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CONGRESS AIDS WHITE GUARDS

Great Out Pouring of Workers Greet Foster in West

FOSTER JAILED FOR LEADING PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

Resentment of Workers Forces Release of Communist Leader

All Meetings Jammed

Frisco, Oakland, Los Angeles And Phoenix Rallies Stir Thousands

LOS ANGELES, June 29.—Due to the mass anger of thousands of Los Angeles workers, Thug Hynes, head of the Los Angeles "Red Squad," was forced to release William Z. Foster, Communist candidate for president, who had been arrested while speaking to five thousand workers gathered at the Plaza Tuesday afternoon.

Arrested with Foster were Stanley Warren, representing the International Labor Defense; J. H. Dickson, representing the Unemployed Council, both in the car with Foster and E. F. Chase, driver of the car.

Foster's arrest came as he was leading a demonstration of thousands of workers protesting the shooting of an unemployed worker and demanding the right of free speech. Bail was set at \$10,000 pending habeas corpus hearing, motion for which was made by Leo Gallagher, attorney for the International Labor Defense.

In a statement issued to the press as he left for Phoenix, Ariz., where he was scheduled to speak Wednesday night, the Communist standard bearer denounced California as the most reactionary state in the union and Los Angeles as the most reactionary city in the state. He characterized Hynes and the "Red" (Cont. on Page 5, Col. 3)

MARKET ST. R. R. PLATFORM MEN GET WAGE CUT

Company Uses Stoolpigeons and Blacklisting of Militant Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 4.—Approximately 2,000 platform men will be affected by a cut of 2c an hour on July 1st, agreed upon at meeting held in the 28th Street barn. The workers were in no way consulted in this cut. A few workers, probably stool pigeons, and company officials made the decision.

Frank Morris an instructor betrayed his bootlickers role by making a speech in which he argued that the workers should have voluntarily asked for a cut nine to ten months ago.

A representative of the Market St. Railway urged that the workers prepare to "cooperate" in future wage cuts as, he alleged, the company was losing money.

LOW WAGES, LONG HOURS
Wages are now 48c to 56c an hour. A man must work for two and a half years to get the latter figure. Hours are longest in the city; ten to eleven hours a day; seven days a week. Workers are supposed to get one day off a month, but this rule is often broken.

It is a well known fact that the Market St. Railway Co. is attempting to use the crisis to seize the Municipal lines. If the Market Street Co. can force down wages with their highly efficient intimidation and stool pigeon system, they will be able to swing the tax- (Cont. on Page 5, Col. 3)

Two Veterans of Class War Die

PAT LLOYD

SAN JACINTO, Calif., — Pat Lloyd, victim of tuberculosis contracted in the trenches in France, died here June 21. Since the war Pat gave every ounce of his waning strength to the revolutionary movement. During the last few years he lost his voice, but this in no way lessened his activity. His car and a large portion of his pension he placed at the complete disposal of the work. He will continue to inspire his comrades. He was a member of the Communist Party.

MIKE MISKITCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., — Mike Miskitch died in the Marine Hospital here on June 12, where he had been confined since the International Labor Defense obtained his release from San Quentin in 1931. Miskitch was framed-up for a life sentence as a result of his militant leadership of the San Pedro fishermen's strike in 1925. He was a member of the Communist Party.

STRIKE WON BY EUREKA FISHERS

Halibut Price Drop to 5c May Mean New Strike

EUREKA, Calif., July 4.—The strike of the salmon fishers here that tied up 100 boats when the fish companies attempted to cut the price, was won on June 20. The bosses were forced to put back into force the old scale of 4c a pound. The strike lasted seven days from June 13 to June 20.

A strike situation is developing among the halibut fishers as the price dropped last week from 5c a pound to 3c. This puts the halibut fishermen on a scale where they can't possibly operate without going into the hole every trip.

FOREIGN BORN ORGANIZE TO DEFEAT DEPORTATION BILL

Finnish Federation and International Labor Defense Map Campaigns

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 4.—Determined to make the Dies Bill go the way of its predecessor, the infamous Michigan Alien Registration Law militant workers' organizations of the West are girding for battle.

Commenting on the Bill, the California District of the Finnish Workers Federation stated: "The Dies Bill is an attempt of the U. S. Congress to do what the state of Michigan attempted last year—to pave the way for increased starvation, hunger and war by the threat of deportation to jails and death in fascist countries."

The Finnish Workers Federation in Michigan helped effect the repeal of the Spolansky Bill thru mass pressure. We are again throwing all our forces into the nation-wide campaign to defeat the Dies Bill. Our answer to this intimidation is an intensified organizational and recruiting campaign to strengthen the ranks of the foreign born workers against the offensive of capitalism."

GOVERNOR MIER TRIES TO HIDE FROM JOBLESS

2000 Hunt Down Man Who Sanctioned Relief Cut

Forced to Listen

Rotten Conditions at Charity Slop Kitchen Exposed by Jobless

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1.—Enraged by the announcement of a cut to \$1.50 a day on the State Highway "relief" work, 2000 unemployed workers gathered in front of the Multnomah Hotel where it had been announced that Governor Mier would be meeting with a board of "advisers" to discuss the unemployment problem.

GOVERNOR TRIES HIDING

A committee was elected by the rank and file of the workers present to take their demands to the Governor and get his answer on them. But when they went into the hotel to see the Governor, they were informed that he had gone to the U. S. National Bank to hold his meeting. There they were told that his committee had adjourned, but when the workers said they would wait for him they were informed that he would be down in a few minutes to grant the committee an appointment.

The committee finally met with the Governor and his "advisers," consisting of Chamber of Commerce chairmen, Judges, Red Cross officials, etc., and presented the following demands:

- AGAINST:
- 1.—\$1.50 a day on relief work.
 - 2.—Any form of concentration camps.

WE DEMAND:

- 1.—\$4.00 a day, six hours a day, including time for transportation to and from work on all relief work. No work to be given to contractors.
- 2.—No discrimination against (Continued on P. 5, Col. 6)

BEET STRIKERS IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF FOOD. ALL WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS TO RUSH HELP

Strike Enters Second Month With Spirit of Workers High

DENVER, Colo., July 4.—Holding up bravely in the face of unbelievable police brutality, intimidation and mass starvation the Colorado beet strikers have entered into their second month of struggle against the starvation wage program of the sugar trust bosses.

DIE OF HUNGER
Here and there breaks have occurred, but these were caused by starvation. Deaths of women and children from acute starvation have occurred, and others have died from heat and exposure, being unable to get enough to eat to sustain life.

So far the strike has been a great victory, and has definitely established the working-class solidarity of the agricultural workers of this region. Mexican and other foreign-born workers have formed a united front in the struggle with American workers and what provisions, clothing and shelter are provided are shared equally by all.

While workers in more favored sections have been sending relief, nowhere near enough is coming in to take care of the striking workers. More tents, clothing, food and cash must be rushed. The Workers International Relief has been rendering great aid to the strikers but every mass organization and every sympathetic worker must look at this as their struggle, and help the strikers.

Donations should be sent at once to Strike Relief Headquarters, 1154 Eleventh Street, Denver, Colorado. "We'll fight against the sugar barons' slave system until the last one of us drops from starvation," is the pledge of every striker and the fight goes militantly on.

Challenges and Conferences Stiffen Drive To Double Subs.

At a conference held in San Francisco, June 27, it was revealed that delegates and whole unit memberships have not been properly directed by the responsible comrades. In but three of fifteen units in San Francisco were renewal slips given to members. What can be done was reported by Unit 7, where 10 new subscriptions were reported. Unit 7 has challenged Unit 5, and both units are highly active in the work and showing the way.

McKENDRICKS ON TOUR

Comrade A. C. McKendricks has gone on a tour of the northern part of the state, Oregon and Washington, to aid in the development of the campaign. Conferences are being held, and reports are to the effect that workers are lining up in the outlying regions with the campaign.

A picnic for the Western Worker was held in Los Angeles Sunday, July 2. Conferences were held in San Jose, Stockton and cities in the south.

Names from the recently circulated petitions provide a rich source for new subscriptions, and good results have been reported by several workers who have followed this lead.

All units must immediately check-up on the renewals sent to them and all renewals should be sent at once to the Western Worker office so subscribers will not miss an issue.

QUOTAS:

Dist. 13—California	2000
Dist. 12—Wash. & Ore.	500
Dist. 10—Utah, Colo.	
Ariz., Mont.	
Wyoming	500 3000

CALIFORNIA: D-13
San Francisco

Unit 1	50
" 2	100
" 3	50
" 4	60
" 5	50
" 6	50
" 7	100
" 8	50
" 9	50
" 10	50
" 11	50
" 12	50
" 13	50

Santa Rosa Boss Agents Fail to Railroad Worker

Sonoma County Workers and Farmers Win Victory by Acquittal for Bertino

SANTA ROSA, Calif., July 4.—Routing a rigged jury and fully exposing the role of the bosses' agents in Sonoma County, a working class victory was won here with the acquittal of Thomas Bertino, charged with perjury in connection with the Communist Party petitions to participate in the general election.

Stories in the kept press reeked with charges of fraud and an attempt by Communists to violate the sacred capitalist ballot in California. The district attorney, judges and other bootlicking tools of the bosses at once set themselves, up as conquering heroes who would "save the community from the Communists" and send Bertino to prison.

All charges fell flat. The district attorney staked his all on the perjury charge, but when he lined up the evidence it was so obviously weak that he did not refer to it in his closing arguments.

He played to the jury's prejudice by appealing for the preservation of "American manhood and womanhood," and "do something about these Communists" — "the worst people we have, and we have to do something about it."

The bosses and their tools are chafing under their defeat. They know the farmers and workers of Sonoma County have had their eyes opened to the nature of capitalist "justice" and many who knew little about the Communist Party before will demonstrate their working class solidarity by writing in the names of Communist candidates at the coming election.

DISTRICT CONVENTION LAYS MAIN EMPHASIS ON ANTI-WAR WORK

Struggle Against Demagoguery of Bosses in Unemployed Work

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—The building of a mass Red Trade Union movement, and the rapid shifting of the Party to a war footing, were the main themes of the District Convention of the Communist Party, held in San Francisco, July 2 and 3; 127 delegates, representing nearly 1000 members in California, Nevada and Arizona, took part in the proceedings.

Among the achievements recorded during the past 6 months, were the establishment of the Party in Arizona and Nevada, the doubling of the membership in the District, the securing of 33,000 signatures of registered voters in California for the Party, the California state hunger march, and the establishment of the Western Worker, which in great measure has made possible the other achievements.

Greetings were received by the Convention from the Imperial Valley prisoners and the Communist Party, District 12 (Washington, Oregon District). A greeting was also sent by the Convention to the Long Beach prisoners.

The main weaknesses of the Party, the isolation from the decisive sections of the toiling masses and an insufficient struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union and Chinese workers and peasants, were thoroughly analyzed and steps taken to improve our work.

Main emphasis was given the organization of the agricultural workers and marine transport industries. The serious let-up in our unemployed work was discussed at great length.

AMER. LEGION PUSHED BILL GIVING SPECIAL PRIVILEGES; LETS AMERICAN VETS STARVE

Mass Demonstrations Must Be Organized August First, Anti-War Day

RANK AND FILE OF VETS EXPOSE FAKE LEADERS

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League Forces Glassford To Allow Meetings

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Efforts of federal stool pigeons in the ranks of the Bonus Expeditionary Forces here to sell the veterans the idea the Democratic party is under friendly leadership, was defeated by leaders of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

Although delegates at the Democratic convention in Chicago howled down the suggestion of a bonus plank in their platform, Harold S. Foulkrod, spokesman for "Commander" Mr. Waters, got on the platform here and said: "I honestly believe the Democratic convention in Chicago is under friendly leadership."

He was properly booed down by the rank and file, and the whole plan of the government officials to use Waters, Foulkrod, and other fakery to chill the militancy of the veterans by hinting that if the democrats win the election the bonus will be paid, was fully exposed.

PROTEST ATTEMPT TO RAISE DUES IN COMPANY UNION

Rank & File Expose Fakers, Another Cut Coming in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Rank and file members of the Shop Crafts Union of the Southern Pacific are circulating petitions, contrary to the wishes of the union officers, to fight the campaign of the S. P. bosses to further enslave shop workers.

The workers have also exposed union officials in their co-operation with the S. P. bosses in wage cuts and layoffs where "four young apprentices" and "helpers" are being substituted for skilled craftsmen.

At a meeting at 44 Page Street, San Francisco, June 16, it was revealed that as a consequence of these wholesale substitutions and layoffs, more than 1300 workers had lost their jobs this year and as a result dues payments are not sufficient to pay the fat salaries and the generous expense allowances of the officers.

At this meeting the matter of raising the dues from 35 cents to 75 cents caused rank and file members to rise and ask the officers if a wage-cut was okayed by them for the workers, why they should not accept a cut in their own salaries. A revolt of the membership was openly threatened at the meeting, members report.

S. P. Hints More Cuts

OAKLAND.—Another wage cut for the dining car workers has been hinted by the Southern Pacific. These workers have already suffered wage-cuts that have placed them on a starvation level. They cannot pay their rent and live on what they get.

The S. P. yards announced the lay-off of the "graveyard shift," formerly employing more than a score of men. This shift worked from 11:20 at night until 9 the following morning. Recent lay-off brought the shift to five men, the final lay-off affecting this number.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

END OF CRISIS? - NOT BY A LONG SHOT!

