

Every effort was made to find Jack Miller, the custodian and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, but he along with the janitor had mysteriously disappeared from town. The sponsors were not notified of the refusal of the custodian until the evening paper came off the press.

The story a repetition of the one in Ventura carried an additional line, a deliberate lie, stating that every effort had been made by the custodian of the Community Center to locate the sponsors. Again there was little difficulty in obtaining a hall for the meeting after four o'clock, three hours before the show was to go on and too late to notify readers of the Oxnard Courier of the change of location.

It seems that the powers that be in Ventura County are getting jittery of the CIO as they started a whispering campaign claiming the picture was sponsored by the CIO, a statement they knew to be false, but it offered them an opportunity to start the Red Scare against the CIO before the organization really got going well in this county.

This particular instance of suppression of free speech was instigated by the Knights of Columbus, whose brothers in the Church are even now feeling the lash of fascism in Europe.

On the other hand the Socialist Local of Oxnard made every effort to inform the workers of the change of address in time to make it possible for as many as possible to see the picture and be informed of the true conditions in Spain.

The Committee for Arrangements wishes to thank all those who co-operated so loyally.

No Deportation For Spy Pappas

NEW YORK — Immigration authorities have proposed that the entire deportation proceedings against John Pappas of San Francisco be dropped and there-in hangs a story of hypocrisy. For although Pappas held a membership book in the Communist Party, he was in reality a spy paid by the Industrial Association to disrupt the efforts of the WPA workers to better their conditions.

For helping workers to improve their conditions—deportation.

But for spying against them, for treachery to them—"honorable" reinstatement.

Pappas was arrested in June 1936, charged with being a member of the Communist Party, and held for deportation to Greece. To his rescue sprang the Industrial Association, testifying that it had hired him to join the Communist Party for the Judas rate of $15 a week.

The Communist Party had discovered him before his arrest, however, and the Western Worker had exposed him and announced his expulsion as a rat.

Benson Supports Boileau Farm Security Bill

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Additional support to the Boileau farm security measure now being considered in congress has come from Minnesota's Farmer-Labor Governor, Elmer A. Benson. The measure is a part of the National Farmers Holiday Association's legislative program.

"I believe that this measure represents one of the finest solutions of the farm tenancy problem that has yet been proposed," the governor wrote Dale Kramer, secretary of the Holiday organization, in promising "wholehearted" support.

Urge Government Aid to Migratory Homeless Families

NEW YORK—Legal recognition of governmental responsibility for the welfare of migratory families was urged recently by the Committee on Care of Transient and Homeless, a body set up five years ago by the National Social Work Council.

The proposal has particular importance for California where, according to Santa Clara Labor Council estimates, 200,000 migratory workers "follow the crops" with many working for as low as 20c an hour under intolerable living conditions.

In the report, drafted by Chairman Dr. Ellen C. Potter, it is asserted that: "Mobility is a national economic necessity; it must cease to be a barrier to social security." The document recalls the Federal program for aid to non-settled persons, which ended in 1935 after spending $85,779,319 to maintain "health and decent standards of living for thousands upon thousands of men, women and children during the depths of the depression."

The Committee urged that Federal and State governments "recognize in law a continuing responsibility for the welfare of non-settled persons. Their welfare must include their guidance to economic opportunity, their relief in time of need, their protection in health and sickness, their security on equal terms with their fellow citizens."

MINE WITNESS SLAIN

HARLAN, Ky.—Former deputy sheriff Wash Irvin, a La Follette committee witness against Harlan County coal companies, has been slain by mine company thugs.

RELIEF B... IS PASSE... U. S. SE...

Reactionary ... For Reduc... Is Defea...

WASHINGTON—Th... istration's bill for $1... work relief during ... fiscal year was passe... senate, sweeping aside ... sition by which re... ators sought to cu... "earmark" it.

The bill now goes ... House of Represe... concurrence in Sen... ments of secondary ...

Despite the effort... the measure, it al... sents a cut in WPA... mean the dismissal ... 500,000 workers on a ... basis.

The Workers' Allia... ried on a nation-wid... for a bill appropri... billion dollars fo... and another billion ... in aid to the states ... would have provided ... per cent increase in ... to meet rising costs.

When it was defeated ... gressive bloc of ... fought vigorously ... cuts proposed in ... measure. Among ... made on it were ... reduce it outright ... lion dollars, to requ... to furnish a set po... funds to match fede... and to earmark ... fund for definite pr... would have meant ... for materials and ... ployment of worker...

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'Absorbing' the Unemployed in Calif.

Part of the propaganda of reaction against continuation of WPA consisted of the argument that private industry was "absorbing" the unemployed. The falsity of this argument was demonstrated by a recent undertaking of the San Francisco WPA.

Already the Workers' Alliance had notified such organs of big business as the U. S. Chamber of Commerce that it would be glad to furnish its entire membership for private employment at prevailing wages. Needless to say, the offer was disregarded.

S. F. Experiment

The possibility of diminishing the number of people on relief and placing them in private industry was discussed by officials of WPA in San Francisco at the end of March.

The President's plan of appropriating one and one half billion dollars was first opposed at this meeting. The proposal that letters be sent to representative firms in S. F. listing for them a number of applicants from WPA rolls for employment was made.

This was proposed by Mr. Wallace Day and was accepted. For six weeks definite preparations were made to contact employers in S. F. with a carefully selected group of the finest and best equipped workers out of 14000 on WPA. This was carried through the California State Employment Service as the WPA could not act as an employment agency for private industry, nor for WPA workers.

Employers Uninterested

Thirty five thousand firms were selected and letters were sent in groups of 5,000 per week with a list of about 75 candidates for position. The number of firms contacted shows clearly that the major number of those operating in S. F. were reached. This test is being carried out only in S. F. and because we can consider S. F. as a fairly prosperous city results achieved here will be a fair test for the entire nation.

There have been 25,000 letters sent out so far, they resulted in 60 inquires, through which 34 jobs were secured. It is interesting to note that only younger, more able and the most skilled were accepted. The results show .00243 employed out of 14,000 available.

Only 34 Hired

Of the 60 inquiries, 16 specified that they did not wish to employ any WPA or SERA workers. In the cases of 34 jobs filled, there were 83 candidates for these positions and a considerable portion of the candidates were rejected because their record showed that they had been on WPA for at least one year.

