

# FLOOD AREA PLEADS FOR AID

## Czechoslovakia Defies Nazi Invasion Threat

### Deputies Hail Premier's Speech

PRAGUE, March 4.—Before a packed and cheering Chamber of Deputies, Premier Milan Hodza today defied Hitler by declaring Czechoslovakia's borders to be "absolutely untouchable."

"We want peace," shouted the premier to a taut audience, "but with things as they are today we must let it be known that if destiny confronts us with the necessity of defending ourselves we will resist with all our strength!"

This bold answer to recent thinly-veiled threats of the Fuehrer and his first lieutenant, Herman Goerring, was traced directly to the strong stand for Czech independence taken last week by the French government. Influence of the Soviet peace policy was also seen in the determined stand.

#### Reply to Hitler

Hodza addressed parliament in a tensely awaited answer to Chancellor Hitler's bellicose speech before the Reichstag. At that time Hitler had said that Germany intended to "protect" the ten million Germans living outside the German border.

Other Nazi leaders as well as the controlled press have made plain their hopes to soon enjoy the same "influence in the Czech republic."

This sinister plan was bitterly attacked in the Czech press.

"We will not become a third German state," declared the newspaper Venkov, alluding to Austria as the second. "We will not give up our sovereignty regained by hard struggle."

In the Sudeten district of Czechoslovakia, where live 3,500,000 people of German origin, there were no echoes of the Nazi demonstrations occurring across the border, in Austria. On the other hand, Konrad Henlein, leader of the pro-Nazi Sudeten German party addressed only one meeting last week and that in a surprisingly moderate tone.

Germans Disown Hitler

At a meeting in Slovakia, where the Germans are a minority within a minority, these met and declared that their demands had been deliberately distorted by the Nazis. These Germans asserted that they were loyal to the democratic republic.

The subdued tone here of Nazi agents is thought to be due both to the powerful democratic allies of Czechoslovakia—France and the Soviet Union—and the wise minority policy now being pursued by the Hodza government.

Carrying out of year-old laws has now practically brought about proportional representation of the Germans in the civil service, the army, and economic facilities. Some grievances of the minority still exist but the government is acutely aware of these.

## French Labor Code Passed By Senate

PARIS, March 4.—Under rising popular pressure and threat of widespread strikes, the Senate of France today finally passed the Chateaux labor code by a vote of 191 to 71.

Due to hostile reactionary elements in the Senate, the Chamber of Deputies was forced to pass the measure six times, making slight changes with each vote. This process, however, forced the Senate to come much more than half way to meet popular front demands.

The final measure excludes agricultural workers only on the specific promise of the government to seek passage of a separate bill on these workers before April 15. Broader provisions were attached to the clause revising wages in accordance to increase of living costs.

People's Front deputies, including Communists and Socialists, agreed to the changes to forestall a resignation of the Chateaux cabinet. Under a heavy attack from the right for his vigorous pronouncement of a collective security foreign policy last week, Chateaux has lately received more confidence from popular forces.

## Polish Army Staff Directed Spy Work, Soviet Trial Is Told

### Sharangovich Says He Sold Out in Warsaw While Prisoner of War in 1921—Armed Plot to Seize Power Confessed by Rykov

(Wireless to The People's World)

MOSCOW, March 4.—An outspoken Fascist and a spy for Poland, V. F. Sharangovich, one of the 21 accused of espionage, wrecking, assassination and similar crimes, stood forward today and told the court how all the anti-Soviet forces within and without the country cooperated.

Sharangovich was followed by F. Fajulla-Khodjaiev, leader of a national fascist movement in the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic (in Central Asia) who confessed that he and others on trial plotted to sell out their country to England.

Most startling of all the evidence so far produced was the confession late yesterday of Alexei Rykov, that he, Genrikh Yagoda, head of the GPU, and the late Marshal Tukachevsky plotted to raid the Kremlin with military force and murder all leaders of the Communist Party, including especially government officials. The raid was to take place during the 17th Congress of the Communist Party, in the Kremlin at Moscow, January, 1934.

Under orders from Warsaw, Sharangovich testified that he was a prisoner of war of the Poles during 1921, the year of an attempted Polish conquest of Russia.

He testified in court today that he "had to join the Polish espionage service" in order to be freed.

Sent to White Russia

Sharangovich told how the Polish army intelligence chiefs then sent him into White Russia, his native land, where he followed their instructions and burrowed so well into the White Russian Communist Party that he became at one time its secretary.

"The orders of the 'Center of the Rights and Trotskyists' were always identical with the orders from the Polish intelligence service."

"The main demands were to kill horses and cattle. We destroyed over 30,000 head of horses. We also crippled military defenses, such as road building."

"We were working for a separate, capitalist White Russia, under Polish domination."

Sharangovich told of measures carried out to irritate the population and rouse their enmity towards the rest of the Soviet Union, and explained a White Russian fascist party plot to murder Defense Commissar Voroshilov when he came to army maneuvers in White Russia.

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## Autos Have Fascination For Males

### 3 of 4 Hit by Lizzie or Chevie Are of Masculine Sex

By Bill Morgan

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Sidewalks here are comparatively safe for pedestrians—providing they don't get restless and decide to cross the streets at intersections or elsewhere. And when the light turns green and says "Go," it is best to run into the nearest door and hide.

These impressions were gained today from a hurried glance at a newly prepared statistical chart of traffic accidents during 1937. San Francisco police have diagrammed the thousands of crack-ups that resulted in 127 fatalities, highest number on record for any one year.

The traffic department, unlike other departments, is characterized by fear and hungry looks. Long hours of thought and worry over the problems created by cars that go faster and faster, a population that grows, and streets that do not change with the times but retain their horse and buggy narrowness have left their marks on the traffic squad.

#### One Radical

At least one, radical has developed here. This individual knows what is wrong. "It's a lousy system," he said. Sighing in an orthodox Irish manner he buttoned up his uniform and went out of the door mumbling something about "everybody drinking liquor, and living in cities."

Local automobiles hunting for victims pick-out the men whenever possible, it would appear from figures showing that of 1884 pedestrians knocked for a loop, 1361 were males—almost three out of four. Whether this is due to discrimination or chivalry is not made clear.

#### Lights Make No Difference

Street crossers, color blind or just plain ornery, ignored the signals, and were whisked off to the hospital. Four in this group wound up in the morgue.

Those who obeyed the lights, however, did not come off much better, since 30 got hit though none died defending their right of way against automobiles.

Other causes of accidents included "waiting for street cars"—believe it or not. This explanation was given by 22, of whom two died.

Most accidents occurred in clear weather. It was raining in only 605 cases, whereas 5,837 bumps occurred when it was clear.

#### A. M. Is Safest Time

"Fog" and "cloudy" can be blamed for not one case, according to loyal San Francisco police. However, 318 accidents occurred when "run away cars" came to grief at the foot of picturesque hill streets here.

If you must drive or walk on the streets the hour between four and five in the morning are most safe. Only 63 accidents with but two fatalities occurred then during 1937. From four to five in the afternoon the rate jumps to 454, but fatalities increase to only three.

The next hour with 546 accidents, however, hops the fatality rate to 11. Deadline hour of all is eight to nine p.m. when the number of accidents falls to 444, but the bumps are harder, for 13 fatalities occurred.

Saturday is an un-lucky day for pedestrians with 24 deaths in 1191 accidents. Sunday follows Saturday closely with 1114 accidents and 16 deaths.

Incidentally traffic accidents and conditions are not joking matters.

#### Plan Insanity Plea

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 4 (TP)—Attorneys for the condemned hitch hiker slayer, Lester Brockelhurst, prepared an insanity plea today in a final fight to save him from the electric chair.

#### Jackson Approved

WASHINGTON, March 4 (TP)—The Senate today approved Robert Jackson as Solicitor General.

#### Labor Quintets Clash in Premiere Tourney

Northern California will witness its premiere inter-sectional labor basketball series tonight and tomorrow night.

Tonight in Oakland the International Workers' Order cage five, champions of East Side Los Angeles, will play the Oakland Warehousemen (CIO). There is a strong supporting program.

Tomorrow night in San Francisco the IWO quintet tackles the San Francisco Warehousemen-Longshoremen team. The Oakland ILWU will likewise appear in the preliminary.

Full details on page six.

## FDR REAFFIRMS FAITH IN GOAL OF NEW DEAL

### Criticizes Million-Dollar Salary and Bonus to Grace of Bethlehem

WASHINGTON, March 4 (TP)—President Roosevelt re-dedicated himself today on the fifth anniversary of the New Deal to the aims and ideals expressed by his administration when he took office.

President Roosevelt told newsmen that the New Deal has not changed its goals, nor the methods by which it hopes to achieve them. The Chief Executive declared that this Administration has advanced a great distance on the road toward attainment of its objectives and predicted further advances in the future.

The President declared that the immediate object of the administration is to raise the purchasing power of the nation. He emphasized that this had been the goal since 1933 and that there has been no change. Mr. Roosevelt said that the act to stem inflation last spring and the campaign now to restore prices were both steps in the same direction.

The President came out against repeal of the publicity section of the tax law. He described corporate office as a position of public trust and said he favored making public the salaries of all corporate officials earning more than \$15,000 a year.

Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that stockholders in large corporations have the theoretical right to demand information about the salaries paid to corporate officers. Actually, he said, this does not work out because stockholders can't get to meetings.

Mr. Roosevelt at this point criticized the salary and bonus of \$1,000,000 paid to Eugene Grace of Bethlehem Steel in 1929.

## Army Planes Join Search for Lost Transport Liner

FRESNO, Calif., March 4 (TP)—Army planes joined today in the search for the missing transcontinental and western airliner in the mountainous country north and east of Fresno.

Fears that the nine persons aboard the plane perished when it probably crashed in a storm were expressed by the TWA president Jack Frye, in a statement just before the search got underway.

Said Frye: "I am convinced the missing plane is down in the vicinity of Clear Peak or Huntington Lake. I am afraid those in the plane are dead."

Seven army planes were scheduled to join with private and transport pilots in the search. Ground crews totaling 400 men, meanwhile set out to fight their way across the food ravaged country to all likely places where the plane may be down.

## Custom Cutters' Clashy Colors Cause Commotion

NEW YORK, March 4 (TP)—Men in the dress in the height of fashion are rubbing their eyes at the burst of color that appeared in New York this week.

Plaid hats and orange-colored dinner jackets were some of the bright suggestions for Uncle Sam's wardrobe contained in the 19th annual men's style show of the New York Custom Cutters Club.

Conservatives who balk at green and blue slacks were reminded that only a few years ago blue formal evening clothes were laughed at and are now generally accepted.

One of the big attractions at the men's fashion show was the "swivel coat," a rather loud form-fitting jacket without collar or lapels. And for sportsmen in the habit of falling off horses, the New York Custom cutters offered a cork model hat to cushion the blow.

## Cuba Ballots Tomorrow On 81 Representatives

HAVANA, March 4 (TP)—Cuban voters will go to the polls tomorrow to renew part of the House of Representatives. Eighty-one new lawmakers will be elected.

The first evidence of violence in connection with the elections occurred last Monday when unidentified persons set fire to a voting post in a suburb of Pinar Del Rio.

## Appeals to State and Cities As Hunger, Disease Spread

### Labor Aid Sought In Move to Recall Los Angeles Mayor

#### Clinton Is Confident Shaw Will Be Ousted as Civic Betterment Federation Proposes to Support CIVIC'S Petition

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—While Clifford Clinton predicted the recall of Mayor Frank L. Shaw, an augmented role was seen for organized labor in this people's movement, as the Committee of 25 of the powerful Federation of Civic Betterment announced today that it was recommending both increased labor representation and support for the recall to the Federation's delegated meeting March 13.

