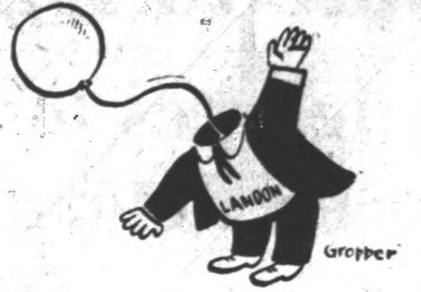


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COLUMN LEFT!

Howard on Simpson While Nazi Ration Food. If the Gentlemen Get Together

By Harrison George

THE World-Telegram, Scripps-Howard palladium of democracy, is rather angry at Lawrence Simpson for getting "publicity under false pretenses."

Simpson, says Howard's paper, was "meddling in the affairs of foreign governments" and for that reason, so the World-Telegram's idea tells us—"Uncle Sam's obligations to him are distinctly limited."

Why? Well, just because Mr. Roy Howard thinks so. Howard and Hearst see eye to eye on refusing to recognize the Newspaper Guild, supports democracy in the same manner he favors labor organization.

Still worse, this lowly-born person actually attempted, in his boorish way, to do something to help the German workers. Bumptious upstart, too bad Hitler didn't chop off his head.

But where is it written in the laws of this democracy that an American abroad must get no protection from a foreign fascist power merely because he is a worker and has actually committed the democratic "crime" of passing some leaflets across the frontier?

While Standard Oil agents in Tangier and Burgos are "meddling" aplenty in the affairs of the Spanish government, as Secretary Hull knows full well, his alibi—and that of the World-Telegram—have a distinct class hatred bias.

NOW that Hitler is making a military alliance with military-fascist Japan, he does not speak so critically as he did last January, when, to a correspondent who said he was going to the Far East, Hitler remarked:

"You will see Japan, where they manufacture articles with which they flood our markets. One day the same will be the case in Russia. The Moscow leaders will, if necessary, allow part of their population to die of hunger in order to insure exports."

One day, we presume, the moon will really be made of green cheese. In the meantime, Russian workers eat heartily, while Japan continues to starve its workers to insure exports, and Germany—yep, Hitler Germany—is rationing food, and not "allowing" but COMPELLING part of its population to die of hunger—to insure exports and armaments.

OGDEN MILLS, you will recall, was Hoover's Secretary of the Treasury once upon a time. He is now with Hearst, Hamilton, and Landon, campaigning against Roosevelt and the New Deal.

But, where Hearst and Hamilton are delving deep in the cesspool of falsehood to picture the New Deal as "Communist," lo and behold, Ogden Mills turns up at the conference of Republican Women at Columbus, Ohio, last Thursday night, and says that the New Deal is a "fascist" scheme.

Perhaps the gentlemen of the Republican Party could get together some time and straighten themselves out on just what the New Deal is, but we beg to be excused believing that it is both fascist and Communist at the same time.

WEATHER: Rain, continued cool today. Moderate to fresh Northeast winds. EASTERN N. Y. STATE—Rain and continued cool today over entire section.

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Madrid Girds For Its Verdun

Heroically Prepares for Siege by Fascists With Far Superior Arms Supplied by Hitler and Mussolini—Outside Aid Decisive

MADRID, Wednesday, Sept. 30 (UP)—The government began preparations for the defense of the capital today. Bricklayers, cement workers and engineers were called to the colors to construct the "Fort of Madrid."

By Michael Koltzov

MADRID, Sept. 29.—Will Madrid be the Spanish Verdun, or will it share the fate of the Paris Commune?

Though Madrid can fight as only the capital of Spain is capable of fighting, this question will be decided by the public opinion of the world and the people's of all countries, who just raise their threatening voice against the new monstrous crime, the new mass slaughter which is being prepared by the fascist war-makers.

The possibility of surrounding and besieging Madrid is very serious at the present moment. It will be very difficult to put up resistance, particularly because fascists literally machine-gun republican soldiers from low-flying, swooping German pursuit planes.

FASCISTS BETTER ARMED The insurgent commanders have sent all their accumulated forces

C. I. O. HEADS SHIPOWNERS PLEDGE FINISH FIGHT IN STEEL

Aid to Company Union Members Pledged by Committee

By Art Shields

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29.—Pledging to drive on until "the workers in their own industrial union, a national wage agreement and freedom of action and thought," the Steel workers Organizing Committee met in its second national session here today.

John Brophy, director of the C.I.O., Clinton Golden, Pittsburgh director; Julius Hochman, vice-president of the Ladies Garment Workers Union; Leo Kravetz of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and key men from the miners and steel workers unions.

Murray reported establishment of 35 sub-regional offices; 158 full-time field directors, staff organizers and office employees as well as 80 part-time organizers and 5,000 volunteer organizers.

"Steel Labor," the campaign organ, circulates 180,000 copies twice monthly. Discussing company terror, Murray reported enthusiastically: "To a great extent we have broken down fear" in mills formerly "shot through with fear."

