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R. FAULT TRUCK DRIVERS

Seamen's Leaders Talk on Strike Issues at Joint Meeting

Three members of the S.S. Cristobel, government operated ship which arrived here from Panama three days ago, left yesterday for Washington, D. C., to enter protest against the Cope-land "fink" Bill. They were elected by the crew, assigned to man the boat by the strikers.

The reactionary measure takes effect at the beginning of the new year.

Joseph Curran, seamen's strike leader said last night:

"The striking seamen will not accept the 'fink' book or Cope-land book as a condition of employment. We have the pledge of 20,000 seamen on this coast alone—besides a pledge of 100 per cent of the Pacific coast on this issue."

Joseph P. Ryan, strikebreaking head of the I.L.A., scoured the underworld yesterday and led a mob of 200 thugs to Webster Hall in a brazen attempt to intimidate union teamsters who had gathered to hear spokesmen of striking seamen discuss the issues involved in the general maritime walking out.

Despite Ryan's open show of force, bruisers and gunmen, who virtually blockaded the hall entrance, and indulged in sporadic sluggings under the very eyes of the police, Webster Hall was jammed to capacity.

Ryan told police Captain Leahy, in charge of several squads of cops, that the several hundred tough looking men lining the street and blocking the hall, were "delegates" of the dock workers union.

HALL FILLED

Both seamen and truck drivers, most of the latter from Local 807 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, refused to be intimidated into leaving the neighborhood of the meeting place. The hall gradually filled up, and Ryan suddenly called his thugs off, leaving a few cartons of his men to spy on those entering the meeting.

Inside Webster Hall, one of the most enthusiastic rallies held since the beginning of the seamen's strike took place. After hearing Joseph Curran, chairman of the Joint Maritime Strike Council, outline the causes of the walkout, a group of 14 members of Local 807, of the teamsters union, mounted the platform to pledged their support to the striking seamen.

Amidst wild cheering, rank-and-file teamsters said they were ready to appeal to their brother teamsters working on the waterfront not to pass through seamen's picket lines in the future.

FOR A FEDERATION

"We teamsters and truck drivers also want a Maritime Federation. We're going to appeal to our next local meeting to stop passing the pickets of our brother seamen on the docks," one of the truck drivers declared.

The entire crowd later rose to its feet in a vote of confidence to the rank-and-file teamsters.

Speakers at the rally, were Joseph Curran, Jack Lawrence, secretary of the general strike committee; Lee Marshall, chairman of the Masters Mates and Pilots strike committee; Hyman Glickstein, seamen's attorney; Joe Gilbert, leader of the 1934 taxi strike, and E. P. Trainor, of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

Wilmington Truck Drivers Settle 3-Day Strike

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 27.—The six-day strike of truck drivers was settled a few hours before Christmas Eve as holiday merchandise crowded the Wilson Line docks beyond capacity.

The agreement signed provides for recognition of the Highway Truck Drivers and Helpers Union by the Wilson Line and two men, whose refusal to join the union precipitated the strike, were ordered to become members. All workers return to their jobs without discrimination.

The taxi drivers also joined the strikers and refused to move the Christmas merchandise.

N. Y. Central Tracks Buried as Peekskill Wall Collapses

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 27 (UP).—Three of four tracks of the New York Central Railroad were buried under 2,500 tons of stone and dirt today when a 300-foot retaining wall collapsed near the Peekskill station.

Officials said it would take at least 36 hours to clear the tracks. Trains between Peekskill and Grand Central Station, New York, on the only track not covered, were delayed between 30 and 45 minutes.

The retaining wall supported filled-in ground at St. Joseph's Orphanage and was 60 feet high. Traffic was suspended when the wall showed signs of collapsing.

An Open Letter TO WILLIAM GREEN AND TO AMERICAN LABOR

Concerning the Anti-Labor Record of One Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association

Nothing has been more shameful in recent labor history than the scabberding and strikebreaking of Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association.

He has struck out by every means against the militant maritime strikers. He has sabotaged action by the longshoremen with other marine workers—which united effort would bring the strike to a speedy and successful end.

He has rushed from port to port, to aid the shipowners, by working for a strikebreaking policy—that would pit longshoremen against the other maritime workers, and thus lead to the injury of them all.

Ryan's activities against the magnificent maritime strike is a deep stain on the labor movement. That stain can only be erased by the complete exit of Ryan, bag and baggage, from any place or position in the labor unions.

What Ryan is now doing is to attempt the smashing of effective unionism—that unionism that can win those conditions which are so sorely needed in the maritime industry.

What Ryan is doing is a challenge to the entire labor movement. It is linked up with his whole record of undemocratic rule which in part is here exposed.

We refer to this record now—at this crucial moment—as it brings out into the light of day a situation which threatens unionism's future on the ships and ports of our country. That makes it of concern to workers everywhere.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and his bosses of the executive council have always been swift at coddling any progressive development in the A. F. of L. With contrasting indifference or even favor have they viewed the racketeering and anti-union reaction which prevails among a portion of the top leadership of many international unions.

There is the long roll—Earl Brandt, Brindell, Commerford and the rest of that outfit. What did William Green ever do about them? We present him with another case now—that of Joseph P. Ryan. Ryan is not only a strikebreaker, as Harry Bridges has so correctly called him. He has also robbed the membership of the I.L.A. of all democratic rights. He has used threats of physical violence to control the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. He has entered into the most cringing and despicable relations with the anti-union employers.

William Green: here is the record in this open letter. What are you going to do about it?

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BRIDGES FREE AFTER CRASH

Boy Dies as Result of Accident on Highway

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 27.—Harry Bridges, head of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast, was released from city jail this morning after being held for eight hours in connection with an automobile accident that resulted in the death of an eight-year-old bicycle rider.

He was released on a writ of habeas corpus returnable in Long Beach Superior Court tomorrow 2 P.M. Police said that Bridges was held for investigation on suspicion of negligent driving in accordance with usual procedure in such cases.

Bridges was en route to Wilmington, Calif., to address a local meeting of the Maritime Federation when the accident occurred. With Bridges in the car were John Ring, Arthur Whitehead, member of the Executive Board of the International Longshoremen's Association, and the latter's wife.

Bridges, who drove the car,

Simpson Radios, 'Accept' For Meeting January 6

Lawrence B. Simpson, militant American sailor whose release was forced from the Nazi government last week, will be given a huge "welcome home" mass meeting Jan. 6 at the St. Nicholas Arena, it was announced yesterday.

The meeting will be held under the combined auspices of the International Labor Defense, the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners and the striking members of the International Seamen's Union.

Announcement of the meeting followed receipt of a telegram from Simpson declaring "accept plan for meeting Jan. 6." Simpson is enroute to America on the S.S. Roosevelt where he immediately went on strike in solidarity with the striking seamen. The S.S. Roosevelt is due Dec. 31.



JOSEPH P. RYAN

DINNER MARKS ALLIANCE - CPC UNITY ACTION

Leaders Conclude Plans for Protest Meetings in January

(Other W.A. news on Page 5 today)
More than 150 persons, representing Workers Alliance locals from New York, New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, attended a banquet last night, celebrating unification of the City Projects Council and the Workers Alliance in New York.

The dinner, at the Irving Plaza, marked the conclusion of two days of conferences, during which David Lasser, National President of the Alliance, and Herbert Benjamin, Organization Secretary, discussed with representatives of locals in the Eastern seaboard area plans for the Jan. 9 demonstrations and the Jan. 15 march to Washington, to protest WPA layoffs.

ASK WPA EXTENSION

Determination to carry on the fight for stoppage of layoffs, for extension of WPA and for increase of WPA wages was expressed at the dinner, and highlights of the drive to mobilize the January demonstrations were touched on in short greetings from various working class leaders present.

Among those who spoke, in addition to Lasser and Benjamin, were Israel Amter, for the Communist Party; Jack Altman for the Socialist Party; Herbert Bearman for the City Projects Council; Addison Storey for the Teachers Union; Sam Wiseman, for the New York Worker Alliance; and Benadon Sexton, chairman of the New York Alliance, was toastmaster.

E.R.B. STRIKE VOTE TONIGHT

47 Chairmen of Local Groups to Map Action on Open Exams

The strike committee of the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at 235 Seventh Avenue to determine its next step in the fight against competitive civil service examinations for ERB investigators, which are due to begin Wednesday.

The strike committee consists of 47 chairmen of local organizations of Home Relief Bureaus and the Executive Board of the AWPRA. Final action was deferred until tonight when the committee met Saturday, after Manager Abram Flaxer reported on possible steps to stay the action of the Civil Service Commission that may avoid the proposed strike of ERB workers.

The meeting tonight will decide upon final action after it hears of the outcome of several possibilities to hold off the examinations that still existed. Among those expected to intervene in behalf of the ERB workers was Mayor LaGuardia who had previously declared himself in opposition to competitive examinations. In their appeal to higher courts the ERB workers now also have the support of the ERB Board.

Twenty-one Known Dead in Kingston Launch Disaster

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 27 (UP).—The toll of known dead in the Kingston Christmas disaster, the capsizing of an excursion launch, reached 21 tonight when 10 bodies were found floating in the harbor.

The launch, carrying about 35 men, women and children, turned over in sight of thousands of promenaders. Eleven bodies were recovered yesterday.

A dozen passengers were dragged unconscious from the water and taken to hospitals after nearby boats rushed to the rescue.

It was Kingston's greatest tragedy since the 1907 earthquake.

Trapper Finds Wreck of Plane in Idaho

KELLOGG, IDAHO, Dec. 27.—The wreckage of a Northwestern Airlines transport plane was reported found yesterday by Fred Cunningham, a trapper.

Cunningham said that the wrecked airliner was found beneath the snow in the North Idaho mountains. He said he did not attempt to find the bodies of Pilots Joe Livermore and Arthur A. Haid, nor did he attempt to pry into the wreckage.

Many Feared Dead in Japanese Quake

TOKIO, Dec. 27 (UP).—Domestic News Agency reported repeated earthquakes today on the island of Mishima where one was killed and ten injured in a severe shake yesterday.

Five hundred residences were damaged and two were destroyed completely.

Natives feared that the quakes might cause an eruption of the Mihara volcano on nearby Oshima Island.

8,000 More Miners Strike in England

DONCASTER, York, England, Dec. 27.—Eight thousand miners who went on strike yesterday brought the total of striking miners here up to 11,000.

The coal workers struck yesterday in sympathy with 3,000 other miners who walked out six weeks ago in a strike against low wages.

RELEASE OF CHIANG BLOW TO JAPANESE

Soviet Press Says Tokio Wanted Civil War to Aid Land Grab

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—Japanese imperialists' hopes obviously received a severe blow by the peaceful settlement of the crisis created by the kidnapping of Chiang Kai-shek, the Soviet press commented today. The newspapers usually added that it is equally clear that Japanese imperialism is using all possible means of provocation and direct violence to cause new turmoil in China and prevent its real unity.

The Soviet press points out that the Japanese aggressors regarded the prospects of Chinese civil war as a new hope and possibly a very convenient opportunity for carrying through their plans to plunder China.

"The Japanese militarists regarded it as an excellent way out for them, from the difficulties raised by the increasing resistance power of China and the collapse of the Japanese attempt to seize Suiyuan province," say Soviet newspaper editorials.

"While the fate of internal peace in China hung by a hair, Japanese imperialism exerted every effort: 'Firstly, to cause a widespread internal conflict between Nanking and Chang Hsueh-liang.

JAPAN'S THREATENING STAND

"Secondly, to use the situation to convert the Nanking government itself into an instrument of Japanese rule.

"It is without doubt true that if Japanese agents and provocateurs of the Japanese intelligence service could have influenced the course of events during the Sian-fu negotiations, this influence would not have been towards peace. 'Japanese imperialists are unable to conceal their discontent and alarm aroused by the peaceful outcome. The Japanese press now merely expresses a hope that the commencement of the conflict has been undermined by the events in Sian-fu.

"The Japanese government takes a plainly threatening position. The Japanese military clique has expressed itself more frankly and directly towards China with 'serious consequences.'

The Soviet press is of the opinion that the crisis in China was settled by a compromise, with comparatively little harm done.

This outcome will be greeted with satisfaction by the friends of China throughout the world who, from the commencement of the conflict have expressed desires for a rapid and peaceful settlement.

Shanghai People Celebrate Release

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—Down with Japanese Imperialism and "Death to Japanese Invaders!" were shouts that mingled with the other slogans of the great crowds which celebrated in Chinese cities the release of Chiang Kai-shek.

Representatives of the Japanese military and Japanese naval attaches here received the news of the settlement of the Sian-fu incident with undisguised alarm.

200,000 in Nanking March to Airport

NANKING, Dec. 27.—A two mile long parade of 200,000 demonstrators celebrating Chiang Kai-shek's release marched to the air-drome here today.

General Ho Ying-chin, minister of war, read a message from Chiang, who has gone to a nearby vacation resort with his wife for rest. Chiang's message declared that the facts of the past weeks have proved the nation is organized and that the republic is a forceful state.

Mounted police and white uniformed nurses led the mammoth parade, which was participated in by all government, military, civic, labor, student, women's and journalistic organizations.

No particular attention is paid here to the formal statements from Chiang and his erstwhile kidnapper Chang Hsueh-liang, each taking

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SPAIN HOLDS NAZI SHIP CARRYING WAR CARGO; HITLER MASSES FLEET

Form Technical Aid Group Here for Spain

Noted Writers and Trade Unionists Organize Center to Help Trained Americans Reach Spain to Help Government

The American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy has been formed by a group of outstanding writers, authors and trade unionists, headed by Wald Frank, novelist and lecturer, as chairman, it was announced yesterday. Temporary headquarters have been set up at the offices of New Masses, 31 East 27th Street.

Frank stated that the group hoped to aid Spanish democracy by helping Americans with technical experience to reach Spain.

"There has never been any large scale industry in Spain that could be used on short notice for the terrific demands of war," Frank declared. "We hope to aid Spanish democracy by helping Americans with technical experience reach Spain so that Spanish workers may be released from the factories to go to the front."

INSPIRED BY BATES

Formation of the new group followed conferences held between

Ralph Bates, English novelist who arrived in America last Thursday, Wald Frank, John Howard Lawson, prominent playwright; Malcolm Cowley, an editor of the New Republic; Joseph Freeman, editor-in-chief of New Masses and others.