Among 34 jobs—2 were stenos, 2 office and the balance labor. There were no strikebreaking jobs filled. In every case the workers accepted were given higher wages than they received on the WPA. Twelve positions were not filled because the employer attempted to hire them at below standard wages. Though WPA officials instructed workers not to accept positions below the standard wage, 6 were put off the rolls for refusing to accept jobs out of their experience.

The results of the balance have not been received yet. They may be a trifle changed in final summary because some of the previous letters may yet be answered.

The total experiment has been so disappointing that the figures are being kept secret and it will be very difficult to secure it in the future. But it will be possible to secure a complete picture at a later date.

...ASCISTS PLANT SCHOOLS IN CALIF.

...-up With Italian ...nsulates Hinted

By CLINT DUFF

...state today the Italian Government "unofficially" ...hirty-eight fascist schools with a boasted member... 2,000 Italian children from the ages of six to ...

...aught? FASCIST ide... ...children attend school ... a week to be drilled ...ist ideas of govern... ...and war. Their text... ...imported from Italy ...ctly as approved by ... Fascist educational ... Rome. Typical ex... ...the texts are:

... yet to write in her ... pages of glory, to ...her lands; to you, ...ho are the soldiers ... of tomorrow, it re... ...ite these pages and ... goals." and ... ...m big, when at last ...r, I too, as my fath... ... for the Fatherland ... win; I shall take ...emy flags and pris... I shall earn, who ...many medals of val... ... the dream of all the ...dren, this is your ... Little Italian child ... foreign lands."

..., purporting to be ...alian language, his... ...ography are little ... anti-American pro... Mussolini. They are ...ictures of "Il Duce," ...talian weapons, pic... ...alian youth drilling ...e fascist salute, etc.

WELL VERSED IDEOLOGY

...he teachers? FAS... ...director of the sys... ...h language schools" ... Parentini, who ar... ... from Rome two ...o is attached to the ... Italian Consulate, ... an Italian citizen ...tire time organizing ...s in California. G... ... able fascist assis... ...n Francisco. The ...s in minor positions ... "good Italian patri... ...ascists) as they are ... Fascist direct...

...sors the schools? ...The great bulk of ...n $8,000 raised an... ... support of these ...m fascist individ... ...lies. For example, ...ganization "Sons of ...ibuted $1300 last ...ing to a former ... society. The col... ... affairs sponsoring ... are made with the ...cooperation of the ...nment through its ... California. Each ...00 a month as his ...hese monthly pay... added to the dona... to a considerable ...ment Italian anti... ...ct graft, pointing ...etween income for ...nd the accounted...

district, Daly City, and Colma sections respectively.

Like the arms of an octopus this insidious fascist "education" reaches into every important working district of the city. This is how the corrupt graft-ridden Rossi machine defends the American government and American democracy in San Francisco. The reactionaries of this city and others in California are proven to be the trusted legionnaires of Mussolini, eager to turn over the young minds of American-Italian children to uncivilized fascist teachings.

SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

Opening summer session of the Tom Mooney University sponsored by the Young Communist League of San Francisco. Classes in What Is Communism, Leninism, the World Today, Trade Unions, Ballroom Dancing (six piece orchestra), Dramatics. Teachers: Lil Dinkin, Al Ward, Edward Livingston, Ed Alexander. Write or call for descriptive folder and registration blanks at YCL, 121 Haight St. Tuition fees 35 cents for six lessons.

LEARN FASCIST ...MNS OF HATE

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CORRUPTION PROPAGANDA

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L.A. Youth to Hear War Ace Speak

LOS ANGELES—Over 1,000 junior Angelinos will attend the Independence Day rally for the Defense of Spanish Democracy called by the young Communist League at the Sons of Hermann Hall, 25th St. and Main, on Friday, July 2, at 8 p. m.

Major Frank Lord, America's war ace; **Michael Gold**, famous American writer; and **Frank Carlson**, California State Secretary of the Young Communist League, will be the principal speakers. Also featured on the program will be the Contemporary Theater which will present a short one-act play, "No Pasaran" (they shall not pass), and Guillermo Arcos, world's foremost guitarist.

A soldier from the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, who has been sent home because of his wounds will address the large youth assembly.

Arrangements have been completed for the showing of "The Miracle of Madrid," a moving picture revealing how Franco and his fascist murderers were repulsed at the very gates of Madrid.

Dancing and other entertainment will conclude the rally.

POLICE VICTIM

LOS ANGELES — Breaking down under intense strain after his arrest as one of the Douglas "400" sitdowners, Robert Appling was sent to a home for the mentally unbalanced, a victim of police pressure methods.

MEET TO PLAN YOUTH BILLS

Model Congress in Milwaukee

"The State of Youth in the Nation" will be the presidential mesage of William W. Hinckley to the Model United States Congress assembled at Milwaukee on July 2 to 5th.

Assuming the form of a regular session of Congress, this fourth American Youth Congress conclave will be made up of a "Senate" composed of youth leaders of national organizations and a "House of Representatives" composed of delegates from hundreds of local groups.

Example to U. S. Solons

At the outset of the Congress, a "cabinet" will be elected to serve as the presiding committee, and "Congressional Committees" on Agriculture, Democratic Liberties, Education, Labor, Peace, and Recreation will be organized. Special "organizational caucuses" will be held on Sunday to draw together such categories as trade unions, farm groups, church societies, student unions, and athletic clubs.

During the entire sessions any "congressman" may introduce "bills" or "resolutions" on behalf of his constituents. Although the entire congress will vote on this legislation, the measures adopted will not obligate the organizations involved.

Signing the call are seventy-five ranking leaders of youth in the country, including Hayes Beall, president of National Council of Methodist Youth; Harold Chance, chairman of Youth Section Emergency Peace Campaign; Arthur Northwood, president National Student Federation of America and Edward Strong, chairman of Youth Division National Negro Congress.

Adult Leaders Sign Call

Also in the list of signatures are such prominent adult leaders as Jeremiah Mahoney, president of Amateur Athletic Union; Charles Howard, president International Typographical Union, and Mrs. Rittenhouse, national director of the Girl Scouts. Only the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Youth Organizations were not represented. The youth's Model Congress has been endorsed by 32 United States Representatives and 11 Senators.

