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Militant Unions Grow As Result of Southern California Strikes

Wirin Kidnapping Arouses State-wide Protests; 80 Strikers Now in Imperial Valley Jail Face Lynch Terror

Milk Strike Is Concentrated on Large Dairies

STRIKE IN SMALL PLACES IS CALLED OFF

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—The Milk Section of the Food Workers Industrial Union, at their regular meeting last night, voted to concentrate on Adair, Golden State and Jessup dairies and call off the strike in all the other smaller dairies.

This move will make it possible to support the strikers in the large dairies, which have fought the strike with every form of police and gang terror and by firing newspapers.

The other dairies have already begun calling the union to send out milkers. They have been caught between the pressure of the big dairies, which have been carrying on a milk price war in order to force them out of business and yet have insisted that they hold out against the union and the workers who have insisted on union recognition.

Milk is selling as low as 3¢ a quart in Los Angeles.

Supervisor of a large dairy owner, has asked the A. F. of L. to organize a "legitimate" union of the milkers to fight the militant T. U. I. union.

Jail Baylin, Somers

Steve Somers, secretary of the Milk Section, and Meyer Baylin, member of the Trade Union Unity League Council, were arrested last night by deputy sheriffs and police on the trumped up charge of "kidnapping," because they signed the three who say they were kidnapped, into the T. U. I. after they came to the Union headquarters.

Baylin and Jean Allen were arraigned this afternoon, and held on \$3000 bail each. Jean Allen was originally arrested along with Martha Meade and Peter Venable for "resisting officers" when they came to union headquarters to make the arrests. All are held.

Chambers Faces a New Visalia Frame-Up Trial; Rush Protests!

VISALIA, Cal., Jan. 29.—The trial of Pat Chambers, district organizer of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, charged with framing up charges of Criminal Syndicalism for activity in the October cotton strike, will begin here Feb. 6.

In the first trial, held in December, so flimsy was the frame-up that six of the jury voted for his acquittal.

Chambers, together with Stanley Hancock and Dorothy Ray is at present in jail in Imperial Valley.

To save Chambers from being railroaded to a four-year term, all individuals and working class organizations should at once rush protests to Dist. Atty. Haight and to Judge Lamberson demanding the charges be dropped.

2,000 at Brawley Agricultural Union Meet

I. L. D. TO DEFEND THE 80 ARRESTED DURING STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Wirin, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, recently kidnapped by an armed gang in Brawley during the lettuce pickers strike, has returned to Los Angeles to prepare his case against Captain Hennes, Gato of the State Highway Patrol in Imperial Valley, Governor Rolph, and twenty-five "John Does" for conspiracy to break the Cannery & Agricultural Workers strike by terrorism, violence and lawlessness. He is suing these three and others for \$250,000 damages.

Two dozen thugs kidnapped Wirin from the Planters Hotel Tuesday night, carried him out into the desert, beat him, and left him there threatening death if he didn't leave the valley; they had hoped by this means to stop the Azteca Hall meeting for which the A. C. L. U. had procured a Federal injunction against Sheriff Campbell and Chief of Police Croner to prevent its being broken up. However, 2000 agricultural workers waited quietly for an hour for Wirin to appear, and when it was clear he would not be present, other speakers took the floor and the meeting was carried on.

When Wirin was located in El Centro later that night, the speakers went there where an armed drunken mob of deputies and Legionnaires fringed them all night, threatening death and escorting them and Wirin were driven out of Imperial county.

I. L. D. Defending Jailed Strikers

With all the efforts of the International Labor Defense at work defending the 80 strikers who had been arrested in the reign of terror, a joint conference of the I. L. D., Trade Union Unity League, American Civil Liberties Union, Pen and Hammer and others decided the A. C. L. U. should fight in the valley for the right of the workers to meet, while the other organizations supported the strike in California.

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Los Angeles Will Double Communist Signature Quota

WILL COLLECT 10,000; RED SUNDAYS BRING GOOD RESULTS

Ask More Petitions

ELECTION CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATIONS ON FEB. 11

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Asking for more petitions to place a larger number of signature collectors on the job, Los Angeles informed the State Election Committee that they intend to collect twice the 5,000 quota given them.

