

FIGHT ON OIL GRAB MARRED

RAIL LABOR WILL FIGHT WAGE CUTS

Magnates Talk of Slash as Rate Rise Falls Short of Demand

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—"Any attempt by the railroads to cut wages will undoubtedly meet the determined opposition of the railroad unions," declared John Fletcher, secretary-treasurer of System Federation 114 of the AFL Railway Department, in commenting today on reports the railroad executives were considering proposing wage cuts.

The railroads were considering wage cuts to make up the difference between freight rate increases granted and the 15 per cent increase sought, it was reported in Washington.

"The unions will oppose any wage cuts," continued Fletcher. "There is no doubt about that."

"Of course, any attempt to make cuts must be done by negotiations with the 21 standard railway labor organizations, but it is very improbable that the roads would ever get away with any wage cuts."

"Wage cuts were the cause of the 1922 shop crafts strike. The roads went after increases and then started cutting wages."

Fletcher said that general chairman of some 14 crafts of the 21 standard organizations were meeting tonight at the Pacific Bldg. to take up vital issues affecting all labor unions on the roads.

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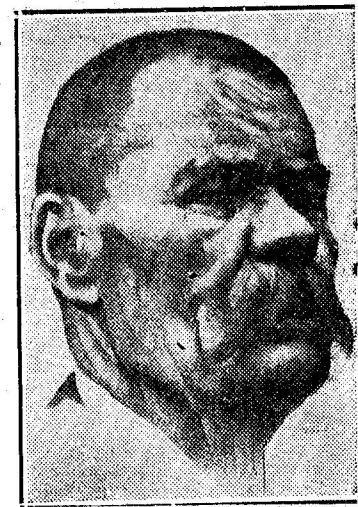
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MAXIM GORKY

Soviet Killer Confesses in Chief's Death

Yagoda Finally Admits He Also Murdered Menzhinsky

MOSCOW, March 9.—After listening to further repetition of scientific details of the murder of public men by defendants now on trial or in prison, the Supreme Court went into executive session here this afternoon.

A statement was issued that the principal witnesses were Genri "Yagoda, former head of the GPU, former Foreign Trade, and the former diplomat N. Krestinsky. Testimony dealt with acts of treason and espionage performed for various countries and foreign diplomats and secret services, which is inexplicable in the present world situation to mention public men.

Yagoda's Denials Break Down.—The official statement from the secret session said that in the course of his testimony there, Yagoda confessed in detail that he organized the murder of Maxim Peshkov, son of Maxim Gorky.

Yesterday and this morning, Yagoda's attempt to plead innocence of the murder of his former superior, V. Menzhinsky, was broken down by a flood of testimony from the doctors who carried out the poisoning of Menzhinsky, and by Bulanov's own secretary, P. P. Bulanov.

Yagoda finally confessed in court that he was guilty of Menzhinsky's murder. He had from the beginning freely admitted that he ordered the killing of Gorky and of Valerian Kuibyshev, state planner.

Medical Report.—The court's medical board reported today that the treatment outlined by Doctors D. D. Pletnev, L. G. Levin, and I. N. Kazakov, all on trial, was "designed to aid and cause the deaths" of the four public men.

Bulanov confessed late yesterday that on Yagoda's orders he repeatedly sprayed poisonous chemicals in the office and home of N. I. Yezhov, who became Peoples Commissar for Internal Affairs when Yagoda was suspected of plotting and removed.

The medical committee reported today that it had analyzed the air and furniture of Yezhov's office and apartment, and found the poisons described by Bulanov. The court's physicians reported Yezhov's life had been endangered and his health considerably injured by Bulanov's operations.

Had Sabotaged Grain Deliveries.—Yagoda testified yesterday that the "Bloc of the Rights and Trotskyites" now on trial had organized the anti-Soviet bands and grain "difficulties" in 1932, which resulted in certain shortages of grain (exported abroad as a "family" in 1933). When this plan failed to overthrow the government, the conspirators pinned their hopes on a coup d'etat which they meant to carry out by armed force, and in preparation for which they conducted assassinations.

Yagoda vehemently denied that he had Merzhinsky killed "for personal advantage" but only as part of the plot to overthrow the government.

Don't miss it.

LABOR RIFT LOSES POLL IN SEATTLE

Reactionaries Score Sweep as Result of Beck's Tactics

(Special to the People's World)
SEATTLE, Wash., March 9.—Thanks to Dave "Goon Squad" Beck, the reactionary employer interests today had scored virtually a clean sweep for municipal offices, as a result of yesterday's elections.

The disunity of labor, both on the economic and the political field, and the disgraceful musceteer tactics used by certain AFL officials to fight the CIO—for both of which the Teamsters Union "czar" must take prime responsibility—were the direct causes which led to the election of reactionary Arthur B. Langlie as mayor.

Returns from 508 precincts gave Langlie 78,997 votes to 48,114 for Lieut. Gov. Victor A. Meyers, the progressive candidate.

Beck's candidate, retiring Mayor John F. Dore, was defeated in the primaries.

Two of three councilmen elected were in the reactionary camp. Samuel Humes, aide to former reactionary Republican Governor Bertley, Everett lumberman and bitter labor foe, and John Carroll.

Mrs. Powell Elected.—Only bright feature of the election was the winning out of Mrs. S. Powell, progressive, whose liberal tendencies have been sorely tried and sniped at by the reactionary press. She polled 83,387 votes, to 69,223 for Carroll and 63,143 for Humes.

Hugh DeLacy, labor councilman, was denied the much-needed support of progressives James Sullivan and Michael B. Smith, by the action of Beck in knifing their campaign due to his yearning to belong to the Chamber of Commerce.

Beck, through his "machine delegates" forced the AFL Central Labor Council into a campaign to "get" Smith and Sullivan for supposed "CIO sympathies," and this act threw the election to the two candidates with anti-labor records.

Smith and Sullivan.—Sullivan polled 43,704 votes, running fifth, and Smith, 43,563 votes, for sixth. Edwin Brown, 44,705 votes, was fourth.

Reactionaries won for the other posts. Port Commissioner Smith Wilson polled 67,917 votes to 46,243 for Robert Briggs.

John Shorett, 65,661, and Robert MacFarlane, 61,983, both reactionaries, were elected to the school board. John Kennedy polled 32,702 and Esther Norie, 28,173.

Proposition Defeated.—All propositions on the ballot were defeated, including the one-platoon system for city firemen, designed to improve their working conditions, except the proposal to sell old school property which carried by a small margin.

Both CIO and AFL members today blamed Beck for the reactionary victory, declaring that his use of "goon squads" to fight CIO members with terror and violence, had not only divided labor's ranks so that the unions were unable to put up a united front against the employers in the election, and on the economic field, but had also alienated middle-class support for the progressive candidates.

Further, Beck's racketeering organizations among small-business men had played into the hands of the open-shop interests, it was declared.

Belong to the People.—"We had to raise our price so that the fishermen can get by," explained Di Angelo. "It costs \$4 a day for a boat to go out, and the average catch during the rough weather has been only four dozen a day. It is also very dangerous for the boats in such weather."

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The association sells the crabs, and it's been a sell-out of all crabs caught every day, at its headquarters at Fishermen's Wharf. Just around the corner, stands operated largely by the big dealers, are charging 35c and 40c per crab, with greatly reduced sales.

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Big Dealers Caught Selling 'Unfit' Crabs

Fisherman Charge Huge Sales of Inferior Goods to Public

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Consolidated Fisheries, one of the "Big 5" companies which dominate the Central Pacific Wholesale Fish Dealers, has been caught red-handed offering unfit crabs imported from the North to the San Francisco public. The People's World learned today.

Two days ago the food division of the city Health Department "seized" 601 crabs at the Consolidated Fisheries place on Taylor St. Fishermen's Wharf.

"The condemned crabs were shipped in from either Eureka or Washington," a city health official told the People's World. "They wouldn't tell us which place."

Big Dealers Assailed.—Crabs shipped from Eureka would bring another penalty under state fish and game laws, which make the Eureka district restricted for crabs.

"The condemnation of these 600 crabs shows that the big fish dealers do not have the interests of the people of San Francisco at heart," commented Alexander Di Angelo, manager of the Crab Fishermen's Protective Assn.

"First, this development shows that this particular company was offering crabs unfit for human consumption, for sale of the public. And second, as we have pointed out before, these dealers were choking off the livelihood of our 300 members, by importing inferior crabs from Seattle and bootlegged crabs from Eureka, and refusing to buy all but about one-fifth of the normal catch of our members."

Suggestion to Officers.—Di Angelo added a suggestion for law enforcement officers.

"If the officials would investigate the crabs which are being caught with dragnets within the three-mile limit (illegal under state law) they would find a lot of crushed crabs," he said.

"The 'Big Five,' all of whom are believed to operate the dragnets weighted to scrape the ocean bottom, are Consolidated, International Fisheries, Western California Fisheries, Padmil and Romeo's."

The Crab Fishermen's Protective Assn. continued to sell crabs to the public at the 20c price here today, having raised their price from 15c per crab two days ago because of bad weather.

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BATTLE OVER OIL SLATED IN SACRAMENTO

Progressives Join to Oppose Merger of SRA and Welfare

SACRAMENTO, March 9.—With the oil bill, relative to the plundering of state-owned tide-land oil at Huntington Beach by Standard Oil, due for consideration by the special legislative session here Friday, Rep. Elmer Lora (D., Los Angeles County) and C. L. Olson, state senator from Los Angeles, today worked jointly on a measure to thwart the very unsatisfactory handout to Standard Oil prepared by Gov. Merriam.

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson (D., King City) also has a bill on this question before the State Legislature, calling for return to the state of \$4,900,000 taken by the Standard Oil Co. out of the Huntington Beach oil wells. Standard Oil, by tipping its oil well drills slightly at the top of the shaft, was able to work the bottom of the shaft under state-owned property and extract state-owned oil.

The special session will probably extend into a second week, it was believed today, although night sessions were voted for every day.

Housing Acts Passed.—Three of the enabling acts to insure compliance with federal stipulations for low-cost housing and building construction, under the Federal Housing Act, were passed unanimously. The very assemblymen who voted last year against the same bills responded to public pressure and the presence of election year.

"Due to this pressure" issues which were previously bitterly fought find today harmonious acceptance. The only bills expected to bring forth bitter debate are those dealing with the oil situation and the State Relief Administration.

Legislative representatives of all progressive organizations have united to oppose Merriam's proposal to transfer the SRA to the State Department of Social Welfare. Typical of Merriam is this reactionary proposal which presumably offers civil service status to SRA employees and continued centralization of unemployment relief but actually paves the way for a speedy shift of control of relief to the counties. There is much confusion on this issue and the strong clear stand of the progressives, particularly the Committee for Political Unity and Labor's Non-Partisan League, is the main force to insure its defeat.

Lieut. Gov. Hatfield, who is opposing Merriam for the Republican nomination for governor, sharply criticized "political trickery" by Merriam or the measure to turn part of Northern California's share of gas tax funds over to guarantee interest and principal on the Bay Bridge, as "practically freezing tolls at 50¢ if we pass this bill."

Fred E. Reed, president of the East Bay Regional Plan Assn. whose fight for low bridge tolls "caused inclusion of this proposal on the agenda, declared emphatically that the objectionable clause providing this "freezing of tolls at 50¢" was not his. Reed said he would seek amendments to eliminate the clause.

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State Assembly waits Mooney Appearance

Dictaphone Rips Defense Of McLaglen

Film Star's Brother Is Flustered as Court Hears Record

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Sudden introduction of a dictaphone record of the conversation where Leopold McLaglen plotted to frame Philip Chancellor, young multimillionaire, into forking over \$20,000, had the entire defense in a turmoil today.

While the defense rested their case yesterday, after placing the defendant McLaglen on the stand, feeling secure that they had the case in their left pocket, Deputy District Attorney Vernon Ferguson suddenly introduced rebuttal witnesses, including a recorded conversation between Chancellor's secretary, Stanley Glimm, and McLaglen.

The evidence was so damaging to the defense that McLaglen turned colors and the two defense lawyers, former "Judge" Harry Sewall and William Rains, just sat in their chairs helpless.

Too, Too Obscene.—Taken by private detectives, hired by Chancellor to trail McLaglen, the record revealed Captain McLaglen in a most unmanly fashion, the conversation in spots was so obscene that parts had to be deleted.

Plainly recorded is McLaglen's admission of his proposed faking of an affidavit stating that Glimm overheard a conversation in which an agreement was reached by Chancellor and the captain whereby the latter would receive \$8,000 bonus and \$300 per month expense money for uncovering un-American activity.

Objections emanating from Rains and Sewall flooded the court, but the dictaphone conversation was allowed as good evidence.

Admissions Made.—In the record as presented McLaglen admits that he broke into the Anti-Nazi league. He further threatens to "sue" the Communists Anti-Nazi, Jews, and Fascists and Nazis against Chancellor if the money wasn't forthcoming.

Threats against Chancellor's Jewish wife were revealed and McLaglen's hatred for Jews in general, in the conversation, it was McLaglen's purpose to urge Glimm to take revenge on his employer after he had been temporarily fired. It seems that Glimm was then under orders from Chancellor to have the dictaphone placed in his home and nab the captain with his own admissions.

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ILA Chiefs Didn't Call Stevedores

Members Not Notified of Meetings, Labor Board Is Told

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Clifford Pugh and other longshoremen testified in the National Labor Relations Board case now going on in San Pedro that meetings of the incorporated ILA Local 38-82, were called by old officials without notification of the regular members.

When regular members attended, they were not permitted in. This local, since it a corporation, has about 90 of the 2,400 longshoremen in this port staying in it, to try and control it for the rank and file. The rest of the longshoremen went over to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which is asking the NLRB to give it Coastwise recognition as the bargaining agent of the men.

Attorney McWilliams representing the longshoremen, asked Trial Examiner Wilbur to subpoena Frank Masterson, one of the old officials of Local 38-82. Wilbur said that if the ILA officials did not appear, they would be considered "in default" but he would not issue a subpoena.