Severe NYA Cuts Threaten Youth

WASHINGTON — Unless the $1,500,000 relief appropriation is increased by the Senate, the National Youth Administration will find its funds cut by more than one-fourth for the coming year. WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins has asked for only $50,000,000 for the NYA as compared with the $68,000,000 spent to assist school and working youths this year.

If the general appropriation, out of which NYA funds come, is not increased the Youth Administration could keep from being slashed only at the expense of WPA workers.

WESTERN YOUTH

Bi-Weekly Page of Youth Features

Fight Only Against Fascism, Advises World War Veteran

By a Wounded Vet

If, back in the fall of 1918, a youth had asked a world war veteran what he thought of war, he would have gotten an emphatic and ready reply.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine veterans out of a thousand would have smiled cynically and said, "Never again!" or "Let the old bastards who vote for war, go fight." Some would have said, half seriously: "I'm going home, get married, and raise a family. And if I get a boy, I'll watch him the first day he begins to walk. If he starts out with the left foot first I'll break his damned leg until he quits the habit."

Some soldiers would have ignored your question. They wanted to forget the wounded, maimed, and killed as quickly as possible. Did they forget? Yes, those who have died did. Not the living. Listen!

Twenty years have passed but it seems only yesterday that the drums were beating and soldiers marched the streets. Then the propaganda machine was tuned up and out came the slogans, "Save the World for Democracy," "A War to End War," and many others.

KISSES FOR LIVES NO FAIR EXCHANGE

Remember the poster with Uncle Sam pointing his finger right at you and saying: "I want you!" and the best-looking society dames would kiss every boy that would enlist. That surely was the "kiss of death" for some guys.

We went in a group from our little town. We wanted adventure. It wasn't patriotism because the overwhelming sentiment was pro-German. In fact, that sentiment got us in a fight with a delegation from Chicago because we shouted "Hurrah for the Kaiser." We cheered because he was responsible for our crack at adventure. What an adventure that turned out to be!

After endless drilling in our training camp, we sailed for Europe in the fall of 1917. The English greeted us sarcastically and called us "doughboys" because it took three years to raise us!

DOUGHBOYS HEAR GROANS OF MANGLED SOLDIERS

One foggy morning we were standing on a dock on Southhampton waiting to embark for France. Everyone was laughing and kidding when a white boat moved slowly into the dock. We could hear the most unearthly screams, moans and curses. Then as the stretchers appeared, we knew for the first time what war could be like. Hundreds of men were carried out—some legless, some armless, some raving demented idiots strapped to stretchers, some with heads almost completely bandaged, their faces being too shattered or mutilated to be exposed. Those who laid silently, with wide staring eyes were the worst. What were they looking at? What did they see we couldn't see?

This was our introduction to war.

Our stop in Le Havre was of short duration. We were shunted to a quiet training sector in the Vosges mountains, then to St. Mihiel, and then into that hell-hole—the Meuse-Argonne. The cry of the officers was constantly, "wipe out this salient," "take this objective." What price man power! "Plenty more recruits coming! Save the horses, they cost money! In case of gas attack, put on the horse's mask before your own!"

Ever walk over a battlefield? No? A nice sight: bodies laid all over—German and American—legless, armless, headless—some with only a jaw shot away—others with guts laying out from a bayonet thrust from belly to throat. Yet, how we envied them at times!

HAVOC OF BATTLES CONCEALED FROM YOUTH

For those who still had sound bodies and minds, Armistice Day was one of the happiest. But thousands of those who came back are still fighting that war in some insane asylum or in little-visited hospital wards. They won't allow the youth to see those human wrecks. War would be too hard an article to sell.

Would a veteran go to war again? Yes and no! I talked with some who went to Spain to fight in the Lincoln Battalion. Such a fight, for democracy against fascism the breeder of world war, will attract many veterans who would never fight again without such a real cause.

It is certain that the youth of today will never be duped like we were. Who ever heard of a mass movement of youth against imperialist war in 1917? There was no such movement. Today the youth of America have gone a long way towards educating the students and young workers as to the causes of war. And furthermore they have organized against becoming the pawns for Wall Street as we were in '17.

ACKNOWLEDEMENT

Donation of 50 cents to the Western Worker from Mrs. Crocker, Berkeley.

Frank Carlson Praises "Western"

SAN FRANCISCO—"The only California paper which gives sufficient emphasis to youth problems in our state is the **Western Worker**," declared Frank Carlson, secretary of the Young Communist League in California, in a recent interview.

Pointing out that the commercial press gloated over the critical need of California youth for unemployment relief, education and vocational training, Carlson urged youth to read and subscribe to the Western.

"Youth are organizing fast," he continued, "and it is up to every alert young person to keep up with the growth and activities of these organizations whether they are trade unions, sports clubs, or church groups."

Carlson concluded the interview by stressing the value of getting a yearly subscription to the Western rather than to depend upon sporadic buying to keep up with the news.

HEY! YOUTH NEWS WANTED NOW!

What is happening in your plant, your club, or your neck of the woods? Write letters and let the rest of California know! From now on YOUTH LETTERS will be a regular section of the Youth Page.

Address your letters: "Editor—Youth Page—121 Haight St.—S. F." All correspondence received will be acknowledged; all names and addresses will be kept strictly confidential.

EDITOR.

ROSSER TALKS COLD TURKEY

LOS ANGELES—Lou Rosser, well known leader of the Los Angeles County Young Communist League, recently electrified liberal circles here when he charged that "there are Negro girls 15 and 16 walking the streets as prostitutes on Central Avenue." Rosser made the charge before 200 leaders of youth organizations recently gathered in the supervisorial chamber at the call of the County Charities department and the National Youth Administration, to discuss youth problems of Los Angeles.

His statement came after a speech by Michael Regan, Catholic Youth leader, declaring that "too much emphasis had been placed on the underprivileged."

YCL'ers Know Youth Problems

In San Francisco for the Summer Planning Conference, Rosser declared, "I felt I had to speak as I did, because, representing the Young Communist League, I knew the problems of the youth of Los Angeles much more sharply than any of the other delegates. The YCL is made up of these young people who are 'underprivileged' and it is only natural that it should be the group to most dramatically and effectively present their point of view."

