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On Stand Three Days

Courtroom and Hallways Continually Jammed; I. L. D. Needs Help

LONG BEACH, March 5.—In his first three days on the witness stand, Sam Darcy, editor of the WESTERN WORKER and first witness for the defense, completely smashed the network of lies, misrepresentation and "secrecy" carefully woven out of very flimsy material by the prosecution in cooperation with the Los Angeles Red Squad in their several weeks of presenting testimony by alleged "experts" on Communism, against 45 defendants charged with "unlawful assembly to violate the Criminal Syndicalism Law by overthrowing the government by force and violence."

"CAPITALIST JUSTICE"

Immediately after the State rested its case, Leo Gallagher, well known working class attorney in Los Angeles, now acting for the defense, made a motion to dismiss the case. In a thorough and brilliant argument he completely proved that this case has no basis in law and no precedent. In a few moments of hot cross-fire between Gallagher and the prosecutor, Mr. Continued Page 5, Col. 3.

TUNA FISHERMEN STRIKE IN PEDRO, OVER 5000 OUT

Union Leaders Plan Sell Out But Workers Demand to Hear T. U. U. L. Representative

SAN PEDRO, March 6.—Over 5,000 Tuna fishermen in San Diego and San Pedro are now on strike against the canneries who refuse to pay \$400,000 due the fishermen for last year's catch. The bosses are determined to further reduce the price of fish, and the strikers are the mercy of A. F. of L. union leaders who are maneuvering to sell out the strike.

The fishermen, composed of Japanese, Italians, Portuguese, American, Slavonian workers, are organized into independent associations. The best form of struggle that the leaders of these associations can suggest to the workers is the use of the boss-controlled courts, arbitration groups composed of corrupt officials of the associations, and the labor commissioner from Sacramento. Knowing the nature and history of such fake struggles that the leadership pretends to carry on for the workers, it is easy to see certain victory for the canneries if the rank and file of the workers do not take the leadership of the strike into their own hands.

The fishermen demand fish prices ranging from \$100 to \$60; the canneries, \$80 to \$50. This is a reduction in the past two years of 30%. The canneries are closed down; what fishing is done, is for the fresh market only. The height of the Tuna season is near, and a broad rank and file struggle is certain to bring the big canneries to their knees.

On the other hand if the workers depend upon their present mis-

WEST COAST LAGGING IN DAILY DRIVE

The DAILY WORKER Central organ of the Communist Party U. S. A. is still in grave financial difficulties. The workers of the East and Middle West have carried the brunt of the Emergency Drive. Barely sufficient funds have been collected to get the Daily out from day to day, but not enough to minimize the danger of suspension! WORKERS OF THE WEST COAST: The only National Daily that voices and leads all our struggles, must be saved. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel. Send every nickel and dime you can get. Take the initiative yourself. Collect from all your friends and shop-mates. Ask your union and fraternal organization to contribute. Rush all funds to the DAILY WORKER, 50 EAST 13TH ST., NEW YORK CITY, or through the WESTERN WORKER.

Delay may prove fatal! Act immediately!

TERROR FAILS TO SCARE LONG BEACH WORKERS

Workers Organizing to Force Demands From City Administration

LONG BEACH, Calif., March 7.—The vicious police thuggery which still is attempting to stamp out the rising wave of fighting workers who refused to starve in a land of plenty, has failed to halt the Long Beach Unemployed Council which calls on every one of the 20,000 unemployed of this city to organize under its fighting banners. For the past few months the City Council has set up a fake Unemployed Relief "Executive Committee," to throttle the fighting determination of the workers who have become desperate with approaching starvation. The City Hall gang realized that their only escape lay in keeping the masses disorganized and "quiet." Lane, an administration lawyer on the "Executive" committee, explained to the City Council, "The committee (Continued on P. 5, Col. 4)

SUPERVISORS REFUSE TO HEAR CHARITY WORKERS' COMMITTEE

Workers Demand \$5.00 Cash Instead of Light Weight Box Groceries; Will Continue Fight

San Francisco supervisors today refused to listen to the committee elected by the men and women working on the charity jobs, who presented their demands that they be paid \$5.00 a day cash, instead of the miserably inadequate boxes of groceries they now receive. In an effort to pass the buck the workers were kept waiting four hours and then referred to the Welfare Committee, notorious for its cynical disregard of the desperate condition of the unemployed.

Only an organized struggle of all workers, whether working for the charities or not, will force the city administration to provide real relief for the jobless.

UNEMPLOYED FORCED TO SCAB ON FIRED PARK EMPLOYEES

Hundreds of unemployed families in San Francisco have rallied to

PARIS COMMUNE COMMEMORATION ON MARCH 21ST

International Labor Defense Calls All Workers to Attend Mass Meet in San Francisco

Demand Freedom for Mooney

John Reed Club to Give Paris Commune Play for I. L. D.

Commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the Paris Commune, District 13 of the International Labor Defense is calling on all workers in San Francisco and the Bay region to attend the mass meeting to be held March 21, 8 at p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium. DEMAND MOONEY FREEDOM On the evening of March 19, in preparation for the meeting, a parade of workers in cars will drive to the home of Governor Rolph at 288 San Jose Avenue, where a protest meeting will be held to demand the freedom of Tom Mooney. All workers and sympathizers with cars who can participate in the parade are urged to immediately communicate with the I. L. D., Room 603, 1179 Market Street, or telephone UNderhill 3425.

VIEWING PARIS COMMUNE

Working class speakers at the meeting will review the historical features of the revolt and seizure of power by the Paris workers, which bear close relation to both the workers today who are victims by the thousand of capitalist terror and the Soviet Union which is threatened by imperialist war. The Mooney-Billings case, Scottsboro, Harlan, and Imperial Valley will be closely associated with the reign of boss terror and brutal reaction which crushed the first workers' republics, drowned in blood tens of thousands of the Communards, and sent thousands more to death in exile.

FIGHT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

The Paris Commune memorial meeting, March 21, is planned to strengthen the growing militancy of the workers and to weld them in closer solidarity for defense against the attempts of the bosses, to protest against police brutality, frame-up, mass arrests, persecution and deportations—and the approaching war against the Soviet Union.

1000 At Spokane Demand Freedom For Tom Mooney

SPOKANE, Wash., March 1.—Over 1000 workers, who attended the Mooney Demonstration, voted unanimously in favor of the unconditional release of this famous class war prisoner. The demonstration also passed a resolution for Unemployment Insurance.

UNEMPLOYED FAMILIES ORGANIZE FOR STRUGGLE

During the past three weeks, mass meetings have been held throughout the city, at which workers spoke of the miserable conditions that the bosses of the city have forced on them. Hundreds have filled registrations, committed to the struggle against forced labor in return for the "relief" provided by the Associated Charities. The local politicians are netting added graft by firing city park employees who have been paid \$5.00 a day, and forcing unemployed heads of families to work five and a half days every third week for no wages other than light-weight grocery boxes and 20c a day (car fare) the week they are working.

CHINESE RED ARMY LAYS SIEGE TO KANGCHOW; SOVIET DISTRICTS SPREADING IN KIANGSI PROVINCE

Warfare Renewed in Shanghai; New Move to Attack U. S. S. R.; Japan to Leave the League of Nations

SHANGHAI, March 3.—Advancing to the attack against the murderous Kuomintang regime and the robber invasion of China by Japan, the Chinese Red Army laid siege to the important Yangtze River town of Kangchow.

Tremendous successes were also reported from the Red Armies in Kiangsi Province, with the peasants everywhere hailing the Red forces as liberators from the fierce terror of the Kuomintang and feudal landlords.

JAPANESE THREATEN TO OCCUPY NANKING

Heavy fighting was renewed around Shanghai, the Japanese landing 5000 additional troops, notwithstanding the so-called "truce." Japanese threats to occupy Nanking, former capital of China, Soochow, Hangchow and other cities, has forced the removal of the government from Honanfu further inland to Sianfu.

U. S. AND JAPAN CO-OPERATE

Establishment of closer co-operation between the U. S. and Japan for the suppression of the Chinese revolution and the partition of China was seen in the announcement of plans for Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations, and her intention to send a mission to the U. S. to "explain Japan's aims." At the same time the main body of a Japanese brigade was reported to have occupied Ninguta, in Manchuria, the closest point yet reached to the Soviet border.

FORM UNITED FRONT AGAINST SOVIET UNION

Formation of a united front of the U. S., France and Japan for an attack on the Soviet Union for the suppression of the workers' government was seen in these moves. It was recalled that Japan evaded the Soviet government's charges of an intention to invade the Soviet Far Eastern Republic, giving the hypocritical reply that "in case the Red Army should invade Manchuria," she (Japan) would be forced to defend it.

Calling on all San Francisco workers to rally to the defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese Soviets, five San Francisco Chinese workers' associations have issued the announcement of an Anti-Imperialist Conference to be held at 1507 Eddy Street, Room 7, at 2 p. m., Sunday, March 13.

Delegates have been invited from all workers and fraternal organizations, unions and unorganized groups. For further information regarding the conference, call or write Provisional Committee for the Anti-Imperialist Conference, 1179 Market Street, Room 603.

Call for United Front May 1 Conf.

8:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 6th Workers' Center 1164 Market St., San Francisco

All workers' organizations and unions are invited to send two delegates. Organizations are asked not to arrange conflicting affairs for Saturday evening, April 30th, and Sunday, May first.

28% WAR VETS ON CALIFORNIA FARMS IN BANKRUPTCY

10,000 Ex-Soldiers Who Took Farms After War, Bitterly Exploited

Banks Refuse Credit

Organizing Ex-Service Men's League to Fight Starvation

SACRAMENTO, March 4.—Of 10,000 war veterans who bought farms in California under government loan contracts, 28 per cent, or 2,800, are now delinquent. They are unable to earn enough money to pay interest on their loans, though they cut down their standard of living to the point of starvation, and slave all day and most of the night.

The banks in general refuse them any credit, and their children, like the children of city workers, can not attend school, either because they cannot afford clothes, or they must work with their fathers and mothers to earn the money to meet the payments on past loans.

The Federal government's action in encouraging veterans to go into farming to make a living was out and out deception. Agriculture was already in a crisis in 1922 that was even then beyond hopes of recovery under capitalism. However bad this was for the soldiers as a blind alley of despair, it was a blunder for the Wall Street dictatorship of the present capitalist government, which was able to exploit these 10,000 ex-soldiers and their families for the benefit of the few coupon-clipping parasites and their tax-free government bonds.

A large percentage of these veterans have reached the limit of human endurance, and threaten through their rapidly growing militant organization, the Ex-Service Men's League, and the United Farmers' League, to force a moratorium on all farm mortgages.

George M. Stout, secretary of the Veterans' Welfare Board of California, is just waking up to the situation. He says that it is "critical as well as alarming." He is right. It means that the ex-service men are about to discover that the war they fought in fifteen years ago and sweat on their backs as farmers benefited the same grafting bosses.

WAR MUST BEGIN SOON

A second document said: "Taking into consideration the armed forces of the Soviet Union, war must begin soon. Delay would make conditions more favorable for them. There must be propaganda to attract the western neighbors of the Soviet Union so that it, may be destroyed inside and outside by means of the white guards and other anti-Soviet elements." The third document stated that the present is very favorable for the Japanese empire to "decide the problem of the Far East."

Recalling that two months have elapsed since the Soviet proposals without an answer to the Soviet proposals for a non-aggression pact with Japan, Ezvestia points to the significance of the movement in Japan "looking toward violation of the fishing concessions in the Soviet Far East."

"These facts indicate the increasing danger of aggression against the Soviet Union from Manchuria, requiring vigilance on our part and necessary measures for defense."

CALL ON ALL WORKERS TO SIGN PETITIONS AND COLLECT NAMES TO PUT PARTY ON THE BALLOT

23,000 Signatures of Registered Voters Are Needed; Election Conference Mar. 27

In a stirring call to action the District Committee of the Communist Party, District 13, is appealing to all militant workers to join in the election drive this year and make a militant fight to win some improvement in working class conditions against unemployment and for social insurance, against imperialist war preparations and for the defense of the Soviet Union, against wage cuts, and against bosses' terror.