"Pedro Pete" Peterson, appeared in court, and declared himself the spokesman of the "group known as the Dirty Dozen"—he accepted that expression—and was examined.

"Pedro Pete" wore a huge overcoat all day in court, in spite of gibes from the longshoremen, who asked him if he "didn't feel so hot today."

Clifford was accused of failing to register a change of address with the parole officer. He had been convicted of a felony and in 1925 and served sentence for the crime until he was freed on parole.

According to the arresting officers, his last registered address was SRA Camp Picoima.

The defense, headed by Attorney Leo Gallagher, contends that Clifford had no permanent address since he left the camp, and that he has been constantly moving because he lived with different friends for brief intervals.

The defense announced that it will attack the entire system of registering parolees in connection with this case.

Chamberlain Announces Two Shifts in Cabinet

LONDON, March 9. (TP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain announced cabinet changes today that were made necessary by the appointment of Viscount Halifax as successor to Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Lord Halifax was appointed lord president of the council to take the place vacated by Viscount Halifax. The changes were completed with the appointment of Lord Maughan as lord high chancellor to succeed Lord Hailsham.

House Adjourns, Taking No Action On Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, March 9. (TP)—The House adjourned this afternoon without taking its expected final action on the tax bill. The adjournment came after the House kicked over the traces and eliminated the so-called third basket tax from the bill.

Chairman Doughton of the House Ways & Means Committee indicated that he believed the two votes striking out the third basket levy doomed the measure.

Nazis Plan to Establish Berlin-China Air Route

BERLIN, March 9. (TP)—German air officials are hoping to establish a four-day plane service between Berlin and Shanghai as soon as the far East conflict clears up.

The director of Luftwansa Airways, Baron Von Gablenz, has announced that technical arrangements for the new direct air line to the orient already have been drawn up. Baron Von Gablenz is remembered for his flight last year over the Pamir Mountains in central Asia. He and his plane crew were lost for several weeks.

Passes Richie Resolution to Hear Tom

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Attorney General U. S. Webb's staff was still debating whether the State Assembly subpoena for Tom Mooney was legal or illegal, at a late hour this afternoon as the People's World went to press.

Assembly Ready to Hear Mooney.—SACRAMENTO, March 9.—The California State Assembly prepared today to hear Tom Mooney speak "a few minutes, to explain the years he has spent in prison," at the hearing tomorrow all day on the resolution for a legislative pardon for the world renowned labor prisoner.

Speaker William Mosely Jones dispatched Sergeant-at-Arms Dell Smith to San Quentin prison to serve the subpoena and to bring Mooney and Warden Court Smith to Sacramento.

Smith was in San Francisco today conferring with Deputy Attorney General Robert Harrison, Wm. F. Cleary, Emory Mischell and Seibert Seton on whether the subpoena was legal, and Attorney General U. S. Webb was to rule on the question late today.

Richie Resolution Passed.—Assemblyman Paul Richie (D., San Diego) introduced the history and precedent setting resolution, bringing Mooney here to testify in his own behalf, and it carried by a 36 to 29 vote.

The resolution did not need to go to the reactionary Senate, which last year knifed a resolution for a legislative pardon, but exercises the legal right of the speaker of the Assembly to subpoena necessary testimony.

What a magnificent scene it will be, declared observers at the Capitol, to see the long suffering victim of reactionary control of California, escorted officially to Sacramento to address the lawmakers. The resolution was hailed as evidence of the growing strength of the progressive forces in the state.

Fred B. Wood, legislative counsel, said he was certain the Assembly was within its rights in subpoenaing Mooney. The Assembly planned to devote all day tomorrow.

20-Year-Old Girl Winning in Even Gamble with Death

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9. (TP)—Twenty-year-old Sylvia Davis seemed today to be winning a gamble with death.

Sylvia has been crippled by paralysis since birth. Yesterday, she staked her life on an operation. Surgeons told her she had an even chance to survive. The operation was performed in an effort to make her walk. Miss Davis was given two transfusions and placed in a mechanical breather to conserve her strength.

Doctors said today that Sylvia was doing quite well. However, the physicians warned that definite results cannot be predicted for several weeks.

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Neblett Back From Capital Ready to Press Libel Suit

Cause-of-It-All Affidavit Again Is Barred From Bankrupt Record

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Perked up by his visit with Senator McAdoo, Colonel William H. Neblett was back in Los Angeles today.

J. E. P. Dunn, former Federal Bureau of Investigation head and now a private detective, will appear in Neblett's office to give his deposition, it was reported.

Dunn received the sensational Carl Pustau 119-page testimony which threatens to blow some of the political big-wigs of California sky high.

Charges Bribery
Pustau charged Neblett and others with accepting bribes from corporations to use his influence in obtaining favors from Senator McAdoo.

Neblett, it was announced, will appear at the offices of S. S. Hahn, attorney for Peirson Hall, who is among the defendants in the million dollar libel suit, where he will answer questions.

The 119-page deposition appeared originally in a bankruptcy suit against Pustau where it was ruled out.

Several Blocked
Attempt to force Benno Brink, referee in bankruptcy, to reverse his decision in regard to expunging the deposition from the record, failed in court yesterday.

Brink appeared in Judge Cosgrave's court, where he was called to show cause why he had expunged the affidavit from the record.

Cosgrave ruled, however, that the document could be put in evidence again when the hearing re-opens this week.

Goons Renew Slugging of Brewery Men

Three Teamsters Held for Attack Made on Worker

SEATTLE, March 9.—Goonster tactics which accompanied Dave Beck's raid on the Brewery Workers Union broke out again yesterday after a temporary lull in sluggings.

Three teamsters are held in the county jail on third degree assault charges for slugging a brewery worker. Bail is set at \$1000 each.

All three were today re-arrested as they filed out of police court where their hearing on disorderly conduct charges in Judge Wm. R. Bell's court had been postponed until March 29.

Arrested men are: Wolfred Usted, 48, Leo Hargrove, 31; and Carl Howard, 27.

Leo Loendorf, 46, of the Brewery Workers Union, was assaulted by seven men as he rolled a keg of beer into Andy's Tavern at 2301 West Spokane St. He was treated at the city hospital for severe head injuries.

He was dragged from the tavern, thrown to the ground and was being beaten when H. G. Whitney, of the Brewery Workers Union, rescued his helper by drawing a gun.

Four of the seven sluggers escaped in an automobile. The remaining three were held until the arrival of police who booked them for disorderly conduct and also booked Whitney for carrying a gun.

Prosecuting witness in the case is R. P. Guion, manager of a Tacoma beer distributing firm.

Claude O'Reilly, teamster business agent, was present at the police court hearing but Dave Beck innocently washed his hands of all responsibility. No one at his office would comment on the beating.

Cause of Flood Sought By Group Of Home Owners

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—If your house is washed away during the flood, whom do you sue? And have you grounds to sue?

Three hundred and fifty Glendale property owners want to know the answers to these questions. To find out, they have organized themselves into the Rossmoyne Protective Association and instructed their officers to study the cause of flood damage to their homes and to recommend steps for the basis of lawsuits and claims.

Dudley M. Steele, Union Air Terminal manager, and head of the association, explained:

"We want to be certain of our ground before we spend a lot of money for attorneys' fees."

The majority of the \$100,000 damage to private property in Glendale was in the Rossmoyne district, adjoining the Arroyo Verdugo flood-control channel.

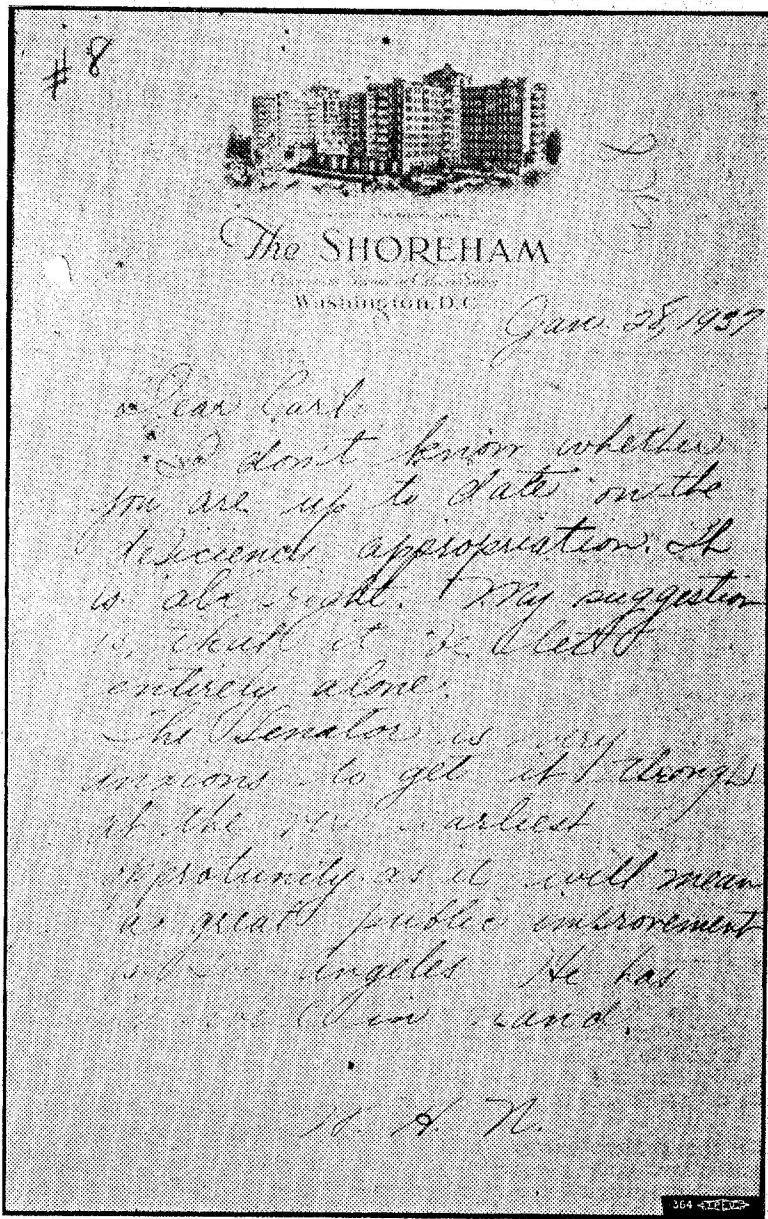
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Forgery, Cries Col. Neblett



THIS is Exhibit No. 8 in the 119-page affidavit of Carl Pustau, alleging that Col. William H. Neblett accepted bribes in return for his good offices in getting certain appropriations from the Government. In reply to Neblett's charge of forgery, Pustau's friends point out that if forgery were committed, the forger would not attempt to forge an entire note in the Colonel's handwriting but would limit himself to the signature.

Labor Board Hears Proof In ILWU Case

Men Repeat Wishes for Certification of CIO Union

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 9.—Overwhelming proof of the almost unanimous vote of the longshoremen in southern ports for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union was introduced in the National Labor Relations Board hearings here yesterday.

The case was adjourned here from Los Angeles, after attempts to serve subpoenas on the "ILA" attorney Aaron Sapiro and others had failed because of the flight of Sapiro from the court room.

(The Peoples World regrets that through an error in transcribing the Los Angeles telegram Monday, the lawyers' name was given as "Milton" Sapiro. Milton Sapiro, brother of Aaron Sapiro, was not at the hearing in Los Angeles.)

Officials and members of the ILWU testified one after another today. E. Masson, of Santa Barbara described how members of the so-called "Dirty Dozen" who represent themselves as the "ILA", attempted to use a gang of cherry pickers from Ventura to take longshoremen's jobs on the waterfront. This failed. All but two in Santa Barbara voted for the ILWU.

E. L. Bowen, of San Pedro, reading from minutes, showed the Waterfront Employers Association had dealt with and recognized the ILWU there.

Emil Mervert, who with Bower witnessed and supervised the collection of pledge cards asking for the ILWU as bargaining agent, testified that almost everybody signed such cards.

Robert Wilson, member of the election board, swore that the vote for joining the CIO, which meant forming the ILWU, was 1,500 to 400.

Tom Brown, secretary treasurer of the ILWU local, described the composition of the ILA local 38-82. Attorneys Carey McWilliams and Richard Gladstein for the ILWU questioned witnesses.

The case is that of the formal plea to the NLRB by the ILWU to be recognized as the bargaining agent of all longshoremen on the Pacific Coast. Walter Wilbur is trial examiner.

Fake Advertisements Lure Migrant Workers to Martinez

MARTINEZ, March 9.—Ole Olson, CIO organizer for the field and cannery union of Contra Costa, reported yesterday to the County Supervisors that thousands of migratory workers are on their way here as a result of widespread advertisements in the Imperial and San Joaquin valleys, saying that work in Martinez is now plentiful.

W. J. Buchanan, chairman of the board, instructed County Clerk S. C. Wells to publish notices in the various newspapers and to issue to the state employment service a denial of the baseless rumors of work.

Olson also asked the supervisors to look into the living conditions in the camps of the itinerant workers in western Contra Costa county. His suggestion was referred to Dr. W. A. Powell, county health officer.

With Olson at the board meeting were M. Samudio and Carlos Samudio, who arrived in Brentwood from Brawley surprised to find that they could not immediately be employed. Samudio reported that at least 5000 men from the same area might be expected here in the next few weeks.

CO'PNY UNION HEAD ADMITS FORGING NAMES

Workers Cite Coercion at Labor Board Hearing

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Startling and unusual in Labor Board hearings was the admission by chief, blonde Mary Terry, president of the Walnut Employees Association, company union, that she herself had signed most of the names on the petitions supposedly certifying majority membership.

Board Attorney David Sokol asked the petition before Mrs. Terry and asked about name after name.

"Did you write this name?" "Yes I did. That my writing."

Mrs. Terry admitted there was only one walnut picker on the Board of Directors of the Association and none among the officers.

She said she was the first member of the union, had never been connected with any other union or labor organization, and he'd attended a meeting of the League of Independent Unions before organizing the Association.