Rosser felt certain that it was the action of the Emergency Assembly of Youth in the campaign for the California Youth Act that had forced the county officials to call the hearing.

He hailed as a great move toward dealing realistically with the unemployed youth of the city, the election by the Conference of a committee of five to plan an official survey of youth conditions. "On the basis of such a survey," concluded Rosser, "we can build that unity of the young generation for security which the Young Communist League lists as one of its major aims."

Youth Letters Say: Lincoln Battalion Doing A Swell Job; S. F. Cannery Strike Strong

People Unified in War-torn Madrid

By a Young Volunteer

MADRID—I had wanted to write sooner, but I just had time to write Dorothy now and then, as we were very busy driving all over. I am a truck driver here, my business being to haul troops, supplies, munitions, etc. We work very hard, driving day and night sometimes without sleep or food, but I am still quite healthy.

Tremendous changes are taking place in Spain. The dormant oppressed Spanish workers have been given a breath of freedom at last and they are fighting furiously to defend it from fascist invasion.

The middle classes are solidly united with radical political parties against the fascist enemy. Everywhere it is "camarada" or "companero," and not Senor when one addresses you. Posters are everywhere, huge vivid ones—depicting everything from results of fascist barbarism in bombardments, to colorful appeals to intensify production at the rear, to till the soil more energetically, to beware of grumblers and malcontents, etc.

At present I live in a beautiful villa, the mansion of an exduke, now confiscated by the government. It is much better than sleeping in my truck the way I did before, and we are getting better food now. I guess everybody knows of the Lincoln Battalion back home now. They have been doing a swell job here. Willie is the political commissar of our squadron, you know, and yesterday he visited our boys on the front. They were all in good spirits, courageous and determined and were keeping radios playing hot music right in the front trenches. The fascists fear us now, especially our aviation, which far surpasses them in speed and dexterity. When I say "our" I mean the Loyalist government, as I feel part of it just like any Spaniard here. By the way I can speak Spanish and French much better now and in several months I hope to speak Spanish fairly well. If I only had a Spanish grammar, it would help a lot. If you can wrap one up neatly and mail it to me, I would certainly appreciate it.

I have been here two months already, almost. How I got here is a story I will tell later. You know of course, that we have taken the offensive and that it is a matter of time and support from international democracy before we chase the fascists back where they came from. The Soviet Union is the best friend of Spanish Democracy—everywhere you see the evidence here. 'Nuff said. On all walls of houses in little towns, one sees "Viva Russia" painted in big red letters. The Red Aid is doing a wonderful job here, caring for the innocent sufferers of the war, the orphans, the wounded and the homeless.

Well, there goes mess call, so I'll close now, asking you to give Ma and Pa my love and tell them, I'll be back, but not before it is all over.

With anti-fascist greetings to all the friends and relatives of the Lincoln Brigade.

Strikers Have Fun

By a Cannery Worker

Plenty of things are happening lately in the Cannery and Preserve Workers Union in San Francisco. Our strike at the Tea Garden Preserving Company is still going solid.

One day two weeks ago, the pickets saw a strange looking truck all sealed up in front of the plant. They figured it might be fruit. Well, this stand turned out to be a dud, but a few days later, the union got word that they were going to try to open the plant. The strikers turned out over a hundred strong that morning at 5 and not one truck of stuff was seen. That's the second time that's happened and both times, the strikers turned out solid.

I don't know whether its the strike spirit or the Spring, but it seems as if every fellow in the strike met a girl in the strike and vice versa. When we went on the Assembly of Youth picnic on May 30 there were a lot of budding picket-line romances.

The young strikers are all excited about our big party that we're planning, as I write this. Some of the older women are a little sore because the strike is spending money for a party. But you're only young once, and if we want to get the youth who work in the canneries loyal to our union, we're certainly going to have plenty of parties, teams, etc. in the union.

Around the League

By BEN DOBBS
State Administrative Secretary California YCL

One hundred and twenty five delegates representing the California YCL gathered in San Francisco last Sunday for our Summer Planning Conference. While it lasted only one day, it showed we have taken big steps forward towards our aim of building a mass Young Communist League!

On to Los Angeles

About two months ago we were talking about geetting to New York or busting. New we are talking about (and so is everyone else) the forthcoming State Convention of the YCL. Jack Olsen, L.A. County Secretary reported for the committee to the conference. The conference decided that the convention be held in Los Angeles on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We further pledged to make this convention one that will stand out and long be remembered. It will be open to the press and to the public. The Los Angeles comrades pledge a meeting of 5000 people to open the convention. We are pleased to announce that Comrade Carl Ross, the National Executive Secretary of the YCL will speak at the meeting and will attend the sessions of the convention. All support should be given to the YCL to make this a huge success. We feel that it is high time for us to show the young people of California what kind of an organization we are, what we intend to do, and WHAT WE CAN DO. The convention and greater still, the preparations for the convention, the building of the YCL and of making the kind of organization that young people want, during this period will be the instrument to do this. We are highly confident that we are ready "to go to town." Now watch us! You will hear lots more about the convention between now and October 1st.

1000 New Members

The representatives of the YCL at the conference pledged to recruit 1000 new members by the opening of the State Convention. Can it be done? We certainly think so and the manner which the comrades voted for this drive shows that they thought so too. While we know that this is no easy job, it is a job that must be done.

We decided to give a prize to the comrade that recruits and keeps the most over 25 new members between July 4th and October 1st. The prize will be a trip to New York! Every California YCLer would like to see the November 7th Celebration in New York. Here's your chance gang. Flash—There is some rumor that the prize may be changed to a trip to the Soviet Union. We'll let you know more about it later.

The branch that is the model in the YCL, gets their choice between a 50 volume library, a radio, or $50 worth of sports equipment. We are open to all other suggestions to make this a recruiting drive that will result in a thousand more members in the YCL.