This recommendation to the Federation, already comprising over 300 labor, religious, women's, civic and service organizations, means great impetus to the movement to oust Shaw, being sponsored and pushed by the Citizens Independent Vice Investigation Committee (CIVIC).

"If we are to preserve the rights of a free people desirous of honest, progressive, democratic government, now is the time to demand that right, and place as mayor a man who will cooperate with the citizens of this city in securing and maintaining better government," said Clifford Clinton, CIVIC head, as he opened the campaign to recall Shaw.

"We believe such a man can be found and placed in office within three months," he asserted.

#### Clinton Confident

Interviewed by the People's World in his home at Los Feliz Blvd. and Western Ave., where Clinton and two secretaries carry on most of the secretarial work for the CIVIC, Clinton was confident that Shaw can be ousted from office.

The storm prevented the petitions going into the streets earlier this week, but the recall petitions are ready. People will be hired to circulate them and hundreds are volunteering.

"The district attorney, Buron Fitts, expressed the firm belief that Earl Kynette was a party to the bombing of Harry Raymond," declared Clinton. "Three officers have been indicted, which places the matter in the hands of the courts."

"But . . . some one was over the Kynette 'intelligence squad.' This some one was delinquent in his duty if he did not know what the squad was doing between September and last January 14. The line of responsibility leads directly to the office of the mayor."

"He in turn had ample time to clear himself but by his silence has not done so. The fact that he fails to rebuke the officers known as the 'intelligence squad,' speaks for itself."

#### Mayor Round Wanting

"The mayor has thus separated himself from the people and cannot consistently defend himself or oppose his own recall."

"I emphatically concur in the action of the committee to seek the recall."

"Whether recalled or not, the mayor of Los Angeles has been weighed in the balance, and found wanting."

Volunteer workers to the number of 500 and hundreds of organizations are prepared to go into the streets with the recall petitions launched by the CIVIC. Twenty per cent of the votes cast at the last mayoralty election are needed—the 80,000 signatures sought represents 15,000 more than are needed.

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### Fund Allotted For Clearance Inadequate

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 4 (TP)—Floods hit Utah today. Several highways in the immediate vicinity of Salt Lake City were flooded after the recent heavy rains. Other floods were reported spreading slowly throughout the state.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—With cold, hunger and death still stalking this flood-ravaged area, the gigantic task of rehabilitation loomed as the next worry for Southern California's citizens.

And the Los Angeles City Council voted to order \$25,000 to start debris clearance.

"That is only a drop in the bucket," claimed City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich. "And this is the greatest catastrophe in Los Angeles history. 'You don't realize how very serious this situation is!' he continued. 'The work is going to cost the city plenty. But it could have been a lot worse.'"

Aldrich was appointed Flood Relief Coordinator by the Council.

Large outlying communities faced shortages of food and other necessities. San Bernardino, with 39,000 population, was one of these.

#### No Lights—No Power

A score of towns were without power or lights. Others were still half submerged.

Late records showed death toll approaching 200. Ten to twenty thousand refugees faced cold and hunger with their homes unlivable. Property damage rose above the \$25,000,000 estimate.

Some cities, including San Bernardino, Anaheim, Riverside and Santa Ana, remained cut off from the world by all but short wave radio.

To cope with the crisis, all cities are asked to join the rehabilitation program.

Wire to Merriam

Declaring the situation one of state-wide scope, Supervisor Herbert C. Legg of Los Angeles County, telegraphed Governor Merriam. He asked the governor to include a flood rehabilitation measure in his call for the special legislature session convening Monday.

But progressives of the area demanded immediate action by the local authorities.

Engineer Aldrich maintained that personnel and equipment had already been contracted to cope with the reconstruction problem.

"But there is no money for reconstruction," he declared. "According to him it would cost at least three million dollars to fix up the city. He estimated it would take six months to clear away the debris and a year to replace the bridges. Federal aid would probably be necessary, he said."

The rich coastal plain from Ventura South to San Juan Capistrano was a morass of mud. Houses and trees were jumbled in indescribable confusion.

With hunger spreading, looting of homes and autos was widespread. Semi-martial law was declared in India by the Chief of Police who barred all refugees of the outside from entering the community.

Residents in San Fernando valley were reported to have organized vigilantes to put down looting.

Nearly a dozen men were arrested in Los Angeles County alone for looting.

Sheriff Biscailuz issued an ominous warning to looters. He said: "Bring the looters in, alive if possible, but bring them in!"

Heroic rescues too numerous to record were made. Schools, business firms and many public offices were closed while authorities abandoned their normal routine to cope with the emergency.

As the storm cleared, the Weather Bureau predicted fair weather for Southern California tonight and Saturday, with temperatures slightly below normal and moderate northwest winds off the coast.

#### Fog Halts Air Raid

HONG KONG, March 4 (TP)—The River part of Wuchow in Kwangsi province was saved from an air raid today when a dense fog held back Japanese planes. Heavy damage was done by Japanese bombs in the Wuchow airport, however, because employees were expecting a Chinese commercial plane and did not take alarm when they heard the engines of the raiding squadron.

## Are You Going World Building on Sunday?

ARE you going to join the World Builders of the West on Sunday, March 6, when they go out a'visiting all the trial subscribers?

If so, go to the Daily PEOPLES' WORLD AGENCY in your vicinity and enlist for the "PW" Sunday activity.

Get out among the people, know them . . . they would like to know all of you World Builders!

They will be expecting you, World Builders. Don't disappoint them!

All World Builders . . . out for "PW" Sunday!

Every trial sub becomes a yearly subscriber!

Okey, World Builders?

# Los Angeles Public Groups Rally Aid for Sufferers

### Communists Mobilize Members and Friends Via Radio Calls

LOS ANGELES, March 3 (Delayed)—Appalled by the tremendous suffering and devastation in this flood-stricken area, public-spirited organizations mobilized their forces to aid hapless victims.

These included the Red Cross, the American Legion and the Communist Party of Los Angeles.

With 10,000 already reported homeless before the sudden, swirling waters, this number was predicted to double before destruction was over. The flood is tapering off slowly.

Mobilizing its many thousand members and sympathizers to the aid of flood sufferers, the executive committee of the Communist Party announced periodically over radio station KMTR:

**Communist Appeal**  
"Members and friends of the Communist Party of Los Angeles and vicinity are asked to mobilize. Give aid to residents in areas flooded by heavy rains. Special attention should be given the following areas: Central Avenue, Compton, Bay Cities, Lynwood, Inglewood, Culver City."

"Members of Communist Party Branches are asked to meet and organize help for families which have evacuated homes. Help them remove necessary effects from danger and find safe shelter for them during the night."

"For those families in need of material assistance, especially among unemployed. Communists are asked to help them to local relief headquarters and proper relief agencies."

"All able-bodied party members and friends are asked to report to local fire and police stations for volunteer duty."

"The Young Communist League asks its members and friends to do likewise."

**Hysteria Howlers**  
In contrast to the cool-headed work of public organizations, many radio announcers waxed hysterical this afternoon. Thousands of people were frightened stiff.

Some announcers went so far as to declare that entire towns were under water with the whole population drowned. One "radio reporter" shrieked into the microphone lurid details of the collapse of Newhall Tunnel. Although this was entirely false, even papers carried the story in some cases.

Some individual deaths did assume a nightmarish quality. When a roaring wave of water swept down on 10526 Seabury Road in Beverly, Mrs. Rachel Whitman, 26, and son Donny, 1 1/2 years, were buried under tons of earth and boulders. At the time of the catastrophe, Glen, the husband, was taking a bath. He was found 250 yards down the canyon still in the tub but with two broken elbows.

**Cooks, Stewards Wire Demand for Bridges Hearing**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Demanding that Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, be allowed to testify before Senate committees, wires signed by the Marine Cooks & Stewards Union, headquarters branch, today sped back to Senator Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

Senator Copeland, Commerce Committee chairman.

Last night's union meeting flayed the attacks on Bridges and the refusal to allow him to answer.

Two progressive candidates, running in a national seamen's unity platform, were elected to office for the Seattle branch. It was announced last night when vote tabulations were completed.

Joe Harris was elected Seattle agent, and Bill McCormick patrolman.

Funds to purchase new CIO membership buttons and buttons were appropriated and new shipping rules adopted by the meeting.

**Firemen Spike Hearst Story Of Split With Stevedores**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—"The story in Hearst's San Francisco Examiner, that the Marine Firemen's Union is supporting a split in the Maritime Federation and fighting the longshoremen, is an absolute lie," declared Walter Stack, chairman of the MFOU publicity committee, today.

The resolution referred to as adopted was overwhelmingly rejected by last night's meeting," continued Stack. "When I called the Examiner late last night to protest, I was told that they had received the resolution before 7 p.m. The resolution introduced in the meeting was signed by only one man, secretary J. V. Malone, so draw your own conclusions."

"This morning's Examiner stated that, following the longshoremen's statement that if the boycott on CIO lumber were not halted, a boycott on AFL lumber would follow, 'all but two of the Federation's seafaring unions in San Francisco announced flatly they will not allow shoreside workers' to draw them into a strike, adopted a resolution (referred to by Stack) providing that problems directly involving the seafaring unions should be decided by them alone."

**Unions Listed**  
The unions listed as participating in this were the Masters, Mates & Pilots; Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn.; Sailors Union of the Pacific and the MFOU.

Malone's resolution called for a "hands off" policy on any "jurisdictional dispute" in regard to the lumber boycott.

"Our union is on record against the so-called Seafarers Federation movement," declared Stack. "If any official of our union participated in any such move to split the Maritime Federation, it was without the sanction or knowledge of the Marine Firemen's membership."

Last night's MFOU meeting heard a delegation from the Marine Cooks & Stewards declare that the union was definitely opposed to the tactics of the Sailors Union officials in trying to split the Maritime Federation with their "Seafarers Federation."

The Firemen instructed Secretary Malone to write a letter to Agent McCarthy in Honolulu condemning him for "scabberding activities in shipping two men aboard the Federal," a tramp freighter which left here in January for Japan with a non-union crew aboard and which was in such unseaworthy condition that it was barely able to reach Honolulu. The ship carries iron for Japan and is to be scrapped for use as war materials against China.

## Storm Over, Says Scientist; Explains Atmospheric Causes

LOS ANGELES, March 3 (Delayed)—Dr. Irving Krick, of the California Institute of Technology, today declared the storm had definitely passed.

Said Krick: "The storm is definitely over. The air mass causing it started from Siberia, crept southward over the Pacific to Midway Island, swung east to Hawaii and then to California. At low levels the air mass picked up warmth from the ocean and added to the water content."

"At high levels the air mass remained cold, humid. When the air mass swept in at high speed it began rising very rapidly as it crossed over the mountains—just like a ski jumper going over the hump. A warm air hurried into cold air, vapor swiftly condensed to cause the heavy rainfall."

## Negro, Labor Groups Attack L. A. Jim Crow

### Alliance Starts Protests Against Proposed All-Negro Park

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Jim Crow has brazenly flared in Los Angeles!

Not content with a policy of subtle indifference to the poverty and oppression of the 50,000 Negro people here, officials are actually using the method of Dixie-segregation.

Plans for the development of a park, especially for colored people, near Castaic, were rapidly being formulated according to William J. Fox, public works co-ordinator for Los Angeles County.

The park, which will segregate the Negro people in the region and exclude them from other parks, will be called the Val Verde Park, and appropriations of \$2500 for the drawings are under way. Undoubtedly, all Negroes in the vicinity will be shunted to that one park in the summer.

Significantly enough, the park will consist chiefly of a bathroom and a swimming pool.

**Indignation Grows**  
Fox reported that plans for the plunge have already been completed and that the bathroom drawings are almost done. These activities have been going on with the obvious assurance that appropriations would be granted.

After two months for preparing the plans they will be presented to the WPA for approval.