In Beaver Falls, one organizer reported, the committee's work had forced employers to reinstate 20 out of 26 dismissed unionists. In Alliquippa 14 men were discharged when the drive started and one to three per week since.

Tenseness exists in Coraopolis, near Pittsburgh, where the local bourgeois is mobilizing scores of armed deputies, some in tin hats, pressuring an attempt to rein the struck plant of the Standard Steel Spring Company tomorrow.

Socialists Advance, Fascists Set Back In Polish Vote

LODZ, Poland, Sept. 29.—The final results of the municipal elections that took place here yesterday show that the Socialists have won forty seats in the municipal government.

YOUTH QUERY IS ANSWERED BY BROWDER

C. P. Candidate Tells Congress His Party Favors Youth Bill

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President made public today the reply of his Party to the nine-point questionnaire on youth problems sent to all Presidential candidates by the American Youth Congress.

He also announced in the letter that he would devote his entire radio address over a coast-to-coast NBC network on Friday, Oct. 9, to a discussion of youth problems. The broadcast will take place from 10:45 to 11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Browder's reply is prefaced by the

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MILITARISTS ACT TO SEIZE TOKIO POWER

Demand Full Control of Cabinet in Plan for Dictatorship

TOKYO, Sept. 29.—Military leaders of Japan, high commanders of army and navy, today demanded drastic administrative changes aimed at placing Japan's policies, both foreign and national, under their control.

While Japan rushes warships and troops to China, threatening that "further talk is useless" and demanding complete domination of the Chinese people, as revealed in yesterday's note from Tokyo to the Nanking government, the Tokyo overthrown of the government and result in a semi-military dictatorship.

Among the war party's demands are establishment of a control board under a minister without portfolio within the cabinet for the formulation of national policies.

Army and navy leaders insist the changes be made without delay, rejecting Premier Koki Hirota's request for time to study the demands.

Minister of War General Juichi Terauchi is spokesman of the war chiefs. He was instrumental in forcing through Japan's present arms program without waiting the cabinet's approval.

China Warns of War in East GENEVA, Sept. 29.—A warning of a "veritable danger of explosion" in the Far East was sounded before the League Assembly today by Wellington Koo, Chinese delegate. He asserted that Far East developments might have "serious repercussions in Europe."

BLACK LEGION MEMBERS ON TRIAL



Circles indicate active members of the Wolverine Republican Club tried for murders laid to Black Legion terror. Reading left to right are: Ervin D. Lee, found guilty of first degree murder, John S. Vincent, H. A. Davis, first degree, J. H. Bannerman, first degree, and Roy Lorange.

Roosevelt Denounces 'Red Herring' Issue

Says Communism Not the Issue Between Major Parties—Defends Administration Policies in Speech to New York Convention

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 29.—In a speech designed to reply to Hearst-inspired statements that his administration was "Communist," President Roosevelt declared last night that the "red herring" was a false issue, dragged out by "partisans unwilling to face realities."

Addressing the Democratic State Convention which nominated Governor Herbert Lehman for reelection, he stated:

"There is no difference between the major parties as to what they think about Communism."

Then he declared: "There is a very great difference between the two parties in what they do about Communism."

CLARIFIES POSITION "I have not sought, I do not seek, I repudiate the support of any advocate of Communism or of any other alien 'ism' which would by far mean or foul change our American democracy," the President said.

"That is my position. It always has been my position. It always will be my position."

COMMUNISM NOT ISSUE "In this campaign another herring turns up. It has been British and French—and a variety of other things. This year it is Russian. Desperate in need, angry at failure, cunning in purpose, individuals and groups are seeking to make Communism an issue in an election where Communism is not a controversy between the two major parties."

"Here and now, once and for all, (Continued on Page 2)

FIRST DEGREE VERDICT FOR 7 TERRORISTS

Court Heavily Guarded as Jury Convicts Slayers of Poole

REPRISALS FEARED

One Freed, 2 Convicted in Second Degree in Detroit Trial

(By United Press)

DETROIT, Sept. 29.—Eleven members of the vigilante Black Legion today were found guilty of murder in the slaying of Charles A. Poole last May 12.

A jury in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Joseph A. Moynihan returned verdicts of murder in the first degree against seven members of the hooded and robed night riding order, found two others guilty of second degree murder, and acquitted a tenth defendant.

The court found two other defendants, who had waived jury trial, guilty in the lesser degree.

The jury of nine men and three women deliberated only one hour and a half before returning what was believed to be the largest number of convictions for a single murder in Michigan's court history.

Face Life

Facing life imprisonment, Michigan's maximum penalty for murder, were "Colonel" Harvey Davis, alleged ring-leader in the plot to slay Poole, an alleged wife beater; Urban Lipps, John Bannerman, Ervin Lee, Paul Edwards, Edgar Baldwin, and Lowell Rushing.

Verdicts of second degree murder were returned by the jury in the cases of Thomas R. Craig and Virgil Morrow. In the latter case, the jury of nine men and three women recommended mercy.

