

THROWN TO THE WOLVES

An Editorial

"As I speak these words, my voice trembles; my sleep is broken at night, because of what I know of the slaughter in Spain—and now in Austria!"

So spoke that great humanist who belongs not only to California, but to the world—Upton Sinclair, addressing by telephone a meeting at New York City.

But what of the rest of us? Are we, some or many of us, perhaps you, perhaps your neighbor, falling for the outrageous lies of the reactionary newspapers, who repeat the lies of the Tory-Fascist Premier of England, Neville Chamberlain?

Beware, people of America and the Pacific Coast! Beware of the lie that Chamberlain's speech was "for peace." Chamberlain spoke for war and fascism! And any newspaper or press agency which "interprets" it otherwise is a helper of war and fascism.

Oh, certainly, the lie is disguised. Never yet has any fascist been so rash as to say openly and honestly: "I am for war!" Neither was Chamberlain so foolish as to leave his aid to war and fascism without words that could hide his meaning. The people must read between the lines to discover their real meaning.

But no words can well conceal the help to fascism given by Britain's refusal of the call of the Soviet Union for a conference of non-aggressive powers "which would aim at checking the further development of aggression and at eliminating the aggravated danger of a new world massacre"—to use Litvinoff's words. Chamberlain rejects that, upon the silly pretense that it "might be inimical to world peace." Chamberlain rejects this only hope of world peace, though Litvinoff has said:

"The present international situation places before all peace-loving states and the great powers in particular, the question of their responsibility for the destinies of the peoples of Europe, and not of Europe alone!"

Chamberlain says, and knows that he lies when he says it, that—"Italy has repeated its declaration that it has no territorial, political or economic aims in Spain." Yet at that very moment, 160,000 Italian soldiers were warring upon the Spanish people in Aragon, and hundreds of Italian planes dropping death upon Spanish cities! And Chamberlain asks the world to think that Mussolini does that without any reason!

How did those 160,000 Italian soldiers get into Spain? Did not Mussolini "repeatedly declare" that Italy was "not intervening?" All his "repeated declarations" are worthless lies, and not only Chamberlain, but your newspapers, know it! So, to speak the truth, Chamberlain has thrown Spain to the fascist wolves!

Litvinoff says "the great powers are responsible for the destinies of the peoples of Europe—and not of Europe alone." Chamberlain seeks a lawyer's alibi. "We have no automatic obligations to help Czechoslovakia."

But, over this pro-fascist crime of throwing not only Spain, but Czechoslovakia, to the fascist wolves, the American newspapers run false headlines: "Britain Threatens to Fight!" Oh, yes, Britain threatens to fight if those nations which are not being attacked, are attacked. But for those that are right now being attacked, Britain will not fight!

Britain, says Chamberlain, will defend "France, Belgium, Portugal, Egypt and Iraq." Probably Bolivia and Siam. Hitler and Mussolini are NOT threatening them at the moment. So Chamberlain "threatens to fight" if they are attacked! But Spain! And Czechoslovakia! And Lithuania! Oh, to defend these, that "would mean war!" Such hypocrisy!

And even France is curiously left out by an "exception." For, says Chamberlain, Britain will defend France only if involved in a war that is "not provoked." Oh, ho! And so, if France does anything, or does nothing, Hitler and Mussolini can claim they are "provoked"—as Schuschnigg "provoked" Hitler. And, then, why, Chamberlain can throw France also to the fascist wolves!

And are we accomplices to Hitler and Mussolini? It would seem so, for Secretary Hull, after making a pretty speech, refused to lift the embargo, the outrageous and illegal embargo, against arms of defense to Spain. And at once the House Foreign Affairs Committee stopped discussing the demands of the people to amend the false "Neutrality" Act!

All you who want peace and hate war and fascism! Act now! Wire to Secretary Hull and the House Foreign Affairs Committee! Demand an end to the embargo on Spain! Smash the lies of the newspapers that Britain's aid to fascism "promises peace!" Help bleeding Spain, ere we, too, are thrown to the fascist wolves!

Chinese Armies Slam Foe In Sweeping Offensive

HANKOW, March 27 (TP)—Chinese armies turned back the Japanese on the Suchow front today while guerrillas helped regular troops in a sweeping offensive in Shantung province.

A quarter of a million Chinese defending Suchow beat back repeated attacks by infantry, artillery, and air forces. Chinese airmen fought Japanese planes high over the trenches north of Suchow.

Chiang Kai-shek hurried reinforcements into Shantung province in a drive to recapture the Shantung capital of Tsinan from the invaders. Field commanders said the Japanese had withdrawn troops from the area in order to deal a crushing blow to the defenders of Suchow.

Chiang Kai-shek opened the drive last Friday with three separate columns of veteran troops. The Chinese had orders to move toward Tsinan and seize any opportunities offered by the withdrawal of Japanese from the Suchow campaign.

Chinese claimed that the Japanese forces had been maneuvered into a dangerous position.

DOUGLAS GETS CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, March 27. (TP)—The War Department announced today that contracts for airplane parts totaling more than \$210,000 have been awarded to the Douglas Aircraft Company of El Segundo, Calif.

1329 More Subs Needed

ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT!

WITH San Francisco and San Mateo going over the top, the figures have taken a change that marks the chances of fulfilling the WBA Quota as GOOD!

San Francisco . . . 1008
San Mateo . . . 100
Other Counties . . . 5063

Total Subs In . . . 6171
Subs Needed . . . 1329

Our Goal . . . 7500

Go after those 1329 subs. World Builders, let's get the 7500 before April First!

STRIKE IS AUTHORIZED ON FIVE BAY PAPERS

People Build Defenses to Stop Franco

Loyalist Morale High As All Elements in Population Unite to Turn Back Tide of Foreign Invaders

by Joseph North
(People's World Barcelona Correspondent)

LERIDA, Spain, March 27 (By Cable)—The people of this city are all out in the Spring sunshine today digging fortifications while Italian tanks are advancing across the flat lands from Bujaraloz 60 miles away.

It is very much like the November days in Madrid, the days when the population rose as one man and built and fortified and fought and bled—and smashed—Franco's most desperate attempts to capture the city.

In a square near the outskirts of the quaint old Catalan town new files of youthful volunteers are drilling and wheeling in formation.

At the other end of the town roads are choked with refugees' equipages carrying pillows, bedsteads and babies, ordinarily with a couple of men marching alongside.

The men are back from digging trenches.

Mussolini's Tactic

A few miles off a hundred airplanes are in the sky at one time, and simultaneously they blast villages after village—Aguiliva, Tamarit, Altafulla, Fraga.

They destroy and advance. To destroy and advance is the Italian tactic used in the Asturias, and now transferred to Aragon. It is the tactic of vastly superior materials against morale. The Spanish people are vastly superior in morale, but that alone cannot win the war.

The people know they must have shells, planes, fortifications.

In that way it is again like the defense of Madrid. Then the enemy had machine guns, planes—and the militia had rifles and no aviation at all.

Today the enemy has 500 planes in Aragon alone, more than double the Government squadrons.

The Loyalist press explained, pleaded, exhorted for fortifications and for unity in those November days at Madrid.

Part of the Press

You cannot gauge modern war by the front line alone. The Front Page is an essential part of the front line. Headlines are part of the front line, and today they are reminiscent of November, 1936. Again there is the irresistible surge towards unity of formerly irreconcilable elements. The common danger levels all obstacles.

This is certainly no time for false optimism, yet today, the newspaper Solidario Obrera said in big front page type:

"Despite all the aviation, the tanks and the modern artillery we shall resist and we shall win. If the world does not know it, let it harken to our voice now in this moment of supreme decision: 'We tell you, Spain shall never be a colony of Fascism!'"

Advice to Soldiers

"Noticias," the organ of the United Federation of Labor and front page photograph on the front page today, captioned:

"The Rear Guard Reply". The photo was that of row upon row of

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gradually accepted the idea of being marries.

The couple settled down on a farm in Les Vosges. They lived happily until the other day when military police located Riel wandering aimlessly through France. He, too, had lost his memory.

When confronted with his wife, Riel's memory gradually returned. He told how he had been taken prisoner during the war and had suffered from shell shock. The mistaken husband was found by military authorities actually to be Sandy Douglas, a Scots emigrant to Canada.

Riel's Wife Reels; Riel Not Real Riel

PARIS, March 27. (TP)—Mrs. Liane Perin Riel was reunited with her real husband today after spending 19 years with another husband.

The woman was married to her real husband, Henri Riel, at the outset of the world war. He was one of the first French Canadians to arrive in Europe to fight for the Allies and a descendant of the famous Louis Riel, who organized rebellions against British rule in Canada.

A short time after his marriage, Henri Riel was reported missing at the front. Later Mrs. Riel visited a hospital treating lost memory cases and picked out the man she thought was her husband. Members of her family and friends backed up her identification and the man who had lost his memory

MARTIN FACES COURT ACTION ON RELIEF CUT

2500 in Seattle Protest State Edict Throwing 12,000 Off Relief

By Ellen McGrath

SEATTLE, March 27.—More than 2000 workers gathered outside the office of Don G. Abel, WPA administrator, in a demonstration.

Prosecuting B. Gray Warner wanted Governor Martin that he would start mandamus proceedings to compel payment of relief claims to the county by the state.

These were among swift developments that followed Martin's order cutting 12,000 from the relief rolls on March 31.

"The entire purpose of our law is to protect those who, through no fault of their own, have been forced to rely on relief.

"I stand ready to back up this opinion by mandamus action to compel the state to pay if this abandonment becomes an actuality." B. Gray Warner said in a statement to 21 county prosecutors whom he had called for a "party" in the face of a relief crisis.

Tom Smith, County Commissioner, said:

"This decision puts the relief crisis right up to Governor Martin."

2500 Defy Threats

Although the city refused to issue a permit for the demonstration outside Abel's office Saturday, close to 2500 members of the Workers Alliance, AFL and CIO union men and women and members of progressive organizations assembled in orderly protest.

There were threats of wholesale arrests. There were rumors that speakers would be thrown in jail. Special police were sent to the corner of Second and Cherry, but no arrests were made.

Speakers talked quietly but determinedly about jobs and food and about the cold-blooded threat of Governor Martin.

DeLacy Speaks

Councilman Hugh DeLacy urged the workers to bear their relief slash in mind when they voted at the Fall elections and to send New Deal candidates to office.

"This slash coming on the heels of the Seattle elections indicates again the extremes of Governor Martin's policy. Months ago he told the Council Committee that relief rolls were increasing so fast that he wouldn't have money to carry the load until the next session.

"Yet in the same breath he vehemently rejected a special session. Apparently Governor Martin would rather slash in relief and old age pensions than to risk legislative revolt against the machine he has established throughout the state."

Relief Heads "Absent"

Committees were sent to see Don G. Abel and Kenneth Wadleigh, county relief administrator. Neither were in. Neither had left any word as to when they would return although both were advised that committees would call upon them at that time.

WORLD Presents Lords of the Docks

Lumber, copra, oil, pineapples, sugar and paper.