Every lying statement about the return to prosperity is grabbed up by the capitalist press and featured. Every politician, movie house and church pulpit echoes the lies. But among themselves they sometimes admit the truth. The Chambers of Commerce are always the biggest "boosters" at the expense of the facts. But no less a body of boosters than the California State Chamber of Commerce sobered up long enough to issue an admission concerning the situation. They say in a circular dated June 14:

"Some startling economic facts have just been made available to the Committee on Government expenditure and Taxation by the Research Department of the State Chamber of Commerce. They are commonly-used yard sticks of business activity based upon comparisons of figures for California for the first three months of 1932 with the first three months of 1929. Every one shows recession:

Factory employment curtailed 40 per cent. Building operations in cities reduced 75 per cent. Carloadings of freight down 44 per cent. Wholesale prices lower by 31 per cent. Farm products prices lower by 57 per cent. Retail trade volume reduced from 32 to 43 per cent in principal centers. Bank debits down 50 per cent.

These terse statements paint a picture that is unmistakable."

"Unmistakable" is the right word. These admissions mean more hunger, more suicide and still greater suffering. Intelligent workers will join the COMMUNIST PARTY now!

CITIZENS LEAGUE - FOR BELLY CRAWLERS!

As the crisis worsens demagogues continue to erupt in increasing volume like boils on a diseased body. Last week we exposed the fraudulent platform of the Liberty Party; since then there comes to us the program of the Unemployed Citizens League.

These fakery make a great show of "political impartiality." They declare that for them "political entanglements" will be "avoided. No candidates endorsed; deal with elected officials." Who are the elected officials? Every worker knows. They are a most corrupt gang of capitalist politicians. Such "impartiality" makes the Unemployed Citizens League pure and simple agents of the bosses. This they emphasize throughout their program.

"IMPARTIAL" BUT FOR THE BOSSES

Money which they will collect will be handled by "prominent citizens;" they will "solicit the good will of regular relief welfare chest agencies," they will "use praise" and not "knock" the officials; and they will try to "win the confidence of the best elements of the community." Isn't that great impartiality? It is not! It is an attempt to swindle the starving masses of unemployed into becoming tails to the political kites of the capitalist officials in power.

KISS THE FOOT THAT KICKS YOU

And what do they offer to repay the workers for kissing to foot that is kicking them? They propose:

Rationing of work—shorter hours—employed to share with unemployed.

Use of canneries and factories by skilled unemployed workmen.

Issuing of credit for work done to be cashed at commissaries.

This is Hoover's program and a fancy description of the exploitation of the misery of the unemployed now going on. The first proposal is to rob those working to give to those not working. Not to touch profits or to tax the rich who can afford it; but to take from those who may have a job, who have had their wages cut, and are probably supporting a family! The second and third proposal is simply to reduce the working class to slavery. They propose that unemployed shall go to work, not for cash wages but for groceries!

"STARVE—BUT DON'T FIGHT" SAY FAKERS

These proposals are now being partially or fully carried out by the charity rackets. Then what do we need these "saviours" from the Unemployed Citizens League? The answer is that we don't need them! We especially don't need their poisonous attempts to separate citizens from non-citizens in the distribution of relief.

One can get a good idea at the kind of an organization this new gang of grafters are founding from other parts of their document. For example they say that they are coming to the rescue of those who would rather suffer than join radicals. That's it in a nutshell! Their proposal is not to help the unemployed but to teach the unemployed to suffer and not to join the Unemployed Councils or the Communist Party, where through struggle they might get relief! They obviously will oppose any militancy on the part of the starving masses. They promise "American flag, not red flag tactics employed, reasonableness not rowdiness." Is there an unemployed worker who hasn't been told that by the charity workers at the very moment when they were being refused relief and jobs? Isn't that exactly what Governor Rolph and Mayor Dore told the hunger marchers in San Francisco and Seattle while refusing the unemployed demands. And isn't that what the Los Angeles administration told the unemployed while the Red Squad was cracking the heads of the workers who demanded relief?

STUDENTS TO LEAD FOR FAKERS

For leaders of this movement they propose to use "students who have made a professional study of "poverty" and "dependence." That's right gentlemen—don't trust the workers—not even the few who were misled by you and joined you. Workers have a habit of sooner or later waking up and blowing the lid of the graft rackets!

WORKERS! FIGHT, DON'T STARVE!

The workers of the West should beware of these fakery! There is only one way to get relief and that is through militant struggle under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils and the Communist Party. To date not one cent would have been given for relief were it not for the splendid fight of the militant unemployed. Not one cent will ever be forced from the bosses without such a fight.

Answer the fakery by joining the Unemployed Councils!

Fight for immediate relief and unemployment and social insurance at the expense of the State and the employers!

Parole To Release Militants For Return To Fighting Ranks

CHEYENNE MINERS REFUSE WAGE CUT, TALKING OF STRIKE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 4.—Although a majority of the 35,000 mine workers in this district voted against a 20 per cent wage cut, officers of the United Mine Workers signed an agreement with the bosses, and issued a statement that all members must abide by the wage-cut.

Rank and file members have expressed their feeling of outrage and a strike is impending. The former scale provided only a starvation wage, and the new cut means mass misery that will not be accepted. "Kick the fakery out," is the battle cry here and the sentiment for a general walk out and abandonment of the "protecting wing" of the U. M. W. is growing.

Editorial Note.—The Western Worker is in complete accord with the majority of the mine workers of the Cheyenne district. The miners should strike against the starvation wage agreement and for now and forever rid themselves of the traitors who sold them out to the mine bosses. The Western Worker will support this strike and render whatever aid is possible. Workers should keep this paper informed about all activities so that practical assistance may be given where needed.

WORKERS' KIDS GET VACATION AT SANTA CRUZ CAMP

"Camp Soviet" Issues Call For Working Class Books

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Learning the fundamentals of class struggle and at the same time enjoying a healthy outdoor vacation, children from many California towns and cities are attending the workers' children's camp at Forest Grove, near Felton, Santa Cruz county.

Forty-seven were at the camp last week and about 35 this week. Plenty of food, clean shelter and the wholesome influence of a class conscious leadership are provided. The kids enjoy swims and hikes through the woods every day.

SEND FOOD AND TENTS

The expenses of the camp are maintained partly by paid visitors and by donations. As many unemployed children as can be accommodated are taken care of free. Food, cash and tents should be donated by all sympathizers who can, so that more can enjoy the outing.

Donations of light reading working class literature have been requested by the "Camp Soviet" composed of members elected by the children. All donations should be sent immediately to Workers' International Relief, 330 Market Street, Room 421.

MOONEY-SCOTTSB'RO DEFENSE CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR OAKL'D

All Militant Workers Organizations Urged to Send Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 3.—Following local conferences throughout the Northern California District, which were attended by delegates of a large number of I. L. D. Branches, Fraternal, Labor, and other organizations, the I. L. D. is now preparing for a district conference, to be held on July 17th, at 10:30 A. M. at Fraternity Hall (7th and Peralta Sts.) Oakland.

Definite plans will be laid for a broad campaign to free the nine Scottsboro boys, whose cases come before the United States supreme Court on October 10th, 1932. It is especially the large number of Negro organizations who gave their full support in the Mooney-Scottsboro demonstration in the latter part of May, who are again in the forefront, actively participating in the building of the Scottsboro Conference.

All organizations who have not yet elected delegates are requested to take this point up immediately and direct their representatives to Fraternity Hall, 7th and Peralta Sts., Oakland, on July 17th, 10:30 A. M.

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

Thousands Cheer Foster and Ford



TOP.—Wm. Z. Foster and James W. Ford, Communist candidates for President and Vice-President greet the cheering thousands after their nomination at the Coliseum in Chicago.

CENTER.—The Coliseum Nominating Convention of the Communist Party where 15,000 people heard Foster and Ford make their acceptance speeches. Both of the candidates were carried around this huge hall when a demonstration broke out lasting 18 minutes.

BOTTOM.—Claude Patterson, father of Haywood Patterson, one of the Scottsboro boys, sitting on the platform at the Coliseum with some white delegates from Florida and Georgia.

HOOVER RANCH SYMBOL OF BANKRUPTCY OF CAPITALIST FARMING

Wages for Cotton Choppers Set at 35c an Acre Means Starvation

WASCO, Calif., June 17.—Leslie Symmes, who took over the management of the Hoover Ranch at Wasco just before the election in 1928, as the smartest Agricultural Engineer to be found in the United States, was speaking in his office.

"It is my business—my profession — to foretell profit crops. Besides my position as Vice-President of Poso Corporation (the new name for the Hoover ranch), I have a clientele of farmers who count on me for advice. But since last year I have found it impossible to predict any crop that will prove profitable."

Symmes is a business man. A smart boss. And Symmes says that it is no longer possible to predict a crop that will sell for more than its costs.

THE SIGN RUMOR

A man by the name of Kilburne used to run the ranch. An ugly rumor still persists that before multi-millionaire Hoover ran for President, a large sign stating,

Child Labor, Jim Crowism on Poso



1.—One of several children under legal age cutting 'cots on the Poso. 2.—Jim Crow Camp! A fence segregates Negro cabins from white. 3.—Wives and children earn 30c to \$1.25 a day during fruit season. 4.—Typical gunny sack home in "Hooverville" at Shafter.

the present capitalist government will somehow bring them a profit and save them from starvation, this man, Symmes—hand-picked by Hoover as the ablest man in America to manage his (1928) mammoth ranch of 1460 acres of the richest land in California, admitted it could not be done. He as much as confessed that in spite of the unbelievable fertile soil, free irrigation water, the most efficient and scientific machinery and the lowest wage level paid in the San Joaquin since 1907, still he was unable to make a profit as is any farmer today, regardless of equipment, soil and technique.

Symmes has no illusions about the trick schemes that Hoover and the other capitalist politicians cook up to quiet the farmers and keep

them in line while the railroads, power companies and bankers are busily squeezing the last drop of blood from them. Symmes is not bluffing by such fake measures as the Federal Farm Board or "protective" tariffs on products whose prices are set on a world market as really meaning anything but what they are: Capitalist appeasance for the farmers.

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"No White Help Need Apply." was over the Hoover ranch gate. It is true that no one can be found that has actually seen the sign, but on the other hand there is not one in a hundred in Bakersfield or Wasco who has not heard about the sign.

Whether the story is true or not does not matter. A Negro worker by the name of Hood, who was a cook on the ranch in 1924 reports there were only five white men on the place; a foreman (Kilburne) and four tractor drivers. "All the other workers were Negroes, Mexicans and Filipinos. But in those days it was possible by super exploitation, that is, using foreign-born workers and paying them much less than the standard wage levels, to compete successfully with

IMPERIAL VALLEY PRISONERS' COMING RELEASE RECALLS MILITANT STRIKE 2 YEARS AGO

Fight to Prevent Deportation of Japanese Worker to Certain Death in Fascist Japan Still Goes On.

It is timely to give a short account of the Imperial cases at this time, when all but one Comrade, Lawrence Emery, will be released from prison.

Two years ago—July 1930—eight workers were sentenced to from 3 to 42 years in the State penitentiary for attempting to organize the agricultural workers of Imperial Valley.

In a hot sun, where the temperature rises to 120 in the shade, the agricultural workers of mixed races, including Filipino, Negro, Mexican, American and Hindu, slave and sweat blood from sun rise until dark for the mere pittance of 25c to 35c an hour. The water for drinking comes from the irrigation ditch—unfiltered and dirty. The shacks that the workers live in are put together with almost anything that can be found in the way of old wooden boxes, canvas and straw brush.

The conditions are so unbearable that several times in the year 1930, spontaneous revolts broke out among the workers. In January 1930, during one of the spontaneous revolts, the Trade Union Unity League proceeded to organize the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and called a conference, at which 100 workers appeared, in preparation for a strike.

Thousands of workers attended meetings held in preparation for the strike and on April 14, 1930 at the conference called by the A. W. I. U., 114 workers were arrested, chained together and taken to jail. Out of these 114, eight leaders and organizers of the union were picked out and charged with 3 separate counts under the Criminal Syndicalism Law. They were Carl Sklar,

(Los Angeles), Tsuji Horiuchi, organizer of Trade Union Unity League, Oscar Erickson, National Secretary of Agricultural Workers' Industrial League, Lawrence Emery, Marine Workers Industrial Union, Frank Spector, Organizer of International Labor Defense, Danny Roxas, secretary of the A. W. I. U., Braulio Oroscio and Ed. Herrera, two Mexican workers were ordered deported, but later were taken to jail.

Since that time, the I. L. D. has been and is still carrying on a militant fight for the unconditional release of these workers. Frank Spector was unconditionally released one year after he had been sentenced, through the mass pressure and organized efforts of the working-class under the leadership of the I. L. D.

The release of Frank Spector and the reduction of the sentences for the other Imperial Valley prisoners is a victory for the I. L. D., but this does not terminate our fight on this issue. In continuing the fight for the freedom of these class war prisoners, as well as all class war prisoners—is to demand that Comrade Carl Sklar be released on his "own recognizance" and that Comrade Tsuji Horiuchi be given "voluntary departure" and be free to go to whatever country he likes instead of being deported as a prisoner to fascist Japan—which means certain death.

The release of Comrades Erickson and Roxas marks another victory in our struggle against the boss class, because these militant working class fighters will be added to our ranks and will help carry on the struggle against our oppressors.

other farmers using native white labor.

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

However, when Hoover first ran for President, the Seattle Trade Union Council started an investigation of the "No White Help Wanted" rumor. The Bakersfield Labor Council "investigated." Thus political expediency blocked out super-exploitation. A flood of letters embarrassed the management, and may have been instrumental in the removal of Kilburne, and his replacement by Symmes as General Manager.

The complete collapse of the standard of living of all workers in the United States since 1929, due to the capitalist crisis and the refusal of the American Federation of Labor to struggle for the workers' interests has also had its influence in the ranch's turn to white labor. As long as there are millions of white workers who are forced to work for 15c an hour—the scale set by the Bank of America through the San Joaquin Agricultural Labor Bureau at Fresno—there is nothing to be gained by hiring Mexican and Oriental workers who often refuse to work for less than 20c an hour.

So now, for the first time in the history of the Poso Ranch the employment agencies that supply white help are hearing calls for fruit workers from the ranch.