Gill's acquittal in the strange case had been expected. Assistant - General Chester P. O'Hara, in his summation, had suggested this to the jury.

Sentence Later

Gill was released immediately, while the other defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Judge Moynihan set no date for sentence, which will be imposed after the probation department returns its report on the cases.

The four defendants found guilty of second degree murder face sentences ranging from one year to life, at the discretion of the court.

Each man stood stolidly before the bench when the verdicts were read. The wives of several defendants sobbed.

Courtroom Heavily Guarded

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 29.—An extra-heavy guard was placed on duty in the courtroom today with instructions to search all spectators for weapons as Judge Moynihan charged the jury for a verdict in the trial of twelve Black Legion killers of Charles Poole.

The three-week trial was con-

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Frank Depicts Browder Talk to Westinghouse Workers

Shopkeepers Organize March to State Capitol

Communist Seized for Fight Against Sales Tax—Arrest Protested to LaFollette—New Orleans Consumers Must Pay 4 Per Cent

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 29.—Hundreds of storekeepers and businessmen, aroused at imposition of state and city sales taxes which became effective Thursday morning, organized today for a march on the State Capitol at Baton Rouge.



GOVERNOR LECHE

Retail and wholesale merchants attended a stormy mass meeting last night. They promised a closed town for Wednesday. Governor Richard Leche was feared for his refusal to ask repeal of the law, and some speakers talked of "another Boston Tea Party" at which the one and five-mill tax tokens would be dumped into the Mississippi river.

4 Per Cent in New Orleans The new sales tax levies two per cent on all sales, with a few minor exemptions. The city of New Orleans has enacted a two per cent sales tax to become effective at the same time, making a four per cent tax load on sales in the city.

Communist Leader Seized in Tax Fight

By REX PITKIN (Special to the Daily Worker) NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 29.—The LaFollette Civil Liberties Senate Committee has been asked by telegram to investigate the lawless action of local police who broke into the home of W.G. Binkley, district organizer of the Communist Party, confiscated thousands of pamphlets and magazines and arrested Binkley and Miss Eleanor Hoagland, industrial secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in New Orleans.

Binkley and Miss Hoagland were held incommunicado for twenty hours and then released in \$250 bail each and charged with "having no honest way of making a living." A united front of liberal and progressives protested "the flagrant violation of civil liberties, completely justified because of the bookkeeping involved, and wholesale firms claim the tax will ruin them by driving buyers to other states."

FOUGHT SALES TAX An outdoor mass meeting has been arranged for Wednesday night. Binkley and Miss Hoagland are in the forefront of the fight against the 4 per cent sales tax which goes into effect Oct. 1st.

An ever-growing rumble of protest against the tax, which grew this week into an organized demonstration in front of the city hall, was the reason for the arrests and confiscation of the Communist literature. Each day sees more and more organizations joining together to fight the impending tax.

F. L. P. Formed in Indianapolis

Union Leaders Head New Group—Allentown FLP to Broadcast

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 29.—A convention of local labor groups today launched the Marion County Farmer-Labor Party.

Preparatory to the State Farmer-Labor Party convention, which will be held here Oct. 25, the local party adopted the declaration of purpose of the National Farmer-Labor Party Conference held in Chicago last May.

Allentown F.L.P. On the Radio ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 29.—A series of radio broadcasts by the Farmer-Labor Party here will be inaugurated over Station WCBA today.

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TELLS OF MASS MEETING AT PITTSBURGH FACTORY GATE

'Don't Talk Politics,' Is Order as Candidate Speaks for Union

This is the second of a series of articles by Waldo Frank, American novelist who is touring the steel area with Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

By Waldo Frank

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29.—The Westinghouse plant is more than a mile long. It starts at East Pittsburgh, where the burgh has refused Earl Browder, presidential candidate of a legal American party, the right to speak to workers.



EARL BROWDER

But there's always a way out. The long, low Westinghouse plant reaches clear beyond East Pittsburgh into the town of Turtle Creek, where there's another burgh slightly less hysterical.

At the corner where Browder will speak, two streets converge downhill on to the street whose one wall is the factory. Browder saunters up to the highest level, where a ramshackle wooden hotel and bar recall the pioneer days when men like Carnegie, Mellon, Schwab were grabbing their kingdom.

'DON'T TALK POLITICS' The block is crowded with silent workers; the windows of Westinghouse are open and crowded with workers; the triangular frame house on the corner, between where Browder stands and the factory, cuts off from view rows of waiting workers.

Probably 2,000 men and women, many of them out of sight, stand ready for the amplifiers to bring them the voice of Browder. A young man in muffled with an armed officer beside him, steps up pleasant-like and introduces himself as chief of police.

'This permit has been granted you,' he says, 'only on the condition that you don't talk politics.' "Hm," smiles Browder.

Your subject, according to the Industrial Electrical and Radio Workers Union that invited you, is unionism. "That's right." "How is it done?" "And if you get off of unionism and start in on politics, I'm here to revoke your license and pull your meeting."