These are only a few of the cargoes that move through American harbors, day in and day out, keeping the wheels of American industry rolling.

But who are the men who work this cargo?

What sort of life do they lead? What do they think of the nation's problems?

To answer these questions the WORLD sent erstwhile sports-writer George Hitchcock and photographer Bill Morgan to get the colorful inside story of life on the docks of San Francisco.

Watch for what they saw and heard in tomorrow's PEOPLE'S WORLD.

Guild Votes Action As Publishers Stall

1 Mayor, 1 D. A., 40 Judges Must Appear in L.A. Court

And That's Not All - All Supervisors, City Councilmen and Police Chief Called in Leaflet Distributing Case

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—Mayor Frank Shaw, District Attorney Buron Fitts, Police Chief James E. Davis, the Board of Supervisors, the entire City Council and 40 judges will be rushed into court to answer the question:

"Can a person be arrested for distributing political handbills?"

Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney, has used the power of subpoena to pull these city officials into court to answer why the law on leaflet distribution is being applied in an "unfair and discriminatory manner."

Gallagher has been asked by the International Labor Defense to undertake the defense of Milda Strand, 23, a member of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, and Kim Young, 19, a Korean student, who were arrested for distributing leaflets before the Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt meeting at the Shrine Auditorium.

Gallagher Outlines Case

"The only reason they were arrested," Gallagher maintained, "is because they were handing out leaflets urging help for the Spanish Loyalists. Miss Strand wasn't even giving any leaflets out. After the police had warned her to stop she did."

"But that is beside the issue in this case. I will show by the testimony of these city officials and judges that no one is ever arrested on a leaflet distributing charge unless there is a suspicion that the leaflet had warned her to stop she did."

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Sugar Workers Offer Proposal To Open Plant

Submit Controversy to NLRB, Is Message to Company

CROCKETT, March 27.—Crockett Sugar Co. workers made it plain today that the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refinery Co. can now end the two weeks long shut-down of the main industry in this little town if it wants to.

At a conference called Saturday afternoon by Sheriff John A. Miller, to which the executive board of the United Sugar Refinery Workers, Local 776 CIO, was invited, it was decided after some discussion that the Sheriff would contact the company directly and present the following proposals:

1.—All workers including those laid off to return to work without discrimination against any one for his union affiliation.

2.—Any and all questions of representation of the refinery workers to be left to the government through the National Labor Relations Board.

"The entire organized labor movement of the county is backing us morally and financially in our stand," said the Local 776 publicity committee today.

Local 776 spokesmen said that if the company accepted this proposition, the AFL local would accept it.

CIO warehousemen, for their part, are today seeking changes in the recent company offer to them. They will vote tomorrow on amendments proposed by their negotiations committee. The matter was thoroughly discussed at a meeting yesterday of the Crockett members of Local 146 International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and the changes outlined.

Retailers Fear Ruin in Milk Prices

Oppose Desmond Act as Unfair to Small Dealers

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—"The price of milk under the proposed schedule of the State Department of Agriculture for Alameda County, is not enough to cover the overhead expenses of the independent retail grocery stores," declared E. R. Hoerchner, attorney for the California Retail Grocers and Merchants Assn., here today.

"The proposed price of 10 1/2 cents is actually 11 cents since there is no half-cent in American coin, and 1 1/2 cent gross profit is inadequate for the retailer in the handling of fluid milk."

"In addition, the public is not getting milk at a proper butterfat content. The proposed price is for 3.6 per cent butterfat content, where the people used to get 4 per cent butterfat."

Hoerchner represented the independent grocers at the hearing in Oakland last week, along with Alameda County Secretary F. A. Tisler, chairman of the State Milk Legislation Committee, and State Secretary W. D. Hadelar.

Postal Boosts Pay

NEW YORK, March 27.—The Postal Telegraph Co. today had ordered wage increases to 15,000 employees. The increases amount to \$4 a month to those now drawing less than \$75 a month, \$3 a month more for those drawing between \$75 and \$100, and \$2 a month raise for those now getting more than \$100 and less than \$120.

San Francisco Jumps To WBA Leadership

SAN FRANCISCO after promising to go over for the last week, finally mustered up the necessary subs and went winging over the top in the circulation drive of the World Builders Association of the People's World.

The way is clear now for them to add to their laurels by getting so far ahead that none of the other counties will equal them! And with the same drive and effort—they will do it!

Alameda World Builders are depending on the big push of yesterday and Saturday to take them over the 100 per cent mark. They have only to get 52 more subs!

If all the counties would show the great activity that L. A., San Francisco and Alameda are exhibiting, the clean-up Sunday, on April 3rd, will be a Victory Sunday!

Get into stride, WORLD BUILDERS—ONWARD TO VICTORY ON APRIL FIRST, THE LAST DAY OF THE CIRCULATION DRIVE!

Other News Crafts Represented at Record Rally

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The Northern California Newspaper Guild at its largest meeting in history, today voted to take a strike vote against five Bay Area capitalist daily newspapers, and then proceeded to cast the ballots which were 95 per cent in favor of strike authorization, according to unofficial reports.

The Guild members voted to "empower the negotiating committee to call a strike against any or all of the five newspapers involved if in the opinion of the committee further negotiations with the publishers are hopeless."

A unanimous vote accepted the executive council's report calling for the strike vote. The report stated:

Publishers Stubborn

"A meeting with the publishers on March 23 having convinced the strategy committee that the publishers will not yield on fundamental demands under the present circumstances, the strategy committee therefore recommends that the executive council, under the power vested in it by Article 19, Section 2, of the American Newspaper Guild constitution, call for a strike vote from the membership at an emergency meeting to be held Sunday, March 27."

Newspapers involved are the Chronicle, News, Call-Bulletin and Examiner, all in San Francisco, and the Oakland Post-Enquirer.

The polls for the ballot were open until 7 p.m., but it was estimated only 20 members eligible to vote would have come in to vote after the meeting adjourned.

Strike Machinery Set Up

Following the strike vote, the meeting undertook setting up of a publications committee to investigate publishing of "a Guild Reporter of general circulation," an organizing committee to provide finances, a public relations committee, a speakers bureau and an Oakland committee, which shall investigate the ramifications of the Oakland anti-picketing ordinance, arrange for the opening of a central headquarters of the Guild, provide liaison between San Francisco and Oakland headquarters and take other steps it deems necessary."

Representatives of the other unions in the industry—News Vendors, Mailers, Typographical, Stereotypers, Newspaper & Periodical Drivers and Web Pressmen—were present at the Guild meeting.

Tad Irvine, Guild business representative, reported for the negotiations committee that the publishers had made only slight concessions on 14 basic demands asked by the Guild, including Guild shop, preferential hiring, overtime at the rate of time and one-half in cash or equal time off, no handling of truck work or work destined for truck departments, shops or wire services in San Francisco or Oakland; and "refusal to pass through a picket line at the plant of the publisher shall not be a violation of the agreement."

Publishers Arrogant

The Guild demand for reinstatement of employees if discharged, was answered by the publishers with the phrase, "Will attempt to find jobs for them."

The publishers also made no answer to the Guild demand for the five-day, 40-hour week for business office-day, after a certifying department employee. The publishers' counter-proposal also did not provide an adequate answer as to limitation of apprentices, retroactive dismissal pay since March 3, "no staff reductions for 90 days," and no pay reductions.

Empowered by the strike vote, the Guild negotiating committee is expected to press all the 14 basic demands upon the San Francisco and Oakland Publishers Assn. in the next few days.

Fruit Growers Threaten

TRACY, Calif., March 27.—American Fruit Growers Association now claims it will not operate its big new packing shed here unless it can work with non-union labor. All unions in the county protested when the company declared it would hire 300 unorganized Japanese workers.

Police Accused of Menacing L. A. Shaw Recall Petitioner

Complaint Filed Against Officer Linked to Vice

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—New charges of sabotage by underlings of Mayor Frank Shaw were filed before the Police Commission here after a member of the Shaw recall petition campaign claimed he was threatened and almost run down by an officer while collecting signatures.

Baron Lawson, a Negro worker for the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigating Committee, claimed that Officer Clayton Stovall of the Newton street police squad, had threatened to "get him" and had tried to run him down with an automobile.

Lawson maintained that he would seek the removal of the officer, who several weeks ago was involved in the Assembly Interim Committee vice investigation.

Clifford Clinton, vice crusader, had charged that Stovall and Sydney Sweetnam, police lieutenant, had tipped off a Central Avenue car before it was raided at the investigation of the CIVIC.

More Support Gained

Lawson was standing on the sidewalk corner securing signatures when Stovall pulled up and began his baiting activities.

At the same time, the recall movement gained momentum today with the official announcement by the 59th Assembly District Democratic Club that they would support the recall of Mayor Shaw "100 per cent."

Two hundred members of the club at a meeting adopted a resolution which declared that the mayor had failed in his duty to the people of Los Angeles.

Shaw Condemned

"The welfare of the city requires a Mayor and administration more in harmony with the desires and needs of its citizens to march forward," the resolution stated.

"The city administration is honey-combed with individuals placed in positions of great responsibility whose only qualification is political potency," it continued. "The Mayor has failed to answer satisfactorily charges of political underworld connections against the administration and the mayor has attempted to justify the use of the police department for spying and intimidating political opponents."

In the meantime, signatures continued to pour into the offices of the recall movement as more and more bodies announced their affiliation to the movement for recall.

Last Rites Today For Dennis Leiby, Alliance Leader

OAKLAND, March 27.—Last rites for Dennis Leiby, long time hard-working officer and leader of Local 6 of the Workers' Alliance, will be held at 4 p. m. tomorrow at the Grand D. Miller Mortuary, 2372 East Fourteenth Street.

Leiby died almost instantaneously, apparently as a result of a heart attack, in the county office of the Alliance Friday afternoon. He had been financial secretary of his local for nearly three years and associated with many of the county-wide activities of the organization as well.

"He was," said his close friend and co-worker, State Organizer Roy Nofitz, "one of the most sincere, most willing and most reliable workers that any organization could have."

A brief memorial ceremony will be held by Local 6 tomorrow night. Leiby's passing will also be commemorated by the Communist Party, of whose Central Oakland Branch he was a member.

Fur Union Cracks 'Impregnable' Shop

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—"Impregnable" to union organization was how Louis Meshkow & Sons boasted of their fur shop. Fur years the shop stood like a challenge flaunting its anti-union attitude in the very heart of the fur district.

Today, after a swift and effective strike by the International Fur Workers Union, the firm has had to sign up, and grant the 35-hour week, union wage scales, unemployment insurance and closed shop.

All organized fur workers are greatly encouraged over this signal victory. The union continued the strike at the newly established manufacturing department of M. Weiss Fur Co., which attempted to start up open shop.

PGE Workers Scheduled To Return to Work Today

OAKLAND, March 27.—Locked-out workers and their wives and babies, picketing the Oakland office of the Pacific Gas & Electric during its Saturday morning rush of collecting household bills, had won a victory for the workers on the giant construction job at the foot of Grove Street.