They point out that they are determined to organize such a large backing for the Communist Party on the ballot, that the state officials will not even dare attempt to keep it off.

An enlarged conference to involve all workers organizations in the drive, will take place in Los Angeles on Feb. 13.

Reports coming from many cities indicate that where party and other workers organizations organize "Red Sundays," excellent results are obtained. The "Red" election campaign committee will soon announce a district-wide "Red Sunday," during which an effort will be made to get the most thorough mobilization of all Communist supporters and members, to comb every neighborhood.

Demonstrations Feb. 3 Will Place Demands Before CWA; To Back Wash. Convention

Lord Marley, Editor of "Brown Book" To Speak at S. F. Anti-Fascist Meeting

Will Speak Feb. 14 at Opera House on "One Year of Hitler Terror"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Lord Marley, International Chairman of the Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism, editor of the famous "Brown Book," member of the English Parliament, will speak in San Francisco on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, at the Opera House on Van Ness Avenue.

He will arrive by airplane from Chicago on Feb. 13. His subject will be "One Year of the Hitler Regime." Lord Marley was one of the most active in gathering the facts which so thoroughly exposed the Nazi Reichstag fire frame-up of the four Communists, Torgler, Dimitloff, Popoff and Taneff.

Despite the short notice given for the arrangements of this meeting it is expected to be the greatest anti-fascist demonstration yet witnessed in San Francisco.

S. F. MEET AT CIVIC CENTER 12:30; CARAVANS OF ALL STATES ON WAY TO PRESENT UNEMPLOYED DEMAND

Demand 30 Hours Work at Union Scale, and that Jobs Continue After Feb. 15

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 30.—A delegation of six, including California representatives to the National Convention Against Unemployment have been arrested here and jailed on charges of "obscenity."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The San Francisco CWA workers and unemployed will demonstrate on Feb. 3, 12:30 p. m. at the Civic Center, to present demands to Captain Macanley, for the continuation of the CWA jobs beyond Feb. 15, and to back similar demands being taken by the Northern California delegates to the National jobs convention at Washington on Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Parades will proceed from mobilization points in all parts of the city. Petitions are now being circulated by the Construction Workers Industrial Union, demanding 30 hours work per week at union scales. These petitions will be shown to the local authorities and then forwarded to Washington. Committees are being elected on the jobs and will present them.

Thugs Attack Alex Noral on Way to Speak at Earlimart

HIT IN FACE WITH ROCK, BUT SPEAKS ANYWAY; WORKERS DEFEND MEETING

EARLIMART, Cal., Jan. 28.—Continuing their terrorism in an effort to smash the workers movement in the valley, a gang of thugs ambushed the car taking Comrade Alex Noral to speak at the Earlimart meeting. Hidden in a vineyard about a quarter of a mile from the meeting place, the gang burst out and hurled a shower of rocks into the car, bringing Noral's mouth and loosening all his front teeth.

This, however, did not stop Noral and he delivered his speech on "The NRA, Fascism and War," while workers armed themselves and guarded the meeting. Although Noral was slightly injured, he finished his speech and returned to the car.

Relief Fight

On Friday thirty men, women and children from the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union went to Tulare and demanded clothes for their children so they could go to school. After putting up a militant fight, they finally forced Mrs. Tubbs to give them the necessary orders.

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300 Poisoned at Portland Kitchen of Salvation Army

UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL ORGANIZES FIGHT TO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26.—At least 300 single workers at the Salvation Army soup kitchen here were poisoned with inferior meat and fruit served there. Although none of the workers are in a serious condition they were too ill to do the required forced labor the following morning.

A committee of action elected from the S. C. A. called upon Daniels, in charge of the kitchen, to be relieved, to protest against the inhuman conditions imposed upon them and forced Daniels to admit that food of the poorest quality is being served not only at the Salvation Army but at the Commons and Grand Ma's kitchens as well.

The attack upon the "single workers, who, at forced labor, cut cord wood which is sold at a high profit and creates a well organized system of graft, is being answered with a strong single workers' Unemployed Council and its militant program of every day struggle for cash relief and government unemployment and Social Insurance at the expense of the bosses.