Replies, Hesitant
Questioned as to negotiations with the company for the contract which was signed, Jessie Terrezes vice-president of the Association answered slowly and doubtfully.

Sokol asked that the lapse of time between question and answer be noted in the record. Upon objection by Jack Powell, representing the Association, Trial Examiner Kennedy observed that there was a noted lapse of time between questions and answers, much longer than any previous witness.

One after another, militant young girls, members of the Walnut Workers Union Local 92, took the stand and told straightforward stories of attempts to coerce them to join the company union.

Coercion Cited
Anna Patatoff told how after she had been compelled to join the company union to keep her job, she was approached by Mary Terry and asked to contact the other girls to join the "house union."

When she said she couldn't get any of them to join, Mary had replied, "To hell with the girls. We've got a majority anyway."

Anna said she earned \$12 the last week she worked. She said the girls were not allowed to talk to each other at the tables.

Typical of the testimony of all the walnut workers was the statement of Alice Stupin, who described in detail the conditions of her work and the formation of the company union.

"I worked for the company sixteen years, and worked steadily during each season since 1922. I started as a picker at about \$10 a week. There are three seasons; the Diamond season, the cull season, and in-between season where they want extra work for 20 cents an average we work 9 or 9 months—once we worked 11 months."

Fearing Strike
"On the first pay day in the picking season Taylor, Stevens and Cowan (bosses) were there. All the men went around to the tables watching the girls to see that no trouble was started, as the girls were approved at their small pay and the men believed there was possibility of a strike."

She then described formation of the C.I.O. union in September. She stated that G. Cowan, Assistant Sales Manager, when she met him in a drug store at 7th and Mateo Streets had said, "I'll choke every God-damned one that doesn't join the company union. All the ranchers and office workers are in the company union and I want every employee in the company union."

Anna related in her statement how she was informed of the company union meeting by the manager of the plant L. L. Stevens, and how all the girls were urged to attend by the foreladies.

Officers Appointed
Describing the company union meeting she said:

"Mr. Powell got on top of a table to speak. He was very excited and was perspiring profusely. He read from some sheet of paper information regarding initiation fees. The girls were not listening."

"Mr. Powell kept wiping his face and head. He said, 'I'm here, I'm here, I'm here.' He said, 'I'm here, I'm here, I'm here.' He said, 'I'm here, I'm here, I'm here.'"

"When I started to leave the meeting a bunch of the girls followed me and said, 'Girls, don't be like that—you can't go out.' I said, 'Why not?' She said, 'You'll have to sign one of these cards before you go. I kept right on going and said I didn't have to sign anything I didn't want to.'

Yellow Dog Methods
"At this meeting Mr. Powell stated that they didn't want outside unions in the plant—especially the C.I.O. and that the employers know more about the nut business than anyone outside."

Anna then relates a long story of intimidation by floor women and company union officers. Then, how a bulletin was posted warning that all employees must join the independent union. Then after a week lay-off.

"On October 13th we went back to work. We all met at the corner. The supervisors were watching us out of the window. As we all started up the ramp Mr. Stevens and Bill the watchman were there. They said, 'Have you got your independent card?' We said, 'No.' Steve said, 'Then go straight across the street and sign up, otherwise you can't go to work.'"

The hearing room was crowded with walnut workers. They nodded in concurrence of the testimony.

Can You Spare a Dime? 30 Days! But Panhandling Baffles Judge

SEATTLE, March 9.—A few dimes would be enough. Then he could find warmth in a grimy lunch counter nearby. Perhaps even a fifteen cent bed.

Maybe tomorrow things would be better. Spring would soon be here and nights would be warmer. Perhaps even he could find a few odd jobs cleaning up yards in the first frenzy of housewives' spring cleaning.

But he had to think about tonight. D. S. Church lingered near the liquor store at Second Avenue and James Street. Perhaps there he might glean a few dimes.

He had scarcely shuffled toward the corner when a jeering voice stayed him.

"So you're panhandling again, eh? Well, now we'll just take you where there's a nice warm spot. Won't the judge be glad to see you?"

The cold, iron tank was crowded with other men who had found no place in society. Huddled together they stared sullenly at the floor

or cursed one another as a drunk was shoved through the iron door. Church stood silently in line the next morning.

Judge William R. Bell was seized with righteous wrath at the charge which had been lodged.

"Panhandling? I have no patience with you or your kind," scorned the judge, who enjoys dealing out justice at from 10 to 30 days at a crack.

"We've stamped out panhandling before and we will do it again. 30 days, next case."

"Have you really stamped out panhandling?" inquired a People's World reporter of Judge Bell, after the court had closed.

"Indeed we have. Panhandlers know what to expect in my court."

"But, judge, by giving a man thirty days you don't really stamp out panhandling, do you? Don't you just keep him from working at it for 30 days?"

"Well, they know enough to stay out of Seattle."

"But what can most of them do?"

The judge admitted there was considerable unemployment.

"What can he do when he gets out at the end of thirty days except panhandle?"

The judge was inclined to think that he would have to do something. He even agreed that it was entirely natural for a man who had led a quiet and respectable life—neither a drunkard nor a panhandler—to yearn for a long, hard drink when he got out. Jails are like that, he said, particularly when they get crowded.

Judge Bell admitted the futility of "stamping out panhandling" by 30-day sentences. Thirty days had never converted a panhandler to go and chisel dimes no more.

How to cure them?

The judge has a solution. He admits it is a bit cruel to say but "the only thing to do with those fellows is to take them out and shoot them!"

Hearing Bares Dual Campaign Against CIO

Tried to Drive Union Out of Plant of Lumber Co.

SEATTLE, March 9. Testimony in the NLRB hearing to determine whether an election should be called at the Elliott Bay Mill Company concluded in a night session last night.

Witnesses revealed a united offensive of the operators and the Carpenters & Joiners to force the union out of the International Woodworkers of America and back into the AFL.

Nineteen foremen carried AFL cards at the time and the workers with prospects of securing better jobs—paying five cents per hour more—if only they belonged to the right union.

Another means of discouraging membership in the International Woodworkers of America was to whip up a whispering campaign that the plant would close down if the workers joined the CIO.

Workers at Elliott Bay last July voted to go CIO by 85.5%. They petitioned for an election to be allowed to determine their collective bargaining agency.

Resisting the election was the Plywood and Veneer Local 2618, affiliated with the Carpenters and Joiners.

In resisting the election, the AFL affiliate claimed that it represented a majority of the membership. Books presented, an evidence revealed that less than half of the employees were numbered on their membership rolls, despite the policy of coercion which has been carried on for the past several months.

Transcripts of the testimony, exhibit and records will be forwarded to Washington, D. C. within seven days for decision of the board.

Madison Hill was trial examiner. Thomas E. Graham was attorney for the board.

Republicans In Favor of Tory, Poll Indicates

NEW YORK, March 9.—Predictions by progressives that the Republican Party would not "liberalize" as a result of the last Presidential landslide was born out in the results announced yesterday by a Gallup poll of public opinion. The poll indicates that rank and file Republicans favor Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan as the next presidential candidate.

Although Vandenberg, who is known as an ardent red-baiter, and reactionary, polled only 36 per cent of the total vote, it was considerably greater—three times as much, to be exact—than his nearest competitor.

Among others who received votes were: Dr. Glenn Frank, Rep. Hamilton Fish, Chief Justice Hughes, and Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

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Capt. Earl Kynette, Head of Notorious Intelligence Unit of Los Angeles Police Force, and His Partners, Roy J. Allen and Fred A. Brown, Also Suspended

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Capt. Earl Kynette, head of the notorious Intelligence Unit of the Los Angeles police force, and his partners, Roy J. Allen and Fred A. Brown, also suspended police officers, must stay in jail until tried on charges of conspiracy to commit murder in the Raymond bombing case. The three were denied a writ of habeas corpus by the District Court of Appeals.

White Slavery Charges Added to Murder Case

Girls Are Held in Houses of Prostitution on Marriage Promise

SEATTLE, March 9.—Tactics of an alleged white slavery system were divulged in Superior Court here today where Dell Richardson and his "adopted sister" Claire are on trial for murder of Dell's bride in a hotel room here last October.

An eighteen-year-old girl testified that Richardson had promised to marry her but had not fulfilled that promise. He had allowed her to remain in a house of prostitution.

It is declared that affidavits will be presented by several girls who will claim that it was a brief interlude before both would go to Europe.

The state is contending that Clara Compton Richardson was murdered by Dell and Claire Richardson to prevent her from divulging the white slave traffic to federal agents.

Residents at the hotel testified that the dead girl had been heard screaming, prior to the time when she was scalded in the tub: "You can't make me do that."

County Records 'Too Skippy,' Says Report of Jury

MODESTO, March 9.—If the Stanislaus county assessor and the county board of supervisors, sharply criticized these two divisions of the county government for their "too skippy" records of financial transactions. The jury's audit had shown these records as "altogether unsatisfactory."

The jury declared that steps should be taken to force the assessor to deposit all funds with the county assessor shortly after their collection. The auditor showed that many collections "recorded by the assessor as received were not deposited with the treasurer until considerable time had elapsed."

Some collections were said to have been held as long as eight months.

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Talk on Raymond Bombing

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—A representative of the Federation for Civic Betterment will speak on the Raymond Bombing Case at an open meeting of the 52nd Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party Thursday, March 10.

The meeting will be held in Siegel Hall at 2322 Brooklyn Ave.

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WHY WASN'T L. A. FLOOD PREVENTED?

It Could Have Been, Say Experts, But Private Gain Was In Way

By P. Scofield

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Los Angeles County is struck by a catastrophe approaching the proportions of a holocaust.

Property damage estimated at fifty millions. Possibly two hundred lives lost. Could this calamity have been avoided?

Could Have Been Avoided
Experts say, yes—and that leads us to another question—why wasn't it?

The answer is private gain coupled with community short-sightedness, and this is another argument in favor of complete government ownership.

During January of this year Los Angeles Flood Control Engineer, C. H. Howell laid a careful engineering survey before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

This report stated that the Los Angeles River from Figueroa St. downstream was confined to a channel hemmed in by highly developed industrial improvements, railroad systems, and the like.

Not Practical
"Enlargement of the channel is not practical," continued Howell to the Board of Supervisors.

Why wasn't it practical? Because explained Howell, the cost of acquiring right of way over privately held land was too high.

The only other thing the flood control engineers could recommend was the installation of a retarding basin in the Big Tujunga Wash in San Fernando Valley.

Proposed dam project was known as the Hansen Retarding Basin, and was to have been located across the Tujunga Wash near Stonehurst Ave., about one mile north of San Fernando Road.

The cost was placed at \$10,000,000, the right of way for which was to cost \$3,400,000.

Everything was set for allocation of funds from the federal government to go ahead, but these funds were refused. Why?

Because private profit comes before community welfare. Interests in the vicinity of Big Tujunga Wash, with no social approach, wanted such an enormous price for land they hold that the project was held up.

Who were these interests? The Peoples World will attempt to find out.

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MARITIME MEN REJECT SCHEME FOR SEAFARERS

Spokesmen Say Sailors Membership Opposed To Splitting Plan

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Unanimously 1012 members of unions affiliated to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific voted down the plan of Sailors' President Harry Lundeberg for a "Seafarers Federation" at the mass meeting of District Council No. 2, MEP last night.

The meeting was presided over by Don Austin, SUP member elected from the floor in a vote in which he was opposed to two other nominees.

"Austin was chosen in a rank and file manner and conducted the meeting in a strictly rank and file manner," officials of the other unions said after the meeting.

Lundeberg Plan Scored

A resolution first proposed and adopted by the San Francisco branch of the Maritime Cooks and Stewards, afterwards ratified by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, was adopted unanimously by the membership meeting last night. It condemns the Lundeberg clique's "Seafarers Federation" as dual to the Maritime Federation, tending to split the seafarers from the shore workers and divide their forces in the face of a legislative drive by hostile elements.

All the speeches last night by representatives of the various unions officially represented were along the same line.

The Alaska Fishermen's Union was represented by Andy Vigen. The American Radio Telegraphists Association by R. M. Hansen. Speakers for the Marine Firemen and Oilers were Walter Stack and Allen Yates.

Seafarers Have Majority

J. M. Saddon spoke for the Marine Cooks and Stewards. Eugene Stilling represented the Inland Boatmen, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union speakers included: Germain Bulke, its vice-president; Charley Delane for the Bargemen; Pete Bedros for the Warehousemen and T. A. Pope for the Longshoremen of Stockton.

President Henry Schmidt, chairman and Z. R. Brown, Secretary of District Council No. 2, spoke against the Seafarers Federation.

"From the point of view of being able to vote, the seafarers have a federation now; they have the majority vote in the Maritime Federation," said Brown.

The secretary showed by the minutes of the last Maritime Federation convention that the seagoing unions had 104,333 votes as against 72 for the shore organizations.

Sicily Chosen for Nuptials of Garbo, Stokowski

ROME, March 9. (TP)—The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer office in Rome announced today that film star Greta Garbo and conductor Leopold Stokowski would be married at Taormina, in Sicily.

The announcement also said that actor Wallace Beery would be best man. Officials gave no date for the ceremony. Previous reports had said Miss Garbo and Stokowski would be married on March 15 or 17th.

Trainmen Saved

RICO, Colo., March 9. (TP)—Fifteen trainmen arrived in Rico today after they were saved from a snowdrift on Lizard Head Pass.

The trainmen were marooned for six days before they were rescued by a snow plow that cut a path through the huge drifts. They lived on bread, onions and coffee.

Arab, Jewish Traders Join In Rent Strike

JERUSALEM, March 9. (TP)—Arab and Jewish merchants and shopkeepers joined today in a strike against the British authorities in Palestine.

More than 1,000 shopkeepers closed their doors in a protest against high rents. The strikers are demanding that the authorities regulate rents.

Jewish Unity Meet to Hear Rep. Coffee

Progressives to Speak Against Fascism, Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK CITY, March 9.—John M. Coffee, progressive congressman from the State of Washington, will address the opening session of the National Unity Convention of all Jewish societies convening in Mecca Temple here on March 12, according to an announcement today.