LOSES MONEY ON COTTON

The average yield of cotton per acre in the U. S. is only a fourth of a bale per acre. In Kern County which is perhaps the finest cotton land in America, the yield is 1 bale to the acre. Symmes through the application of the finest technique possible under capitalism, gets as high as 3 bales per acre and averages 2 bales per acre. But cotton today (June 17, 1932) sells at less than 5c a pound, whereas the lowest cost per pound in Kern County is 10c a pound.

The inability of capitalism to find a market for its products means bankruptcy for the farmers, red ink and apologies from Symmes and starvation for the workers. In the Soviet Union, where the workers own all the means of production, this over-production never occurs. A surplus above the needs of the people would be followed immediately by a cut in hours for the workers and an increase in pay. But under capitalism in this country, workers will continue to starve.

BANKERS SET WAGES

Who sets the wages on the Poso Ranch? At Fresno on May 15,

IMPERIAL VALLEY PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED JULY 18

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 4.—July 18th, the gates of San Quentin and Folsom will swing open to let out 4 of the remaining 5 militant fighters, who were railroaded to jail as a result of the Imperial Valley strike 2 years ago and sentenced for from 3 to 42 years.

Danny Roxas, Oscar Erickson, Carl Sklar, and T. Horiuchi, all of them to be released on Parole. The first two comrades will be in San Francisco, while Carl Sklar and Horiuchi are to be released with the strings of deportation attached. Carl Sklar, a Russian by birth, cannot be deported, on account of the fact, that there are no diplomatic relations between the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R. The International Labor Defense is at present conducting a drive to prevent the Prison Authorities from holding Sklar over his time. Sklar must be released on the same basis as Erickson and Roxas. T. Horiuchi, militant organizer of the agricultural workers is to be deported to fascist Japan. The workers under the leadership of the I. L. D. must make all efforts to prevent this. The right for voluntary departure must be secured for Horiuchi. Allowing Horiuchi to be sent to Japan would mean delivering one of our best fighters into the imperialist hangman's hand.

Mass protests and resolutions requesting the unconditional release of C. Sklar and voluntary departure for T. Horiuchi should be addressed to both Warden H. Smith, Folsom Prison, as well as Secretary Doak, Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Pioneer Conference Of Western States Held in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—The enrollment of thousands of new members in the struggle of working-class children against the growing horror of present starvation conditions, was one of the outstanding tasks set by the Western Conference of leaders of the Young Pioneers of America, held here yesterday.

Reports of increasing misery came from many sections of the Western states. Particularly appalling was the report from Colorado where children of beet worker strikers have not even a stitch of clothing or shoes, and sometimes go an entire day without anything to eat.

A program that calls for children's mass demonstrations for milk and warm lunches at schools, clothing and shoes, is included in the fight of the workers' children for the right to live.

The work of the last year was analyzed and a check-up of shortcomings made so that more effective and lasting organizational work among the children can be carried out.

FAREWELL AFFAIR FOR STUDENTS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Thirty workers, sent from the revolutionary movement of twenty cities in the State of California, to receive a month's instruction of intensive training, will complete their studies on July 9th.

The school proved to be the most successful one of its kind ever held in the district. All indications show that one of the big problems of our Party, to quickly train leading comrades for the militant working class movement, will to a considerable extent be solved as a result of the school.

Although lasting only one month, the school accomplished a great deal of work. The good discipline and seriousness of the students guarantee good results.

It is therefore a great contribution to the working class movement. Its achievements should be celebrated by the workers. This will take place at a FAREWELL CONCERT AND DANCE given on SATURDAY, JULY 9th, at 1164 Market Street. A very interesting program is being prepared in addition to reports that will be given by the students themselves on their estimation of the school. All militant workers from San Francisco should be there to meet the students and give them a good send off.

Frank Palomares called a meeting of the San Joaquin Agricultural Labor Bureau to determine a wage level for the valley. The big ranchers, including Symmes and the bankers were invited. Of course no workers were there. The meeting was really called by the bankers who practically own the valley. The wages of fruit workers at 15c an hour was established, and all piece work rates set in proportion. Cotton chopping was set at 35c an acre where a cabin is provided and 40c otherwise. A good man can chop two acres a day.

The power of the bankers over the valley results in the complete bankruptcy of even the biggest ranches. Over 40% of the farmers in Kern County have been unable to pay taxes even as was revealed in a recent publication of tax delinquents that covered 19 pages in the Bakersfield newspapers.

So the workers on the Poso ranch who number 120 at this time, are at the mercy of Bank of America officers.

STARVATION NEXT DOOR

At Shafter, a few miles from the Poso ranch, is situated a "Hoover-town," one of the thousands of such places that have been born since Hoover was elected. In this particular camp about 500 men, women and children are slowly starving to death. Most of these workers are American born whites who probably voted for Hoover in 1928. They are forced to steal from the box cars and nearby ranches when they can find no work picking potatoes at around 20c an hour. 10 to 15 hours a week is considered good time at this camp. Water must be carried in from the station nearby. Sanitary conditions are bad. There is a hot, sickly stench of urine and decay that rises in the stifling heat. Left over food is black with flies. There is practically no fresh milk in the camp, and no doctors to take care of the crying babies and sick women.

CHEAP LABOR

The residents are largely Oklahomans, forced out of their own homes and farms by hunger and non-payment of rent. Some holy-roller fakery from Los Angeles has discovered their distress, and is now eagerly sharing their pennies amidst jerks, grunts and hallelujahs.

With this rich source of cheap labor close at hand, the Poso ranch does not have to search for workers among the foreign-born and Negro population. The crisis of capitalism has made the ranch a symbol of the complete collapse of capitalist farming.

Papen Government Increases Terror On German Workers

GERMAN FASCISTS START REIGN OF TERROR ON WORKER

Decree Lifting Ban On Hitler's Troops, Brings Daily Murders

BERLIN, July 3.—Political clashes which are resulting in the killing and wounding of many German workers are taking place throughout Germany as a result of the Fascist policy adopted by Hindenberg when he lifted the ban against Hitler's "Storm Troops." This decree gives Hitler's brown-shirt militia free reign to continue their ruthless use of guns against workers. Street fighting has become widespread, with the Fascist thugs going scottfree.

The political situation is becoming more explosive with the tremendous popular disapproval of the Von Papen economic policy and the reparation deadlock which is taking place in Lausanne.

The Reichstag elections which will take place in a few weeks will be the occasion for even sharper clashes, and with the Hitler forces now openly recognized and protected by the Hindenberg government, the bloody terror against German workers will be tremendously increased.

LEGION FURIOUS OVER RELEASE OF TUCSON WORKER

Arrested for Passing Out Leaflets to Bonus Marchers

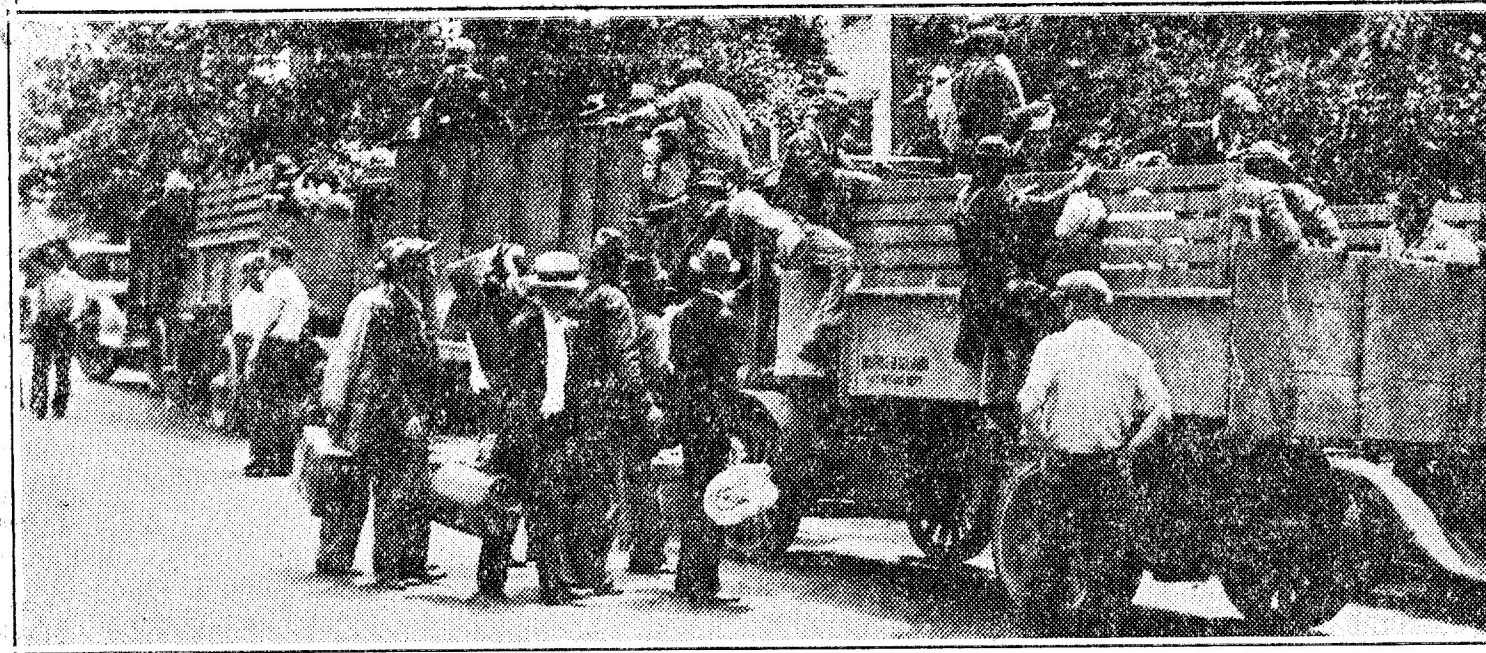
TUCSON, Ariz., July 4.—The Arizona American Legion took special steps to aid in the conviction of Frank Norton who was arrested on June 18 at the Bonus Army grounds in Tucson for distributing leaflets to jobless Los Angeles workers marching to Washington to demand their back pay.

H. P. Cook, chairman of the Legion sent a letter to the Arizona Daily Star of Tucson denouncing their liberal stand on the matter. This paper termed the leaflets as "not half as turgid as the average speech of the average office seeker." The leaflet pledged full support of the Communist Party and the Workers Ex-Service Men's League to the rank and file marchers. It urged them to beware of the sell-out leadership.

SCARED STIFF

Cook betrayed his fright of the "reds" and the anger of the workers when his letter condemning the press stand stated, "The thought comes to mind that if this nation is ever plunged into the hell of a red revolution, to the irresponsible and sensation seeking newspapers

Police Fail to Disorganize Vets.



OUT OF 20,000 VETS ENCAMPED IN WASHINGTON ONLY A DOZEN ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF TRUCKS TO LEAVE THE CITY.

BALFOUR GUTHRIE LURES WORKERS WITH PROMISE OF JOBS

15 Cents An Hour Wage Means Starvation for Workers

BRENTWOOD, Calif., July 4.—Misery never dreamed of is the lot of many lured here by promises of work by the Balfour Guthrie Company. Several times as many canny workers as can be used have been encouraged to come here. Many are working half time for 15 cents an hour and less. The actual expense the company charges for living quarters and parking space is more than some workers earn, and they have nothing left to buy food.

Some of the half-day and full-day workers are compelled by straw bosses to put in overtime without pay. A growing state of militancy against the starvation program of the bosses is evident. The workers are organizing and preparing for a strike against these miserable conditions.

will go a large share of the credit." The rank and file of the American Legion are dropping out of this murderous officer-boss organization by the thousands because of their stand against the working-class on the bonus question.

All workers who are ex-service men should join the Workers Ex-Service Men's League, the only rank and file veterans' organization fighting for unconditional bonus payment and unemployment insurance paid by the government to the 12,000,000 unemployed.

"Towards Soviet America" by William Z. Foster—\$1.25—an elaboration of the platform of the Communist Party in its election campaign.

San Pedro Growing War Base and Hell for Unemployed Seamen

Ship Owners Association Organizes Naval Reserve Unit, Red Squad Vags and Jails Jobless Sailors, while Fink Hall Blacklists Militants.

Thirty miles from Los Angeles, "Gateway City of the Southwest," or "Pearl Harbor Navy Base, Honolulu." Shipments of oil to the latter place famous in the Tea Pot Dome scandals have been particularly heavy.

A FASCIZED PORT San Pedro itself is fairly compact with a regular small town atmosphere. Up till the 1923 strike it was a stronghold of the wobblies. On the hill used to be a big sign: "Join the I. W. W." clearly discernible to all seamen on ships entering the port. Today there is not a vestige of this once militant organization left. Since the days of the strike there has been a period of reaction and a ruthless suppression of all open forms of working class organizations. A special local "Red Squad" composed of three of Pedro's "finest," by the names of Hacky, Emerich and Cole, is maintained for this purpose. Hacky, better known among the seamen as "King of the Vags" is a typical "town clown" who several years ago figured that the life of a modern Sherlock Holmes was easier than that of a longshoreman. Happy Valley has been named "Hacky Valley" after him as most of his time is spent in the bootleg dives there or at the shacks of Mexican Hollywood. As a publicity hound Hacky has few equals, his greatest delight being to bask in the limelight of another of his heroic "exploits" in the local fascist paper, the News Pilot.

PACIFIC NAVAL BASE Looking at the port from the bluff overlooking the harbor ships of many nationalities can be seen, while lurking on the horizon are the grey hulks of the monsters of destruction of the U. S. Navy, barely discernible in the glare of California sunshine, for San Pedro is also the main navy port of the Pacific. At the docks, liners of the Matson, Grace, Dollar and Los Angeles Steamship Company load and discharge cargo and passengers from Australia, Latin America, the Orient and Honolulu, alongside of freighters and oil tankers from all over the world.