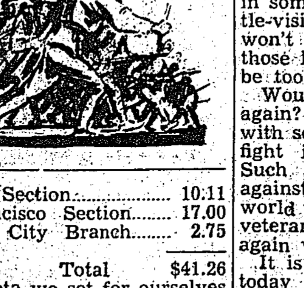
Builders Congress

San Francisco will be the scene of a two day conference for the best builders of the YCL on August 14 and 15. The conference will be open to all who recruit 5 or more new members into the YCL by August 10th. Unconfirmed rumors say that this will not be just an ordinary conference. That is, we are ready to promise a heck of a good time to the delegates. In other words, our slogan is "Recruit, Venga y Diviertase" (apologies to the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta Committee) and also exchange experience and meet other builders of the YCL from the rest of the State.

We Are Doing Our Bit

Lou Rosser, prominent Los Angeles YCLer, gave a splendid talk on the recent developments on the struggle against Fascism in Spain. Then the Branch Presidents lined up and the following was contributed for the Lincoln Battalion:

Jack London and John Reed Branches of L. A.	$46.10
San Francisco Section	41.00
East Bay Section	19.00
Jimmy Collins Branch of Los Angeles	11.27
University of California at Los Angeles Branch	18.25
San Pedro Branch	12.20
Lincoln Steffins Branch of Alameda County (UC)	7.00
Total	$147.32
Previously Acknowledged: Los Angeles Section	$11.45



East Bay Section	10.11
San Francisco Section	17.00
Redwood City Branch	2.75
Total	$41.26

The quota we set for ourselves was $300. The total amount raised was $188.58. We are sure that we can make up the difference.

Pledges

Don't know yet whether congratulations or hisses are in order for these branches. At the summer planning conference they pledged the following additional amounts for Spain. San Pedro $50, Alameda County $15, Jack London Branch (L.A.) $50, L.A. J.C. Branch $50, John Reed Branch (L.A.) $25, San Francisco Section $50, U.C.L.A. $15. If you do, Hooray, but if you don't——

Literature Craved By Madrid Boys

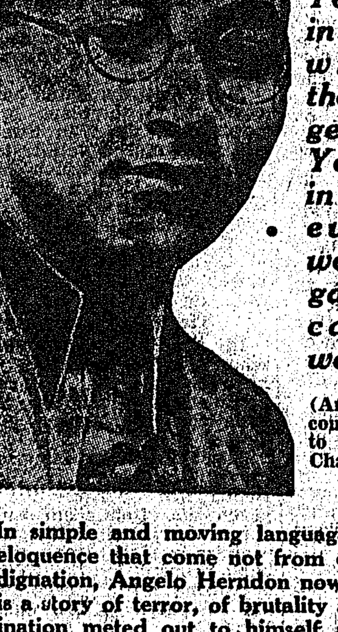
MADRID—I received the letter you mailed to me at the Paris address, this is in anwer to it. M . . . . and I are together in the same unit which as I have probably mentioned to you before is in transportation. M . . drives a truck while I have a responsible function there. Our regiment has been working around Madrid, primarily with the forces at the front.

There are some things I'd like to request of the folks and the boys. In fact you might start a little campaign for it back in California. The greatest thing we crave is literature. See if you can't get a good package of literature made and sent here. American cigarettes are a tonic here. I don't smoke but M . . . and the boys in our group really thirst for them. What we would like best is some indoor baseballs.

May Day is over by now and I must say that this is the first May Day that I didn't attend a demonstration. For military reasons there was no congregation on the streets of Madrid. How I would have liked to be in Moscow or New York. How was it in Los Angeles?

I have just read of Angelo Herndon's freedom. It sure makes my blood tingle. It proves the power of mass support and shows the growing strength of labor. In a short time I expect the party to benefit tremendously from the upsurge in the labor movement. The YCL will really become a youth organization full of pep and broad in its outlook.

Let H—— and the others write. Tell all that they should do more for Spain back home in every way possible. Greater assistance will make victory come more quickly. It may sound rather optimistic but I feel that we will be through here in another three months.



"You may do what you will with Angelo Herndon. You may indict him. You may put him in jail. But there will come other thousands of Angelo Herdons . . . . You may succeed in killing one, two, even a score of working-class organizers. But you cannot kill the working class . . ."

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REACTIONARIES PLOT WRECKING OF CIO DRIVE

AFL Crafts Plan to Send 'Organizers' Into CIO Fields

SAN FRANCISCO—Obedient to the whip-cracking of William Green, American Federation of Labor president, reactionaries in the local Building Trades Council have started to carry out strikebreaking policies in a war against Committee for Industrial Organization unions.

At its meeting on June 10 last, the Building Trades Council adopted a resolution submitted by Delegates Spalding, Mazza, Rainbow and Ryan, to start disrutive activities against CIO organizational drives on the excuse that the CIO is organizing "industries and manufacturers and warehouses closely allied with the Building Trades Crafts."

The resolution termed the CIO drive as "unlawful!"

Strikebreaking Plan

Sending of organizers into fields now organized or being organized by the CIO, was provided for in the strikebreaking resolution.

The Committee for Industrial Organization has issued a statement that it is not invading the jurisdiction of AFL building trades unions, thus spiking the lie in the resolution that the CIO was moving in on the jursdiction of the Building Trades Council.

In a motion, the Building Trades Council also jumped through the hoop at Green's command by urging all affiliated locals to send delegates (reactionary) to pack the San Francisco Central Labor Council, although many of these locals have never been affiliated with the latter Council in the past.

Hearst Thug Used Against Newsies

OAKLAND — Attempting to break the strike of 800 East Bay newsboys, who are fighting for a decent wage, Hearst has turned loose one of his prize circulation manager thugs, one Joseph Regent, to have strikers arrested on fake charges of "malicious mischief."

Five boys—Roy Holthan, Robert Tearbaugh, Walter Widdrington, Harry Winson and Harry Boyle were arrested while in a car on picket duty. They were bailed out, at $25 each, by the International Labor Defense.

Trial has been set for three other arrested boys, who are out on $200 bail each furnished by the ILD, for July 14 in Berkeley Police Court.

Jack Elliott, vice-president of the CIO News Vendors Union Local 335, was arrested last Monday just after he left the court room, where he has arranged for a postponement on arraignment of other arrested strikers. The union has learned that five more complaints have been signed but have not yet been served.

Strike Remains Solid

At the request of the union, the ILD is handling all defense matters for the union, with Attorney George Anderson acting as defense attorney.