Officers of the American Society include: John Howard Lawson, secretary; and William Browder, business manager of New Masses, treasurer. Among other members are Paul J. Crosbie, World War Veteran; Malcolm Cowley; Isidore Schneider, one of the editors of New Masses; Joseph Freeman; Henry Hart, novelist; and Alexander Trachtenberg, International Publishers.

Surprise Attack Is Repulsed by Militia

MADRID, Dec. 27.—A desperate surprise attack by the Fascist forces which carried them across the Manzanares River and clear to the North Station resulted today in the attacking party being nearly wiped out and hurled back a mile behind their starting point.

The fighting, considering that it lasted only a few hours, was one of the most vigorous and bloody of all the battles in the war so far.

A short but exceptionally heavy bombardment by massed Fascist artillery in a sector that has been quiet during recent weeks preceded the frantic lunge by Fascist infantry.

HALTED AT STATION

The attack came with a rush across King's Bridge. The Loyalists' large quick firing gun, nicknamed "Peter, the Piper," raked them down. Machine-guns and rifle fire tore into them. Loyalists to the north, in the Barrio Users sector, launched a flank attack, and

the penetration of Madrid came to a halt at the North Station of the railroad, which is a mass of ruins from Rebel artillery and air bombardments.

The vast improvement during recent weeks in Loyalist discipline and training and in the tactical knowledge of the command then became evident. Within a surprisingly short time troops were shifted in trucks and autos from other sectors and the government's counter-attack developed, behind a barrage of machine-gun fire and trench mortar bombs. The counter-attack

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BRU - BATISTA ROPER ASKS SUPPORTERS MORE SUBSIDY DEMONSTRATE FOR SHIP LINES

'Agricultural Laborers' Brought to Havana to Cheer Fascist Tool

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—A demonstration of hundreds of supporters of the Bru-Batista government was organized in the capital today.

The demonstrators were brought at the expense of some person or persons unknown, or at least not stated, from all parts of Cuba, and were designated in official news stories as "agricultural laborers from the Island's poorest districts."

Bru descended to the front door and eagerly shook hands with all within reach.

Batista did not appear. He has remained behind the scenes throughout but since he quickly and vigorously ousted Bru's predecessor, President Gomez, there has been no doubt about who is the real head of the government.

His Report Declares Industry Lags Behind Others

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—A policy of more drastic action against unionism in the marine industry and more aid to shipowners in the form of subsidies was indicated today in his annual report to the President by Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper.

Roper stated that this was necessary to save the U. S. merchant marine and enable it to compete with foreign fleets. He claimed that the marine industry was declining while economy generally was steadily on the upswing.

Recently enacted legislation plus creation of the new maritime com-

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Wisconsin Spurs Action in Drive; 2 Seamen Shell Out Last Few Cents

success in the Wisconsin drive by the time set seems assured.

300 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Besides, Dennis said, it was also decided to obtain at least 300 new subscriptions to the Daily Worker in the same time. Thus, the Wisconsin district decision not only pushes ahead the financial drive, but simultaneously plans to help expand the "Daily" circulation—an example all other districts should follow.

There must be action similar to that in Wisconsin in all other districts. Money must be kept flowing to the Daily and every effort bent to complete the \$100,000 drive even ahead of schedule.

The other day two striking seamen came together into the office of the Daily Worker and turned in one dollar to the drive. They said they wished it was more, but they know how it is when there's a strike on, guys haven't got much.

"But we want the Daily to get what we've got because it's our paper and we're here to tell you the other fellows down on the waterfront feel just like us about it," one of the seamen said. "It's our paper, fighting for us and supporting us. And we'll support it all the way down the line."

Then the seamen went out and the dollar they left went into the

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1,500 Tons of Materials for Fascist Forces Aboard Freighter

NAZI PRESS SILENT

London and Paris Deny Offers of Colonies to Hitler

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Spanish government has no intention of releasing the German ship Palos, caught in the act of breaking the non-intervention agreement by running military supplies to the Fascists in Spain, the Spanish Ambassador here stated today.

Germany has presented a note, bearing characteristics of an ultimatum, demanding immediate release of the ship, crew and passengers, otherwise "reprisals" will be

Latest news from Berlin was a statement of an official spokesman of the German Foreign Office, who is reported to have said:

6 NAZI SHIPS OFF BILBAO

"Beyond yesterday's communique nothing is known here. Nor is it contemplated to issue any further comment regarding the freighter Palos today. We are awaiting the Madrid government's next move."

Other reports were that the Nazi government had given Spain "another day" to answer.

German warships are off the port of Bilbao, where the Palos is held after her capture near there last Thursday.

It was reported today that in addition to these six, the "pocket battleship" Deutschland and Admiral Scheer, the two most powerful vessels of Germany's new fleet built since the war, with the Cruiser Koeln and two flotillas of torpedo boats and destroyers, had been ordered to Spanish waters.

1,500 TONS OF WAR GOODS

In answer to the Nazi claim that the Palos did not carry a war cargo, the Spanish Ambassador here stated the ship carried 1,500 tons of war materials, including field telephones, and that two of her three passengers were Spanish Fascist agents returning from Germany to Vigo, the ship's destination.

Naval attaches reported today that the Palos, when stopped by the Spanish warships, had appealed to the British destroyer Flame for help, but the officers of the Flame replied it was outside their province. Meanwhile it was reported here today that Sir Eric Phipps, British ambassador in Berlin and Andre Francois Poncet, French ambassador, had submitted notes to Dr. Friedrich Gaus, head of the juridical department of the German Foreign Office. The notes were identical in import, and requested of the German government that enlistment of foreign volunteers for Franco's army should be halted. There is no indication that any action to be taken if Germany refuses was taken.

London, Paris Deny Colonies Offer

PARIS, Dec. 27.—French foreign office officials today vigorously denied reports current for the last two days that either London or Paris had made an offer of colonies to the Nazis.

The reports appeared, apparently from the same, semi-official and unnamed "foreign office officials" and giving in considerable detail the terms of the offer of colonies, Togoland and Cameroon, two former German colonies on the West Coast of Africa were mentioned as those to be returned. They are now English and French mandates.

The rumor was that Germany in return should pledge: "Full and lasting settlement" of European political and economic problems.

Stop sending "volunteers" or other troops to Spain.

Participate in controlled reduction of armaments.

Renounce territorial claims in Europe.

Cooperate with the rest of the world in a program of economic rehabilitation.

It is evident here that what has

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News Correspondent At Madrid Reveals Fascist Sympathies

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Lester Ziffren, until now United Press correspondent at Madrid, arrived here today, joining the already well established colony of Fascist-minded newspapermen who found Madrid and the Spanish civil war too hot.

In accord with custom, it is understood that Ziffren filed the usual atrocious story over United Press wires, thereby serving two purposes: his justification for leaving the center of conflict and his Fascist sympathies.

Tales of "ten-fifteen-twenty-thirty thousand executions" are to be expected.

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COLUMN LEFT!

For Mass Athletics A King in a Quandy Cover Charge on Your Light Bill

By Harrison George

BY PAYING too much attention to the national championships and the Olympic Games, we have lost sight of the average man who wants to get started in amateur athletics.

We think that too much cannot be said along this line. Since I played "andy over the schoolhouse" and class team baseball in my five months of high school, sports—as they are commercialized in this country—have lost all interest for me.

But athletics for the masses, the "average man," is something entirely different. And, if things pan out as Judge Mahoney proposes, maybe athletics will be athletics and not just big business.

Contests are O.K., and championships are fine. But for thousands of fans to sit on their sitters, get hoarse from rooting, and contended for lack of exercise themselves, they just ain't sensible, as well as being a perversion of athletics.

We want to see workers, rank and file workers, thousands of them, taking part themselves—not just squatting on the bleachers. We want to see gyms all over every big town, filled with workers doing all the athletic stunts that make a man and woman healthy in body and mind.

So we are really glad that the A. A. U. under new management, will help organize all that. And we think that there ought to be a foot race by the trade unions trying to beat each other to get into the A. A. U.

CONSIDERING matters of no consequence, we present the following news item of the United Press dated from Belgium:

"The newspaper Derniere Heure today said that King Leopold during the Yuletide holidays will announce his betrothal to either Princess Alexandrine or Princess Feodora Louise, niece of King Christian of Denmark."

"The perplexed fellow can't take both gals, so he must take "either" one or the other. Apparently there's not a dime's worth of difference between 'em. Looks as though the best out would be to draw straws."

SUPPOSE that, when you step into your grocer's to buy something, the grocer were to figure up your list and then say:

"Mr. Sucker, I am adding to the bill, besides the price of the items, a small sum that I consider, you owe me for the high privilege of being my customer. You have nothing to say about it. And you may as well pay it as you will not be able to escape by trading elsewhere, because all grocers have agreed to do the same. After all, you won't miss a mere dollar per month."

Now, if such a thing would happen, you would very likely begin throwing your purchases of canned goods at that grocer's noggin, eh? And protesting violently against any such absurdity. But the grocer might reply:

"Well, you see I must pay rent, and pay my clerk's wages, and at times pay a delivery boy to take your orders to your house. And why should I be burdened with all those expenses?"

Well, that's no more absurd than that 100 cent robbery that is put over on millions of electric light users in this fair city of New York. People in some cities do not, mind you, stand for such outrage. But in New York they do. YOU do, too!

Get out your electric light bill. I did. Look on the back and see what it says. On mine it says:

"Customer charge \$1.00 per meter per month, plus Energy Charge—5 1/2 c—First 50 KWH, 5c—Next 150 KWH, etc."

In short, before you get any electricity at all, you owe the company one dollar for the privilege they extend to you of being "a customer." It is NOT a minimum charge. No, sir! You must pay that \$1.00 "customer charge" no matter how much electricity you use. It is just plain "Extra."

It is a "cover charge," like those in fancy night clubs. But you don't have to go to night clubs, while you do have to have electricity.

Nazi Agents Recruit Scabs In Ship Strike

Hitler 'Labor Front' Strikebreakers Terrorize Crews—Fascist Propaganda Smuggled Into U.S. —Many Germans Among Strikers

German Nazis and direct agents of Hitler's so-called Labor Front make up a large part of the scab crews on the S.S. President Roosevelt, Harding, Washington, and the Manhattan, operating between New York and German ports.

These fascist strikebreakers are equipped with "phony" papers. Their families are in Germany and they pay taxes to Hitler's government.

So well organized are these bands of scabs aboard the ships that they terrorize the Americans or other nationalities in the crew. They openly carry on their fascist activities and are the avenue through which tons of Nazi propaganda is smuggled to American shores.

Such are the facts that striking seamen of these American ships revealed in interviews with the Daily Worker today.

"I am not bringing this up because these people are Germans. I myself am a German and a citizen," one striker from the S.S. Washington, a cook, stressed. "There are many of us Germans among the strikers and we have some of the best fighters. We find that fascists are strikebreakers no matter what country they come from."

The Nazis formed a well-oiled apparatus for recruiting strikebreakers, according to one of the seamen. He named a cook aboard the Virginia, who, while in port, acts as a go-between for strikebreakers and shipowners hiring agents. The usual procedure is to send fascist scabs to the Virginia. From there they are sent to other ships to scab.

"SCABS GIVEN FAKE PAPERS" "I know that at least 50 per cent of the men in the stewards department are German citizens and belong to the Nazi party or the Labor Front," said the cook of the S.S. Washington.

"Many of them have phony papers. I know of cases of men who have jumped on the ship without

GALLUP CASES TO GET REVIEW

3 Frameup Victims Still in Jail to Get Rehearing

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 27.—Three victims of the Gallup frame-up—Juan Ochoa, Leandro Velarde and Manuel Avila—now serving sentences of 45 to 60 years in the New Mexico State Penitentiary, will have their cases reviewed by the Supreme Court in January, the Gallup Defense Committee has announced.

The three remain of the wholesale imprisonment of militant workers that followed the attack upon miners outside the courthouse in Gallup April 1935 by deputies, in the course of which the sheriff was killed by one of his own men.

The workers, members of the United Mine Workers of America, massed at the courthouse yard to watch the trial of two workers who resisted eviction of a miner. Charging the workers, the sheriff and his three lieutenants fired into unarmed men and women. In the cross-fire between his own men Sheriff Carmichael was killed.

The sheriff's attack was turned into a general raid upon the homes of 600 families of miners who took part in strikes against the Gallup American Coal Company. Approximately 10 persons were held for examination of whom 62 were charged with first-degree murder. Forty-eight of these were finally shipped to the penitentiary but 34 were dismissed at the preliminary hearing. Of the 14 who still remained, seven of ten charged with murder, were acquitted without a trial, while the other three were convicted on second-degree murder on false uncorroborated testimony.

BLAME STATE IN KIDNAPING

Mitch Seizure Is Seen Result of Failure to Act in Gelders Case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 27.—Charging that the State's failure to act in the Gelders kidnaping and act in the Gelders invitation flogging case is "an open invitation to thugs, robbers and assassins," the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners today sent Gov. Bibb Graves a telegram protesting the kidnaping Friday night of William Mitch Jr., son of the president of the Alabama A. F. of L.

The kidnap victim is a student at the University of Indiana. His father is president of America in this district, state Chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and president of the Alabama State Federation of Labor.

The youth was kidnaped by two men, who left him tied and gagged four miles from Montgomery, after robbing him of cash, his father's car, and his shoes.

"The outrageous kidnaping and robbery of William Mitch Jr. is another example of what the people of Alabama may expect if you continue to permit such crimes to go unpunished," the telegram to Gov. Graves said. "The breakdown of law enforcement in the recent kidnaping, robbery and flogging of Professor Joseph Gelders and in numerous cases, is an open invitation to thugs, robbers, and assassins."

FREE PRESTES!



A mass picket line marches in front of the Brazilian Consulate, 17 Broadway, on the day before Christmas, demanding the freedom of the beloved Brazilian working class leader on the eve of his trial by the fascist Vargas regime.

British Labor M.P. Asks Arms for Spain

McGovern Tells of Horrors of Fascist Bombardment in Madrid—Saw Tenements Destroyed by Nazi Bombs—Hails People's Struggle

LONDON.—"Franco would not last a week if he had to depend on Spanish support," declared John McGovern, British member of Parliament, on his return to London from a visit of investigation to Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona and the Zaragoza front. His report is carried in the current issue of The New Leader, organ of the Independent Labor Party.