Other speakers who will appear before the convention, sponsored by the Jewish People's Committee Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism, are former congressman, Vito Marcantonio, Councilman Michael J. Quill, and Representative John O'Connor, all of New York City.

Representative Coffee, a well-known liberal in his home state, is a member of the progressive bloc in Congress now making history in defense of democracy and the safeguarding of peace.

The call to the convention points to the alarming spread of anti-Semitism and fascism, and the need for all Jewish organizations to combine for a stronger defense.

Indorsements to the convention have been sent in by David I. Walsh, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.; Lieutenant Governor Thomas J. Kennedy of Penn.; Gov. Elmer Benson of Minnesota; Philip Murray, chairman of the SWOC; Rep. A. J. Sabath of Ill.; Rep. Thomas H. Cullen of Brooklyn; Rep. William I. Shovich of New York City; Rep. Arthur W. Mitchell of Ill.; Sen. Edwin C. Johnson of Colo.; and Rep. Herman P. Eberharter of Penn.

Delegates from every section of the United States have notified of their intentions to attend.

Mexican Workers Demand Expulsion Of Gulf Oil Head

MEXICO CITY, March 8.—Action is still pending on the petition of 18,000 Mexican oil workers demanding the expulsion from the country of J. W. Bradbury, American manager of the Gulf Oil Company.

The petition charged that Bradbury had hindered union organization, broken the Mexican labor laws by signing the union, kept workers from joining the union, kept workers' children from the schools and kept government investigators from company properties.

Smallest oil company operating in Mexico, Gulf Oil employs about 250 workers and was not involved in the recent wage controversy between 17 United States and British oil monopolies and the Mexican Supreme Court.

Accident on French Ship Stirs Rumors of Battle

PERPIGNAN, France, March 9. (TP)—The firing of a French destroyer at target practice off the coast near Perpignan today caused rumors to spread that the French warship had been attacked by Spanish ships.

A radio report from the destroyer "Poursuivante" saying that two members of the crew had been wounded gave color to the battle report.

The sailors were injured in an accident to one of the destroyer's guns.

The false report was given wide circulation before the "Poursuivante" put in at Port Vendres to land the injured sailors.

Commander of Spain Yanks Returns to Debunk War Tales

LOS ANGELES.—What are 3,500 Americans doing in Spain fighting for the Spanish government?

UNIONS WANT U.S. OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS

Job Insurance, Relief Program Approved By Conference

NEW YORK, March 9.—"Government ownership and management of railroads" by the U. S. government, was a central point advocated in an announcement or results of a conference of 30 railroad lodges, issued today.

The announcement further approved resolutions supporting the Cresser six-hour day bill (H. R. 4406), the Full Crew Bill, Train Limit Bill, Train Inspection Bill and the full legislative program of the 21 standard railroad unions.

Also adopted was a firm stand against consolidation of railroads where it involves "the elimination of jobs for railroad workers."

The conference, which concluded last Saturday, represented 26,000 workers in 30 lodges, 11 crafts, employed on five major carriers of the eastern region: Pennsylvania Railroad, New York Central, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Erie and the Long Island Railroad.

Belief Backing Urged

"The full organized pressure of the 21 standard railroad unions behind the legislative and relief program," was urged by Fred N. Aten, international vice president, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and other speakers.

Aten declared the immediate passage of the Cresser six-hour Day Bill and other legislation unanimously approved by the conference, would re-employ 330,000 rail workers in the United States.

The conference adopted a legislative program to obtain immediate unemployment relief for some 5000 railroad workers (unemployed and part time) who, the speakers stated, at the conference charged "were eliminated from their jobs by technological developments, speed-up measures, etc., introduced by the carriers."

Asks Job Insurance

The conference passed a resolution for unemployment insurance for railroad workers, "which would insure an annual compensation of \$600 per annum maximum, and a minimum of \$30 per month, half-pay, maximum for 26 weeks in the year."

Union officials attending included Aten, Michael Kolesar, Grand Lodge Representative; Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; Robert Timbo, organizer-business agent; Machinists; Geo. E. Brown, regional director, Dining Car Employees Union; George J. Mueller, general chairman, Local Federation (D. L. & D.); Wm. Larkin, general chairman, System Federation (L. I. R.); Philip Garfield, secretary, Local Federation, Port of New York, New York Central Railroad; Edw. Burns, local chairman, Lodge 3, Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen (Penna. R. R.), and others.

Oil Firms Get Injunction in Mexico Court

MEXICO CITY, March 9.—Granted a brief delay by an injunction, foreign oil companies in Mexico must begin Saturday to pay the wage increases awarded the industry's 18,000 workers by decision of the Supreme Court.

Reaction to the injunction was taken after repeated conferences between firm spokesmen and President Cardenas had failed to result in an agreement. The firms pleaded inability to meet the \$7,300,000 increased wage award, payments of which should have begun March 1, and applied for a permanent injunction against the decision.

The injunction was granted by the Federal District Court here.

Raymond Operated On

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Harry Raymond, whose bombing on January 14, knocked the lid off the garbage-can politics of this city, goes on the operating table again today to have more bomb splinters removed from his right leg and left arm.

Over a score of operations already have removed 150 bomb fragments from Raymond's body.

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'Secrets' Come Naturally to McLaglen, Master of Yawara, Pronounced Chiwara

Progressed From Jiu-Jitsu To Espionage

Court Stops Laughs As Captain Testifies in Extortion Trial

By Louis Sellson
LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Major Hoople, of the comics, has nothing on Leopold Templeton McLaglen.

When it comes to telling cock-and-bull stories, the "great" Captain McLaglen has it all over the "our-flushing comic creation of artist Gene Ahern.

Placed on the stand in his own defense, in the \$20,000 extortion attempt on Philip Chancellor, young multi-millionaire, the captain simply went to town. He not only denied all charges that he attempted to extort the \$20,000, that he bribed Chancellor's secretary to file a false affidavit, that he conspired to bring burglary charges against the millionaire, but he told a few stories himself.

Huge Hulk

The Captain is a man of huge bulk. Over six feet four in height and weighing well over 230 lbs., McLaglen presents a comic figure with his dandy handling of a monocle be-spatted oxfords and English accent.

As the testimony unfolded, the Captain bowed over any questions asked him and burst forth with a torrent of words.

Victor McLaglen's Nazi brother simply refused to even consider any possibility or suggestion that he might have conspired in any extortion. In many instances he was so charged with denials when answering some question that all he could muster up was a mouthful of splutters while he shifted his bulk about in the stand.

Master At Yawara

McLaughlin, who came to America in 1924 is not only a "prominent" Captain in the British Army, but he is the self-admitted master of the art of Yawara. Yawara (pronounced Chiwara), is the art of jiu-jitsu, in an advanced form. According to the captain, it is very secret and nobody seems to know much about it.

"I am the only white man who knows this secret," proudly boasted the captain, almost pounding his breast with pride.

"Yawara is not the same as jiu-jitsu," he cautioned. After all he had to admit more than a few clues to know the art of jiu-jitsu.

"As an expert in the art of Yawara I would say that it is the art of attack and defense. That is all I can tell you. It is a secret and I am one of the few men in the world that... the rest was drowned in the general laughter.

It seems that Chancellor hired McLaglen as a teacher of Yawara. Questioned about this mysterious Yawara later, Chancellor didn't know that it was any different than ordinary jiu-jitsu, although he had taken lessons from the captain for more than a year on the subject.

Almost Disclosed Secret

Since practically to other white man knows what Yawara is, according to McLaglen, the captain still remains the one and only expert.

Later in the testimony, McLaglen admitted that he had been on the verge of parting with his great secret. He said that he had been offered a radio contract by the Richfield Oil people wherein he would get \$45,000 for a series of broadcasts on Yawara. It never came off.

Chancellor hired the captain for almost four months at two days per week. For this he received \$1500. But so persuasive is the captain that he induced the millionaire to take another 12-month course at two hours per day.

Came the "Subversive Hunt"

The captain's outbursts on Yawara sounded so pompously English, that the courtroom had to be admonished repeatedly to keep from tittering and bursting into laughter. Only the captain's faithful friends, crowding the front row of seats, kept their lugubrious poker faces.

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Not only was the captain teaching Yawara to Chancellor, but it was all the court could do to keep him from telling how he had taught the art to the Los Angeles police force and the Metropolitan force in London.



IT ISN'T Yawara that Leopold Templeton McLaglen (right) is talking about with his attorney at his trial on charges of extortion. Nor is the British Army Captain displaying any of his comic qualities.

to seek out information on subversive activity. Why, how could they ill maintain that he had practically forced Chancellor to hire him?

All an Accident

Much to the fascist's chagrin, Chancellor asked him to look into the Anti-Nazi League's activities. La Guardia's anti-Nazi groups here, and communist work.

In doing so, the captain "accidentally" broke into the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League headquarters on April 15, 1937.

Far from becoming dissatisfied with his work, McLaglen stated that Chancellor took him aside one day and said:

"Leo, m'boy, you've been doing great work."

But even Leo himself had his doubts about the value of the stuff he had brought in.

Ordered to Hunt Jews

"I don't know if the stuff was good or not—I didn't care," he stated on the stand. "But Washington seemed to think it was good because they commended 'Chance' for the stuff after he sent it to them."

Finally, things got to such a point, said the Nazi captain, that Chancellor asked him to get something on some Hollywood Jews.

"Look into the Jews there. See if they have any communist connections. Get something on them some big film executives or people like that," Chancellor is alleged to have urged him.

Rifle Building

In connection with this both of them "accidentally" walked into a private office in the Postal Insurance Bldg., and rifled a few drawers. Chancellor wore a pair of white gloves so as not to leave any fingerprints.

Then, McLaglen continued Chancellor's education by introducing him to a group of White-Russian Guards. Said the captain:

"These White-Guards were gentlemen. Gentlemen of such caliber that any country would be proud of..."

"Are they opposed to Communism?" asked the attorney.

"Oh, yes, of course," hurriedly gushed the captain.

France Deserted on Spain Frontier Issue

British Tories Hinted In Secret Agreement With Fascists to Stop Loyalists' Aid; Rome Plans Big Fete for Hitler

LONDON, March 9.—Capitulation of the British Tory Government was seen behind the French agreement, announced today, to the closing of the French-Spanish frontier as soon as the count of foreign troops is begun in Spain.

The French, with the backing of the Soviet Union and Britain, had demanded that the frontier remain open until actual withdrawal of foreign troops was underway. France had insisted that closing the Pyrenees frontier when the counting commissions began their work in Spain would give the Spanish fascists an advantage in obtaining war supplies. It would take some time to organize supervision of the seaports and limit the insurgents' foreign aid.

Final acceptance by the French of the demands of Hitler and Mussolini was late to a secret understanding between Chamberlain's government and the fascists, leaving France in a position of isolation on this question in western Europe.

To Fete Hitler

Announcement of the French agreement was greeted enthusiastically in Rome, where conversations between the British and Mussolini's representatives opened last night in secrecy and mystery. Almost on the hour that the conversations opened, Italian sources announced the expenditure of \$2,000,000 to welcome Adolph Hitler on a state visit to Rome in May.

Included in the welcoming celebration will be a display of Mussolini's naval powers in an enormous pageant in the Mediterranean. British and other foreign circles were surprised by the announcement, which appeared to be timed to coincide with the scheduled meeting of Lord Perth and Count Ciano.

Conversations between the Italian and British diplomat are expected to center on a four-point agenda:

- 1. British recognition of Mussolini's Ethiopian conquest and a guarantee to discontinue shipments of arms to unconquered and rebellious natives.
- 2. Mussolini's attitude toward the independence of Austria and Hungary, and his pledge not to enter into agreement with Hitler to split central Europe.
- 3. British-Italian naval and trade rivalries in the Mediterranean.
- 4. Discontinuance of Italian support to France.

Nazi Meets Tory

LONDON, March 9. (TP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain and Chancellor Hitler's new Nazi foreign minister, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, met today to discuss Anglo-German problems.

It was the first time that Chamberlain and Von Ribbentrop have met since the former German ambassador to London assumed charge of the Berlin foreign office.

London police renewed their vigilance in an effort to suppress mass demonstrations against Tory capitulation to Nazi demands. Angry crowds began gathering on announcement of Ribbentrop's arrival.

Labor Board Rules In Favor of Steel Workers

WASHINGTON, March 9. (TP)—The National Labor Relations Board ruled today in favor of a CIO steel union contract with a U. S. Steel Corporation subsidiary.

The Labor Board decided the Steel Workers Organizing Committee contract with the American Steel and Wire Company of Waukegan, Illinois, was valid. The contract was disputed by the Steel and Wire Workers Protective Association, which filed a petition seeking to be recognized as a collective bargaining agency. The NLRB dismissed the petition today.

Once scheduled in Carpenters' Hall, the conference has been transferred to Jenny Lind Hall, 23rd Street and Telegraph Ave. The date and hour, however, are unchanged: Sunday, March 13, 1:30 p.m.

CABINET FACES CHAUMETPS BID FOR FULL POWER

Premier Denies French Government Position Is Alarming

PARIS, March 9. (TP)—An emergency session of the French cabinet was called for tonight to consider the special situation developing out of the government's financial program.

Political observers predicted that Premier Chaumetps and his Radical Socialist cabinet would be forced to resign over the question of the granting by Parliament of decree powers to deal with the financial situation.

The Socialists are opposing decree powers and the Communists let it be known today that they intend to demand representation in any coalition government.

Simultaneously, Premier Chaumetps denied that the government was in a desperate situation and faced a cabinet crisis.

He called the present fluctuations of the franc on the foreign exchange market transitory.

Asks Cooperation

The premier declared that the present situation could be met if the government had the cooperation of Parliament. Chaumetps said there was nothing in the government's plan to ask broad decree powers to meet the financial situation that should cause an adverse vote in Parliament.

Chaumetps plans to lay his request for full authority to deal with the financial problem before the Senate and Chamber of Deputies tomorrow.