Despite the arrests and intimidation, in which East Bay authorities are working hand in hand with Hearst and the other employers, the strike ranks remain solid and picketing continues as actively as ever.

The strike in the East Bay is directed against Hearst's Oakland Post-Inquirer, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, San Francisco Examiner, and the Oakland Tribune, San Francisco News and San Francisco Chronicle.

STA. BARBARA USES COLLEGE BOYS TO SCAB

SANTA BARBARA—Students of the State College here are to have the privilege of burning weeds on vacant lots that present a fire menace, during their vacation period, according to Fire Chief Stronach and City Engineer Moore.

This job for the college boys will be paid for by the city street department and the costs added to the tax bill. No information has been received as to the wage paid these boys who are scabbing on the regular smoke-eaters.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

"The Waterfront Employers Association and all the open-shop groups try to keep the small shop-keepers separated from labor but a waterfront worker just told me a true story that shows just the opposite. This worker was out on Market street posting up stickers: 'Drive Hitler and Mussolini Out of Spain!' A cop came up and called out the owner of a small shop, on which a sticker had just been pasted.

"In his best (or worst) browbeating manner, the cop yelled out: 'This guy is defacing your property.' The shop owner read the sign, and then shouted back: 'To hell with Hitler—to hell with Mussolini! Put up another sign!"

MORGAN PLAYS "INNOCENT" IN STEEL STRIKE

Prove Morgan Is Instigator of Murders of Strikers

NEW YORK—J. P. Morgan is trying to play innocent! This Wall Street pirate, who brags openly of tax evasion, is now trying to disclaim the fact that his bloody hands are in the strike in the independent steel industry.

The smooth and silent Lamont-guided publicity machinery, which operates from 23 Wall Street, is trying to make it appear that the House of Morgan has "clean hands" in this latest open conspiracy against labor, in which many workers have been murdered.

Morgan in Republic Steel

The main Morgan interests in steel, the U. S. Steel Corp., are signed up with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, but both Republic Steel and Bethlehem Steel, now struck by the SWOC, are both directly and intimately connected with (although not controlled by) the House of Morgan.

Outstanding instance of the Morgan tie with Republic is provided by Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland utilities magnate, who is one of its presiding heads. Eaton was the man who, if any man did, broke Insull when the latter was musoling in on Morgan utility properties.

More recently, Eaton has been connected with plans for disposition of the Van Sweringen rail empire, the deliberate mismanagement of which has involved the Morgan firm in its latest tilt with constituted authority. Clearly, Eaton is more than a friend, is an associate of Morgan, and his influence upon Republic's anti-union policy won't cost him his Morgan connection.

Tie With Bethlehem

In the case of Bethlehem, whose conduct during the strike has been no less bloody and criminal than Republic's, the association with Morgan is even closer.

Apart from the integral role played by Morgan in financing Bethelehem during the war years, the "Bethlehem bank" is one of the principal Morgan connections in Wall Street—the very bank accused by the SWOC of organizing Little Steel's anti-union campaign — the Guaranty Trust Co.

Guaranty Trust Co. engineered the original questionable transaction for Morgan, in the Van Sweringen case, and is also the vehicle through which the Morgan partners conduct most of their operations in copper mining.

Morgan's Move Against Labor

So much for Morgan's plea of "innocence" in Little Steel's war on labor. The interests which dominate Little Steel are the allies and partners in industry after industry, in corporation after corporation with the House of Morgan.

Labor is organizing but business is organized. Little Steel is not putting on a wildcat show. It is the vehicle Wall Street is attempting to use to stop the labor movement. And Wall Street, as usual, means the House of Morgan.

New Orange County Machinists' Lodge

SANTA ANA, Orange County —A new International Association of Machinists lodge was instituted here recently by Charles E. Edmonds, business agent of Machinists Lodge 1235. More than 100 machinists of Santa Ana, Anaheim and Orange attended, and 35 signed the charter application roll.

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL ACTS BY PEDRO COPS

Cooperation in Fight Asked by Maritime District Council

SAN PEDRO—Southern California District Council No. 4, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, went unanimously on record at its meeting of June 11, for the following resolution:

"That this meeting of Southern California District Council No. 4 go on record as protesting the brutal and terroristic action instituted by police against members of labor organizations in this area, and that we urgently request the cooperation of all organizations in our action, and that all merchants of San Pedro and vicinity be requested to cooperate in the action taken by this council, and unless such cooperation is forthcoming, members of all organizations will be instructed by their respective organizations to trade elsewhere until such time as it is considered safe for innocent union men to go about San Pedro without fear of arrest and discrimination by so-called public servants, and that this motion be given the widest possible publicity."

C. V. Leiden, acting secretary of District Council No. 4, stated: "We urgently request the cooperation of all in this fight to maintain the democratic rights and constitutional privileges of American workers."

In recent weeks the San Pedro police have been arresting union members without the slightest provocation. (See statement by Communist Party of San Pedro, on Page 5, Column 8.)

Union Cites PG&E Under Wagner Act

SAN JOSE—The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has violated the Wagner Labor Relations Act, charged Local No. 1400, United Electrical & Radio Workers Union, CIO affiliate, in filing formal complaint with the San Francisco office of the National Labor Relations Board.

The PG&E is fostering a company union and has refused to recognize or negotiate with the CIO union chosen by the workers, charged the complaint.

Lineman Chester J. Adams is secretary of the San Jose local; Thomas Hazard, lineman, president; and H. D. Coy, vice-president.

PG&E workers are organized about 75 per cent strong throughout the entire system, reported Adams, and in Oakland and San Francisco almost 95 per cent are organized into the CIO union.

These Women Have What it Takes

THOUGH CHOKING with tear gas, these women pickets and helpers at the strike relief kitchen in Monroe, Mich., steel strike dare the heavily-armed but cowardly vigilantes to meet them face to face on equal terms.

CONTRA COSTA OIL UNIONS ELECT PROGRESSIVE HEADS

Virtual Clean Sweep For Progressives In Rodeo Local

RODEO, Contra Costa County—Progressives made virtually a clean sweep of the elections in Local 326, Oil Workers' Union. Lloyd Cooper is the new president, replacing the outgoing "Cap" Malkos, who did not even run for re-election.