"No words of mine could adequately describe the marvelous achievements of the Spanish people and their leaders under heart-breaking difficulties," he says. "Future historians will fire the blood and quicken the pulse of their readers with the thrilling deeds of valor of the men and women who gave their lives in defense of humanity—deeds such as those of the unarmed workers of Barcelona, who rushed field and machine guns with their bare bodies."

"This is no civil war, but the attack of international Fascism. Detailed plans had been made long before July 19. The Fascist leaders of Germany and Italy had guaranteed material and human aid; in return, strategic military and naval bases in Spanish territory were to be ceded to them."

"I have spent some days in Madrid, and I have seen evidence of that fight for civilization. I have seen the city bombed day and night; public buildings, working class homes, hospitals, set on fire by incendiary bombs. Hundreds of civilians have been killed. Men, women and children have been blown to pieces while sleeping in their homes."

"One tenement I saw had been blown to pieces by a 500-pound German bomb; the whole tenement, seven stories high, was smashed to smithereens as the bomb fell from top to bottom. Thirty-seven lives were lost in this building alone. As we watched, workmen were digging in the debris for the bodies and the personal belongings of these poor human beings who had been so foully murdered. Bloody clothing and pieces of women's and children's limbs were being taken away to the mortuary."

"I appeal to the workers of the world to bring this tragic farce to an end, and to give the Spanish people the arms they desperately need to drive Fascism out of their country."

Archbishop Asks End of Attacks On Former King

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a broadcast tonight, told dignitaries of the Church of England to cease their attacks on former King Edward.

"In our national history the year that is going never can be forgotten, but its most recent vivid memories had better now be kept in silence," the Archbishop said.

Von Seekt, German War Chief, Dies

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—General Hans von Seekt, chief of the general staff during the period after the war when Germany illegally drilled a "hidden army," died at the age of 70 today.

He was a pronounced monarchist, and lost his position in 1926 because he invited Prince Wilhelm Hohenzollern to be an honored guest at Reichswahr maneuvers.

Edward, Free of Pomp, Yodels Lustily in Alps

ENZESFELD, Austria, Dec. 27 (UP).—Former King Edward yodelled lustily tonight to the accompaniment of an Alpine brass band serenading him at the castle of Baron Eugene de Rothschild.

WOMEN DRAFT CHARTER FOR SOCIAL RIGHTS

Open Campaign for Full Political and Economic Rights

The first draft of "A Women's Charter" issued yesterday by a large group of best known leaders of women's organizations throughout the nation opened a campaign expected to be world-wide in scope for full social and economic rights for women.

The charter had its origin in the assembling of a group of women's leaders to answer a request by the League of Nations and International Labor Organization for information and suggestions.

They constituted themselves "The Joint Conference Group of Women in the United States for a Women's Charter" and drew up a document declaring:

"ASK FULL RIGHTS" "Women shall have full political and civil rights; full opportunity for education; full opportunity for employment according to their individual abilities, with safeguards against physically harmful conditions of employment and economic exploitation; they shall be assured security of livelihood, including the safeguarding of motherhood. The provisions necessary for the establishment of these standards shall be guaranteed by government, which shall insure also the right of unified action toward the attainment of these aims."

"Where special exploitation of women workers exists, such as low wages which provide less than the living standards attainable, unhealthful working conditions, or long hours of work which result in physical exhaustion and denial of the right to leisure, such condition shall be corrected through social and labor legislation which the world's experience shows to be necessary."

This is the entire charter as drawn now in its tentative form. The Joint Conference Group, however, released yesterday a document explaining in detail each demand. Thus, "full opportunity for work" includes, the Group says, pay in the form of "full share in the fruits of industry." It means likewise safeguarding in machine production and under "the forms of organization of modern industry," women from "physical harm and social injustice" which threatens them "to an even greater degree than men, unless the tendency to any form of human exploitation is controlled or eliminated."

"SECURITY OF LIVELIHOOD" "Security of livelihood" involves a guaranteed living wage, and old age pensions.

"In this section of the charter, women challenge modern industry to eliminate crises," says the joint committee.

The charter has a preamble which declares: "This charter is a general statement of the social and economic objectives of women for women and society as a whole, insofar as these can be embodied in legislation and governmental administration. It is put forward in order that there may be an agreed formulation of the purposes to which a large number of women's organizations throughout the world already are committed."

"It is recognized that some of the present specific needs which it seeks to remedy should disappear as society develops the assurance of a more complete life for every person; and some of its objectives would establish conditions which should be attainable for all persons, so that in promoting them for women it is hoped thereby to bring nearer the time of their establishment for all."

The charter is submitted to any and every sort of organization for discussion and comment. Any organization which endorses its principles will have a right to send delegates to a national conference to be held in the Spring, which will form a permanent body to push the charter through the League of Nations and I.L.O. Delegates will be sent also from the American conference to a European conference on women's welfare later next year.

Mary Anderson of the Women's Bureau serves on the Joint Conference Group. Among other prominent women in the Group are: Mary van Kleef, of the Interprofessional Association; Rose Schneiderman, National Women's Trade Union League; Mary R. Beard, the historian; Linn Brestette, National Council of Catholic Women; Mrs. Arthur Brin, National Council of Jewish Women; Elsie Harper, Young Women's Christian Association; Dorothy McConnell, Women's Committee, American League Against War and Fascism; Edith Valet Cook, National League of Women Voters, and leaders of consumers, college, trade union and other organizations.

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French Mayor Broke Promises; Ousted by Voters

VILLE FRANCHE SUR MER, France, Dec. 27.—The Radical Socialist mayor here who broke his election promises and failed to carry out a united front relief program was forced to resign today when a great throng of townspeople demonstrated at the city hall.

The Communist Party had insisted on the relief measures when they entered the united front campaign. Before the mayor resigned a detachment of the mobile guard was ordered here from Nice. The incident was closed by the time they arrived, but it is said they seized the town hall from the crowd which was occupying it.

Chicago Party to Aid Spanish People

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—An hilarious New Year's Eve party, with half the proceeds going to the Medical Aid Fund for the Spanish People, is the year-end program of the Chicago Cultural Collective.

Music and dancing, and a floor show with vaudeville and puppet shows featured, is included. "Delicious drinks expertly mixed and served," and a dinner, will top off the affair, held in the Ivory Room of the Capitol Building, 150 No. State Street. Tickets are \$1 per person. The door opens at 9 P.M.

Soviets Soon To Ballot Under New Charter

Direct and Secret Ballot Is Basis of Voting as Russian Republic Goes to Polls—Deputies Subject to Recall—Report Regularly

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—Elections on the new basis of direct and secret ballot will be held soon throughout the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, largest of the eleven republics which make up the Soviet Union, it was announced here today. Deputies to village and raion (county in the country, ward in the city) and city so-

viets will take place at the same time and by the same procedure. So will the election of members of oblast ("region," like an American state) and autonomous oblast soviets.

It is clearly stated in the announcement of the elections that all deputies to Soviets hold their office at the will of the electorate, and are subject to recall at any time by majority vote of their constituents. Every deputy must report regularly on his work to those who elected him.

"ALL MAY VOTE" Such a provision will undoubtedly be part of the new constitution of the R.S.F.S.R., discussion and adoption of which will be the main business of the congress of soviets of the Russian republic when it meets.

In the elections, citizens of other republics of the U.S.S.R. and foreign workers, if they are within the territory of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, will have the right to vote and be elected to office. It is not necessary to go through any naturalization procedure or abandon foreign citizenship.

The draft constitution for the Russian republic, made necessary by the adoption of the new constitution of the Soviet Union, is already prepared and was made public today by the constitution commission of the R.S.F.S.R. central executive committee.

"POWERS SPECIFIED" The new constitution is completely in accord with the constitution of the whole country. It takes into account and specifies the powers of the 17 autonomous republics within the R.S.F.S.R.: the Tartar, Bashkir, Buryat-Mongolian, Karelian, Volga-German, Kalmyck, Daghestan, Khabardino-Balkyrian, Komi, Crimean, Mari, Mordovian, North Ossetian, Udmurt, Chechen-Ingush and Yakut Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics. In the same manner it provides for the continued existence and specifies the powers of the six autonomous regions, including the Jewish region of Birobidjan, and of the ter-

ritories, oblasts, raions, cities and villages, which make up the rest of the R.S.F.S.R.

Article 13 of the new constitution reads: "For the purpose of bringing about mutual aid in economic, political and defense matters, by all the Union republics, the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic is united with the other equal soviet socialist republics: the Ukrainian, White Russian, Azerbaijan, Georgian, Armenian, Turkmenian, Uzbek, Tajik, Kazakh, Kirghiz, into a united state, namely the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

"On this basis the R.S.F.S.R. affords the U.S.S.R. the rights specified by Article 14 of the constitution of the Soviet Union. Beyond the limits of this article, the R.S.F.S.R. exercises independent state power, fully preserving its sovereign rights."

"PREPARE CHARTERS" A similar provision will undoubtedly be incorporated in the constitutions of the other union republics. Article 14 of the union constitution refers to the government of the U.S.S.R. complete control over a stated list of activities: foreign affairs questions relating to army, navy and air force, foreign trade, transport and communication, monetary and credit system, plans of national economy and the general state budget, labor legislation, criminal and civil codes, control of the basic principles governing the use of the land, forests and waters, and similar powers.

Article 18 of the R.S.F.S.R. constitution states: "Every citizen of the R.S.F.S.R. is a citizen of the U.S.S.R. Citizen of other union republics within the territory of the R.S.F.S.R. have identical rights with its citizens."

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SPAIN FILM IN CHICAGO

Benefit Performance To Raise Funds for Spanish People

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—A motion picture benefit to raise funds for the mothers and babies of Spain will be given at Orchestra Hall here on Wednesday evening. The show is under the auspices of the Spanish Relief Fund Committee which is cooperating with Luis Perez, the acting Spanish consul.

The program will include 10,000 feet of film on the Spanish situation. Some of the scenes were taken in the trenches during the most stirring battles. Two cameramen were killed while making the film which is entitled, "Hell Rains On Spain."

Charles Francis Drake, noted lecturer, will give a descriptive talk on the pictures. Only one showing will be given.

PASSPORT IS DENIED MILLER

Consul Refuses to Give Him Necessary Papers To Avoid Germany

The life of Alfred Miller, anti-Nazi and former editor of Producers News, in Plentywood, Montana, has again been threatened by the German government, according to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Immigration officials have notified the American Committee, which is conducting the anti-Nazi defense and attempting to prevent his return to Hitler Germany, that the German Consul has refused to issue a passport for Miller, thus preventing any possibility of his securing permission to enter some country other than Germany. The German Consul is willing to issue a passport for Miller good only for a one-way trip to Germany.

WHAT'S ON Philadelphia New Year's Eve Party and Dance, benefit of Daily & Sunday Worker, Vikings Temple, School and Sheffield. Celebrate New Year's Eve with Ward Branch (East) of the C.P. at 2735 W. Hirsch Blvd. Elaborate floor show, cutting continuously to a lively orchestra until 7. Excellent foods prepared in the dining room. Cash gifts, decorations, frolic, fun. Adm. 35 cents.

Chicago, Ill. Cultural Collective New Year's Eve Big Show. Sammy Sigmund & Orchestra, Capitol Bldg., 159 N. State St. Call Nevada 1946 for reservations. Note: a share of the proceeds to go to Medical Aid Fund for the Spanish People.

Chicago, Ill. "SPAIN and the Future of Europe" will be discussed by Scott Nearing on Sunday, January 3rd, 1937, 2:30 P.M., at 159 N. State St. Ausp: American League Against War and Fascism.

Newark DINE! Wine! Dance! Lift the Lid New Year's Eve Cabaret and Floor Show at Kruger's Hall, Ausp: Communist Party, Newark.

Boston, Mass. New Year's Ball of the Communist Party of Boston at Convention Hall, 56 St. Botolph St. Refreshments, dancing, floor show. Adm. 65c. Tickets can be obtained at 8 Beach St.

DETROIT Ring in 1937 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Thursday Eve. Dec. 31st 9 P.M. - Early Morning FERRY HALL 1343 EAST FERRY JIMMY DAVENPORT and his Orchestra REFRESHMENTS AUSPICES: COMMUNIST PARTY

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WOMEN KILLED, PRISONERS SLAIN: THAT'S FASCISM



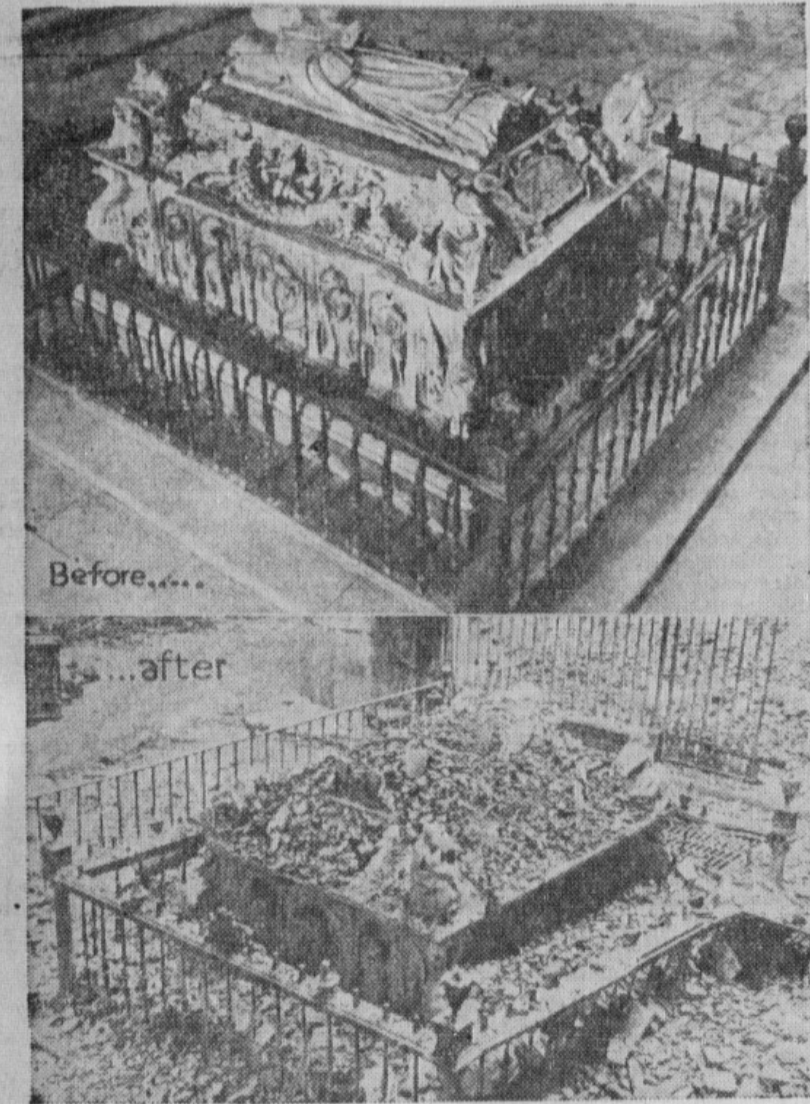
These two young women were blasted to death by General Francisco Franco's Italian and Nazi bombers. Stopped by the fighting militia and international brigade, Franco's men find it easier and think it much more glorious to cover the streets of Madrid with the bodies of helpless civilians, men, women and little children.