The Socialists were reported to be opposed to granting far-reaching decree powers to the cabinet.

Reports also indicate the probability of a new foreign orientation by the French government, with France taking a leading role in European affairs without waiting for the initiative of the British.

First Lady Views Texas Feting of Mothers-in-Law

AMARILLO, Texas, March 9. (TP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and governors of five states helped Texas celebrate today as mothers-in-law reign supreme in Amarillo.

The nation's First Lady sat in a reviewing stand to watch a 12 mile long parade of 600 mothers-in-law. The five governors, Triggley of New Mexico, Ammons of Colorado, Marland of Oklahoma, Hanks of Kansas and Allred of Texas, rode at the head of the procession.

Thousands were in Amarillo for the celebration. A light breeze whipped flags and banners. Cowboys and cowgirls rode into the Panhandle on their ponies to add a colorful frontier touch to the festival.

Says Economic Meeting Up to Britain, France

WASHINGTON, March 9. (TP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated today that any initiative concerning the proposed world economic conference would be left up to Great Britain and France.

The conference was proposed in a plan offered recently by former Belgian Premier Van Zeeland as a means of achieving world peace through economic stabilization.

Hull explained that Great Britain and France sponsored Van Zeeland's report. He pointed out that they would be the logical ones to take a hand in arriving at such a conference.

Britain Reserves Rights To South Pacific Isles

LONDON, March 9. (TP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared in the House of Commons today that the British government was reserving its rights to Canton and Endeavour Islands in the South Pacific. The U. S. government is claiming the islands, which are wanted as airplane bases.

Chamberlain said the British government was taking the subject up with the Washington authorities.

Carpenters to Dance

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Local 1576 of the Carpenters Union will don masks and have fun at a masked-ball Saturday night, March 19 at the Abramson-Shutezky Hall, 2111 Brooklyn Ave.

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Tom Sawyer On Buying Ferries

THIS question of "buying the ferries" is somewhat like Tom Sawyer showing Huck Finn the proper way to "escape from prison." Though dim in memory, we recall that Huck thought it was quite simple, since he and Tom were not physically handicapped, to just get off the bed, walk to the unlocked door, and go out.

Tom would hear of no such idea. It wasn't the way it was done by tradition. He insisted that the bed leg had to be sawed off to release them from phantom "chains." And no correctly escaping prisoner would dream of opening the door and walking out. Tom insisted on digging a tunnel under the walls.

And so with the "perplexing" question of getting rid of the Southern Pacific auto ferries. It is not astonishing that Governor Merriam, always a conformist to the best banking tradition, insists on paying \$3,750,000 to the Southern Pacific.

Bear in mind that this \$3,750,000 doesn't buy the boats. The Southern Pacific would still keep the boats. And all in the world the public would get would be a horse-laugh and a return of what the public, through the state authorities, gave to the Southern Pacific for nothing.

That is, dear readers, a franchise. Oh, yes, the public would have the pleasure of "assuming the obligations" of the Southern Pacific, the justified—but otherwise payable by the company—retirement compensation to the ferry employees—and perhaps a few more Southern Pacific debts which the good old Espee knows how to load upon the people.

That, friends, is the Tom Sawyer idea of how to settle this "perplexing" question. Apparently, through all the years of talking about building the Bay Bridge, not a soul in California thought about the ferry question until right this minute! Funny, isn't it? And now it is of such tremendous importance to settle right away that all the Tom Sawyers demand "immediate action" lest disaster overwhelm us.

Thus The News rushes up breathlessly to stammer: "Let's have an end of politics"—and . . . pay the Southern Pacific \$3,750,000. Dear old News, chews and eschews "politics." Tut, tut! Isn't \$3,750,000 politics, too? "Let's get down to business," perorates the News, another Tom Sawyer.

Right! Let's. Indeed, let's find out where the door is and walk out of it, as Huck Finn would suggest. Who gave the Southern Pacific a franchise to operate the auto ferries? The public. Well, let's have an end to politics and cancel that franchise!

Loud howls of pain from those who want "an end to politics" and \$3,750,000 . . . "Let 'em howl!" says Huck Finn.

Or, if that's too, too much to expect, let's painlessly extract the ferries by the plan of the League Against the Ferry Franchise Purchase. Three per cent bonds to be issued to finance the bridge on 25 cent tolls. Tom Sawyer's plan may be romantic. But it's too costly.

Spain Refuses To Be Crushed

EVERY time the British Tories, and our Economic Royalists, and the world wide assortment of Fascists think they have finally arranged for Spanish democracy to be decently stifled, the heroic Spanish people up and prove them liars.

How many times has it been announced that "Franco is just about to win the war?" Brunette, and Teruel answered that, and it took Franco months of precious time and 50,000 casualties to merely get back to where he was before at Teruel.

One thing they did count on was the blockade—Franco's control of the sea. Now, in the first really important naval battle, that is challenged; Franco's fleet runs, loses a big ship, and leaves a big hole in the blockade.

If there was anything like an even show, the government would have won long ago, even against Mussolini. But it is up to the English speaking world to stop the Tory help to Franco. Premier Chamberlain of England is kidding both England and America with his pretense to "negotiate the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain."

Count Ciano, with whom the British Ambassador at Rome is "negotiating" has publicly announced that German and Italian fascism would continue to the end their military support of Franco.

The United Press reported last Sunday the arrival of 5,000 fresh Italian troops in Cadiz. Full details were given, the story of an eyewitness.

The New York Times correspondent in Spain reports a great increase in Nazi aid to Spain. All press services carry information of a vast concentration of Italian troops back of Franco's lines.

And at the same time, public opinion has been tested in United States, by the Gallup Poll, a straw vote, and shown to be 75 per cent pro-Spanish loyalist now, instead of 65 per cent as a year ago.

We can be sure the British public opinion is the same.

Now, the job is to make this public opinion effective on the British Tory government and

the U. S. "Tory" state department, whose policies apparently never were much affected by the New Deal.

Write to your congressman and urge him to support the O'Connell amendment to the Neutrality Act to make a real peace measure of it instead of a pro-Fascist measure.

Join and support the Medical Bureau for Spanish Democracy and all movements for material aid to Loyalist Spain.

Join the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and help the boys in the trenches.

Pegler in Defense Of Minorities

THE eminent red-baiter for the Scripps-Howard papers, Mr. Westbrook Pegler, admits that he is for the minority—so long as the minority is an advocate of reaction. Mr. Pegler must have become badly punch-drunk during his years as a sports reporter to offer the type of drivel he feels worth while to the public.

In his column for the News, March 8th, he says, almost at the close of the article, "And in any case, a majority is empowered to silence the greatest living writer who might be right though a minority of one against all the rest."

A terrible indictment of all our democratic institutions! Mr. Pegler sees the possibility of a united labor movement, or even of a united front of all people and the thought is appalling. What such a front might bring about is the curtailment of Pegler's fat salary. As an "individualistic" writer, he visualizes an end to the system that permits him to ladle hog-wash to the unsuspecting.

Writers, contrary to the belief of Mr. Pegler, are human beings, and if they organize for the purpose of protecting their interests from corporations which take most of their work, they are doing no more than all Americans have done since the beginning of our National history. Unfortunately, the writers who are members of the Screen-writers' Guild seem to be progressives—and that is the worst thing that Pegler can say of them.

"HOW many seasons are there?" asked the teacher.

"Just two," answered Mary, daughter of a garment worker.

"What are they?" inquired the puzzled instructor.

"Slack and busy," replied Mary.

Merriam's Starving Bridges

DID you ever try to portion out a biscuit among three starving men? That's what Gov. Merriam is trying to do with his proposal to the special legislative session for \$7,900,000 for relief, appropriately described as "inadequate" and "miserable" by the Workers Alliance and the Labor Unions Unemployed Councils.

You can further see what a disgracefully meager appropriation this would be, particularly when it is to be divided up so that \$3,000,000 of this sum will go for the "relief" of bridges and highways wrecked in the Southern California floods of last week.

That Merriam knows what the public reaction is to his proposal, is quite evident in his attempt to escape responsibility by saying that all the proposals he has laid before the Legislature are those of "other people" and "interests."

Possibly he would like, for purposes of furthering his campaign for re-election, to propose a larger appropriation, but he is like the man who rode a tiger and couldn't get off. The sum for relief was not set by himself but by those interests he mentioned and whom he represents as California's chief executive.

It is indeed fortunate that this is an election year, and that the people of California will have the opportunity to oust this spokesman of reactionary bankers and industrialists.

But in the meantime people are in misery in California, and it's mass misery. Adequate relief, including a 40 per cent increase in relief budgets, as demanded by the Workers Alliance and the Labor Unions Unemployed Councils, must be voted at this special session.

Progressives in the Legislature, including State Senator Culbert L. Olson, and Assemblymen Ellis E. Patterson, Samuel Yorty, Richie and Hawkins, are taking a stand for the sufferers in need of relief. But they need support NOW as the session will be short, a matter of a few days.

Write these progressives in Sacramento today, and tell them you support this fight for adequate relief! Indeed, tell all your representatives the same thing.

The more support, in the form of telegrams from organizations and individuals, received by these progressives in the next few days, the greater will be the assistance to those who are now "ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-clothed" in California. It will also be of great assistance to the fight for a decent relief appropriation, instead of the Merriam scale, if the progressive members of the Legislature work together to defeat the terrific pressure that is being exerted by the corporation interests to prevent a decent appropriation.

The progressives in Sacramento have the support of the vast majority of the people, and if they meet with hamstringing tactics by the reactionary representatives, they have only to take their case to the public as President Roosevelt has done on many important occasions, to bring the most powerful pressure to bear on these recalcitrants. Act today for a real relief program!

What Oregon Needs Is a New Governor

"OH, HE (John L. Lewis) will get a good warm reception, all right, but it would be a good idea for him to stay out of Oregon."—Gov. Charles H. Martin in a press interview last week.

"What this country needs is a Hitler or a Mussolini, who have put their own countries in order."—Gov. Charles H. Martin in a recent speech.

AT THE MOSCOW TRIAL

Bukharin Joined Trotsky To Murder Lenin, Stalin Before Civil War Ended

MOSCOW, March 7 (Delayed)

—Nikolai Bukharin, writer and editor, and recognized as the "theoretical" front of the 21 plotters on trial for capital offense against the Soviet Union, resumed the witness stand when court opened here this morning.

He began by admitting that with his co-defendants, Rykov, he guided others in the task of organizing kulak (village business men's) uprisings in the Northern Caucasus, and in Siberia.

Agents sent to do this work were named Slepok, Eismont and Yakovenko, testified Bukharin.

The prosecutor, Andrei Vyshinsky, asked about contact between these rebel organizers and foreigners, but Bukharin evaded a direct answer.

The prosecutor then called on Alexei Rykov, fellow prisoner of Bukharin, and Rykov admitted that the conspirators, wishing to ensure the success of the kulak uprisings, had made connections with "White" (anti-Soviet) organizations among Cossacks living abroad, and also with German Fascists.

Admits Connections

Bukharin then continued his testimony and attempted to deny that he knew about the negotiations conducted by the spy Karakhan (a former Soviet ambassador) with the German Nazis in order to prepare the defeat of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics when Germany attacks. It was part of Karakhan's scheme that White Russia, and the Ukraine, and other regions of the U.S.S.R. should be cut away from the parent country and given to the Fascist nations.

Bukharin continued to deny that he personally had anything to do with this, but under cross examination he admitted that he knew of Karakhan's operations, and that he approved of them.

The court established by cross examination of Bukharin, Rykov and V. F. Sharangovich (a prisoner who testified last week) that the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites," as the present group of defendants is called, carried out the work of the Polish intelligence service in White Russia. Their principal agents there were Sharangovich himself, and others, including a man named Chervyakov.

Karakhan Instructed

Rykov, questioned by Prosecutor Vyshinsky, admitted that the conspirators agreed to surrender White Russia to Poland.

By cross examination of Bukharin and Faysulla-Khodjaiev (Vyshinsky who testified previously) Bukharin informed Khodjaiev of the existence of an agreement between the "Bloc" and the German fascists. Bukharin also informed Khodjaiev that the group had established contact with the British.

The court established by these means a clear presumption that the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites" instructed Karakhan to carry on negotiations with the German fascist circles, and that Karakhan did so.

Bukharin communicated to the "Bloc" the following terms decreed by the Germans:

- 1.—Surrender of important territories of the U.S.S.R. to Germany.
- 2.—Breaking off of all pacts of mutual assistance between the U.S.S.R. and France and Czechoslovakia.
- 3.—Military alliance with Germany.

The plotters now on trial accepted these terms.

Aid Polish Spies

During the cross examination of Bukharin and Rykov, the two defendants admitted that while aiming at the overthrow of the Soviet power and in order to obtain the assistance of the German fascists, the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites" and their military group proposed to open the Soviet front to the German armies as soon as the war ended.

Even after this, Bukharin refused to admit he was guilty of espionage.

Vyshinsky turned again to Rykov, who testified that the White Russian group headed by Chervakov and connected with Bukharin and Rykov, maintained espionage connections with the Poles.

Bukharin attempted to deny that he was ever informed of the espionage activities of the White Russian organization.

Vyshinsky turned to Rykov, again, and Rykov said:

"Bukharin was informed in all material matters concerning the conditions and was aware of it."

Vyshinsky then stated:

"Permit us to consider as established the fact that Rykov and Bukharin knew about the treacherous connections with foreign governments, which included espionage."

Woman Testifies

Both of the accused corroborated this inference.

The next witness was not one of the accused in this case. It was a woman member of the old "Left Communist" group that was active shortly after the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, Varvara Yakovleva, by name. She testified that Bukharin was the leader of her group and that he had a plan—jointly with the Socialist Revolutionary Party—to overthrow the Soviet government headed by Lenin, and to ar-

rest and "physically destroy" Lenin, Stalin, Sverdlov and others, and to organize a new government of the "Left Communists" and "Left Socialist-Revolutionaries."