San Herrod, popular secretary-treasurer, full time executive of the local, was re-elected overwhelmingly. Bill McCord was elected first vice-president; L. J. Parr, second vice-president; Bill Hanscome, recording secretary; Cap Malkos, trustee; Joe Maderas, guard and Lou Kenny, guide.

Martinez Local Re-Elects Sullivan And Edwards

MARTINEZ, Contra Costa County—Local 5, Oil Workers' Union, increased the progressive completion of its official staff in the regular election just concluded. J. M. Sullivan and George Edwards were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer.

George Kelty was elected first vice-president; J. D. Hildebrand, second vice-president. Lombardi and MacGregor were scheduled to run off for the third vice-presidency.

Patrick Lynch was elected guide, J. R. Harper, guard; J. D. Hildebrand, R. V. Lytton and J. N. Wilson, trustees; Hildebrand, Wilson, Lytton and Sullivan, Central Labor Council delegates, and C. R. Langford, Sullivan and Wilson, District Council Delegates.

Blame SP in Union Leader's Death

SAN FRANCISCO—Dan Allsman, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen here, died last Friday, June 18, as a direct result of lack of medical attention, following an accident in which both his legs were cut off.

While waiting for a train to pass at 7th and Berry streets, on June 17, Allsman did not hear a locomotive coming up behind him and was run over, both his legs being severed. This happened at 7:30 p. m., and Allsman was forced to lie there, suffering agonies, until a police ambulance finally came at 8:10. Due chiefly to loss of blood, he died the following day.

S. P. Blamed

The Southern Pacific Railway was blamed by railroad workers for the death of Allsman, who was widely known as a progressive union leader, due to the S. P. policy on accidents, which is, in effect: "Don't call an ambulance other than the company ambulance."

If Allsman had received immediate medical attention, it is believed he would have survived.

California's Worke Are Strong For C

L. A. MILKERS SCORE GAINS THROUGH CIO

'Hours Down and Pay Up' Won by Dairy Workers Union

LOS ANGELES—"The highest paid agricultural workers in the world."

That is what the milkers of the Los Angeles territory proudly call themselves. Their CIO Dairy Workers Union has helped them better their former miserable wages and working conditions.

These workers used to toil seven days a week on about a 12-hour day basis. Before the coming of the Committee for Industrial Organization union, single men were getting $65 a month while married men were getting around a $100 a month.

Now 1100 men are benefiting from their organization. The union has raised the single man's wages to $90 a month and the married man's pay to about $125 a month. The men work six days a week with an eight hour day. And they have a closed shop. The CIO has lowered the monthly number of hours by 30 and it has gotten wage increases of 30 per cent.

At present the milkers have six locals. The union is growing fast. Organizers have already been sent to Kern County and wil make their headquarters at Bakersfield.

Even the sheriff at Riverside, who has threatened to throw all the men who join the union in jail, will not stop the union's progress.

Thus far the industrial dairy workers have achieved agreements with 12 creameries, six ice cream companies, and one cheese company.

Watson Rapped by C. Costa Labor

RICHMOND—The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council has voted to endorse donations of funds to the Cannery Workers Union, affiliate of the Committee for Industrial Organization, thus slapping the strikebreaking activities of Roland Watson, AFL representative, who has chartered a company union in the Felice & Perelli Cannery here.

Watson gave an AFL federal charter to the company union on June 3, at a meeting held in the Richmond Club under auspices of the "Local Committee, Cannery Employees' Association." This company outfit sent out postcards stating: "If you have no means of transportation, phone Mrs. Mitchell."

This Mrs. Mitchell is a forelady at Felice & Perelli! And the cannery furnished free transportation to the company union meeting!

RAP LIBEL OF BRIDGES AND LEWIS

NEW YORK — Red-baiting writings and radio comments of Boake Carter against John L. Lewis and Harry Bridges are "viciously libelous statements," declared Mervyn Rathborne, president of the American Radio Telegraphists Assn.

In a letter to President James Carey, of United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, which CIO union has a contract with Philco Radio Corp., sponsors of Carter's broadcasts, Rathborne asked cooperation in curbing "the recklessness with which Mr. Carter hurls words."

Possibility of a boycott against Hearst's New York Daily Mirror, which prints Carter's column, and Philco was discussed in the letter.

ANTI-LABOR USE OF MAIL IS NOT NEW

Steel Heads Try to Repeat Frame-up of Debs

By J. E. SNYDER

Mail pouch history is repeating itself, and in the same vicinity—Chicago, Illinois.

Eugene W. Debs went to Woodstock jail because the American Railway Union officials, led by Debs, 1890 to 1894, were accused of violating Grover Cleveland's injunction against "interference with the United States mail."

The Pullman and railroad companies proceeded to make every passenger car a mail car, once they got the injunction across. Incidentally, they also burned a lot of old condemned cars to cast reflection on Debs and his group. The masses must be prejudiced! Frame-ups will repeat!

Now the steel plants in Chicago want an injunction to restrain the CIO strikers from stopping parcel post mail from being taken into the plants, designed as food for the thugs inside.

Anybody knows that the company would use food boxes to smuggle in arms and ammunition, just as they have done in the past, just as the allied invaders of Russia did in 1919-20 when they used Red Cross boxes to ship their war materials to Wrangel and others; as right now the same thing is being done in Spain by Germany and Italy.

Jim Farley, postmaster general, is on the pan—will the Democratic Party repeat its historical betrayal of the workers as it did in 1890 to 1894?

It might be interesting to know that when Debs came out of Woodstock jail that hundreds of thousands of men met him, and on the shoulders of his fellow workers, he was carried through the streets of Chicago.

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SAN FRANCISCO— CIO union? If it ... join, but I don't ... up with anything ... to the AFL."

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15,000 SWOC M...

California is mo... toward CIO organ... Dalrymple, especially ... Angeles sector, with ... so one of the progre...

"Since we started ... drive in California ... taken in nearly ... members and are ... strong," he says.

AFL Uses Scabb...

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NEVADA CITY ... delays, the Natio... lations Board ... in Veterans Me... Grass Valley on ... 21, covering the g... dustry in Californ... time.