COLLECT SIGNATURES

In order that the Communist Party might be placed on the ballot a minimum of 14,500 signatures of registered voters is necessary. However, because of the usual discrimination practiced against militant workers, it is necessary to obtain at least 23,000 signatures so as to insure against possible declaring of signatures "void" by the various election officials. These petitions must be filed with the county boards not later than the end of April. This leaves less than two months in which to make the collection, and therefore requires the greatest mobilization of all workers possible. Petition lists can be obtained in any Communist or militant workers' headquarters in any large city in California or by writing care of the Western Worker.

RECALL ELECTIONS

In addition to the regular state and national elections there are also recall elections in several cities. In Los Angeles the Cossack Porter regime has become so unpopular that over 100,000 signatures were collected in a recall petition—the elections to take place in early May. Oakland, another center of anti-working class terror, is recalling its mayor, the date of the recall election not being set yet. In Richmond, Florence Crook, a Standard Oil worker, has been nominated by the Communist Party to fill a vacancy in the Board of Education. To date her only opponent is a local banker.

MEET MARCH 27

The Call of the District Committee sets San Francisco as the scene of the election conference, to be held March 27. While election calls were sent to all organizations for this conference, it is likely that some were not reached. All those desiring calls should get in touch with the Election Campaign Committee, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco. Also material for the campaign is ready and being printed continually and can be gotten at the same office.

In pointing out the importance of the coming elections, the call urges all workers to become eligible to vote by registering. The call declares:

"Only the Communist Party is entering the coming campaign with a platform against the miserable charity and forced labor camps; for unemployment insurance equal to wages; against wage cuts and the vicious speed-up prevailing in the industries of California; against police brutality and the Criminal Syndicalism Law; for the right of Continued on Page 5, Col. 4

Workers Center Established In Phoenix Ariz.

PHOENIX, Arizona, March 7.—Militant workers of Phoenix have answered the police and their stool pigeon thugs who said on Nov. 7, "There ain't going to be no Communist Party in Arizona," by establishing a Workers Center at 1113 East Monroe Street.

The establishment of two Communist Units in Arizona makes it necessary for a workers' headquarters from which to direct the struggle of the working class.

Those interested in the fight for Unemployment Insurance and necessary for a workers' headquarters at the new Workers Center. Workers' publications will be sold at the new book store in conjunction with the headquarters. Open forums will be held. All workers regardless of race, color or sex are welcome.

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FRISCO COPS SLUG JAIL WORKERS AT STREET MEETING

Unemployed Council in Fight for Use of the Streets

Despite the increasing police terror against the unemployed, hundreds of Frisco workers participated in the Free Speech demonstration at Third and Minna Streets, Saturday, March 5, under the joint auspices of the Communist Party, Trade Union Unity League and Unemployed Councils. A special mobilization of police at the scene before 6:30 p.m., the time the demonstration was called for, attempted to disperse the gathering workers, arresting one "as an example."

Over 250 workers gathered at Third and Howard Streets when word was passed that the meeting would take place there. Workers speaking from the bumper of a parked automobile were lifted to the shoulders of the crowd when police drove the car away.

Enthusiastic cheering greeted the speakers who called on the workers to answer the police terror with stronger organization, labor-hating Judge Steiger. The I. L. D. has asked for a jury trial.

Five workers were arrested in the attack against this display of determination to carry on the struggle against starvation. Workers Continued on Page 5, Col. 5

FORD MASSACRES UNEMPLOYED; FOUR KILLED, SCORES WOUNDED

River Rouge Plant Turned Into Armed Camp As Thousands Demand Jobs

DETROIT, Mich., March 7.—Four workers were shot to death and scores wounded, some seriously, when Henry Ford mobilized gun thugs to attack thousands of hunger marchers who stormed the Dearborn Ford plant here today to demand jobs promised them building the new Ford.

Tear gas bombs failed to stop the unemployed workers, made up of members of the militant Auto Workers' Union and the Unemployed Councils, as they passed through Detroit.

Shooting commenced at the gates of Ford's employment office. The workers replied with rocks and other missiles.

Bullets did not stop the workers, enraged over the broken promise of jobs. Despite powerful streams of water from fire hoses, which struck with stunning force in the freezing temperature, the demonstration continued.

All roads leading to the heavily guarded plant are blocked by troops,

F. S. U. CALLS FOR DEFENSE OF SOVIET UNION

1000 NEW MEMBERS BY MAY 1 AND FORMATION OF 4 LOCALS CALIFORNIA DISTRICT GOAL

San Francisco District Conference Sets Future Tasks in Factory Work

One thousand new members, one thousand subscriptions to "Soviet Russia Today," two Anti-War Conferences for the Defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese Soviets, and the sending of three workers' delegates to the Soviet Union are the chief tasks set by the seventy delegates to the second San Francisco District F. S. U. Conference to be accomplished by May 1st.

This program enthusiastically discussed and accepted by the delegates, is the practical manner in which the district will carry out the new policy of the Friends of the Soviet Union, worked out at the International Conference and presented by Norman Tallentire, the American delegate. The keynote of the new policy lies in turning our concentration toward the workers, particularly in the industries. The attack of the imperialist countries upon the Chinese Soviets and the seizure of Manchuria by Japan as a base for attack on the Soviet Union throws upon the workers of all countries the immediate problem of how to carry out the defense of the Workers Republics.

COMRADE ORR REPORTS

Orr reported on district activities. Since the last conference four new locals have been formed at Martinez, Stockton, Fresno and Richmond. The membership is now in excess of eight hundred, of whom at least two hundred and fifty have joined within the last month. Three hundred subscriptions have been secured for the new national magazine, "Soviet Russia Today," in addition to a bundle order of eight hundred and fifty. These were sold so quickly that the order was raised to one thousand. Our literature items disclosed a sale of five hundred Moscow News every five days, four hundred and fifty Economic Reviews, one hundred and fifty U. S. S. R. In Construction and one hundred Soviet Union Reviews.

SHORTCOMINGS AIRED

The report then turned to self-criticism and the shortcomings of

the district were aired. The most important of these was an insufficient attention to workers in industrial centers.

The wrong type of delegations have been sent heretofore to the Soviet Union with the result that on their return they could either not speak clearly of what they saw, making their value slight to the workers whose dimes and dollars had sent them over there. Inadequate committee functioning was also scored. In summing up, Comrade Orr presented the program necessary to actually effect the needed changes.

While all friends of the Soviet Union are welcomed into the organization, growth and strength can only be gotten from the working class. They alone would rally to the defense of the Workers Republics and carry on a militant campaign for building a mass organization effectively.

A new rule was adopted for membership. While regular membership will remain at one dollar a year, for the unemployed dues will be twenty cents a year, five cents a quarter. Most unemployed workers are friends of the Soviet Union, but were unable to join the organization before through lack of money.

NEW LOCALS, BRANCHES

Four new locals of the F. S. U. must be formed by May First, and three factory groups. This activity, the core of the membership drive which must gain not less than one thousand new members during March and April, received enthusiastic support during the discussion from the floor.

The district was well represented with seventy delegates—from Chico, Sacramento, San Jose, Jackson, Fresno, Oakland, Pacific Grove, Berkeley, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Richmond and San Francisco; workers and their wives from mines, industries, farms and other occupations. All felt the immediate need of the activity outlined and left with firm determination to carry out their parts.

Cablegram from the International Office of the F. S. U.

F. S. U., 80 E. 11th St., New York.

Far Eastern situation demands immediate action F.S.U. Stop. Urge take initiative formation broad committees of action, organize mass demonstrations, factory meetings, register workers solidarity defense Soviet Union, Chinese Soviets. Stop. Shanghai events latest phase preparations destroy successful building socialism. Stop. Campaign must expose role complicity imperialist powers, particularly France, England, America. Stop. Send full reports activities. RUSSOFFREUNDE.

West Coast Salmon Fishermen Leaving for Kamchatka Bk.

A Diesel equipped, seventy-foot fishing boat with a crew of ten experienced Alaska fishermen is to be put at the disposal of Vladivostok Riba, the Far Eastern Commissariat of Food Supplies, this spring as soon as arrangements being made for them by the San Francisco Friends of the Soviet Union with Amtorg Trading Co. are completed.

The "Rally," with Captain Spangol and his crew have fished for salmon off British Columbia, Southern Alaska and Bristol Bay for many years. They have made their last catch for capitalist canneries. Last year a fine catch, normally worth \$30,000, realized only \$5600—less than cost. The men are taking their families with them, evidence of their intention of remaining in the Workers Republics. Despite the fact that the Five-Year Plan quota for fishing was reached in 1930, two years ahead of time, experienced salmon fishermen are in demand at Kamchatka and Okhotsk and these men will likely serve as captains on other boats.

Soviet Posters To Be Exhibited At Stanford Campus

The Palo Alto Local of the Friends of the Soviet Union has arranged with the Stanford Art Gallery to exhibit a large group of Soviet posters during the latter half of March. In the U. S. S. R., posters played an important part in spreading the new ideas, particularly among the illiterate regions and in accelerating the tempo of work for the Five-Year Plan, with the result that this form of art became, under this impetus, more highly developed there than in any country. The subjects depicted include industrialization, collectivization, emancipation of women, campaigns for the wiping out of illiteracy, anti-alcoholism and camps and summer homes for children.

Russian Grammar Has New Spelling. Now Available

The appearance of Dr. Segal's "Grammar and Self-Educator" is a sorely needed relief from the antiquated Hugo's Russian Grammar and Langenscheidt's Guide to Russian. It is written with unusual clarity, aiming to assist the worker who must teach himself at home after a day's work on the job. The "Grammar and Self-Educator" is divided into an English-Russian and Russian-English part. Copies are obtainable through the Friends of the Soviet Union Library and Bookstore, 1179 Market St., San Francisco.

F. S. U. Calendar

S. F. March 14th, 1164 Market St. Educational Feature: "Woman in the Workers' Land."
OAKLAND: Wednesday, March 16th, Machinists' Hall, 434 11th St. Report of Thomas Burns on his trip to the Soviet Union and the Developments of the 5 Year Plan.
SAN JOSE: Sunday, March 13th, 81 Post St., Union Hall, Speaker, Violet Orr.
RICHMOND: Wednesday, March 23rd, 267 12th St.
FRESNO: Wednesday, March 16th.



CALL TO GET 10,000 F. S. U. MEMBERS BY MAY 1ST.

Double Membership for the Defense of Soviet Union

Sounding a clear warning that we must double our work to build the Friends of the Soviet Union into a great mass workers' organization, Norman Tallentire, Workers Delegate to the Soviet Union last November 7th and a member of the National Executive Committee of the F. S. U., spoke to a packed house at California Hall on Feb. 29. The enthusiastic applause of the nine hundred workers stopped his speech many times and when the call came for new members, seventy joined, proofs of the intense interest of the American proletariat in the achievements of the Soviet Union and determination to defend them. The delegate said in part:

"In the face of the coming war of intervention against the Soviet Union, we must understand that our major task, our reason for existence, is for defense of the Workers Republics. We must understand the nature of our organization—a mass organization of

workers. Only workers will fight for workers!

"No longer can we speak of war 'danger.' The seizure of Manchuria is an accomplished fact, a war base against the Soviets.

"We are just as much interested in the Chinese Soviets as in the

Russia. They are of the same nature, based on the same principle. "Lenin says those who claim they are opposed to war, but want to organize after war is started, are liars and hypocrites. The time to fight is before war is declared. And that's NOW!

BUILD A MASS F. S. U. IN UNITED STATES

"Kind sentiments won't do any good. We must organize and mobilize this sentiment into militant activity for defense of the Soviet Union.

"One comrade complains we're bringing in so many new members, that a lot will drop out. Sure, some will. Let 'em. What we want are the thousands who will stay in.