Browder's smile broadens. "Well," he draws, "since the burghes isn't here, maybe you'll tell me how I can talk on unionism and not talk politics?" The chief is not a bad sort. He's under orders. Maybe in that flat face of his you can feel what disposed him to get under orders from the wrong party. Just the same, not a bad sort.

That's your job, I s'pose now if you don't go too deep—any way that's orders. Politics is out, or I pull the meeting." Browder looks past the head of the policeman at the waiting workers. "If this was between you burghes and me," he says, "I'd like nothing better than a little argument about his orders. But I'm the guest of a union. I don't want to get it into trouble—I'm here only for one purpose—to help it in its troubles."

WHILE WORKERS WAIT

The whole scene is like a complex, magnified stage-set. Browder on the high street-level; and in the configuration of old frame houses and modern factory, mournful and methodical as barracks, the mass of workers—hundreds upon hundreds, men with soiled clothes of toil, with hard hands, with honest eyes. They stand, relaxed, quiet, yet eager. No politics to these citizens of America, since it's not the sort "prescribed by the doctors."

Solidarity for Spain

Steel Workers Give \$260 BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Smoke-shrouded Lackawanna flamed with a magnificent spirit of solidarity with the heroic Spanish People's Front, last Saturday night.

Held under the auspices of the Spanish Workers' Anti-Fascist Committee, a memorable meeting of 80 Spanish steel workers with their wives and children set a bright goal for all workers in the United States in their splendid support of the valiant Spanish people.

Brawny Spanish steel workers on their way to work on the night shift with their lunches under their arms crowded others with their wives at their elbows, their children tugging at their hands in the small, smoke-filled hall. Work-hardened fists rubbed tears: out of soft, Latin eyes.

America. There on the right of Browder on a huge brick wall the "right" politician is already painted. Here's what it says:

THE NEW DEAL TAXES

- YOUR food clothing drink amusements tobacco gas STOP IT VOTE REPUBLICAN

Since these broadsides of brazen lies that greet the workers on every billboard, on every wall, are doubtless what the burghes means by "good politics," Browder with a good conscience can leave "politics" out; he can confine himself to telling the truth:

"The issue, now, is to defend and extend democracy against the threats of the fascist-minded men who already own our country and who will ruin it, rather than give it up. The industrial union is the great bulwark of the rights of the workers. If you secure your union, if through it you struggle for better wages, better living conditions, better working conditions, more control of your shops, you will come to socialism. Inevitably, the time will come when the men and women who work, who CREATE this country, will have learned that we can best get along without the capitalists altogether."

Novel Radio Series Starts

I.W.O. on Parade' to Be Heard in 3 Cities Tomorrow

Great interest has been aroused by new type of radio broadcasts being presented by the International Workers Order which begin tomorrow and Friday.

Known as "I.W.O. on Parade," featuring plays, music, song recitals and talks, the innovation of combining working-class entertainment with working-class publicity has been widely applauded.

The initial broadcast of a series of four to be heard in seven big cities will present the Theatre Collective in a mining drama and a short talk on "Social Security" by Max Bedacht, general secretary of the International Workers Order.

Three cities are to hear tomorrow's program. These are: NEW YORK—WJVA, 570 Kilocycles, at 9:45 P.M. PHILADELPHIA—WIP, 610 Kilocycles, at 9:30 P.M. PITTSBURGH—KQV, 1380 Kilocycles, at 8:15 P.M.

The same program will be repeated in two more cities tomorrow. DETROIT—WJTB, 1500 Kilocycles, at 9 P.M. CLEVELAND—WHEK, 1300 Kilocycles, at 10:45 P.M. The sixth city, Boston, will hear the broadcast Sunday. Station WHDH, at 6:45.

Old Ruse Fails; Strike Still On

Standard Steel Spring 'Employees' Petition' Turns Out Fake

CORAOPLIS, Pa., Sept. 29.—The company lied—the strike is still going on!

So said the men who ought to know, for they are the strikers, at Standard Steel Spring Company plants here today.

Yesterday the press of the nation carried the company's declaration that everything was all over, that the "employees had petitioned to return to work" and that the plant would resume operations, "strictly open shop," today.

This morning a big picket line was slapped down, and very few went in. Whether production started, even in a small way, it is too soon to say.

Robert C. Enos, new president of Standard Steel Spring, worked the old trick of circulating a petition for the employees to sign. No one knows how many signed it, as only the company counted the signatures.

The company had announced that it would liquidate unless the men met its terms, the old wages and open shop. Then, Sunday night a meeting of employees was held under company auspices. This meeting voted to return to work.

Officials of Lodge 209 of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, which the company refuses to recognize but which has all the 700 plant workers organized, said today that the meeting was a fraud, too. Out of 485 persons present, they counted only 121 actual production workers, and most of those voted not to return to work. The rest of the crowd was made up of the office staff, supervisors, and maintenance men brought in from Alliquippa.

3,000 Join Lettuce Strike

SALINAS, Cal., Sept. 29.—Representatives of 3,000 Filipino vegetable workers in the fields around Watsonville, near here, announced today that they had joined the strike of 3,200 lettuce pickers and packers.