Vice-President P. M. Downing of the P. G. & E., met immediately after the picketing with representatives of the locked-out United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO. Shortly afterward he conferred with Business Agent J. C. Reynolds of the Building Trades Council and announced reopening of the job tomorrow morning.

It was rumored also that back wages would be paid from the time the job was closed in the middle of last week. The demand had been made by the U.E.R.W.

Epidemic Feared in L. A. Flood Debris

Pacoima District Declared Most Liable to Disease Funds Sought From WPA to Aid Control

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—San Fernando Valley possible epidemic unless the flood debris is cleaned up on a temporary arrangement, disrupted by the flood, are repair work, Dr. George Parrish, city health officer warned yesterday.

Moving to obtain federal funds, representatives of Los Angeles County cities will meet Wednesday at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to discuss flood rehabilitation fund needs. The meeting was called by W. S. Rosecrans, Chamber of Commerce president, and head of the Citizens Coordinating Committee of 50.

Supervisor H. C. Legg will present the information gathered at this meeting to a Congressional Reconstruction committee hearing in Washington on April 8.

To end the serious health menace in San Fernando, Mayor Shaw in a letter to the Board of Public Works urged that they obtain federal funds immediately through the WPA.

This request may be granted as the federal government's flood work appropriation provides for expenditure of public money on private property in special instances.

The Health department believed that the Pacoima district was in chief danger of an epidemic and declared that approximately 270 families are involved in the emergency.

H. A. Van Norman, chief engineer of the water bureau, declared that no threat of water contamination was present.

H. P. Courteyou, engineer in charge of city waste disposal, declared that main sewer lines had been repaired or closed, and that minor breaks in small lines did not represent a danger to the water system.

McAdoo Man State Head Chops Relief; Of Democrats

Non-Partisan League to Hold Mass Rally in San Rafael

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Argyll Campbell, Monterey lawyer, today was the new chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, having defeated Thomas F. Lopez, of Fresno, by a 14 to 9 vote of the committee yesterday.

Campbell is reported to be aligned with Senator William Gibbs McAdoo.

He succeeds Clifford Anglim, who resigned to become internal revenue collector.

The executive committee voted yesterday to reaffirm its previous stand against a state-wide Democratic pre-primary convention for the purpose of agreeing on a list of candidates for state offices.

Political Meetings

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., March 27.—Labor's Non-Partisan League's first mass meeting in Marin County will be held here Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the E Street School, sponsored by the Marin County AFL Central Labor Council. Assemblymen Ellis E. Patterson and Samuel Yorty, John Shelley, Herbert Ross and J. Vernon Burke, the latter LNPL state secretary, will be the speakers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Assembly district branches of the California Committee for Political Unity are to set up here tomorrow night. The 22nd Assembly District meeting will be at the Congregational Church, Post and Mason Sts. The 27th Assembly District meeting will be at Arrillaga Hall, 2351 Jackson St. Both meetings are at 8 p. m.

Decision Delayed In Aircraft Case

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 27.—There will be no immediate decision in the Douglas Aircraft or the Screen Writers Guild cases, Nathan Witt, executive secretary of the National Labor Relations Board, said when he arrived in Los Angeles on what he declared was a routine business trip.

Witt conferred with Dr. Towne J. Nylander, regional head of the board here.

The NLRB head said that he would meet with A. F. of L. and C.I.O. leaders, and that he would also talk with several large employers of labor while here.

"A majority of the problems brought before the labor board would be solved," Witt said, "if opposing factions would get together in a spirit of accord."

He also stated that Los Angeles ranked third in the number of labor cases investigated and heard by the labor board, with New York first, and Cincinnati second.

Democratic Club Elects For Unity Convention

ALAMEDA, March 27.—Mrs. Madelyne Walrath, secretary of the West Alameda Democratic Club, will represent her organization at the April 2-3 convention of the California Committee for Political Unity in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Walrath is secretary of the club, which voted last night to affiliate to the committee and elected her its delegate. At the same meeting Mr. Tomkins was elected as representative to the 14th Assembly District Committee of the CPU, of which the Rev. Roy Wilson is chairman.

AFL COUNCIL KILLS PLAN FOR TALKS WITH CIO

Spurns Proposals Aimed Elimination of Jurisdictional Rows

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Battered by privileged statements of Secretary John O'Connell and Executive Council member Fred West, threatened with coercion by international unions and by the Building Trades Council, the proposal for a joint AFL-CIO conference to abolish jurisdictional picketing is sunk today.

It went down to defeat in an oral vote, with no roll call or other record at the Labor Council's meeting Friday.

It is sunk, but not sunk without a trace. A very substantial minority voted for the conference, and many delegates written as they heard the declaration of Fred West that "if you pass this proposal for a conference the international unions will give you the works so quick it will make your head swim."

The fireworks started when Labor Council Secretary O'Connell of the picketing committee's final report that final section which reads:

"However, the matter of jurisdictional picketing does come up in regard to the two factions of labor now in existence, and as a means toward eliminating the possibility of recurrences of some of the incidents of the past year (in which picketing was resorted to for the purpose of forcing unions to change affiliation) your committee unanimously recommends that the San Francisco Labor Council select a committee of five to meet with a like committee from the CIO Council for the purpose of going into all of the phases of this matter and setting up some machinery which may be used to adjust such disputes as may arise between the two parties and eliminate the use of pickets as a solution of any such problem or dispute; and that such committee report back to this council with their findings and recommendations on this matter."

O'Connell's oral statement was that "you can't trust the CIO."

Delegates members of the Speakers Bureau in the campaign against recent attempts to pass an anti-picketing ordinance called attention to the fact that only O'Connell, George Kidwell and John P. Shelley would speak for the Labor Council in that campaign, everybody else being scared of it.

"I never knew so many people belonged to duck-hunting clubs in my life," said one delegate, referring to inability to get AFL speakers out. But the CIO, when contacted, joyfully and enthusiastically helped to defeat the ordinance, delegates declared.

Fred West, wearing a bright green shirt "to line up the Filipinos and the Irish" he sneered to one of his friends before speaking, was the one who dealt the hardest blow to the conference idea. He didn't waste time trying to argue the point.

He just said: "I never liked President Bill Hutzchson of the Carpenters, but he can settle you any time. A lot of you delegates would like to join the CIO, but you haven't nerve enough. And we are not going into any conference with the CIO because they can beat us at that game."

O'Connell's amendment was adopted, which strikes out all reference to the CIO, but leaves in the picketing committee's report some very severe strictures on jurisdictional picketing in general, and regulations as to number of picket types of sashes. The report as a whole is amended was then adopted by the Labor Council, and immediately afterward so many delegates went home that it became impossible to continue with the regular business.

'Charity' Head Chops Relief; Salary Raised

Lurid Stories Told by Thompson to Trick Foreigners

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—Relief clients had reason for wondering today, as Superintendent Rex Thompson, of the County Charities Department, told the Board of Supervisors of his remarkable economics.

In almost every field expenses have been cut. But strangely enough, it was only a month ago that the Board of Supervisors raised Thompson's wages from \$7500 to \$10,000 per year.

His own pocketbook fattened. Thompson boasted to cut indiscriminately in every available department, his records show.

During January, 206 applicants for relief were rushed off the rolls and pushed out of the state to their legal out of state residences. Some 12 aliens were repatriated. Most of them were sent back to Mexico.

In this connection, the Relief Administration hired ore A. Arocha, as special repatriation consultant. In this capacity, Arocha has been urging local Mexicans on relief to return to their mother country, promising them all sorts of land and jobs.

The Mexican consulate here denied that Arocha had the authority to do this, and the relief authorities admitted they were doing it on their own and that Arocha was not an official representative of the Mexican government.

Arocha's tactic is to approach Mexican relief clients and tell them lurid stories of newly available opportunities in Mexico. He often succeeds in getting them to return, thus easing the relief load here.

Continuing his resume of economy efforts, Thompson reported that four aliens had been turned over to the United States authorities for deportation.

It was indicated that the operation of the American House, 1250 N. Main St., where single, non-employable men are given a bed and some food, had saved about \$1000 per month.

The American House is notorious for its filthy and uninhabitable condition. There is no attempt made at a health check up of the men staying there. One syphilitic case has been reported to the PEOPLE'S WORLD and the person continues to sleep and eat at the House, receiving no medical care. January enrollments in the CCC were approximately 90 per cent from relief rolls or from potential relief cases.

Thompson triumphantly explained that by throwing the burden over to the Federal Government and allotting former recipients \$25 per month to the families on relief, local relief costs were reduced by just that much.

A new method of reporting individual cases for each client will mean a steady increase in the amount of reimbursement to the county for charity aid, he reported.

No explanation was given as to why Thompson's huge salary was boosted in the midst of all this sudden economy.

Workers' Alliance leaders declared that while the Board of Supervisors tremble with the fear they will add to the tax rate in the county, they presented the superintendent with his wage increase without a quibble.

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League Begins Fresh Drive to Achieve Unity

Gaynor Tells Delegates Time Element Is Important

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—"We of Labor's Non-Partisan League have offered the olive branch to the AFL Political League and so far they have refused to accept it," said state chairman A. P. Gaynor, keynoting the two day County Convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League which opened in an auditorium at the Trinity Saturday morning.

"We have offered the olive branch and we will continue to offer it. Why wasn't the AFL Political League set up 25 years ago?" he believed. "Labor's Non-Partisan League had nothing else to its credit we would deserve a world of praise for having at last stirred up the American Federation of Labor to the necessity for political action."

Gaynor called upon labor in a stirring plea to put an end to its factional fight and unite on every front.

"We have wasted a year and a half, during a period when we have the greatest President for labor that this country has ever seen, fighting among ourselves," he said.

"Membership Wants Unity"

"The rank and file want unity. Why, when I was in the northwest I talked to a man who was wearing a CIO button. I asked him whether he as a member of the CIO. He said no, but that AFL men and CIO men were exchanging buttons to show there was no quarrel between them."

"We have leaned over backwards to obtain the cooperation of the AFL and we will continue to lean over backwards to do so."

Gaynor said he did not think the leaders at the Santa Barbara convention held last week by the AFL were dishonest. He thought they were numbskulls.

"Why would have happened in the presidential elections," he asked, "if they had followed the policy of refusing to support any candidate the CIO supported?"

Cites Fascist Peril

"We are on the brink of fascism," he said. "A fascist dictator will not make any distinction between CIO, AFL or even company unions."

He told how he had read in the reactionary San Francisco Examiner, that Nazis last week whipped workers in Vienna with a cat-o-nine-tails.

"I dream of the day not far off," he said, "when we of Labor's Non-Partisan League will call a national convention of all unions, AFL, CIO and independent unions, at which all of labor's differences will be settled and the united labor movement can march forward together."

Over a hundred delegates attended Saturday's session, according to the report of the Credentials Committee, and 65 of these represented AFL unions.

Don Healey, Secretary-Treasurer of the organization reported on the work and growth of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The county organization has a membership of 20,000 trade unionists, directly affiliated, and 100,000 indirectly affiliated through their Central Labor Councils, he said.