In recent months, as the struggle in the Far East develops, there has been a marked activity in trade to China and Japan, particularly of cotton, oil, borax, infusible earth, machinery, automobiles and also scrap metal. Approximately thirty Japanese ships call per month and load some form of war material. Over at piers 150-190 (Wilmington) are crates full of airplanes

labeled "for Panama Canal Zone" or "Pearl Harbor Navy Base, Honolulu." Shipments of oil to the latter place famous in the Tea Pot Dome scandals have been particularly heavy.

nocturnal slumbers disturbed by these sleuths and thousands of them have been vagged or held on "suspicion of Criminal Syndicalism" charges. Since hundreds of seamen are sitting patiently in the "Fink Hall" waiting for a ship it is not to be wondered that every endeavor is made to keep them moving. It takes nine months after registration before the turn of a job comes up.

The Fink Hall not only serves the shipowners as a place for keeping the seamen under surveillance and as a clearing house for the elimination of all blackballed militants but is now used as a recruiting station for the Naval Reserve. A special Reserve Radio Unit has been organized under the command of Ensign Ball, an official of the Fink Hall.

However, despite all these methods for keeping the seamen in subjection and the various endeavors by these agencies of the shipowners, including the Seamen's Church Institute, to divide the marine workers and secure stool-pigeons from their ranks, there is a ready response to organization. The terror can be broken. Struggles among the seamen, longshoremen and fishermen will be developed. San Pedro was a union town once and will be again.

NOTE—This is the first article on Pacific Coast ports. In the next issue of the Western Worker will be a report on "Frisco" notorious in the shanghaiing days for its Barbary Coast.

VAG THE SEAMEN Many luckless unemployed seamen, sleeping under the viaduct or in a lumber yard have had their

DAVILA OBEYS HIS IMPERIALIST U. S. MASTERS

Moves to Suppress Revolt Of Chilean Workers Against Sellout

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 4.—Any illusions as to the complete sell-out of the struggle of the Chilean workers and peasants to establish socialism in their country, has been dispelled by the latest action of the fake socialist government led by the traitor, Davila.

Complete protection of American property has been promised and U. S. bosses are assured fullest safety against the action of the impoverished and starving Chileans they have been robbing. This pledge was directly made to the military attache of the United States embassy. It has resulted in the expressed willingness of the American government to lend its navy to suppress the revolting Chilean workers.

The final and most revealing sell-out came with the repudiation by Finance Minister Zanartu of the idea of making the Central Bank into a state bank. This bank is functioning exactly as it did before the Davila regime with the bankers and bosses maintaining their strangle hold on the wealth of the country, leaving to the workers only the prospect of continued starvation, unless this fake Chilean "socialism" is exposed and overthrown.

Finnish Seamen Force Consul Provide Food

NEW YORK, July 4.—Finnish seamen in New York sent a delegation to the Finnish Consul demanding three meals a day and beds for 150 men, and \$15 cash each for clothing. The Consul was disinterested in the proposal until the delegation sent for re-enforcements then he was forced to come across with beds and meals for 60 men. Foreign born seamen in other ports are similarly organizing against starvation.

Reedley C. P. School Benefit A Success

REEDLEY, Calif.—Although the farmers are getting less for their crops than they spend for costs still they contributed a total sum of \$17.46 for the support of the District School of the Communist Party now in session in San Francisco.

The dinner served on Sunday, June 26 was donated by one of the farmers. All expressed that they felt the money they gave meant the hastening of the day to freedom for the workers and farmers.

FOREIGN NEWS

BRIEFS

Warsaw Press Grinds Out Horror Lies

WARSAW, June 20.—The capitalist newspapers in this city are busy grinding out horror tales in an attempt to check the rapid growth of Communism among the destitute workers and peasants of Poland and to prepare a broad hostility toward the Soviet Union. The largest tale is about a slaughter of 370 villagers of Turbachoff, near Kiev, by "G. P. U. officers." The prostitute writers tried to picture innocent women and children being mowed down by machine gun fire and villages burned.

Dairen Custom Workers Strike

DAIREN, Manchuria—Seventy-two Chinese workers in Japanese leased Wairen customs went out on strike protesting against the Japanese robber war in Manchuria and their transfer into the Manchuria war base.

Nicaragua National Guard Murders Five Peasants

Managua, Nicaragua—The Nicaragua National guard led by U. S. marines attacked a camp of the Sandino peasant National army. As a result five peasants were killed and an undetermined number wounded. One U. S. marine was slightly wounded with a machete.

Copper Mines Shut Down in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Mexico—4c a pound tariff imposed by the U. S. Government on copper forced the complete shutdown of operations of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Co., thus driving hundreds of Mexican workers into unemployment and starvation.

Foreign Imperialists Struggle for Control

BANGKOK, Siam—The palace revolution in Siam overthrowing absolute monarchy and installing a constitutional form of government is a result of the struggle of the English and French imperialist powers for control of the country. "Legalizing" the revolution by a royal decree of the King Prajadhipok is just a bit of more demagoguery to further mislead the peasants, and forestall their rising discontent with the miserable conditions.

Machado Attempts Boost Sugar Price

HAVANA, Cuba—Agreement was reached by Sugar Institute to cut the export of sugar by 700,000 to the U. S. from Cuba on an attempt to boost up the profits of the sugar interests at the expense of the wages of the workers. It is an attempt to stabilize the price of sugar by cutting down the employment. This will of course result in further misery for the Cuban workers.

Italian Workers Demonstrate Against New Tax

VAPRIO, Province of Milan—The new family tax imposed on the workers by the fascist government was met by the militant protests and demonstration by the workers in Vaprio. The priest who in his mass said: "The crisis is over and the tax must be paid because it helps the unfortunate unemployed brethren" and the intimidation of the women by the church did not prevent the workers from marching to the City hall and demonstrating. A committee elected to speak to the Mayor demanded that the taxes should be abolished and forced him to suspend the tax.

Thomas Forces Irish Peasants to Pay to King

LONDON—Reprisal against the Irish Free State for its failure to pay the land annuities due to Great Britain were announced by the English labor faker J. H. Thomas. This announcement fully exposes the demagoguery of Thomas making the Irish peasants and workers pay the annuity to the English. The sham battle carried by the DeValera against the oath is only matched by Thomas who forces the Irish masses to carry the burden of the annuity.

Manchurian Peasants Slaughtered By Japanese

HARBIN, Manchuria—Murderously attacking a band of 4000 Chinese who had massed in the town of Yushu in an attempt to defend their country against the foreign imperialist invaders, heavily armed Japanese troops released machine gun fire that forced the Chinese forces to evacuate the walled town.

This increases the already enormous army of homeless workers who have been driven from their homes by the enemy invader.

Irish Peasants Stone Religious Parade

BELFAST, Ireland—Angered at the extravagant display which accompanied the meetings of the Eucharistic Congress, starving Irish peasants attacked trainloads of pilgrims going to attend the sessions at Dublin in a spontaneous outbreak of mass anger against the parasitic Catholic church, which has for years been instrumental in keeping the workers and peasants enslaved.

These protests flared spontaneously in four cities and resulted in scores of injuries. Many pilgrims who hysterically knelt in prayer as rocks rained about them were to learn that the church had no power to protect them against the wrath of the aroused Irish workers who are determined to rid themselves of the burden of a degenerate priesthood.

Congo Copper Miners Organize

BRUSSELS—News from the Belgian Congo report that the breaking down of the "Christian" exploitation begun by the late King Leopold is rapidly advancing thru the widespread activities of Communist Party Sections. Inspired by the Communist principles of local autonomy and workers' government, the natives of the huge rubber plantations are carrying on a struggle to overthrow imperialist rule. Katanga copper mines, in this district, are among the most notorious examples of negro exploitation thruout the tropical regions and fear of the preparations for strikes is felt by the Brussels offices.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

"WESTERN WORKER" readers will get a splendid insight into the problems and process of growth of the Soviet districts of China from the following article written by our correspondent in the Kiangsi province of China.

The letter was written in March 1932 and reached us only in time for this issue due to the difficulties of transporting such matters through the enemy lines of Chiang-Kai-Shek.

The heroic struggle of the Chinese workers and peasants has achieved the establishment of a Soviet Government which includes about 100,000,000 people, and one-fourth of the territory of China proper. The capitalist class throughout the world is feverishly preparing to repeat their efforts (such as those following the Russian Revolution) to invade and attempt to destroy this new workers and peasants power. The China Red Army is at this moment at the gates of Amoy, one of the most important ports of the Pacific. Already U.S. battleships have been rushed there to open fire should the Red Army take Amoy.

The workers of the world, and particularly of the West must make a big "push" to aid the revolutionary movement in China. Fight against the shipment of troops and munitions, and demand the recall of all battleships from Chinese waters! The Chinese revolution will not be settled only on Chinese territory—we can contribute our share by aiding it on the international front!

The letter follows:
Dear Comrades:
The Soviet territory in North-

A Letter from Our Correspondent in China Soviet Territory; Military Defeats of Nationalist Army; Forts to Dam Communist Tide Crumble; Growth of Revolutionary Organization; We Can Help Here!

East Kiangsi to-day comprises more than 20 districts.

After having defeated the third campaign of the Kuomintang against the Soviet districts last year, the Red Army also succeeded in recapturing the lost districts. In addition, new victories have been achieved in the Spring of this year. Thus at the end of February, three new Soviet districts were set up in the Kuang-Fung region (North-East of Kiangsi) and three further districts in the region between Djen-Yang and Pu-zen. From here the Soviet Power has been extended in the direction of Djen-Ngai. The advance of the Red Army has been particularly successful in Fukien. The town of Chunganh was captured and the Wuyi mountains, an extremely important strategic point, occupied, so that the Kuomintang troops have lost a strong basis. In the Te-Schin region (Kiangsi) the 6th Soviet district has been recaptured and a new Soviet district (the 10th) has been organized. In the course of a month the Soviet territory in North Kiangsi has increased by 200 square Li. (a Li is about one-third of a mile).

Uniting the Soviet Districts

As a result of this extension of our Soviet district our aim, the uniting of the various Soviet districts into a coordinated Soviet ter-

ritory, has been partly realized. Particularly important is the linking up of the Soviet district in North-East Kiangsi with the Soviet district in the North of Fukien, which was achieved by setting up a military guard to cover the connecting routes. The connection between the Soviet district in North-East Kiangsi and the Central Soviet district in Kiangsi was established by the partisan fights, so that a united Soviet district in Kiangsi is approaching realization.

Battles with Kuo-Min-Tang

In spite of their repeated defeats, the troops of the Kuomintang reaction have not yet abandoned their hopes of annihilating the Soviet districts and are constantly carrying out fresh attacks. When the 9th, 79th and 53rd divisions of the Kuomintang army, after the defeat of the third campaign against the Central Soviet districts retreated to Anhwei and Chekiang they attacked the centre of our Soviet district in Ko-Yuan. In other places they also attacked the agricultural population, set fire to the houses, seized the grain and killed civilians. In spite of this furious attack on our Soviet district, the Kuomintang army was repulsed by our heroic 10th Red Army supported by the Soviet population. Finally, the Red Army together with the local partisan

troops inflicted an annihilating defeat on the Kuomintang army, which lost more than 1000 killed and wounded. The scattered remnants of the defeated Kuomintang army were driven over the frontiers of the province.

Encircle Soviets with Forts

As a result of the constant defeats the Kuomintang troops were compelled to apply new methods in their fight. The 55th, 18th and 4th divisions of the Kuomintang army and the local "security detachments" of the Kuomintang are permanently stationed round our Soviet district. In addition to the numerous robber attacks upon the Soviet population, these troops are engaged in consolidating their position by erecting fortresses at distances of 30-40 Li from each other. The Kuomintang troops are now endeavouring to blockade the Soviet districts. In order to weaken the morale of the Soviet population they spread the rumor that "fortresses mean the death of the Communist bandits." It is true, the fortresses mean a threat to the Red Army, which is still weak from the military technical point of view, but in recent times it has succeeded in destroying not only some of the newly erected fortresses (near Wan Yian) but also some of the old ones (for instance in Yu-Kiang).

Communists Correct Mistakes

Under the former Le-Li-San leadership we made various mistakes in our agrarian policy. Thus for instance, the division of the land was not carried out in the interest of the poor peasants and land workers. The confidence of the middle peasants in the Soviets was also shaken by such mistakes. The correction of these mistakes consolidated and strengthened the confidence of the broad masses into the Soviet power.

As a result of the agrarian revolution a clear class differentiation is taking place in the village, and the class struggle is assuming sharper forms. The big peasants, who always liked to make themselves out to be middle or even poor peasants, were exposed by the toiling population. The result of this new correct agrarian policy was expressed in the fighting enthusiasm with which the poor peasant population repulsed the attacks of the enemy.

The Provisional Central Government of Soviet China has also proceeded to carry out the labor legislation adopted by the Soviet Congress. Wages have been considerably increased, the eight-hour day has been realized by the workers' collectives and also the agricultural workers have partly won the eight-hour day.

SPEED-UP, LOW WAGES RULE IN OAKLAND SHIPYARD

Wait in Line for Chance of Job which Pays \$5 to \$12 per Week

OAKLAND, Calif., July 4.—The Moore Shipyard, one of the biggest yards in Oakland has a little work once in a while, but wages are so low we can't pay for food, gas, lights and rents.

The workers are desperate. They say, "Something must be done." "Something is going to happen if they don't give us enough work so we can exist." "It can't go on like this."

There are 200 of us. We wait outside the gate for a chance to work a few hours; occasionally 8 hours. When there is work, it goes like mad. There is no new building of ships, just repair jobs and painting around 10 to 20 hours of work for the week.

Hygienic conditions are terrible for the painters. Coal oil is provided for cleaning up, no warm water or soap. Wages are 56c an hour for brush hands. Cleaners get 48c. Men make about \$5 to \$12 per week.