Protests against discrimination and segregation in public parks are beginning to pile into the office of the co-ordinator, members of the Workers Alliance declared. Convinced that an aroused Negro people will be able to stop the proposed attempt at segregation, the Alliance is calling on all Negro, progressive and labor organizations to oppose the plan and insist on the right of California citizens to use all places of public accommodation without discrimination.

He is on the coast to establish a western branch of Consumers' Union.

Consumers' Union, Kallett explained when he was interviewed at the Clark Hotel, is a non-profit membership organization. It now has 55,000 members and every member has a vote.

This national organization was started without a cent. An enthusiastic staff worked for \$10 a week. The minimum wage is now \$18, and the maximum \$50.

**Refuses Bribery**  
The purpose of the organization is to provide a necessary service to the public to debunk and classify according to real value the products which flood the market.

Kallett told of some of the pitfalls which the organization has had to avoid. When Consumers' Union, after long and careful testing, recommended the Buick car, General Motors wanted to buy 25,000 copies of that issue. The organization, however, immediately informed General Motors that no one could buy more than 10 copies.

In addition to listing products according to their real value, Consumers' Union gives its members information concerning the working conditions under which every product is manufactured. Whether the workers are union or non-union, whether pay is good or poor.

**Educates Consumers**  
Thousands of trade unionists have joined the organization. Consumers' Union has now begun to educate its member trade unionists in how to buy. The first union to join the organization was the Lumber and Saw Mill Union in the state of Washington.

One of the important reasons for establishing a branch office on the coast, said Kallett, was because of the innumerable phony products, particularly in the drug field.

He said that California is one of the worst states in the Union for price fixing.

Speaking of the Desmond Milk Act, Kallett said it has proved universally true that where there is a price fixing commission, it is controlled by the milk trust.

Professor Robert Brady, author of "Spirit and Structure of German Fascism," will be in charge of the San Francisco office.

**Professional Announcement**  
LEO GALLAGHER  
A. L. WIRN  
GROVER JOHNSON  
Labor Attorneys  
Have entered into partnership with offices at 524 American Bank Building, Second and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, Telephone TUCKER 6838.

## SOUP KITCHEN CALLED MENACE TO CITY HEALTH

### Stench Aids Protests of Needy to Obtain Investigation

SEATTLE, March 4.—Stench of the Blue Ox soup kitchen, where 1500 needy men are fed daily, has sickened the city health department.

Dr. F. M. Carroll, who investigated the relief station at the insistence of the Workers Alliance went down to the "skid row" district, sniffed two or three times and admitted that the Blue Ox was a menace to public health.

He declared it would have to be cleaned up at once or closed.

The state department of social security was not so sure. L. L. Hegland, operating manager of the state department, said:

"We question any recommendation that the health department might make, wherein they would have authority to refuse to permit the shelter to use present equipment."

Dr. F. M. Carroll, health inspector, reported: "The Seattle health department has full power to protect the people from any unsanitary conditions."

**Dishes Filthy**  
Allan T. Butler, Seattle chief sanitary inspector, was more outspoken: "I'd like to have one of these state officials go with our inspector and see the filth that can be dug out of dish cracks. They'd be surprised."

In addition to dishes which the county relief department has requested and been repeatedly denied by the state relief department the health department has ordered lavatories constructed. No facilities are now available.

Early this year police were called to silence the cry of the needy, who rebelled against the filthy conditions under which they were required to exist.

**Protests Win Probe**  
Improved conditions now ordered by the health department are the results of several months of vigorous protests by the Workers Alliance.

Committees refused to let the County Commissioners and relief heads forget the conditions under which the needy are fed. They brought it up every week when open hearings were conducted.

The sensitive ears of the commissioners and relief agents finally couldn't stand it any more. They conducted no more open hearings. They forgot about the committees and the conditions.

Undaunted the Workers Alliance carried their story to the health department, and today added another score to their record of improving conditions among the unemployed by aggressive action.

**Labor's League Will Have Open Meet in 22nd A. D.**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Labor's Non-Partisan League is holding its first series of open meetings on March 10, it was announced today. Union men and women residing in the 22nd Assembly district and their friends are asked to attend the meeting at Building Service Employees' Hall, 109 Golden Gate Ave., at 8 p. m. and join in a discussion on "How can organized labor secure a 100% vote in the coming elections?"

John Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, will speak, and the San Francisco Theater Union will present a one-act play, "It's Just Politics."

Mass meetings for every assembly district in the city are being planned, it was learned.

**Board to Hold Poll in Red River Lumber Co.**

WESTWOOD, Calif., March 3.—Employees of the Red River Lumber Co. here have been notified by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington that it will hold an election among them to decide whether to certify the CIO Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union or an "independent" company union as their representative in collective bargaining.

The "independent" union is called the Industrial Employees Union.

**Body of Scripps Aboard Liner for California**

LOS ANGELES, March 4. (TP).—The liner Pennsylvania proceeded toward California today with the body of newspaper publisher Robert Paine Scripps.

The 42-year-old controlling stockholder of the Scripps-Howard enterprises died suddenly on his yacht in Magdalena Bay following an internal hemorrhage. Scripps was on a pleasure cruise with friends at the time of his death.

As controlling stockholder and editorial director of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers and Associated Properties, Scripps was one of the most powerful publishers in the country. He succeeded his father, the late Col. E. W. Scripps, as director of the properties.

**Want Ads BUY-SELL-RENT**

WANTED—AT ONCE—CARRIER BOYS for Home Delivery Routes. Apply at PEOPLE'S WORLD OFFICE, 533 Market Street, TODAY.

FOR RENT—720 Filbert St. Sunny room, three windows, hardwood floor, good bed, hot water. Cars E-15-Powell. Call DU. 3725.

FOR SALE—House trailer, yacht style, 12 ft. x 6 ft., two, radio, gasoline stove, inner spring mattress, \$265. Terms, P. A. Jones, Randolph 2171.

FOR RENT—Cosy room, newly renovated, opposite parks—Cars 7 1/2. Private family, \$12.00 month. No. 5 Buena Vista Ave.

## CONTRAST IN CANDIDATES Two Seattle Aspirants to Mayoralty Interviewed and—

### One Talks Freely About Vital Issues in the Campaign

### VICTOR MEYERS

SEATTLE, March 4.—Victor A. Meyers, progressive candidate for mayor of Seattle, frankly stated his views on important questions facing the voters today. He indulges none of the "Well I'll see about that after election" tactics which are Langlie's evasive answers.

The three-platoon system? Lieutenant Governor Meyers believes it should pass. Eight hours is long enough to work in one day. Firemen should not be required to work 12 or 14.

The Federal Housing Act? Mr. Meyers will do everything in his power to secure a special session of the legislature to pass an enabling act which will allow the state of Washington to secure the \$7,000,000 which a federal housing administrator said was available as soon as legislation is passed to take care of it.

"Seattle needs the low cost housing program," Mr. Meyers stated emphatically. "The entire state needs it. In addition to clearing out hovels which are now rented at exorbitant prices, the state will benefit by the employment of thousands of workers. Too, it will be a boon to the lumber industry."

Telephone rates? "They are too high," declares Mr. Meyers. "Present rates are based on pre-war valuation. I shall insist upon immediate revision of telephone properties and shall force rates down where they belong."

Chain store tax? Meyers believes they should be taxed in order that small business men might be allowed to live. It is a just and equitable tax, he says, and a great majority of people would be benefited by its passage.

Mr. Meyers is a vigorous supporter of WPA projects. They should be expanded, he declares. Under no circumstances must persons who through no fault of their own are unable to find jobs be dumped upon the labor market to force wages down."

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### Backed by Labor

### ARTHURLANGLIE

SEATTLE, March 4.—It is no trouble to secure an appointment with Arthur B. Langlie, candidate for mayor. But if you admit you work for a labor paper, Mr. Langlie's cordiality freezes to ice.

A People's World reporter called this morning.

"Mr. Langlie, our readers want to know what position you are taking on some measures they consider very important. The three-platoon system in the fire department, for instance."

Mr. Langlie considered: "I do not favor the measure in view of the crisis in city finances right now."

"How about the low-cost housing act? Do you think the state should pass an enabling act to secure the \$7,000,000 which a federal housing administrator told us last week was ready for this state when we pass legislation?"

Mr. Langlie eyed the interviewer suspiciously. "What paper are you from?" he wanted to know.

"The People's World. The enabling act will put thousands of unemployed lumber workers to work so our readers are very much interested in it."

"Are you connected with the Sunday News, the Washington Commonwealth Federation's weekly paper?" he asked.

"No, but their position on the housing act is the same as ours."

"That will do," said Mr. Langlie abruptly. "I'm much too busy to talk to you."

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### Exclusion Ruled After Pledge to Contrary Had Been Made

### SEATTLE, March 4.—Harold J. Pritchett, president of the CIO Woodworkers, was barred from entering the United States today by the Department of Immigration at Vancouver, B. C.

It was learned at the office of the Intl. Woodworkers of America here that the Vancouver office said it considered Pritchett "undesirable" although 75,000 American citizens have chosen the young Canadian to be their president by a democratic vote.

Today's denial was made although last week Immigration Commissioner Houghteling at Washington, D. C. assured Pritchett that he would be granted a six-months' visitor's permit.

Pritchett flew to the national capital to protest the state department's denial of a permanent visa to allow him entrance to carry on the work as president of the Woodworkers and to ask for an open hearing to refute charges made against him that he is undesirable.

Union Busting Begins

Simultaneous with the refusal to allow entry to Pritchett, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce directed a move at labor unions.

Their bitterly anti-labor industrial committee struck at "undesirable" aliens. No mention was made by them of the Japanese killer and gambler who had paraded Seattle streets with a deputy sheriff's commission although he was an illegal resident of the United States. They directed their fire at a union leader who is the choice of 75,000 Americans for leadership.

His "undesirable" qualities, according to the Chamber of Commerce, are that he has successfully organized workers in the wood-working industry.

**Kills Legislation For Social Credit In Canada Court**

OTTAWA, March 4 (TP)—The Canadian supreme court outlawed today three bills enacted by the Alberta legislature as the foundation of a system of social credit in the province.

The high court ruled that the Canadian government has the power to nullify provincial legislation by disallowing reservations in provincial laws.

The decision rules out the social legislation as far as any appeal in Canada is concerned. The provincial government may, however, take an appeal to the privy council in London, which is the court of final appeal.

**TVA Directors Defend Policies to Roosevelt**

WASHINGTON, March 4 (TP)—The two directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, David Lillenthal and Harcourt Morgan, defended their TVA policies today in a letter released to the White House.

Release of the communication to the President followed a severe criticism of the two directors by TVA chairman Arthur Morgan.

Lillenthal's office said the Lillenthal-Morgan letter was sent to the White House before chairman Morgan made his statement. However, the letter was taken as an answer to Morgan's charges that the two directors had made it difficult for him to maintain the standards of the TVA.

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The State Must Help The Flood Victims!

CITIZENS of the Los Angeles area are today paying dearly for the greed of real estate and utility interests and venal politicians.

The bill? At least 124 dead. Ten thousand homeless. Untold thousands suffering exposure and hunger. Thousands of small homes, their hard-won furniture and family requirements ruined beyond repair.

Nature has been harsh, yes. But nature is not the criminal. The area flooded has long been known to live under that danger, which may break upon the heads of unknowing and innocent thousands any year.

What, then, is at fault? First, the private ownership of power resources, which has been fighting in Washington against a federal flood control anywhere, because federal flood control produces electric power as a by-product, and this might be, as was argued in the Tennessee Valley case, "confiscatory" of private property without "due process of law."

And federal flood control is the only effective control, as floods originate across county and state borders usually. The so-called "flood control" of Los Angeles County, with its ring of open shop grafters, has shown what little protection that is, in the case of the scandal over the San Gabriel Dam.