Efficient listing some of the achievements and work of the organization, Healey mentioned a few salient campaigns.

League Struggles

Labor's Non-Partisan League, he declared, has been largely responsible for the strong pressure brought to bear in Washington, D. C. in the Metropolitan Water District situation resulting in the introduction of Senator Wagner's new bill now in the Senate.

He mentioned the support of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution providing for more adequate relief and immediate employment of all the unemployed.

He spoke of the work of the League in helping the women on the sewing projects to regain their jobs.

He mentioned the League's support of the move to recall Mayor Frank L. Shaw, not only because of Shaw's corrupt racketeering administration, but because of that administration's open-shop policy

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STATE JOB AGENCY CUT BOGS SERVICE

Employees Facing Layoff Had Sacrificed to Aid Efficiency

OAKLAND, March 27.—When they were hired last October or since then, employees now slated for dismissal were told that they must make sacrifices in order to rise in the service of the California State Employment Service.

Since last October those hired were taken from eligible civil service lists.

Yet Mrs. Kathryn B. Bogs, head of the Service here, told the People's World this week that the reasons for dismissal were two:

1. The legislature's cut in the budget, which seriously curtails the service.

2. Necessity of dismissing all those not on civil service.

Workers Tell Different Story

Employees believe that Mrs. Bogs' comments tell only a small part of the story of their layoffs. True, the legislature is responsible for cutting down funds, several of them told the World. Like its low appropriation for relief, this was cited as a disregard of the growing trends of the unemployed.

Asked to Sacrifice

Beginning last October, an employee said, "all of us were given to believe that our lives must be adjusted to the job, appointments cancelled, evenings left open for night work with and without notice, and health sacrificed if necessary through rushed irregular meals."

"At this address to the staff."

"To a considerable extent, conditions followed as predicted. Overtime was abundant. Physical surroundings included poorly heated and ventilated buildings, concrete floors. These often led to colds and worse illnesses. Sometimes employees were docked for time lost in illness. Other times they were docked, regardless of overtime they had served."

Not Paid In Full

"Even then the Employment Service did not pay all its workers. It still uses SRA workers, who do not get paid full salaries but get only 15 per cent over their regular SRA budget."

"From somewhere orders have come through that the budget cut was to be by cutting the staff. This is being done even though overtime is still common. The elimination is not being done on the basis of competence. That is admitted."

"Many who have not been ordered dismissed are being demoted to lower salary classifications, despite the obvious fact that they will have more work and greater responsibilities."

"In short, the Oakland affiliate of the United States Employment Service is pursuing a policy which must demoralize its staff and its cutting staff to such an extent that it must cripple its service. Inevitably, it will slip back to the poor service it gave during pre-affiliation days."

and use of the police to maintain the open shop.

He said too that the League of course was active in the campaign to free Tom Mooney.

League's Growth Rapid

Healey who has carried a good deal of the weight of organization of the League in the county was confident and expressed his satisfaction at the growth in numbers and influence of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

District Clubs are being set up in all Assembly Districts, he said. Many are already functioning.

The Convention will not endorse any candidates. All committees were set up on Saturday and worked far into the night preparing reports to submit to the body at the Sunday session.

C. C. Shower, Painter's Union, was chairman on Saturday.

Guest speaker who brought a note of drama and wide political import fitting at this meeting of a labor's political representatives was Captain Hans Amle, recently arrived from Spain.

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DON'T let the kids fool you. These girls are not members of any Polar Bear club. The skiing, what there is of it, is being done on the sand dunes at Venice, Calif. Some of the slides are 300 feet high.

Carpenters Reject Anti-CIO War Chest

Oakland Local Refuses to Donate Dollar Per Member for Waterfront Warfare Despite Pleas of District Council Czars

OAKLAND, March 27.—Plenty for labor unity, but not one cent for labor splitting.

This, in effect, is what Carpenters Local 36 told district and international officials when it voted 290 to 51 against a \$1 per member contribution "to build the AFL on the waterfront."

The vote came after discussion by District Council Secretary Ryan and District Organizer Don Cameron had further explained the proposed expenditure as designed to fight the membership of former Pile Drivers' Local 34. The local's charter had been removed because it had refused to withdraw from the Maritime Federation.

Cameron and Ryan sprinkled their talks with attacks on the CIO and on the "communist."

One carpenter answered that he had two sons in CIO unions.

"Instead of spending money to fight them," he said, "I think the officials should go back and contact the Maritime Federation and try to work this thing out peacefully."

Others denounced the "boycott" on CIO lumber, saying that there was no boycott so far as the members of Local 34 were concerned.

Young Democrats See Dust Bowl Film Today

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—The East Los Angeles Young Democratic Club will present "The Plow That Broke the Plains," four reel sound film of America's Dust Bowl, at their meeting tomorrow at 8:00 p. m. at the Court House, 201 North Gage.

"The Plow That Broke the Plains" was made by the United States Government and presents a graphic picture of man's abuse of the lands of the middle west, and the resulting misfortune and suffering to thousands of our farming population.

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Spanish Youth Rallies To Halt Franco Drive

Boys in Teens Rush to Answer Call to Arms in Crisis

By Joseph North

BARCELONA, March 24 (By Cable, Delayed)—A drive the like of which has not been seen in Spain before and probably never in the history of warfare is going on in the Republic today as youngsters in their teens are mobilizing two volunteer divisions within ten days to "expel the invaders."

The drive ends the 30th of this month, and youngsters already signed up total one division after three days of recruitment. Segis Alvarez Orgeso, United Socialist youth in charge of the drive told me today when I interviewed him in the bomb-shattered headquarters of the youth organization, overlooking Plaza de Catalunya:

"This is our answer to the news that Hitler is mobilizing 30,000 men," he said. "We know Mussolini has over 100,000 men on the Aragon drive alone, and is bringing more in daily. In Catalonia youngsters are leaving factory, farm and school to drive the invaders into the sea," he said.

The Trotskyite attempt to sabotage recruitment by distributing leaflets warning the youth "not to become cannon fodder," has been fruitless, Alvarez said.

"Madrid alone is furnishing one full division," he told me. Alvarez is the organizer of the famous Passionaria regiment of militia in the early days of the war. Still in his early twenties, his face is bearded and haggard after days and nights of work in Aragon where the executive committee of the United Socialist Youth hurried upon receipt of the news of the first fascist drive. They acted as commissars, encouraging the men some even taking the place of officers killed or wounded. Other youth leaders labored among the populace organization fortification work.

The United Socialist Youth was formed by the merger of 50,000 Young Communists and Socialists on April 19, 1936. Today it numbers over 600,000 in Republican Spain alone and influences over one million. It is the largest organization in the National Youth Alliance of Anarchists (300,000), the Republican Youth with 400,000, and many thousands more students, and non-party youngsters. The United Socialist Youth already has 300,000 at the front and 290,000 in the rear guard.

20th A. D. Gets Branch of CPU

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The local branch of the California Committee for Political Unity took its first formal step in a city-wide campaign to shake reactionary out of control of local and state politics in the next election, it was learned here today.

A 20th Assembly District Committee was formed last Friday night when delegates from six organizations with more than a thousand voting members met at 712 Montgomery Street. Other district committees will be organized through out the city in the near future, it was announced.

The committee elected Richard Barry as Secretary, and decided to send two delegates to the state-wide convention of the Political Unity Body in Los Angeles, April 2nd and 3rd. Delegates to this convention and more officers will be elected at the next scheduled meeting on March 30th it was announced by Harry Hosmer, organizer of the 20th Assembly Committee.

Long Beach Crowd Enthusiastic At Hans Amlic Meet

LONG BEACH, March 27.—An overflow meeting of Long Beach citizens last night showed that the reactionary anti-union and anti democratic "Neutral Thousands" will have a great deal of difficulty in enlisting residents of this community.

More than 400 people crowded the YWCA hall at Sixth and Pacific to hear Captain Hans Amlic and Assemblyman John G. Clark speak. Assemblyman Clark, whose record in the State Legislature is that of a consistent progressive, discussed "The Special Session and Tom Mooney."

Amlic, touring the country for the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, told of his experiences as a commander of the Lincoln Battalion in Spain, and pointed out the necessity for the passage of the O'Connell amendment to the Neutrality Act.

'Tamales' for Spain, Mexico



"LARIO'S HOT PEPPERS," as they are known to East Bay Labor and professional groups, will supply entertainment to the Spanish and Mexican fiestas in Richmond. Pictured are: rear, James Martinez; center, left to right, Gerald Lario, David Lario and Eugene Ivoldi; front, Roy Hassey. Instruments include a "squeeze box," bazooka horn, washboard, rhumba machete and "bull fiddle."

RICHMOND, March 27.—Three great democratic causes will draw the Spanish and Mexican people of the East Bay to an all-day fiesta here Sunday, April 3, at Eastshore Park.

One is the defense of the Mexican people here against constant deportation threats which are a part of the labor policy of big agricultural and other employers. Funds collected at the fiesta will go for this purpose.

Two others are the defense of the progressive Cardenas govern-

Soviet Press Predicts New Crises Resulting From British 'Sellout'

Holds Czechoslovakia, Lithuania and Spain Will Be Focal Points of Increased Fascist Threats as Result of Chamberlain's Encouragement

(By Wireless to the People's World) MOSCOW, March 27.—Chamberlain's declaration of British foreign policy continues to be the object of biting criticism in the Soviet press.

In general, press comments follow the tone of an editorial in Pravda, organ of the Communist Party, of March 25 which stated: "Chamberlain's policy of open agreement with the fascist aggressors and his refusal to support the system of collective security has given the instigators of war a free hand. The sharp turn in British foreign policy inaugurated by the present British Prime Minister has pursued the fascist powers or its puppet aggressors, Austria has disapproved the independence of this small nation, which Britain, France and Italy have guaranteed in numerous treaties and protocols, has been violated. Austria has been transformed into a German province where cruel fascist terror reigns. Austria is today flooded with German troops who have seized the Brenner Pass at the Italian-Austrian border.

"It is absolutely clear that the tremendous number of German troops who entered Austria must remind Mussolini that gone are the days when Italy could defend its position in Central Europe by moving its troops to Brenner Pass was the case during the unsuccessful Hitler Putsch in Austria in 1934.

Czechoslovakia Menaced "But the aims pursued by the large concentration of German troops in Austria is not limited to this. Czechoslovakia is directly menaced. It is true Czechoslovakia is not Austria. It has a capable well-equipped army, 180,000 strong and has reserves numbering over 300,000 men. The people of Czechoslovakia have not yet forgotten the yoke of Austrian imperialism and are prepared to fight for their liberty and independence at any cost. The danger of German attack is still very great.