Though we are not fully unemployed, we need unemployment insurance. We must all vote for Foster, the Communist candidate for President, and form a Communist unit in the yards. In this way we can best answer our bosses who have taken away our jobs.

Filipino Musician Works Three Years for Church; No Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The Glad Tidings Summer Bible School at 1441 Ellis Street has the nerve to practice discrimination against Filipinos and Negroes while taking their money!

I have worked for them as a musician for almost three years, and when I asked them for money, they said I was playing for Jesus' sake. When I told them I had to eat, they told me to get out.

They get as much as \$200 on a Sunday from poor workers by promising to help the unemployed. During all my time there, I have seen none of this help except that jobless workers are allowed to sleep on the floor and benches in the hall. No blankets are provided, no food.

I have seen people ask Craig, the pastor, for help—a dime, a cup of coffee—and he always turns them down. He says that God helps the poor!

They also run a fake religious school in which sincere people are robbed. They sneer at poor workers, Filipinos and Negroes behind their backs, but they take every cent they can get from them.

—Phillip Batista.

INDIANS ROBBED BY G.O.P.—DEMOCRATS; TURNING TO C. P.

Indian Calls on All Minority Races to Join Communist Party

When Columbus came to this country he found friendly, peaceful Indians who were as surprised to see him as he was to see them.

Now, we Indians are called "savages," "wild men," and kept locked up in parks or reservations in much the same sense as are buffaloes, polar bears, wolves and other wild animals.

The white bosses who stole all of our land have done their best to make us appear as dangerous to society, and therefore, they refuse to give citizenship, confine us on worthless land and continue with their original stealing by taking our oil, timber, etc. In this way they know that soon we will die of poverty, and what remains of our lands will go to them.

Who can we turn to for help in our fight for existence? The Republican Party and the Democratic Party belong to the bunch of bosses that have robbed us so far.

There is only one Party that is leading the fight of all races for freedom and equality. The other suppressed races besides the Indians, the Negroes, Mexicans and foreign-born workers in the U. S. must recognize sooner or later that the Communist Party alone fights for their betterment, for they are after a workers' and farmers' government.

Let us Indians organize and fight for our freedom by joining the Communist Party. Write Joe Manzanarez, care of "Western Worker," 1164 Market Street, San Francisco.

WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

Winters Businessmen Attack Workers Asking For Food

FRANTIC ASTORIA EDITOR CALLS FOR FASCIST TERROR

ASTORIA, Ore. — Following a very successful meeting at which over 600 workers cheered Dirk De Jonge, war veteran, expose the war plans of Wall Street and the bosses against the workers of the Soviet Union, the editor of the "Messenger" had a "fit."

Frantic over the loss of advertising and circulation in the Astoria Daily Messenger, the editor let go both barrels at the "bad Communists," on June 26th. His amazing confusion and futility before the collapse of capitalism is apparent in this blast:

"If there is any good reason why America should allow radical soap-box orators to harangue our people and urge them with banners to 'Defend the Soviet Union,' we would like to know what it is. The time to kill a python is when it is still young and harmless. Feed it in the public square and it will grow rapidly into a powerful public menace, ready to strike and crush and kill. Why feed the python?"

"This editor has detected how easily a worker can riddle to pieces with facts about starvation, unemployment, war preparation, evictions, foreclosures, etc., the illusions of capitalist 'democracy,' and his panic and defeat is evident. He calls for suppression by fascist terror in the form of gangs of landlords, American Legion members who still have jobs, cannery bosses, etc., of the only organization that can halt the war of intervention on the Soviet Union: the Communist Party."

Reno Painters

RENO, Nevada.—The cut of 20% in wages of the Reno painters did not materialize due to the militant protest of the rank and file members of the A. F. of L. The officials were forced to back down. The scale of \$10.00 per day is still being paid.

Unemployed Citizens League Exposes Self

SEATTLE, Wash., July 4.—The Unemployed Citizens Leagues have gained considerable power here in the Northwest. The workers listen to the radical phrases of these "leaders," and think it is great stuff. The bosses understand the hollowness of these phrases, and put no obstacles in the path of this anti-working-class organization.

In Tacoma the workers are being led away from the struggle with the capitalist class by these fakery and put to work on farms where they are hitched to plows like horses to work on potatoes.

Here in Seattle instead of organizing the workers to struggle with their bosses for unemployment insurance and immediate adequate relief, the workers are being organized to go around in professional bumming committees to beg food, clothing, fuel from the small business man.

Quits A.F. of L. and Joins Militant Union

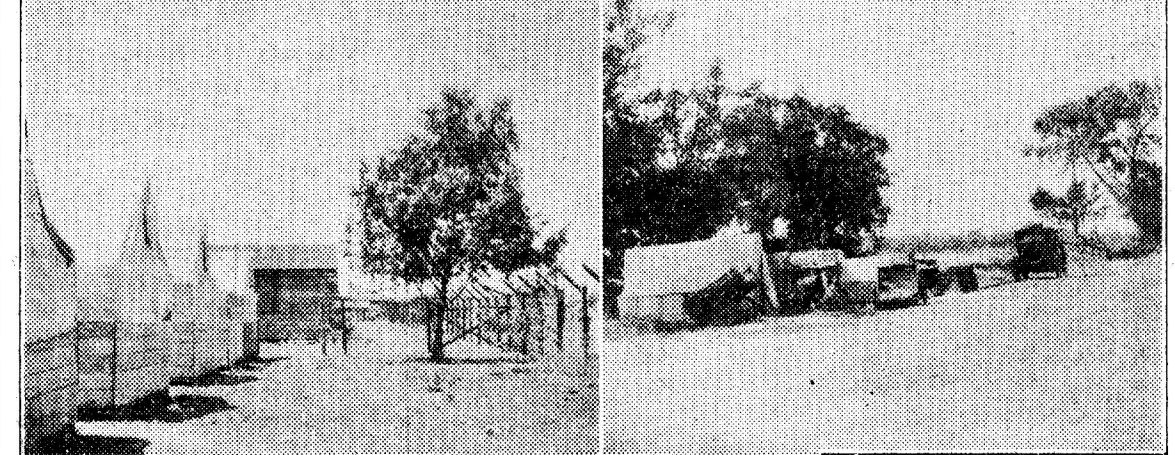
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—I have been for years a member of the local union for Needle Workers which is with the A. F. of L. Whether employed or not we have been forced to pay our dues. When we come for help we receive none.

After I had been unemployed for almost ten months, I finally got a job with the Co-operative Overall factory, where I was forced to sign a note that I was not experienced. This is done so that they will not have to pay us the amount required by the state law. We are paid 40c for one dozen of overalls, and only those who are experienced will be able to make \$1.20 per day.

In order to make that amount, it means that we have to work like slaves, but the A. F. of L. can not do anything for us. I am now joining the T. U. U. L. and am hoping that something can and will be done to stop the bosses stealing from the workers.

—An Employee of the Co-operative Overall Factory.

Company-owned "Hoovertowns" Provided for Brentwood Workers



UPPER LEFT.—Miserably equipped tents, with primitive and dangerous sanitary conditions, are the "summer homes" of fruit workers.

UPPER RIGHT.—Roadside camps of unemployed workers, lured to Brentwood on company promises of work, unable to buy gas to move on.

LOWER LEFT.—Shacks in which Filipino workers must crowd large families.

Sacramento Valley Farmers Show Solidarity with Fight of Winters Jobless

The arrest of four workers for the "crime" of leading the Winters camp in a militant fight against starvation had quite the opposite effect on the farmers than was expected by the zealous red-baiting newspapers. Scores of letters were received from farmers and workers expressing solidarity and sympathy. The following from an Elk Grove wife of a poor farmer is typical:

"I am writing this to give you courage to continue in your fight for better conditions for ninety per cent of the people. The knowledge that thousands of people are with you who do not belong to any organization will help you."

"In our locality these are the conditions: A family owning a farm worth not less than \$40,000 (dairy and prunes) on Cosumnes River is destitute; the mother is forced to live with her two children to go back to teach school in order to pay the exorbitant taxes. Comment:

homes are broken up under our present economic system. "Next door to that farm, Mr. McD., his wife and six children moved last week into a barn as the farm he managed had been rented to a dairyman. He had a vegetable garden planted, planning on food throughout the year, but which he was obliged to leave when owner rented the farm.

"Farmers are cutting out use of power for irrigation and the use of tractors. On account of too great expense, we are cutting out electric power for water heating and stove in the house. We just sold our lambs for \$2 a head—70 lb. average. There is no prospect of selling our fruit crop, forty acres. Last year pickers made from 75c to \$1.75 piece work, board themselves. I told them they could pick if they wanted to, and I would ship fruit along. We got only bare cost out, and therefore, did not care if they picked or not.

And people are starving for the fruit a farmer has to throw away because he cannot afford to pick. "You are the younger generation. Fight for us older ones who have family responsibilities. We have five children—one in high school at Elk Grove where the trustees are dismissing the competent married teachers in favor of unmarried ones in order that the income shall be spread out. At the same time the trustees acknowledge the injustice of taking away the economic independence of women and their right to maintain the family. Thus the capitalists place women in the same plight of the American Negroes.

"I do hope your parents stand behind you in this matter for which you were arrested, and wish that you would show this letter to them." Sincerely, MRS. H.

Our Shop Papers

C. & S. Railroad Worker Strikes First Blow!

The Railroad Shop Group of the Railroad Industrial League in the Colorado & Southern Railroad, Denver, Colo., sends in VOLUME 1, Number 1, of the "C&S RAILROAD WORKER." Its feature story says:

"The Grand Lodge officials are still telling us that the wage cut was necessary although they strenuously oppose taking a wage cut for themselves. . . We can expect another "deduction" unless the rank and file take hold of the unions themselves, establish their shop and grievance committees and fight in the most determined manner against further wage cuts. . ."

The C&S Railroad Worker fights for "Unity of all railroad workers; Against wage cuts; For the 6-hour day with eight hours pay. One Industry, one union, one fight, one front. 1,500,000 railroad men in one organization; Rank and file control, inner-union democracy, free speech and assemblage. A new era for railroad labor."

"SHOP PAPER EDITOR" IN NEW FORM

The National "Shop Paper Editor" which we mentioned a number of times in this column has been discontinued as a mimeographed bulletin and is now coming out as a special feature of the "PARTY ORGANIZER" beginning with the May-June issue.

The "Shop Paper Editor" is of tremendous help to comrades getting out shop papers and "the same main features that we had in the mimeographed Shop Paper Editor will be retained and improved upon in the Party Organizer."

In addition to available printed material, this column is ready to give every aid possible to get new shop papers started and to help those already established to improve.

Write us your problems and especially send for a copy of the May-June issue of the "Party Organizer" which sells for 15c (being a double number). Regular issues sell for 10c. Get them through this column or at the Bookshop, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco.

Workers Tortured By Seattle 'Doaks'

SEATTLE, Wash., July 4.—Immigration authorities here are using the utmost brutality against workers in their clutches. Besbekas, a foreign-born worker after a year's incarceration in the Seattle immigration station, without one minute's notice, was dragged out of his cell and notified that he was to be sent to Ellis Island for deportation. Protesting

this sudden notice of his departure, and demanding to see the I. L. D. attorney and wanting to get his clothes from his friends outside, this worker was beaten up, knocked unconscious and dragged out by the feet to a waiting police van and loaded onto the train. Besbekas was only half clothed as all his belongings were outside. The Dies Bill, sponsored by Hamilton Fish, and now before the U. S. Senate, if passed will further legalize this terror and brutality against the foreign born workers.

AMERICAN LEGION AIDS SHERIFF IN ORGANIZING TERRORISTS TO HALT RISE OF STARVING WORKERS

Four Arrested for Leading Workers to Fight for Right to Live; Students' Club Protests

WINTERS, Calif. — Three hundred farmers and shop keepers, armed with shotguns, blackjacks and clubs, stirred into a state of violence by leaders of the American Legion and Sheriff Monroe of Yolo County, invaded a large camp of destitute workers here to suppress a "red menace."

The Sheriff and the fascist Legion leaders after telling the workers how friendly they were to them and distributing a little food and \$2, rushed back to town to get a mob by telling the townspeople that the reds in the "Hooverville" camp were about to march into the town, destroy property and seize everything they could lay their hands on. The Sheriff said it was the duty of all to take arms to protect their property.

A week before, workers from the camp had come into Sacramento to the Workers Center asking for guidance as they were slowly starving to death, and there was practically no work.

The ten were taken to Winters, six were discharged, and the four left were taken to Fairfield, County seat of Solano County and booked on the vagrancy charge. Bail was set at \$500 each. The Sacramento Branch of the International Labor Defense was able to rally the workers and farmers in the district to raise the bail and they were released.

U. C. STUDENT HELD

Those held for trial are Donald Bigham, Luther Mincey, Rebel Alonso and Darwin Alonso, a student of the University of California and a member of the Social Problems Club.

When the I. L. D. attorney objected to the charge of "Vag," it was changed to Rout.

Telegrams of protest from farmers and workers organizations and students clubs together with the prompt action in raising the high bail were effective in forcing the Judge at the hearing to a third course. Ninety-six subpoenas were issued for the defense. The trial will be held in Dixon on July 18.

The boss newspapers are doing their best to support the Sheriff and the American Legion in their case against the starving workers of Winters. They are trying to minimize the conditions in the camp and paint the militant workers as trouble makers and grafters taking huge sums of money from destitute campers.

Workers should attend the trial and send protests.

SHERIFF RUSHES AID

A meeting was called at which 500 attended. The Sheriff also drove in and got busy making promises. The eagerness of the workers to organize scared the Sheriff into action, where before he had ignored them. A little food, \$2 and a lot of promises resulted.

The workers saw that only by taking mass action would they get any attention from the bosses. It was decided to organize a Hunger March into the town the following Sunday, June 20.