For years the people of Long Beach vainly begged a reactionary city council for a drainage outlet that would protect their homes. They got a ridiculous substitute.

What effective work has been done in the northern L. A. area, has been done by WPA funds. Yet the WPA has been attacked by the Hearst press and the Chandler-Times gang as "hoonodgling" taxpayers' money, and hence even that work has been inadequate to stem disaster. These are also the criminals responsible to the people!

Thirdly, those real estate corporations, who have sold unsuspecting people homes in areas subject to floods, share the responsibility with the Power Trust and the reactionary foes of federal work relief for the unemployed, who in this case—if put to work in past years—could have saved the whole area from catastrophe.

These are some of the immediate lessons to learn from this disaster which has caused untold suffering and will continue to afflict the poorest people worst for a long time to come.

But there is something immediately to be done: Unstinted relief to the homeless and suffering poor. Let the Special Session of California's Legislature that meets Monday at Sacramento, put first on the agenda an appropriation of a size adequate to refurbish and repair the homes of every poor family—and to care for them while the work goes on.

A Trial That Exposes A Fascist War Plot

REVELATIONS of treason in the trial now going on at Moscow should surprise no one. Unless Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold, Mussolini who was once a socialist, and the late MacDonald who left socialism for Toryism, startle people.

Today's news reports how Henry Yagoda, removed for incompetence from the head of the GPU, confesses now he plotted to overthrow the government. And on the very same day, there arrives a little labor paper published in Duluth, relating the great scandal of that region—an obscure official named Fred Lequir, kicked out of his office in the Minnesota Timber Workers Union, sells out to its bitter enemies and tries to organize a rival and dual union.

Ambition is ambition, labor spies are labor spies, and people do turn traitor. If the obscure Fred Lequir could sell his fellow workers in order to make himself a petty local union paid job—how much more likely will somebody like Yagoda or Bukharin or Trotsky sell his comrades to become something like an emperor of a realm of 170,000,000 people, one sixth of the world's surface?

The trial so far shows that a number of those on trial were professional labor spies from the time of the Czar. We have such people in America.

That part is easy to understand, and outside of the human drama in it might not attract much attention among the American people.

But there is something in which Americans, and all the people of all the world are vitally interested. The Moscow trial evidence so far, shows that Trotsky boasted to his followers, Krestinsky and Bessanov, that he was pals with the Nazi secret police.

Every one of the prisoners testifies that the whole lot worked for war. They knew that their only chance was by military conquest of their country from outside. They promised to give enormous territories to the German Nazis, the Polish generals, the British Tories, if these

gentry would just please come in and smash the Soviet government with military force and let Trotsky and his clique slip into control of the country.

Now, we are interested especially in that war. Such a war does not stay put. Even if it succeeded, as it probably wouldn't have, it would have resulted in a dog eat dog international battle for the pieces of Russia. If it didn't succeed, it would result in a tremendously long, bloody international carnage, into which every country would be forced to enter, sooner or later.

By exposing the plot and smashing it, the Soviet government has saved itself and the world from immediate war. Of course the war makers will try again, later.

It is primarily to show the American public how such things work that the People's World has arranged for the fullest possible reporting, by wireless, of the trial in Moscow. We can promise better coverage than any other paper on the Pacific Coast. We will print the facts.

Upton Sinclair's Letter

WE PRINT today a letter of Upton Sinclair to Eugene Lyons, answering the latter's open letter criticizing Mr. Sinclair for having sent a friendly greeting to the Soviet people on the twentieth anniversary of the revolution which freed them from capitalism and landlordism.

Both letters appeared in "The Progressive" of Wisconsin, and Mr. Sinclair has been kind enough to send them to us. The views of Mr. Lyons have been, we think, sufficiently ventilated through his book, "Assignment in Utopia," and through space given him plentifully by the nation's reactionary newspapers which were only too glad to use his slanders against the land of socialism.

The People's World wishes to commend Mr. Sinclair for his able presentation of the progressive view of the meaning to America and to the world of the birth, development and existence of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics—so obscured by fascist propagandists such as Eugene Lyons, and the vicious lies of the capitalist newspapers.

We think that this shows that Upton Sinclair, one of America's best writers and one whose work is better appreciated abroad than in his own country, is able to "grow" in intellectual stature with the changing world. Though we might find some things in his article that we could differ with, it nevertheless stands as proof that, though he has retired from the political arena, he still qualifies as an outstanding defender of peace and democracy as against the menace of fascism and war.

A Trumpet Call From Below the Rio Grande

WITH fascist eyes coming to focus more frequently on the rich undeveloped regions below the Rio Grande, Mexican labor's call for a world labor congress to mobilize the struggle against war and fascism impels us to a sigh of relief.

The call comes at a time when the danger of aggression and oppression of the people of Latin America is gravely imminent:

1. Hitler's pronouncement for colonial concessions, Mussolini's active aid to Franco, and the Mitsui-Mitsubishi attempt to annex China are all symptomatic of the desperate hunger and need of these tottering governments for new fields for exploitation, new markets for the goods of their monopolists, new and cheaper supplies of raw materials and labor, new sphere for the investment of loan capital.

This is the chief source of peril for the people of Latin America. And already the rapprochement between the fascistic Vargas regime and Mussolini and between the Guatemalan government and Hitler, the alarming increase of Nazi propaganda through literature and radio channels, and the active competition of the fascists, together with Britain, against the United States for Latin American trade, are storm signals of what is to follow.

2. Attacks on the New Deal by the denizens of Wall Street are bad omens for our southern neighbors. Indeed, the same giant monopolies who so savagely fight the New Deal are also attacking Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor" policy. The people of Latin America and of the United States must look to joint action against this common foe.

Wall Street inspired the illegal defiance of Mexican laws by the imperialist oil concessionaires in that country.

3. Finally, the declining rate of production in the big manufacturing countries will react injuriously on the countries of Latin America. Already prices of agrarian products and raw materials are falling on the world market, a condition usually followed by a slump in production in those countries, currency chaos, unemployment and intensified exploitation of labor. The feudal rulers of these countries will of course try to retain their grasp by increasing the tax burden on the people, passing repressive laws, and restricting further the almost intolerable living standards of the peasants and workers.

These three dangers converge on Latin America at a time when, if the people are not prepared to meet them, the few democratic liberties remaining there will be wiped out and history will be turned back a thousand years.

Hence the call for a labor congress by the workers of Mexico, preceding by several weeks the general national elections in Uruguay, is like the sound of a bugle to the flagging spirits of soldiers who have watched their flank being slowly pushed back. It is also a trumpet call to the workers and progressives of the United States. For they know full well that the fight to save democracy is their fight, too.

UPTON SINCLAIR ANSWERS SLANDERS AGAINST USSR

EDITOR'S NOTE: When Upton Sinclair reviewed Eugene Lyons' "Assignment in Utopia" and revealed its Anti-Soviet distortion and lies, Lyons wrote Sinclair a letter of defense. Sinclair's reply follows. It is reprinted from the Madison, Wisconsin "Progressive" of February 19th.

Mr. Eugene Lyons, New York City.

My dear Eugene Lyons:

I HAVE your open letter on the subject of my views on Russia. Of course I shall not "misunderstand the spirit of it." You have a perfect right to criticize my published ideas, and I am interested in your reactions. But I am not convinced, and will tell you why.

The Russian people suffered many centuries of oppression, they had no democratic institutions, and they did not know what we call "liberty." Modern ideas were kept from them and the great bulk of the people were degraded peasants only recently out of serfdom, besotted with drink and sunk in superstition. After three years of dreadful suffering and defeat in war a little group of revolutionists who believed in collectivism managed to seize power. I did not believe they could hold it for six months, but they have managed to hold it for 20 years. My error in judgment makes me humble about giving them advice now.

Just Rhetoric

The little group of revolutionists have been enforcing their collectivist ideas upon 170 million people. At the same time they have been giving these people education of a sort. You doubt the benefits of this education, saying that "orly words written by the ruling clique may be read." Will you really defend such a statement, or is it merely a bit of rhetoric? More than three million of my books have been translated and published in Russia. They have recently circulated something like half a million copies of "No Pasaran," and are now proceeding to do the same with "The Flivver King."

Naturally, this inclines me somewhat in their favor; but I hasten to add that they have also circulated many more million copies of the works of Tolstoy and of Pushkin, to say nothing of Marx and Engels. How many students have come out of their high schools and colleges I do not happen to know, but it must be many millions in the case of twenty years.

You appear to believe that all the minds of all these persons are entirely enslaved; but I am unable to believe this, and I think that if the ruling group in Russia has committed a "betrayal of the basic principle of Socialism, workers' democracy," the educated workers will find it out in the course of time, and will find a way to get that which has so elaborately been promised to them for the past twenty years.

Years of Anguish

Let us return to our Russian history. The three years of foreign war were followed by a year of revolution and several years of civil war, during which most of the resources of Russia were destroyed and an extreme fanaticism was begotten. Personally, I never permit myself to think about Russian affairs without remembering those years of anguish, and the fury of passion which they awakened in the hearts of the struggling workers.

Defending themselves against world capitalism represented by a score of nations, including the United States, the Russian workers learned to hate counter-revolutionary conspiracies and to put them down. Even in our comparatively peaceful America, I also learned something about capitalist counter-revolution and the infamies to which it resorts to defend itself and its privileges. I never going to forget what I learned, and it enabled me to understand the determination of the Russian people to defend their regime.

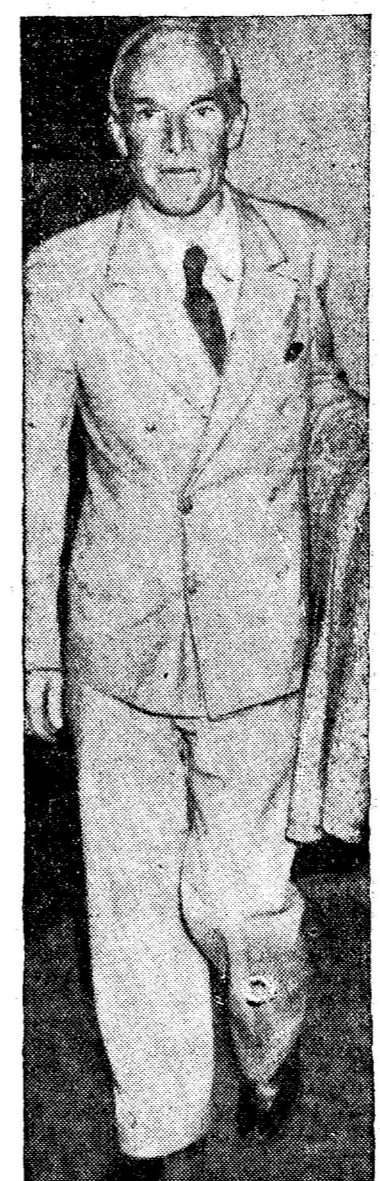
20 Years War

FROM my point of view, the Russians have been at war during the past 20 years. It has been not merely a war of blockade, of intrigue and sabotage and spying and wholesale lying, it has also been a preparation against military attack, a mere hull between battles. I have known for 20 years that the Russians were going to be attacked again whenever reaction felt that it had the power. I have told them that on every occasion, and have never blamed them for defending themselves and preparing for further defense. Their political liberties in the meantime have been and could be only such as are possible for a people at war; and if you remember the years 1917 to 1920 in our own country, you know that they are not the ideal civil liberties such as we all hope to enjoy in the cooperative commonwealth of the future.

And now have come Mussolini, and then Hitler, and then the Mikado. Whatever you may think about them, you can hardly dispute the fact that Russia is for all practical purposes at war today. Hitler has told us quite frankly that he intends to have the Ukraine, and the young Japanese militarists have been no less frank on the subject of the eastern half of Siberia.