"Another fears illegality. Hell, in Czechoslovakia the F. S. U. was made illegal and in the fight for legality it grew from a small petty bourgeois outfit into a huge powerful mass workers' organization.

"Regular and serious meetings bring new valuable members. The workers don't want to fool around with anything else.

"Imperialist war stands thoroughly exposed as a slaughter of workers that capitalism may exploit other workers. It is for us to choose—either we wear Wall Street's uniform and attack our fellow-workers of China and the Soviet Union, or we organize the mighty strength of the working class for their defense by preventing American participation."

Burns Still Touring Central California

The chicken raisers and other farmers of Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Cotati will hear Burns on the 8th, 9th and 10th respectively. This completes his northern tour, and before starting his southern tour he will speak in the bay region for a period of two weeks. On March the 16th he will speak before the FSU in Oakland. From April the first he will be in Los Angeles and will quite probably go from there to Portland. His tour so far has been remarkably successful from an organizational point of view. Some new locals organized and many new members taken in. Gold miners here who recently received a 10% wage cut gladly came out to hear Comrade Thomas Burns' report on his visit to the Soviet Union. Many of these miners responded to his appeal and joined the FSU which now has about two dozen in the local.

F. S. U. in San Francisco To Be Reorganized

With one hundred and seventy-five new members the San Francisco Friends of the Soviet Union is faced with the necessity of reorganization on a regional basis. No longer will the old headquarters hold the four hundred and twenty San Francisco members. It is proposed to create Fillmore, Mission and possibly North Beach branches. More attention is to be given to home meetings as a means of recruiting new members.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN MOSCOW, OUTLINES PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK

Delegates from 14 Countries Present Chinese Delegate Reports 72 Million Now Living in Soviet Districts

SUCCESSFUL TOUR RESULTS IN MANY NEW F.S.U. LOCALS

Workers and Farmers Eager to Hear About Five-Year Plan Will Defend Soviet Union

Ten thousand potential Friends of the Soviet Union in California, are eager in the face of their own wretched conditions to learn everything they can about the Workers Republics and the success of the Five-Year Plan. And equally ready, once they learn the truth of those achievements and realize what they mean, to defend the builders of socialism against capitalist attack. Industrial workers, farmers, miners, even small merchants are organizing into F. S. U. locals, sometimes on their own initiative, sometimes only waiting for a speaker to come and show them the first step to take. This is the situation shown by experiences and results of a ten-day speaking tour recently completed by Comrade Violet Orr.

MANY NEW LOCALS FORMED

In the north, not only was the Sacramento local strengthened with activity and new members, but new locals were formed in Jackson, who are now working to get their meeting place, and in Chico where one comrade gathered some more around him and packed the high school auditorium with eight hundred people who came to learn about collectivized farming and the Soviet Union. In Red Bluff an active comrade is securing members to start a local.

The southern leg of the trip was intended only for the Los Angeles branches, but en route a two day stop at Fresno resulted in the formation of a strong local that has more than doubled its original membership of twelve in three weeks. Further south, new locals were organized in Pasadena and San Diego. This proves the desire of workers to organize into groups to study about the Soviet system of construction and spread the truth about it to others, as well as their expressed determination to build that organization to a strength that can successfully defend the achievements and the workers of the U. S. S. R.

National secretaries and representatives of fourteen of the seventeen national sections of the F. S. U. met in a four day session in Moscow recently. America was represented by Comrade Norman Tallentire member of the American National Committee. Besides these regular delegates there were representatives from countries where the F. S. U. is not allowed legal status because of fascist governments. Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Austria, and Czechoslovakia were represented by their respective secretaries. Comrade Inkpin, the international secretary was chairman of the conference and the Russian workers were represented by members of the secretariat of the All Union Council of Trade Unions.

CONCENTRATE ON FACTORY WORKERS

The chief discussion was the question of correct policy among the national sections. A number of these, including America have not been enrolling industrial workers in their ranks but petty bourgeois elements. Czechoslovakia was a shining example of the proper type of organization. The F. S. U. arrived there at a correct position when the organization was declared illegal, for in fighting for legality it had established itself among factory workers. Czechoslovakia now has a powerful legal F. S. U. All sections were strongly advised to establish shop branches of the F. S. U.

CHINESE SOVIETS GROWING

Tremendous enthusiasm greeted the Chinese Delegate when he reported that at that time, Nov. 7th last, 72,000,000 Chinese were living under Chinese Soviets. The report stated that these Soviet districts covered the better part of the four provinces of Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei and Kiangsi. This means a territory the size of California, Oregon and Washington. Great enthusiasm is evident in the large industrial centers for defense of not only these Soviets, but the Soviet Union as well and the successes of the Chinese Red Armies has brought millions more to the movement.

The American delegation on leaving the Soviet Union pledged the Russian workers, 10,000 new Friends of the Soviet Union by May 1st, one hundred factory F. S. U. groups and a delegation of 50 American workers from shop and bench, this year.

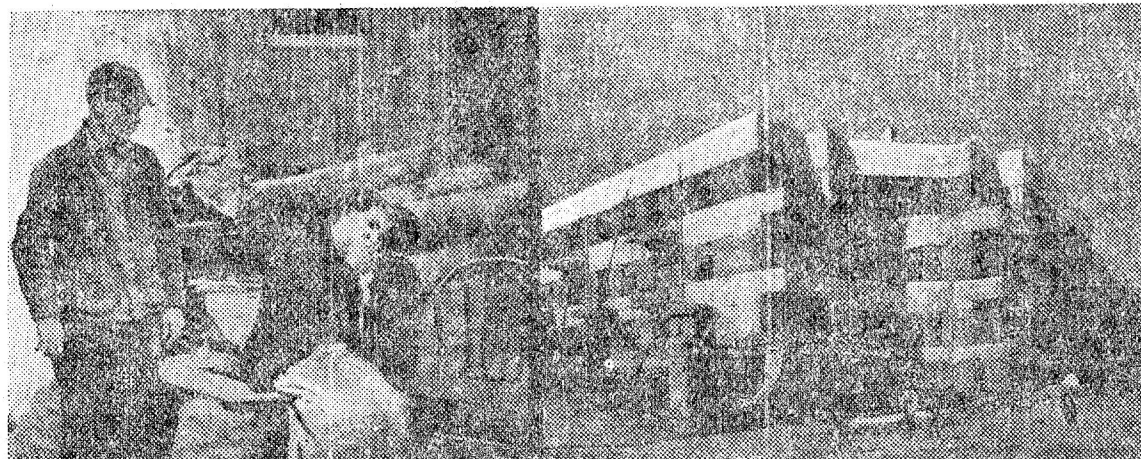
JAPAN.—The Japanese F. S. U. has just started publishing a national magazine entitled "Friends of Russia." Some of the first copies of this magazine have been received here in America and its quality is typical of the fine piece of work this national section of the F. S. U. is doing in one of the chief danger spots to the Soviet Union. The San Francisco office is expecting a bundle order of the second number for distribution among Japanese Friends of the S. U. living in California.

NEW YORK CITY.—2000 new members by March 15th! 24 branches in places of the previous.

CLEVELAND.—Setting out to be a district by organizing meetings in 30 surrounding towns and cities—1000 new subscriptions for "Soviet Russia Today" is their goal.

CHICAGO.—Like San Francisco, Chicago is organizing a tool party at which admission is to be a hand tool which will be sent to the Seattle Commune in the northern Caucasus region of the Soviet Union.

LOS ANGELES.—F. S. U. has suffered at the hands of the infamous Red Squad of which Hines is the notorious chief. Despite this fascist attempt to terrorize the local comrades they have succeeded in developing a type of organization that outwits him and his squad. 5,000 copies of "Soviet Russia Today" were ordered by Secretary Rosenfeld immediately upon his release from the Long Beach jail.



LEFT: Workers of U. S. A. evicted from their home. Thrown on the streets with their few miserable belongings by vicious landlords. RIGHT: Magnificent new workers' apartment house in the land where workers rule—the Soviet Union.

FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION, 1179 Market Street, Room 603, San Francisco, Calif. Date.....

Dear Comrades:

I would like to make application to join the Friends of the Soviet Union.

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....

Living Standards to Rise Threefold in 2nd Five-Year Plan

ALL CLASSES AND THEIR CAUSES TO BE ABOLISHED

Whole Population To Be Transformed Into Conscious Builders of Socialist Society

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., March 6.—Beginning the final step which will completely uproot the few remnants of capitalism in the U. S. S. R., the workers and peasants are swinging into the Second Five-Year Plan with far greater enthusiasm and punch than that which characterized the start of the First Five-Year Plan.

The plan of work for the second period of economic and industrial development in the Workers' Republic, as announced by the Seventeenth Conference of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, will not only more than double living standards, but will mark the complete stamping out of classes and all capitalist elements in the minds of the workers, as well as in their economic life.

Complete collectivization and technical reconstruction of the farms as well as solving of the drought problem will mark the completion of the plan, under which the Soviet Union will take first place in European industrial development.

The plan will cover the period 1932-37 inclusive.

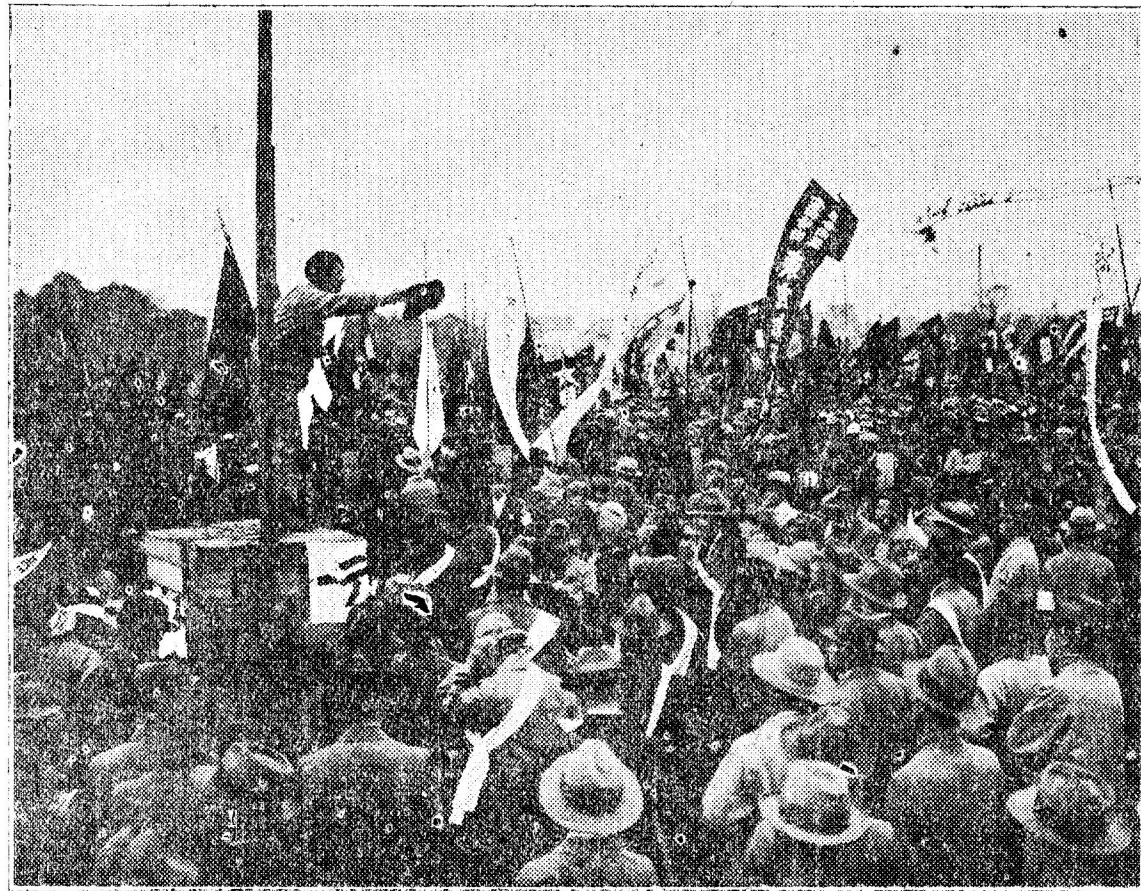
Completion of the First Five-Year Plan, which had as its basic task the industrialization of the U. S. S. R., placing of heavy industry on a firm footing and development of light industry and food production, laid a foundation for the complete reconstruction of the country's economic structure which will be achieved under the plan just announced.