Sunday was chosen as the workers wanted to hunt for work on Saturday. But on this Sunday the farmers tried to split up the march by giving work for a few hours to some of the workers.

TRY INTIMIDATION

On this day when the Sacramento delegation arrived the camp was swarming with Deputies and misled farmer. Armed citizens poked guns into the ribs of the campers as soon as a speaker started the meeting. Ten were arrested and held while the Sheriff made a lynch talk, but the workers were not moved.

The arrests were in Solano County, and the Sheriff of Yolo

WHITE ANGEL MAKES WORKERS FIGHT FOR FOOD; CLAIMS TO BE BENEFACTOR

By CECILIA DALWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Jobless sailors and waterfront workers—white, yellow and brown line up in two long queues to get a plate of black beans and a dose of prayers every noon at the "White Angel Jungles." When stew is served it has a smell of rotten garbage.

The "White Angel" herself is a queer duck, preaches humility and submission, and, as she laddles up food, sings a tune, swaying up and down rhythmically with each helping.

The men do not seem to protest this ludicrous treatment in a land where thousands and thousands of tons of food are being dumped into the ocean, milk thrown away, fruit left to rot on the trees, and shoes, hats and coats lying in warehouses! However, they will. They must realize sooner or later that the food they produced, the houses they built, and machines—everything is theirs when they organize and take them.

MEN FIGHT FOR FOOD

Standing on the deck of her ship, the "White Angel" threw handfuls of stale doughnuts to the scrambling men below. This was a special treat! She also threw out small cakes, a pie, some candy and a few cigarettes. What viciousness! She also had a donated suit of clothes. She threw the pants to one group, the coat to another and the vest to still another.

In an interview, this woman claimed to be a benefactor, loving all unfortunates. She claims that the only reason she does not lead them to the city hall for real relief is that she is waiting for a leader to come.

Just who this leader is she does not state, but it is suspected that she is hoping for the "second coming of Christ." In the meantime she will continue to boast of her love for the workers and watch with pleasure men crawling around on their empty bellies clutching for scraps of food she tosses them.

Support the Chinese Revolution—Down with the Japanese Invasion!

POLITICIAN STOPS NEEDLE WORKER ON CHARITY RELIEF JOB

Wait 10 Months and Is Then Refused Job by Capitalist Politician

SIERRA MADRE, Calif., July 4.—About ten months ago, in Los Angeles, I registered as unemployed for any work. On May 12th, I finally received a card to go to work at once. I spent my last dollar for carfare into L. A., and when I got there a man asked my address. I told him I now lived at Sierra Madre since I had lost my home in the city after soaking in \$5,000 on my hard earned wages as a Needle Trades Worker. Then he calmly told me that if I ever moved back to Los Angeles, to register again, and if my turn comes, he will call me. Then he turned around and left me flat.

After waiting ten months for a chance to work five days, I was denied by a dirty bum politician because I had been forced to move out of my own house, which I just lost after soaking in \$5,000. And in the five years I lived there I paid over \$1,000 in highway robbery taxes and assessments. My money had helped keep those guys in office!

This has opened my eyes to the necessity for us, the masses to rid ourselves of illusions about democracy and humble submission to the power of the rich. The Communist Party is the only organization that shows the way out of this mess. A strong vote for Foster will force the bosses to give us better action on relief, and be a major step in the final elimination of the capitalist system.

Philadelphia Relief Breaks

PHILADELPHIA.—After spending \$14,500,000 of the relief fund, the Philadelphia committee on unemployment aid has decided to "dissolve forthwith."

In appealing to Governor Pinchot, the charity heads admit 57,000 families are facing actual starvation.

WORKERS HEALTH

Revolutionary Medicine

Revolutionary medicine is the result of the social necessity to have healthy workers to produce for social needs.

Bourgeois medicine is something else again. There are the Mayo clinic, John Hopkins university, Vienna racketeers, but the workers also have county hospitals, and Ford plants requiring work beyond the permanent capacity of any individual.

Most workers at some time in their existence have gone to free clinics, meeting with careless nurses. Workers have the experience of having cheap, unwholesome food thrown at them—food cooked by fellow patients usually convalescent syphilis and delivered by long sufferers from gonorrheal rheumatism.

Of late years, military experts, have learned the social menace of venereal diseases, and the bourgeoisie, having a lurking fear of the danger of contagion from the starving unemployed in the soup lines have established free clinics where sufferers may be practiced upon by medicals dreaming of fifteen hundred dollar operations, but it is to the Workers' Government that we look for the development of social medicine—where well being is not a matter of individual concern but where the health of the workers is a vital one, indispensable to the five year plan and essential to the world revolution.

IN SOVIET UNION

In the workers' fatherland, no longer do babies die of neglect, infant mortality already has been cut in half; no longer do mothers suffer unnecessarily; no longer do workers spend their last cent at Rough and Ready's employment agency for a job and go to work without breakfast. In the Soviet Union, medicine specializes in industrial diseases. The flossam of broken men, wreckage of a merciless industrial system is no part of Soviet economy. Men are social creatures in the workers' republic requiring a revolutionary medicine to maintain their health.

Dr. Ralph Reynolds described revolutionary medicine before the members of the Russian American Institute the night of June 28th. Unfortunately his visit to the U. S. S. R. was almost at the beginning of the five year plan, so that his facts were way outdated by the tremendous advances made since then.

Nevertheless, he told enough to convince the suffering workers that a better world is in birth.

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Foreign Born Fight Deportation Bill
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The International Labor Defense in San Francisco points out that: "Thousands of foreign born workers are now on strike in the Beet fields of Colorado. Mexican, Filipino, and other foreign born agricultural and cannery workers in California are militantly preparing struggles against wage cuts and long hours.

The Dies Bill is aimed primarily at these workers who endorse the Communist policy of striking against starvation, it also is directed at the native born workers. Congressmen, in the discussion on the Bill, admitted that it is in line with the Fish Committee proposals, and is cultivating the ground for further repressive measures against the native workers.

The Dies Bill must not become law. It must, and will be defeated by the United Front of the working class!

While the Dies Bill is awaiting passage in Congress, wholesale deportation arrests of Mexican and other foreign born workers are now taking place in the Colorado beet fields in an effort of the government to aid the Great Western Sugar bosses in breaking the strike.

The "Daily Worker" reports that in New York, the flop houses and unemployment agencies are stool-pigeoning on the workers, asking to see their passports and citizenship papers, and turning them over to the immigration officials.

FIGHT DEPORTATIONS
The International Labor Defense warns all workers NOT to give any information whatsoever to the authorities, if arrested. Demand the right to call the I. L. D. for an attorney.

In order to make possible the handling of all cases, the I. L. D. must be built into a powerful shield of the working class. Join today. Establish branches in all cities and farming communities. Get in touch with the I. L. D. at Room 603, 1179 Market Street, San Francisco if you do not know of a branch in your locality.

1500 AT SEATTLE CHEER FOSTER IN OVERFLOW MEET
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1500 HEAR FOSTER
In spite of the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and Real Estate companies to prevent the meeting, more than 1500 workers crowded every inch of the Olympic Theatre and overflowed the Workers Center Hall upstairs to hear Wm. Z. Foster, Communist Party candidate for President.

An enthusiastic ovation greeted Comrade Foster when he appeared on the platform. With him were Alex Noral, District Organizer of the Communist Party, proposed by the Communist Party Election Conference as candidate for U. S. Senator, and Fred Walker, proposed candidate for Governor of Washington on the Communist ticket.

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FOSTER JAILED FOR LEADING PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

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Squad" as being "in line with the growing trend of fascism in America," pointing to the demand both by Al Smith and Senator Reed for a "strong man" at the head of the government, as a demand for a fascist dictator.

"Hynes thinks," said Foster, "that he can solve the economic crisis by suppression, but you can't feed hungry workers tear gas."

PROTEST SHOOTING

The demonstration at the Plaza was called to demand the right of free speech and protest the shooting of Dell when the notorious Hynes gangsters, without warrant, raided a private home where unemployed workers were discussing problems of relief. Six were arrested at the meeting and charged with "suspicion of criminal syndicalism."

Previously the Los Angeles police, backed by the corrupt boss courts, had caused the owner of the Music Arts Hall to close the hall to a meeting scheduled for Sunday night at which Foster was to speak on the election campaign.

At a meeting called to protest the closing of the hall to the Foster meeting Meyer Baylin, of the Unemployed Council, was arrested and several others including one woman were badly beaten when police attacked the crowd of 3,000.

East Bay Workers Cheer Foster

OAKLAND, Calif.—A thousand workers jammed the 12th Street Theater in Oakland, in the most enthusiastic meeting ever held here. Wm. Z. Foster, who spoke on the capitalist offensive and the Communist way out of the crisis, was continuously cheered.

2,000 Jam Frisco Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—Hundreds of late comers were turned away for lack of room, as two thousand crowded into Polk Hall, Civic Auditorium (the largest available hall) to hear the Communist presidential candidate.

The meeting took the form of a gigantic demonstration against the Hoover hunger government, the state government and its watchdog, Cameron King of the Socialist Party, who led the campaign to keep the Communist Party off the ballot.

2,000 at Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Nearly two thousand workers jammed Library Park here tonight to hear William Z. Foster, candidate for president on the Communist Party ticket, despite rumors that he would NOT arrive in Phoenix in time for the scheduled meeting.

From Phoenix Comrade Foster will continue his election campaign tour of the southwest.

Market St. R. R. Platform Men Get Wage Cut
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payers behind their secret plans to take over the Municipal lines, thus abolishing the 8 hour day and the 75c an hour scale on these lines. Many of the workers on the Municipal lines are blacklisted and will be fired if the Market Street Co. is able to carry through their dastardly plans.

Workers of the Market St. Lines must resist the wage cuts in store for them. Each cut strengthens the bosses in their drive to capture the Municipal lines and smash the union conditions and wages for thousands of workers.

Market Street Company workers should write for assistance in this fight to the Trade Union Unity League, 830 Market Street, San Francisco.

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WORK AMONG YOUTH
(Draft Resolution-Party Convention District 13 On Youth Work)

Although our party has doubled its membership in the last year and our mass organizations have advanced considerably, our Y. C. L. and Youth Mass organizations have not witnessed any considerable growth in our District. Despite the fact that the Y. C. L. must be a broader and larger mass organization than the Communist Party, they are considerably smaller in size, it has not succeeded in conducting any struggle among the youth for their special demands (Young Workers get no relief if unemployed) and usually get lower wages (i. e. S. P. Apprentice system) and are first to be laid off (i. e. Goodyear L. A.)

Although the Y. C. L. did participate in our campaigns, such as Hunger march, C. S. Law repeal, Election Campaign, etc, it did not have special youth demand and was unable to win over many young workers to its ranks despite the fact that the youth has shown its willingness to struggle (i. e., Winters Hunger March, etc.)

Especially now, when we are in a war situation, must we take steps to organize the thousands of young workers and children in our District. The youth are being militarized as never before, the registration for Citizens Military Training Camps were larger this year than ever before. Many youth are joining the National Guards Army, navy, in order to avoid starvation. Fascist organizations are making concessions to the youth in order to win them over (Y. M. C. A.) The majority of the armed forces are youth. Young workers are employed in the basic industries in our district.

We must take steps to organize the young workers, students, and children by strengthening our Y. C. L. and Pioneer membership and by the building up of youth branches of our mass organizations.

A start must be made toward the building of the Y. C. L. into organizations capable of leading the youth in their struggle for better conditions, in those places where the Y. C. L. did make a start on this path we grew. (Growth of Pioneer, League in some parts of L. A.)

HOW CAN WE CHANGE THE CRITICAL SITUATION OF OUR YOUTH MOVEMENT

- 1. Give guidance to the Y. C. L. by having capable comrades meet with them and work with them in the District leadership and as well as in units.
- 2. Assign as many young party comrades as possible to have as their main party work the building of the Y. C. L. and the Pioneers.
- 3. Combat thru discussion the attitude among many of the party members who take on a cynical and pessimistic approach to the youth and do not understand the necessity for carrying on organization of the young workers. This approach only gives the reactionary organizations a better chance to win them over and use them as a bulwark against the revolutionary movement.
- 4. Take up the question of building youth and children groups in all of our mass organizations.
- 5. Establish joint committees with the Y. C. L. to carry on work among the youth in the armed forces.
- 6. Drawing up of youth demands in all campaigns where the youth play a role (Election campaign, trade union activity, shopwork, etc.)

The building up of the youth and children's movement (broader than our party) must become one of the major political tasks of our district.

PULLMAN WORKERS JOIN MEXICAN S. P. RAILWAY STRIKE

All Mexican S. P. Lines Tied Up; Worker Guards Prevent Provocation

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, July 4.—Throwing their strength with the strike of 3500 workers of the Southern Pacific Railway of Mexico against a ten per cent wage cut, a nationwide strike of all Pullman workers went into effect July 1st.

The Southern Pacific strike, which began June 28 and included more than eighty per cent of the workers—the remaining twenty per cent being of the office force—has been well organized and is growing. One of the first steps was the placing of worker-guards along the 1200 miles of lines tied up to prevent provocative acts of violence by scabs and thugs. The demands included the removal of the notorious exploiter, the American president of the line, H. B. Titcomb. Titcomb's policy has been to keep the dividends up at the expense of the workers, and so put the burden of the crisis more heavily upon the backs of what are already one of the most exploited classes in the world.

The Mexican Board of Mediation and Conciliation which, under Acquitiez Cruz, appointee of President Portes Gil, threatened to force the running of the Southern Pacific lines and uphold the wage-cut, after three days were unable to jam thru their "solution." When at noon of July 1st, the time limit set for the board to settle the strike, the workers had not won, a nation-wide strike of all Pullman workers, affecting all lines throughout Mexico, was called. These men, realizing the impending wage-cuts certain to be theirs if the S. P. strikers lost, took this militant step as a means to insure victory both for themselves and their fellowworkers.