Mass funerals for noted Loyalist leaders who fell in battle at the head of their troops are shown in the pictures above and upper left. The weeping woman in the lower of the two photos is mourning at the funeral of Buenaventura Durruti, Anarcho-Syndicalist leader who co-operated fully in the united front government, and was one of the first to organize a column to fight at the front.

The photograph to the right shows one of the typically atrocious crimes of the Fascists. It is the body of Jose Antonio Galarzo, Spanish Loyalist plane pilot, who was forced to land back of the Fascist lines, taken prisoner, brutally executed, his body chopped into bits, placed in this box and dropped with a parachute into Madrid during a Fascist air raid. The intention was to terrify the Loyalist forces. Its effect was to make them more determined.

Spanish Rebels howled to high heaven earlier in the war that the Loyalists were "destroying religious edifices" and "dishonoring the graves of saints." To the left see two pictures of the tomb of an historic church dignitary, before and after a Fascist bombardment.



Two staunch and loyal women of Madrid, one with her hand raised in the Red Front salute, a gesture of defiance also to Franco's death-dealing vultures in the sky.

To the right, samples of Spanish Fascist plane bombs and shells picked up after a bombardment of working class quarters in Madrid. They show by their markings they are "Made in Germany."

To the left, photograph of a swindle put over by the Franco military junta on its Moorish troops. This is one of a number of such bills, worthless German pre-war 1,900 mark notes, which the Moors are induced to take as their reward for risking their lives in Franco's army.



Utilities Lose and 'Daily' Drive Gains

Men of Concord Rush Funds for \$100,000 Drive - Flint Workers Bolster Fund with Contributions - Kings County Units Go Over the Top

One public utility has lost a customer: The Daily Worker \$100,000 drive fund is boosted thereby.

The following letter, which came with a \$1 contribution, tells the story:

"Reading your editorial of Dec. 10, I reply to your question, 'Have you got the gas and electric heebie-jeebies?' I noticed long ago that the utility companies took me for a sucker and this is the reason electricity has been eliminated in my humble home for the last three years. (Burning candles.)

"Thus, despite working, if lucky enough, only three months in the year, I am still able to spend a dollar bill here and there for better purposes than throwing it to the utility sharks.

"However, knowing that we cannot fight single-handedly, I am glad to see that here, too, the Daily Worker leads the struggle against the wholesale robbery."

THE MEN IN CONCORD AID DAILY DRIVE

There's a new book out, titled, "Men of Concord," which deals with Ralph Waldo Emerson and his coterie. Today there are other men in Concord, N. H., with clearer social vision, and so the Concord Unit sent in \$6.

TEN SLUGS FROM FLINT WORKERS

"To lick ole man depression, we must beat hell out of ole man capitalism," writes a reader from Flint, Mich. "Here's hoping your paper delivers the knockout punch, also herein is ten slugs for your \$100,000 hope chest. Sockem."

KINGS COUNTY BRANCHES GO OVER TOP

The first three branches in Section 8, Kings County, to go over the top in their quotas were Branches 3, 5 and 7. Branch 3 beat its quota by \$50. This is the unemployed branch whose quota was \$25. Branches 5 and 7, with quotas of \$225 each, exceeded this by \$43 in the case of Branch 5, and by nearly \$75 in the case of Branch 7.

THIS UNIT MAY TRIPLE QUOTA

When you have obtained your quota early in the drive, go out to exceed it 100 per cent. That's what Unit 17 R, Section 16, Kings, believes. It completed its quota of \$75 some time ago, through solicitations, forms and other methods. Now this Unit is well on its way to raising another \$75. If it completes this sum soon, it's going to start in to triple its original quota.

PRESS DINNER NETS \$12 FOR 'DAILY'

The Lithuanian organizations in Los Angeles held a Press Dinner to support the revolutionary press of America. As a result, \$12 was sent in to the drive fund for the Daily Worker.

SEATTLE, OMAHA PUSHING AHEAD

Seattle, Wash., pushed ahead in the drive by sending some more funds, this time \$92.80. Omaha, Neb., sent in \$5.11 after having sent the first 10 per cent of their quota, \$15, some time ago.

HOUSTON NEGROES SPEED DRIVE

The Negroes of Houston are in the drive, too. Of \$7 that came from the Houston Section of District 20, Texas, \$5 was from the Fifth Ward Negro Unit, while \$2 came from a Tool Shop Unit. But the latter won't let the Fifth Ward keep ahead of it without a struggle: It has pledged \$5 in the near future. The South Side Unit previously sent in \$30.85.

COMMONWEALTH STUDENTS SEND FUNDS

Commonwealth College is in the Daily and Sunday Worker \$100,000 drive.

"We'll fulfill our quota very soon," a letter from Commonwealth College Unit said, sending in \$5.12 as the first instalment.

SYRACUSE UKRAINIANS BOLSTER THE DRIVE

The Ukrainian Workers Club of the I. W. O. in Syracuse, N. Y., held an affair for the benefit of the "Daily," and netted \$19.15, which was sent in with hearty wishes for a successful financial drive.

\$500 COMES IN FROM CHICAGO

From Chicago came \$500. Out there, Section 4 led, at the time this was collected, by turning in \$67.80 of the total. Section 5, with \$65, was second, and Section 3, with \$40, third.

With the Unions

Roast Turkey Parades on the City's Docks as Friends Donate Christmas Meals - Cigarmakers Win Two Strikes

Well, thanks to several thousand New York trade unionists and other friends, the seamen 'round these parts did all right for themselves Christmas. Our sleuths report that there were a few tons of roast turkey and chicken parading on the picket lines Christmas night—inside the seamen of course.

And don't think it didn't help the strikers. It's good to know that scattered throughout the city are legions of friends rooting for the seamen to win. And one of the finest ways of letting the strikers know your friendship is to do it the way a couple of thousand New York workers did it Christmas night.

Incidentally, Armando Ramirez, secretary of Cigarmakers Union Local 144 reports that his local contributed one thousand high quality cigars to the striking marine workers on Christmas.

Now—if the New York local unions would only work a little faster in raising funds for the waterfront strike, we could start the new year off with a bang.

CIGARMAKERS WIN TWO STRIKES

While on the subject of cigars, and Local 144, we wish to announce that the Cigarmakers Union has

Australia Signs Pact with Japan

CANBERRA, Australia, Dec. 27 (UP).—It was officially announced today that a trade pact with Japan had been concluded.

The pact will continue for 18 months, during which time Japan will buy 800,000 bales of wool from Australia and Australia will buy Japanese textile products.

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COMRADES! TRY REAL CHINESE FOOD JADE MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT 197 SECOND AVENUE

Alliance Mobilizes Unemployed for March to Washington

Trade Union Backing In Fight on Layoffs Sought by Leadership

Wide Support for Demands Sweeps Over Nation as Groups Map Plans for Demonstrations on Jan. 9 and March to Capital Jan. 15

Mobilization for the Jan. 9 nation-wide Workers Alliance demonstrations and the Jan. 15 march to Washington to protest WPA layoffs spanned in numerous meetings throughout the country over the week-end.

In New York, the second day of a regional conference was featured by a meeting of the White Collar Division of the Workers Alliance yesterday morning and a banquet last night attended by 75 Alliance leaders from New York, New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Similar conferences have already taken place in Minneapolis, Chicago and Cleveland.

Plans to enlist support of the trade unions—on the basis of endorsement of the Workers Alliance by the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O.—were discussed Saturday at the general meeting of the leaders and at yesterday's White Collar session.

CHICAGO MEETING

In Chicago the newly organized City Projects Council called a spectacular emergency meeting for Jan. 2 to prepare plans for the Jan. 9 and Jan. 15 demonstrations.

Widespread South Dakota support of the Workers Alliance demands for WPA reinstatements, cessation of layoffs, and extension of the relief program, already backed by numerous militant mass meetings, got endorsement of the state legislature.

"These lay-offs are murder," Albert Dalton, president of the Cleveland Federation, charged, announcing that the trade unions will picket WPA projects if the lay-offs do not stop.

Oklahoma jobless' preparations for the January demonstrations were given impetus by the dramatic sit-in of Bert Zellner, who with his wife and seven children occupied relief offices in Oklahoma City, announcing they would remain until he got a job.

HOPKINS PROMISE BROKEN

In Topeka, Kansas, the statewide organization known as the Kansas Allied Workers, affiliate of the Workers Alliance, passed resolutions reminding President Roosevelt of his Madison Square Garden speech, demanding that he "live up to the letter and spirit" of it, and protesting lay-offs which have been increasing in the Kansas WPA settlements.

David Lasser, national president of the Workers Alliance, yesterday declared that Harry Hopkins' promise—"no one in need of relief will be dropped from WPA"—is not being kept, but on the contrary unemployed are being slashed off the rolls of the WPA, on purely mechanical and arbitrary percentage basis camouflaged with so-called "re-investigations."

Enthusiasm ran high in the New York conference, the fourth of a series of regional meetings in which Lasser, Herbert Benjamin, national organization secretary and other outstanding Alliance leaders took part. At the White Collar Division meeting, plans were discussed for running special trains to Washington, Jan. 15, stopping at points en route to pick up delegates.

DEMAND \$1,250,000,000

Local mass demonstrations and the Washington march were called by the National Executive Board of the Workers Alliance of America to answer the strong pressure from Big Business on President Roosevelt and Congress seeking to slash WPA, through abolition of work-onto-the-labor-market, and break down labor standards.

President Roosevelt's hint that he would ask for \$500,000,000 to carry relief through June 30 was met by the Workers Alliance demand for at least \$1,250,000,000, to keep the two-and-a-half million WPA workers on the job. WPA employment to 300,000 employables on direct relief, restoration to WPA of 250,000 farmers being thrown into the Resettlement Administration, and a 20 per cent increase in WPA wages.

WHAT'S ON

Tonight
COAL and Iron Empire. Harvey O'Connor, speaker. Harold Coy, chairman. Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Plaza, Monday, 8:15 P.M. Concert and Dinner. New American Writers. Adm. 35c.

Volunteers report for Lenin Memorial Pageant rehearsal tonight. Experience unnecessary. Top floor Parliam Review Hall, 430 5th Ave., near 9th St. New York State Communist Party.

New Year's Eve
SWING away at Palm Gardens at Palm Theatre, New Year's Eve Frolic. Palm Gardens, 32nd St. West of 4th Ave. Adm. \$1.25 in adv. \$1.50 at door. Make your reservations early! Get tickets at New Theatre, 115 W. 42nd St., New York State League, 117 W. 46th St., and all workers bookshops. Dance to Club Valhalla Swing Band!

New Year's Eve Floor Show featuring Block and Sully and other Radio and Vaudeville Stars. Dance to Sherry Madras C.B.S. Orchestra at Bronx Winter Garden, Washington & Tremont Aves., Bronx. GALA New Year's Eve Party. Dance to Sherry Madras C.B.S. Orchestra. Refreshments galore at 4 West 18th St., 8 P.M. Sub. 40 cts. Aupp. Allerton I. W. O. Community Center, 862 Allerton I. W. O.

STOP SLASHING WPA, SAYS S. D. LEGISLATURE

Endorses Demands for Reinstatement of All on Drought Relief

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 27.—Demands of a "people's lobby" for cessation of WPA layoffs and for reinstatement of all drought relief farmers and WPA workers were endorsed by the South Dakota legislature in a set of resolutions.

The legislators, meeting a special session, heard Oscar Brekke, of the Farm Holiday Association, who was chosen as spokesman of the People's Lobby.

The "people's lobby" was formed following an unprecedented wave of protest mass meetings throughout the state, in which WPA workers and other unemployed had the backing of businessmen and professional people.

After hearing the "people's lobby" spokesman, the legislature passed the resolution, calling on the Federal administration to stop layoffs and restore jobs to those already dropped from WPA rolls.

JOBLESS PUSH YOUTH DRIVE

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Fifteen representatives of Workers Alliance locals in Cook County have launched a campaign among unemployed young people, backing the Cook County Youth Congress drive in support of the American Youth Act, a drive which will reach its climax in a city-wide rally on Jan. 23.

The Workers Alliance, which has endorsed the American Youth Act (Benson-Amle Bill), will send delegates with the Chicago youth committee that will go to Washington on Jan. 29 to press for the measure. Delegates from other parts of the country will participate in the Washington gathering of the bill's backers.

Among other things, the Benson-Amle bill provides for vocational training at trade union wages for unemployed young people between the ages of 16 and 25, and for tuition and other aid for needy students.

Chicago Center New Year's Eve Party for Daily

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—New Year's Eve will whop it up for the Daily and Sunday Worker financial drive. The Midcity Workers Center here plans to fill its quota pledged in the drive by a big party to welcome the New Year with dancing and song, and evil spirits from pocket flasks. A dance orchestra and special entertainment will be on tap, at the P. M., 777 W. Adams Street, from 8 P.M. till everybody goes home.

WHAT IS Happening in China, a symposium by Harry Gannes, Dr. J. H. Lin and R. A. Howell of "China Today," Fri. Jan. 2nd, 8 P.M., Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Pl and 15th St. Tickets 25c at all Workers Book Shops. 35c at door.