Over 300 workers have so far joined the council.

Set Frame-Up Trial of Stockton Men 2 Mos. in Advance

\$1,000 BAIL FOR DEMANDING DECENT SOUP-LINE CONDITIONS

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 27.—Two unemployed workers, Ray Gagan and Herron, are being sentenced with out trial here on a frame-up of Alex Chilver, local S. C. A. kitchen administrator, Salvation Army captain, Strathdee, both of whom claim to be "Socialists," and Police Chief Frederick. Arrested for being among sixty unemployed workers who recently demanded food at the S. C. A. kitchen and stayed until they got it, they are held on two charges with bail set at \$1000 each. And their trial has been set two and a half months in advance, since it is clear the Gagan charges can stand up. Four others jailed with them on the same vagrancy charges had been released.

Two Pescadero Strikers Jailed

WORKERS ATTACKED WHEN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING SCABS OUT

PESCADERO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Two of the leaders of the Cannery & Agricultural Industrial Union, Leo Malguis and V. Ordoniz, were arrested yesterday by Redwood City police.

Earlier in the day a picket line of the striking sunchamp workers drove from the fields nine scabs brought in from San Jose. The rancher phoned in and the sheriff came out, but when he drew his gun to terrorize them, the pickets surrounded him and chased him away. He then brought four carbons of deputies and arrested Ordoniz and Malguis. The pickets then went in to Redwood City and demanded their release.

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Fakers Fail in Try to Split Gallup Miners

MINERS REFUSE TO JOIN THE U. M. W. A. 75% ORGANIZED IN MILITANT UNION

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 24.—Two attempts of the fakers Bill Reese, Boss Moses, Statham and Telly to split the miners here by building a local of the A. F. of L. United Mine Workers of America failed recently.

At the first meeting, called in the Gamero (Gallup American Coal Co.) camp, Jan. 21, about thirty showed up. Statham proposed that they change the name from the UMWA, but this was voted down, some declaring the miners would not join the UMWA under any name. Moses, mine superintendent proposed an independent union, but a miner said they were all satisfied with the militant National Miners Union and did not need two unions. The meeting was quickly adjourned.

The next meeting was called last Friday, after the UMWA group passed around the word that a mass meeting would be held to call a strike on Monday. On Friday night, the regular meeting of the UMWA committee who resented this forcing the miners to leave a mass meeting. Only about forty were left in the hall, and they were company men, gymmen, store clerks, etc., with a few from camps outside Gamero.

After the miners left, those remaining voted a strict no-strike policy, and to abide 100% by the NRA—as interpreted by the Gamero.

More than 75% of the miners are in the National Miners Union, affiliated with the T. U. I., whose leadership was in their last strike and have no use for John Lewis' no-strike agreements.

Orange Strike IS CALLED OFF; GAINS SCORED

UNITY OF RANK AND FILE IN THREE UNIONS IS KEPT DESPITE MISLEADERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 24.—The strike of 550 orange pickers in San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties, called off Monday night by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, with an increase in the a box pay for the pickers over the 4¢ a box previously paid.

Where usually 5000 pickers work in the orchards in this vicinity, this year the peak was 2500. Pay was so low, experienced pickers hardly averaged 50¢ a day.

When the strike was called, the members of the Mexican Confederation of Labor voted to form a united front with the C & A. U. I., and remained true to their decision throughout the strike, picketing alongside the industrial union members, and bearing with them, the organized police terror whenever it was necessary to hold union meetings or distribute leaflets and bulletins.

Although the A. F. of L. union took no action in the strike, the pickers in that union refused to scab. Many of them joined the C & A. U. I. during the strike. In Redlands A. F. of L. misleaders tried, and failed, in efforts to break the strike, while terror was organized against the strikers. More than 400 paid deputies were used in the fields.

Realizing the failure to make larger gains was due to insufficient organization, the union is organizing stronger for future struggles.