Included in the program will be a three-fold increase in production in the machine-building industry which will play a leading role in the plan. New power bases are to be constructed, to supply electrical energy for the electrification of transport and industry and for the farms.

Coal production is to be boosted and in the iron and steel industry completely reorganized. In the chemical industry a general raising of production will take place to supply chemicals and fertilizers for the farms.

The plan calls for the building of thousands of miles of new rail-

Yokohama Workers Denounce Imperialist War



RED GERMANY IS PRIME ISSUE IN COMING ELECTIONS

Thousands Join Communist Party

BERLIN, March 5.—A Soviet Germany will be the main issue at the presidential election, March 13! The Communist Party, with Ernst Thaelmann as its candidate, is the only party entering the present

road track and adoption of larger locomotives and other improvements in rail transportation. Water transport is to be improved with the reorganization of sea and river fleets and the development of waterways.

Road building and automobile transportation and all modes of communication, especially radio, are to be further developed.

Upon publication of the thesis for the Second Five-Year plan workers throughout the Soviet Union called meetings and in enthusiastic discussions suggestions were made for the carrying out of the program in as short a period of time as possible.

election with a clear-cut program; repudiation of all debts which have impoverished the German working class; war debts, international loans, taxation by the German industrialists and landlords, and for the overthrow of the capitalist system.

All of the capitalist class candidates have essentially the same program; the patching and saving of capitalism at the expense of the working class. Hitler, fascist candidate, boasts of his intention to forcibly outlaw all trade unions and other workers' organizations, the extermination of all Communist sympathizers, and other terrorist measures.

The Social Democratic Party, betrayers of the working class since the outbreak of the world war, is supporting President von Hindenburg, chosen candidate of the extreme Monarchists and big industrialists.

In no political campaign in the past has the clear open class character of the fight been so plainly revealed as at the present election. The outstanding feature of the campaign is that the class antagonisms are more marked than at any time in the past. Tens of thousands of new members have joined the Com-

Thirty Thousand Chinese Workers Demonstrate

A Chinese correspondent writes from Shanghai:

"The mass demonstration in commemoration of the revolutionary students who were slaughtered by the Kuo Min Tang ended with the meeting of thirty thousand marching through the French and British Concessions shouting 'Down with Imperialism!' 'Down with the Kuo Min Tang!' 'Support the Soviet Provisional government, support the Red Army of China and support the Soviet Union!' 'Long live the emancipation of the Chinese working class!' When marching through the International Settlement, police forces of the imperialist countries there broke up the parade after a long struggle.

This is but one of the many proletarian demonstrations in Shanghai against the imperialist war.

unist Party during the past few months, in preparation for the final struggle.

DISARMAMENT--AND HOW

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

The International Disarmament Conference, better known as the "Peace" Conference, got off to a hilarious start at Geneva, Switzerland, last month. They have just concluded distribution of the pieces.

Most of the delegates arrived in tanks or armored cars. The French delegation came in an armored train, while the Japanese delegate was dropped from a bombing plane, and landed gracefully on the roof, attached to a parachute. His otherwise immaculate appearance was somewhat marred by a couple of bullet holes in his silk hat, received while visiting Shanghai.

DELEGATES PARK THEIR GATS

The delegates were greeted with salvos of cannon fire, as they marched into the hall. The conference was loaded with statues and busts of generals and the walls were frescoed with paintings of famous battles. There was an exhibition of latest styles in battle-ships, machine-guns and war chemicals. Representatives of the steel, powder and chemical industries were on hand to take orders, guaranteeing prompt delivery. Gas masks were provided for delegates as well as a special room where they could park their gats.

RESOLUTIONS PUT TO GOOD USE

Proceedings were delayed while 500 men brought in 50 cartloads of documents of resolutions passed at previous Conferences and accumulated through the activities of the 98,000 committees, sub-committees,

SCATTER FLOWERS ON CHAPEI

After lunch they got down to business. They put the Japanese delegate on the carpet. This oily gentleman was pregnant with explanations for everything, as Mr. Brisbane. There was no war in China, he said; the Japanese troops were only waiting for a street car. Japanese planes were not intentionally bombing helpless workers and peasants; they intended throwing chocolates and pansies but pulled the wrong lever. They were not butchering defenseless non-combatant; they were only playing "Run, Sheepie, Run."

WORKERS' DELEGATES

These explanations were accepted by everyone except the Soviet delegate Litvinoff. The latter scolded the Japanese policy, and astonished the gathering by insisting that the only way to disarm was to disarm. "Bolshevik propaganda!" shouted the delegates. While Litvinoff spoke diplomatically, in French and English, and addressed the delegates as "gentlemen," here is how his speech would have sounded in Russian: "Thugs, thieves, liars and cut-throats: You are planning another world slaughter and destruction of the Soviet Union, using this Conference as a smoke-screen for that purpose. If you start another world war, it will be just too bad. The workers and the farmers of the world will turn on you and tear you to pieces."

"DANGEROUS" EXPLOSIVES AND ARMS BANNED

The following are the concrete achievements of the "peace" conference:

- 1.—They passed 489 resolutions and appointed 2500 additional committees.
- 2.—All warships floated during the period embracing 1776 and 1865 were to be immediately and unconditionally scrapped.
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- 5.—Absolutely forbid the use of bows and arrows, bean-blowers, slingshots, paper-wads and stink bombs.

The meeting closed in remarkable fashion with all the delegates (except Litvinoff who had left long ago) standing and singing enthusiastically the official song of the "Peace" Conference, "Just Before the Battle, Mother."



sub-sub-committees. The chairman ordered that two bales of resolutions be deposited in the room marked "Men."

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

By Langaw-Kalaban

The events in China have again confirmed what the Communist International has said for many years: that only a Soviet China can free that nation from imperialist invaders. After vacillating and hesitating for many weeks, the Kuo-Min-Tang government, torn and confused by its many loyalties and debts to foreign imperialists at last was forced by the pressure of mass sentiment to oppose the Japanese.

"MORALITY" DEPENDS ON TRADE

Finally it was found that Japan bought more from the U. S., especially cotton, than it bought from any country in the world. That reduced U. S. State Department indignation to "moral pressure." Then Japan ordered a few shiploads of munitions from American manufacturers and the pressure of capitalist "morality" was even further reduced. In the meantime the Chinese people, misled, betrayed and made helpless by the Canton and Nanking cliques and their imperialist allies, are being mowed down in tens of thousands.

There is one bright spot in this scene of devastation—that is the growth of the young Central Soviet Government of China. It is said that this now includes 100,000,000 people.

SOVIET CHINA OR DEATH

Therein lies the salvation of the Chinese people—the victory of

Either Soviet China or Death—The Anti-Hoarding Campaign to Raise Commodity Prices —Hoover Again "Ends" the Crisis—Chinese, "Idiots and Insane" Can't Vote in Calif.—Darrow Shows His Colors—The "Socialist" Candidate von Hindenburg

Soviet China. Either that or partition amongst the imperialist powers. The U. S. government has now collected the largest fleet ever assembled in Pacific waters. Altogether 123 ships, one of the largest armadas known to modern times. The blood and profit thirsty imperialists of the U. S. are howling for war. The workers must not stand aside.

ORGANIZE! If we must fight lets fight on the side of the masses of the whole world. Let's fight in our own defense.

Force the imperialists to keep their hands off Soviet China! Demand the withdrawal of all American forces from Far Eastern waters! Demand that the imperialist governments keep their hands off the Soviet Union!

Join the Communist Party!

HOARDING—A NEW EXCUSE FOR THE CRISIS

The Hoover government has reached new heights of cynical demagoguery with its anti-hoarding campaign. It is claimed by federal officials that there is close to a billion dollars hidden away by people who, frightened by the bank crashes and other creaks of the crumbling capitalist system hid their savings in mattresses and fire places. They also claim that bringing this money into circulation would solve the crisis.

There is undoubtedly some money put away in various households by people who still have a little savings left and who are sensible to the fact that the bankers either by fraud or so-called legitimate bankruptcy steal these funds if deposited. But it is highly doubtful whether it is anywhere near the sum stated by the government officials. Only those gentlemen who have convinced themselves that everything is rosy in

the U. S. can put the figure so high.

THE CAPITALIST WAY OUT

But election time is coming. And Hoover is showing great activity "against the depression." His activity consists chiefly of finding a capitalist way out of the crisis.

One factor has already aided him in this—the war for the partition of China. Last week a small jump upwards was recorded on the stock market. On the same day it was announced that the Remington and Colt munitions factories were re-opening with large forces of men. The officials of the company gave tacit acknowledgment that they were working on munitions and arms orders from Japan and China. The port of Los Angeles officials announced that on February 21 they began shipment of a million bales of cotton, of the quality used for explosives to Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.

Mr. Hoover immediately announced the "end of the depression." Business was "booming" in the good old capitalist way—to the staccato tune which makes for fields of dead and rivers of blood of the best workers and peasants.

BILLIONS FOR THE RICH

Mr. Hoover thought to strike while the iron was hot. And so immediately had passed the bills to allow the big corporations several hundreds of millions of dollars for "finance reconstruction." This is simply a donation to the finance capitalists out of the pockets of the people to help them recoup their profits. This donation was made despite the fact that the budget deficit has already reached 1½ billions of dollars and will according to official estimates reach 3 billions dollars before the fiscal year is over. This huge steal came in the face of the refusal of the

Senate to pass even the meagre crumbs to the unemployed provided for in the La Follette-Costigan Bill, because it would "belittle" the "rugged individualism of the American people."

But the gentry who pays Mr. Hoover's election campaign bills are a hard lot to satisfy. Their capacity for accumulating robber profits are unlimited. Wage cuts, unemployment, increased hours, imperialist war, and outright raiding of the federal treasury was apparently not sufficient. Mr. Hoover then brought forward his anti-hoarding campaign. Every cheap trick was used for this. The movies, newspapers, Will Rogers, the schools, etc., all to bring out the last savings that a very few people might yet have as a temporary stay against starvation.

ANTI-HOARDING TO RAISE PRICES

And why? Chiefly as a means for raising prices on commodities! The San Francisco Chronicle, a Hoover mouthpiece lets the cat out of the bag in an editorial in the February 16 issue headed, "More Money Needed to Raise Prices Above Extreme Low Tide." If there is little money in circulation and large amount of commodities, their prices are low—if there is more money and the same amount of commodities, then prices go up. Wage cuts, unemployment, etc. have reduced the amount of money in circulation. The bosses try then artificially to raise prices by bringing out alleged "reserved hidden assets." Who will benefit? Obviously the rich corporations who hold tremendous reserve stocks of goods which they want to sell to a nation rapidly being pauperized at higher prices than they would now bring. That this trick will add

to the misery of the masses is of but little concern to the thieves who are ruling the country.

And in the face of these facts, the Chronicle has the gall to declare in its editorial:

The kind of people who bury their money in tin cans or sew it up in the mattress may not be easily reached by appeals to reason. If they were open to reason they would not be keeping their money in such unsafe deposits.

Has anyone ever seen such hypocrisy?

THE ELECTIONS AND THE CHINESE

American newspapers are pretending to be shocked at the treatment of Chinese by the Japanese. The facts are shocking indeed! But are the U. S. imperialists any better than the Japanese? In the California election laws which are now operative there occurs the following section in the political code:

No native of China, no idiot, insane person or person convicted of any infamous crime, and no person hereafter convicted of embezzlement or misappropriation of public money, shall ever exercise the privilege of elector.

