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## He Hauls the Nation's Cargoes . . .



A SPIRIT of resolution and solidarity pervades these men who work the cargo along San Francisco's far-flung Embarcadero. Here Elmer Klein, jitney driver, shifts the gears to pick up another load of cargo bound for the Orient aboard the Dollar Line's President Adams. Day in and day out these International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union members handle the cargo that keeps America's factories and mills humming with activity.

## Down to the Sea in Ships— And Union Men Load Them

By George Hitchcock (Photographs by Bill Morgan)

Copra and teakwood from the Orient in snuffling little tramp steamers . . . fast passenger boats pouring out mail and express from New York and Baltimore . . . grimy oil tankers from the fields of Vera Cruz . . . lumber schooners from Aberdeen and Seattle . . . sugar boats from the spreading fields below old Mauna Loa . . .

Day in and day out boats from all corners of the world . . . the commerce of all nations . . . ebbs and flows in San Francisco harbor.

Along the famed Embarcadero that once saw the old square-riggers sail through the Golden Gate from Calcutta and the Cape today flow the raw materials that feed American factories and keep the West's great industrial centers humming with activity.

But who are the men who work these cargoes? What is the work of the thousands of members of West Coast's mightiest union—the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen?

SIX-THIRTY on a chill winter morning. The fog is creeping slowly back across San Francisco Bay. The streets are wet and nearly deserted.

But in a long, grimy hall down at 32 Clay Street hundreds of men stand milling about, ready for the day's work when most San Franciscans are a re sound asleep. (Continued on Page 5)

## 8 Judges Suffer 'Memory Lapses' On Witness Stand

'Can't Remember' Ever Having Seen Political Literature Distributed in L. A.—More to Be Called in 'Handbill Case'

LOS ANGELES, March 28. — The parade of Los Angeles officialdom in the "handbill" case began today and proved, to begin with, that judges and attorneys are just as prone to suffer from "memory lapses" as any ordinary witness.

Of ten judges, one city attorney and one assistant, only two could remember ever having seen political campaign literature, including their own, distributed in public streets, parks, halls and buildings.

The twelve were the first to be called in the case arising out of the arrest of Milda Strand, 23, member of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, and Kim Young, 19, a Korean student, for distributing handbills inside the hall where Mrs. Frank D. Roosevelt spoke recently.

Discrimination Charged  
Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney handling the case, has subpoenas for Mayor Frank L. Shaw, District Attorney Byron Flitts, Police Chief James E. Davis, the Board of Supervisors and the entire City Council.

Gallagher charged that the law limiting the distribution of leaf-

## CIO Scores Over PG&E In Oakland

Company Promises Pay Lost by Workers in Lockout

OAKLAND, Calif., March 28.—Pacific Gas and Electric Company workers were back today on the "construction job" at the foot of Grove St., completely victorious, even to the extent of getting a promise of full pay for the time lost during the lockout which began last Wednesday afternoon.

P. M. Downing, vice-president of the P. G. & E., following a conference with the representatives of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, at 8 a. m. this morning promised the returning men:

No loss of pay, no discrimination on the basis of seniority and recognition of the jurisdiction of the U. E. R. M. W. over electrical installation work claimed also by the Building Trades Council.

Steel Shortage in Italy

ROME, March 28.—The shortage of iron and steel in Italy is responsible today for strict limitation on the use of metal in construction work. Use of iron bars, metal railings, gateways, balconies, and parapets is taboo.

# Power Trust Is Beaten In Two Court Decisions

## Mexico Rallies Behind Cardenas To Meet Crisis

School Children and Women Donate to Bolster Finances—Governors and Peasants Declare Support

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, March 28. — Workers' children in secondary schools cut their lunch allowance 25 centavos a day, women tore rings from their fingers, men emptied their pockets and handed over their watches—farmers, workers, business men, doctors, lawyers, teachers all were rallying to the financial support of their government today.

This has been the reaction during the last few days of the attempt of the United States Government to bring financial pressure on President Cardenas to make him give up confiscation of the law breaking American and British oil companies.

At the moment the United States Government was notifying the Mexican Government that it would no longer buy Mexican silver, the governments of all Mexican states were assembling in Mexico City and voting to turn over to the federal government a flat five per cent of the state's income, and to cede all claims the states may have to the nationalized oil.

Meanwhile the Bank of Mexico began coining of a large portion of the silver no longer sold to the Americans. It is planned to coin 50,000,000 silver pesos at once. (The peso is quoted in the U. S. at 24 cents today. Before the attack upon it, it was worth 27 cents.)

Full support of the government came today from the Mexican Peasant Confederation. Congress here in the form of a resolution unanimously adopted, declaring:

"As representatives of the peasant class of the country, the confederation aids and supports the Cardenas government without limitations or restrictions, because its energetic attitude in solving the oil conflict and decreasing expropriation, in line with the decorum and dignity of the nation.

"It declares emphatically that the workers of the fields and the cities are firmly united at this historic moment which gives proof of the sovereignty and economic independence of Mexico."

## State Probe Of S. F. Transit

Action Follows Plea of Market Railway for 7-Cent Fare

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The California Railroad Commission today ordered an investigation of all San Francisco's street transportation facilities.

The investigation, which will cover a three month period, was ordered in connection with the Market Street Railway Co's request for a 7-cent fare. Although decision on the fare raise will probably be made after the survey, the way is open for an immediate change if the company can prove that an emergency in its financial affairs exists.

Pointing to the fact that the 7-cent fare might seriously disrupt existing transportation habits, Wallace Ware of the Railroad Commission stated that only a thorough study of the city's three lines—the Market Street, Municipal, and California Cable Car—could bring about an intelligent decision on the proposition.

According to Mr. Ware, the opening of the Bay Bridges, business recession and the 2-cent transfer charge were among reasons for the decline of 8,500,000 on San Francisco street lines, while California generally had an increase of 24 per cent on this method of transportation.

The investigation, the first of its sort here, will include study of the fare zoning system, Mr. Ware said.