Bukharin formulated a program of struggle against the Soviet power, Yakovleva testified. She said he expressed it clearly in a resolution in the Moscow regional bureau of the Communist Party.

After the defeat of the "Left Communists," and the victory of Lenin's followers, Bukharin told Yakovleva that the preservation of this resolution in the Party files might some day politically compromise the "Left Communists" and expose their underground work. So Yakovleva, at Bukharin's request, and in the presence of one witness, cut the resolution out of the bureau minutes and destroyed it.

Yakovleva testified that in 1918 Bukharin informed her of the results of his secret negotiations with Trotsky, Zinoviev and Kamenev. (Zinoviev and Kamenev were recently convicted of treason and shot.) Bukharin told her, Yakovleva said, that they fully endorsed, for means of the joint struggle against Lenin, all the "Left Com-

munists' demands.

Trotsky commented to Bukharin, the latter told Yakovleva, that in the course of a prolonged contest he considered it possible to bring about the "physical destruction" of Lenin, Stalin, Sverdlov and others. It was Trotsky, Bukharin told Yakovleva, who recommended to Bukharin to invite Zinoviev and Kamenev as allies in carrying through the anti-Soviet plans.

This is the story of the fifth day at the Moscow trial of Trotsky's friends and allies, charged with murder, sabotage, attempts to start a world war, to destroy the industry of their country, overthrow its government, and dismember its territory. The People's World is printing complete special correspondence on the trial received daily by wireless.—The Editor.

When Yakovleva related to me her conversation with Bukharin in 1918," said Ossinsky, "I went to Bukharin personally."

"Yakovleva told me Bukharin outlined a program of assassination of Soviet officials and the overthrow of the Soviet government."

"Bukharin personally confirmed the correctness of everything Yakovleva told me and added that the plot was fully supported by Trotsky, Zinoviev and Kamenev, but for tactical reasons they were not acting in the open."

In answer to further questions by Vyshinsky, the witness declared the 1918 counter-revolutionary rebellion of the Socialist-Revolutionaries, during the course of which there were several assassinations and attempted murders of Soviet officials, was the confession of Bukharin's plot. (Lenin also was shot and seriously wounded during this period.)

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He testified that in 1918 at a meeting of the leading bureau of the "Left Communists" Bukharin outlined his plan for the overthrow of the Soviet government by means of the arrest of Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov and others, and "in case of need, be their physical destruction."

"I heard Bukharin say this myself at that very time," said Mantsev to a hushed court room.

Bukharin reported to us on the completion of negotiations with the "Left" Socialist-Revolutionaries who were preparing rebellion against the Soviet government. After dissolution of the fraction of "Left Communists," I, as secretary of the bureau, together with Yakovleva (who had testified shortly before Mantsev to the same incident) destroyed that portion of the minutes of this meeting in order to efface all traces.

Mantsev testified that in 1918, Trotsky, in a conversation, unfolded to him a plan for the assassination of Lenin and Stalin.

Mantsev further revealed that the plan was not immediately given up, because in 1919 he was summoned to Trotsky's house, where Trotsky told him:

"I know how Bukharin that a number of 'Left Communists' still remain in their former positions and wish to resume the struggle against the leadership of the Communist Party and the government."

Plotted Stalin's Death

"The situation at the front is disastrous. The surrender of Moscow is inevitable." (The civil war was then at its height.)

"In order to mend affairs," continued Trotsky, "Stalin, Lenin's closest assistant must be destroyed."

Trotsky then outlined a plan, testified Mantsev, for the arrest and murder of Stalin with the assistance of Trotsky's personal bodyguard, in the course of Stalin's inspection of the front.

(Stalin was the leader in the military council, and Trotsky's superior. Trotsky was at that time Commissar for National Defense.—Editor.)

Mantsev stated in court that Trotsky explained the reasons for this proposed assassination as follows:

"The destruction of Stalin will compel Lenin and the Bolshevik Central Committee to capitulate. A new government will be formed, which must be headed by Trotsky and Bukharin."

Mantsev testified he asked Trotsky:

"If Lenin doesn't capitulate, what then?"

"Then the plan of 1918, the assassination of Lenin, should be carried out," Trotsky answered.

Mantsev was followed by the witness Kamkov, who was in the Central Committee of the "Left" Socialist-Revolutionaries in 1918.

Kamkov testified that in 1918, in the Communist Party headquarters at Smolny Institute in Leningrad (then still Petrograd), Bukharin started a conversation with him.

Wanted New Regime

Bukharin spoke, said Kamkov, of the necessity of overthrowing Lenin (Continued on Page 6, Column 1)

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

Mr. Agar Comes

To Relieve the
Pegler Halitosis



IT IS pleasant when we can take a day off from Pegler and show you a comparatively obscure writer who ought to have Pegler's job—and pay. We refer to Herbert Agar, who writes a column called "Time and Tide" in the Calexico, California "Chronicle." With no further ado, we quote him as copiously as possible. Says Mr. Agar:

"On Mondays and Wednesdays in America we boast that we are the most free country in the world, and the country with the best institutions. We pity the people in the dictator states who cannot say what they think and who have to do without butter in order to have more cannon.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays, however, we are nothing like so bold. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we are against freedom and in favor of stepping on anyone who says what he thinks, if he is such a fool as to think differently from ourselves.

"A fine example of the Tuesday-Thursday mood is the explosion in New York because Stanley Isaacs, Manhattan Borough President, had appointed a Communist to serve under him. The Communist's name is Simon W. Gerson.

"Mr. Isaacs says that he has found Mr. Gerson an 'efficient, loyal and useful public servant,' that he appointed him because of those qualities, and that he is not going to revoke the appointment because Mr. Gerson turns out to be a Communist, or a Republican, or a Seventh Day Adventist.

"Violent protest against this appointment is being made by veterans' organizations, Catholic societies, taxpayers' groups, and stray individuals who have nothing better to do than join the nearest lynching party. According to the press reports, none of the protestors claim that Mr. Gerson is not 'an efficient, loyal and useful public servant.' They merely claim that he is a Communist, and that therefore he should be thrown out of his job.

"For the benefit of those who read only the cartoons, a Communist is not a man with a big beard and a bomb. Neither is he a great hairy hand, reaching out to seize all our wives and sisters and put them into state brothels.

"The Communist is a man who believes that the tendency of big business to get bigger and bigger is inevitable. As it gets bigger, says the Communist, it will get more monopolistic. As it gets more monopolistic the 'rules' of the capitalist system will apply less and less and the system will tend to break down.

"To avoid this breakdown, thinks the Communist, the state will have to take complete control of the productive machinery of society. This machinery will then be operated for the common good instead of for the profit of individuals. The Communist believes, further, that zeal for the common good will be an adequate substitute for the profit motive.

"And the Communist believes also that the drift toward tyranny, which will pretty surely characterize the first stages of a Communist society, will in the end give way to a classless democracy more free than anything the world has yet seen.

"I happen to disagree with every one of these Communist beliefs. But I cannot see why, even if I am right and he is wrong, a Communist is unfit to be an examiner under the Manhattan Borough President. There is nothing in the Constitution which outlaws such beliefs.

"Then what is all this fuss about? Some nervous people, apparently, have been reading Mr. Hearst and Mr. Hitler, and have been persuaded that Communism is the Great Menace.

"But the real menace in America is the citizen who is willing to betray our proud tradition of freedom. The real menace is the man who thinks we can save our country by abandoning its virtues instead of curing its defects."

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

THE world economic crisis is beginning to add acutely to the privations and miseries of the people in the fascist countries where the war preparation's cost and expenditures for the Ethiopian, Spanish and China adventures had already exacted their heavy toll.

Reports from Berlin and Rome confirm the fact that the dictators are worried over the crushing economic crisis that is hitting vulnerable fascist economy harder than that of the other capitalist countries. The main consideration, in fact, of Mussolini's agreement with London, was an immediate granting of credits to save Italian fascism from financial catastrophe. But London financiers will not be sufficient to meet the crisis needs of Italian fascism.

Therefore Mussolini has had a decree passed which provides for making deals in American dollar exchange. Unable to get direct government loans from the U. S., Mussolini is setting up "private" corporations such as one that has been given mining concessions in Spanish Morocco and the Pirelli Rubber Co. in Burgos, Spain, in an effort to get American money to finance Italian fascism's conquests in the Mediterranean and to help fascism in Italy.

HITLER, in the face of the economic crisis, has ordered a housing and public works scheme drawn up to try to absorb the shock of the crisis. The Institute for Business Research has just published a preliminary draft of this scheme which is nothing more than another phase of the military construction plan. There are eight points to the program as follows: (1) Army building construction; (2) 1,000 kilometers of military highways; (3) canals; (4) Nazi Party headquarters; (5) government buildings; (6) city embellishments; (7) raw material plants, and (8)—and last—residential housing.

There is not the slightest doubt that the plan will never get beyond point (4). The big problem for German fascism, as with Italian fascism, is: where is the money coming from?

IN JAPAN fish and foreign politics are very closely related. That fact impressed itself on the American people when, during the invasion of Alaska waters, a controversy broke out over Japanese salmon fishing in Alaskan waters. Part of the Japanese Alaskan activity was really fishing and part was the usual spying. Japan is reported now to have come to a secret understanding with the U. S. that she will stay out of Alaskan waters and stop destroying U. S. salmon reserves there. However that may be, Homer E. Gregory in the March 2 issue of the Far Eastern Survey gives some very interesting insights into Japanese salmon fishing in Alaskan waters:

"By the use of floating canneries and mother ships," he states, "the Japanese are in a position to capture the red salmon of Bristol Bay as the run of fish heads towards its natal rivers. The gear which Japan has developed for the deep-sea salmon fishing consists of enormous nets which can be set so seriously to diminish the run of fish heading toward inland waters. Such gear is forbidden in Alaskan waters but the Bureau of Fisheries would have no control over its use outside. There is the possibility that the intensity of Japanese fishing might be such that it could not be counteracted by restriction on the in-shore fishing, with the result that the supply of salmon would be depleted and eventually destroyed.

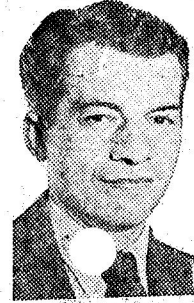
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CHANGE THE WORLD

With Mike Gold

SUNDAY—Life goes on, as the Hollywood philosophers remark profoundly, and out in Brighton Beach everyone is still having babies. I was there for dinner last Sunday. All the talk still is of Communism and babies. Revolutionary optimism plus sea air makes for babies. We are going to win! Well, Brighton Beach is better to live in than T. S. Eliot's Waste Land of fascism and death. And Comrade Francine is one of those gay little mommas who make poetry out of pot roast. Some women seem to know how to create homes filled with sunshine and music; it is real art. The happiest homes, I believe, are found among Communists, for there's no bourgeois inequality here.



MONDAY—These Catholic hierarchs who are so anxious to bring fascism to America are overreaching themselves. They planned a red-baiting campaign against the CIO, but had to drop it. Thousands of loyal Catholic workers have had their life-standards improved by this new union movement. A prominent Catholic liberal told me the story at lunch.

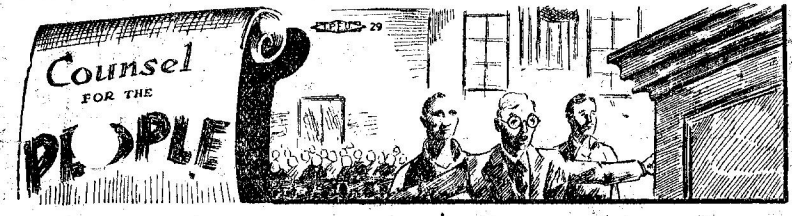
The Catholic, rank and file is proletarian, with life interests inevitably opposed to Wall Street. Which creates some delicate problems for the Wall Street hierarchs. Can they sell an American Franco to their people? Never, never! The defeat of their Tammany Hall in the last campaign was a symptom of the change that has come over Catholic citizens. The campaign against St. Germain is a hangover of that lost red-baiting campaign. It will also fail, if we can mobilize enough trade unions, liberal organizations workers' clubs, etc., to pour protests into City Hall. The progressive side is not doing enough in this case, I hear, but is resting on the laurels of its late victory. But Wall Street never rests; and the Francos never cease bombing the hospitals, the orphanages, and the parliaments of democracy.

TUESDAY—Dinner at the Kavkaz on 14th street, where over the good shashleek, I talked with a Caucasian who has the profile of Stalin, and is a dirt farmer in Pennsylvania. Like all intelligent farmers, he is appalled at the paperization that is going on among the farming population. The farmers need something like the CIO, he said, or the demagogues will capture them! We discussed ways and means, but could reach no verdict. I will confess it right now: finance and the agrarian question are as mysterious to me as the higher reaches of astronomy. But we should all strive to learn, and I listened.

WEDNESDAY—"To Mike Gold of the poison pen—why don't you do some honest work?" This is typed across an evil-looking caricature I received as a valentine this week. Looks like a Trotskyite love-letter. There was a whole month when I received two or three scurrilous post cards daily from them. In the course of the past few years I have also had my quota of nasty Nazi epistles, and once the Ku Klux of Broc threatened to "tear me wide apart."

What a load of hidden hate such letters dredge up to the light! What a world of hate the capitalists have made! They have poisoned the minds of millions of simple people who want peace and brotherhood, like all of us, but have been duped like Japanese peasants shipped off to slaughter Chinese peasants. It will all end some day, like a bad dream. Until then we must keep our chins up, and educate, educate! organize!

THURSDAY—Well, Franco finally made a direct hit on this household. It is a touch of the late-winter flu. I defy anyone to write peppy columns with these pessimist bugs in one's bones. It must have been the Sunday I spent at Brighton Beach. One whiff of pure air is enough to knock over any New Yorker. Dr. Mackler cheerfully prescribes a diet of orange and lemon juice. He may be a good baby specialist, but he can't Mussolini me!



THE OWL BANKRUPTCY CASE

THE Owl Drug Company in 1932 was operating about 120 retail drug stores, almost all of them in the State of California. This company was incorporated in the State of Nevada. However, none of its assets were located in Nevada.