S. P. workers of the western United States, throttled by A. F. L. misleaders, accepted a ten per cent wage cut last January 1st, and are now facing a second drastic cut. The rank and file of these unions, whose willingness to struggle was thwarted last winter, are determined to prevent this second cut by organizing into the Railway Workers League, affiliated with the T. U. U. L., as the Mexican Pullman workers have.

RANK AND FILE OF VETS EXPOSE FAKE LEADERS
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posed by speakers from the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

ARMY GROWING
The strength of the bonus army is daily showing an increase, as marchers following the lead set by the W. E. S. L., are arriving from every state in the union.

A sharp struggle for food resulted when Pelham Glassford, Washington's police chief, said no more rations were available for the bonus army. The Provisional Bonus March Committee of the W. E. S. L. at once issued a statement "in the name of the masses of hungry, unemployed worker veterans demanding that the government supply food immediately."

MASS PROTEST WINS
A committee of 15 worker veterans, led by S. J. Stember, of the W. E. S. L. protested to the chief of police against the arrest and terrorization of veterans who distributed W. E. S. L. literature.

GOVERNOR MIER TRIES TO HIDE FROM JOBLESS
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single, foreign-born, Negro or Filipino work on relief work.

- 3.—The immediate establishment by the City, County and State governments, of commissaries throughout the city with adequate supplies of food and clothing for all unemployed workers until such times as the Unemployment Insurance Bill is passed by the State or National Governments. These commissaries to be in the hands of delegated workers elected by the unemployed.
- 4.—Free transportation to all relief jobs.
- 5.—No light, water, or gas shut-offs, no eviction for non-payment of rent due to unemployment. No foreclosures for taxes, or non-payment of mortgages of the unemployed workers.
- 6.—Unemployment and Social Insurance at the expense of the State and the employers.

GOVERNOR "SURPRISED"

The Governor evaded the whole question by saying that "we are all in the same boat," and that he was doing the best he could. When asked if he were in favor of the \$1.50 scale of wages for work on the highways he said that it was not for publication, but that really he was opposed to such a low standard of living. Thus he tried to fool the workers into thinking that he is for them, while doing the bidding of the bosses of Oregon, by helping to put a starvation wage into effect.

The bad conditions at Grandma's Kitchen, supported by the Community Chest, and which is considered by the Governor and his advisers as sufficient relief for the unemployed workers, were exposed. The workers told how the meals they got there were made from stale food, while the "Kitchen" receives 12c for every meal it puts out. The Governor was also extremely surprised" to hear that any workers, or their wives and children were actually going hungry in Oregon.

The 2000 unemployed workers gathered again at the Plaza in the afternoon to hear the report of their committee. They decided to hold a conference next Sunday of all rank and file workers from all organizations to decide further means of fighting the \$1.50 a day wage and the concentration camps.

Privileges To White Guards; U. S. Vets Starve

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and financial support (even including promises of land and industries in the Soviet Union).

ANSWER WAR MAKERS
Workers: men and women—employed and unemployed—war vets: Smash the Hoover war plans. Demand immediate relief and unemployment insurance instead of bul, lets and gas! Drive the White Guard provocateurs out! Demonstrate on August 1st against imperialism and in defense of the Chinese people and the Soviet Union.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THUNDER BELOW—Paramount Production showing at Fox West Coast Theatres.

For about eight years, since the success of the play "Rain" started a flood of imitations, one of the choice absurdities of the screen has been the one about "hot love in the tropics." Very few of those likely to view American movies have ever lived in the tropics, and so are prepared to swallow a great deal of romantic twaddle, wherein the difference in climate is given as the sole reason for moral degeneration.

The fact, of course, is that tropical regions are peopled with colored races exploited by white representatives of imperialism. Steeped in race prejudice, and living relatively isolated lives, these whites become a race unto themselves, hardened through the cruelties they inflict and witness inflicted upon the workers of the "inferior race." In addition to this, the cheating characteristic of the Dog-eat-dog fight of fortune hunting; results in these "rugged individuals" developing exceedingly ragged morals in every regard. In a life of corruption and cruelty, the ideal becomes do what you want, and take what you can, rather than one of the sexual strictness. Wives living in such surroundings, get much the same way. Climate enters very slightly; monotony is more of a factor; but the basic consideration is that of the law-to-itself attitude of the exploiting class, in tropics as well as temperate zones.

"Thunder Below" is the old story of two friends, with the wife of one of them loving the unmarried one. The husband, the domineering Empire building type, goes blind and depends on his friend's help to hold on to his job until his pension is due, thus preventing the lover running off. The complication comes, or really begins, with the wife's suicide. The superficial story poorly assembled and with the mediocre acting is worth no worker's money.

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So rarely is it possible to praise a movie other than those of the Soviet Union that it is a measure when one like "Avalanche" comes along, if for no other reason than to prove that the same basis for these reviews applies to all.

Pictures made for foreign countries are one of the most important phases of Hollywood studios, acting in capacity of propaganda for American imperialism, and the language difficulties of films for export are as characteristic of European films as of American. "Avalanche" is remarkable in this respect, that the story and assembling have been so correctly done that sub-titles and dialogue are very little used, and could have been cut even more. Scenes such as hare-and-hounds on skis, or a lonely house high on a mountain peak photograph their own character without the need of words. Language is national, but emotional reactions know no territorial boundaries, and through this particular field of the export film the principle of Soviet films, "montage," wherewith effects are built through a progression of reactions to a series of photographs, again proves itself the only fundamentally sound method.

Those of the parasite class will see in "Avalanche" a love story against a background of beautiful scenery. Only workers will really feel its depth. The central figure a wealthy man on Mt. Blanc, is self-reliant, depending not only on his brains but on his hands and feet to get about at his work on the mountaintops. Only a worker can feel the tragedy of the loss of two hands, frozen in a blizzard; sailors and outdoor workers particularly know, from having lived it, the terrific dramatic suspense of battling with a storm. And that is the climax of a story as exciting as it is real, and whose few characters give a picture of society when class struggle is abolished and all work in their different jobs, men and women equally, for the good of all.

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BREAK THE "LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE" IN OUR WORK

By A. GERARD

All our activities must center toward entrenching ourselves in the shop in order to be able to lead the masses into struggles, not struggling for the masses but with the masses, and develop the struggles on ever higher and higher political planes, constantly exposing the demagoguery of the Social Fascists, keeping the war danger constantly in front of the workers, uniting various demands of different sections of the working class under the one banner of the Communist Party, making the Party part and parcel of the working class.

Have we, the Party members of District 13, been aware of these tasks, and did we respond to the directives laid out for us? Yes, we did, to a great extent, we have accomplished a great deal. But there are several shortcomings I have noticed within the scope of my activity, which I should like to bring out.

What have we been doing? Take for example one of the Units in San Francisco. It was proposed to concentrate on a certain transport industry. Three or four different committees were assigned. What happened? Nothing. The comrades were too busy with "mass" work and it seemed more important to keep a comrade in I. L. D. office typing. And I believe the unit is still talking about concentrating on that particular transport industry.

Several spontaneous strikes took place around San Francisco. Why didn't we lead them? Why should a spontaneous strike take place? Was it because the comrades were too busy with "mass" work? Some time ago the District sharply called our attention to T. U. U. L. work. In that same unit it was found that two comrades who were busy in language groups were not participating in the T. U. U. L. activities. Also it was found that our orientation was wrong—both comrades were of the higher paid needle trades workers and while there are hundreds of sweatshops in San Francisco, no decisive attempt was made to work among them.

Now what about our mass organizations? At the last plenum of the I.L.D. it was stated that a great deal of agitation work was done, to which the masses responded very actively, but the "life of the branches was as yet weak." What does that signify? That means that we take the line of least resistance and fight for the masses instead of leading the masses into fight. The same thing is noted in our Unemployed Council work. There are four headquarters in the City,

but I doubt if there are that many block and neighborhood committees (there were but three in April).

The Unemployed Council in Fillmore district evolved itself into a go-between for the starving families and Mrs. Felton of the Charities. There is not a single committee that is active. The house committee is never doing anything, etc.

Why? Because we are still too sectarian, because we are fighting for them and not with them, because the workers do not feel as yet the Unemployed Council is of them and not for them.

Why is it in Sacramento the house committee is busy. Are the workers different in Sacramento? Excellent tactics were shown by the Unemployed Council before the committee was clubbed. Why was it that work died after that? The reason is when we lead the struggles of the workers, we take the issue out of their hands and fight not with them, but for them. It seems to me we say, "Now watch me do it, I am the C. P."

That is the reason we are still to an extent a sect fighting for a working class instead of a vanguard formulating demands and fighting with the workers for these demands.

We seem to be waiting for the masses to get radicalized and come to us, instead of us going to the masses and radicalizing them. "We professional revolutionists must continue, and will continue, this kind of 'pushing' and a hundred times more forcibly than we have done hitherto" (Lenin). But to take the line of least resistance is always easier and we do it.

RENO UNIT
Now take the Reno Unit. What do you see there? From its inception, the decision was made to sharply turn towards the shops. What happened? Recently the unit increased its membership 75% and the Unit now consists of 100% of Unemployed workers. That is not funny at all, but tragic, especially that the fact of the conditions of employed workers are very little better than unemployed.

It is time for every party member to realize that the situation has developed to an extreme sharpness, and if we do not turn toward the masses and work with them, lead them in their struggles, develop those struggles on an always higher political plane, we will not be able to fulfill our historic duty as the revolutionary vanguard of the working class.

Comrades, we must turn towards the masses, into the shops, neighborhoods, towards the workers in uniform.

STRONG COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN E. BAY

By A. R. STEPHENS

We have failed to thoroughly explain the program of our Party to the majority of the residents in the working class section of this city, although we have reached several thousands of workers in the signature drive to put the Communist Party on the ballot. One of the main reasons for this is that we were lacking in collective leadership. We were loaded up with papers, collection lists and various other literature which required so much of our time that we were almost unable to talk on one specific thing—why the Party should be placed on the ballot. We failed to tell the prospective signer of the petition why the Party should be placed on the ballot, and because we did not do this, we failed to explain the program of our Party to the workers. We left the workers unfamiliar with what the Party is really doing in the struggles of the masses from day to day. It is not enough for the workers to see what our Party is doing from what they can get from a speaker on the street corner or an indoor meeting as has occurred to a great extent in the past.

As the economic crisis has become sharper, the workers are less able to purchase party literature. We must find ways and means of putting the press in the hands of the workers on a broad basis. This must be done collectively if we are to get the proper organizational results for the press. Neighborhood and shop gate distributions have almost completely vanished from the East Bay Section.

We have also neglected the education of the Party membership and the "Party Organizer" and "The Communist" are almost exhibitions in some of the Party Units. Among new units we have also neglected to instruct and give guidance as to what to read and study

to get more knowledge of our Party and its program of action in the present day to day struggles of the masses.

Many new applicants were drawn into the Party but the failure to visit these new applicants and to arrange proper meeting places for them, are some of the chief reasons for the loss of the new applicants and the poor functioning of those who remain in the Party.

Open forums have been held and workers asked to take the floor in the discussion and present their views. When they did they were sharply attacked by members of the Party merely because their views did not correspond with those of some of the members of our Party. If we are to build a strong Communist Party—a Mass Party Rooted in the Shops and Factories we must not continue this conduct but must use more tact in winning the confidence of the workers, and build up our fractions in the mass organizations to offset the contrary views towards our Party. In this way we can reach those few workers who are still working a few days a month, thereby increasing the dues payments of our Party as a whole and not in one particular unit as has been the case in the past.

Assignments have been made which were detrimental to our Party and to the comrade who was given the assignment. For instance, assigning a comrade to conduct a forum or an open air meeting which had been out in the field all day trying to sell the Daily Worker and other literature from house to house.

With the reorganization of the Section and the establishment of a strong collective leadership, the East Bay Section will become, as it should, one of the strongest sections in District 13.

Pre-Convention Discussion

NOTE:—This discussion is being carried through with the greatest freedom possible for the participants. No article unless it is unintelligible is changed in contents. It is therefore clear that the views expressed are not necessarily official either for the "Western Worker" nor the Communist Party, but are the opinion of the author.

In the Present War Situation Anti-Militarist Work Must Become One of Our Points of Concentration

By DICK DURANT

Since our last Convention, we have improved but little, if at all, with our Anti-militarist work. Although at every meeting we pass resolutions pointing out the extreme importance of this work, especially since the Sunnyvale base as well as other strategic military plants are located in our District, we have not yet made a decisive turn in this activity.

Our methods of work have not been correct. The practice of getting out an occasional leaflet in a haphazard manner, and confining our activity too much on leaflets is wrong. Instead of having a large group of comrades in the CMTC and National Guards Camps this year, we find that we have gone back considerably in this respect, having fewer this year than at anytime previously.

NO CONTINUITY
Anti-militarist committees have been changed so often that there has been no continuity in the work, and the ones usually put on such committees, were usually loaded down with a mass of other important work which made it impossible for them to function properly. We have a case where a Comrade was sent into the National Guard, but was never given a chance to carry on any activity. (He was loaded down with everything else but Anti-militarist work.)

Careless methods of work are responsible for our losing a golden opportunity at last year's NG camp, where a Comrade had secured many contacts and had sent in inside news and grievances, only to find that he had been given a wrong address, with the result that

we lost a good chance to reach the NG with our message and to link up the brutal treatment received there with the war preparations, as well as of course organizing them for a struggle for better conditions.

WORK IN THE NAVY
Although we have a good basis for our work in the Navy, having contacts on battleships, the work has been very disconnected. There is no apparatus to co-ordinate the work between Section and the District and between our District and other Districts. It is very important that we have such connections since the sailors and marines are continually on the move from one spot to another.

SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, SAN DIEGO AND PEDRO
By having such an apparatus the Comrades can follow up the contacts made on a certain ship, by letting our Comrades ahead in other ports know in time the contact, the ship, etc.

We can record a little accomplishment, in getting out some pretty good leaflets and bulletins from which we got a favorable response. (The Worker Guardsman" which was distributed to the San Francisco and Oakland armies, etc., Harbor Day, Presidio, etc.) However, this good agitational work was never followed up organizationally. A little personal contact work has been done but very little accomplished organizationally, due to insufficient follow-up.

An occasional appeal to the Servicemen in the Western Worker is not enough. Although this question has just lately received some atten-

tion in the Org letter, we must go further in order to make some real accomplishments.

WHAT TO DO
Following are some of the most immediate tasks:

- 1.—Establishment of a functioning Anti-Militarist Committee on a District scale, with Section and Unit Committees to coordinate the work. The Secretary at least should put in his major time at this work, and not be overloaded with all kinds of other work. (The usual practice has been to put Comrades on this work who had their hands full with other work, with the result that they had no time to function on A. M. work).
- 2.—Comrades who are put in this work, should wherever possible, be those who have been in the armed forces, since they will understand the best methods to use in getting results.
- 3.—Constant check-up and guidance from the D. C. The question of a budget should be worked out by the D. C. (Many times important letters were held up indefinitely due to the lack of postage stamps, even after appealing to some leading District functionaries for help, which was not given).
- 4.—Systematic and planned day to day work. (Spasmodic activity has been the rule). Also a tightening of the apparatus. (Carelessness in writing, addresses, etc., must be remedied).
- 5.—Direct contact between District 13 and District 12. (On account of fleet movements). Also California with Utah. This is important since the Utah N. G. is in the 40th Division, which trains at San Luis Obispo. This will coordinate the work on a Western scale. Com-

munications with the N. O. must be improved and speeded up.

6.—Sufficient forces must be assigned to this work. All committees in Sections and Units must be organized and concentrate on a Post, Base, etc., according to the territory.

7.—Inside news and distribution, instead of outside distribution must be our policy wherever possible. However, our main work must be PERSONAL CONTACT. Visiting committees must follow up our contacts in the CMTC, N. G., Army, Navy, etc. (Of which we have many). Dances, parties, affairs, etc., especially on a home scale must be arranged.

8.—A. M. work must be broadened to take in more than just the C. P. and Y. C. L. Mass and fraternal organizations must be utilized to help carry on this work. (This should not be done mechanically, but different methods of approach must be worked out according to the given situation).

9.—Immediate grievances must be utilized to gain the support of the workers in uniform. (For instance, at the Presidio; abuses such as reducing the number of promotions, forcing the men to do work which calls for higher pay but refusing to pay them this rate, insufficient food as well as bad quality, petty charging of grafting on the soldiers, etc., were utilized by us and we got a good response from them).

By putting these proposals into life, this very important department of our Party can be strengthened and we can make the turn to Mass work to mobilize the working class, both in and out of the armed forces for the Defense of the Soviet Union and against imperialist war.

WEAKNESS IN T. U. U. L. WORK IN THE LOS ANGELES SECTION

By SECTION ORGANIZER

The main weakness in our section is TUUL and shop work, at the same time we can register a number of achievements in our three months plan.

- 1.—Almost doubling the membership.
- 2.—Eighty-five per cent of the new members are Americans.
- 3.—Organized new units in seven surrounding towns.
- 4.—Built 14 block committees in our section.
- 5.—Collected over 1700 signatures to keep the Party on the ballot.

For the first time the units through the signatures began to penetrate through their territories and made good contacts. But as far as TUUL work is concerned we are practically at a standstill.

THE SITUATION IN THE NEEDLE TRADES
The terrible conditions in the industry. Wage cuts, speed-ups, Dressmakers earning \$7.00 and \$8.00 per week, yet we do not make any progress in getting new members into the union. We have not yet learned how to penetrate the shops. We are too busy with endless meetings. We have not yet learned how to draw in the rank and file into activity. Our methods of making contacts are too superficial and not followed up.

CLEANERS AND DYERS
The rank and file were disgusted with the A. F. of L. Our comrades were actually in control of the local. But they did not understand that in order to maintain control and to carry on an effective struggle, we must build a strong league and to win over the rank and file to the TUUL policy. The A. F. of L. bureaucrats worked hand in hand with the bosses and the Red Squad. When the Red Squad came to a local meeting, having been brought in by the A. F. of L. leaders, our comrades were terrorized and did not put a protest to expose the betrayal of the A. F. of L. leaders. As a result, a number of our comrades were expelled. The C. P. members instead of mobilizing the rank and file against the expulsion became disgusted and dropped the fight.

BUILDING TRADES
The building trades had a TUUL group and a separate progressive group. Their main activity was to amalgamate the locals rather than to organize and fight for the TUUL policy and win over the rank and file to fight against wage cuts and for social insurance. A fight for amalgamation in the A. F. of L. now means strengthening the A. F. of L. machine who are working hand in hand with the bosses. This would divert the minds of the workers from the real issues which they are facing today. Leading comrades of the building trades left the city without even giving over their work officially to the local. As a result we are discredited and looked upon as irresponsible.

LEATHER WORKERS
A group of workers mostly from one shop were organized into a TUUL league and a shop committee. They were carrying on good propaganda work in the shop. When they were faced with a wage cut and a number of them were fired, the leading comrades of the TUUL failed to give them guidance and a concrete policy. The result was that they dropped out from the league. The above are some of the reasons why our influence among the workers does not grow. Our TUUL work is being conducted too generally. Our policy in the leagues must be based on detailed every day work. We must reach the workers in the A. F. of L. locals, organize them for struggle for their daily demands. By the way we have conducted our work until now we cannot expect the workers to look up to the TUUL for leadership. The Party is mainly responsible. We must begin to check up on every fraction. Not with discipline only will we change our methods of work but by carrying on an aggressive ideological campaign to make the comrades really understand the resolution of the fourteenth plenum. We must come back from our Convention with the determination to build the revolutionary unions and leagues in our section.

Trotsky's New Book Rearms the Bourgeoisie

By SAM DARCY

THE HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION. Volume 1. By Leon Trotsky. Published by Simon & Schuster. \$4.00.

In this epoch, the capitalist class must find new methods of struggle against Communism. The tactic of the frontal attack and open slander of the Communist Party is no longer as effective as it used to be, chiefly because of the fact that the working class by its day to day experiences is learning to distrust the capitalist class, its agents and its system and believe in the leadership of the Communist Party. The bosses therefore need a more insidious, insinuating method of combating Communism and in this, Trotsky's book has importance. It will undoubtedly provide a most effective weapon for every enemy of the Communist International and of the Soviet Union.

What! You Never Heard of the Revolutionary Malamuth?

The scene presented by this situation in the United States has of course some very comical effects; for example, what could be more laughable than the antics of a Professor Charles Malamuth of the University of California in Berkeley who rants against Stalin and the Communist International because it is not revolutionary enough according to Trotsky's criterion. From the barricades of bitter class struggle on the campus in Berkeley, Mr. Malamuth who poses as a spokesman for Trotsky, (and he undoubtedly is) writes on May 15th to the San Francisco Chronicle:

"Stalin and his obsequious aids have put the idea of world revolution in camphor and moth balls. Soviet politicians talk about it on state holidays, but whenever any earnest young Communist urges that it be put into practice he is promptly bundled off to prison or exile. There are more advocates of world revolution in American jails than in American jails. So far, Russia looks like a malicious caricature of Socialism. Stalin is a great me-

diocriety. He was on the reviewing stand all the time during the May Day parade of last year, but he never said a word."

Is it not significant that this spokesman of Trotsky finds the columns of the "San Francisco Chronicle" open to him? The "San Francisco Chronicle" which headed the struggle against the attempt to release Mooney and Billings from the penitentiary.

The capitalist class cannot any longer fight the Communists by denouncing Communism and so they try more sly methods, for example: "Communism is all right" but "Stalin is a great mediocrity." The conclusion is obvious that the workers should not follow the Party which Stalin heads, the Communist Party.

Trotskyism Sees No War Danger

Malamuth further says about the First Workers Republic:

"The people are kept on their toes by a series of war scares. They are told that the capitalist countries are ready to attack Soviet Russia. As far as I have been able to discover, capitalist countries cannot get together on a less momentous enterprise than a concerted attack on the Soviet Union."

This is less skillful, more open counter-revolution. In effect Malamuth says "Go to sleep workers; the capitalists couldn't possibly get together against the U. S. S. R. the war scare is only an excuse invented by Stalin to keep himself in power."

Is there anyone on the West Coast who witnessed the fleet mobilization, Akron maneuvers, war games in Hawaii, and increased fortifications who can doubt the imminence of war? And is Malamuth a fool or a capitalist agent that he tries to cover up the mobilization of all imperialist war forces in the East by U. S., France, Great Britain and Japan against the Chinese revolution and the U. S. S. R. It is the inevitable trail of the Trotskyites, from renegacy

to open counter-revolution.

Trotskyism Against Leninism

In undertaking to review Trotsky's book, one is determined to overlook everything one knows about his overbearing personal arrogance and to judge his work on its merits. But hardly have the first pages been read when it is clear that his personal arrogance is only the outward cover for the base things, namely Trotsky's essential Menshevist make-up and his opposition to Bolshevik theory. For example, in the introduction by one of Trotsky's great admirers, Max Eastman, there is a studied attempt to build up Trotsky as the greater leader than Lenin. This must not be regarded as a purely personal matter. It is only a superficial manifestation of the attempt to build Trotskyism as against Leninism and Communism. Lunacharsky who worked closely with Trotsky before Trotsky entered the ranks of the Communist Party, when both were members of the Mezhrayontsi declares:

"You must not think, however, that the second great leader of the Russian Revolution yields in all respects to his colleague; there are points in which Trotsky indubitably excels him: he is more brilliant, he is more clear, he is more motile. Lenin is perfectly fitted for sitting in the President's Chair of the Soviet of Peoples Commissars, and guiding with genius the World Revolution, but obviously he could not handle the titanic task which Trotsky took upon his shoulders, those lightning trips from place to place, those magnificent speeches, fanfares of instantaneous commands, that role of continual electricity now at one point now at another of the weakening army. There is not a man on earth who could replace Trotsky there."

We must say this is written in a very petty bourgeois spirit. It is clear the victory of the Russian Revolution could not have taken place without the victory of the

Red Army and guerrilla bands over the counter-revolutionaries and Lunacharsky declares that "there is not a man on earth who could replace Trotsky" as the leader of this struggle. The inevitable conclusion to this must be that without Trotsky there would have been no victorious Russian Revolution. We will show later how much exaggerated and romanticized is Trotsky's role in connection with the formation of the Red Army. We must say here that of all the individual leaders connected with the Russian Revolution, the only one concerning whom it could be said was really decisive for the outcome was Lenin, not because of "magnificent speeches" or "fanfares of instantaneous commands" but because Lenin was the best exponent of Marxism in the imperialist epoch, because he, better than anyone else, understood the class forces and the tactics which must be followed. That Lunacharsky should have written so is not entirely surprising since more than once Lenin had to put Lunacharsky in the pillory for his confused thinking, his petty bourgeois deviations away from Marxism and towards middle-class ideology even including "God" ideas. Eastman's quoting Lunacharsky in the introduction is only the curtain raiser for the entire role of the book, which is to replace Leninism by Trotskyism and explain that the Russian Revolution was successful not because of Leninism or the Leninist Party but because Trotskyism and Trotsky led it to success.

Bolshevism is Anti-Revolutionary, Says Trotsky.

The struggle between Leninism and Trotskyism did not begin in 1923 or 1924 when the Polburo of the Russian Party found it necessary to open an exposure of Trotsky. It began almost 20 years back. Trotsky always tried to help the Mensheviks by maintaining a middle-of-the-way position, a sort of bridge over which he hoped the workers would go from Bolshevism to Menshevism. His theoretical platform consisted of a denuncia-

tion of Leninism and the Leninist theory of the democratic dictatorship of the proletariat in alliance with the peasantry. In 1909 in an article which is quoted in the appendix to this book, Trotsky declares:

"If the Mensheviks, starting from the abstraction 'our revolution is a bourgeois revolution' arrive at the idea of adopting the whole tactic of the proletariat to the conduct of the liberal bourgeoisie, even to the point of a conquest by it of state power, then the Bolsheviks starting from an equally bare abstraction, 'a democratic and not a Socialist dictatorship' will arrive at the idea of a bourgeois democratic self-limitation of the proletariat in whose hands the governmental power will be found. To be sure the difference between them on this question is very considerable: while the anti-revolutionary sides of Menshevism are expressed in their full strength even now, the anti-revolutionary traits of Bolshevism threaten a great danger only in the case of a revolutionary victory."

"These people 'explain' that they are above the fractions, but the sole basis for this assertion is that they take their ideas from one fraction today, from another tomorrow."

"Trotsky was an open adherent of the Iskra from 1901 till 1903, and Rjasanov named the role played by Trotsky at the Party Congress in 1903 that of a 'Lenin's cudgel.' By the end of 1903 Trotsky was an open menshevik, he had deserted from the Iskra to the economists. He proclaimed that a deep chasm yawned between the old and the new Iskra. In the years 1904-5 he left the menshevik and maintained an irresolute attitude; at one time he co-operated with Martinov (an economist), at another time he dished up his left 'permanent revolution' again. In 1906-7 he approached the Bolsheviks, and in the spring of 1907 he declared himself in full agreement with Rosa Luxemburg."

"During the epoch of the decline he turned to the right after lengthy 'anti-fractional' vacillations, and in August 1912, he joined the bloc of liquidators. Now he leaves them again, but in all essentials he repeats their ideas.

"Such types are characteristic of the crumbling away of the historical formations of yesterday, when the mass labor movement in Russia was not fully awakened."

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