Vacationers Face Ban On Gambling in Florida

MIAMI, March 28 (TP)—Late season vacationers in Florida faced the prospect today of no more gambling.

All major gambling establishments in south east Florida were closed upon the order of Gov. Fred P. Cone. The governor said he had received complaints about gaming and had ordered sheriffs to shut down the gaming tables.

## LOYALISTS DIG IN AS FOE ADVANCES

All Resources Mobilized to Meet Continued Fascist Drive

BARCELONA, March 27. — Loyalist Spain today mustered all able-bodied men to assume arms to stop the hordes of foreign mercenaries that General Franco is hurling at Catalonian fortifications.

With complete unity of the entire population behind it, the Republican government declared the situation to be critical and called on all able-bodied men to assume arms and declared that the women and children of Catalonia had accepted responsibility for the operation of industry.

The cabinet merged the secret police organization with the military intelligence service after ordering death sentences for 17 spies and saboteurs, a final move against the possibility of treachery behind the lines.

Fresh Air Raids  
Meanwhile, despite fresh air raids from fascist bombers, all elements of the non-combatant population accepted alternate shifts for digging trenches and constructing fortifications.

From Lerida, Loyalist headquarters, came word that the defenders were prepared to hold their own. Crack veterans of the invasion have been moved into position blocking the fascist advance.

Fortified with assurances from the British, Tories, and with thousands of reinforcements from Mussolini and Hitler, Franco was massing fresh contingents on the Catalonian border. Over many villages and small towns dripped swarms of Junker, Heinkel and Fiat planes to unload their deadly cargo and hurry back for more.

Rebels Advance  
A fascist column that had been operating in the vicinity of Caspe at the southern end of the Aragon battle line moved northeastward and reportedly occupied Mequinzena, about 50 miles south of Fraga. Mequinzena is at the point where the Cinca and Segre rivers flow into the Ebro. A highway leads northward to Fraga. This move tried to cover the left flank of the fascist force moving toward Lerida.

Yorty Asks Broader Scope  
Assemblyman Sam Yorty, leading progressive in the State Assembly, urged the League to extend its scope and to work for union with other groups. He pointed out that labor had narrowly watched only bills directly affecting labor while allowing such measures as the billion-dollar oil steal to get by without a murmur.

"Labor will never get anywhere by assuming it is the majority in this state," he said. "It is not."

As a result of labor's "hit and run" shortsighted policy, he said, employers were able to mobilize farm sentiment for defeat of the state's Little Wagner Act.

He congratulated the delegate or taking the forward step of leaving the door open for all labor minded organizations.

Urged to Work  
Assemblyman John Pelletier urged labor to "stop talking and get out and work" on the political field. Ring doorbells, he told the delegates.

The convention ended its two day week-end session amid great enthusiasm.  
According to Don Healey, secretary-treasurer of the League, there are now 20,000 trade unionists directly affiliated to the League and another 100,000 indirectly affiliated through their Central Labor Councils in Los Angeles County.

Deaf Mute's Cured

ROME, March 28 (TP)—Doctors told today of a deaf and blind mute who recovered his sight and speech after he discovered he had inherited a fortune.

## Two Counties Vie With Nevada in WBA Race

With "Big Push Sunday" but six days off, Santa Barbara and Alameda Counties are running neck-and-neck with the State of Nevada as the contestants race down the home stretch in the People's World Builders' subscription drive.

Observers are wondering which one of these will win by a nose when the final count is made April 3. Other entries in the big race are riding hard and furiously to pass the runners already holding first places.

Los Angeles, with 304 charter subs to go, will use "Big Push Sunday" to mobilize all of the "extras" around the southern metropolises.

Preparations are being made for the big turnout all over the Pacific Coast. With the deadline falling on April 1, and the final count, being announced two days later, every World Builder is straining his "innards" to complete his quota.

Slogan for the final spurt is: "7500 subs by April 1."

## High Court Rules For New Deal on Labor, Utilities

Holding Companies Must Register With SEC, Ruling Holds—Santa Cruz Packing Co. Loses Plea

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The New Deal scored two important victories today in U. S. Supreme Court decisions. They are:

1.—Ruling that a company is subject to the National Labor Relations Act even if only 39 per cent of the firm's output goes into interstate commerce, in the suit brought by the Santa Cruz Fruit Packing Co. of California to test whether the NLRB had jurisdiction.

2.—Upholding the federal government's right to compel security holding companies in the public utility field to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission or dissolve.

Injunction Killed  
Another vital ruling by the court dissolved a lower court injunction restraining the New Negro Alliance from picketing stores of the Sanitary Grocery Co. in Washington, D. C. The Supreme Court held that the injunction violated the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Dispute Act.

In the holding company decision, Chief Justice Hughes presiding, the 6-1 opinion upholding the Public Utility Holding Company

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WASHINGTON, March 28. (TP)—The Supreme Court refused today to grant the Silver Shirts of America an injunction to restrain the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee from subpoenaing Silver Shirt records.

The Silver Shirts were founded by William Dudley Peile, anti-Semitic writer of Asheville, N. C. The LaFollette committee is conducting an investigation into the Silver Shirts and other organizations accused of subversive activities. The committee ordered the Silver Shirts to produce membership lists and other records.

Act, with Justice McReynolds dissenting and Justices Reed and Cardozo taking no part in the case. The ruling left the door open for appeals against other sections of the act, however, when it refused to review any but the concrete situations presented.

Said the court: "We are invited to enter into a speculative inquiry for the purpose of condemning the statutory provisions, the effect of which in concrete situations, not yet developed, can not now be definitely perceived. We must decline that invitation."

The ruling came in a case brought by the Electric Bond & Share Co. in cooperation with the federal government. Enforcement of the utility act, which had become effective last January 1, had been delayed by the federal government pending the decision.

Upholds Tax  
In another utility case, the Supreme Court upheld validity of the New York City emergency tax of 3 per cent on the gross receipts of utilities, levied by the city to obtain relief funds but taken over by the state this year.