"It is absolutely clear that Germany's attack on Czechoslovakia is only possible if the German aggressor is convinced that powers will not support Czechoslovakia in case of an attack. Obviously this depends primarily upon the positions taken by France and Britain. With regard to the position of France, its government has declared that it does not intend to refuse to carry out its obligations to Czechoslovakia in accordance with the mutual aid pact. But Britain's position is different. Through Chamberlain the British government has declared that it does not intend to undertake any obligations with regard to the Central European states. In addition, the British government recommended that Czechoslovakia meet fascist Germany halfway, that it grant a number of the latter's demands regarding the Sudeten region and also agree to 'certain corrections' of German-Czechoslovak border.

"Chamberlain's position has encouraged both fascist Germany and the latter's agents in Czechoslovakia,—the Heineleines. Heinelein's party has sharply intensified its activity and has established contact with representatives of other German fascist groups, aiming to es-

establish a 'German Front' in Czechoslovakia.

Seek Pretext "The plans of the German fascists are apparently aimed at causing a tense situation in Czechoslovakia which could supply a pretext for action at the proper moment. In addition the German fascists intend to bring economic pressure to bear upon Czechoslovakia by organizing a boycott against it with the help of Poland and Hungary.

"The aggressors are also showing activity in Eastern Europe. This is clearly illustrated by the Polish-Lithuanian conflict. In giving way to force Lithuania was forced to accept the Polish ultimatum, especially since the British and French Governments hastened to recommend that Lithuania pursue a very moderate course. As a result Polish-Lithuanian negotiations will take place at which Poland intends to come out with new demands. The significance of these new demands is to make it possible for Poland to have a free hand in Lithuania.

"Undoubtedly Poland's provocative actions against Lithuania constitute a part of the general plan of the Aggressor Bloc, worked out in Berlin and Rome. The policy of encouraging an agreement with the aggressors is also expressed in intensification of the attack on Spain. Chamberlain places his stake on Franco's victory and on the strangulation of Republican Spain.

"The British press publishes information which no one yet refutes to the effect that a secret treaty exists between the British government and France, according to which Britain undertakes to grant a loan to the rebels in case they are victorious. The loan is for reconstructing Spain under the condition that Franco breaks with his Italian and German protectors.

Spain a Storm Center "It stands to reason that France will make any promise in order to receive money. The Spanish problem was and will be a storm center between Britain and France on the one hand and Germany and Italy on the other. Franco's victory will inevitably bring new sharpening contradictions between the imperialist powers in Europe.

"The unrestrained actions of the fascist aggressors are the result of the encouragement and protection of the aggressors by the present British government. Chamberlain's policy is being condemned not only by the oppositionally inclined circles, but also by a considerable section of the conservatives. The platform of the opposition and the conservatives is clearly expressed by Winston Churchill who advances a plan of a 'democratic alliance' against the aggressor. Churchill declares, 'Britain and France alone can't save Europe and avert war.' The opposition among the Conservatives to Chamberlain's foreign policy is clear proof that British policy is entering a period of crisis. At the same time the events of recent years have shown that the fate of the world is decided not only by the leaders of the foreign policy of the capitalist states. The peoples of the world are rising against fascism and war and they will pronounce the final and decisive verdict.

CALL MEETING TO PREVENT CANNERY TIE-UP

Marine Unions Support Workers Against Lockout Threat

SEATTLE, March 27.—In an attempt to prevent a threatened tie-up of the canned salmon industry, involving 20,000 workers, a coordinating committee this morning called a public mass meeting in the Senator Auditorium Tuesday evening.

Delegates from all unions of the Maritime Federation's District Council No. 1 are included in the coordinating committee. James Engstrom, president of the Maritime Federation, arrived from San Francisco to aid in settling the dispute.

Joseph Cheney, an attorney at Yakima, has been named special mediator by Secretary of Labor Frances M. Perkins on the advice of Governor Martin. He arrived in Seattle late Saturday night.

E. P. Marsh, department of labor conciliator, was directed to work with Cheney. He declared today there would be no statements until both had an opportunity to study the case at greater length.

Engstrom will be principal speaker at the mass meeting. A representative from the Canned Salmon Industry has been invited to present the packers' side of the case.

The coordinating committee at today's meeting indicated the unanimous support of the Federation in the refusal of the cannery workers to accept wage cuts.

Mayor-elect Arthur B. Langlie met with the coordinating committee and declared that he would support the Wagner Act.

Cites Open-Shop Drive Andrew Vigen of the Alaska Fishermen told Langlie that "it was obvious that the Canned Salmon Industry is engaged in a labor union busting campaign; that they hoped in one bold stroke to smash the unions."

"For thirty years the AFL has had agreements with various packers without any serious difficulty. The present talk of wage reductions is ridiculous. We have had agreements with canneries in the same area whose rate of pay was 30% higher than these canneries which now talk about cuts. Last year was the first year these canneries in Westward Alaska had union agreements and they have not yet begun to pay union wages."

All the unions involved in the dispute have previously had agreements with the Canned Salmon Industry. Vigen told Langlie that no jurisdictional dispute was involved in the Wagner Act is respected. The committee included, besides Vigen: Louis Mostad, local agent of the AFU; George Lane, Bellingham agent of the AFU; Martin Olsen, Federated Fishermen's Council; Glenn Kinney, acting agent of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau and Conrad Espe of the Cannery Workers Local No. 7.

Hitler Avows Aim to Crush All Neighbors

Threatens Czechs For Fear of Potential Power They Have

PRAGUE, March 27. (TP)—International observers said today that neither Chancellor Hitler's hatred of Communism, nor his policy of establishing a protectorate over German minorities are his only reasons for wishing to break the Czech-Soviet military alliance.

Observers point out that the mutual aid treaty between Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union is a direct challenge to one of the fundamentals of Chancellor Hitler's Nazi foreign policy as laid down in his book, "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle).

Hitler wrote in his book: "I see in every attempt to organize a second military power—even if only in the form of a state capable of becoming a military power—an attack on Germany, and see therein not only the right, but the duty of preventing the creation of such a state by all possible means, even to the use of force of arms or of destroying such a state if it shall have come into being."

Czechoslovakia with its army of less than 150,000 men is not a military power with its army of 600,000 men and millions of potential soldiers. However, in alliance with the Soviet Union and France, Czechoslovakia comes within Hitler's designation of being a nation capable of becoming a military power.

'Stamp Out Fascist Sprouts!' Dr. Mann Tells Americans

German Author Predicts Hitler Overthrow

By John Pittman

One of the world's greatest living men of letters came to San Francisco Saturday and urged Americans to stamp out the beginning of fascism in this country while we still have time.

Not that Thomas Mann, famous author of "The Magic Mountain," who left his homeland when Hitler assumed power, is pessimistic for American democracy. To the contrary, he will speak to a Town Hall audience at the War Memorial Opera House Tuesday evening, and to an East Bay audience at Wheeler Auditorium, University of California, Wednesday evening, on "The Coming Victory of Democracy."

But the man who chose to ally himself with Romaine Rolland and Maxim Gorky among the intellectuals siding with the people is not deluded about the danger of fascism even to America.

"The United States is one of the finest flowerings of democracy," he told newspaper men and women who had gathered in his hotel suite, "but you must profit by the lessons of Germany. You must crush the first signs of fascism wherever you find them, such manifestations as the Ku Klux Klan, vigilantism and lynching."

So well does the German author like America, and so optimistic is he for the future of democracy, that he announced he will seek American citizenship. Already, he said, he is preparing the formal papers.

His Isolationists The younger Mann whose famous brother, Heinrich, is also an exile from his native country, talked with us for more than an hour and a half. Relaxed in his chair, he spoke sometimes in English, answered involved questions in German. Across the room his daughter, Erika Auden, translated her illustrious father's remarks, helped carry on what turned out to be not a formal interview but an intimate conversation with a peritus.

"There is no such thing as isolation," he quickly replied to a question whether America could best help maintain peace by minding its own business. "I believe that the United States should cooperate with the other democracies for the preservation of peace. Isolation in these times simply can't exist."

Sees Peril for Americas "Do you think there is danger, Dr. Mann, that Hitler and Mussolini will violate the Monroe Doctrine and carry on aggressions in Latin America if they are not stopped?"

"Most assuredly! You Americans must realize this much more clearly. There is no doubt that the gangster governments will cross the Atlantic."

Mann believes Hitler has thrust Europe back into the dark ages. He declared the recent seizure of Austria was not "anschluss" but conquest.

"The Austrians are not Germans. They are much more mixed. They never were nor should be a part of Germany."

Czechoslovakia is already the prey of Hitler, Mann believes. He thinks the British treaty government has formed an agreement with Hitler that includes the invasion and enslavement of the little Czech republic.

"Formerly, we used to think that the British government was giving way to Hitler because Britain was afraid of war. Now we know that Chamberlain and others are actively aiding Hitler. In fact, they want Hitler in control throughout Europe."

Political Group Behind Election Of U.S.C. Prexy

LOS ANGELES, March 27.—The fraternity political machine triumphed once again on the U.S.C. campus as Henry Flynn was elected student body president with 1390 votes as against 727 votes for his opponent, Bob McKnight.

Both are members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, but Flynn was running with the support of the "T.N.E.," secret political campus organization.

Betty Jane Barthelme of Delta Delta Delta had no opposition for the office of vice president. Nancy Holme, Alpha Delta Pi, defeated Kay Young for the office of student body secretary getting 1251 votes to her opponent's 911. Ron Cooley was elected head yell king, with 1347 votes.



Dr. Thomas Mann, German author, predicted the overthrow of Hitler.

ster governments in the eventual victory of the people. The slightly-built German author, whose father was a rich merchant and Senator in the Hanseatic free city of Lubeck (his mother was the child of a Brazilian Indian woman and a Portuguese father), is convinced that the German people will overthrow Hitler.

"Conditions in Germany are bad and steadily growing worse," he said, "and there is a strong underground movement beneath the shell of fascism. The German people love freedom."

It was these conditions which motivated the British treaty to aid Hitler, he thinks. Ribbentrop undoubtedly told Chamberlain of the immediate need for some kind of demonstration to divert the people's minds from their plight. And it was the possibility of revolution in Germany which moved the Tory cabinet to agree to the annexation of Austria, and to the future invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The man whose pen has given to the world such works as "Buddenbrooks" and "Death in Venice," gave no visible indication of the feelings which lay beneath his words. He was calm throughout the interview, though at the outset he admitted he was worried over the plight of a close friend now held in a Nazi prison.

Duty of Intellectuals He grew enthusiastic at the mention of the name of Dr. Sigmund Freud, recently arrested by Nazis in Vienna. He thinks it important for men like Freud and the intellectuals to begin trying to combat the spread of fascism through their writings. Spengler, whose "Decline of the West" is an apology for aggression and brutality, he believes to be an ideologist for the gangster governments.

Dr. Mann, who won the Nobel prize for Literature in 1929, intends to write another book shortly, "a small one for me," he described it, "of about 350 pages." It will revolve about an incident in the life of Goethe and portray the poet's life and times.

He did not know much about the situation in the Far East, he said, but he had no doubt that Japan was one of the gangster governments and was in alliance with Hitler.

"Franco's victory would be against the wishes of the Spanish people. A Loyalist victory will see the establishment of democracy in Spain."