The Fascist Goal

Well, my dear Eugene Lyons, you probably know many times as much about the Soviet Union as I know, but one Russian phenomenon I can claim to know thoroughly, and that is Eisenstein. I once tried to help him make a picture. I won't go into details of the sad story, but will just say that through two years of experience which came near to ending my life I learned a great deal about the difficulties which the administrators of the Soviet Union have encountered in endeavoring to build order out of the chaos placed at their disposal.



UPTON SINCLAIR

vinov's propositions? Why didn't they pretend to accept them?

The answer is because every one of them understood clearly that a collectivist economy can set along without colonies and foreign trade, whereas a profit economy must have these things, and must increase them, and therefore is driven continually to fresh aggressions under penalty of revolution at home.

Soviet's Clean Hands

IT IS my belief that the disarmament proposals repeatedly made by the Soviet Union enable that country to stand before the world with clean hands, and place the blame for the wars which are coming upon the nations which refused the proposals and have gone on ever since to prepare for worse aggressions against the Soviet Union.

Seeing this war clearly before us, I say that friends of progress have no choice whatever except this choice: do you want to see the Soviet Union overthrown, or do you want to see Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, and Araki overthrown?

That is the question of our time for every Socialist, every progressive, and every friend of mankind. That does not mean, as you suggest in your letter, that I "seriously propose concealment of the truth as the solution of the problem of Russia." It does mean that when I criticize what Russia is doing, I criticize it as a friend who understands.

Forced to Choose

Long ago I learned the bitter lesson that I cannot make this world what I think it should be—at least not in this lifetime! If I could wipe terror and cruelty from the world by a stroke of the pen, assuredly I would be making such a stroke at this moment, instead of explaining that I am forced to choose between two regimes of force which are in a death-struggle with each other.

It so happens that I believe one of these regimes is capable of progress and improvement, while I believe that the other means death to all hope of progress to mankind for all future time.

I could give a long list of improvements in Russia which I think you fail to allow for in your letter to me. You point out the fact that I have not visited Russia, and suggest that this indicates my "panicky fear of facing the facts." As it happens, this suggestion would apply to all the other countries of the world, because I have not been outside the United States since the World War. The "panicky fear" which I have felt has been caused by the riveting of capitalist shackles upon the people of my own country, and I have judged that the best thing I could do was to stay at home where I really understand the institutions and conditions and can really give advice.

Eisenstein Trouble

At the same time I have had many friends, some of whom have traveled to Russia every year and brought me back first hand accounts. Also many Russians have come over here and have given me an opportunity to know them and judge them. I could not withhold a smile when you cited to me the case of Eisenstein as an example of "outlawry of progressive and modernistic and experimental urges in cultural life (in the Soviet Union)."

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Learn From Communists

Also, I have known a great many American Communists, and I have learned from them. I have known some good ones and some exceedingly bad ones—I doubt if you could have known any worse inside the Soviet Union: As you know, up to three years ago it was the dogma of the Communists that we Socialists were all Social Fascists, and during our EPIC campaign in California I had many trying times with Communists at the mass meetings at which I spoke throughout the state.

They used to bring armfuls of leaflets into the galleries and at the height of my most eloquent climaxes they would shower down arguments upon the audience below.

I used to make it a point to ask for one of the leaflets and read it to the audience and answer it there and then, explaining why I did not think that we could have a Russian revolution in America right away, and why I thought it was a mistake to call for it at any time.

Now, as you know, the Communist Party all over the world has changed its "line." I do not mean that they are now saying and doing what I urged them for many years to say and do: to support and cooperate with the democratic people. As soon as I read of the adoption of this new "line," I knew that it would not please some of the bitter fanatics who had preached the dogma of the "permanent revolution" for so many years that they could not open their eyes to the meaning of Mussolini, Hitler, Franco and Araki.

Foresaw Sabotage

I remember saying to my wife in the very first days of the new "line" that there would be a split in the Communist Party all over the world and there would be sabotage and attempts at revolution inside Russia. So you see I was not surprised by the birth of what is called "Trotskyism," and neither was I surprised by the trials and executions in Russia.

You speak of the "obscene show trials." I have searched your letter for any hint of the possibility that some men may actually have been guilty of waging war against the present Stalin regime inside Russia. I searched also in vain for any hint as to what Hitler and Araki, to say nothing of the British Tories of England, Roumania, etc., may have been doing, or trying to do, inside the Soviet Union.

Elementary

To me it seems the most elementary of political and military inevitabilities that secret war should be going on against the Soviet Union, and that reactionary intriguers provided with unlimited funds should be making whatever use they can of revolutionary extremism inside that country.

Arguments have a way of centering about personalities, and the question has become whether Trotsky accepted help from Hitler. I do not know anything about that, and I am not especially interested in it, because Trotsky does not loom that much in my mind. But I know that when unlimited funds are available, and when subtle and highly trained agents are working inside a political movement to use it they can find plenty of ways of passing out money while keeping secret the sources from which the money has come.

I know just as well that there are German and Japanese agents in Russia today posing as being ultra-leftwingers, as I know that there are spies in the American labor movement, posing as being Communists and doing everything they can to lead the movement into violence and disorder so that it may be discredited.

Post Testimony

I knew this must be so; and then one day in the Saturday Evening Post I came upon the articles of Mr. Littlepage, an American engineer who is without any trace of radicalism, or even of understanding of the most strategic attacks. For example, the Kowloon-Canton and the Canton-Hankow Railroads, over which China imports the bulk of its war supplies from Hong Kong to the scene of battle have been under attack by Japanese air forces since the Japanese present invasion of China. Yet the Japanese bombers have hardly scratched either one of these roads.

He tells about one of the high-up officials whose acts of sabotage in the purchase of machinery he witnessed in Berlin; and it so happens that this individual was one of the men who confessed to those very same acts in the public proceedings which you describe as "obscene show trials."

Soviet the Best

I have written you a long letter—longer than your letter to me. The subject is the most important one of our time. It is true, as you say, that my heart is "in the right place."

I want to know the truth and to tell it as well as I can. It is also true that I have been studying the problem of Russia as earnestly as I know now for 20 years. There have been few days during that period that I have not sought some new facts and pondered them.

I have had many a headache over the things which have happened in Russia—so different from what I hoped for. I watched Gorky all through this period and I know how he suffered and how more than once he wavered. But in the end he made up his mind that the Soviet regime was the best hope for the workers of Russia, and that is my conclusion today.

I do not think it is going to change so long as Mussolini, Hitler, Franco and Araki continue to menace the world with a return to the middle ages, and so long as the Soviet Union continues to hold out to America, Britain, and France the invitation to join her in standing against this menace.—UPTON SINCLAIR.

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

In Vain Search For a Principle In Mr. Pegler



ALTHOUGH, from our humble seat in the gallery, we never witnessed any of that wickedness associated with Sodom and Gomorrah while sojourning in Hollywood and Los Angeles, the latter must be cities accursed no less than the former.

Look at their afflictions! Hearst and the Open Shop, Chandler and rains that spoiled the ski tournament and drove citizens from their mortgaged homes. And on top of that—Westbrook Pegler arrives!

Like to a vulture, smelling from afar a possible battle between the celluloid barons and the rebellious serfs of filmland, Pegler has arrived to do his part in picking the bones of a much too dismembered body of movie unionism. His first column about it is offered as an "overture."

If this be an overture, he can keep his pianissimos, obligato, and what not for the film magnates who call his tunes. For at once he launches into an attack on unionism among the actors and writers of Hollywood, smearing them all, both great and small as only a smearer that gets \$35,000 per year for smearing can smear.

For a guy who drags down that bribe for exuding sewage, Pegler shows considerable gall in rebuking useful and talented citizens for the crime of high salaries. By what measure of decent argument, even if we accept his own implication that no one deserves it, does a newspaper scribe getting \$675 per week, charge a screen writer with moral turpitude because he complains at being underpaid on \$200 per week, on the grounds that "he worked for \$35 in New York?"

Has not Pegler just finished a series of columns defending the fabulous incomes of monopoly chiefs, on the grounds that "they once worked hard for low wages and supported their mothers and kid sisters?"

So, after a chat over cocktails with the Movie Trust's director for union disruption, Pegler brings forth the yarn that "Another writer refused to state his salary to the Labor Board on the ground that the figure would tend to degrade him, but admitted under pressure that he was drawing \$750 a week."

Shame on him! But he was forced "to admit" \$750 a week! Pegler got him, and held him up, squirming, to all \$18 a week Scripps-Howard readers! But Pegler didn't go on from there and have it also "admitted" that the \$750 per week job may last only a couple of weeks, and then the offender can live on California scenery the rest of the year, perhaps.

The Screen Playwrights, says Pegler in approval, "were organized for the purpose of resisting the attempts of the Screen Writers Guild to dominate the writing business." A noble cause, nods Pegler, for it is explained that if the Guild were powerful, a night (though of course it doesn't and no one can prove that it would) it might "possess an incidental power of censorship and smother social or political ideas."

Personally, we don't know who makes up the Screen Playwrights, but their social and political ideas must be already smothered, if they fail to perceive a present and actual censorship by producers, and fondly embrace this real censorship out of fear of another that might be, in case of and if. There may be germs on an apple, so eat caution and praise God that you've avoided bacteria.

But Pegler lays himself out in sarcasm about the leaders of movie unionism. They receive enormous pay as stars, he complains, yet "a proposal that the rich members of the Actors Guild accept a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent, to be added to the pay of the little fellow whose plight is breaking their hearts, was promptly rejected."

Yet, indeed, Mr. Pegler, why should they? The producers, and not the stars, are profit-making employers of "the little fellow." And these employers have even a more "enormous" income from exploiting both star and little fellow than do both, and these employers can and should raise the pay of the low paid actors. When did you, Pegler, agree to take a cut of your enormous salary to be added to the low-paid Scripps-Howard workers?

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

NOTHING has been said or hinted in London about the Far Eastern angle of the Tories' agreement with dictators of the fascist triangle. That is to come later, just as soon as the Chamberlain cabinet can get its deal over with Rome and Berlin.

In the meantime, Japan's foreign minister Koki Hirota is trying to break ground for inclusion of Japan in the general Tory understanding with fascism. He has first directed his attention to the United States. Diplomatic feelers are stretched out from Tokio to Washington on the naval question.

Japan, even more than Italy, requires a helping hand from London. A brief examination of the developments in China and in Nippon will illustrate the situation.

The Japanese people have become concerned over the spectacular demonstrations of the Chinese air force. China's air force might not only be growing stronger and better organized but its audacity and success are compromising the vaunted superiority of the Japanese air fleet. The Chinese raid on the heavily fortified Japanese island war base of Formosa admittedly shook and terrified the Japanese people.

At the same time, after losing the cream of its planes and pilots in its early haste to dominate China in one dramatic military blow, the Japanese air fleet is now making a miserably poor showing in the most strategic attacks. For example, the Kowloon-Canton and the Canton-Hankow Railroads, over which China imports the bulk of its war supplies from Hong Kong to the scene of battle have been under attack by Japanese air forces since the Japanese present invasion of China. Yet the Japanese bombers have hardly scratched either one of these roads.

PROOF is abundant that the Japanese government is against over China's prolonged resistance. Even more voluminous is the evidence that the Japanese people are chaffing at the extended war. Economic difficulties are cumulatively growing in Japan. The boycott is registering deeply. The last issue of the Sunday Worker published an official admission from the Tokio chief prosecutor that the anti-war movement is gaining in Japan. Political conflicts in the Japanese Diet (Parliament) over the conduct of the war reached the point of a near riot. The majority of political parties are protesting against complete fascization of the country.

ON THE war front itself, Japan's drive towards the Lunghai railway, China's strategic East and West line, has proved disappointing to Tokio. Every inch gained by the Japanese becomes harder than the previous mile conquered. What is more, as the battle intensifies in front of them, guerrilla fighting becomes more menacing in the rear.