The court refused to review the case of E. L. and Albert Lindsey of Spokane, Washington, on its second appeal to the high court. The attorneys, convicted on charges of forgery in Spokane superior court and sentenced to long prison terms, previously had brought their case before the justices and were granted a new trial, becoming effective last January 1, had been delayed by the federal government pending the decision.

This strategy will bring the Senate version of the bill before the House before it can be sent to conference. Administration leaders had hoped to send the measure to conference first, thus avoiding possible hostile action by the House on the Senate version.

Minor Setback  
One minor setback was suffered by the administration in the last few minutes of Senate consideration of the bill.

Senator Clark of Missouri raised a point of order against the submission of the bill to a House-Senate conference committee and was sustained by Vice-President Garner.

As yesterday was Monday, and these figures are set by the returns of a full day behind, they remain the same—but, they must not be that way for long!

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Plane Crashes

LONDON, March 28. (TP)—The Air Ministry announced today that a Royal Air Force bomber taking part in war games had crashed in the sea today off the northeast coast of France. The warplane carried a crew of six and a newspaper correspondent.



# LORDS OF THE DOCKS MOVE THE WEST'S CARGOES

## Each Gang Takes Its Turn—It's Done by Rotation

(Continued From Page One)

They are waiting to be called out from the longshoremen's dispatcher's office.

Two boards are the center of attention. One—the larger—has a list of all the gang bosses. The average "regular" gang has from 16 to 19 men on it and is known by the name of the boss.

A gang of 17 is usually referred to as "seven-two and one"—or seven men in the hold, seven on the dock, two winch-drivers and a gang boss.

### THE PLUG-IN BOARD

The other board is the plug-in, where each stevedore plugs a small metal pin into a numbered hole and waits for his number to come up in rotation. This board is used for permit men, lumber crews, scalers and the like. A gang taken from the plug board is usually termed a "pick-up" gang as opposed to a regular gang.

"Castiron Charlie and a pick-up gang for Richmond on the Barbara K. A shovelling job," the dispatcher's microphone will bellow.

The gang bosses are nearly all distinguished by their nick-names. Business Agent John Schomaker of the Longshoremen's local told me.

It seems that there is "Moustache Charlie," "Castiron Charlie," "Scarface Mike," "Anarchist Brown," "Silk Socks Harry," "Goodlookin' Mike," "Long Emil," "Russian Louie," and scores of others equally as colorful.

"Most of the men don't know the gang bosses by any other name," Schomaker told us.

We stood around in the hall for a while, talking to the men who were waiting for a call.

### WORK IS SLACK

The chief problem that seemed to be bothering most of them was the lack of work. The port is running at about two-thirds or less capacity and most gangs get no more than three or four days work a week.

The men in the hall were an international mixture—Spanish and Irish rubbing elbows with Italians and Scandinavians. A simple list of the names of some of the men to whom we talked would give one a good idea of the various nationalities represented: Johnny O'Connor, George Delick, W. H. Clark, J. Santos, A. Motta, J. Onick, G. Thomas, C. Vaz, Joe Calasso, J. Dibble, J. Carrillo, F. R. Thomas, M. Barroca, B. Clode and H. Finck.

From the dispatchers' hall the men scatter in gangs to the various docks up and down the waterfront. We stopped in at the narrow cramped little office of the union to talk a moment or two with Henry

They Find That There Is Strength in Unity... 'We All Pull Together Now!'



Above left—Here photographer Bill Morgan has perhaps snapped the secret of the success of the ILWU. The order is, "Easy lad, and we pull together." A "save-all," which could catch a man or a grand piano in the event "Winchle" misses a trick, is being hauled in with little effort by men who have learned to pull together. Left to right are J. P. Tanzillo, Herb Troengove, L. Sullivan, and L. Louisa. Lower left—two of the men, gang boss Hack Miller and J. P. Tanzillo, stevedore, who will tell you if you ask them: "These are our docks."

## LOWER THE SLING!

### They're Loadin The Giant Liner President Adams

Upper right—H. Freeman and Elmer Klein are about to grant in unison as they prepare iron drums of oil for the sling which will hoist them into holds on the China-bound President Adams. Below right—V. Scotti awaits his turn to wheel a load on its way. Below center—Joe Van Santen, on the fronts of the seven seas' he has loaded and unloaded ships for twenty years. To him Frisco town is the place where a stevedore is recognized as a MAN.

squinting out at the unruffled bay, "but tain't a sudden something happens and some one is dead or taid up in the hospital."

"Only a week or two ago," he continued, "a gang was loading steel rails on a boat down at the other end of the Embarcadero, when bang! a fall broke and a longshoreman was thrown head over heels into the bay."

"The rails came right down on top of him. They thought he was done for, but when they pulled the rails up a minute or two later, he was hanging by his head right between two of them. He's still alive, but he's injured damn' badly."

The accident was clearly the shipowners fault, so not a mention of it appeared in the press.

Joe took us on down to Pier 36 for our next stop. The steam-schooner Anna Schaffer was unloading paper from Aberdeen—perhaps the paper on which the PEOPLE'S WORLD is printed.

"It's a casual gang working here," Ed Russell told us. With his other duties Russell combines the job of putting out the Local's bulletin.

"There's a sailor gang working in the hold," he explained. "On steam-schooners like this the sailors do longshore duty in port... of course, they get paid extra for it."

### STEAM-SCHOONER GANG

The ILWU gang working it was a pick-up under the direction of foreman Kinsey. Up forward the G. Leebach gang was hoisting rolls of paper out and rolling them down into the warehouse.

We went aboard and had a word or two with winch-drivers Joe Marques and O. Nelson and then came back to chat with E. Woods and F. Thomas on the dock crew.

The men were laughing and whistling as they worked. We commented on their good nature to Joe as we left.

"Sure," Joe said, puffing at his pipe, "they've got some reason to be friendly now... they'd have more reason if there was more work... but you should have been around here back in the '20's before the union came in... one stevedore was afraid to talk to another because he didn't know who was a 'company man' and who wasn't."

He polished his union button with the back of his hand and spat meditatively over the edge of the dock and into the eddying waters of the bay.