Speaking at length of his subject of humanism, which he believes will be one of the emancipating factors for the world's people, Mann called for the union of thought and reality, the fusion of theory and fact. He felt that the absence of this in Germany, the sharp distinction between these two spheres and hence the inability of the people to see the dangers of fascist democracy, was partially responsible for the rise of Hitlerism.

This viewpoint, while a distinct development in the growth of a man who was himself a living example of the separation of thought and action, was not fully matured. For there was still something of the nostalgia of "Buddenbrooks" and of the pessimism and mysticism of "The Magic Mountain" in Mann's inability to grasp the implications of Communism, or his failure to understand that the theory of obtaining freedom for the people must be united with practical efforts to win and preserve that freedom.

He saw no difference, for example, in the suppression of all liberties and freedom under Hitler and the rule of the people under socialist democracy in the Soviet Union. Both of these governments, he believed, were undemocratic. What was needed in the world was a moderate, peaceful form of socialism. He did not explain why, if their governments were similar, the

COFFEE URGES STRONG ACTION ON PEACE BILL

Urges U. S. to Join Democracies for World Peace

gangster states stood for war while the Soviet Union is a force for world peace.

"There is no danger of Communism coming to Germany," said the famous author, "The German people will not exchange one form of dictatorship for another."

And in this statement, Dr. Mann revealed that he still must come to grips with a "democratic humanism" which does not confine itself solely to protestations against barbarism or to expressions of love for mankind, but actively engenders in the consciousness of each person the full implications of his historical duty, his right to political power in a democracy, and the need for action to save that power from the encroachments of reactionary vested interests—all especially pressing as Hitler and the gangster governments prepare to plunge the world into another catastrophic war.

Lacks Class Viewpoint Mr. Mann laughed when he described Hitler as a kind of "Aimee Semple McPherson existence," gifted with a peculiar genius for demagoguery, who was uneducated and could not think very far. But the man who began his wage-earning career as a clerk in an insurance company did not see the centralization of German finance capital behind Hitler. Nor did he answer the question: "Who benefits from the Hitler regime?"

Yet, this son of Germany, with his dark, narrow head and close-cropped black mustache, has elected to be on the people's side. And as he spoke dispassionately to the little group from San Francisco's press, none was there who did not recognize in him the highest integrity, courage and humanity. Talking with him so recalled Napoleon's classic remark on meeting Goethe: "There is a man!"

Works to Build Favor for O'Connell Bill in Congress

SEATTLE, March 27.—John M. Coffee, congressman from Tacoma, said he would appear before the House foreign affairs committee to "aggressively support" the O'Connell peace bill, which provides for embargoes on aggressor nations and allows shipments of supplies to the victims.

Word of Coffee's determined position on peace was received today by Howard Costigan, executive secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation. Coffee's letter was in response to a telegram sent by Costigan and 25 professional, church, union and other group representatives, urging support of the O'Connell bill.

Coffee wrote: "I hasten to assure you that I am doing all I can to aid in the bill's early consideration. I am advised that the House foreign affairs committee will shortly hold hearings on the O'Connell resolution. In the interim I am doing all within my power to convert other congressmen to the wisdom of so amending the present neutrality bill as to enable us to befriend democracies and join with others in opposing aggressors through any economic or lawful or legitimate means possible."

"We recognize that every possible pressure should be brought upon the state department to impose embargoes upon Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy and to encourage it to lift the embargo upon Loyalist Spain."

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Mexican Oil Is Not For Fascists

TOKIO, March 25. (TP)—Japanese interests were reported today to be studying plans to purchase petroleum which the Mexican government now controls through the expropriation of U. S. and British oil properties.

There was some doubt whether the radical Mexican government would consent to enter into an oil deal with Japan which is allied to Germany and Italy.

NO DOUBT at all, Mr. Hirota. President Cardenas, in messages to Mexican diplomatic representatives abroad, asked them to make plain that the new situation gives no cause "for the Mexican government to swerve a hair's breadth from its moral position of solidarity towards the democratic countries of the world."

Our own news from Mexico is that orders for oil continue to arrive from Swedish, English and French firms.

Furthermore, in the midst of the tumultuous demonstration by millions of the people of Mexico, a campaign was launched for a popular loan to stabilize the peso and to give the government working capital to begin its operations in the oil fields.

Now, our job is to see that our own government in Washington doesn't try any little embargo, or credit blockade, or other tricks. Secretary of State Hull has frequently proved that he is very much out of step with the progressive policies of the rest of the Roosevelt administration.

It is openly declared the companies will try to attach and seize any oil that goes abroad. They must not have the help of the U. S. government when they try it.

Unemployment Relief And Small Business

PERENNIALY at a crisis, the California relief situation is daily becoming more acute. In addition to the tens of thousands of "tractored-out" farmers from the dust bowl country, left stranded and starving in California, there are growing numbers of wage earners left without jobs in mass layoffs.

Yet the recent special session of the State Legislature appropriated only \$4,900,000 as a deficiency measure to add to the inadequate \$2,000,000 per month for relief.

The Workers Alliance and the Labor Unions State Unemployed Council asked for a 20 per cent increase in the food section of the SRA budget, and 20 per cent increase in the rent section, with appropriations to cover this.

At present the average unemployed single man receives an average of only \$18.50 per month.

Is the small business man exempt from an obligation to look this situation in the face? Certainly not. He is vitally concerned. The worsening situation means that millions of dollars in purchasing power are removed from the market—not to speak of the general degradation of the communities in the state.

The small business man has, to a large degree, been inveigled by Big Business into thinking his interests lie with Wall Street. He was sung a tune to the effect that the sales tax would relieve him of heavy taxation.

The opposite is true. The sales tax has placed a greater burden on the small property owner than the property tax. The California Retail Grocers & Merchants Assn. declares that the sales tax falls on the independent merchant to a heavy degree, but mistakenly calls for the Legislature to change the sales tax law so the consumer will bear the whole tax.

Only the rich, the Big Business outfit, secured relief by the sales tax. The small business man is thus being hit at two points by the present relief chaos. He is losing customers from the low relief standards, lessened purchasing power. And he is paying more than he ever did, because of the sales tax.

Is it not time for the small business men of California to take their stand strongly for adequate, American standards of relief for all in need of relief? Is it not time for them to insist that such relief should be raised in income taxation on the rich, that the sales tax be repealed?

There are enormous fortunes in the hands of a few individuals in this rich state of California—Hearst, Chandler, Giannini, Fleisch-

hacker, Crocker, Spreckels, to mention a few. The small business men and farmers can join with the trade unionists and the jobless in insisting that these fortunes bear the relief burden—and that they bear it to the full extent of a decent standard of relief.

Are You a Friend of Hearst?

Are You a Friend of Hearst? ... Ken THIS paper, the PEOPLE'S WORLD, has thousands of friends. But how many are ready to prove that friendship by being "a friend in need?"

Our subscription drive has lagged because our friends have lagged. Each friend has thought, "Well, there are so many. So there is no real need for ME. No need for ME to go out, to see my neighbor, my fellow worker, the farmer down the road, the small merchant on the corner—and get THAT ONE subscription."

So our Subscription Drive slackened. So we will be unable to say that our friends are, many of them, REAL friends! So the goal of 7,500 charter subscriptions (at the "charter" reduced rate) will fall short by over 1,000!

Look at that, you who hold this paper in your hands; you, who know it is YOUR paper! Those 1,000 subscriptions mean, Oh, so much to your paper! And you surely know of someone to whom you can talk, and from whom you can get a subscription now, right away!

We urge you, do it! And, especially, we appeal to you to do that on April 3, Sunday! That is the "BIG PUSH DAY." Make every trial subscriber a permanent subscriber! Show that you're a friend of the people and the People's World, not of Hearst and Roy Howard! Go get that sub!

Waterfront Employers' Big Brother

OUR Waterfront Employers Association is a small edition of the National Manufacturers Association—which also has its hooks into the Pacific Coast.

Both of them are bubbling over with friendliness to labor—and Oh, so anxious, to save the worker from having his liberties curtailed by the dreadful unions.

But the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee with paint scraper and turpentine has been cleaning off the camouflage on the old National Association of Manufacturers. One of the first things it found out was that the N.A.M. was circulating among all the executives of companies on its mailing list copies of a pamphlet called "Labor Strife and the Third Party" which gave detailed instructions as to how to apply the Mohawk Valley Formula for strike busting.

This is the formula attempted by the California & Hawaiian Sugar Co. in Crockett, and involves "rallying the public" against the strike. Burning fiery crosses, enlisting vigilantes, and mobilizing the housewives under false slogans are part of the formula.

We know who runs our Waterfront Employers Association.

And the Senate Committee has just unearthed the names of those who finance, and therefore control, the National Association of Manufacturers. There are 207 firms, who together, last year contributed half of the \$1,439,000 expenses of the N.A.M. that year. Outstanding contributors were:

E. I. duPont de Nemours Co. (chemicals, explosives and war materials) \$116,800 between 1933 and 1937; and in the same period: General Motors, \$64,295; National Steel Corporation, \$42,050; Bethlehem Steel, \$29,250 and Pittsburgh Plate Glass, \$16,000. The name of each of these is another word for murderous hatred of the working class.

What we need is a Senate Committee investigation of the Waterfront Employers now, not so much to see who runs it or what propaganda it puts out, but to probe into its armaments, its stocks of tear gas and machine guns, and its plans to shatter the unions by a ceaseless routine of provocations, especially lockouts over every possible excuse.

No Strikebreaking With Public Funds

SENATOR WAGNER'S bill extending the prerogatives of the National Labor Relations Board to all projects financed by government money, is now before the Senate Committee.

Last August 1300 men working on the Metropolitan Water District Aqueduct of Southern California were forced out on strike when the District officials refused to bargain collectively with its employees.

Every form of terror and vigilantism was used to break the strike.

Strikebreakers, tear gas, and rifles were supplied at public expense.

And the heads of this project which is being built on money loaned from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in violation of the whole purpose and intent of the New Deal, have stubbornly refused to bargain with the employees.

Despite the widest protest that reached a national scale, the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District appointed by the mayors of the thirteen cities sponsoring the project, have remained the faithful henchmen of the "open shop" interests.

Now the Los Angeles Times is waging a furious editorial campaign against Senator Wagner's Bill which would force the Metropolitan Water District and all similar projects using government money to sit down at the table and bargain with its employees.

Many people in Los Angeles read the Times to know what not to think. It is almost a sure rule to follow. The Times is always on the side of the open shop and reaction.

Senator Wagner's Bill is just and should receive your fullest support. Tell the Senators from California that you want it passed.

War or Peace To Keep U. S. Out of War Stop Isolationists Now

By Earl Browder

EXAMINE how the isolationist newspapers have treated the recent developments in Great Britain, and you will find dramatic exposure of the fundamental unsoundness of their position. Almost universally these newspapers expressed "two thoughts": First that Chamberlain had betrayed democracy and world peace, specifically that "he had let us down," when he threw Eden into the discard, and openly went toward capitulation to fascism; second, that this proves that the policy of the United States should be modeled along Chamberlain's lines, that is, go it alone, make the best possible bargains for ourselves, and to hell with the rest of the world.