With such "friends" of the Chinese people the traitorous Nationalist government is making alliances. The revolutionary workers and farmers of California can in the coming election deal a big blow to the vile barbaric attitude of U. S. jingoes who are responsible for classifying "Chinese" with "idiots, insane" or infamously criminal. Many millions of people who in unparalleled heroic struggles have won the rights to organize in Soviets in China are proving that they understand, far better than many

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

160,000 Canadian Workers Demand Communist Party Be Made Legal

TORONTO, March 3.—The recent action of the Canadian courts, making the Communist Party illegal, has roused the Canadian workers to vigorous protest. The party became illegal when the Supreme Court of the province of Ontario dismissed the appeal of eight workers who were convicted and sentenced for being members of the Communist party.

This action was met with immediate organized protest from all parts of the country. The Canadian government has received demands that the party immediately be re-granted its legal status from 700 organizations representing over 160,000 workers. Over 60,000 additional protests were sent. Canadian workers are mobilizing to fight this vicious anti-labor action.

British Labor Government Arrests Thousands in India

NEW DELHI, India, March 4.—Government reports place the number of convictions for civil disobedience since the first of the year at 12,000 and admit a total of 3,000 arrests under the emergency power ordinances which were put into effect on the removal of the civil disobedience campaign. These government figures, high though they seem, give no idea of the enormous number of arrests being made daily by the government in an attempt to stamp out the protest and revolt of the Indian masses against the traitorous policies of the British Labor government, the Indian National Congress and Gandhi.

Communist Increases Vote in Bulgaria

SOFFIA, Bulgaria, Mar. 3.—The strength of the Bulgarian Communist Party was shown in the election returns for county councilors in 1,250 Bulgarian communities. Thirteen and one-half per cent of the votes were polled for Communist candidates. The growth of the Communist vote was accompanied by a definite falling off of the Social Democratic vote.

Every attempt to throttle the advance of the Party in Bulgaria is being made by the ruling class. Masses of peasants who would vote Communist have been driven off their land as a result of the grain crisis in Central Europe and have been disfranchised. In addition to this, a fierce police terror is in effect against all militant workers and peasants.

Uruguay Bosses Try to Explain Starvation of Workers

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 2.—Acting on orders from the government, the Montevideo police raided the headquarters of the Soviet trading agency, Yzantorg. The purpose of this "investigation" as it is called by government authorities, was to discover whether "Moscow" had sent instructions and money through the trading organization to assist in organizing Communist movements in Uruguay.

This is an attempt to explain the enormous growth of the Communist Party in Uruguay by the stupid myth of "Moscow Gold," and divert attention from the starving condition of the Uruguayan workers, which is the real cause of their growing militancy.

Unemployment Growing in France

PARIS, France, March 4.—Efforts of the French government to falsify unemployment figures have become more and more devious. Official figures place the dole-drawing unemployed at 72,000, but even unofficial capitalist estimates put the total jobless at 250,000. This means that the figures must again be multiplied several times to reach a correct estimate of the situation.

The closing of a large number of relief organizations have made it impossible to get accurate figures on unemployment. The policy of the French government in baring out figures on part time employment is another ruse to cover up facts. France has a greater number of part-time workers who must exist on miserable below-starvation wages than any other country.

Marines Kill Four Nicaragua Workers

NICARAGUA, March 1.—Four native Nicaraguans were killed by the Nicaraguan National Guard under the command of Lieutenant Donald L. Trudale of the United States Marines. American Marines who have been responsible for the death of so many thousands of Nicaraguan workers continue to police the country in order to protect American business interests.

Hungarian Peasants Refuse to Be Driven Off Their Land

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 2.—An organized attack against sheriffs, who had come to confiscate their live stock for back taxes, was made by the peasants of the Pisca region. These starving peasants were determined not to meet a similar fate to that of the thousands of Hungarian peasants who have already been driven off the land and are roving the country in bands.

Brazilian Workers and Peasants Fight Against Starvation

BUENOS AIRES, March 5.—Brazilian workers and peasants have been driven to armed revolt in the towns of Porto Alegre and Sao Paulo. Due to the fall in the price of coffee to the lowest point in the history of the country, the Brazilian masses have been pauperized, and are facing starvation and death.

5000 Canadian Workers Hunger March in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 1.—A hunger march of over 5,000 workers, held in Vancouver, B. C., was the first of the protest demonstrations held against the new wage cutting drive recently instituted by the Canadian bosses.

7,000 union railway workers of the Canadian Pacific have been forced to "accept" a 10% wage cut, as a result of the sell-out tactics of the labor fakers who made this agreement with the owners.

Starving English Workers Storm City Hall

BRISTOL, England, March 1.—An attempt to storm the Bristol City Hall was made by a large group of unemployed workers while a discussion of unemployment was being carried on by the members of the city council. The starving workers, who could no longer be misled by the lying promises of the city bosses, were met with police clubs, and over fifty of them, including many women, were seriously injured.

AEF TRAIN CREWS MUTINEED IN 1919 ATTACK ON U.S.S.R.

Ex-Service Man Tells About Lies Used by Officers To Send Soldiers Against Soviets

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 7.—I write to you as an ex-service man. I hope that what I have to say will stimulate other ex-soldiers to send you their experiences in America's Siberia crusade against the Workers and Farmers government in Soviet Russia.

MUTINY OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN ARMIES

A large number volunteered but only a few were taken from each company. When they arrived in Russia they found conditions had been misrepresented to them and that they were supposed to operate trains to fight the Russians.

TO DEFEND WORKERS

Today, on a more extensive scale than the above maneuver, the imperialist powers, using the Japanese invasion of Shanghai as a spearhead, are taking their first deadly steps toward a war upon the Soviet Union.

—EX-SOLDIER.

With the Young Workers

'Free Tom Mooney' Street Run

Breaking the tape first out of a field of seventeen young workers, Tony Marcus, of the North Beach Unemployed Council, won the San Francisco Tom Mooney Street Run.

YOUTH COMMUNIST RECRUITING DRIVE IS ON

The two weeks up to February 15 mark a slow but sure start of the recruiting drive of the Young Communist League, California District.

LOS ANGELES SECTION LEADS IN THE DRIVE

Los Angeles is still leading in the drive by a small margin. But this is not due to any real good work. The comrades there must follow up with all their power the building of a shop unit in the Good-year factory and to recruit among the chemical and oil workers.

SAN JOSE STARTS ANTI-OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN

San Jose gives us news that they will do their share in the Anti-

NEGRO WORKER CALLS TO FORM L.S.N.R. BRANCH

Look at the Scottsboro case. Nine negro children ranging in age from fourteen to twenty years, whose only crime was being black and unemployed, are being railroaded to the electric chair on the age-old cry of rape, by the rich landowners of the south.

I.L.D. SAVES AGED NEGRO

In Maryland an aged negro farmer, Orphan Jones, was framed on the charge of murdering a white farmer and his family. The courts of the landowners carried out the orders of its masters with a lynch verdict.

WILL HIT FARMERS

This is just another capitalist plan to keep the jobless at as low a standard of living as possible. It means the farmers who are already supplying the food market will be further robbed of their market.

OREGON RELIEF PLAN TO CRUSH WESTERN FARMERS

Dever's Scheme, If Accepted, Will Narrow Market For Farmers' Products

Ready to Organize

Unemployed Council's Demand For Insurance to Make Capitalists Pay

ASTORIA, Oregon, March 4.—J. C. Devers, State Highway Attorney, and head of Gov. Meier's County Unemployment Committee, plans to solve the unemployment problem by letting the starving workers borrow the use of all vacant lots and farms to raise their own food.

Devers acknowledges a tremendous growth of unemployment throughout Oregon, and believes something "practical" must be done for next winter or there will be worse starvation than ever before.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FEARED BY THE BOSSES

In fact any scheme that the capitalists hatch out, and which the capitalist press broadcasts will do, just so it is not Unemployment Insurance.

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U. C. Organized in Dillard, Oregon

Dillard, Ore., Feb. 25.—We have just organized the first neighborhood branch of the Unemployed Council in Douglas County, Oregon, today with a membership of eleven.

At our next meeting two weeks from today, we expect to have 50% of the adult population of this small district organized. We are also beginning to organize several other districts in and around Roseburg.

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Upper left, a lumberjack in his home in Hooverville outside Eugene, Oregon. Lower left, Woman worker with baby born in tent in Hooverville. Upper right, Unemployed miner finds refuge from snows of Butte, Montana, in old oven. Lower right, Ex-soldier and home he has built on Frisco dumps from linoleum, tin cans, and other refuse to house his wife, just out of hospital.

Flop House Dweller Tells Story of Misery

Unsanitary Floors, Rotten Stews, Lousy Beds, Drive San Jose Workers to Desperation

SAN JOSE, March 11.—This San Jose flop-house and community kitchen is a typical festering boil of capitalism that promises its early death.

The idea of all capitalist "solutions" to the crisis is a shifting of the burden onto the workers and farmers. Wall Street wants a war to slaughter the unemployed.

The address of this place is 575 West San Fernando Street. The food is beans and stews, often the stew is too rotten to eat and smells of coal oil.

For some time it was a mystery why we awoke in the morning with violent pains, or why we were kept awake with splitting headaches.

Then we found that the blankets were fumigated with "hydrocyanic" acid, a deadly gas. One whiff will kill.

The good food which is donated goes to other restaurants. A man named Shanks who has charge of the Commissary and food-cooking department of the above place also runs two restaurants.

Anyone who stays at the above place will be broken down morally and physically. Many of the workers have colds, and under the strain of "Hoover Prosperity" their throat and lung tissue often breaks

down, necessitating hacking and spitting. As a consequence the floor is pretty bad. It is swept over, but usually remains damp.

One worker, protesting against eating out of the bowls like an animal, in a fit of temper threw his bowl on the floor. He was arrested and sentenced to fifty days in the bosses' jail.

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These gun things receive \$5 per day to be ready to shoot down workers protesting against \$2.70 a day.

The emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the workers themselves. Join the Communist Party.

Both games were lost by the Chinese Youth Club.

We Demand Unemployment Insurance at the Expense of Profits!

WILSON'S SCABS QUIT WHEN WINDSHIELDS SMASH

Mass Support of Workers Defeats Attempt to Open At \$1.75

POLICE ADVISES SCABS TO RUN OVER PICKETS

Scabs, in cars, attempting to get into the mill, were stopped by pickets. The Chief of Police advised them to back up and run through the line.

STONES BREAK WINDSHIELDS

The pickets threw rocks, and broke the windshields and side glass that cost from \$5 to \$8 to replace.

TRY TO ARM SCABS

The next maneuvers of the bosses were to attempt to arm the scabs. They asked the county judge what the results would be if some of the pickets were shot.

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Farmers Organizing in UFL to Prevent Farm Foreclosures

Seattle, Feb. 25.—The economic crisis is hitting hard blows at the farmers. In Hobart, near Seattle, poor farmers have been working for the big lumber companies in order to try and pay for their farms.

One farmer in Hobart drives ten miles a day for two dollars a day. He is going in debt continually. He is faced with two problems of losing out as a worker and as a farmer.

Force Workers to Turn Over Part of Wages to Fake Relief Scheme of Mayor

DENVER, Colo., March 10.—The Denver Water Works Company handed out cards to each employee to be signed, authorizing the Denver Water Department to deduct the amount of \$25 from the workers' wages at the rate of \$5 a month.

4 SAN DIEGO AFL UNIONS ENDORSE JOBLESS DEMANDS

Endorse Communist Demands for Unemployment Insurance for Jobless. Defy Officials

SAN DIEGO, March 12.—In open defiance of the Vancouver convention which declared against Unemployment Insurance, four local A. F. of L. unions endorsed this nationwide demand of the unemployed.

Carpenters' Local No. 1296, Plasterers' Local No. 346, Lathers' Local No. 260 and the Iron Workers' Local No. 229 showed their disapproval of the boss-collaboration policy of their officials by endorsing these demands.