VARIETY Concert and Entertainment, Steinway Studios, 113 W. 57th St., Studio No. 804, Saturday night, Jan. 8, 1937, 8:15 P.M. Chamber Music, Haydn, Bach; Vocal Operatic gems; Satirical Drama "The King of the Cats" in valets, fox trot, etc. For men and women beginners. Registration daily, 2-10 P. M., 804 57th Ave. (14th St.) GRAMERCY 5-9264. Pallas.

LIVING AMERICAN ART, an exhibit of reproduction of modern American paintings by 54 leading artists. Workers Bookshop only, 50 E. 13th St., N.Y.C., during the whole month of December. Also for sale at 55 a reproduction of your favorite painting. Quantity and time absolutely limited.

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JOBS, NOT HOLLY



A jobless Santa Claus with a bag full of WPA pink slips led some of the thousands of New York's unemployed in a Xmas "celebration" at City Hall Park. Across the street, Mayor LaGuardia officiated at a gaily lighted tree, giving some of the city's poor kids a Xmas hand-out, and leading them in singing of carols.

CHICAGO WPA WORKERS PUSH FIGHT ON CUTS

Project Council Will Press Campaign to End Layoffs

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Plans to continue the campaign started with the sit down demonstration in Chicago W.P.A. headquarters were drawn up at a meeting of the newly organized City Projects Council, early this week.

The plans include a mass demonstration and picket line, on Jan. 9, and a mass meeting Jan. 16, to elect delegates to go to Washington to demand that Congress provide a billion and a quarter dollars to carry on needed W.P.A. work. A special emergency meeting, Jan. 2, will call together trade union workers, to organize support for the movement among the W.P.A. and other relief workers.

The City Project Council was organized during the "sit in demonstration" and is composed of the unions that took part in that move and some outside supporters. It held its first meeting just before Christmas, and worked out the plans for continuing the fight begun in the sit down, against layoffs and curtailment of the relief work program.

The emergency meeting of Jan. 2, to which all trade unions have been asked to send representatives, will meet at 63 W. Ontario St. Its purpose will be to organize support for the further actions of the groups on public works projects, in the fight against layoffs, and reduced wages.

The council plans to make the January 9th picket line around Merchandise Mart, offices of W.P.A., a real demonstration of protest against the layoff and cut down policy. Enthusiasm for such action is much higher since the sit in.

The mass meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10, will select representatives to go to Washington, where they will meet delegates from all parts of the United States to urge on Congress the demands of the Workers Alliance for a billion and a quarter deficiency appropriation to continue W.P.A. in full force until private industry reemploys the workers.

Carrying on the same program, Workers Alliance branches in the city are holding mass meetings, to boost the Jan. 9 demonstration picket line, and to elect delegates to go to Washington.

Delaware Jobless Bill Comes Up In Legislature

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 27.—The Delaware Unemployment Insurance Bill, designed to bring employers and employees under the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, will be taken up Monday when the legislature convenes in special session.

To become effective as part of the Federal set-up, the bill, passed and signed by Gov. Buck, must reach Washington by Wednesday in order to be certified before midnight of Dec. 31.

The bill to come before the legislators tomorrow provides for setting up of a state Unemployment Compensation Commission, which will absorb the present Delaware State Employment Service.

LABOR PUSHES SOCIAL BILLS IN ILLINOIS

Illinois Federation Asks Legislature to Act on Jobless Bill

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—An eight-hour day for women, unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, full train crews, and increased workmen's compensation payments, will be sought by the Illinois State Federation of Labor at the next session of the Legislature, which begins Jan. 6.

The eight-hour law for women failed by a single vote in the last legislature, after a sharp struggle between labor and employers' organizations. The defeat of several reform bills in the November elections makes passage of the bill unlikely now.

Reform of the present pension law which provides a maximum of \$30 a month, if the applicant proves he is a pauper, will be pressed, as will the unemployment measure.

The full train crew bill has been defeated in many legislatures, but the Federation continues to present it as well as the demand for increased payments under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

Reuben Soderstrom of Streator, who was the Federation's spokesman in the legislature, will not be there next session. Running as a Republican, although supporting Roosevelt, he was defeated in November.

Hunger in Oklahoma How They End It

By Robert Wood
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 27.—A young Oklahoma worker refused to starve. Refused to see his seven children and his pregnant wife go without food, the cabin without coal to warm it.

This is an important tale of a courageous worker. His staunch heart should act as the lever for setting in motion thousands all over Oklahoma who find themselves today in similar bleak plight.

Bert Zellner is from Tuttle, Oklahoma. Born and raised he is in this small town of a few hundred people. Most of them are tenants; a few are small farmers, some are farm hands.

A large part of the population is on WPA, engaged in building a new school and a sewer system. There is a sewing project for the widow women and dependent women.

Bert Zellner worked on the sewer project until early September. He left his wife and family behind at that time and went into Arizona to pick cotton. His wife was to have her eighth child in some months and Zellner wanted to try to get a little money put away; he could hardly succeed in saving even a few dollars out of the \$23 a month a received from WPA.

FACE STARVATION
He returned from Arizona. Reassigned to WPA, he worked for seven days and was cut off.

The full-toothed smile of Roosevelt had turned into a death leer for the thousands upon thousands of unemployed workers. Even while laboring on WPA, they were receiving hardly enough to keep stomachs fairly full, pay house rent, purchase a buck pair of overalls, a few things for the wife and kids. Now Roosevelt flaunts the election's meaning. And literal, bitter star-

CP Leader to Run for Governor in Virginia

Burke's Program Includes Planks for Social Laws, Full Rights for Negro People and State Aid to Tenant Farmers, Sharecroppers

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.—Donald Burke will be the Communist Party candidate for Governor of Virginia in the November, 1937, elections, it was announced today.

Confirming announcement of his candidacy, Burke said that the "people want a New Deal in Virginia, they want what they voted for when they rejected Landon and the reactionaries who ran in the State."

Burke called on progressives in the Democratic Party to turn down the candidacy of James H. Price, who has already made a public statement that his nomination is "in the bag." He also urged that they refuse to permit the reactionary Glass-Byrd-Price machine impose its hand-picked slate. This, he said, could be done by nominating a progressive ticket, around which all labor, farm, liberal and other progressive elements could rally.

URGES FARMER-LABOR PARTY
"If that is done, or better still, if a Virginia Farmer-Labor Party is launched, I may withdraw my candidacy, and the Communist Party will unite with progressive forces to defeat the reactionaries," Burke said.

Broad outlines of the Communist Party platform for 1937 were indicated by Burke in his announcement. It will include:

Abolition of machine control in government; enactment of initiative, recall and referendum legislation; adequate social security measures; a program of slum clearance, public housing, and public works; progressive labor laws; abolition of the wage differential between North and South; full rights for the Negro people; state aid to farmers, especially tenants and sharecroppers; higher wages for teachers, and more schools; abolition of the road gang prison system; sharply graduated income tax legislation.

"In Virginia's coming election," Burke concluded, "Price is the candidate of Carter Glass, who was repudiated by 90,000 voters in the last election. Price is the candidate of the Virginia Manufacturers Association."

I.L.D. Winter Fund Is Far From Goal

Only \$5,000 of Needed \$20,000 Has Been Received to Aid Labor's Prisoners and Their Families—Unions Speed Gathering of Funds

By Rose Baron
Secretary, Prisoners Relief Fund, International Labor Defense

Now that Christmas has come and gone, with all the excitement and bustle of buying and giving and receiving gifts, we are all settling down to the prospect of facing a long hard winter.

As we announced at the beginning of our 1936 Christmas and Winter Relief drive for labor's prisoners and their families, we had to set ourselves a quota of \$20,000. Necessarily dictated this quota—the necessity of attempting adequately to meet the needs of hundreds of families throughout the land whose breadwinners are in jail, the needs of the prisoners themselves.

Our Christmas and Winter Relief drive does not aim at providing holiday cheer to labor's neediest cases. The most important aim of our drive is replenishing the Prisoners Relief Fund which must function all year round.

Thus far the 1936-37 drive has brought in \$5,000—only one quarter of our goal. The needs of labor's prisoners and their families absolutely demand the complete fulfillment of the \$20,000 quota.

The response to date has been extremely discouraging. Funds sent in came not only from individuals who read of our work, or whom we reached by direct communication or direct contact with I.L.D. members, but from organized groups and many trade unions.

It is impossible to list them all here, but there were many locals

RAIL COMPANY UNIONS SEEN DISAPPEARING

Labor Organizations Increasing Strength, Survey Shows

(By Federated Press)
WASHINGTON. — Company unions in the railroad industry are gradually disappearing and national labor organizations are growing in strength, the National Mediation Board reports in the annual accounting of its work.

The board was established by the Railway Labor Act, passed in June, 1934, and serves the railroad industry in the same capacity as the National Labor Relations Board serves workers outside the rail industry.

In the period between July 1, 1935, and June 30, 1936, the time covered in the report, the representation of 146 crafts or classes of employees was in dispute. Of these the national labor organizations secured 114 certifications, 22 went to "system associations," and seven to local unions.

"As compared with the preceding year," the report says, the number of cases involving disputes between labor unions, national and local, and system associations or unorganized workers decreased from 75 to 70, the number of crafts whose representation was in dispute dropped from 247 to 146, and the number of employees involved from 78,000 to 53,000.

"The significance of this decline in disputes between labor unions and system associations or unorganized employees is that gradually the representation of the employees on most of the railroads is being taken over by the national labor organizations. The system associations are disappearing and the unorganized employees are voting for representation by the national labor organizations."

The board notes, however, that disputes between national labor organizations as to jurisdictional and other inter-union problems have been growing. Last year the board had 18 of these cases, while in the period covered by the report 42 such cases were handled.

87 NEW FACTS
It adds that there are indications that "the utility of these disputes is becoming so apparent to membership in the organizations that they may be expected gradually to disappear."

During the year there were 87 new agreements between carriers and employees. Of the 87 new agreements, 67 were made by national labor organizations, 12 by local unions and 8 by system associations.

These organizations negotiated 75 per cent of the agreements on class I roads, 85 per cent of those on class II roads, and 83 per cent of those with switching and terminal companies. Of the 3,485 agreements, only 651 were negotiated by company unions.

SUB SHIPYARD WORKERS JOIN C.I.O. UNION

New London Electric Boat Co. Employs Present Demands

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 27.—The talk among the workers of this area is the successful organizing drive of the Committee for Industrial Organization through its affiliate, the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.

Hundreds of workers of the Electric Boat Company in Groton have joined the union in the last few days. The few small concessions by the company, such as announcement of a bonus for time lost during the Christmas and New Year holidays, obviously aimed at staving off the drive, went without effect.

The Electric Boat Company is now engaged in constructing submarines for the United States government and came into prominence during the Nye munitions investigation.

In 1933 the New London Central Labor Union, under the leadership of J. Nicholas Danz, signed up hundreds of shipyard workers under a charter that was promised by William Green, president of the A. F. of L. But officials of several craft unions that claimed jurisdiction among shipyard workers, protested such charter, with the result that the organization of shipyard workers that promised to grow, fell apart.

The present C.I.O.-directed organization is here to stay, is the generally accepted opinion, and in the near future the union expects to demand collective bargaining as the sole representative of the shipyard workers in this area.

of the United Mine Workers of America, the Newspaper Guild, Garment Workers union, Carpenters, Seamen, Metal Workers, Auto Workers.

The Christmas gifts of money, clothing and toys were sent in time to arrive before Christmas to our American prisoners.

Simultaneously with our own Prisoners Relief Drive we conducted a successful campaign for medical aid to the defenders of democracy in Spain, a drive that will not flag until victory is theirs. Medical supplies worth \$7,500 have already been shipped. Another shipment of serums, surgical instruments, etc. \$3,000 in value is ready. There is also \$2,000 cash for the purchase of more medical aid.

We give this report to show that our work of solidarity has just begun. Three long months of cold and hardship lie ahead. Our fund will be able to function as it must only if our quota is filled. We appeal to all the friends of liberty and justice who have not yet contributed to our winter drive, to do so as quickly as possible and ask them to send their contributions to the national headquarters of the Prisoners Relief Fund, Room 610, 80 East 11th Street, New York, or to any local office of the International Labor Defense.

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On to Washington Against WPA Slashes

Action around the question of appropriations for the WPA is becoming a rallying center in which the future course of the Roosevelt government can largely be determined on issues of social legislation.

WPA appropriations, it is clear now, will be the first and most decisive fight before Congress.

For whatever action is taken on the WPA will not only be decisive for the unemployed workers, but would set the tone for the future trend of the whole policy of the Roosevelt government. The reactionaries will recognize this situation, and for that reason are exerting such terrific pressure to gain a victory on this initial, and key issue.

What is involved, therefore, is not only the problem of the maintenance of millions still unemployed, but of defeating the latest maneuvers of the forces of reaction, who this time are seeking to push Roosevelt from his middle-of-the-road policy substantially to the right.

What is most immediately required to defeat the reactionaries' latest steps is the rallying of the progressive forces within Congress to put through the WPA program of the Workers Alliance. And then, behind such a progressive bloc in Congress to build up a broad people's movement in support of the absolutely necessary legislation to protect the workers' interests, the interests of the farmers, of the unemployed, and to preserve the gains and rights won in the fight against reaction.

Around the immediate issue of WPA adequate appropriations, as demanded by the Workers Alliance, such legislators as Congressman Maverick of Texas and Congressman Boileau of Wisconsin, who in the past have associated themselves with progressive measures; and such Senators as Nye and LaFollette, are in a position to take the lead of bringing all the progressive forces together in Congress for action.

Congressional action on WPA can be most effective if the nation-wide demonstrations called by the Workers Alliance for the 9th of January, to demand a \$1,125,000,000 budget for WPA, is really representative of the tremendous mass sentiment for this action which actually exists. Further, Congressional action can be made effective if the "On to Washington" appeal of the Alliance for January 15 gets the warm support of the labor movement of the whole country.

Expressions of support so widely pledged by the trade unions, progressive groups, and the many organizations throughout the country to the Workers Alliance must now be translated into action behind the nation-wide demonstrations and the "On to Washington" call of the Alliance.