Almost all of its stores were rented by the company on long-term leases executed before the depression. When business conditions became bad, the company looked for some method to relieve itself of these leases. If a cancellation of the leases could be effected, the company would then be in a position to re-lease the same stores at a considerably lower rental.

Accordingly, the company voluntarily filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court in Nevada. At this time, the company's stock was controlled by two other corporations, the United Drug Company and the Lewis Liggett Company, two of the richest and most powerful national corporations in America.

New Corporation Formed

IMMEDIATELY after the petition in bankruptcy was filed, the United and the Liggett Companies created a new corporation which bid approximately one and one-half million dollars for the assets of the bankrupt company. The inventory value of these assets, of course, was far in excess of one and one-half million dollars.

From the amount paid for the assets of the company, the creditors received a dividend to the extent of about one-third of what they were entitled to. The general public which held stock in the bankrupt corporation received not a cent.

The landlords who held the leases with the Owl Company found themselves holding leases with a bankrupt corporation. Incidentally, the value of these leases was approximately 15 million dollars.

Conspiracy Charged

SOON afterwards, some of the creditors filed a suit alleging a conspiracy to bring about the cancellation of valid leases. This suit was commenced in Nevada by a California landlord who sought to dismiss the bankruptcy proceedings. He claimed that the company was perfectly solvent, and therefore the bankruptcy proceedings were fraudulent.

The effort to dismiss the bankruptcy proceedings was without success. The trustee in bankruptcy, who received a fee of fifty thousand dollars, held that the bankruptcy was properly filed. The attorneys and receivers, who obtained fees and expenses totalling one hundred thousand dollars, also thought that the bankruptcy was properly filed. The district judge, who was a candidate for promotion to a higher court and who needed support in Congress, retained jurisdiction of the bankruptcy case.

Needless to say, the new Owl Drug Company which was created to take over the assets of the bankrupt one, promptly executed new leases for the premises occupied by the various drug stores. These stores kept operating during the entire bankruptcy proceedings and have continued operating ever since.

Big Interests Win

THE net result of this bankruptcy proceeding was that the two powerful holding companies, the United Drug and the Lewis Liggett Company, retained every bit of control over the 120 drug stores. In addition, they succeeded in accomplishing the following things:

- 1.—editors of the Owl Drug Company received one-third of their bills and the balance was cancelled by the bankruptcy court.
 - 2.—Landlords found that their leases were cancelled and they were compelled to accept new leases at a much lower rental.
 - 3.—The general public, who held stock, in the Owl Company, was frozen out without receiving a single cent, as the stock became valueless.
- HURRAY FOR JUSTICE!**

Heroine of the Underground

Harriet Tubman, Slave: She Braved Bloodhounds To Free Other Slaves

By Elizabeth Lawson

SHE was known in her lifetime as "the Moses of her people."

William H. Seward, Secretary of State in Lincoln's cabinet, said: "The cause of freedom owes her much."

John Brown described her as "one of the best and bravest persons on this entire continent."

Her name was Harriet Tubman. She was born in slavery on the eastern shore of Maryland, escaped to the North, returned nineteen times to the hell from which she had fled, and, while posing scoured fields and woods for her, piloted no less than three hundred slaves to freedom.

Liberty or Death

HARRIET was thirteen years old when, because she refused to tie another slave to be whipped, her master threw a heavy weight at her, fracturing her skull. This was only one incident among a thousand cruelties and abuses of her childhood and youth. One day a trader appeared without warning in the slaves' quarters, and the girl determined to make her escape. "I had reasoned this out in my mind," she said years later, "that there was one of two things I had a right to—liberty or death. If I couldn't have one, I'd have the other."

One evening she walked slowly past the rickety dwellings of the



Harriet Tubman

slave quarters singing in aloud and mournful voice:
I'm sorry, friends, to leave you,
Farewell, oh farewell,
But I'll meet you in the morning,
Farewell, oh farewell.
When you reach the promised land

Symbolic Search Subject of Novel

By D. Van Ghent

REX Warner is a friend of C. Day Lewis, and an acquaintance of W. H. Auden and Stephen Spender. His book of poems and his allegorical novel are published simultaneously by Knopf.

Of the two books the novel is the more interesting. It is the story of three brothers—Rudolph the empire-builder, David the intellectual, and George the "ordinary young man"—who go in search of the Wild Goose, symbol of freedom and naturalness. Like Kafka, Mr. Warner writes of fantastic situations in the idiom of the realist; hence the age-old fable of three brothers in search of something is successful in his hands. He builds it up with a fund of wit and of moral penetration.

Rudolph, of course, is lost in the swamps of individualism. He roars against on motorcycles and in aeroplanes, but his center is always himself, and he misses the end of the search. David turns degenerate with the rugged students of "the convent," and remains delighted with his silly life. George is sickened by all that he finds. And when he finds, in that country beyond the frontier, is an ingenious variety of Fascism.

Peasants Apathetic

ONE has to be strong to bear up against the work," says one of the peasants to him, one of those surly treadmill workers, "when nine-tenths of what we get from the land goes to the government."

This sort of life has made the peasants almost hopelessly apathetic; they are suspicious of every newcomer and of every idea for betterment. On the other hand, there is the life of the town which is the love of life which makes the revolutionary. It is the love of living, of delicacy, and strength. Hence the struggle which takes place is not so much a struggle against wickedness as against a dead order. Rex Warner's poetry is another statement of this point

Author's Attitude

THE point of view of the book is expressed in the words of Gogolov, the dying general: "It is the love of life which makes the revolutionary. It is the love of living, of delicacy, and strength. Hence the struggle which takes place is not so much a struggle against wickedness as against a dead order. Rex Warner's poetry is another statement of this point



On the other side of Jordan, I'll be waiting there to greet you For I'm bound for the promised land.

Just another beaten slave girl singing, though, she expected. But her people—whom the overseers had driven into song by forbidding them to speak together—knew what she meant, and the next morning she was gone.

Freed Hundreds of Slaves

ONCE on free soil she got work as a cook, and put by money from her slender earnings till she had enough to go back South. From that time until the Civil War—a period of about 15 years—she regularly disappeared from New York State and reappeared after weeks or months with a group of Negro fugitives.

INEVITABLY she found the Abolition movement, and continued her activities with its assistance, becoming one of the hundreds of white and Negro "conductors" on the "Underground Railroad," that illegal network of travel over which a thousand slaves were each year spirited away to free land.

The news of Harriet Tubman spread by grapevine telegraph through the slave quarters of the South. "Moses," the Negroes called her, for she was leading them out of the land of bondage. She would appear suddenly on a plantation, and her presence would be whistled to the slaves. Often the field-hands then changed the words of the spiritual, "Swing low, sweet chariot," to "Swing low, sweet Harriet, coming for to carry me home." Men and women made a tiny bundle of their possessions and prepared to set out with her. Harriet gave a few swift instructions, dragged the babies in the party with paregotic to prevent their crying, and the group was on its way.

Perilous Moments

NEW perils were encountered on almost every journey. Once, she left a party of fugitives in the woods and went alone to give a pre-arranged signal at the house of a free Negro. But during her trip South, the Negro had been driven from his home, and a white

Sugary Propaganda Movie Backfires

By Paul Nickerson

SEATTLE, March 9.—Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer presented sugary-wyned employer propaganda in a short film entitled "The Boss Didn't Say Good Morning," which played here at the Colonial Theater this week.

It aims to tell that the rocky path of employer-employee relationships would be strewn with more roses—if only there were more understanding on each side. The film backfires. It sends you out of the theater seething with anger that one man had the power to wreck another man's life by a frown and refusal to say "Good Morning."

An average American wage earner has a happy home, wife and children. When the boss stalks gruffly by, refusing to say "Good Morning," the other employees chuckle with glee.

Mental Suffering

HIS mental suffering is well portrayed. He slumps, shaken with fear, confronted with the devil who looks like his fellow workers. (Can you imagine everyone pleased because he is going to lose his job? I can't.)

The snubbed derelict goes home and growls at his wife and children. To forget his troubles, he goes to the Country Club. (Do you belong to the Country Club?) He meets the boss by chance when he is in a happy mood. The boss confesses everything. The boss has stomach trouble!

The film is supposed to make employees mindful of the boss's problems—and stomach. But the half dozen who sat near me acted as though they were not being purified through understanding. They acted as though they were ready to stalk right down and sign a card which entitled them to work for another system—a better system where no one man can destroy the economic security of another, even if he has a bad stomach.

view. What is admirable about both his poetry and his novel is the fact that the author's attitude is clean-cut. It has no ornament except itself.

The novel is more successful because it is obviously more in line with the author's talent. The poetry suffers rather from the "ordinariness" of George, the "ordinary young man," who would rather play shove-half-penny at which Mr. Warner is said to be expert) than indulge in intellectualization. The revolutionary sonnets are the best work in the book.

Propaganda used during the period that Harriet Tubman was working to bring freedom to her people.

you one of the best and bravest persons on this entire continent—General Tubman, as we call her."

Behind Enemy Lines

WHEN the Civil War broke out, Governor Andrew of Massachusetts sent for Harriet Tubman and placed her in the field of battle as scout, nurse, and spy. Her knowledge of the South was invaluable, and she guided Union troops unerringly through jungles and swamps. One of the most important of her services was to win the confidence of slaves in enemy territory, and persuade them to run away to the Federal Army. Thus she disrupted the chief labor source of the slavocracy, and brought to the Union new recruits.

As a spy, she penetrated into the enemy lines, and was often under fire from both armies. Her description of battle is in the unconscious poetry which is still heard among the working people of the South:

"And we saw the lightning, and that was the guns; and we heard the thunder, and that was the big guns; and we heard the rain falling; and when we came to gather the crops, it was dead men that we reaped."

Anniversary Today

IN Auburn, N. Y., where Harriet Tubman died March 10, 1913, a bronze tablet was erected to her memory. On the tablet are inscribed her own proud words:

"On my underground railroad I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger."

In fact, all the back country of China is being rapidly developed. From the northern and central sea coast occupied by the Japanese militarists, everything is moving inland—roads, education, industry, banks, the life of China.

Expect Long Struggle

"THE Chinese are preparing for a long struggle, a victorious one. Winning this war needs a people who can endure, who can keep up their morale; and I have never seen an army as able in this respect as the Chinese.

"They are fighting not only for their own independence but for the peace of the world. What can we do to help? American business today is helping Japan. American exports to Japan are twice what they were in 1932, while in the meantime our exports to China have been falling. This country's Neutrality Act is helping the fascists. We should appeal to Congress to stop shipments of materials to help the aggressor nations. The final outcome of this war will be determined not only by what is done in China but by what is done in England and the United States."

In the question period Miss Strong said "No man, be he Chiang Kai-Shek or any other, can deny the Chinese workers what they are organized to take, or can give them what they are not organized to take."

What's Playing at Theatres

San Francisco

Curran—Abbey Players in Irish Drama. Thurs. and Fri., Juno and the Paycock. Sat., Playday of the West. Wed., The Silver Jubilee.

Geary—Rhythm Without Reason. Comedy. Monday, March 14th.

Alcazar—The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse. Mystery drama.

Theatre Union, 629 Green street: Anderson's "Valley Forge" Friday and Saturday night only.

High School of Commerce: "The Emperor's New Clothes" Anderson's fairy tale dramatized. Saturday matinee only.

Los Angeles

Pasadena Musical Play House: "Knights of Song" with music of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Mason: Elmer Rice's "Counselor at Law."

San Jose

State College Campus Little Theatre: Henrik Ibsen's "Wild Duck."

Queen Is Displeased By 'Honest Scribbler' In 'Knights of Song'

By Henry W. Splitter

PASADENA, March 8.—Queen Victoria was decidedly annoyed. Her voice came crisply. "There must be an end to disrespect for the throne, whether directly by radicals or indirectly by sophisticated scribblers." By the term "scribbler" she meant W. S. Gilbert, who had indiscreetly ruffled Her Majesty's feelings in the comic opera *Pinafore*. And, sitting

in my seat in the rear row balcony of the Pasadena Community Playhouse at a current performance of *Knights of Song*, I sympathized with her. For many otherwise genial, courtly gentlepeople of today, some times called economic royalists, are likewise galled by verbal shrills from the flank, voices disrespectful and ironic. It is hard to know just what to do with such critical persons.

The Queen Approves

ARTHUR SULLIVAN, Gilbert's partner in play composition, on the other hand, Victoria reflected, was a most decent sort of fellow. Of course he had written charming music for the patter gibberish of Gilbert, but then everyone in merrie England must make his living as best he can. Yet how could such a fine fellow have gotten tangled up with that indecorous Gilbert? Sullivan could be tender, pathetic, stirring, noble. Had he not written *The Lost Chord* while under the shadow of his brother's death? And the insistent beat of his *Onward Christian Soldiers* melody stirred thoughts in her of: "the march of England to remote places—the surge forward of the Empire—yes, even to India and Australia."

Realist Snubbed

SO through the whole of her life, the play tells us, the Queen petted Sullivan and pointedly snubbed Gilbert, finally she made plain Mr. Sullivan Sir Arthur Sullivan, for the simple reason that he, unlike his co-worker, was a conformist, a middle-class climber. Gilbert, unfortunately for his social progress, was a realist. "The pirates of America," he remarked, observing in New York some of our men of affairs in the year 1880, "are much more dangerous than the pirates of Penzance." Therefore, Gilbert's knighthood had to await the coming of the more liberal monarch, Edward VII. This ruler was the man who, as Prince of Wales, in reply to Gilbert's flashing "I could make a speech in Hyde Park that would not be tolerated in the theatre," said quietly, "I could too."