## Miners Ready To Re-enter Mexican CTM

### Return After Several Years of Severance From Labor Center

MEXICO CITY, March 28.—All preparations were completed for re-entry of the powerful Miners and Metal Workers Union into the Mexican Confederation of Labor, when the miners held their national convention here last week.

The miners have been out of the CTM for several years, but beginning last summer have been acting with it, and were generally considered a CTM union. Their delegates attended CTM conventions, and their opinions were seriously considered, though for a time there were some sharp differences of opinion.

The informal relationship between the two organizations is now to be solemnized by regular chartering of the Miners and Metal Workers by the CTM.

One reason for the sureness and power of the government's campaign against foreign finance imperialism, and for the nationalization of the railroads first and now the oil fields, is this growing unity and maturity of Mexican labor organization. It is generally admitted here by all observers.

BERLIN, March 28 (TP).—Germany's economy program is being carried forward today by the nation's dentists. The dentists are discarding expensive gold for fillings, crowns, and false teeth, in favor of a new mixture of artificial resin, limestone, and coal.

Schmidt, president of Local 1-10 and then went on out to the docks.

Joe Van Santen, veteran of 20 years stevedoring in San Francisco, volunteered as a guide.

"I worked here right through thick and thin," Joe told us proudly. "Even back in the blue-book days when a longshoreman was afraid to open his mouth for fear a company spy would overhear him... but it's different now, since the union came."

Joe, a native of Holland, came here in 1918. He had shipped out of Australia as a fireman on the Mountfield. When he got to San Francisco he jumped ship and has been here ever since.

DOWN at Pier 42 they were loading the President Adams, Dollar Line luxury liner. She had come in a few days before from New York and stevedores were putting aboard the last bits of cargo. She would sail that night.

"She's on her way to Honolulu," stevedore J. B. Tanzillo, working in the Hack Miller gang, told us. "Then she goes to Manila and from there on around the world."

Amid the creaking of booms and shouts of the hold crew, the men were engaged in putting aboard mail for Manila and the Far East.

"Go ahead," gang boss Miller shouted. Winch driver Frenchie Brochier threw the gears into play and a load swung up. The boom shifted and the load stopped over the hatchway.

"Come back," Miller shouted. The load was slowly lowered into the hold.

### NINE GANGS AT WORK

Nine gangs in all were working the President Adams. On the end of the boat where we stopped first the Tommy Holtcamp gang was on Hatch No. 1, with Goosenek Littlewood at the winch.

The Hack Miller gang was working right alongside of them.

"The boom and fall rigging is pretty complicated," Tanzillo told us. He pointed out the "bridle" and other parts of the rigging.

"Jeff" Jeffress, another veteran docker, explained the whole gear to us later.

The "falls" or cables, run from the winch up through a "gin block" at the top of the booms, then down to the shackles and "blacksmith shop," which are the chain gear just above the hooks which lift the cargo.

The booms themselves are raised or lowered

through a toppling lift. They swing about the mast on moveable "goosenecks."

There are a great many other terms—such as "lead block," "runners" and "gyppy ends" which served only to confuse us a bit more, but the whole operation runs much on the derrick principle.

As we talked to Tanzillo, John D. Shaw, Jim Powell and Charlie Burns, a "jitney" driver, the men went to clean up the job, preparatory to the Adams' sailing.

### THE SAVE-ALL

They pulled in the "save-all," which is a heavy net suspended between the dock and the ship to catch any cargo which might fall.

Longshoremen Herb Troengove, L. Sullivan, L. Louisa, N. Sasek and Brochier pulled it in much as if they were catching fish in it.

Not only longshoremen work on these big ships when they pull into port.

Side by side with the CIO dockers to AFL boiler-makers A. Thompson and P. Depetrello, were cleaning up their equipment after having inspected the ship's boilers.

And a little further down the dock, L. Laforgia was busy swabbing the sides of the giant liner with a

long paint brush.

"We paint them every time they come into port," Laforgia declared. "It's part of the work of the Ship Scalers Union."

At the other end of the President Adams, V. Scotti and H. Freeman were engaged in rolling barrels of oil onto the lifts to be swung into the hold.

### A JITNEY DRIVER

The oil and other cargo is brought out onto the docks on jitneys—this particular little truck being driven by Elmer Klein.

The gangs working this end of the boat were under the supervision of Charley West and J. B. Henderson.

Joe, our guide, showed us around and talked a while with beefy E. Triplett and winch-driver Charles Ross.

The winch-driver's job is a good deal like the work of a crane-operator. He handles the gears and pays out the cable in lifting and lowering cargo.

Scotti and G. Capurro gave us a little exhibition on loading the jitney and then, with Joe in tow we set out for another dock, leaving the President Adams to sail without us.

"THE work goes along smooth enough for a while," Joe said, puffing at his hooked pipe and

## Chinese Speed Fresh Troops To Rout Foe

### Invaders Fall Back As Defenders Capture Cities

HANKOW, March 28 (TP)—Chinese commanders rushed fresh divisions into southern Shantung province today in an effort to complete what they claimed was the rout of the Japanese forces along the Tientsin-Pukow railroad.

The Chinese reported the capture of several towns along the north and south rail line and said the Japanese were retreating toward the Paotu mountains.

Dispatches from Chinese field headquarters claimed the capture of Lincheng after severe fighting. The Chinese also were said to have occupied Hangchwang and Tairchwang a short distance above Suichow.

A stiff battle was reported in progress along the branch railroad that runs from Yengchow to Tsinjing, west of the Tientsin-Pukow railroad. The Chinese claimed that Tsinjing already had been captured.

Inhibition of Gorky's books published in foreign languages, and plans a book for early publication entitled: "Gorky's Works in Other Lands."

The Soviet film industry is producing a trilogy on the life of the famous author. The first film will be based on Gorky's "My Childhood." The second picture will deal with his youth and early manhood, and the third will finish the story.