A strong people's movement developed around the central issue of WPA, so decisive for all other issues facing the American people, can force Congress to appropriate adequate funds, and can have important effect on the whole policy of the Roosevelt administration, and serve as a sharp rebuke to the latest maneuvers of reaction.

The Daily Worker Faces A Momentous Year

The Daily Worker faces a new year. One does not have to dig deeply into world politics to see that it will be a momentous year.

We all want to see our paper, so indispensable in the great struggles looming before us, utilized to the maximum.

The past year has seen many improvements in the Daily Worker. We are not resting on any laurels. What has been accomplished only emphasizes what must yet be achieved.

But we feel hampered, dragged back by heavy financial burdens.

Because of the advances made by the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, because our paper increases its vast news service, its special articles, its photographic and art work, we can understand how some readers may not see that behind it all there is the grave threat of drastic curtailment instead of speedier progress because we lack funds.

We want to begin the new year with those improvements that every reader of the Daily Worker wants.

We want, in the coming year, to win new thousands of readers and magnify the effectiveness of the Daily Worker in every

struggle of the American workers — in strikes, union building, the formation of a national Labor Party, in the legislative battles, against War and Fascism.

We do not doubt for a moment that our readers, our sympathizers will come to our aid.

But we do not think the seriousness of the financial situation has been made sufficiently clear. Aid which will come is lagging.

And delay can be as harmful as failure to grant the necessary aid.

With the help of the Daily Worker readers—with the funds which makes our paper possible—we look forward to a new year of greater achievements of our paper.

Dedicated to Negro Youth

One week from Sunday will see the opening of an impressive and dramatic week throughout the country.

It is then that the National Negro Youth Week begins.

For seven days there will be brought to the attention of the entire American people the bitter difficulties hampering and handicapping the Negro young people.

There is the vicious Jim Crowism of the South, with all that it involves through the years of life of the Negro. There are also the ostracisms and discriminations which mar the North. Denial of equal opportunities for schooling and disbarment in advance from numerous fields of work are but a part of the unjust conditions which look the Negro young man and young woman in the face, as they set out on the road of life.

The week of January 10 will be a prelude to the All-Southern Youth Congress, to be held at Richmond, Va., in February. It can be said beforehand that this congress bids fair to be a landmark in the fight for justice by the Negro people. This stirring of the Negro young folks in their own behalf is a happy event that deserves welcome and support by their fellow young people throughout the country.

That Green-Morrison Interview—and Unity

The American Federation of Labor executive council seems to be trying hard to imitate the fabled dog in the manger.

News out of Detroit last week told of new gains in the stay-in strikes and of the general advance of unionism in the auto industry.

At that moment when these organizational successes were enthusing the workers of the country, William Green saw fit to grant an interview attempting to throw a cold blanket over the steel and auto drives.

This interview was granted exclusively to the New York Sun, Tory Liberty League organ. It let the world know again that the executive council has nothing to do with the great union organizational campaigns in the basic industries.

Secretary Frank Morrison chose to say a lot more. Morrison stressed that the United Automobile Workers was "a suspended union." To which statement he added:

"The C.I.O. and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have been carrying on their organizing under their own agreement and we are not in any way interfering with their activities, except when they are interfering with ours. But they are interfering with a number of our internal organizations. We have received many complaints."

Which can be interpreted: The steel and auto union drives are organizing many workers whom the A. F. of L. executive council never did organize and under its present set-up never can organize.

Which can also be interpreted as a threat by the council that it will try, by employer collaboration, to interfere with the great march onward of the workers in the steel and auto industries. That is more bluntly called strikebreaking.

There has been overwhelming proof that the rank and file of the A. F. of L. unions do not share this view. They understand full well that a tremendous strengthening of their own unions and conditions will come from victory in the big basic industries. Already a wave of organization in the miscellaneous trades is accompanying the C. I. O. drives.

Let the local unions represented by this rank and file speak out, now as never, on the steel and auto campaigns. Let them show the Open Shop interests that all labor is behind these splendid unionization drives.

Resolutions supporting the organization work of the C.I.O. in steel and auto and the other basic industries will not only help to plant the union banner firmly in these big citadels of the Open Shop. It will also be a major help toward that unity of the trade union movement, on the proper basis, which the great opportunities and challenges of 1937 so pressingly demand.

Another District Heard From

Earl Browder:
Seattle general membership meeting unanimously endorsed your report to Central Committee which was discussed by the District Organizer. We pledge to put into effect the four-point program. The meet-

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

A trial balance of week-end events, despite the fact that the Nazi oracle at Berchtesgaden has not yet spoken, is favorable to the anti-fascist and peace forces of the world.

The defenses of Madrid and of all Democratic Spain are stronger. General Franco is so deeply bogged that the Hitler-Mussolini wrecking crew can save him.

Chiang Kai-shek's release served to demonstrate that Japan's efforts to split China are not only failing but have resulted in speeding the unification processes.

Unity of China sows disunity among the top ranks of the Japanese ruling strata.

The Tokio military clique seem to know only one way of stopping Chinese unification. That is by severing it with the sword.

Never in the history of Japan were the military clique and allied fascist groups faced with so powerful an opposition to its schemes as they are today. The "national unity" which the militarists achieved by their coup of Sept. 18, 1931, with the invasion of Manchuria, is fading. Popular opposition to the Japanese imperialist war plans is alarming the military.

At the same time British and French public opinion is perceptibly turning against the scandal of the non-intervention farce.

However, one must take with a dose of salt the talk of an impending Anglo-German show-down over Spain. The Baldwin cabinet, it is safe to say, does not want Hitler completely to retreat in Spain because that would insure a People's Front Government victory. Unlike previous choices before Hitler, the present situation does not demand, as is commonly agreed in the European press dispatches, an "either-or" decision.

Hitler, in fact, can come to apparently "peaceful" agreements with Britain and France, and yet continue covertly his aid to Franco, at least sufficiently to drag out the war to a time more favorable for German Fascism than today.

The weaning of Mussolini away from Hitler, furthermore, does not preclude continued Italian aid to the Spanish fascists, though it may be agreed that the struggle over spoils and sharing the costs persists.

Faced with mounting popular protest against Nazi and Italian Fascist assistance to General Franco, as well as with the possibility of serious injury to its own imperialist interests, the British Tories did warn Hitler. The warning, however, was more in the nature of friendly advice than hostile threatening. For overzealousness on Hitler's part can do the pro-Nazi section of the British cabinet more injury than a Nazi partial retreat in Spain.

The chief reason for this danger to the effectiveness of Hitler's well-wishers in London is the substantial fear in Paris that continued trailing of London's Spanish policy would cost France heavily.

Rather than face a rupture of Anglo-French understanding, the British Tories are impelled to berate Hitler, whispering to him at the same time: "This hurts me worse than it does you."

However superficial the breach between Hitler and

his Tory friends it is wide enough to be made into a substantial gap if the Labor Party and Blum under the growing pressure of mass dissatisfaction with his non-intervention farce, take full advantage of the situation.

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TO WASHINGTON JAN. 15! by Gropper



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this trick of pacifying the war maniac with the very colonies he craves for. Hitler will always insist on bigger doses to quiet his war frenzy.

The too-frequently broached "solution" of the present situation created by German Fascism of granting colonial concessions would provide explosive fuel to the Nazi war machine and can under no circumstances stop Fascist aid to General Franco.

Hitler's war threats can not be met with bribes but only with the firmest voice of all anti-Fascist forces. And the Labor Party in London as well as Blum in Paris are able to win the necessary support to say "no!" to Hitler on all points.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

N.Y.A. Students Protest

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is the manner in which the needs of the N.Y.A. students are crassly disregarded by the Administration.

After meeting the requirements of attending classes, and maintaining a high degree of scholarship, and also carrying out a program of 15 hours regularly assigned work each month, one must be patient for a period of two weeks after each month before he can receive his check. A student therefore receives \$6 less at the conclusion of the school year.

It was delegated by a group of students to present this situation to the N.Y.A. Administrator in New York. After acquainting him with the conditions I told him that the students would come to him in mass if their grievance was not properly adjusted but I was told not to do such things. I assured him that mass action is the only action understood by the Administration, whereupon I was told that everything would be properly taken care of.

Now I am more than positive that mass action is the only universal language.

D. C.

Support the Burke Bill

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is hardly necessary I believe, to state the position of importance that the nurse holds in the hospital—the two are always linked together. Ofttimes, the nurse has her life practically linked up in the hospital. It is not unusual to find a nurse working six days a week, twelve hours a day or 72 hours on some of the most grueling work.

The Burke Bill, which provides an eight-hour consecutive day for all nurses in city hospitals, has already passed the Board of Aldermen unanimously. The firemen have received recognition of their services by the granting of the three-platoon system.

Is it not time that nurses whose valuable services have been recognized by the Board of Aldermen be quickly recognized by the Board of Estimate and the Mayor?

M. T.

Longshoreman Tells of 'Shake-up'

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a reader of your paper and a member of the I.L.A., East Coast, may I point out to your readers why we on the East Coast have the degrading and demoralizing "shake up" (hiring of longshoremen by stooges for the bosses) instead of hiring halls run by the union as on the West Coast.

The West Coast longshoremen have the leadership of honest, militant workers, led by Harry Bridges. We on the East Coast have the leadership of a strikebreaker, one who accepts bribes from the shipowners, who acts like a fascist dictator in the conduct of union affairs, Joseph P. Ryan. The delegates of many locals were never elected by the members but appointed by Ryan. These delegates work for the shipowners as "straw boss." Thus they collect money from both ends.

ing discussed yours and Foster's emergency call for the Daily Worker, pledged to raise \$250 by January 1 and challenged the other districts to do the same. A special committee has been set up to mobilize all forces for the Daily Worker drive.

Report
District Organizer.

These so-called delegates go as far as to hire non-union men in order to prevent those workers who fight for their just demands from getting work.

Organized labor on the waterfront will make great strides forward in spite of these traitors to the workers. With the formation of a strong national Maritime Federation those who go down to the sea in ships will gain their natural right to work and live as human beings. They shall carry to all parts of the world that famous slogan, "Workers of the World Unite!"

A. Q.

A 'Chain Letter' for Spain

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Many of my friends are enthusiastic well-wishers of the government of the people of Spain, but do not know how they may aid them. It occurred to me that a chain letter, a direct appeal would be a means of giving information to these people. The letter could briefly state that the principles for which the Spanish people's government is fighting for is for the right to determine their own government by democratic means.

An appeal could then follow for clothing, shoes, blankets, and medical supplies to Spain. The person strating the chain should enclose a two-cent stamp to start the chain going, urging each person to do likewise. Last, but not least, the address of the place where the supplies could be directed should be added.

If everyone continues to forward the letter until the enemy of democratic Spain is completely driven from Spanish soil, the courageous Spanish people will be the victors. To save Spain may mean to save all Europe and even the Americas for democracy.

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NOTE: All supplies may be sent to The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, at 149 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The Utilities Steal

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I lived in a suburban section of Brooklyn for five months so that my baby could have pure air.

The place that I lived had no hot running water, so I had to use the gas to heat my own water. The result was that our gas bill was almost three dollars a month which I can ill afford because I am unemployed and I find it very difficult to get along on the meager relief that I receive.

I tried to economize by using less gas. In spite of the fact that every day I cut down on the amount of gas by limiting the boiling of my baby's laundry to every other day, the next gas bill was exactly the same amount as the previous bill to the very penny. I couldn't understand this at all so I took my complaint to the gas company to be adjusted. After some trouble a meter reader was sent to my home to check up but he said that the meter was in good working order. I therefore got no satisfaction. It is my opinion that after the meter is read, the company adds on to the bill.

The only way I see out of this dilemma is for the workers and farmers of this country to organize themselves into industrial unions and into a strong National Farmer-Labor Party so that we will be able to fight against these monopolies which are robbing the public.

H.A.

Prisoner Sends Season's Greetings to 'Daily'

Rikers Island, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to thank you for the Daily Worker you have been sending me.

It certainly is good to know the Party is getting along and I enjoy every page of the Daily Worker. I hope that you are able to continue sending it to me.

Wishing you and all Party members a Merry Xmas and a good New Year.

A PRISONER.

Laboratory Technician Refutes Old Adage

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am a volunteer laboratory technician in a large hospital. I work six days a week and receive nothing, not even carfare in return. This has been going on for eleven months, with only the vague assurance that if an opening should occur, I will receive preference.

In spite of the fact that I have a B.S. and M.S., in spite of the fact that the paid technicians are miserably overworked, and that the volunteer workers are doing valuable analyses which are used for diagnoses by the hospital doctors, no provisions are being made for increasing the number of paid technicians.

How well the hospital directors refute the old adage, "You can't get something for nothing!"

M. G.

Reminder of America's Traditions of '76

New Haven, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I for one do not hold any ill feeling for the ex-king as a man, but as an American I cannot understand the tone of the newspaper articles, or the tone of radio comments by well-known American commentators.

Why this tone of deep sympathy, for whom and what? Have we forgotten so soon the history of our Republic? The tone of the commentator Edwin C. Hill in the "Human Side of the News," in speaking on the case, makes one feel that he is still affected by the domestic events of England, that in his heart he still feels that we in America are still subjects of Great Britain.

Have we in America forgotten 1776? Our forefathers who bled in Valley Forge and died on Bunker Hill? These people suffered and gave their lives that a new form of Government might be born. A Democratic form of Government. Our forefathers hated the Crown so and all that it stood for with its "Taxation Without Representation" and the levies it demanded from its subjects of the Empire. Does not the King receive \$2,000,000 per year as his salary for wearing the Crown in addition to many more hundreds of thousands of dollars to other members of the Royal Family—leeches on the public Treasury?

Our sympathies should be with the millions of subjects of the Crown, to throw off this burden of being tied to an old Royalty that in addition is only a figure-head in the Empire. Tradition is darned expensive for the millions who must pay the taxes that run the government and pay allegiance as well.

Let the "Human Side of the News" speak for the real American point of view as we were taught it by our forefathers, Washington, Jefferson, Paine, Franklin, and others, to show the way to humanity that Monarchy is an institution of the past. S.E.

READER-CORRESPONDENTS:

SPEAK FOR YOURSELVES.
LET THE DAILY WORKER STAFF KNOW YOU'RE READY TO DEFEND YOUR CORNER OF THE EDITORIAL PAGE.
A PENNY VOTES FOR "LETTERS FROM OUR READERS!"