INSURANCE IS PROTECTION AGAINST SCABS

Rank-and-file members of these unions explained that jobless workers will scab rather than starve. Further, the bosses take advantage of the unemployed workers in forcing through wage-cuts by pointing to the thousands of hungry workers who are willing to work for any price.

ORGANIZATION GROWING

As conditions are getting worse and worse in the shops, more workers are forced to go to the city for relief which becomes less and less. The employed and unemployed workers see more clearly that the Unemployed Council's program of continuous struggle is the only way out.

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WORKERS HEALTH

By S. E. KELLY

TUBERCULOSIS is an infectious disease caused by the T. B. bacilli. When we speak about T. B. we think of T. B. in the lungs, although T. B. bacilli can attack any organ in the human system.

The bacilli can enter the body in three ways: (1) through the respiratory system (this is the most common), (2) through the blood circulation; (3) through the so-called lymphatic system. I will deal in this paper with T. B. of the lungs, where it enters through the nose, throat and bronchial tubes.

Tuberculosis is contagious, which means that the disease can be contracted by kissing, coming in contact with linen which is used by the sick person, or even through hand shaking. Thirty to thirty-five years ago we knew very little about T. B. It was a dreadful disease. The mortality was 64% to 70% among those who contracted it. But since 1895 when Robert Koch, a German physician, isolated the T. B. bacilli, the medical world has studied not only the disease itself, but more particularly how to prevent it.

FIRST SYMPTOMS

First of all, every worker should know what the symptoms are. If some one very often has "colds" which last two to three weeks, it is well to look into the matter. This is very important because, at the present time, if treated when the disease starts, we can reach complete healing in 90% of the cases.

CHIEFLY A WORKING CLASS DISEASE

T. B. is a workers' disease. I do not need to explain why, and if not for the workers' highway successful fight in bettering their conditions, we physicians could not get those fairly good results that we have now in fighting this disease. Better conditions in the factory, shorter working hours, more recreation in the open air, better housing, good plain food: all these mean less tuberculosis. I am sure in a collective society T. B. will disappear.

If the worker will not fight for better conditions, medical science cannot stamp out tuberculosis. Rest, nourishing food and fresh air are the three most important medicines in the treatment of tuberculosis and these are the three things which the workers in general do not have.

CANNOT BE INHERITED

Many people, even physicians, still believe that tuberculosis can be inherited. This conception is wrong. The reason there are tubercular children in a tubercular family, is because the parents, through the disease, have weakened their constitution and bear children with less resistance to it. And if these children stay in the same environment, naturally they have more chance to contract tuberculosis.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SICKNESS

First of all, I wish to call the attention of workers in the city to the so-called Health Departments. In the larger cities there are places for special tuberculosis patients. I mention those places first because even though they are not perfect, at least they give honest advice and as far as possible the best treatment they can. Most of the later institutions have attending physicians who are specialists. Those who still have a few dollars in their pockets can get help from private physicians. But as I said before, rest, nourishing food, open air—these should be the basis of any kind of treatment; medication is only a secondary matter.

Anybody who attends any member of his family who suffers from tuberculosis, should never eat, never put his hand to his mouth or his nose before washing them thoroughly. The healthy members of the family should prevent the patient from coughing in their face. If it is possible, the patient should have not only his own bed but even a room of his own. The best thing for the patient is to be in an institution. The trouble is that there are more patients than places to treat them, except the private institutions which are hard to reach for those who toil. But even now, in the present system, those who are unfortunate enough to be sick with tuberculosis can be sure that, even with those facilities that are within the reach of workers, except in extremely serious cases, the disease can be arrested to the extent that it is not a danger to themselves or their families, as it was a few decades ago.

The emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the workers themselves. Join the Communist Party.

Both games were lost by the Chinese Youth Club.

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Tuna Fishermen Strike in San Pedro

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leaders to get any concessions through arbitration and court action, the canneries will further beat down the living standard of the workers.

At a general meeting of the fishermen's union at which approximately 450 workers were present, a representative of the T. U. U. L. attempted to speak. True to A. F. of L. tactics the chairman refused to permit the representative to speak. The workers protested and forced the chairman to allow ten minutes during which the program of the T. U. U. L. was explained. The "sell-out" that the present strike leaders are planning was exposed.

The strike will be won, provided the fishermen repudiate the right-wing A. F. of L. mis-leaders. Rank and file strike committees must be formed to make all decisions and maintain a militant mass picket of all canneries.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union has pledged its support to the rank and file of the strikers against the bosses and the present boss-controlled union leaders.

400 Workers Pack Berkeley Hall for W. I. R. Program

BERKELEY, Calif., March 1.—An unusually large and enthusiastic crowd of over four hundred workers was present at the entertainment given by the Oakland Branch of the Workers International Relief at the Berkeley Finnish Hall, on Saturday, February 27th. This program was given for the benefit of the striking Kentucky miners and the Children's Camp.

An excellent program was presented, consisting of musical numbers by three different choruses, several individual solos, and a play, entitled "Help the Miners." In connection with the play a collection was taken for the striking Kentucky miners.

The Workers' International Relief in the East Bay Section is now concluding a drive for clothing and bedding for the miners. Anyone having contributions should get in touch with the Oakland Branch of the W. I. R., 716 Market Street.

The Workers of the World Have Only One Fatherland, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Western Worker Editor Smashes Prosecution Lies

De Vries, the latter, forced to the wall by Gallagher's merciless exposure of the prosecution's methods, shouted, "I know we have no precedent of this case—but I will make a precedent—we will make the law." Mr. Gallagher then concluded his argument by pointing out that the workers were justified in saying that there was no justice in courts for them when laws are changed and their interpretation twisted from time to time as suited the interests of the bosses.

It was after presiding Judge Charles D. Wallace denied Gallagher's motion that Comrade Darcy took the stand.

"READS COMMUNIST LITERATURE"

In his first day's testimony, Darcy read the Program of the Communist International, Why Every Worker Should Join the Communist Party, and excerpts from Lenin's State and Revolution, and the platform of immediate demands in California, in order to properly present the Communist position as to how and why the working class and poor farmers should and could overthrow the profit system and its capitalist government and establish in its place a workers' and farmers' government, such as exists in the Soviet Union, which will build Socialism in the U. S.

"SECOND DAY"

In his second day's testimony Darcy read from Lenin's Leftism—An Infantile Sickness, and from the booklet by Lenin Preparing for Revolt. Also he read several statements issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. as well as of Germany, which clarified many questions concerning the Communist program as to terror, etc. On examination of Attorney Gallagher, there were read in court the constitutions and programs of the International Labor Defense, Trade Union Unity League and Friends of the Soviet Union in order to expose the testimony of the "state experts" as to the nature and purpose of these organizations.

The difference between the Trade Union Unity League and the A. F. L. was pointed out by describing their different attitudes as to wage cuts, unemployment, war, and class collaboration. The afternoon of the second day was spent in going over the outstanding facts of the improving situation in the Soviet Union in contrast to the growing crisis in the U. S. With detailed statistics Darcy proved that the crisis was not solvable under capitalism. Especially were such questions explained as were introduced by state witnesses that "only Communists vote in Russia—all others are exiled," liberty for workers in the U. S. S. R. and rights only for capitalists in the Soviet U. S. A., marital laws in the Soviet Union, etc.

POLICE BRUTALITY"

Simply but graphically Darcy told the story of the terrible brutality during the imprisonment. Limiting himself to what he actually saw, he described the conditions of the Japanese Comrade Kikumagi, who was tortured by having his arms twisted and his breath cut off, the driving into temporary insanity of the worker Comrade Golland, a father of ten children; of his own beating by the Red Squad in the detective bureau; of the frightful beating given to the ex-convict Comrade Deane, who told the officers he could not give them any address (because he had no home and slept anywhere he could find a place); of the insults, swearing, threats, not only to defendants but to attorney Gallagher and others.

CROSS EXAMINATION DEFEATS ITSELF

Cross examination began on the end of the second day. The prosecution tried to prove that the Communist Party is a conspiratorial organization. The defense answered that it is an open and above board organization except insofar as it is necessary to protect its members and sympathizers from outrageous police persecution such as exists in Southern California. To questions aiming to prove "conspiracy" to "foment" revolution, the defense pointed out that while Communists base themselves on winning the majority of toilers, the bosses or organize conspiracies of generals thugs, fascists, etc., against workers. The examples of the counter revolutions in Russia and similar instances were brought out. Prosecutor De Vries tries to stop Darcy while he was replying by appealing to the judge that "the witness is making speeches, not answering questions." The judge ruled that he would have to let the witness answer as he sees fit, since the questions were of sociological and historical nature and could not be answered by "yes" or "no." Or cross examination it was brought out that in the U. S. democracy is a fraud—that large numbers of Negroes have been deprived of the right to vote, that graft, corruption, and where these fail terror and unseating of working class representatives, has been practiced in order to stifle working class militancy.

TURN COURT INTO CLASS IN THEORY

It was at this point that the prosecution suddenly quit its cross examination. On re-direct examination, Mr. Gallagher called upon the witness to read the various exhibits introduced by the prosecution and explain each one. The first exhibit now being read was "Elements of Political Education."

ADJOURNMENT FOR SEVERAL DAYS

During the noon recess one of the jurors asked to be released for several days due to sickness. The judge then postponed the trial until March 7.

In the meantime 12 defendants have spent over six weeks in jail on enormous bail totaling about \$25,000. The defendants have been made to travel 30 miles back and forth between Los Angeles and Long Beach each day. Great expense has been involved. The International Labor Defense, District 14, 120 Winston Street, Los Angeles, which is handling the defense, again appeals to all who can to send donations and loan bail for the duration of this fight to establish the right of militant workers to free speech and assemblage, and with the right of the Communist Party to legal existence.

The court is continually jammed to capacity, many of those present sitting two in a seat. There is a continual line of people standing in the hallway, three abreast, listening through open doors and waiting their turn should a seat become available. Every few hours the bailiffs clear several rows in the court room to allow those in the hallway to occupy seats, while those who have seats take their place in line. Among the defendants who will yet take the stand are E. A. Sandler, who received over 17,000 votes in the last elections and who is to be the Communist candidate for Mayor in Los Angeles, and many others.

Terror Fails to Scare Long Beach Workers

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is a good thing—it keeps the workers quiet."

The rank and file of the unemployed are organizing on the basis of block committees in every section of the city. They are ready for struggle, and have cleared their ranks of the mis-leaders of the Executive committee.

Every employed and unemployed worker who realizes that nothing is gained without struggle, and that all capitalist city governments must be forced to give relief concessions, should support the following program and join the Long Beach Unemployed Council.

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 - (5)—No reduction in pay for wage workers employed by the city.
 - (6)—No taxation in any form (out of wages, homes, etc.) of wage workers.
- Go to work in your neighborhood. Join and get others to join your block committee. Enroll now at the Headquarters, 317 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, Phone 670-147.

Put Communist Party on the Ballot

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workers to organize; for the freedom of Tom Mooney and other militant workers imprisoned in California. The Communist Party will fight above all against the plans of the Wall Street Government to wage war against the Soviet Union and the partition of China.

"Only the Communist Party will express the demand of the thousands of poor farmers in California who are daily forced into bankruptcy and impoverishment by the bankers and mortgage sharks.

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RICHMOND UNITED FRONT ELECTION CONF. MARCH 11

Richmond Workers to Vote for Own Candidates at Election March 25

RICHMOND, March 7.—Opposed to the boss-class politicians of Richmond in the coming election, March 25, is Florence Crook, working class candidate to the Board of Education. Two thousand calls have been sent to the workers of the Standard Oil, Ford, Pullman, and other factories; over 50 organizations have been approached, in preparation for the United Front Ratification Conference March 11.