Truly, a marvelous logic, which brands Chamberlain's crime only to urge the same course upon Washington. It is the logic of such cynicism that can result only in open acceptance of fascism in full, if followed to its conclusion.



Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, addressed the Carolina Political Union in Chapel Hill, N. C., March 5, on the question of peace and how to obtain it in a world whose soil is already being rapidly denuded of blood.

But there were two sides to the British events, while our isolationists see but one. The other side is this: that Eden's open challenge and resignation, followed by the Labor Party's going over to active opposition and appealing to the country, and a split within British imperialism itself shown in the opposition of Winston Churchill and Lloyd George, two old war-horses of British imperialism, all go to demonstrate how near to complete collapse is the Chamberlain policy of surrender to the bandits.

The greatest threat against a general united front of the democratic nations to halt fascism was always, the almost solid front gathered around the Baldwin-Chamberlain line of equivocation and compromise, a united front that included, even the Labor Party. That is now smashed to bits, and the broad democratic forces in Britain, first of all the labor movement, are now released to fight for their own natural line of resistance to fascism, a line which can be enormously strengthened and brought closer to victory by demonstrating that in the United States it finds sympathetic understanding and the possibility of future cooperation.

The isolationists make the assumption that a policy of concerted action to halt fascism would be immensely expensive for the United States, whereas, they argue, isolation would be very economical. Nothing could be further from the truth. To halt fascism now will entail a minimum of economic cost for the United States.

But a consistent policy of isolation will quickly become, directly and indirectly an enormous economic expense. Indirectly it will saddle us with the future costs of dealing single-handed with the bandit-powers. Already it is responsible for the enormous military burdens that are being laid upon the country, upon the theory that we must go it alone. Directly, with the spread of war, isolation will result in such far-reaching economic dislocations as to make the losses of the 1929-33 crisis look small in comparison.

Some of the isolationist propagandists are already playing upon the idea that if the Soviet Union can develop its own self-contained economy which, even while doing business with the rest of the world as far as possible, is quite independent of the course of world capitalist economy, then the United States also, with its much higher development of productive powers, can shut itself off from the rest of the world and make economic advances equal or comparable to those of the Soviet Union.

Soviet Difference There is only one little thing wrong with this calculation. It forgets that the Soviet Union could make its tremendous economic advances in the face of a world of crisis and economic retrogression outside its borders, only by virtue of its unique social and economic organization, in which private capitalists and profit are entirely eliminated, and in which the entire economy can be directed to the single end of raising the general living standards of the population, an aim limited by but one factor—the needs of defense from outside aggression.

We have nothing of the kind in the United States, and our isolationists do not propose to give us anything of the kind. We have capitalism in our country, with the economy directed by the single aim of making profits for the benefit, primarily, of the "sixty families," our economic royalists. Leaving

aside all arguments of whether this is good or bad, advisable or inadvisable, necessary or unnecessary, one central fact is clearly demonstrated among the "have-nots" and the democracies as the "haves," whose wealth is to blame for the aggression of the bandits. How false and misleading is this facile classification of "haves" and "have-nots," instead of the correct one of "peaceful" and "war-making" governments, is clear from the most cursory examination of events leading up to today's world crisis.

"Was Manchuria one of the 'haves' in 1931, when Japan grabbed it by force? Was Ethiopia one of the 'haves,' even as compared with poverty-stricken Italy, when Mussolini raped this backward but peaceful nation? Is Spain one of the 'haves,' to incite Mussolini and Hitler to their invasion? Is Austria one of the 'haves' as compared with Germany, to excuse Hitler's latest aggression? Is Czechoslovakia, next on Hitler's list, one of the 'haves'?"

Is the whole of China, bleeding from the ferocious Japanese assault, paying for the sin of being more wealthy than Japan? And if the "have" and "have-not" classification, used to drum up sympathy for the bandit nations by our isolationists, really means that they propose to divide up the wealth of the world in favor of the bandits to buy them off, do our isolationists propose that the United States, with almost half the wealth of the world, is to present the bandits with its proportionate share of the bribe?

Merely to ask these questions is to expose the hypocritical dishonesty of the "have" and "have-not" classification, but an empty apology for the war-makers, to excuse and condone their violent seizure of the weakest and most "have not" countries.

All Democracies That does not, of course, mean that the greatest and richest democracies are not in danger. England, France, and the United States are certainly in deadly danger.

The United States is in danger because our "economic royalists," holding economic power unparalleled in the world, are moving toward fascism. All the democracies are in danger, because of the confusion of their counsels, and their inability hitherto to find a common path to ensure peace. It is these dangers from within the democracies, that give menacing power to the drive toward world conquest by the bandit dictators.

The fight to maintain peace and democracy, to halt the march of the war-makers and fascists, is the precondition for all hopes of human progress today. This task must unite all the forces of progress among the people, regardless of our differences on other questions, all progressive Democrats and Republicans, Socialists, and Communists, and especially the great mass of working people and farmers.

Communist View We of the Communist Party have our own particular views about the necessities of future progress of the United States and of the world. We believe that the final solution of all our problems will require the transfer of our national economy from private ownership to social ownership and operation for the common benefit of all.

We will continue to do our utmost to convince the majority of the American people to that program. But we are keenly aware that a relatively small minority of the population as yet share our views on this fundamental reorganization. We have a long and arduous task of education ahead of us, before we can lead a majority of the American people to the establishment of Socialism.

In the meantime we want to do everything in our power to prevent the victory of fascism, and the consequent disaster of war, which would throw back the prospects of Socialism together with all progress into the mire of universal catastrophe. This view we share with the majority of the people. We want to help organize that majority to secure guarantees against fascism and war.

On the basis of these views, the Communist Party offers its cooperation to all honest democrats, progressives, and lovers of peace. We have given the utmost guarantees of the solidity and permanence of our policy, in the self-sacrificing performance of our tasks in building the democratic front. We have carried our place as recognized participants in this democratic front.

No one can deny us this place, except by adopting the Hitlerian formula of the "anti-Communist" alliance of the bandit powers, by capitulation to the enemy before the fight is well under way.

But America will certainly reject the Hitler slogans. America will resume her old proud place in the vanguard of world progress. America will not turn aside toward a vain and false isolation.

America will take a leading part in preserving the world, and thereby herself, from the disasters of fascism and war. America will take the path toward concerted action of all the peaceful and democratic forces of the world.

Our present capacities and our past history join in giving us this assurance. We of the Communist movement will do our best to help realize this promise.

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our sympathies on the side of the bandit powers and against the democracies by describing the bandits as the "have-nots," the "proletarians among the nations," and the democracies as the "haves," whose wealth is to blame for the aggression of the bandits.

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COLUMN LEFT By Harrison George How They Sob At 'Injustice' -In Moscow!

DISTRICT Attorney Lane said he would file murder charges. District Judge T. O. Davis called the Grand Jury promptly.

You see, a gaunt, crazed mother, Mrs. Curtis, 38, had just told the sheriff at Center, Texas, that she had killed six of her children because "I am sick and unable to provide for them, not able in the way of money. I did not kill the oldest one because he is big enough to work for himself."

The slain little ones were Marcie, age 5; Margie, 7; Robert, 9; Belle, 10; Gloria, 11, and Tom, 13.

Look at them, you who spill printer's ink in defense of capitalism, in defense of the assassins who, as agents of Trotskyist Fascism, were shot while you mourned and sobbed over what you claim is "unjust"—in Moscow! Look, you Philistines, at the pale little corpses there in Texas!

Or, take a glance at this from Sacramento, California: "A woman, with her baby in her arms, leaped into the swirling Sacramento river, police reported. An unsigned note was found beside a pile of clothing and a purse containing only seven cents."

"I didn't want my little baby to suffer what I've been through, so I've taken it with me," the note read. "Praise the Lord there is a way out."

You honorable Congressmen who fought even the inadequate Roosevelt relief budget—you are responsible! You killed those six Texas children! You pushed that poor woman into the Sacramento river—with her tiny baby! Truly, if that poor mother's faith in the Lord has any basis, you will burn in hell!

O, how the capitalist papers of America bemoan the "betrayal of Socialism" by Stalin! How they weep at the death of "revolutionists"—in Russia! The terrible "injustices" are 8,000 miles away and under socialism! But never an editorial moan can we get from them on the things under their noses! The tragedy of that Texas family, the pitiful note on the bridge at Sacramento; "I didn't want my little baby to suffer as I did."

The "reputable" newspapers and the "honorable" Congressmen are too busy repeating the undistributed profits tax on the '60 families," who are not "unable in the way of money" to care for their children. Indeed, the H. L. Doherty's gave their daughter a party at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, once, that cost \$250,000—right during the worst of the depression! The Franklyn L. Huttons, the same winter, 1930, had a party for their daughter at New York's Ritz-Carlton, costing \$100,000, with 1,000 cases of champagne.

Then there is young John Barry Ryan, whose dad, Thomas Fortune Ryan left him only \$29,000.000, who ladles out gifts of diamond rosters, coral monkeys and assorted expensive gewgaws on all his friends. Or Mrs. Horace E. Dodge (of the Dodge auto) who gave her daughter a pearl necklace worth \$800,000. Mrs. Dodge, like the poor mother of Sacramento, is "taking her baby with her."

Mrs. Curtis of Center, Texas, who "unable in the way of money" to support her six babies, killed them with a .22-caliber revolver, must not have "worked as hard" as did the "Honor" Pulitzer family of New York, that had many bathrooms with walls decorated with monkeys swinging from palm trees, gaudy flamingos and yawning crocodiles.

The poor distraught mother at Sacramento leaped in the river's turbid waters. But W. C. Grunow, radio manufacturer, slips into a bathtub made of a single slab of Mexican onyx marble costing \$12,000 and equipped with fixtures of 24-carat gold plate. Ah, yes, the only injustice in the world is in the land of socialism, where there will never be any "60 families" because, there, they shoot fascist spies who would restore capitalism.

WORLD FRONT By Harry Gannes

IT HAS long been known that the so-called "conquered" territory in North China was riddled by guerrilla fighting and that the Japanese invaders were on the defensive from the moment they left the narrow railroad areas.

Now the latest reports from China tell of the significant situation where the Chinese defenders are taking the offensive at several points along the very railroad lines held by the Japanese.

This means that the heroic Chinese armies are attacking the Japanese aggressors at some of their strongest points. Particularly this is true in Southern Shantung Province, where, under the command of Gen. Li Tsung-jen, the Chinese armies have beaten the Japanese bandits back along the Tientsin-Pukow railroad.

Together with the rebuff given to the Japanese throughout Shansi, especially on the north bank of the Yellow River, the waning of the Japanese drive to cut the Lunghai railway has been reported.

Directly in its path the Japanese war machine is confronted with a strengthened Chinese army that not only can hold its defenses but can even take the initiative in attack and hurl back a superior military force. In its rear, the Japanese attackers are permanently harassed by the most widespread force of guerrilla fighters the world has ever seen. And the nucleus of these masses of guerrilla fighters is the former Red Army, the present 8th Route Army.