1200 Welcome Soviet Seamen at S. F. Meeting

SOVIET WORKERS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY SUPPORT FOR SOVIET UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—More than 1200 workers jammed every available inch of Eagles Hall last night to give a rousing welcome to the seamen of the Soviet motorship, Soyuzpishina.

Enthusiasm was so high that the workers applauded the crew, every reference to the successes of the Soviet Union and the call to build a Soviet America here.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union, sponsoring the event, gave two beautiful banners to the crew, a flag to be placed in Lenin's tomb and a banner to hang in the Marine Workers Hall, in Vladivostok. Captain Zeleny accepted the banners and in the name of the whole crew thanked the workers of San Francisco for their expressions of solidarity. The other members of the crew were cheered as they took their places on the platform, but were unable to respond in English.

This meeting followed a continual stream of thousands of visitors, to the little boat docked on the Oakland side of the bay.

A dance followed the meeting, during which the San Francisco workers had an opportunity to have personal talks with members of the crew through translators, signs and gestures.

Cordage Co. Men Strike and Win

ORANGE, Cal., Jan. 23.—One hundred and twenty workers at the Great Western Cordage Co. went on strike here last Monday and within fifteen minutes had won a 25% increase of 29¢ and returned to work.

The workers had organized into a union, but when the membership had grown to forty a long government committee stepped in and influenced the membership not to join the Trade Union Unity League.

As a result of the strike the workers who started the union are showing the results of organizing and are continuing the struggle to affiliate the union with the T. U. I.

Ruthenberg House Dedication Feb. 4

A "Red Dedication" will take place for the Ruthenberg House, new headquarters of the Workers School at 121 Haight St., on Sunday, Feb. 4, 8:00 p. m. Comrade Morris, editor of the Western Worker, who knew the first secretary of the Party personally will give a sketch of Comrade Ruthenberg and his work.

In addition there will be entertainment and dancing. There will be a film showing, and a mass chant. Admission 25¢, unemployed 10¢.

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WIRE BARES SCHARRENBERG TRIED TO HAVE CHARTER OF S. F. STEVEDORES REVOKED; FEARED TO ANTAGONIZE SHIPOWNERS

Below we reprint a copy of a telegram sent by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Union, to Lee Holman, president of the San Francisco local, which we have been able to obtain and throw some light on the double-dealing tactics of the officials, behind the backs of the workers.

In the wire Ryan includes the wire he received from Paul Scharrenberg, Secretary of the California Federation of Labor, and his reply to it. Apparently there is a struggle between two groups of fakers. The wire follows.

New York, July 8.

Lee Holman, S. F. San Francisco.

Have received following wire from Paul Scharrenberg quote. "Have received regret your hasty action at time when everything was lined up to swing towards its national affiliation twenty-five hundred men organized independently for fourteen years and working under collective bargaining and job control. Chartering independent association would have resulted in organizing San Pedro under International. Your strange maneuvering will blast these prospects. Chartering Holman group will cause bitter antagonism of ship-owners. I therefore earnestly recommend that you revoke charter already issued and at least give the local association opportunity of joining like men. End. Quote.

TO WHICH I HAVE REPLIED:

Resent tone of your telegram. San Francisco longshoremen have had opportunity to join like men for past eighteen years, but due to strange maneuvering on part of officers which you have apparently condoned they have remained outside of their International organization. I am informed by Bjorklund, Holman and Deal that vast majority San Francisco longshoremen have

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CWIU Is Fighting Union, Delegate Proves on Job

HACKNEY BEATS BOSS WHO TRIES TO TRANSFER HIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—"Any time anyone starts anything with the CWA workers that are in the CWIU, those fellows will fight back, no matter if it's Roosevelt, Christ or the devil." So said the superintendent of the Lake Merced job yesterday, and he knew what he was talking about.

Earlier in the day the boss of the 400 gang sent for Construction Workers Industrial Union delegate Hackney, wanting to transfer him out of the gang for telling the workers about the union and get him shifted to another gang which secretly follows every whim of the boss. "They'll throw you in the lake," he said.

"But Hackney refused to be transferred. 'Oh yes you will,' said the boss, hitting him on the jaw. After all, it's easy. But he got the surprise of his life when Hackney socked him right back and drew blood.