Anniversary Today

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In the evening, over the NBC Network, at 8:15 p. m., the Standard Symphony will play music with popular music. The solid fare of Bach, Brahms and Wagner will be mixed with lighter courses of Glere, Glinka and Dukas when Otto Klemperer conducts the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in the 543rd weekly Standard Symphony Hour. The program in full follows:

Overture to *Russian and Ludmilla* . . . Glinka
Saviors' Dance . . . Glere
Sorcerer's Apprentice . . . Dukas
Air for String . . . Bach
3rd and 4th movements,
Symphony No. 2 . . . Brahms
Overture to *Tannhauser* . . . Wagner

TUNING IN with Mary Hurley

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- 8:30—Eddie Duchin . . . NBC Blue
9:15—Guy Lombardo . . . Mutual
9:30—Jack Russell . . . NBC Blue
10:00—Louis Pannico . . . NBC Blue
10:30—Jimmy Crier . . . NBC Red
11:00—Fanny Crier . . . NBC Blue
11:30—Ted Florito . . . Columbia

Friday's Best

- 8:00—Farm Reporter, KFSO
8:45—Original Music, NBC Blue
9:15—Edward Gamage, vocalist, NBC Blue; Your News Parade, Columbia
10:00—Carille and Lendon, piano duo, NBC Red
11:45—United States Dept. of Agriculture, NBC Blue
12:00—Agricultural Bulletin, KGO
12:30—Soprano, Strings, NBC Red
1:00—High Hats, NBC Blue; Editor of the Air, KFYD
1:30—Afternoon
12:15—California Agriculture, NBC Blue
12:45—Commonwealth Club Luncheon, NBC Blue; Good Health and Training, Mutual
1:30—Club O'Brien, NBC Blue; Hughes, NBC Red
1:45—L. Alhai Roy Dafee, Columbia
2:30—Eyes Through a Woman's, Columbia
3:00—Framing Frances, Mutual
3:30—Woman's Magazine of the Air, NBC Red
4:00—American Progressive, KFYD; Paul Whiteman, commentator, Mutual
4:45—Bughouse Rhythm, NBC Red; 5:00—Sophisticated Strings, NBC Blue; Hammerstein Music Hall, Columbia
EVENING
6:00—Beaux Arts 1910, NBC Red; Hollywood Hotel, Columbia; Paul Whiteman, Columbia
6:30—Labor on the March, KGGC; Southern Harmony Four, NBC Red
7:00—The Songshop, Columbia; First Nighter, NBC Red
7:30—Francis Fuller, NBC Red
8:30—Horsey Heit and His Brigade, NBC Blue; Pressing American Composers, Mutual; Paul Whiteman, Columbia
9:00—Gilmore Circus, NBC Red
9:30—The Royal Crown Hotel, NBC Blue; Sports Review, Columbia
10:00—Music As You Desire It, KGO
DANCE TO THESE
9:00—Carl Boyer, NBC Blue
9:30—Happy Felton . . . NBC Red
10:00—Henry King . . . Columbia
10:30—Fanny Crier . . . NBC Blue
11:00—Jan Garber . . . Mutual

Wednesday's Tip-Tops

- 12:15—NBC Symphony, Mutual
12:45—Metropolitan Opera Guild, NBC Blue
1:00—Club Matinee, NBC Blue
4:00—American Progressive, KFYD; Fulton Lewis, commentator, Mutual
4:45—Science on the March, NBC Blue
5:30—The Raleigh and Kool Program, NBC Red
5:45—Agriculture Today, NBC Blue
EVENING
6:00—Andre Kostelanetz, Columbia
6:30—Labor on the March, KGGC; Ben Seaman and All the Lads, Columbia; Sports Broadcast, Mutual
7:00—Your Hollywood Parade, NBC Red; Gang Busters, Columbia
7:30—NBC Minstrel Show, NBC Blue; Hobby Lobby, Columbia
8:00—Negro Male Quartet, NBC Blue
8:30—Whitworth House, NBC Red; Eddie Cantor, Columbia
9:00—Fred Allen, NBC Red; Cavalcade of America, Columbia; Jewish Art Program, KGGC
9:30—Sports Review, Columbia
10:00—Richfield Reporter, NBC Red; DANCE TO THESE

STATION FINDER

Network	Stations	Cities	Kilocycles
COLUMBIA (Col.)	KFSO	San Francisco	500
	KJLN	Portland	400
	KXRO	Seattle	540
	KXK	Los Angeles	1050
NBC RED (Red)	KFO	San Francisco	680
	KLV	Portland	680
NBC BLUE (Blue)	KOMO	Seattle	550
	KFI	Los Angeles	640
MUTUAL-DON LEE (Mutual)	KFRC	San Francisco	610
	KJL	Portland	1270
INDEPENDENT	KOL	Seattle	550
	KJL	Los Angeles	900
NBC BLUE (Blue)	KGO	San Francisco	750
	KJL	Portland	1250
MUTUAL-DON LEE (Mutual)	KFRC	San Francisco	610
	KOL	Seattle	550
INDEPENDENT	KGGC	San Francisco	1400
	KFS	Los Angeles	1280

HOW MUCH SPORTS IN A SPORTS PAGE? A SLIDE RULE STUDY

By Lefty

NOW THAT basketball suits are being hung up alongside the ice skates and mothballs for another eight months, a hush as deadening as the silence after some one drops a flask of Haig & Haig at the annual dinner of the W.C.T.U.

Sports writers sit drooping over their suds, mumbling into three-day-old beards about baseball players who may or may not hit 40 home runs this year, and wondering whatever happened to Primo Carne- ra, anyway.

City editors run banner head-

Select Any Sports Section at Random

lines when Ethelbert Bunch wins the flyweight title of Upper Bear Lake, Saskatchewan, and if the Kentucky Derby favors sneezes, some base scribe will ransack the Webster for 25 inches of groans under the head: "Trainers Fear Ryskrip Out of Derby With Bubonic Plague!"

LEFTY suspects that the average fan has little notion of how much copy that has nothing to do with actual athletic events finds its way into the average sporting green.

IN the dear, dead days beyond recall a sports section had the nasty job of simply reporting in as interesting a fashion as possible what athletic events took place.

A good sports page was supposed to be one which, like many of the English papers, packed as much description and information into as little space as possible.

How far those days have passed may readily be discovered by taking a gander at the average four to eight page sporting supplement contained in most of the large metropolitan newspapers.

Or, if you don't want to take the trouble to see for yourself, LEFTY, that old smoker-out-of-facts, presents a little column-rule analysis of one of them.

THIS one, by pure coincidence, happens to be the San Francisco Chronicle sporting green for March 8. It was taken purely at random and presumably is no better nor worse than any other mid-week sporting section.

By judicious application of the ruler, LEFTY discovered that the green carried material which readily fell into the following groupings:

Tremendous Total

Pictures—223 column inches. These fall into three divisions. First, there is a syndicated cartoon taking up 18 inches. Then 179 inches of "publicity pictures"—break poses and the like, run to publicize coming athletic events or as general features. Finally, there are 26 inches of inset pictures of persons mentioned in stories.

In not a single case is there a photograph of an actual athletic event.

Advertising—3 inches, advising you to attend the Dog Races at Bayshore City.

Build-up stories—184 inches. These yarns publicize forthcoming athletic events. They are nearly always long on the balcony and short on pertinent facts.

Personality stories—91 inches. Stories about occurrences in the life of athletes—new jobs, tall stories, etc., etc.—but no description of actual athletic events.

Features—36 inches. This is a catch-all classification. The two principal yarns were one on what a college professor thought of football (for 17 inches) and how a baseball goes when hit by a swatting machine.

Gossip columns—84 inches. Standing head columns by sports editors (two of them), caustic expert, and outdoor man. LEFTY read them through and there's not a bit of actual reporting in them.

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MORE ON TREASON

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report on a basketball game. But page four redeems the whole section. Although there's not a single bit of description on the page, the dog and horse race tables conspire to run up an aggregate of 26 column inches.

Thus out of 634 inches in a four-page sporting section, there are only 65 inches which are devoted to actual reporting of sports events.

Just barely ten per cent of this section is devoted to describing or tabulating athletic contests of any sort.

Every word of this information could be neatly tucked into three columns on the first page, and the rest could be turned over to the predictors, sportscasters, experts, publicity cameramen, and feature writers.

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FARR FLATTENS TWO SPARRING PARTNERS

Pross and Massera Collapse to Canvas

Gould Says His Boy Will Take Maxie Baer for a Long, Long Ride

SUMMIT, N. J., March 9.—Gloom and frustration settled down over the Tom Farr training camp here today.

Tonypandy Tom had to call a halt to his sparring practice on the eve of his 10-round bout with Max Baer Friday night in the Madison Square callflower garden.

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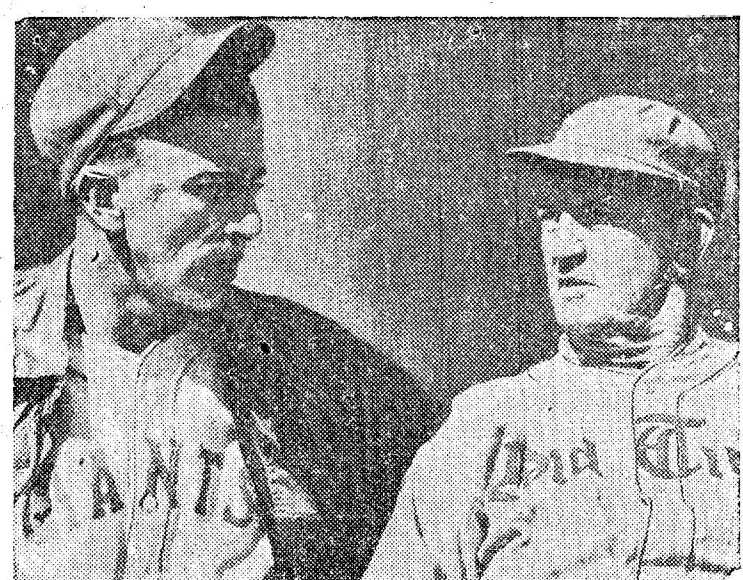
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MAESTROS—OLD AND NEW



CY Young (right), once 14-0 League over to win 500 games gives Carl Hubbell, the New York Giant star, a few tips on how to send the batters back to the dream. Hubbell is the most promising prospect to give Young's record a close call.

HENRY VS. LOU!

NEW YORK, March 9.—Henry Armstrong, world's featherweight champion, must fight Lou Ambers of New York for his lightweight championship thirty days after his bout with welterweight champion Barney Ross, the New York State Boxing Commission ruled today.

The commission yesterday okayed a bout between the sensational little Los Angeles Negro and Ross for May 26 in New York.

Armstrong has 34 knockouts in his last 35 engagements to his record. Many of these knockouts have been scored over leading lightweights.

"Hurricane Henry" thus has a chance to set ring history by holding three world's titles at once, a feat never before accomplished.

Armstrong has indicated his intention to fight Ambers for the lightweight crown for some time, but the Armstrong-Ross bout came as a complete surprise.

Ross last defended his title against Cefero Garcia, Filipino, in New York City, September 23 in the so-called "Carnival of Champions."

Should Armstrong defeat Ross, the world's welterweight title would automatically be at stake when he meets Ambers.

CRAP GAME VERBOTEN ON RACE TRACK, SEZ COPPER

By Lou Seligson
LOS ANGELES, March 9.—There simply ain't going to be any gambling at the new Hollywood Turf Club Racetrack that will open in Inglewood this coming June.

This is the latest report that reaches us by special messenger who succeeded in swimming the flood and getting to our office before collapsing.

It will be the first time that tracks around these parts will prohibit gambling—that is if the precedent set last week is to continue.

The Inglewood track, which will be finished in time for summer racing and for the high and mighty gambling of the wealthy Hollywoodians who don't know what to do with their money, is expected to be one of the finest and fastest tracks in these parts.

Last week while the flood waters were storming around the track, the workmen stopped work, gazed at the sky, then glumly looked at the three feet of water under shoes and decided to take things easy.

"Let's go into the stables and have a little crap game," one of them mumbled, a happy light coming into his eyes. There was an immediate response as the whole gang ran whooping through the rain into the shelter and where one of them proceeded to pull out a pair of dice.

The going was getting warm and money began changing hands fast when suddenly a hand reached over and pulled the dice and money away.

Imagine their surprise when they looked up and saw a cop!

"Don't you mugs know you can't gamble around here?" he said.

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Sports

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1938

CROWELL GETS TKO IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Chuck Crowell, the Petaluma giant, added the scalp of Red Fields to his string here last night.

Crowell scored a technical knock-out in one minute and 30 seconds.

The fight provoked profound disgust from the fans, particularly inasmuch as it appeared that Fields fought about as energetically as a canvas-back duck.

Crowell came out slugging at the bell, and before 30 seconds had elapsed, Fields ducked to the canvas, claiming he had been fouled.

The referee gave him a minute's rest period, but when he came out he walked directly into a strong right to the jaw. He went down.

Fields was up on the count of eight, but Crowell handed him an unmerciful lacing for another 20 seconds until the referee stopped the affair.

Lloyd Leith, coach of the runner-up Washington high team, and Ernie Bailey have been chosen to officiate by Oregon Coach Howard Hobson from a list submitted to him by John Egan.

The Oregon Webfeet were expected in town today and will work out in the Auditorium this afternoon or tonight. Stanford, having played in the Auditorium in 1936 and 1937, will not take the trouble to work out there.

Coach John Bunn, to offset Oregon's tall three-man defense line composed of Urgel "Slim" Wintermute, 6 feet 8, and Lauren "Laddie" Gale and Dave Silv both 6 feet 4, is working a Tom Seibert, 6 feet 6, at center and shifting Art Stoelen, regular center to guard.

If these plans are carried out it will add eight inches to the team as Seibert will replace little Horace Lee, 5 feet 10.

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Ducats AK' Gone for Webfoot-Card Game

For a long time now San Francisco's rank and file basketball fans have been waiting for a chance to see how good the famed "Hank" Luisetti really is and now, when most of them think they will have a chance to see him—blooie, the ducats are all gone.

More than eight hours after the tickets for Friday's game in Civic Auditorium went on public sale, the 7,814 seats were sold out cold. Even the 1,000 standing room tickets were gone.

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