## Fascist Gas Threat New Peril for Spain

By Joseph North

BARCELONA, March 27 (By Wireless) — Jacques Duclos, Communist Vice President in French Chamber of Deputies, today warned the world that Fascism may now use gas upon the Spanish populace, referring to the use of smoke-screens and other latest devices of the Fascists on the Aragon Front. He said:

"Protests are not enough. We of the democracies must translate the word into effective actions." He cited Herriot's telegram of sympathies to the Mayor of Barcelona upon the recent bombings. "Protests are important but how much more effective it would be if the democracies shipped anti-aircraft guns to Barcelona to protect civilians! How much more effective would it be if democracies sent pursuit planes to defend open cities?"

He urged that the democracies send gas masks to the Spanish people for defense. He said that upon his return to France he would, in the name of the French Communist Party, urge a fight to grant credits to the Spanish Government to ensure a food supply to the Spanish people. "Industry and capital in

France get subsidies from the government, therefore the people have the right to raise the demand for credits."

Duclos outlined the position of the French Communist Party on Spain. "We never asked for French soldiers to cross the border. All we asked was to grant the legitimate Spanish government the right to purchase war materials and to trade freely with France."

"The fate of France is being decided in Spain," the famous Communist leader said. "World War and democracy hang in the balance here." He warned that Mussolini has enough troops concentrated in Libya to dispossess France of its colonies in the event fascism wins in Spain. Then with France's lifeline cut, Germany could attack and France would be unable to secure the necessary contingents from its African armies.

He termed Barcelona Mussolini's laboratory for the next war, and called for an end to capitalism.

## Soviet's Millions Honor Gorky

(By Wireless to the People's World)

MOSCOW, USSR, March 28 — Millions in this country joined today in commemorating the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Maxim Gorky, great proletarian writer and fighter for human rights.

In workers' clubs, on collective farms, on ships of the Red Navy, legions of readers of Gorky's immortal works will honor the great artist whose untimely death was brought about by the criminal gang of "The Bloc of the Rights and Trotskyites," recently brought to justice.

Special exhibition of Gorky's works, and the special performances of his plays will take place today in many cities, including Moscow, Khar'kov (metropolis of the Ukraine) and new cities as Sverdlovsk and Cheliabinsk, rebuilt and enlarged beyond all resemblance to the old towns formerly on their site.

Performances will be held in Kalinin, the textile city run by women, in particular honor of Gorky's keen interest in the struggle for freedom of womankind. Special performances will be held of Gorky's plays in the city of Gorky, the old Nizhni-Novgorod, the birthplace of the writer.

A special exhibition on the theme "Gorky and the Moscow Art Theatre" opened last night in the spacious foyer of this famous old theatre, with which Gorky's creative activities were linked for many years both before and after the revolution. Moscow Art theatre has

had 1,200 performances of one of Gorky's plays, "The Philistines," and this one play has been witnessed in this one theatre by 1,200,000 spectators.

Original manuscripts of Gorky's dramas and novels, and miniature sets of his theatrical productions will be on display in the Art Theatre all this week.

Foreign Writers Do Homage

Not a few foreign men of letters will speak at a memorial meeting for Gorky tomorrow in the Moscow Central Library of Foreign Literature. Among the speakers will be Johannes Becher, famous German revolutionary poet; Germanetto, Italian revolutionist and author of "Memoirs of a Barber," and Emi Sai-Yo, Chinese poet. The topic will be, "Gorky's Influence Abroad."

The library is arranging an ex-

**WHY**  
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**WHO**  
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**WHAT**  
is causing the "business recession" and lay-offs?

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It supports you in your fight against the phony AFL boycott on CIO lumber.

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**"Holier Than The Pope"**

WHEN sixty-one bishops of the Methodist and Protestant Episcopal churches in 36 states appealed on March 20 to the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States to "bring the might of your influence to bear on General Francisco Franco to halt the bombing of civilians in Spain," the Hearst newspapers sprang at them with bare fangs.

The San Francisco "Examiner," getting—or faking—some nameless "leading Catholic laymen," who were "surprised" at such "audacity," went on to accuse the bishops as "radicals" and to justify the horrible slaughter of Barcelona civilians.

But the voice of these anonymous "laymen" who spoke through Hearst was the only one raised. The local hierarchy had nothing to say, or thought better not to say it. So it would appear.

Yet, almost at the same moment, His Holiness Pope Pius XI was appealing to General Franco, whom he called "a noble gentleman," to stop the murderous bombing of civilians. Indeed, the Vatican paper, "Osservatore Romano," declared that this was the second such appeal made to Franco, who "had given a favorable reply" to the first appeal some time ago.

Despite the "favorable reply" from the "noble gentleman," the horrible air raids on Barcelona took place, taking a toll of 1,500 wounded and 875 dead, among the dead being 512 men, 245 women and 118 children.

Before it was known that the Pope had made a second appeal to Franco, Cardinal Hayes of New York and Cardinal O'Connell of Boston saw fit to rush into print casting doubts upon whether any civilians at all were killed in Barcelona. Cardinal Hayes found it "difficult to believe" and Cardinal O'Connell "doubted it very much," took refuge behind the excuse of "red propaganda," and cynically remarked that, in any case, the Barcelona massacre was "a military maneuver."

We leave to the hierarchal conscience what "red propaganda" may excuse the slaughter of women and children by indiscriminate bombing of cities. But certainly these cardinals, and the Hearst "Examiner" in their hurry to defend fascist barbarism, put themselves in the ridiculous pose of being "holier than the Pope."

We might also observe that His Holiness does not seem to have much influence upon General Franco, or that General Franco does not have much influence upon who does the bombing of Spanish cities. Perhaps the Pope would do better by directing his appeal to Mussolini and Hitler, to whom Franco has "sold out." Recently, the French paper "L'Humanite," published a dispatch saying that the Jesuits in Spain, apparently overwhelmed by Hitler's imported pagans, had decided to give up work in Franco's Spain.

Be that as it may, and regardless of cardinals, the Catholic Women's Club of Sunnyvale, California, have shown that real Christianity has not perished in Catholic hearts by donating an ambulance to aid the Loyalist Medical Bureau. These are poor Catholic women, not cardinals.