The hearing ... charges filed by Tw... ers' Union Local ... of Mine, Mill & S... ers, against the ... Mining Corp.

Miners Lock...

It is charged ... miners were locke... Old Brunswick M... for union members... activity. This ... about 97 per cent ... the time.

Evidence of a ... mine operators is ... fact that many of ... ers haven't been ... jobs in the distri... lockout.

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Responding to the ... ionism, the miners ... for organizers the ... year. Organized M... district, they hav... subject to all the ... employing class ... organization. The ... failing up to no... the CIO union o... are looking ... ward to justice ... when the results ... decisions made.

A press release ... cided on by Local ... to day, to keep a... liberal newspaper... the high lights of...

The Case Against James H. Quinn

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND — When the final returns of the spring elections in Oakland disclosed that the Kelly machine councilmen had been returned to office, James H. Quinn, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and one of Kelly's puppets in the Council, took a hitch of his pants and set himself a task.

The elections coincided with the newest stand of strikebreaking and union-splitting adopted by William Green and the American Federation of Labor executive board, and thus fitted nicely into Quinn's plan—vicious red-baiting.

Quinn Aims for Reaction

By this red-baiting Quinn hoped to achieve two things: (1) To cover and confuse the chief issue before labor today, which is organizing the unorganized as undertaken by the CIO, as opposed to Green's policy of stifling the labor movement by establishing a bureaucracy among the minority of already organized skilled craftsmen; (2) To retaliate for the "hot spot" upon which he (Quinn) was placed by the Communists during the election campaign.

For example: The Western Worker revealed that Editor Quinn was associated with the anti-union "League to Prevent Violence," through his underling, W. C. Stevens. This League, drawing upon funds solicited during the San Francisco General Strike in 1934 in order to break it, was combatting the campaign to repeal the anti-picketing ordinance.

W. W. Put Quinn on Spot

Again, the Western Worker asked Mr. Quinn some pertinent questions concerning his position on the platform adopted by the Non-Partisan Federation of Labor. This platform, emasculated as it was by the Kelly lieutenants in labor circles (Spooner, Real, Silverthorn, Tyrrell, etc.), still was opposed to the best interests of Kelly. Puppet Quinn's embarrassment at the questions posed to him by the "Western" is therefore quite obvious.

There began a period of red-baiting by Quinn that turned the hardy stomachs of many East Bay laborites. John Wolters, president of Typo Union Local 76, in an address delivered from the platform upon which Homer Martin a few moments later was to decry police-fascism in Alameda County, expressed the sentiments of every honest trade unionist when he very forcefully condemned Quinn's Hearst policies.

The Ortiz Case

The Faustino Ortiz case was paramount in labor interest at the time. Ortiz, a Cannery Workers Union picket, was kidnapped off a Hayward street, brought to the new County Courthouse jail in Oakland where Deputy Ebright and another deputy, unnamed, from Sheriff Driver's office heartlessly beat him.

The deputies concealed the whereabouts of their victim by rushing him first to the jail at Livermore where they held him for one day, and then to the jail in Pleasanton where they held him another day. The cuts and bruises on the back, arms and legs of Ortiz were so livid and raw the police, even in their brutal stupidity, realized that to let this battered man go forth with his scars would loose an irressistible force, an aroused labor, upon them. In order to give these bruises sufficent time to heal, therefore, Ortiz was hidden from attorney, union, friends and family for 72 hours, the "legal" time permitted the law to hold a citizen without preferring charges against him.

Quinn Remained Silent

While East Bay labor seethed with indignation at this fascist treatment of a representative of labor, powerful organizations like the ILA, CIO, Cannery Workers Union, Machinists Union, ILD, People's Legislative Conference, Workers Alliance and Communist Party joining in a united front protest to the Board of Supervisors. Quinn saw fit not to allocate so much as a column inch to the case.

Editor Quinn had no space for the Ortiz case, for his columns were filled with red-baiting attacks on those forces which were fighting for a united labor, red-baiting attacks upon the CIO, a la Hearst, Knowland and Hitler.

Arrogant to an extreme, Quinn continues his red-baiting more viciously than before. In the June 4 issue of his Labor Journal, Quinn oversteps the bounds of decency and beyond any possible doubt exposes himself as a traitor who should become the immediate object for expulsion from their ranks by all the honest elements in labor.

Quinn Aids Republic Steel

In the Chicago plant of the "sacred" Republic Steel Corporation, eight workers were sacrificed. Eight workers fighting against an open-shop decree of slavery for them, are killed because of the murderous greed of Big Steel.

Editor Quinn, East Bay Labor Journal, takes up the cudgels for Republic Steel! Editor Quinn joins with Hearst in covering the slaughter of workers with a mantle of red.

"Probe of the strike-riot at the Chicago plant of the Republic Steel corporation in which six (now eight) persons were killed, links Communists and radicals in the CIO movement to the event," states Quinn's journal.

Seven workers killed by Big Steel in their struggle for a better life. Quinn ". . links up Communists and radicals in the CIO movement to the event!"

In the words of Debs, "Arouse ye labor," and stamp out this traitor from your ranks.

Woodworkers' CIO Vote Obstructed

SEATTLE, Wash.—Officials of three district councils, Federation of Woodworkers, are trying to block a democratic vote on affiliation with the Committee of Industrial Organization, charged Harold Pritchett, federation president.

Pritchett charged officials of the Puget Sound, Longview and Shingleweavers district councils with refusing to circulate the ballots among their locals. However, he said, locals are passing resolutions demanding the right to vote on the CIO issue.

"The sentiment of the lumber union rank and file is overwhelmingly for the right to exercise the first principle of unionism—the right to vote," said Pritchett. "However, due to the unscrupulous methods of certain district council officials, they are not receiving this privilege."

Pritchett believed some officials were working with Wm. Hutcheson, president Carpenters and Joiners, and chairman of the Republican Party's "Labor" campaign committee, to head off the CIO vote.

However, balloting for CIO affiliation is being conducted by the Columbia River, Grays and Willipa Harbor, British Columbia, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, Minesota and Plywood Workers' district councils. Sentiment of the rank-and-file is overwhelmingly for CIO.

All CIO ballots are to be in by July 10, and will be counted July 11 in the presence of all district council officers.