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## BROWDER IS JAILED

### Du Pont Death Gas Endangers 2,000,000

Spivak Exposes Liberty League Firm Bargain With Hoover Commerce Department to Hush Report on Perils to Methanol Workers

By John L. Spivak (America's Ace Reporter)

More than 2,000,000 workers in sixty American industries are daily endangering their health and their lives by working with a chemical product manufactured by the Merchants of Death in peace time.

This methanol product, manufactured by the duPonts under the trade name of Zeron, is one of the most widely sold of several such chemical preparations which have been denounced as dangerous industrial hazards by the ablest medical authorities.

In their efforts to pile up greater and greater profits, the duPonts, financial backers of fascist organizations in this country like the Liberty League, backers of Alf Landon, and notoriously anti-labor, had the connivance of the United States Public Health Service during the Hoover administration. Since Hoover left, a curtain of silence has covered this connivance even under the Roosevelt administration.

Allied with the duPonts in this plan was the Carbon & Carbide Chemical Co. controlled by the Mellon interests.

Mellon, at the time the deal was put through to get government approval for the duPont efforts, was Secretary of the Treasury. The United States Public Health Service, which gave the approval, is under the Treasury Department.

**SUPPRESS REPORT**

Though workers have died and others have gone blind because they worked with methanol, the scientists

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COMMUNIST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE



EARL BROWDER

### Terre Haute Mayor, Chief Ban Meeting

Communist Candidate for Presidency Had Wired Roosevelt and McNutt for Protection After Police Threat to Bar Entry

**GOVERNOR REFUSES TO ACT**

Waldo Frank Arrested With Nominee—Chief Declares He'll Hold Prisoners Until C. P. Leader Agrees to Leave City

(By United Press)

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 30.—Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, and four others were arrested today when they arrived for a scheduled party rally.

Browder, Seymour Waldman and Waldo Frank, all of New York City, were taken into custody as they stepped of a Chicago & Eastern Illinois train at the depot.

Charles Stadfield, State Secretary of the Communist Party, and Andrew Remes of Indianapolis, remained on the train for almost three hours while police waited. They were arrested when they left the railroad car.

**BANS SPEECH**

Police Chief James C. Yates said all were held on vagrancy charges and "for investigation." Yates previously had announced that he would not permit Browder to make a scheduled address here tonight.

"I told Browder I wanted him to stay out of Terre Haute and he defied my orders," the police chief said.

"We do not want radicals stopping here. We've had our share of labor troubles from such agitators."

### Foster Calls for Wave of Protest On Browder Arrest

(See Editorial on Page 4)

"A wave of protest against the unlawful arrest of Earl Browder must be rolled up," William Z. Foster, Communist campaign manager, said yesterday.

"Send your protests to Gov. Paul V. McNutt, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mayor Sam Beecher of Terre Haute and Attorney General Homer J. Cummings, Washington, D. C."

"While you're sending your protest, remember that the most effective way of fighting the reactionaries is to make it possible for Browder to speak over nationwide radio hook-ups again and again. Rush your contribution to answer Indiana vigilantes. Send money to the Browder Radio Fund, 35 East 12th Street, New York."

Terre Haute was scene of a general strike in July, 1935 during which Gov. Paul V. McNutt ordered the National Guard.

"I have the solid support of business men and others in Terre Haute, and neither Browder nor any of his co-workers will speak here to night," Yates said.

The chief said he would keep the Communist Presidential Candidate in jail until tomorrow at least.

[Later, Yates, in a long distance telephone conversation with Alexander Trachtenberg, manager of the Communist Campaign Committee, in New York, said:

"I'm going to keep Browder in jail until he agrees to leave the city."]

Secretary L. H. Quinn of the Terre Haute Merchants Association, said:

"The Association will not tolerate the presence of agitators. We will do all in our power to prevent Browder from speaking here."

### CUMMINGS WON'T ACT

### Brophy, C.I.O. Leader, Scores Arrest as Danger to Free Speech

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

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### Spanish People Call to Us! We Must Answer NOW!

**AN EDITORIAL**

MADRID is girding for the greatest and gravest battle of the fight to preserve Spanish democracy. The alarm has been flashed to us by our embattled comrades, by the people of Spain in a death struggle with the murderous Spanish Fascists.

On the side of Spanish reaction are the skilled Fascist aviators, the mercenaries of Italian and German Fascism, machine-gunning ill-trained, poorly equipped Spanish youth, men, women and old people guarding the road to Madrid—all too often with their bare flesh.

The Daily Worker today has received a serious call for assistance from war-torn Spain. On some of the barricades of democracy only a bullet or two bar the way to the Spanish Fascist hordes who are laden with well-lined belts of German and Italian cartridges.

In the Guadarrama mountains, our heroic comrades brave the bitter cold of the heights with the thinnest blue denim overalls, and often without shoes.

Mikhail Koltsov, Pravda correspondent in Madrid, has described the desperate need for supplies among the defenders of the lawfully-elected People's Front government in Spain.

With General Franco's blood-drenched mercenaries protected by Junker and Caproni bombers, driving to cut their way to Madrid and put all Spain under the yoke of barbarous Fascism, a cry for assistance comes to us which we cannot fail to answer.