**"Shockingly Low"**

"SHOCKINGLY LOW" is the verdict rendered on relief appropriations in 28 states (California is one of them) by the American Assn. of Social Workers.

Starvation, misery, lack of clothes and common necessities of life—these are the ghastly facts revealed in the association report.

The problem of mounting unemployment is a matter of terrible concern to 15,000,000 breadwinners who cannot obtain work. The Pacific Coast states have their full share of the 15,000,000.

In Los Angeles, a child cannot go to school because the SRA budget allotted the family is insufficient to provide shoes.

The SRA budgets in California do not provide for clothes. Only second-hand clothing, and not enough even of that, is distributed to the families on direct relief in Los Angeles and San Francisco. It took a prolonged campaign by the Workers Alliance, the trade unions and other progressive organizations to secure distribution of clothes made on the WPA sewing projects in Oakland, to the unemployed on direct relief.

In the San Joaquin Valley death's shadow is cast across thousands upon thousands of migratory agricultural workers, many of them "tractor-out" farmers from the dust-bowl areas of the Middle West. Children are not only without shoes and clothing, but without food. Babies are dying because of no milk. Rickets is a common disease.

For these people there is virtually no relief at all; for those on SRA, the budget is barely enough to keep life in the body.

Meanwhile, hide-bound reactionaries in Washington (and recently in Sacramento at the special session) deny the relief problem and spout their parrot phrases on the need for reducing relief to "balance the budget."

And the callous Woodrum Amendment, which restricts the Administration in disbursing the

yearly appropriations to monthly fractions of the total, continues to bottle up the relief so badly needed by millions of American families.

The labor and unemployed conference recently held in Washington under the auspices of the Workers Alliance, spoke not only for its hundreds of thousands represented by the 100 delegates, but for the whole American people in its demand for a three and a half billion dollar public works program to provide 3,500,000 jobs. This demand must meet fulfillment immediately.

But hunger cannot wait. Today—now—increased federal grants are necessary to the states and localities.

Unless the people defeat the forces which would doom millions to a living death by curtailing relief, tragedy lurks in the cities and towns of the nation, in the degradation of the "camps" of the migratory workers of California.

Let your congressman know today.

**How the Corporation Tax 'Hurts' Business**

READ the latest report of Standard Brands, the J. P. Morgan Food Trust.

It did \$110,000,000 worth of business in 1937, coined profits of \$9,865,000 after "all other charges," and then, poor thing, was forced by a tyrannical Government to pay a tax on corporate surplus EQUAL TO—

\$2,290.

Ten million dollars profit—and two thousand dollars taxes on surplus! Such is the great wound which the Government tax is inflicting on "confidence." It is about a hundred times too small!

Under-Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. R. Magill has testified that if the leave-the-rich-alone hounds have their way, the Government will lose about \$80,000,000 in revenue which will have to be secured from some other source, the common people.

Reactionaries like Senator Pat Harrison, who led the fight against the anti-lynching bill, are giving aid and comfort to the tax-chiselers.

Senator Pope has proposed a \$200,000,000 processing tax that will raise retail prices in the cities. Others propose increased taxes on liquors, pork, and other daily commodities which the people buy.

New Deal and progressive Congressmen and Senators have rather ignored this tax fight, and the Hooverites have had their way pretty much up to now.

It is high time to let the Senate Finance Committee know that the American people have their eye on them, and that they won't get away with the latest \$80,000,000 tax robbery now being contemplated.

Keep the taxes on the big corporations! Increase them to get revenue to finance the workers' and farmers' legislation, the people's vital legislation!

**They Won't Starve, Governor Martin!**

Governor MARTIN of Washington signed his own political death warrant when he ordered 12,000 persons in King County turned out to starve. The pious man was prepared for the outcry of the 12,000. He knew they would protest. But he thought the voice of hungry men, women and children was a small voice compared to the threatening demands of big business, determined to wring from the people the final ounce of profit; even if men must tramp the streets and hungry children must be turned away from school lunch rooms because they have no money to pay.

The Governor was prepared for all that. They must be sacrificed to "balance the budget." He hoped they would not put up too much of a fuss. He would try to soften the blow by delivering speeches on the advantages of living in this state with our wonderful climate, big fish and large apples and big trees and prosperous, happy people. For that is the Governor's antidote to the ills of unemployment and privation in the state.

But the Governor overstepped himself. He has been drunk with rejoicing over the Seattle elections and it has befuddled his senses. Martin's premature move muddled-up the angelic halo that has encircled the head of Mayor-elect Arthur B. Langlie. He has crippled the act of the new mayor. Langlie had hoped to go right on being Little Lord Flaunteroy for a while, making public statements that honesty is the best policy and that paths of virtue lead to the Chamber of Commerce.

Now Seattle knows that the relief cut is a brief prologue to the real act that the Langlie-Martin big business partnership has in store for them. But like most moves toward reaction in the State of Washington, the progressive forces cut a wide swath in their well laid schemes.

There was mutiny in the ranks of public officials!

Councilman W. L. Norton declared that the streets would be an unhealthy place in which to be caught with thousands turned loose to starve.

"They won't starve," Norton declared, not if he knew anything about Washington citizens. They would eat and all the policemen in the Public Safety Building couldn't stop them.

Norton introduced a resolution in the City Council demanding that the Governor rescind the drastic order. County Commissioners and County Relief Director Kenneth R. Wadleigh, confronted with tangible evidence of the crisis in relief, flayed the withdrawal of funds.

Today Governor Martin and Arthur B. Langlie sit behind closed doors at peace with the big business interests they fawn upon, and talk about a return to "sanity" in Seattle. But outside their sequestered walls the cry of the 12,000 is a requiem that will bury them into political oblivion.

Washington citizens are going to eat. And no Martin-Langlie big business combine can stop them.