Duke of Brisbane Was Not a Friend

Those Who Lived in Shadow of Hearst's California Empire Cared Neither for the Boss Nor His Chief Satellite

By Beth McHenry

Arthur Brisbane dies and the Hearst newspapers are heavy with tears and anguish and almost forget to have the REDS EVACUATING MADRID, they're busy pouring syrup into the obituary of Arthur.

Arthur Brisbane dies and it seems to me he's been alive forever, playing Man Friday to the old man we used to call the "ogre of the ranch." Everyone in the little town where I grew up didn't like Willie or Brisbane either, and there was plenty of local resentment against the periods of Hearst occupancy in that county.

The Hearst Ranch was up the coast about 50 miles from San Luis Obispo and the townspeople were ex-farmers and small business people and railroad workers. They didn't like the Hearst outfit because of its morals, chiefly, as I remember it. Old Willie was always bringing a swarm of Hollywood "highfliers" up to San Simeon and it offended the sober San Luis Obispo people.

They didn't like the way he ran his six hundred thousand acres of the finest land either, refusing to give jobs to the people he'd taken the land from and persecuting the little ranchers until they sold to him for just a speck of what the land was worth.

A Zoo Without a Fence

There were other things, too. The wild animals that roamed the Hearst woods unrestrained—a pair of every kind of rare, wild species, from Africa and South America and Australia. They sometimes would knock down a fellow and chew him, and no damages paid by Hearst.

My grandmother's old friends had once owned much of the Hearst land and at seventy had neither land nor money, though Hearst let them live in a house on the ranch and let them take up the role of picturesque characters. Don Pancho was a proud old Spaniard and he rode a black horse handsomely. It was he who led the parades during Fiesta week in San Luis.

Well, most of the time these people, who had been tricked into becoming dependents, didn't say anything against Hearst. The fact of the matter is that none of them said much if anything at all about the land they once had, their heirs and what had happened to it. It was the tone of voice rather than the words spoken that revealed the deep underlying feeling. They didn't like the lady drunks from Hollywood who filled the place weekends and they didn't like the whims of Marion Davies that were satisfied so readily while the Spanish settlers lived so poorly.

Whenever the townspeople talked about the Hearsts they invariably included Arthur Brisbane. Some laughed at the terrace walks the ogre would take mornings, and at how Brisbane who was a smaller man than Hearst would hurry to keep step with the master. And some hated Brisbane for other reasons—because he gave advice on the market in his column that made them lose all they had.

In fact, looking back and trying to remember just exactly the way those people out there felt about Arthur, I don't think they're going to miss him so much. He was always so much a part of old Willie, the ranch, or a bugle, that the two could never be dissociated and I know they're not going to weep when Willie dies. Even if you took out the politics, they wouldn't weep. The old people keep remembering the land he squeezed them out of and the vulgarity he has brought to a quiet Spanish California community.

Opening Tonight AROUND THE CORNER—a new play by Martin Flavin which deals with the life of an American family in a small mid-Western town. Among the play's stars are Charles Coburn, Lillian Emerson, Milburn Stone, Donald Mitchell, Cyrus W. Kendall and Merle Madsen. Bertram Harrison directed and Lodevick Vroom produced. At the 48th Street Theatre.

Kirstein and Modern Dance

Thoughts On New WPA Head of Dance Projects

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The dances of the Federal Project may rejoice. Their collective efforts have at last forced the resignation of Don Oscar Becque. For many months they have fought to replace Mr. Becque. They suggested the names of Mary Jo Shelley, Grant Code and N. Herndon to Halle Flanagan, National Director of the Federal Theater Projects. Lincoln Kirstein was finally chosen. Mr. Kirstein has long been known as one of the staunchest supporters of the Ballet, reviving its age-old esthetic to suit our own times, and a bitter opponent of the modern dance. He is, himself, the director of the American Ballet and the author of many articles in defense of the "courtly etiquette and artificial elegance of the four-hundred-year-old Classic Ballet."

At present the WPA dance project is composed of modern dancers. Of the eight dancers only a handful belong to Ballet. What Mr. Kirstein intends doing with the various types of dancers remains to be seen. No doubt the modern dancers will be unwilling to have their different techniques lumped with Lincoln Kirstein's very definite ideas on the modern dance will undoubtedly cause some stir on the project. In an article in the October issue of the "Dance" he states that the modern dance is just a rationalized logic of individual idiosyncrasies. "The great public is conservative, but to a remarkable degree, sensitive. It cares little, as a whole, for art forms which chiefly rely, for their existence, on being experimental."

The doctor's advice can also be supplemented by reading the pamphlet on pre-natal care which is issued in the United States by the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C. Similar pamphlets are undoubtedly issued by the Canadian government.

We could send you a reply on the question of vomiting and headaches today, but tomorrow another symptom may arise. What are you going to do then? Would it not be wiser to be taken care of by someone on the spot, who actually can see what is going on and can treat you accordingly?

Intercourse is inadvisable during the first three months and during the last two months. This is not on account of the action of the semen because that has no influence whatsoever. The physical activity associated with intercourse during the first three months of pregnancy may often produce a miscarriage. After the eighth month, it may cause the bag of waters to break, or there is a possibility of introducing bacteria or germs into the vagina, which may produce serious infection in the mother after the baby is born.

"UNSUING HEROES" FILMED

Cecil B. DeMille will produce a series of pictures dealing with America's "unsung heroes." The first of these is the story of Jean Lafitte, noted privateer who, with a price on his head, allied himself with Andrew Jackson and held Louisiana against the British at the battle of New Orleans. Research for the picture, which should go into production next April, has already begun. The title is "The Buccaneer."

There will be some changes in the cast of "The Eternal Prodigal" during this fifth and last week at the Ritz Theatre. Liza Parnova will be replaced by Charlotte Leteaux, who has understudied her for months, and in the meantime will replace Leteaux in some incidental bits in the first act in addition to playing her role as the madame in a boarding house scene in the second act. The production has broken all records in dance history for consecutive performance of a single ballet in one continuous run.

"The Eternal Prodigal" is the first appearance of WPA Dance Theatre on Broadway and its fourth production during its first year.

BUY "MEAL TICKET" Richard Aldrich and Richard Myers have acquired a new comedy, "The Meal Ticket," by Herman J. Mankiewicz, for production this season. Harry Wagstaff Gribble, who has staged "Aged 26," will direct.

Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

- NEWS BROADCASTS 8:00-WJZ 8:30-WEAF, WJZ and WABC 9:45-WOR 11:00-WEAF, WOR, WABC 11:50-WJZ-CLASSICAL MUSIC 3:00-WJZ-AMSTERDAM Orchestra WQXR-Classical Recordings 3:30-WABC-Lydia Hoffman-Behrendt, Piano 4:15-WABC-Concert Miniatures 5:30-WEAF-Richard Crooks, tenor, and Maudie Spaulding, soprano TALKS, SKETCHES AND COMEDY 2:00-WEAF-American Educational Forum-Chinese Education in a Modern World 2:30-WJZ-Shakespeare and the Theatre Today; Leslie Howard WABC-Science Youth Movement Forum 4:00-WJZ-Co-education in the Modern World Forum 5:00-WJZ-Education for the Modern Woman-Forum 6:15-WEAF-Amateur Status of College Athletics-John L. Griffith 7:30-WEAF-American Association for the Advancement of Science Convention 8:00-WEAF-Fibber McGee and Molly-Somebody Loves Me WOR-Lessons in Hollywood-Connad Nagel, actor 9:00-WJZ-Play, with Herbert Marshall 9:30-WJZ-Jack Pearl, Comedian 10:30-WJZ-National Radio Forum WJZ-What Do You Think? Should Professors Be Active in Politics? 8:00-WABC-Horace Heidt's Orchestra 8:30-WJZ-Jack Arthur Revue 9:00-WJZ-Kogan Orchestra

NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

In Epic Film of 1905



Two of the leading performers in the Cameo's new Soviet film, "Revolutionists." K. I. Tarasova, (left) plays the leading role. The picture deals with the organization of the Bolshevik Party in the days of the Czar and leads up to the Revolution of 1905.

Indomitable Chicago Hits Back at Theatre Censors

"Sunrise in Dixie" Answers Ban Against WPA Production of "Hymn to the Rising Sun"

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The Chicago Repertory Group, which jolted complacent Chicago playgoers into an awareness of the labor struggle when it presented "Waiting For Lefty" at the Civic Theatre a year ago, has completed the fifth in a series of original musical reviews which include "America What's It To Thee," "Hearst's Review," "The Innocent Bystander" and "If This Be Reason."

The chief number, a playlet entitled "Sunrise in Dixie," is a parody of "Hymn to the Rising Sun." Paul Green's prize-winning play, which was banned during its opening performance by the Federal Theatre, because it dared to portray a chain gang realistically.

Critics and playwrights alike have been outspoken against the censorship which prevented Chicago from seeing this play in addition to "Tobacco Road," "The Children's Hour" and several others during the past year.

Said Gall Borden of the Daily Times, "It [censorship] has militated against workers in the theater, but has not stopped any obscenity or any subversiveness. Censorship always overreaches its original goal. With producers afraid of City Hall morally, we can be assured of a definite consignment of la-de-dah musical romances, some meaningless melodramas, and a profusion of bedroom farces in which poor girls always marry multi-millionaires and audiences go home swearing they will never again waste \$2.20 on a play when they can get the same stuff in the movies for a lot less."

The Ruling Clawss



"All I can get out of him is that he's from one of America's best families."

Burns and Allen Go to School

"College Holiday," a Sometimes Funny Comedy at the Paramount

"COLLEGE HOLIDAY," Paramount Pictures presents a screen musical based on a story by J. P. McEvey. Italian War, Henry Meyers and Jay Gorney. Directed by Frank Tuttle. At the Paramount Theatre.

That the plot, the part of it that can be recognized as existent, is a goofy and silly thing, goes without saying when the presence of the above are borne in mind. Picture our Mary Boland encased in an extra wide bedsheet and a Greek pompodour, believing with all her heart in Eugenic Selection.

Visualize little Etienne Girardot as Professor Hercules Dove, the living example of Eugenic Selection, who believes his daughter the young woman with the perfect mind in the perfect body, the dream of every man. And daughter, called Calliope, is known to the uninitiated as Gracie Allen.

Rehearsals Today

Rehearsals for YCL Pageant Casts of the Current Theatre, Youth Theatre and members of the Young Communist League are now going through extensive rehearsals under the direction of Theodore Korday, well-known director and lecturer and Jack Manes, executive director of Current Theatre, in preparation for the Lenin-Liebknecht - Luxemburg memorial pageant which the Y. C. L. is presenting on Jan. 15 at the St. Nicholas Pageant, 66th St. and Broadway.

This Is the Final Week Of 1936 Movie Contest

Select Your Choice from List of Films Released During Year—Movie Tickets Offered as Prizes to Winners

When you go to the movies, do you like thrillers? Or comedies? Or films of the Soviet Union? Or are you one of the Grete Garbo fans? You have the opportunity of discovering whether you are a typical fan or one of those who are more discriminating in the Daily and Sunday Worker's Ten Best Films Contest which closes next Saturday night, Jan. 2.

Furthermore you stand an excellent chance of winning guest tickets to half a score of Broadway theatres which are cooperating with the Daily and Sunday Worker in the contest.

First prize will be twenty free guest tickets to ten leading theatres. Second prize will enable you to see five films during the month of January without cost. Third and fourth prizes will give you three pairs of guest tickets each and there are ten more prizes of two pairs of seats each.

All you have to do is to follow the rules published on this page. Write a letter of one hundred words or less and send in your choice of films. The writer of the best letter will be awarded first prize.

You are permitted to send in more than one choice. Any film you have seen during 1936 is eligible as a subject of your letter. British pictures are included as well as those made in France, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Belgium, Holland, etc.

You may use the coupon printed below, for your choices; or you may write them on any other piece of paper and send them to us. Many contestants have already sent in their entries. However, the time of receipt in this office does not count in judging the winners. So long as your letter bears the postmark of Jan. 2, 1937, or if it is received by hand in the Daily Worker office before midnight of that day, you are eligible for prizes.

Movies of 1936

A large table listing various movies from 1936, including titles like 'The King Steps Out', 'The Music Goes Round', 'The Green Pastures', 'The Devil is a Sissy', etc.

A table titled 'THE 10 BEST FILMS OF 1936' listing movie titles and their corresponding ranking numbers from 1 to 10.

Advertisement for 'REVOLUTIONARIES' featuring 'The Birth of the Revolutionary Movement in Russia' and 'The Case of the Black Cat'.

Advertisement for 'WPA FEDERAL THEATRE' with a 25c to 55c price range, listing various shows and performance times.

NEW ANGLES ON LABOR SPORTS

By Mike Kantor

There's one advantage in writing a column for a paper like the Daily Worker—an advantage that naturally enough the other guys on the capitalist sheets can't indulge in. Although a good Guild man sometimes does get in a nice item or so about the average man in the street and how sports affects him or vice-versa.

I was beginning to talk about the advantage of writing for the Daily Worker particularly when it comes to sports. There's always an angle in the game which unknown to the boys who support it but vicious and crooked just the same is never played up. The scribes either don't like to talk about them or else are paid to keep their mouths shut. This can be done best through the dictum of the sheet itself. But here's an angle which only the Daily has mentioned and will continue to mention and will bang away at until we have achieved what we're after. And that's labor sports!

Nine times out of ten if we were going to talk about any other sport as much as we do about workers' sport, someone would be writing in and saying why in hell don't we shut up already or pick on something else to write.

Workers Like Sports

But they don't say that about labor sports and they never will. Why? Because the worker knows what in the name of athletics is good for him and what isn't. True, he's been forced to shell out his shekels to professional racketeers and sportsmen who give him the screw end of the deal most of the time, anyway. But after all what's he going to do when he wants to see sports? He's got to depend on the boss enterprises for his cheers and whoopies.

The worst of it all is the playing end. Plenty of workers and poor folks like to kick a ball around or toss one in a hoop or bang a lousy horseshoe through a fence. Where and how and when is the enigma that finally forces him to wind up giving his Olympic all for the capitalist sport franchises or outfits synonymous to them.