WORKERS' CHILDREN UNDER-NOURISHED

Faced by starvation following numerous lay-offs and wage-cuts, the workers of Richmond, a highly industrialized center, feel the necessity of placing working class candidates on the ballot. Without a single working class member on the Board of Education, the bosses have done little or nothing to provide for the children of workers, who are forced to attend school under-nourished, without sufficient clothing, dangerously undermining their health.

The platform of this working class candidate among other points, calls for free food, car-fare, clothing and school supplies. All Richmond workers should elect delegates and attend the ratification conference in mass, and cast their vote against a continuation of enforced starvation.

Ford Massacres Unemployed Men

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"Yes, I am here. I'm not sorry. I did it for the starving millions. "Now don't talk to me."

The workers murdered were: Joe York, 23, son of a miner; Joe Debuske, 20; Coleman Lenz, 25, and one other not yet identified.

FORD NOTORIOUS MURDERER

Less than a month ago, Ford thugs in Kentucky coal fields shot to death Harry Simms, 19-year-old strike leader, who was organizing starving miners.

A wave of rage has swept through the working class of the whole country. Thousands of meetings are being planned to protest this brutal, planned attack on unarmed workers demanding jobs.

San Francisco workers are planning a huge mass protest meeting on March 21 at Knight of Columbus Hall, 150 Golden Gate Avenue.

On Monday, at 12 noon, a protest meeting will take place in Richmond before the Ford plant. Come and bring your fellow workers.

Down with Boss Terror.

Frisco Cops Slug Workers

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were viciously slugged by the cops, some requiring medical aid.

When the International Labor Defense, who immediately bailed out the arrested workers, went to the city prison, bail of \$50 was asked, when ordinarily bail for the same charge is \$10 or \$20. The clerk in charge, when asked for lower bail, showed the I. L. D. representative a slip of paper, "orders from higher up," to keep the bail as high as possible.

Those arrested were: Segal, \$25 bail, and Van Wurt, Van Heet, Firestone, Lynotte, Minnie Carson, \$50 bail each.

Despite the speech made by Judge Lazarus in court Monday, "criticizing" Hoover and the capitalist system, and stating that the arrested workers acted within their rights, he refused to hear the case, postponing the hearing until March 14 in the court of the notorious

Supervisors Refuse to Hear Committee of Charity Workers

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tees have been elected, tens of thousands of leaflets have been distributed at the various "jobs," and an elected committee approached the School Board, Auditorium Board, etc., Monday, February 29, in an effort to secure either a school auditorium or other public building for a mass meeting Sunday, March 6th, for the purpose of electing a committee to present the demands for \$5.00 a day cash for all workers on "charity" jobs.

MOBILIZATION MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

Following the refusal of the City authorities to grant a meeting place, the committee secured the new National Painters Union Hall at 11 Duboc Ave., for 2:30 P. M., Sunday, March 6th. This meeting elected the committee that interviewed the Board of Supervisors the following day.

MASS STARVATION AS A WAR PREPARATION

The complete unconcern of the Board of Supervisors to the demands of the Unemployed of San Francisco, coupled with the 2 resolutions sent to Congress by the Board on March 1st, prove that the City Fathers are using Hoover's statement to the effect that the ambition of his life is the destruction of the Soviet Union "even at the cost of millions of deaths from starvation," as their guide to action. The bosses are deliberately planning to make the living conditions of the working class so miserable that the workers will welcome a declaration of war, as a "relief" measure.

FORWARD TO NEW STRUGGLES

In addition to a call for a city-wide building trades workers' conference, to lay plans to fight the coming wage cut, sent to all local building trades unions, the Painters' Building Trades Conference Committee has issued a leaflet asking members of locals to demand the reading of the call at their meetings, instead of letting bureaucratic officials pigeon-hole them.

Six delegates are asked from each local to the conference, which will be held March 13 at 2:00 p.m. sharp at the new National Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Union Hall, 11 Duboc Avenue, corner of Mission Street. The call also asks for delegations of unorganized building trades workers.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

Up to 80 per cent of the membership of some locals are unemployed. The A. F. of L. (mis) leadership has during the past crisis more than ever in the past, shown its true colors, collaborating in and sanctioning wage cuts, drowning the militancy of the workers in a flood of fake promises, scabbing on every strike struggle, using the rank and file as a pie-crad.

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WHERE TO GO

LOS ANGELES

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From a Sympathizer, donation of \$1.00.

San Francisco

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 8 P. M., Anniversary Celebration of the Paris Commune at Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. Hammer and Sickle Art Club presents an original play "The Paris Commune." Auspices: International Labor Defense District No. 13.

ADVANCE NOTICE! Annual International Labor Defense Picnic on Sunday, June 5th, at East Shore Park, Richmond, Calif. All Workers' Organizations in the Bay Cities are urged to cooperate and to keep this date open. International Labor Defense, District No. 13.

APPEAL! THE MARINE WORKERS' INDUSTRIAL UNION has opened headquarters on the waterfront. We need furnishings to make it presentable as a gathering place for the seamen and longshoremen. If you have any chairs, tables, paint and possibly radio that is not in use, we ask you to donate it to the new Center on the waterfront.

North Beach Forum

Every Sunday at 8:00 p. m., North Beach Workers Center, 1529 Powell Street, San Francisco

March 13th—Speaker Jim Branch "The Communist Party in the Election Campaign."

March 20th—Speaker Benjamin Fee "The Chinese Soviets and the War in the Far East."

March 27th—Speaker Thomas Burns "Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union and the Hoover Starvation Program."

(Questions and discussion will follow each Forum.)

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, at 1164 Market Street. A one-act play prepared especially for the occasion will be the feature. Admission 25c. Auspices: Unemployed Council No. 1, 282 Fourth Street.

Denver

DENVER, COLORADO, MARCH 16, 11, 12, 13, at the Denver Lyceum 1545 Julian St., Showing of the Soviet Movie, "Old and New." A story of collectivization on the farms and the building of a socialist society. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium Book Store, 1013-15th St. No worker should miss this picture.

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Forward to 3,000 subscribers and a 3,000 circulation by May 1st.

\$500 DRIVE OF THE FINNISH WORKERS

The Finnish Workers on the Pacific Coast are engaged in a \$500 drive for the Western Worker. Report of their standing follows:

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Kalama	9.96	5.00	Seattle	33.20	33.20
Woodland	19.92	2.50	Grays Harbor	31.54	7.92
Hobart	00.00	5.00			
Kelso, Wash.	15.77	15.77	Winlock, Women's	00.00	5.00

The quota for the Finnish Workers Clubs in California totals \$229.08 of which \$133.86 has been raised.

FREE PICNIC TICKETS

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EDITORIAL COLUMN

The Presidential Campaign Opens

The season for the old capitalist political game of bull throwing is on. Capitalist politicians and parties are raising "issues" for the coming presidential elections.

Boss politicians choose issues which have two main qualifications: (1)—To justify capitalism and to protect profits and (2)—to catch votes.

On the West Coast William Randolph Hearst, Hiram Johnson and a host of others have presented two issues.

In brief, their argument is as follows:

The crisis is due largely to prohibition and to cancellation of foreign debts. If prohibition is done away with and if Uncle Sam will obtain debt money, then all will be well with capitalism.

Unfortunately, many workers are being misled by the Hearst and Johnson speeches and writings.

CHASING WILL-O'-THE-WISPS

First, let us consider the question of prohibition. Prohibition was advanced in the last decade as a means of insuring permanent prosperity. Now that prohibition has not insured prosperity, the abolition of prohibition is advanced as a means of insuring permanent prosperity. It is an everlasting will-o'-the-wisp... an apology for capitalism.

WAR DEBTS INTENSIFIED THE CRISIS

The second issue which they raise is that war debt payments should not have been postponed. "America first! So long as there is suffering and starvation in the United States then make war debt payments help solve the crisis."

This argument is just plain charlatanism.

Is there a lack of money in the United States? The United States Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank's vaults are loaded with gold bullion. In fact, among the factors which intensify the crisis and mass suffering on a world scale as well as in the United States are precisely these huge war debt payments exacted by the Versailles Treaty and the subsequent Dawes and Young plans.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN WORKERS HAVE COMMON CAUSE

Every wage cut, every increase of hours and every measure for speed up taken against the German workers meant corresponding increase in exploitation by the American bosses of American workers. Always the American bosses have made the argument that they must lower the standard of living of the American workers in order to compete on the international market with goods produced by German and other European workers and employ starvation level wages.

War debt payments have meant increased misery for the workers of the world and the temporary postponement and possible eventual cancellation was won not only out of the good-heartedness of President Hoover, but was forced by the revolutionary action of the German working class and militant workers of other countries.

PROFIT SYSTEM IS THE SOURCE OF THE CRISIS

Only the abolition of capitalism will permanently abolish the misery of capitalist crises and war. In the coming election campaign, while we put up our own candidates to fight for immediate improvement of our conditions, by forcing the granting of social insurance and stopping wage cuts, the defeat of the terror, etc., we must remember that only the abolition of the capitalist system and its substitution by a socialist system of society under the protection of a workers' and farmers' government can bring decent living conditions to us.

This is being amply proven in the Soviet Union. With the greater development of industries that we have in the United States, the establishing of the socialist system of society can achieve far greater improvements in the conditions of the workers than what has already been achieved in the Soviet Union; there is no unemployment, no terror against workers and a decent living is assured to everyone willing to work.

Already indications are that the coming elections will be a battle between the demagoguery of capitalist politicians and the struggle of the workers under the Communist leadership to improve their conditions. Every militant must be mobilized for this fight! A militant campaign and a big vote for Communist candidates will go a long way to improve our immediate conditions and build our movement for winning the majority of the workers and poor farmers for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government.

Lindbergh's Baby

The kidnapping of Lindbergh's baby was a god-send for the capitalist press. They had been forced to feature imperialist war in China, unemployment, food fights, and fights against evictions. For days they had to print news about huge wage cuts in the building trades, on the railroads, etc.

Lindbergh's baby was kidnapped!

Everything was conveniently shoved to the back pages and most things out of the papers entirely. Whole pages of pictures of Anne Morrow, Lindbergh, the nurse, the grandmother, etc. The pictures quickly gave out and then not only were pictures of the same person printed several times in the same issue, but the SAME picture was printed. In one western capitalist sheet we counted 11 of the same pictures on different pages of the nurse, Betty Gow, shoving a baby carriage, in two days. It is nauseating. It is capitalist journalism.

Imagine if such kidnapping took place in the Soviet Union. The boss press would herald it as barbarism, as degeneracy, as the sign of a weakening government, etc. Well, as a matter of fact, it is all these things—but it is the characteristic of modern capitalist society, not of the Soviet Union.

Like a breath of fresh air one reads the working class and farm press of the U. S. S. R. Growth in industry, growth in culture, reduction in literacy, new achievements in science and art.

What a picture—the U. S. S. R. in contrast to the U. S. A.! The American people are no better or worse than the people of the Soviet Union. The same splendid qualities exist. But here we are under a culture which is rapidly becoming more barbaric, more brutalizing every day. Through organization to a better day—then away with this rotten mess!

Hey! You Don't Rate a Vote — I Hired You to Kill



BY KIRBY

Quentin Prisoners Get Red Army Letter

Tom Mooney Most Famous Political Prisoner in U. S. Answers Letter of Siberian Red Army to San Quentin Class War Prisoner

U. S. S. Siberian Region TARA, KARSK DISTRICT Training Course for the Irregulars of 1908 (Vnesovoiiviki-23 years of age)

To the Political Prisoners in San Quentin.

Hello Dear Comrades:

In far-away Siberia, near the river Irtysh, in the Urmansk forests there is the town of "Tara."

We, the Red Army men, Irregulars—all born in the year 1908, gather together for the first time for military training in our district town of Tara.

On the third day we were informed by the Commander-Political Staff all about the MOPR—the U. S. S. R. Section of IIRA—and its tasks. We organized the MOPR nucleus.

We organized our military training in the manner of shock-brigade and socialist competition between the various platoons.

The frosts do not hinder us from our programmed, for we know very well what we are being trained for, and in the defense of whose interests.