Speakers Will Address Bronx Meeting on Spain in Three Languages

A mass meeting to enlist moral and financial support for the People's Front government of Spain will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Prospect Workers Hall, 1157 Southern Boulevard.

Vigorous applause greeted the steel-like unity of all leftist, democratic and progressive people of Spain against their common enemy, Franco and his Fascist murderers.

Frank Herron, representing the Buffalo Spanish People's Front Defense Committee, called for unity of all workers and progressive-minded people against the growing Fascist danger in the United States.

A victory for the Spanish People's Front, he stated, would be a decisive blow not only against the Spanish Fascists but all reactionary forces throughout the world.

A committee of steel workers has been set up in Lackawanna to obtain aid and funds for the Spanish People's Front.

Georgia Puts Browder, Ford On the Ballot

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 29.—The names of Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist candidates for President and Vice-President, will appear on the ballot in Georgia in the November elections. Secretary of State John N. Wilson of Georgia said the Party had qualified for the general elections in the State.

'Daily' Bares Nazi Drive For Landon

German American Republican League Led By Nazi Chief

Evidence that adherents of Hitler are being rallied to the Landon presidential campaign has been uncovered by the Daily Worker in an investigation of the pro-Nazi German-American Republican League of Greater New York.

Subtly-worded circulars urging support of the Republican national and local tickets on a racial basis have been sent to approximately 30,000 German-Americans in the metropolitan area.

ORGANIZED COMMITTEE

The new Nazi-Republican League has borough offices in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Its city headquarters are at 1,253 Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. Acting chairman in charge of the league is Kurt Mertig, outstanding Nazi leader in the United States.

Mertig, who officially calls himself an American business man in the import industry, organized the Nazi Citizens' Committee of 500 which solicited American financial support for a new trial for the late Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

In addition to his new post as Landon vote-getter, Mertig is also secretary of the League of German National Societies, termed a "Nazi organization," by the New York Times in a recent news-item.

HITS NEW DEAL

The circular which the Nazi league has been distributing castigates, "It is an indisputable fact that we Americans of German descent have not received a square deal from the City, County, State and Federal administrations. We know what we can expect from the present administration and its New Dealers, after the treatment they have given us during the past four years," the league circular concludes.

The league is advising German-Americans to vote for Landon because of his "sound ideas."

Machinists Rap Navy Officers

Convention Scores Attempts to Form Company Unions in Navy Yards—Backs Formation of General Defense Organization

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 29.—The International Association of Machinists convention declared in favor of a nationwide General Defense Organization for men held on labor charges. The vote means that President A. O. Wharton is instructed to vote for such an organization when the A. F. of L. executive reports on it at the next convention.

Rand Rakes In the Dough

A Remington-Rand worker would have to toil for the company just about one hundred years to get as much as his big boss, James H. Rand, Jr., pulls down in one year, according to the corporation financial report recently made public.

Rand it is who cries loudly about the ruinous wage demands of his employes, and has taken an absolutely stubborn attitude against every attempt by state governors and Federal conciliators to mediate in the strike that has been going on since May 26 in all his six plants.

Rand's salary last year was \$94,120. The company made a clear profit of \$3,010,288. Figures for this year have not been filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Corporation, the firm having asked for a special extension of filing date to September 30.

Squelch Hearst Cry of Theft

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 29.—Hearst's cry of "theft" against striking members of the Newspaper Guild boomeranged heavily against him yesterday in the Labor Relations Board hearing here.

Hearst's lawyer, Edward G. Woods, claimed that telegrams showing strong anti-union bias exchanged by Ray Colvin, managing editor of the strike-bound Post-Intelligencer and Hearst's Eastern executives "must have been stolen by the Guild." The telegrams were published in the Guild Daily, a paper issued by the strikers.

Woods admitted the telegrams were genuine. The convention went into executive session in the afternoon on the question of expelling the Oakland lodge, which struck in spite of Grand Lodge orders.

Seattle Clerks Gaining 5-Day Week, More Pay

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 29 (APLS)—Local retail clerks are reported as making commendable progress in their fight for increased wages and the five-day work week. According to an announcement by Leo Ledwith, business representative for the local Retail Clerks' Union, a number of Seattle stores have already signed agreements making the five-day week effective and covering wage adjustments.

2,000,000 LIVES IN PERIL! YOUR health, your life, are among those endangered if you work in any of these 15 (or 45 other) trades where hidden death and disease lurk: Gas stations; automobile painting; dry cleaning; furniture polishing; millinery; painting; photo-engraving; photographing; shoe factory operations; varnishing; artificial flowers; die making; linoleum making; rubber; upholstery. "du Pont's Poison Gas in Peace Time" by JOHN L. SPIVAK America's Ace Reporter. Spivak won wide acclaim for his exposure of Nazi intrigues and anti-Semitic plottings in the United States. He is the author of "Georgia Nigger," "America Faces the Barricades" and other books. Now he tells another sensational story—and again he has the documents to back it up. His smashing expose starts Tomorrow in the Daily Worker

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carrying less. It is because the administration has yielded too often to the reactionary Wall Street corporations that the Republicans have been able to exploit the tax issue so demagogically.