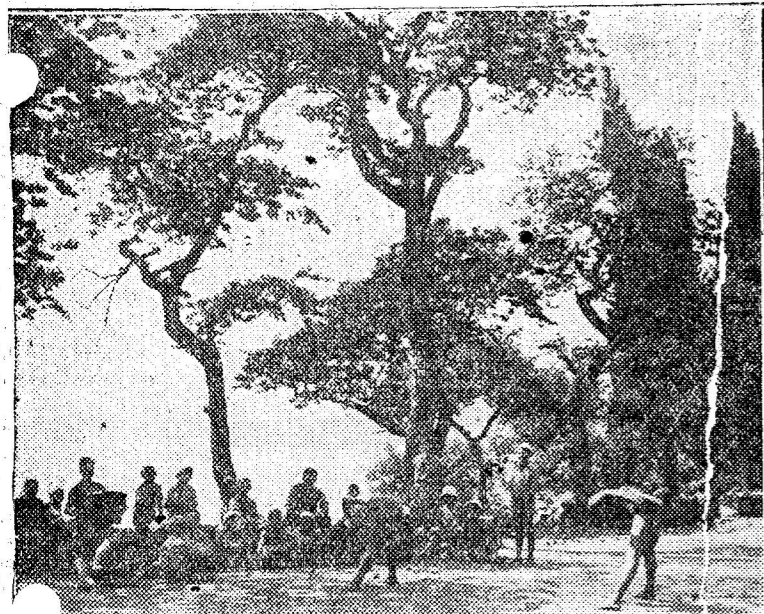
Should Japan finally conquer the Lunghai, which is not a distant possibility, there will be a repetition, but in a broader sense, of the general situation in China after the fall of Nanking.

The Japanese will be in a tighter spot in so far as their lines will have extended, and they will have much more difficult territory to defend. They will have to decide on still further invasion, which would require a tremendous increase in their armed forces and expenditures, or face an extension of the dangers they are experiencing in the North and around the Hangchow-Wu-Nanking fronts.

NEW EFFORTS will be made at "peace" offerings, but with the British Tories, instead of the Nazis, as the go-betweens, the critical situation that China will thus confront will demand an extension of the Kuomintang-Communist union advances made after the fall of Nanking. This time, Tokio, London and Germany jointly will exert pressure on and offer aid to the pro-Japanese faction in China to bring about capitulation. However, if one reads the temper of the Chinese people right in the heroic defense, in the determination to resist to the end, in their understanding of the problems they face, there is little likelihood that Japan's new proffers or pressure will succeed.

But that will not prevent Tokio from trying to come to open terms with Great Britain as part of the general Tory agreement with the other two members of the triple fascist alliance.

A Photograph of the Truth



Julien Bryan Photo. The Russian Riviera. A camp for 1500 children at Artek on the shores of the Black Sea.

'Inside Germany' Film Maker Loves People, Praises USSR

By Clint Daff

TO JULIEN BRYAN, the man who filmed the telling "Inside Nazi Germany," the best job he can do for the Soviet Union is "to photograph the truth." He has been in Russia every year since 1930, taking such pictures.

"Russia is a land of variety," explained this ace photographer at the Cliff Hotel, "and in my opinion there is no country so important to the political future of the world."

"We proudly call ourselves a melting pot with a dozen or so nationalities. But here is a vast

country with 170 distinct peoples. And they are swell people!"

Painstaking Care

THIS frank and honest "photo-reporter" as he calls himself, has a painstaking technique for getting his motion pictures and "stills" which always arouse such a storm of comment. He described the care necessary to win the confidence of people.

For Julien Bryan is not interested in romance and poses. He is interested in bringing back documentary evidence of just how people live, work and play. To do this he tries to identify himself with his subjects to eat and live just as they do. He did just this last summer in a long horseback trip into the colorful Soviet.

"I like people!" declared Bryan, warmly. Around this slogan the "motion-picture journalist" has a code of ethics that would put to shame many a reporter. He believes in accuracy and strict honesty. He believes that if his pictures live up to this standard they will be either a boost or a slam, depending on the true situation in a country. This process, though, gets him kicks from all sides.

"When I showed films of fat little Russia babies recently," he laughed, "a delegation of two women came to me immediately after



Counsel for the PEOPLE

- 1. Are unemployment benefits payable now?
2. What is the first thing a worker should do upon becoming unemployed?
3. What are the waiting periods after such registration before benefits are payable?
4. Is the waiting period longer if the worker quits voluntarily or is fired for misconduct?
5. During the waiting period are you required to accept any employment offered?
6. Suppose a job is offered which is vacant due to a strike or lock-out do you have to take it?
7. If the job offered to you requires that you join a company union or refrain from joining a bona fide union, does the law compel you to accept the job?
8. Do you have to accept a job with hours, wages or other conditions that are less favorable than the prevailing hour, wage rate or working conditions for similar work in the locality?
9. How much will the benefits amount to?
10. To entitle the worker to unemployment benefits, how long must he have worked or how much must he have earned during the preceding period?
11. What does the term "wages" include?
12. Must you be a resident of the state in order to receive benefits?
13. Must you be a citizen of the United States in order to receive benefits?

IN MEMORY OF A HERO

He Fought for Freedom And Fascists of Brazil Tortured Him to Death

By Harrison George

(Victor Barron's Father)

SPREAD before the eye of the tall and slender young man on the forward deck of an ocean liner, was the harbor of Rio de Janeiro.

He had lived beside the Golden Gate; and had viewed many cities in many lands. But with him, as with all who look for the first time upon the capital city of Brazil, mounting the hills beyond the beach of snow white sands laved by the indigo bay, the sheer beauty of Rio left him breathless.

On the left, that upended mountain of rock of the Pan de Azucar lifted itself a thousand feet straight in the air. Behind and beyond, the city's gaily colored tiles rose from broad avenues lined with palms, up the green mountain sides where the odor of countless flowers mingled with the languor of the tropics.

Death That Waited

A scene to charm and delight a youth and youth's spirit of high adventure. But death waited for this lad, Victor Barron, in yonder city. Yet a brave and heroic death, and one he would not have shrunk from had he divined it.

For he was an American boy from our own Great West, born in Oregon and brought up along this Western Coast. And the love of liberty was in his blood from generations of American sires who had fought with Washington and charged with bayonets fixed against slavery.

And, as an American youth who had worked from early boyhood for the corporations of this Pacific Coast, from the fields of the Imperial Valley to the lumber camps of Washington state, he valued liberty the more because of the restrictions which monopoly control over the lives of the common people, put upon that liberty.

Born to Out-of-Doors

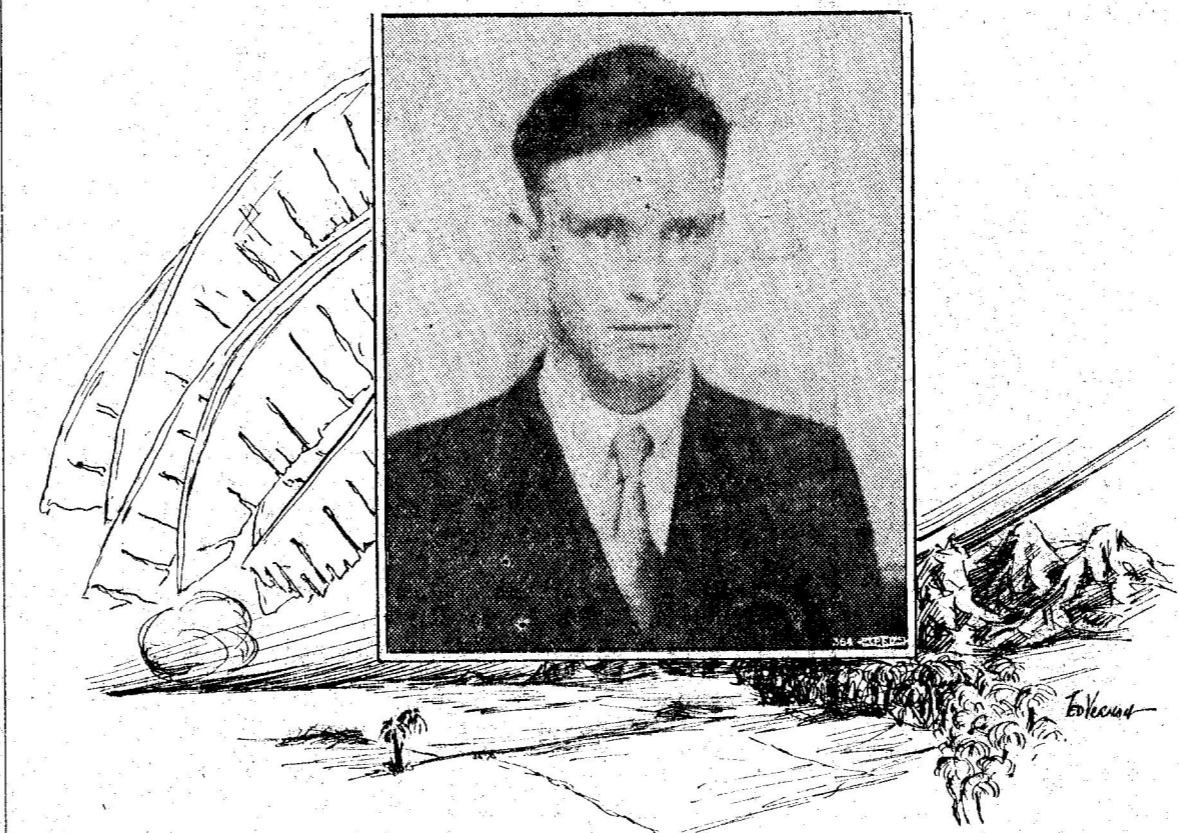
HE was an American, born to the out-doors, knowing the smell of sagebrush and of harness. Knowing, too, the roar of the surf on the sands from which he dug clams; the rustle of leaves in orange orchards from which he gathered fruit, and the warning cry of "Timber!" where he worked as "rigging slinger" in the long log country.

Yet, in July, 1935, here he was in Rio de Janeiro, three years of wandering as a student, radio-telegrapher and interpreter of three languages besides his native one, in search of a warm climate to appease the frail health his boyhood had imposed upon him. And here was the fabled city of Rio!

A People Chained

HERE, too, he found a people chained to misery and starvation. Brazil, greater in area than our whole 48 states and lavish in natural wealth, was enslaved to foreign corporations, and a dictatorial government which enforced their rule upon some 43,000,000 people.

Thirty millions of these, said Belisario Penna, Director of Public Health, not long before, "are dying slowly from hunger and disease." A broad rich land, greater than our own, yet with 648,000



Victor Barron, son of the West. "He loved the liberty of the people more than his own life."

owners of land, and 64,000 of them owning most of it. Feudal lords enslaving a peon mass on wide plantations. Or, as in the coffee region of Sao Paulo, the peons are whipped into slavery by managers responsible for profits to British bankers, who never see the blood-berries the peons gather from the trees.

Owned by America

VICTOR BARRON, American youth, looked with some amazement on this. For here, too, were great electric signs advertising American autos. Here, too, in a hundred and fifty cities, the electric light bill is paid to Morgan's Bank through the Electric Bond & Share Co.

You ride on a streetcar, owned by American bondholders, to work on an American shipping line's dock, perhaps to handle manganese ore from mines of the U. S. Steel Corporation or the American Smelting and Refining Co. Or the billion pounds of coffee shipped annually to the United States by the Coffee Trust.