The 8th Route Army with about 200,000 of the finest trained men in China, acting in small bands, but in a coordinated fashion, arousing hundreds of thousands of workers, peasants, students and small merchants to initiate their own guerrilla fighting, has been able to slice the vital Japanese lines of communications into fragments and to break up many threats of concentrations of Japanese reinforcements.

THE victories being reported now even by the reluctant capitalist press do not mean that the Japanese army will be definitely pushed back, and that reinforcements for them are not on the way which may change the situation to a renewed and more powerful effort to cut China in two by the capture of the Lunghai east and west railway.

However, for the first time even these Chinese gains have increased Japan's difficulties. That can be seen by the revived and hasty attempts of the Japanese to set up a puppet government in Nanking. The purpose is to begin another round of "peace" negotiations.

Meanwhile, the news from London, in this connection also, becomes revealing in portraying the role of the Tories and the significance of their behind-the-scenes conferences with Japan. The consensus of the dope stories and the many bits of news in the Japanese and other imperialist press is that the Tories have already reached some form of understanding with Tokio at the expense of China.

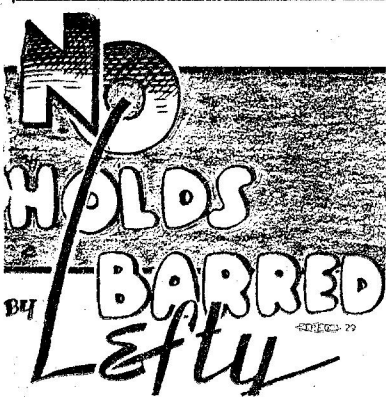
Taken together with the fact that Premier Fumimaro Konoye of Japan stated to the Japanese Diet (parliament) that not an inch of Chinese soil on which a Japanese soldier has treaded will be ceded, these reports appear correct when they say that the British Tories are ready to agree with Japan about slicing up the country, if Japan can destroy China's resistance.

The general formula discussed by the Tories and the fascist samurais is the Japan is to dominate all the territory she claims she has now conquered, provided the South of China is left to the mercy of the British friends of the fascist triangle.

The British Tory view in this respect is similar to their outlook in Spain, namely, that Japan as well as the other two allies of the fascist triangle, if they are successful in their aggressions, will need British money, and as banker, as well as chief world diplomat, for the totalitarian aggressors, the Tories believe they can dictate terms and get the lion's share of the profits.

IN CHINA the magnificent battle put up by as many of the 450,000,000 people who have been drawn into active defense is lessening the prospects of the fascist intriguers in the Far East. Every day's delay in Japan's plans is extremely costly to Tokio. Mao Tse-tung, political leader of the 8th Route Army, has pointed out that Japan is now spending from 20 to 25 million yen daily (\$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000), and that another year of fighting will completely upset Japan's already precarious treasury.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1938



LEFTY HOLDS BARRED

GREAT BRITAIN'S rearmament policy suffered another frightful blow Friday.

"Battleship," an American nag, won the annual Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, England.

Furthermore, this particular Battleship is owned by Mrs. Marion Du Pont Scott, member of the Delaware family noted for its production of shellac and incendiary bombs.

LEFTY can picture the chagrin of Neville Chamberlain when the news was flashed to him by Viscount Halifax or some other faithful courier who keeps his cheaters focused on such events.

"Hem... haw... Chamberlain must have spluttered in a violent rage. 'This is a violent blow to our prestige! What will Parliament think? I'll have to give another boring speech to prove that it is all a joke cooked up by those newspapermen and Reds to humiliate me. If it had only been Blackshirt... I mean pardon me, I meant Blue-shirt... that won the race.'

BUT unfortunately Blue-shirt came in seventh. The only solace Chamberlain could have had was that Workman ran third, well behind Battleship.

"That's good," LEFTY can hear him muttering. "So long as Workman didn't win, I don't really care whose Battleship comes in first. But hem... haw... really, I would have preferred that it was Mussolini or Hitler's battleship rather than that American upstart."

Of course, this scene probably took place before he learned that it was the Du Pont's Battleship that was the victor.

That Battleship owes no nation any particular allegiance and if Chamberlain crosses its owner's meathooks with a uppence or two Battleship will undoubtedly turn up next year wearing the British colors.

KITTEN BALL players in the San Francisco leagues are going to give the game up and play Puss-in-the-Corner this spring unless something is done about the startling lack of playing facilities.

Soft ball is one of the most popular sports in the country, and managers here estimate that nearly 2000 players turn out for the various teams when spring rolls around.

But so hard, the city fathers, burying their collective craniums in the sand have refused to do anything about providing grounds for the players.

With all precincts heard from there seem to be only two city-owned playing fields—one at Jefferson park and the other out at the Marina.

If there are any more, LEFTY would like to hear from the Mayor and the Park Commission. He'll tender them a bouquet of orchids and a basketful of retractions.

Now, even taking into account the few semi-public diamonds scattered around the city, it remains as plain as Jimmy Durante's schwa that there aren't enough grounds to conduct a good-sized peanut league.

MORE ON SPAIN

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Every paper has a large advertisement captioned:

"Two Divisions" of shock troops of youth below the draft age of 18 and above the age of 29 are drilling.

"Noticias" carried a big appeal to: "Our Comrades—Soldiers." It was designed to answer the need of men facing tanks with nothing but hand grenades and rifles.

The slogan was: "Hand grenades against the tanks!"

The appeal explained:

"Your major enemy is the infantry behind the tanks. Try to separate the infantry from the tanks, and defeat them."

"Your gun is as good as their gun. Your machine gun is as good as theirs. But (in huge letters) YOU HAVE GREATER MORALE! They fight in favor of their own enemies; you fight for your country and your life!"

Tremendous Reserves

Make no mistake, the military situation is serious in some ways. It is more so than even at Madrid. But just as in November, 1936, as the enemy approached his objective, the resistance stiffened, so today, even should the enemy reach the coast, there are tremendous reserves of resistance among a unified people and this great danger is achieving unity.

For example, the Catalan Generalidad marches firmly with the national government. The Marxian parties are re-coordinated. Through their committees they enlace the United Confederation of Labor (Socialist-Communist) with the National Confederation of Labor (Syndicalist and Anarchist). Unity comes through their unity in action.

NUTTING RUNS CENTURY IN :09.4 AT BERKELEY

California Trounces Winged O, 83-48

By Martin Taylor

BERKELEY, March 27.—Making a clean sweep in all the flat distances up to the two mile, including a world record time in the century, the California Bears defeated a sparse and untrained Olympic Club yesterday at Edwards Field, 83 to 48.

The world record time came when Arnold Nutting of California surprised the 6000 fans by turning in a :09.4 time for the 100-yard dash, beating out Teammates Bob Frick and George Anderson by five yards.

Club without the services of Norman Bright, Elroy Robinson and Bob Alexander was completely shut out in eight of the 15 events.

Little Stan Sadai, the Bear importation from Honolulu, ran a 4:18.4 mile to set a new California record.

Mehleri and Baker finished second and third to make it a clean sweep for California.

Evans likewise announced that Bob Pastor, the New York heavyweight who survived 10 rounds against champion Joe Louis, will fight Lou Nova, state heavyweight titlist here April 22.

Next Friday night's Dreamland show will feature Wally Hally, Hollywood Salvation Army boy, against Newsboy Joe Gavras, Red Farmer and Freddie Graham, middleweights, will fight the 6-round feature.

At St. Paul—John Henry Lewis, world's light heavyweight champion, decided Bud Mignault, 10.

At Hollywood—Soldier Frank Baralino, welter decided Billy Barnes, 10.

At San Diego—George Hansford TKOed Espinosa, 2.

At Berlin—Adolf Heuser TKOed Gustave Roth, Belgium, to win the International Boxing Union's light heavy championship, 7.

At Detroit—Henry Armstrong, world's featherweight champion, TKOed Eddie Zivic, Pittsburgh, 4.

At Honolulu—Celerino Garcia, Welter, TKOed Tony Roccaforte, 17.

At Sacramento—Don Walker, San Jose, TKOed George Hubert, Washington State, to win the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate heavyweight championship, 2.

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL: San Francisco 9, Pittsburgh 6, Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 3, Hollywood 6, Chicago Cubs 7, Oakland 5, Portland 2, Hollywood 7, Seattle 4, California 12, St. Mary's 9, Stanford 8, San Diego Marines 5, San Diego Marines 7, Stanford 6, S. F. State 4, Fresno State 3, U.C. 6, Santa Clara 5, U.C. Frosh 8, Sacramento High 1, Marin J. C. 5, 7, San Mateo J. C. 4, 5, U.S.F. 16, Mission Athletic Club 3, Fresno State 15, S. F. State 0, Modesto J. C. 14, S. F.J.C. 1, 2, U.S.C. 3, Santa Clara 2.

At Seattle—Stanford 70, Washington 60.

At Berkeley—U. C. Frosh 111, J. C. All-Stars 37.

At Sacramento—S. F. State 79%, Cal Aggies 51%.

At Berkeley—California 83, Olympic Club 48.

At Westwood—U.C.L.A. 98%, Arizona 32%.

At Los Angeles—U.S.C. 107, Fresno State 24.

At Chicago—Glenn Cunningham won the Bankers Mile in 4:09.3.

TENNIS: California 8, California Tennis Club 3, San Mateo J. C. 6, San Jose Tennis Club 3, U.C.L.A. 7, Stanford 2, S.F.J.C. 6, U.C. Frosh 3, U.S.C. 7, Stanford 2.

SWIMMING: At Stockton—Olympic Club 43, Stockton Olympians 32.

At New Brunswick, N. J.—Ohio State leads N.C.A.A. swimming championships.

At Oakland—Crystal Plunge 25, Oakland Women's Club 20.

HORSE RACING: At Aintree—Battleship wins Grand National sweepstakes.

At Bay Meadows—Ligaroti takes \$5000 Fashion stakes.

At Agua Caliente—Seabiscuit favored in Agua Caliente Handicap.

BILLIARDS: Roger Conti, France, 2, Welter Cochran, San Francisco 1, for world's three-cushion billiards championship.

The Princeton head football coach, Ted Weman, is as bald as a billiard ball and his assistants, Ed Walker and Franklin Cappon, are almost in the same hairless league.

Odel Hale of the Cleveland Indians underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils in the hope of curing the sore arm which has hampered his throwing for several seasons.

SAN FRANCISCO LILLIAN WALKER Now Featured at the Fan Club Drop in to see us 2721 Hyde St. San Francisco

Fortifications Called For "A network of fortifications the invaders cannot smash," is the slogan.

Slogans are the earmarks of historic periods. The slogan of the period of November, 1936, was "No Pasaran!," "They shall not pass!"

The slogan of March, 1938, is: "Aragon shall be another Guadalupe." But beware of false optimism! Mussolini and Hitler are pouring more materials and more men into Spain every day!

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