A truly progressive tax program, such as Farmer-Labor Congressmen could fight for, is embodied in the Communist platform. Our program of steeply graduated taxes on incomes, inheritances, gifts, surplus profits, etc. over \$5,000 would raise sufficient funds to provide adequate social insurance for all those in need instead of the miserable pittance of the Roosevelt Social Security Law.

But Landon, speaking for the big monopolies, proposes to INCREASE the tax burden being borne by the working masses of the country. And yet he has the gall to offer this help-the-rich, soak-the-poor program in the name of the common man, of social security!

Doesn't this sound suspiciously like the demagoguery of Hitler, who before he came to power promised to break "the chains of interest slavery" and to relieve the farmers of their debts, and proceeded to enslave the entire German people?

**Woodring—A Menace
To Liberties**

The appointment of Harry H. Woodring as Secretary of War is a concession to William Randolph Hearst and the gang of gold-braid reactionaries who infest high places in the Army and Navy.

Woodring is one of those Democrats of whom Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, has said that "they vote Democratic, but pray Republican."

The new Secretary of War first gained notoriety with an article in the Jan. 6, 1934 issue of fascist Bernarr Macfadden's Liberty magazine, urging that the CCC be trained as "economic storm troops" under the direct control of the Army.

On July 4, 1935 Woodring was one of the signers, together with assorted varieties of Liberty League, of Hearst's infamous "Declaration of Independence." He also made a red-baiting broadcast on that day.

A Woodring in such an important post as Secretary of War is a menace to American liberties. It shows once again how little President Roosevelt can be relied on to fight capitalist reaction.

**Lehman's Anger
In Geoghan's Case**

Governor Lehman becomes angry in his reply to the Grand Jury on the Geoghan case. That very rage indicates the weakness of the Governor's position.

The Grand Jury, in criticizing his decision, has handed him a smashing bill of particulars. Their indictment shows beyond doubt that Geoghan is unfit to act as District Attorney in Kings County. That indictment could have been made much more damning had it included Geoghan's labor record.

The New York District of the Communist Party has furnished the Governor with charges against Geoghan which enter into this vicious phase of the Brooklyn District Attorney's activities. For one thing: Has there been anything more revolting in current New York labor history than the illegal persecution of the May's strikers, at the behest of Abe Katzman, office partner of the notorious Leo Byck?

The Grand Jury cites Geoghan's close association with this Byck, slot machine racketeer, and with Erickson, engaged in illegal book-making. It details the trail of criminal official neglect which characterized the Drukman case. It shows the intertwining of Erickson's part and Byck's part in that case.

The Governor has not answered one of these points. He has chosen instead to assume a pose of being beyond questioning.

In taking such a stand, he has given more aid than he may like to the Republican machine in New York State—around which the most reactionary of the capitalist interests are rallying. Whatever the Governor may think or say, the Geoghan case is not closed.

**Fruits of
A Wrong Policy**

THE latest returns of the Literary Digest poll show that of the 293,972 votes thus far recorded for Governor Landon, 1,182 came from persons who in 1932 voted for Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate.

Of the 19,632 voters who indicated their preference for Lemke, 525 voted Socialist in 1932.

In other words, a total of 1,607 persons who voted Socialist in 1932, have now been lured into the camp of capitalist reaction.

The total vote for Thomas in this year's Digest poll is thus far 2,140. Which means that of every nine who voted Socialist in 1932, nearly four are voting for Landon or Lemke this year.

Though these figures are not yet conclusive since the poll is still in its early stages, they should be enough to cause alarm to every sincere Socialist. They are the clearest evidence that the whole political policy of the Socialist Party and its candidate, Norman Thomas, is playing into the hands of the worst reactionaries.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Republican Spain and democracy throughout the world are suffering severe setbacks in the present civil war in Spain because the People's Front government has literally been disarmed by the Blum "neutrality" policy. This policy has been roundly condemned by the Spanish republican, Socialist and Communist leaders themselves. One of the most important declarations in this regard was made by the committee from the Spanish People's Front which came to Paris to attempt to obtain the raising of the blockade which was strangling Spanish democracy. The committee, which included Dolores Ibarruri, better known as La Pasionaria, the famous woman Communist of Spain, Marcelino Domingo, a leading Left-republican, and Antonio Lara, an ex-minister, issued the following statement to the press:



"The origin and development of the military rebellion against the legal government have been deliberately distorted on certain points, and on others misjudged, to the great detriment of justice and truth. It is our endeavor to make the truth known and secure justice, and to this end we have imposed on ourselves the duty of informing the public of the world in detail, with the aid of documentary evidence. This is the object of our mission, one which we know to be just, and which must indeed be not only respected, but recognized by all who are aware, whatever their political tendency, that the problem facing Spain at the present time is that of the continued existence of republican democracy and of the legality of the will of the people as expressed in the elections.