**'Military Objectives Achieved!'**

By Ellis



**'Your' Public Servants— Yours or the Trusts?'**

By Florence Sanders

WHEN the voters of California go to the polls in the August primaries and the November finals of this critical election year, the major question they will ask themselves is this:

"Does Assemblyman So-and-So represent me or the great corporations?"

The answer was given in crude, unmistakable terms at the recent special session of the Legislature, when the Assembly knifed the bill to block the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge swindle, involving the donation of \$3,750,000 to the Southern Pacific Railroad for valueless ferry franchises.

The bill offered a plan for refinancing the bridge indebtedness through a State bond issue at 3 per cent, instead of through Reconstruction Finance Corp. at 4.13 per cent as proposed by the Toll Bridge Authority. Had it passed it would have saved the people of California, in brokerage fees, interest charges and price of ferry franchise some \$20,000,000.

**Reed Proves Ferry Purchase Unnecessary**

Fred E. Reed, representing the Anti-Ferry Franchise Purchase League, sponsor of the bill, was allowed but 20 minutes for presentation. He urged a 30-day trial period at reduced tolls, to determine whether or not the Southern Pacific automobile ferries, competing with the bridge, could be eliminated by fair competition rather than purchase. An 11-day trial period on the Golden Gate Bridge demonstrated that when bridge tolls were reduced to the level of ferry fares, the bridge attracted 95 per cent of all traffic.

Florence M. McAuliffe, Toll Bridge Authority attorney, who spoke in opposition to the bill, adhered to his oft-repeated statement that the Authority's agreement with R.F.C. prohibits reduction of tolls, though the agreement to which he refers is not yet in effect and under the existing agreement tolls have already been reduced from 65c to 50c.

John C. Stirratt and E. A. Crocker, attorney and engineer for the Anti-Ferry Franchise Purchase League, respectively, were present, but discussion was shut off by the opposition's moving the previous question.

The bill was snowed under by a vote of 42 to 21.

**Open S. P. Lobby**

A resolution not to buy the ferries franchise was introduced at the last meeting of the session Saturday night. Throughout the evening a heavy Southern Pacific lobby openly patrolled the back of the Assembly chamber, calling one assemblyman after another behind the rail for low-toned conferences. No member of the Alameda or San Francisco counties delegations being found willing to introduce the resolution, it was finally introduced by Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, of King City, at three o'clock in the morning.

Various moves to delay consideration and block adequate discussion were made. A demand by the opposition that the resolution be printed instead of typewritten was complied with and the printed form returned at three-thirty.

Speeches favoring the resolution were made against a hubbub of boos and cat-calls. Motions to table and to adjourn were made but failed to carry.

**Issue—S. P. or People**

The franchise that the S. P. now offers to the State for \$3,750,000 carries with it no physical assets of any kind; it was given the company gratis. The issue is clear-cut and unmistakable. A vote in favor of the resolution was a vote for the people of California. A vote against it was a vote for the S. P. Railroad.

The resolution was lost, 33 to 22. Due undoubtedly to the presence of a people's lobby representing organized voting strength such as Labor's Non-Partisan League and the Committee for Political Unity, a number of assemblymen absent themselves at the time of roll call or refrained from voting. Others usually amenable to corporation influence gave the resolution their voting support, though they had failed in any way to aid its passage.

These are facts to remember in the 1938 election campaign, particularly in the Bay Area, not one of whose assemblymen would even introduce a bill against the Southern Pacific Railroad.

**Letters From Our Readers**

Letters to the Editor should be brief and accompanied by the writer's name and address. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names to signed letters will not be published without the writer's express permission.

**Challenging McAuliffe On Bridge Toll Cut**

Editor People's World: In regard to the proposed franchise purchase may I quote from the present state law:

"Toll charges so fixed may be changed from time to time as conditions may warrant."

Quoting from the existing contract with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation:

"Tolls shall be fixed from time to time at such rates as will yield revenues in any fiscal year in an amount sufficient to meet principal and interest on the bonds and insurance costs for that year." (Operation and maintenance are paid for out of gas taxes.)

This means that tolls may be 50 cents for the year, 50 cents for 11 months and 30 for one month or any combination of rates that will meet expenses for the year.

Mr. McAuliffe has stated that a 30 day trial of 30 cent rates is illegal. He states: "This suggested reduction of tolls on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge for a trial period is legally impossible."

Our attorneys admit it will be legally impossible, if and when his proposed agreement with the R.F.C. is executed and that is one of the many objections we have to the proposed agreement. Mr. McAuliffe should quit giving dogmatic opinions and furnish the people of the Bay area with proof that his state-

ment is correct.

Yours very truly, E. A. Crocker, Secretary, San Francisco Anti-Ferry-Franchise-Purchase-League

**Communists Thank 'World' For Publicity**

Editor, People's World:

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the County Committee of the Communist Party of San Francisco, held on March 21st, has unanimously voted a Vote of Thanks to the People's World for the fine publicity they have given in support of our organization's and friends' demonstration and picketing in front of the German Consulate held on Saturday, March 19th.

In the brief time that was at our disposal, over 300 men and women, members of our organization and its friends, demonstrated against the murderous acts of Nazis in Spain and Austria. Were it not for the pouring rain on that day, undoubtedly the picket line would have been twice that size. It is the publicity of the People's World that was a real factor in helping us to bring out as many as we did.

On our side we pledge to continue our vigorous support of the People's World, to build its circulation and to broaden its influence.

Fraternalty yours,  
FRANK SPECTOR,  
Executive Secretary.

**COLUMN LEFT**

By Harrison George

It Is A Crime To Be Young, If You Also Are Poor



YOUTH, just plain youngness, is becoming a "police problem." The other day, says the San Francisco News, "Two red-haired girls gave Oakland police trouble."

One bothersome girl of 22, lacking funds to make a quick "take off," simply waded into San Francisco Bay from the Oakland mud-flats. A cop noticed and "called her to stop." But she kept right on, and was almost beyond her depth when hauled back. Asked why she was tired of this world, she would only say: "What's the use?"

Another girl who annoyed the police, and thus distracted them from their basic social function of strike-breaking, was a girl of 17, found asleep in a railway boxcar. "I've been on the road a year," she said, "working as domestic and in canneries." She refused to tell her name.