Take the worker in the small mining or steel town. For that matter the fellow who's working in some big house in some big city. He likes sports. Can play 'em. Is there any labor group to take him in and give him the team, the gym, the advantages? Does his union provide athletic leagues, give him equipment, really get him going? Nine times out of ten, it's no. What else is there for him to do but make his athletic talents the property of his boss? It's done in a hundred ways.

The bosses organize teams, give their men opportunities for practice, outfit them, get up a schedule, trophies, leagues, pay their traveling expenses, ballyhoo and publicize their combination and the men fall for it. They're bound to because the trade union and labor generally hasn't got around to it yet. In the meantime, these men who may be material for the finest union struggles find their consciousness and their entire development with their working brothers split.

That's the purpose of the bosses in getting company and industry teams up in every sport. They figure they can use the theory of exploitation and stool-pigeoning to a much better degree through the realm of sport.

There was the case of one of the best girl court players in the country a few years ago playing for some mid-west woolen house. She was a good union member. But the ballyhoo, the extra money, the newspaper lines, the attention and the glamor attached to her basketball name finally turned her into a first-class stool-pigeon who did her best to wreck the union.

Labor Sports Ahead

That's why labor sports are so important. That's why they must become the means for workers enjoying their sports among their own union members, among their own class-conscious brothers.

The slogan "Build a Mighty Labor Sports Movement" is a serious one and must be made into a reality. The groundwork has been laid. It needs playing and more planting. Then watch the results! Get behind the slogan you amateur clubs and trade union teams. There's a Labor Sports Carnival next July at Randall's Stadium sanctioned by the A.A.U. The country's best will be doing their stuff.

Labor has its own. How about showing the land we've got our own Jesse Owens, Cunninghams and Hornbostels—not to mention a few more point winners?

Harlem 'Y' Champs Too Good for Phi's

From the gridiron to the basketball court! Despite the galaxy of Brown Bomber football stars in the Omega Phi Phi line-up, they lost a close tussle to the Harlem Y.M.C.A. Senior five, by the tune of 39 to 35, at the 135th Street branch, Saturday night, before a capacity crowd.

With "Tank" Conrad, Otis Troupe and Fred Hansboro, former pigskin artists performing with the Fraternity champions of Harlem, the losing five put on a strong battle. Despite the fact that the Senior's had a 21-12 edge at half time, the visitors played brilliant ball in the third quarter actually forging into the lead for a few minutes. With the score at 25 all, Mel Glover, Senior ace, dropped one field goal and foul to tie the count at 28 all, just as the third period ended.

The New York City "Y" champions took the fourth quarter and the game by a four point margin, after both sides tallied repeatedly. "Pickles" Fraser, Senior guard was high scorer with 13 points. "Tank" Red Sparks 2nd On Top

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Cleveland 5's In IWO Games

Progressives Meet Laicos; Metros and Leaders Clash

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27. — With the I. W. O. N. Y. city basketball tourney under way, the Cleveland district basketball league goes full blast ahead with two games tomorrow at the Central Recreational Center.

The two main court events find the Metros out to put a "hanger" on the Leaders and the Laicos getting a first-hand dose of court medicine from the Progressives. On the same card, as a curtain raiser, the Progressive Juniors — junior I. W. O. outfit—meet the Celtics in a class D game.

Interest in the feature games are at a fever pitch as Cleveland fans follow the break-neck competition in the I. W. O. league. Last week the Progressives scored a surprise victory over the Metros and are now the dark-horse contenders for the championship. On their showing against the favorites they must be reckoned with plenty of basketball abc. The

In the other game, the Metros, pre-season favorites to cop the crown, will find themselves tackling a man-sized job against the favored leaders. The leaders play a smooth, shifty ball game with plenty of smart plays and snappy floor-work.

At any rate, I. W. O. basketball in Cleveland is on the march and labor all over the country can take a cue from their Ohio brothers in the way of getting into the labor sports swim.

Union City Takes Lead in E.D. League

Union City opened the second half of the season in the Eastern District Soccer League with an overwhelming 7-1 victory over the Brooklyn Turners, yesterday. The victory which advanced the Skeeters to first place also evened an old score with Brooklyn which defeated them 3-1 earlier in the season.

New York I tallied twice in the second half to turn back the Fichte Sport Club 3-1, after both teams were deadlocked 1-1 at the interval. Fichte put up a strong defense in the first half but could not maintain the fast pace set by the New Yorkers.

Bergen County scored a triple triumph in a three game event at Firemen's Field in North Bergen, N. J. The first team met the Young Circle League and emerged victorious by the score of 2-1. Bergen led at half time by 2-0 but the Circle booters staged a furious rally after the restart and reduced the lead with a fine goal. Bergen County Seconds tackled the Armemians and gained a 2-1 decision over them, while the Bergen County Thirds made it a clean sweep for the home club with a close 2-1 triumph over the Union City Seconds.

L. I. U. Too Versatile For Befuddled Illini

Switch in Offensive Tactics Gives Brooklynites 43rd in Row Against Westerners—C.C.N.Y. in Comeback

By LESTER RODNEY
You can't beat a basketball team that knows more ways of scoring than you have means of checking.

That's what Illinois Wesleyan, unbeaten pride of the Mid-West discovered Saturday night when L. I. U. handed them their first licking since 1935.

Wesleyan had scouted the Brooklyn Blackbirds carefully. "Stop those guys from getting set and you have them licked. None of that fancy zone defense business for guys like Bender and Merson. They'll fill your basket with leather. Rush them all over the court."

PLAYING 'EM CLOSE
Sounded good to the rangy squad of mid westerners who wanted so badly to dump the greatest team in the East in their New York debut at the plush lined Hippodrome.

With the echo of the opening whistle the Wesleyans began rushing the Blackbirds all over the court with a tenacious man to man defense that permitted of no set shooting.

Poor Illinois! They never saw an L. I. U. practice session where these situations are carefully worked out by the painstaking Coach Bee. Before they knew what had happened, a series of short passes, hooked behind the neck, heavily spinning bounce and soft loops had moved the ball down to where sophomore Torgoff was flashing beneath the basket for lay-up shots.

Illinois battled hard with their hard driving unorthodox game. They shot from crazy angles and followed aggressively, using their height and size to good advantage. They kept the score to 9-7, and then the city slickers dug into their well stocked repertoire and riddled the Westerners defense with brilliantly exact passing.

In this 10 point spurt, Julie Bender, known best for his long range shooting, took bounce passes from Kramer and Norton in the vicinity of the baskets and deposited them with the aid of skillful body twisting in mid air.

As usual, Ben Kramer was the hub around which the scoring plays revolved. Merson the defensive ace and set shot danger, and Julie Bender the high scorer. Hillhouse got the tap and was invaluable around the basket. Young Torgoff, who has worked his way into the starting group with these classy veterans, continues to amaze. He is a practically finished player, and a deadly shot when cutting under— which he does often.

C. C. N. Y. showed that last week's lapse was all a mistake in shackling the same Marshall outfit that gave L. I. U. a tough fight last week. Deadly accurate shooting from mid-way between the three man and two man defense lines made the Virginian's zone system look a little silly. Katz and Korner were the marksmen deluxe.

City probably won't lapse so badly again this year as it did

C.P.C. Quintet Loses Opener

Makes Fine Showing in Extending Collegian Five

Although their first time out was a bit of a disappointment, the C. P. C. quintet covered itself with glory last Friday night at the Rockland Palace as it went down fighting before a superior Collegian Five, 31-25.

It may have been the nervous tension which gripped the W. P. A.'ers or the long wait before the game time, but even so the classy floor work and stellar shooting of the Negro aces had their less experienced rivals at bay in almost every quarter.

Miles of the C. P. C. showed the way for his team with Webb and Shaller next in order. These boys carried the play constantly and were a constant threat every time they got their hands on the ball. Miles cutting and neat passing was a feature while Webb sank in some beautiful shots from difficult angles. The game proved that the C. P. C. can hold its own against the best labor can offer and should be one of the leading factors in the now rapidly developing labor sports movement.

More than 300 people who were at an enthusiastic pitch throughout the proceedings attested to that and made the first court contest for the C. P. C. an outstanding success.

Rovers Down Bars

A goal in the last minute of play today gave the New York Rovers a 2-1 victory over the Hershey (Pa.) Bars in their eastern amateur hockey league game before 13,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.



BEN KRAMER

against St. Joseph's. The boys gave the impression of having shaken all the bad basketball out of their system for the year. That won't make Nat Holman sore.

Youth Branch 33 and Furriers Victors in I. W. O. Playoffs

A blast from the referee's whistle Saturday night embarked the International Workers Order on the role of building a working class sports movement in the United States, free from the domination of the sports trusts.

The significant occasion was the playoff of the IWO Basketball Tourney for the New York area at the Washington Irving School gym wherein Youth Branch 33 routed the Rose Hill Flashes, Branch 196, 34 to 27. In the other feature of Saturday night's doubleheader the Furriers J. C. met and conquered Local 40 of the I.L.G.W.U. by the score of 32-19.

HARD PLAYING

The IWO tilt was a rough and tumble go-to. The opening night nervousness had its effect on the playing of the members of both teams. They all cut loose from the confines of team play early in the game and from then on it was every man for himself. Gorki Moreau and Sid Morris, Branch 33's crack forwards, tallied 14 points between them through their shifty floor-work and smart passing which they converted into points.

Rose Hill has a dead shot foul heaver in Massiello, who never failed to score in his tries. He converted six out of six. Although the Flashes from Forham lacked what little coordination their rivals displayed, they turned in a scrappy performance. With more intensive training Rose Hill five should be able to put this driving power to good use.

The Furriers' encounter with Local 40 was one continuous rout. The Fur boys pressed the offensive sharply, retaining the lead throughout the contest. The Ackerman-Weinfuss-Steckowitz combination is probably one of the classiest in labor basketball. Steckowitz's clever passing and the shooting by Weinfuss and Ackerman are the key to the Furriers long string of successes on the courts.

The game was played in cooperation with the IWO league. To date eleven teams have entered the N. Y.

Says Doc:
New Year's Greetings to All Our Fans from the Members of the Daily Worker Sports Staff

Galloping Gaels Back on Top

Down Passon Phillies 4-1—Irish Score Three Times in Ten Minutes to Beat Hispano-Ernst Tallies Five Times for Baltimore

The St. Mary Celtics regained first place in the national division of the American Soccer League with a timely 4-1 victory over the crumbling Passon Phillies yesterday at Celtic Park.

McKillup, playing the most sensational game of his career, ran roughshod over the visiting team and scored all four goals for his team. Massay tallied near the end for Passon to save his team from a shut out.

FLASH!
The Red Sparks, crack soccer team of the Premier Division of the Metropolitan District League, have come to the aid of the Daily Worker in its \$100,000 drive. They will donate 10 per cent of the regularly scheduled league game with the New York Hakoah next Friday (New Year's Day) at Commercial Field, to the Daily. And not only that—they will give 10 per cent of all their remaining home games to the same fund. A great gesture by the Red Sparks. How about some of the other teams helping their fighting working class paper the same way?

Clark led in the scoring for the winners with three markers while Kuntner scored two goals for the Bronx crew. Dowie netted the remaining tally for the victors.

Court Notes

The high spot of a busy week on the big time courts is the double header that pits L.I.U. against Stanford and Georgetown against N.Y.U. . . . this Madison Square Garden feature takes place Wednesday night and should pack the house. . . . and why not? L.I.U. has just knocked off its 43rd straight opponent and is now generally recognized as Eastern Champ at least. . . . Stanford carries the banner of the West Coast—the Palo Alto boys have a veteran group that won the championship of the Pacific Conference last year—en route east last week they knocked over four good opponents—they say that Hank Luisetti is the "greatest ever"—statistics help their claims—Hank has averaged just fourteen points a game this season—last year he poured 416 points through opponents' hoops—the preliminary shows the mysterious N.Y.U. five in action against the fast moving and unbeaten Hoyas of Georgetown—there's a score to settle there—last year the Violets had their unbeaten record abruptly snapped by these same Hoyas—Schulman and Terjeson are the only full-time regulars left on the New York outfit from last year's great team.

J. Ernst, sensational 19-year-old center forward on the Baltimore Soccer Club, topped his remarkable showing this season with a brilliant exhibition against the Scots-Americans at O'Donnell Park, Baltimore, yesterday, when he scored five times to hand the rugged Jersey Scots a 6-3 defeat in a thrilling encounter. The Scots who boast one of the best defense trios in the league were powerless to stop the amazing young star. Time and again he broke through to find the net with stinging drives. Baltimore led 3-0 just before halftime when Dick sent in a hard shot to reduce the lead for the Scots. After the restart Ernst added two more and Patzschke came through with another, while the best the Scots could do was to bring their total to three. Alex Ray, premier goalkeeper on the Scots eleven notched both markers. Ernst now leads the scoring parade with 16 bulls-eyes, three goals ahead of Rae who is second with thirteen.

Brookhattan played at the Rifle Grounds in Philadelphia yesterday and dropped another two points to the Philadelphia Germans who nosed them out after an exciting game with 2 goals to 1.

There was no scoring in the first half, but after the interval Carroll put the visitors ahead. Their joy was shortlived however, for Fiedler evened the score soon after and a few moments later Nemchik found the meshes for the deciding point of the game.

Brownville I.W.O. scored an upset at Jasper Oval yesterday, handing a 3-1 beating to the favored Scandinavians a team in a Manhattan League game. Brownville dominated the play in the opening half during which all the goals were scored. Abe Surer sent in two hard shots to give the winners a two goal lead. The Scandinavians reduced the lead with a spectacular shot but Statener broke through for the final goal of the game.

The finalists will represent New York City in the inter-district games, the winners of which will be the National Champions. This tournament, which will be an annual feature of the IWO sports calendar, is the first in the series of events that the organization is sponsoring in its program to establish a broad base of participation in athletics. Tournaments in swimming, boxing, wrestling, ice skating and other sports are also contemplated.

The New York Hakoah defeated the strong Swedish F. C. 2-0 at Commercial Field yesterday and advanced further in the flag race of the premier division of the Metropolitan District Soccer League. Breitbart opened the scoring for the Jewish booters after twenty minutes of play, and Ziggy Wortman added another in the second half, while the sturdy Hakoah defense held the opponents at bay.

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