"We advance our claim to be judged for what we are, and we demand that the declaration of neutrality which we regard as being incompatible with the rules of international law—should not be made, as it is at present, a punitive measure against the legal government, which is refused any aid whatsoever, while certain countries are giving the rebels constant and open aid. These actual and effective sanctions against the legal order in Spain are something new, and both dangerous and disastrous. We are certain that public opinion shares this view. We state the situation and its essential features in the above statement, certain not only that we shall be victorious, but fully aware of the consequences secured by this victory. We expect confidently that everyone will face his responsibility for the future in his present attitude. The future depends to an enormous extent on the result of the struggle now going on in Spain, and we lay the facts of this struggle before the world for impartial judgment."

La Pasionaria, when asked to say a few words, declared:

"I do not want to make any special declarations, as we are not speaking to you here as individual persons, but as a uniform delegation of the Spanish People's Front. All I want to say to you is this: We are certain of our victory, for we have on our side the belief in the future, the enthusiasm and unbounded readiness for self-sacrifice. These facts have enabled the Spanish people to wrest from the hands of the rebels the arms with which they are now defending themselves. The Communist Party of Spain pursues no other line in the present struggle but that of defense of the Spanish Republic and its democratic institutions. The Communists are taking part in the struggle with an unreserved readiness for self-sacrifice. . . .

"I am sure that the French people and the other peoples will understand that the present struggle in Spain is the struggle of international democracy against international fascism."

A striking example of the bravery of the German workers in demonstrating, their solidarity with the Spanish people is shown in reports we have received from underground Germany.

A recent issue of the "Saarbruecker Zeitung," Nazi organ in the Saar region, printed this astonishing headline over a typical Nazi invention about "Bolshevist terror in Spain":

"Fascist Murder Gangs in Spain. . . . Only after a large number of issues of the paper had been run off and shipped out to the individual news-dealers was the 'mistake' discovered. The police immediately arrested eight workers as well as the editor-in-chief, Vogt. Three days later Vogt was released. As yet we have not heard about the fate of the eight workers.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

QUESTION: I have heard Communist speakers many times refer to Communism as "twentieth-century Americanism." What is the exact source of this statement?

ANSWER: This statement is taken from Earl Browder's "What Is Communism?" page 19. It is also printed in the penny pamphlet, "Who Are the Americans?" The passage in question reads:

"The revolutionary tradition is the heart of Americanism. That is incontestable, unless we are ready to agree that Americanism means what Hearst says, slavery to outlived institutions, preservation of privilege, the degradation of the masses.

"We Communists claim the revolutionary tradition of Americanism. We are the only ones who consciously continue these traditions and apply them to the problems of today.

"We are the Americans and Communism is the Americanism of the twentieth century."

"That does not mean, of course, that we Communists raise the slogan of 'Back to 1776.' Such reactionary stupidity was committed by the LaFollette 'third party' movement in 1924, typical as that movement was of a class-grouping (petty-bourgeois) refusing to ally with the workers) that had lost its historical progressive significance. That was no more in the spirit of our revolutionary forefathers than it would have been for the Declaration of Independence to proclaim, 'Back to the Republic of Rome.' To each day its own task; that of 1776 was to free a rising capitalism from the fetters of a dying feudal system, enabling it to expand the productive forces of mankind to a new high level; that of today, is to free those tremendous productive forces created by capitalism, which are now being choked and destroyed because they have grown too big to live any longer under capitalist property relations."

ON GUARD



by Ellis

Will Browder Speak at Catholic University?

Monsignor F. J. Sheen of the Catholic University has attacked the Communist Party on repeated occasions. In reply, Chairman William Z. Foster of the Party, challenged Sheen to permit Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, to speak to the students of the Catholic University.

That was more than a fair proposition. There, face to face with the students, Browder could state the Communist position—both on the freedom of worship and on the primitive Communist ideas in the early Christian church.

"As the head of a Party which stands four-square for full freedom of worship, Mr. Browder is anxious to answer whatever questions the students might put to him," Foster stated. "In particular he is eager to call the attention of the students of the Catholic University to the traditions of primitive Communism during the first three centuries of the history of the Catholic Church—traditions for which the Christian martyrs were crucified by the wealthy Hearsts of that day."

Sheen now replies—evading the issue. He sets down two conditions under which Browder can speak. First, that "the Communist persecution of Catholics in Spain" be repudiated; second, that Browder state if the Communist Party, if in power in America, would permit Catholic colleges and churches to function.

Why, we may ask, should Browder make an advance explanation to Msgr. Sheen? Browder has much to say to the Catholic workers and the Catholic students. He can say these things to them directly and be questioned upon his statements. They can judge the correctness of his statements for themselves.

As to the conditions made: Let us repeat, the Communist Party stands for complete freedom of worship. In the Soviet Union, such freedom of worship exists; in the Soviet Constitution such freedom is specifically guaranteed. The Communist Party stands for com-

plete separation of Church and State—a principle embodied in the first article of the Bill of Rights and incorporated in the constitutions of the various States. Is Msgr. Sheen opposed to that democratic principle?