Hundreds of miles from the sea, far up in the steaming jungle of the Amazon, on its tributary called the Tapajós River, is "Fordlandia." A great territory of 3,700,000 acres owned by Henry Ford, for rubber, where thousands of the most pitiful slaves, Negroes and Indians, work for twelve cents a day (this is the top wage), which they must spend in company stores. And where Ford is the government with one army of those low enough to terrorize their fellow men with whip and gun.

The Traitor Vargas

ALL this the young American, Victor Barron, came to know. Also, that in the presidential palace at Rio, there sat Getulio Vargas, president by right of military revolt five years before. A Brazilian who had sold his people to foreign exploiters, a suave man with the garb of civilization but the soul of a savage. A traitor to and an oppressor of the Brazilian people.

He Would Not Tell

IN this storm of popular revolt against advancing fascism, Victor Barron was drawn into the fight on the side of the struggling people. He, too, fell into the hands of the political police on Jan. 28, 1936, and though he was not charged with any offense, nor ever brought before any court for hearing, he was held secretly—and cruelly tortured by every diabolical

method known to human devils for five weeks. He was supposed to know where Prestes was. And he would not tell. A young Communist, he would be torn to pieces rather than tell the fascist enemies of an oppressed people anything.

Blossoming Revolt

JUST as tyranny had become rooted in the soil of Brazil, so revolt had blossomed from it. In 1922, and again in 1924, there were revolts against a former tyrant. Still again in 1930, when Vargas was won over by the masses by opposing all oppressors, and Vargas could not bribe him. The people fondly called Prestes the "Knight of Hope."

We Gave the Warning

AND this was two years ago today, March 5, 1936. But four months after, fascism struck at Spain, where today thousands of Americans are aiding the Spanish people to crush this menace to the world. Victor Barron fell victim to its first beginnings on the American continent. The State Department at Washington gave no heed when, at Barron's death, the warning that fascism was reaching for Brazil, was given. I and others sounded that warning.

He Defended Liberty

FASCISM leaped the Atlantic. Victor Barron, son of this American West, was its first victim. Prestes, now a prisoner, is in danger. Vargas, denying his regime is fascist to calm American alarm, enforces fascism. But the Brazilian people are again gathering their forces.

Goodbye Two-Bit Words

Basic English is Here. A group in Basic English under Joek Rantz will have its first meeting 8 p.m. Monday, March 7 at the International Institute, 1860 Washington Street, San Francisco.

China Strikes Back

BERKELEY, March 4.—Famous particularly as an exponent of Bach and Debussy, E. Robert Schmitz, pianist, will be heard in a program devoted to the music of these two composers in Wheeler Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 3:15 p.m.

Noted Pianist Due in Berkeley

Schmitz, who is French by birth and early musical education, has since 1918 been an outstanding figure in the musical life of America.

Star Music Attractions

(Opera House) Saturday, Mar. 5.—Lucia Di Lammermoor. Afternoon; Carmen Evening. Sunday, Mar. 6.—Madame Butterfly. Afternoon; Rigoletto, Evening. Monday, Mar. 7.—Lohengrin, Evening. Tuesday, Mar. 8.—Aida, Evening. Wednesday, Mar. 9.—H. H. Travatore, Evening. Thursday, Mar. 10.—Carmen, Evening. Friday, Mar. 11.—Faust, Evening. Saturday, Mar. 12.—Rigoletto, Afternoon. Sunday, Mar. 13.—Madam Butterfly. Afternoon; La Tosca, Evening.

Current Movies at Theatres in S. F.

Golden Gate Theatre: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "The Wizard of Oz."
Orpheum Theatre: "Mad About Music" with Lucie Arnott and Herbert Marshall; also "Midnight Interlude" with Barbara Read and Louis Lomax.
Warfield Theatre: "A Tank at Oxford" with Robert Taylor; also "The Great Garrick" with Brian Goode and Franchoise Tone.
Fox Theatre: "A Slight Case of Murder" with George E. Stone; also "Walking Down Broadway."
New Embassy Theatre: "The Red" with Ruth Chatterton; also "Windhammer" with George O'Brien.
United Artists: "The Hurricane" with Dorothy Lamour, Jon Hall and Mary Astor.
Clay Theatre: "Mystelling" with Charles Boyer and Danielle Darrieux.
Paramount Theatre: "The Baroness and the Butler" with William Powell and Annabella; also "The Great Garrick" with Brian Goode and Olivia de Havilland.
St. Francis Theatre: "Bordertown" with Paul Muni and Betty Davis.

spite of harsh police terror and restrictive laws a People's Front movement called the National Liberation Alliance. At its head, a rather youthful ex-officer of the army and idol of the people for years, Luis Carlos Prestes.

Victor Barron's Story

Victor Barron, son of the West, was a young man of high ideals and a deep love of liberty. He was born in Oregon and grew up in the West. He was a student and a radio-telegrapher and interpreter of three languages besides his native one. He was a young man of high ideals and a deep love of liberty.

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TUNING IN with Mary Hurley

CARLOS CHAVEZ, noted composer and conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of Mexico City, Arturo Rodzinski, Pierre Monteux, Sir Adrian Boult and Bernardino Molinari have been scheduled to direct the NBC Symphony Orchestra following Arturo Toscanini's last broadcast on Saturday. This announcement signifies the continuance well into June of the hour-and-a-half Saturday night broadcasts by the NBC Symphony Orchestra under world-famous conductors over the NBC Red and Blue Networks, at 7:00 p.m.

Efrem Zimbalist, noted violinist, will be the soloist when John Barbirolli directs the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in a regular Sunday Concert over the Columbia network at 12:30 N. The program in full follows: Overture to "Hansel and Gretel" Humperdinck Concerto in D Major, Opus 47 Schubert Polka and Fugue from the opera "Schwanda" Weberberg

Saturday's Hits MORNING 8:00—Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Mutual. 8:30—Music from the American Youth, NBC Red. 9:00—Chasins' Music Series, NBC Red. 10:30—Club Matinee, NBC Blue. 10:55—Metropolitan Opera, NBC Blue.

AFTERNOON 12:00—Golden Melodies, NBC Red. 1:00—International House, Mutual. 1:30—Walter Kelsky and His Music, NBC Red. 2:00—Great Plays, NBC Red. 2:30—Columbia Chorus Guest, Columbia. 3:30—Saturday Swing Session, Columbia Sports Question Box, NBC Red. 3:45—Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, NBC Red. 4:00—American Progressive Talks, KPVD. 5:30—Joseph Hornik's Orchestra, NBC Spelling Bee, NBC Blue.

EVENING 8:00—Swing Spotlight, KSL. 8:30—Saturday Parade, Columbia. 9:00—Eddie Duchia, NBC Blue. 9:30—Joe Rudy, NBC Red. 10:00—Rogers, NBC Red. 10:30—Jimmy O'Grady, NBC Red. 11:00—Jan Garber, Mutual. 11:30—Sunday's Highlights

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Eighth Route Army Stars in "China Strikes Back"

HOLLYWOOD, March 4.—The only movies of the famous Chinese Eighth Route Army ever to see the light of a projection room will be shown at the Hotel Roosevelt here Sunday night at the China relief benefit dance sponsored by the Motion Picture Artists' Committee. These action shots of the Shensi Province guerrilla fighters, whose tactics are making the vaunted Japanese war machine look like a pretzel wagon, have been incorporated in the film "China Strikes Back" produced by Frontier Films. Movies taken by Actress Anna May Wong on her recent Chinese trip, will also be shown on a program distinguished by a variety of acts by radio and screen luminaries. Harry Dunham, former ballet dancer, actor, portrait photographer, and Pathé newsreel star, started out to make films of one people's war—the one in Spain—and wound up taking pictures of the people's troops in North China. Shortly after the fascists attacked the people's government in Spain, Dunham left the United States to photograph the war there. Someone told him that it was about over there and that he might as well save his film. Dunham looked around for new worlds to photograph. He smuggled himself into the closely guarded Chinese Soviet regions in the north-west provinces. Then Chiang Kai-Shek was seized at Sian, and forced to put in writing his determination to resist the Japanese by force of arms, the New York Times correspondent wrote that the only American pre-

# Labor Cage Champs Clash in North-South Game

## PEOPLE'S WORLD SPORTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1938

### RAINS WON'T HALT 100 GRAND RACE

### L. A. Court Aces Here for Two Big Games

#### HOSTAK-STEELE?

SEATTLE, March 4. — Managers for Al Hostak, Seattle middleweight who disposed of San Diego's Swede Berglund two nights ago in two rounds, admitted today that they were negotiating with Middleweight champion Fred Steele for an all-Seattle title bout.

Steele has been offered a \$25,000 guarantee for a title fight with Young Corbett III in San Francisco this summer, but Hostak's managers feel that he can make more money by fighting their protegee in Seattle.

Hostak's rise to fame has been over the knock-out route. He has kayoed half a dozen of the leading middleweight contenders in the last few months.

Hostak holds a decision over Fred Apostoli of San Francisco, the fighter who technically knocked out Steele early in January.

#### Gavras Takes S. F. Feather Weight Title

#### Out-points Marston In 10 Rounds

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4. — Newsboy Joe Gavras ruled the featherweight champion of San Francisco today as the result of a hustling 10-round decision over Lester Marston on the main event of last night's Dreamland card.

Gavras took seven rounds. He dominated the fighting throughout the central section of the bout, and only in the ninth and tenth did Marston display any power.

Marston attempted to come back late in the eighth. He took the ninth with a series of right crosses which caught Gavras off his balance several times. The two fighters stood up and slugged at each other in the tenth, but Marston had shot his wits.

#### BOOKER WINS

Eddie Booker, San Jose Negro welter, smacked the veteran Andy Callahan in the 10-round semi-windup. It was Booker all the way, as Callahan showed the effects of too much age, too much weight and not enough wind.

In the other 10-rounder, Henry Woods, Negro lightweight, lashed Johnny Fasano about the ring for a 10-round boxing lesson which greatly resembled the Booker-Callahan go. Fasano was slow, fat and huffing and puffing most of the way. Woods got credit for eight rounds.

In the curtain raiser Ralph Cronin scored a 1-round knockout over Jack McKay.

#### 'Free Austria' From Nazi Is Peasant Plank

VIENNA, March 4.—With the resignation of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg expected shortly, labor and peasant groups today are mobilizing sentiment behind a move to secure a free and independent Austria and to curb the steadily increasing Nazi influence in the government.

As "free peasants in a free Austria" the federal peasant council, led by former Minister of Agriculture Josef Reiter, yesterday proclaimed their opposition to the Nazification of the government and exhorted the nation to rally around the fight for independence.

"The Austrian peasant opposes a system based on force," the resolution said. "We uphold Christian culture and Austria's German mission. We are ready to serve the cause of peace."

Possible Successors  
Meanwhile, Schuschnigg is believed to be using the four weeks prohibition of Nazi demonstrations obtained by Seys-Inquart's agreement to prepare a new leader for the Fatherland Front. Nazis want Dr. Guido Schmidt, whom they expect to make an easy convert. Clericalist Walter Richard Schmitz, Vienna Burgomaster.

#### Di Mag Feud with Ruppert Gets Hotter

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—"I won't show up in training camp until Col. Ruppert pays me what I asked," Joe Di Maggio, swatting outfielder for the New York Yankees, flatly declared today.

The Di Maggio-Ruppert hold-out feud thus threatened to break into open warfare.

Joe originally demanded \$40,000 for his 1938 services. The Yankees countered with a \$20,000 offer. Joe declined.

The Yankees have since come up to \$25,000 and Joe has let it be known that he would sign for \$30,000.

Beyond this point neither party to the squabble will go.

Joe received word from New York today that Ruppert, brewer-owner of the Yankees, intimated that Di Maggio could "stay in San Francisco until he rots" as far as the Colonel was concerned.

The Yankees are currently in spring training at St. Petersburg, Fla.