The Oakland police examined her hands. Triumphantly they announced that "her hands were smooth and well manicured."

Just what crime that implied was not detailed. But, obviously, no working girl has any right to have "smooth, well-manicured hands." Such hands are reserved to the better, and the worse, class of girls. No doubt the miscreant will be given the limit for the crime of being both young and poor.

The appalling tragedy of a youthful generation without a future hangs like a shadow of death over American life. Youth suicides are a common occurrence, and always the sad end of a young life can be traced back through superficial "causes" to the real cause—no work, no money, no hope to live a normal and happy life. A generation robbed of opportunity.

I have seen such hordes of homeless and poverty stricken people in China that I think I am inured to sights of misery. But I confess that to see a brave young girl trying to conceal the torn part of her coat, and to conceal as well the hopeless desire for life and joy and beauty as she asks vainly for a job, is something that makes me cry inside.

But William Randolph Hearst is not built that way. Last week his chain of papers gave forth an editorial against giving youth any hope. The American Youth Act, which is known in Congress as "H. R. 10189," says Hearst scornfully, would put "Youth on a Pension Roll." Besides, says this owner of at least \$300,000,000, "it is supported by Communists."

The Communists do support the American Youth Act, true enough. But so do Catholics and Republicans and Democrats and Y.M.C.A.'ers and many other kinds of people. As a general policy, anyone who rejects everything that Communists do will be in a sad fix. For Communists wear clothes, and if Hearst's advice is carried to its illogical conclusion, everyone else should become nudists.

Hearst says the youth "would be taught how to get something for nothing." Hearst, who got \$300,000,000 from his papa "for nothing" is against a Bill that "provides vocational training and employment for youth between 16 and 25, and to provide for educational opportunities."

Hearst opposes the Youth Act because, says he, it would be financed by "discriminatory taxation." It would take away a few dollars of his hundreds of millions. Alas, that is where the shoe rubs! For it would hit Hearst and Hearst's sons to whom he is leaving vast sums they never worked for.

Hearst would drive that 22-year-old Oakland girl into the Bay. He would force that 17-year-old girl who slept in a boxcar because she was poor, because she worked for low wages in a cannery—into suicide.

But the same day that editorial was printed, Hearst's son, David Whitmire Hearst, was married to a chorus girl in New York. "She wore a corsage of green orchids," and the "happy pair embarked on the Queen Mary for six weeks of honeymoon in London and Paris."

Hearst takes care of his spawn. Don't you think you should help your sons and daughters, too, by urging passage of the American Youth Act?

**WORLD FRONT**

By Harry Gannes

PREMIER CHAMBERLAIN'S anxiously awaited new declaration of British foreign policy before the House of Commons was an unsuccessful attempt to cover continued encouragement to fascist aggressiveness with appeasement (this time) of popular opposition to the Tories' war-breeding line.

Chamberlain made a 28,000-word statement. We believe, however, that two sentences making up a confidential cable from London diplomatic sources to the Whaley-Eaton Service for American bankers and business men gave the real substance of Chamberlain's talk, even before he made it. The following was published in the United States before Chamberlain got up in the House of Commons on Thursday:

"British policy will continue to be predicated on a realization that military, geographical and economic considerations necessitate an adjustment of 'minority' (Germans in other countries) problems largely in accordance with Germany's position in Central Europe. Chamberlain's forthcoming statement of policy will probably incorporate the foregoing with the usual 'saving clauses.'"

The "saving clauses" comprise most of the speech. The meaning of the declaration will be much plainer in Rome and Berlin than it is to the British people where the pro-Nazi London Times, and the pro-fascist Rome press are doing all they can to play up the "saving clauses."

A careful reading of that much of the speech which came over the wires yesterday shows that Chamberlain wants all obstacles removed in Hitler's drive to complete conquest of central and as much of Eastern Europe as Nazi bayonets can slice away.

Chamberlain wants this done while insisting that the British people turn their eyes away from the continent and speed up England's gigantic armament building program.

The Tories want to convince the workers that the peace and security of England is dependent on a colossal arms manufacturing plan and nothing—no amount of Nazi and Italian fascist aggression—should swerve the workers from their tasks.

Though faced with tremendous and rising popular opposition the Tory premier indicated that the basic war-inciting policy has not been budged. Withholding promise of support from Czechoslovakia in the event of a Nazi invasion is tantamount, under present conditions, to urging Hitler to strike at Czech independence immediately.

The question is not one of whether Britain should go to war to save Czechoslovakia. Withdrawal of active encouragement to the Nazis and a pledge to stand unitedly with the democratic capitalist powers and the Soviet Union against further fascist aggression would be sufficient to convince Hitler that he must keep hands off Czechoslovakia. Nobody knows that better than the Tories. That is why they raise the issue as one of war in order to play on the peace sentiments of the masses—a goal that can be gained only by a stand exactly opposite to that of the Nazi-inciting Tories.

Now with Chamberlain's "revised" speech in their pockets the fascists have their marching orders from London, to be used discreetly and with concern for the delicate political situation of their Tory allies.

While Chamberlain's statement conveys a special message to Hitler with regard to Nazi aims in Czechoslovakia its most momentous meaning is that which it carries to Mussolini. Coming after Mussolini's threat of war against France and Italian fascists' open boasting of their military prowess and determination to conquer Spain, Chamberlain's side-swipes at France, at the Soviet Union and collective measures for peace will be understood by Mussolini as a signal to rush more troops against the Loyalists.

The fundamental position of the British Tories remains dangerously intact. Whatever "changes" there may be besides stylistic ones are concerned with tactics. Chamberlain is anxious to put over his agreement with Mussolini (and later with Hitler) before the Nazis march against Czechoslovakia. And the primary condition set by Mussolini for the signing and sealing of any such instrument as Chamberlain so dearly wishes is the destruction of Spanish democracy.

Hence the first response to Chamberlain's speech will be a new, ferocious fascist drive in Spain.