As to the second condition: Does not Msgr. Sheen know that the Catholic hierarchy in Spain are allied with the worst exploiters of the people—the Juan Marches, the rotten Bourbons, and the landlords?

**Sheen Rejects
Foster's Offer**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Msgr. F. J. Sheen of the Catholic University has denied the request made by William Z. Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party, that Earl Browder be permitted to speak at the Catholic University.

Msgr. Sheen has couched his denial in the following terms: "I will gladly try to arrange it [the speaking] if Mr. Browder will make a public statement to the effect that (a) he disapproves absolutely of the Communist persecution of Catholics in Spain and (b) that if Communism were established in America, it would not close our Catholic universities nor our chapels nor preach that 'religion is the opium of the people.'"

Sheen adds further, in the course of a long letter: "Will Mr. Browder deny that he is silent in his broadcasts about Communism destroying private property, and yet by acting as chairman to that Congress, [of the Communist International] he assents to the Communist Manifesto and the Soviet regime, both of which abolish private property?"

Sheen returns to this accusation of the "destruction of private property on several occasions, particularly in referring to the primitive communism of the early Christians which he stresses as "voluntary" and not "confiscatory."

Sheen admits that Catholic workers may be "duped" into listening to Browder's addresses, but states that he will warn them against being so "deceived."

The forces of democracy in Spain—including the Communist Party—are not fighting against freedom of worship for the Catholics. They stand for that freedom. They are opposing the bloody mutiny against the legitimate, duly elected, democratic government of Spain—a mutiny engineered by the most reactionary elements, in alliance with Hitler and Mussolini. The Catholic hierarchy, in supporting that mutiny, are supporting the destruction of the trade unions and of civil liberties.

Do American Catholics stand for such reactionary principles? They have said no. The Communist Party is certainly opposed to such assaults upon the people's democratic rights.

Sheen attempts to make one other point: That the Communists seek to "destroy private property." That is a very old falsehood, which he will find strikingly retuted in the "Communist Manifesto" of 1847. Whose "private property" is Msgr. Sheen referring to? The "property" of the duPonts, the Morgans, the Rockefellers and the rest of the capitalist overlords who have obtained such "property" out of robbery of the people? The Communist Party says that such "property" should be taken over by the people, for the benefit of the people.

Does he mean the personal property of the great mass of the population? He should read the Soviet constitution as well as the "Communist Manifesto," and become better informed. Article 10 of Chapter I of that constitution says: "The personal property of citizens in their income from work and in their savings, in their dwelling house and in auxiliary household economy, domestic articles and utensils as well as objects of personal use and comfort is protected by law."

That is the Communist position. It is the safeguarding of the good of the great mass of the people against the destruction by the capitalists which goes on every day in other lands.

We submit that the conditions laid down by Sheen constitute a denial of free speech. We request again that Earl Browder be permitted to speak at the Catholic University without any strings being attached to his speaking. There he can answer all questions, face to face, that Msgr. Sheen or the student body have to ask of him.

Letters from Our Readers

Tribute to Union Brotherhood
Lowell, Mass.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I wish to make public a letter of thanks to the crew of the S. S. Pennsylvania and the Pacific Marine Firemen, Oilers, Waterfenders and Wipers Association.

On Sept. 9th, Daniel J. O'Neil, a fireman on the Panama-Pacific Line S. S. Pennsylvania, was instantly killed by an automobile when returning to his ship in San Francisco. The only identification was his Seaman's Union card.

Mr. Peter J. Innes, representative of the Pacific Marine Firemen and Waterfenders' Union, claimed the body and saw to it that he had a respectable burial and notified us of his death. We wish to thank the crew of the S. S. Pennsylvania for their great kindness and help. Also the Marine Firemen, Waterfenders and Oilers Association for their kindness and assistance.

It makes us who are not connected with the marine industry realize that there is a very strong bond existing between the men of the sea and of the Marine Union, a bond of helpfulness not found anywhere else. The Union Card certainly meant a lot in this case.

MRS. DANIEL J. O'NEIL

'Too Good for the Average Man'
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

One of the bitterest pieces of humor that has come my way in recent weeks is the following statement that appears in a special box at the head of an article in the monthly publication of the Guaranty Trust Company. The article is called: 'The Average Man's Stake in Balancing the Budget.' And this is the "boxed" statement:

"Those who are unemployed would have much better chances of regaining their jobs, and those who are employed would be much sorer of keeping their jobs and of maintaining or increasing their wages, if the state of public finance were such as to inspire more confidence on the part of those who supply capital and those who employ labor."

The monthly organ of a bank, read only by bankers and their cohorts and a few economics students, comes out for the Average Man, his job and wages. What's this world coming to! Unfortunately for the bank, its bulletin is not read by the Average Man. The only time a bank writes for the Average Man is when it is sure he won't read the article.

W. M.