Struggle, comrades. Firmly continue the struggle you have begun!

We will finish our training soon and will go out into the Siberian forests to our various villages, where we will organize MOPR nuclei after the manner of the one here.

At present we are preparing timber. The timber is for the Southern parts of Siberia where there are no forests. They are building gigantic Soviet grain farms and collective farms.

In our district the peasant farms are being collectivized. Up to the spring sowing campaign of 1931 collectivization must draw in at least 25% of the poor peasant farms.

The collective-farms in our district are progressing very well. It is true there are also shortcomings. But these are evident mostly when the collectives are newly organized. The shortcomings are overcome in the process of work, by criticism and self-criticism.

A few days ago Comrade Hartner came to us. He is a political emigrant from America. He told us about the lives of the workers and farmers of America, of their work and their struggle.

He himself was often imprisoned in America.

His visit served as a great incentive and many new members joined the MOPR nucleus. Our Training Course is in the Red Army Building and just opposite us there is the former Tsarist prison. This prison is all destroyed. Just in one part of it which still stands firm there are shops of Constructional Workers Courses. In the same building where once, in the tsarist times, one heard only the prison-warden's shouts and the clang of prisoners' chains, now free workers are being trained to be good builders.

At the end of the Courses, a great number of these builders will work on the construction of the combine works in Novosibirsk and in Kuzbasstro (Kuznetz Basin Construction). At the end of our military training some of us also wish to go to the builders' courses.

Dear comrades, we are constructing socialism and at the same time are strengthening the defense of the country.

Be firm. Do not lose courage. Work, recruit your forces. Teach the American workers and farmers-peasants to be class-conscious fighters for the cause of the world revolution.

We are firmly convinced that the time will come when those prisons in which you are now captives will, under our united onslaughts, be turned into ruins. Instead of them there will be factories of labor and the culture of socialism.

Write us a detailed letter about how you live. You answer will reach the second group of Red Army men in the training courses. And we will write to you about our life in the Siberian villages.

Good cheer, comrades! Sincere greetings from us workers to your families and friends.

MOPR Nucleus: (Signatures) Chairman: Volkov.

California State Prison, San Quentin, Calif. MOPR Nucleus, TARA, Karsk District, Siberian Region, U. S. S. R. March 4, 1932.

Dear Comrades:

I read the letter addressed to the political prisoners at San Quentin. It gives great pleasure to answer and I know that I am also voicing the sentiments of the other victims of capitalist justice incarcerated here.

What a tremendous inspiration is your glowing message of hope, coming from far-off Siberia. It seemed like a dream to have penetrated thick walls, a message directly from workers, descendants of those who were serfs for centuries, just a few short years freed from Czarist oppression and bondage.

You tell us not to lose courage; I have never for one moment wavered in my devotion to the cause of Labor. That is why my enemies are so relentless.

At a time when the capitalist world is experiencing a crisis which is shaking it to its foundations; at a time when death is raining on workers and their families in far-off Shanghai and Manchuria; at a time when imperialism is getting ready to cut loose with another mass slaughter on an unprecedented scale, it is an unforgettable sensation to read how you workers are constructing a new land and a new life.

So build your land! Rest assured that though entombed as we are by concrete and steel, our vision is not blinded. We are watching you closely, we glory in your achievements. We are with you in your struggles, as we know it is difficult to build where there was nothing before. We are thrilled to see arising out of the muck and filth and ignorance and superstition that was old Russia, the new land of the Soviets, the homeland of the world's proletariat. From the ashes of the dark past we see arising a new world. I express to you from the bottom of my heart, my solidarity with you.

Comrades greetings to you all! I am with you heart and soul.

Comradely yours, TOM MOONEY 31-921.

WORKERS ORGANIZATION DISTRICT 13 PASSES HALF-WAY MARK IN RECRUITING DRIVE

MUST CONCENTRATE ON SHOPS—FEW NEGRO, FILIPINO, MEXICAN WORKERS YET RECRUITED

The recruiting drive in our district is going ahead. Over 270 members joined the Party. However, the figures reveal the following picture: Most of our recruits are from the ranks of the unemployed, very few from shops and farms. Fewer yet from A. F. of L. locals; practically no Negroes, Mexicans or Filipinos.

DANGER SIGNAL

This must be a danger signal for us. With the war in China and the more intense preparations to attack the Soviet Union, how are we going to rally the workers

Table with columns: Freqs., SanJose, Pet., Ariz., Sac., Oak., L.A., S.F. Rows include Average age, Men, Women, Citizens, Non-citizens, A. F. of L., Negro, Filipino, Mexican, Unemployed, Employed.

against imperialist war? How are we going to defend the Soviet Union? Unemployed workers must be welcomed into our Party, but we must remember that the majority of the working class are still in the shops (mostly working part time). Therefore the question is not only, whether we recruit members into the Party, BUT WHERE FROM?

Lenin's slogan, "EVERY SHOP A FORTRESS OF COMMUNISM," must be put into immediate practice and the question whether we recruit sufficiently and where from, must be put on the agenda of every unit and section. We must examine our recruiting campaign and correct our lack of shop work.

The present signature campaign to put the Party on the ballot, must become one of our best means to penetrate the shops. Comrades must be assigned to collect signatures in shops. These names must be used as a basis to organize the Party units and revolutionary unions.

KEEPING NEW MEMBERS

Hand in hand with recruiting new members into our Party, must go "how to keep the new members." The fluctuation of members in the past has proven that we did not always know how to keep our recruits. We must take all steps to keep every recruit in the Party.

- 1. The tasks assigned to new members must be explained in a very simple manner. 2. Members must not be ordered, but consulted as to the tasks assigned to them. 3. Stimulate the new members to participate in the discussions; especially invite them to criticize and give reports of their own experiences. Old Party members have much to learn from the new members and we must encourage these new members to participate in the daily life of the Party. This is the only way that our recruiting drive will be successful.



OVERTHROWING A RED REGIME—By T. T. C. Gregory, April, May and June issues of World's Works, vol. 41-42, 1921.

The recent appointment of John M. Gregory, son of T. T. C. Gregory San Francisco lawyer to the post of assistant U. S. District Attorney calls to mind an incident with which every worker should be familiar.

Immediately after the world war, Hoover hid himself to Europe to attempt to stave off working class revolution. Going on the avowed theory that "Bread is mightier than the sword," and realizing the "Power of food and economic factors as modern weapons for the curtailing of unconscionable (sic) political ambitions for preserving international peace," Hoover, aided by Captain T. T. C. Gregory set to work.

HOOVER STARVES OUT REVOLTING WORKERS

The old Austro-Hungarian empire was divided in such a manner that each segment was dependent on the dictates of allied capitalism for its economic life. This gave the American food administration a whip hand over the rebellious Central European workers.

Despite Hoover and Gregory, Hungary set up a workers government. Captain T. T. C. Gregory, finding a frontal military attack impractical, set up a blockade of Hungary so that the revolution would be starved out, for, said he, "No government can last long around here under which its people lack both food and work."

USES LABOR FAKERS

Gregory then set about to get in touch with reactionary labor leaders, using as contact man a sub-military commissar of the revolutionary army named Boeme, and an unnamed assistant food commissar. To these he promised bread and peace provided Bela Kun was ousted. The food commissar was persuaded to steal a million dollars from the Hungarian treasury, ostensibly for relief, but actually to finance counter revolution.

At the critical time, the labor fakery was able to defeat the revolutionary workers under the leadership of Bela Kun. Rumanian soldiers, taking advantage of the confusion, entered Buda-Pest. Despite Gregory's promise that there would be no political persecution, a reign of terror was set up.

Boeme, as well as the labor fakery...

MOVIE REVIEWS

THE PARIS COMMUNE—By Jack Haynes—Playing March 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

No workers can afford to miss this play—Not only is it intensely dramatic and swift in its action and novel in form, not only true historically, but it reveals to the worker the similarity between the situation prior to and during the Commune, and the present world situation.

FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR

The workers of two nations were plunged into the red slaughter of '70 and '71 for the "glory of France" and the "salvation of Germany." Their lack of a well developed class consciousness and a strong leadership made it easy for them to become the victims of capitalist assassination.

BOUGEONS SLAUGHTER COMMUNARDS

At the capitulation of Paris by the French Government, composed of capitalist lackeys conniving with the lackeys of German capitalism, the Communards, whose procedure was correct but incomplete, established the first Workers and Soldiers Republic. Their betrayal by several of their leaders, Clemenceau and others, and their wholesale slaughter at the hands of the Bourgeoisie, is one of the most terrible episodes in the history of the Class Struggle. But—it marked the beginning of the end of Capitalism and the international solidarity of the workers.

GERMAN AND FRENCH CAPITALISTS COMBINE TO CRUSH WORKERS

How quickly the French and German capitalists shelved their differences in the face of the common enemy, the militant proletariat—how eager to destroy them by the tens of thousands! With what zeal the reformists sold out their comrades to the bosses! As it was in

ers, like all traitors, were cast aside without either wealth or glory. By all means, every class conscious worker should read these articles and see for himself how Hoover and his gang starved and slaughtered European workers.

TANAKA MEMORIAL—An outline Presented to the Japanese Emperor in 1927 by Premier Tanaka for the Japanese Conquest of China and Other Nations; Predicting a Japanese-American War.

At this time no literature is more important to the workers, particularly of the Pacific Coast, than the Tanaka Memorial, outlining in exhaustive detail the Policy of Japanese Imperialist Conquest. Through this secret document, drawn up five years ago, we can understand the present conflict between Japan and America over the Nine Power Agreement, the seizure of Manchuria, the use of the Chinese Eastern Railway for troops' movements against the Soviet Union and the attempted control of the Yangtze River Valley through the taking of Shanghai.

IMPERIALIST EXPANSION

Japanese capitalism needs both markets and raw material sources, and the desperation of this program is shown in every paragraph of its seventeen pages. The role of railways for exploiting the workers of Manchuria and Mongolia is shown both from a military viewpoint and as cold dollars and cents. The need of secrecy lest rivals, America and Great Britain, get onto their ambitions beyond the Nine Powers Agreement for the partition of China, is stressed and elaborate plans are laid for carrying this out with money "from the secret fund of the War Ministry," and "retired army officer must be sent to Inner and outer Mongolia." "We must have exclusive rights of exploitation."

On the danger of Chinese resistance, "We must," it says, "develop and expand electric power to displace human labor. This will keep out Chinese workers."

ORGANIZE ANTI-WAR SHOP COMMITTEES

The Tanaka Memorial recognizes that its enemy is the working class—the Soviet Union, the Chinese Soviets, the Japanese Revolutionary movement—and lays plans to crush them. All workers should read this book, talk to their fellow-workers about the war preparations so as to be able to form anti-war committees in their shops.

"China Express" to Be Shown March 19

With the eyes of the working class turned on the attempts of the Imperialist Powers to partition China and put down the rising might of the Chinese Soviets, seventy-five million strong, no more timely picture could have been obtained by Workers Films than its presentation for March 19th, "China Express."

In the three classes of the crack struggle running from Nanking to Shanghai are riding the three classes in China—the foreign capitalist oppressors and robbers of America, Japan and Europe; the Chinese Nationalist petty bourgeois merchants and students, and in the rear cattlecars, a shipment of workers contracted to a textile mill for miserable wages under slave conditions.

DECISION TO FIGHT

An attack on one of them results in the killing of a British guard. What shall they do? So Chinese workers, exploited for centuries, dare fight? A decision is reached quickly they break open cases of rifles en route to Manchuria to be used against their brothers, and the running fight aboard the speeding train leads up to a climax as powerful as it is unexpected, unlike anything seen before. Through seeing "China Express" one understands completely the struggle and the strength of revolutionary China. "China Express" will be shown at Polk Hall, Civic Auditorium, Saturday, March 19, from 5 o'clock until midnight. The supporting program includes newsreels of the funeral of Comrade Lenin, and shows Stalin, Voroshilov, Molotov and others now leading in the building of Socialism.