NEW YORK, March 4 (TP). — The owner of the New York Yankees, Colonel Jake Ruppert, said today that outfielder Joe Di Maggio would have to accept a \$25,000 contract for 1938 or stay out of baseball.

Ruppert denied indignantly that the salary squabble between Di Maggio and the ankles was the part of the usual spring ballyhoo.

Said Ruppert:—"Di Maggio says he will not go to the St. Petersburg training until he gets the contract he wants. Well, let him stay in San Francisco. We have been fair with Di Maggio. This is one time when I mean every word I say about a baseball contract. Di Maggio will take \$25,000 for this season or he won't play baseball at all."

The young outfielder has asked for \$40,000 but is reportedly willing to sign for \$30,000—double his salary of 1937.

#### ILWU Bowlers Warming Up for 1938 Season

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The San Francisco warehousemen's bowling team is practicing every Monday night at the Ideal Alley, officials of the sports committee announce.

Teams interested in match competition with the ILWU are asked to contact them at the alleys. They are at present negotiating matches for this coming Sunday.

#### Three Zog Sisters Give \$100 to Salvation Army

NEW YORK, March 4 (TP). — The three sisters of King Zog of Albania today contributed \$100 to start the 1938 citizens' appeal for the Salvation Army in Brooklyn.

The princesses visited the Brooklyn nursery hospital today to inspect the nursery, and made their gift upon leaving.

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#### Dry Anita Track With Machines

#### 'Biscuit Still Favored'

SANTA ANITA, March 4.—Dr. Charles H. Strub eyed the clearing skies today and got out his flame-puffing dryer with which he hopes to turn Santa Anita's sea of mud into a hard, dry track by tomorrow afternoon.

For tomorrow afternoon nearly a score of horses will break from the paddock in the major racing event of the west—the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Dr. Strub, an incurable optimist, still predicts a dry track after the downpour which caused Southern California's greatest flood in over 50 years.

IT SPOUTS FIRE  
The good doctor has a machine which he hopes will go a long way towards drying out the track in time. It is a rolling "heater" which puffs fire on the track amidst hissing and steaming.

Seabiscuit, the future-book favorite over a dry track, still ruled a slight favorite to top the \$100,000.

But "mudders" more skilled in running on a goopy track, saw their stock rise after the historic flood.

TIME SUPPLY BOOMED  
Bets on Time Supply, Wichce and Amor Brujo, all good horses over a slow track, mounted as the money staked on Seabiscuit and Pompoon, the two dry-track favorites, dwindled.

Probable starters in the big race: Seabiscuit, Pompoon, Ligarotti, Amor Brujo, Aneroid, Time Supply, Indian Brown, Today, Sceneshifter, Stagehand, Freno, Wichce, Woodberry, Count Atlas, Star Shadow, Gosum, Sweepalot, Warfellow, Primulus and Townsman.

Top row, winner of the stake two years ago, will probably not start this year. The horse is old and not a very good mudder.

#### CROCKETT B'S BEAT OAKLAND ILWU WHITES

CROCKETT, March 4. — The Crockett warehousemen B team defeated the Oakland I L W U "Whites" here last night by a 39-26 score.

Seda led the Crockett club with 12 points. Wilson, Lerdardini and Di Maggio likewise turned in good performances.

Lou Verande was high for Oakland with 9 points.

The scoring:  
**CROCKETT B**  
Wilson ..... 12  
Di Maggio ..... 10  
Lerdardini ..... 8  
Betta ..... 6  
Carone ..... 4  
Grimmisch ..... 2  
**OAKLAND B**  
Brennan ..... 5  
D. Robinson ..... 5  
J. Verande ..... 9  
Cabrero ..... 4  
L. Verande ..... 4  
N. Robinson ..... 4  
Christian ..... 2  
Guido ..... 1  
P. Verande ..... 1

**YAROSZ-KRIEGER**  
NEW YORK, March 4.—Former middleweight champion Teddy Yarosz of Pittsburgh has signed to meet Solly Krieger of Brooklyn in a 12-round bout at the Hippodrome here on March 15.

#### Cage Scores

ATHENS CLUB 33, OLYMPIC CLUB 37.  
OLYMPIC CLUB 42, ATHENS CLUB 26 (1:55).  
KANSAS 53, MISSOURI 26.  
TEXAS A. & M. 31, TEXAN 26.

FIGURES MARCH 11  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 4. — After a string of five consecutive knockouts, Parson Phil Brubaker of Dinuba is being kept pretty busy getting into "big time."

The Dinuba heavyweight's next fight is a ten-round main event against Bob Neely of Los Angeles in the Dreamland Arena, March 11.

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#### Tonight at Oakland ILWU GANG READ

#### 'We're Out to Win,' Says Lucas, San Francisco Docker Coach; Line-ups Announced

By Lefty  
"We're out to win, declared Coach Bill Lucas of the San Francisco warehousemen's basketball team on the eve of the weekend's inter-sectional court play.

#### Underfakers Laid to Rest Among Lillies

#### Chapel Mob Taken 62-28 By ILWU

BERKELEY, March 4.—The Oakland warehousemen polished off their latest "tune-up" opponent at the Garfield school here last night and then turned their eyes on Saturday night's North-South game with the International Workers Order five of Los Angeles.

The victim of the latest warehouse assault was the team representing the Little Chapel of the Flowers, a funeral home.

By the time the ILWU was through with them they were ready to be interred amidst the lilies. The final score was 62-28.

Coach Bill Peterson of the ILWU used everyone on his string. He sent his first team into the game early and then benched them after it was evident that the underfakers would offer them no competition.

Al Johnson was high-point man for the ILWU with 16 markers. Orville Peterson, Al Swick and Tony Vukas likewise turned in a nice exhibition of floor-play.

Half-time score was 36-8. "And say," boomed Sachem Peterson over the telephone, "we're pointing for another game with the San Francisco warehousemen. We'd slaughter them now, and Bill Lucas (San Francisco coach) knows it. He's been dodging us for weeks."

#### Buddy Weighs In

NEW YORK, March 4 (TP). — Giant Buddy Baer of California held a big weight advantage over Gunnar Barlund of Finland today when the pair weighed in for their 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Although he topped the beam at 200½ pounds, Barlund was out-weighted more than 42 pounds. The younger brother of former heavyweight champion Max Baer scaled 242½ pounds. Baer is a 3 to 1 favorite to beat the Finnish heavyweight.

Sunday night at Burke's the preliminary game will see the Oakland warehousemen meet their old-time rivals, the warehouse gang from Crockett.

Lucas will start Harold Frenna and Rein Erkilla at forwards in the main event, Carl Spitz at center, and Monte Olson and Gus Fisher at guards. Lucas has signed Gibbs and LaRue to official game.

First game at 7:15, admission 30c. The IWO club will be honored at a party Saturday night at 1848 Pine St., in San Francisco. There is no admission charge.

On Sunday they will tour the city, inspecting union halls and calling on the People's World offices.



#### MR. ZUPPKE SPLASHES A MEAN WATER-COLOR, BUT LONDOS IS STILL BETTER, SEZ LEFTY

HERR ROBERT ZUPPKE, who is alleged to be the football coach at the University of Illinois, has entered two water-colors in the annual Chicago no-jury art show.

The title of one of these little chefs-d'oeuvre is "Arizona Grass."

Now LEFTY is willing to discount the popular superstition that there isn't any grass in Arizona, but the effect that Mr. Zuppke's brush-wielding is likely to have upon athletics can't be laughed off with a gentlemanly snicker on your celluloid cuff.

This sort of thing is likely to spread, and once it gets out of Herr Zuppke's "studio" in Campaign-Urbana it will signal the end of the gusty traditions of the American sporting world.

FILLED with contemplative wonderment at the artistic zeal of Herr Zuppke, LEFTY went to call on Jeemy Londos the other afternoon to ask him if the report that he put fish-hooks in his opponents' beer was really true or just a despicable slander.

"Tell me, Mr. Londos, can you really wrestle?" LEFTY begins factually.

"Flek up your hoofs," The Gorgeous Greek counters with charming growl. "You're stepping on my latest watercolor."

LEFTY removes his Nunn-Bushes from what he had naively presumed to be the bath-mat and commenced again:

"Tell me, Mr. Londos, is it true

A FRIGHTFUL scowl creeps stealthily across Mr. Londos' Grecian phiz. He is studying a badly washed-out section of butcher's paper reposing about six centimeters on the left side of his beak.

"What do you think of it?" he queries.

"Liver," says LEFTY. "What's a mean, liver?"

"It was liver that came wrapped in it," LEFTY amplifies. "Fresh juicy liver. If it had been steaks it would have been streaked up and down. It might have been hamburger, though, only that leaves a more speckled design."

Mr. Londos's scowl expands un-

til it is lost somewhere beyond his cauliflowerers.

"That's my latest painting, you ape," he remarks in a gentle whisper that rocks a pair of brass knucks off their hooks. "It's called 'September Afternoon, or the Stag at Bay Run' and I am going to enter it in the San Francisco Art Association show."

"But what's it represent?"

"It's an abstraction," explains Londos, scratching his fangs with the rear end of a paint brush, "representing the triumph of the soul over the body—sort of like Gypsy Rose Lee," he adds to make things plainer.

But things are already plain enough. LEFTY looks into all corners of Jeemy's studio, expecting to find Mr. Zuppke stowed away somewhere, and then takes a strategic powder.

Artists must be left in solitude or their work will suffer. And LEFTY was never one to interfere with the production of creative art.

#### MORE ON RECALL

sion held up by discovery of the essay but provides a safe margin. The election must be held 60 days after certification of the signatures.

Want Election  
Realizing that coming investigations may force Shaw to resign, the CIVIC would be opposed to appointment by the City Council of a new mayor, and is therefore preparing for this eventually by the initiative recall petition to compel an election.

"Los Angeles needs a mayor elected by the unbiased vote of the people without the use of questionable campaign funds, fear, favoritism or influence, and without the coercion and improper use of public monies and employees directed toward that end," said Clinton.

Other members of the former grand jury who are working on the recall move are Harry Ferguson and Earl Kelly.

Women Join Move  
Mrs. Louise Blatherwick of the Civic Betterment Division of the Federation of Protestant Women, outlined over the radio the procedure which would be followed

in case the recall petition is successful.

"The various factions of our people—such as labor, business, civic clubs, churches, and citizenry—will be asked to submit candidates acceptable to them," she said. "The CIVIC will conduct a city-wide investigation of their records and qualifications and, if these candidates are qualified for the position, we will then conduct a straw ballot—to determine which of the candidates is the choice of the community body—and so announce to the public."

Civic leaders of every section of the community, spurred by the wide response to the recall move, are lending their voices and their aid to the campaign.

#### Cunningham Sets World Mark in Mile

#### Runs Distance in A Mere 4:04.4

HANOVER, N. H., March 4.—The official world's mile record took a heavy beating by a full four seconds and the unofficial mark was eclipsed by two full seconds here yesterday as Glenn Cunningham roared down the Dartmouth indoor track in the fastest mile any human being has ever run.

Cunningham was specially paced the entire distance.

The world's mark of 4:06.4, set by Stanley Wooderson, a British bank clerk, went by the boards as did Cunningham's own official mark of 4:08.4.

He ran the distance in 4:04.4. Cunningham did the first quarter in 58.8. At the half 2:02.5 minutes had elapsed. The third quarter was passed in 3:04.2.

The race had been prepared for by the most scientific training possible. Speedy quarter-milers paced the Kansan in all four quarters.

Declared Cunningham as he rested in the club house after the run: "I wouldn't say that this was the hardest race I ever ran."

#### Parking Lot Pay Cut

SEATTLE, March 4 (TP). —Extra men and apprentices in Seattle parking lots and service stations are working for lower wages today. The wage scale was lowered as part of what employers called a move to reduce operating costs.

Employers said there had been no change in wages of permanent employes.

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