The people of Spain call out to us for funds, for bullets, guns, gas masks, food, clothing, for the barest necessities so

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### SPAIN CALLS ALL FORCES TO COLORS

Catalonia Mobilizes Air Squadrons, Artillery and Cavalry

(By United Press)

MADRID, Sept. 30.—President Manuel Azana today signed a decree calling to the colors men who served in the army classes of 1932 and 1933. Another decree converted all militia units into army units and thus subjected them to military discipline under which members may be shot if they leave their posts.

The decree, published this morning, summoned the classes in Madrid, Toledo, and other provinces, infantry, cavalrymen and others.

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### HOW strong is the British empire?

Is it able to stand, out of its hundreds of billions of values, a loss of \$110,000? That was all that was involved in the 11-cent fall of the pound Saturday—and the Soviet Union, not Britain, took that loss!

Apparently, a little thing like that can knock over the British empire, if we take Secretary Morgenthau seriously in his manufactured hysterics about the "Russian attack on the British pound."

Morgenthau's fairy tale was grist to the mill of fascist Hearst and fascist Coughlin—to use against both the Soviet government and against Roosevelt's administration likewise, though Morgenthau invented the yarn of a "Russian attack" with the idea of clearing Roosevelt from the "stigma" of Hearst's lie of "Communist support" to Roosevelt.

### SHIPS' CREWS FACE LOCKOUT

Action Follows Sit-Down Strike as Delegates Are Barred

Lockout was the answer given yesterday to the crews of the S. S. President Roosevelt and the J. L. Luckenbach for staging a sit-down protest against barring the delegates from the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders Union from the ships.

Two hundred men from the S. S. American Trader and Pennsylvania, who, together with the Roosevelt, started the spontaneous protest early Tuesday morning when the M.F.O.W. delegates were refused passage to board the ships, continued their sit-down protest. Close to 700 men are involved.

### MARINE PACTS END ON COAST

Owners Fight Against Plan to Continue Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—With all contracts expiring at midnight tonight, ship owners and representatives of the maritime unions went into a long session today. Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward P. McGrady presided. This is the eighth meeting of negotiators.

The argument today turns around the postponement of lock-out by continuing the present contracts, result of the government "award" that ended the 1934 strike, for 30 to 60 days more, to allow time for discussion of new contracts.

The unions, doing everything in their power to prevent a tie-up, have been asking for such a continuation of the present terms for two weeks past.

**U. S. PROPOSES DELAY**

Yesterday the newly-appointed Maritime Commission in Washington officially proposed to both sides a 60-day continuation. The maritime unions agreed. The ship owners refused, unless the unions would promise arbitration of all points under dispute, including hiring through union halls and the six-hour work day for longshoremen.

The Pacific Coast district of the International Longshoremen's Union has voted 98 per cent against yielding on either of these two points, main gains of the 1934 strike.

### Simpson Prefers Prison Cell To Asking Hitler Clemency

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Lawrence Simpson, U. S. seaman railroaded by the Nazi "People's Tribunal" from which there is no appeal, today chose a convict's uniform in Plötzensee Prison rather than ask Hitler for clemency.

Simpson was imprisoned for having in his possession some stickers attacking Fascism.

Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, declined to intercede for him.

When the courageous seaman refused to sign a clemency petition saying it would be an act of submission to the Nazis, he was forced

to change into prison garb and was placed in a cell to serve the remaining 22 months of his three-year sentence. He has already been in prison under "protective arrest" for 15 months.

### Militia Resists Drive South of Madrid

MADRID, Sept. 30.—Workers' militia are desperately resisting a new fascist two-way drive south of Madrid.

With the defense of Madrid hanging on the turn of the new offensive, Government forces, under terrific fascist artillery fire from the heights of Toledo, dug into new positions today across the Toledo-Madrid highway.

A second fascist column is striking northeastward from Toledo toward the Aranjuez railway junction, aiming to cut Madrid's communications with the east coast. Government reinforcements have been rushed south to hold the junction

### SHOW JAPAN ILLINOIS C. P. PRETEXT FAKE SEKS WRIT

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 30.—The Communist Party appeal for a restraining order requiring state and county officials to put the Party list on the ballot was denied by U. S. District Court Judge Bringle yesterday. Judge Bringle set a hearing for an injunction for tomorrow.

The Communist Party claimed that the entire proceedings of denying them a place on the ballot were unconstitutional, and the Illinois election law illegal.

The grounds on which the Party is fighting the case is that the hearing which threw the party off the ballot occurred one day after expiration of the legal time limit for such proceedings. It claims that the objections, unspecified, against its petitions were illegal.

"These matters will be presented in full to the U. S. District Court tomorrow. If the Party fails there, it will appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court," the Communist Election Committee announces.

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### COURT ACTION SEEN

Communist Party officials yesterday threatened to institute court proceedings when President Ralph N. Tirey, of Indiana State Teachers College, refused them use of the school's auditorium, after the board of trustees had granted a permit.

Tirey explained retraction of the invitation by saying that a school function had been scheduled for tonight.

Informed that Chief Yates had threatened to keep him out of Terre Haute, Browder came here after appealing to President Roosevelt and Governor Paul V. McNutt for protection.

Browder quoted Yates as saying: "Tell him [Browder]"

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