The men of Hackney's gang surged around him, and demanded that Hackney stay right where he was and that if anybody left it must be the boss. A delegation went to the main superintendent, led by the CWIU job committee.

And Hackney was not transferred. And not only do the Lake Merced bosses realize the CWIU will fight on the job, but other CWA workers seeing it, want to know more about a union like that.

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Rothstein, Rother, on Trial in Free-Speech Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Judge Meek's court at the Hall of Justice, Comrades Ida Rothstein and Henry Rother will stand trial for "speaking in a park."

Two weeks ago these two and ten others were jailed for holding the regular open air meeting in Jefferson Park, and when in court ordered to repeat an oath of allegiance to the flag, the two refused. Judge Meek held Rothstein and Rother, releasing the others.

The International Labor Defense, pointing out that this is an important fight in the battle for free speech, appeals to all workers to back the courtroom Wednesday for the trial.

Hayward Prepares Union for Its Pea Picking Season

CONTRACTORS TRYING TO WORM THEIR WAY INTO UNION... HAYWARD, Cal., Feb. 11.—The organizing of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union...

Negro Workers Take Case to ILL and Win

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—The Los Angeles branch of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters...

A.F.L. Garment Agreement Enslaves Workers

By S. Vilensky... Michael Feinberg, the international vice-president, is now exerting his efforts to sign an agreement for the San Francisco...

Bakersfield Justice Not for Negroes

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 2.—Robert Lee, a Negro cotton worker, was arrested for the murder of a white man...

Monterey Sardine Fishermen Ask Accounting

MONTEREY, Cal., Feb. 2.—Demand for an accounting of all funds collected by the officials of the Monterey Sardine Fishermen's Association...

Special East Bay Issue Next Week

Next week will be a Special East Bay Edition of the Western Worker, containing a full page of news of shops, unemployed and other struggles in Oakland, Berkeley and other East Bay cities.

Give Now... Help Defeat Hunger, Fascism and Imperialist War

Don't skimp on a few dollars. You have never made a better investment. You can't beat the class struggle. If you will not fight, your enemies will. You are not escaping by doing nothing, you are only surrendering.

L.A. Section Issues Challenge in Drive for Western Worker... LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—We challenge the Western Worker to a drive for the Western Worker...

Workers Get Subscriptions to Western Worker... Workers get subscriptions to the Western Worker for One Year \$2.00, for Six Months \$1.00 and for Three Months 50c.

Workers Get Subscriptions to Western Worker... The following program will help to accomplish this task: (1) To get a list of all workers in the city...

Anti-War Congress... In the next imperialist war, and the next imperialist war, the weapons against their class enemy will be the same as in the last war...

Imperial Valley Terror Continues... SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 11.—The terror in the Imperial Valley continues to intensify...

By Mini Carson... No preparations are being made for the building of a revolutionary party...

Los Angeles... SAN FRANCISCO COMRADES... SAN FRANCISCO COMRADES... Save the Date! Feb. 24 and 25 the 12th International Labor Defense Rally.

Can We Put This Scheme Through?... Can you put this scheme through? This is the question that is being asked by the workers...

LOCAL SUPPLEMENTS... Comrades from many towns have informed us that they found a copy of the Western Worker...

Prize for Writers on Joaquin Murietta... How many know of Joaquin Murietta? Joaquin was one of the most interesting characters in California history.

More Figures on Housing... The Bureau of Labor Statistics has issued the following figures on housing in the United States...

Income Under Capitalist Democracy... The average weekly wage of an employed worker is about \$16.00 or \$32 a year...

U.S. Workers' Autos, Going Going... Over 3,000,000 workers and their families are without automobiles...

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Editorial Column

Workers! Demand the Right to Defend Yourselves!

The right who part joined in the Pikes massacre of cotton strikers... The prosecution was of such a nature, conducted by their agent in the government, District Attorney Heister...

RIGHTS FOR WORKERS ONLY MOCKERY The venditor plainly shows that the government recognizes the right of the employers to punish, beat and jail the workers...

The Imperial Valley Press, organ of the growers, in its January 24 editorial says the following, in reference to the kidnapping of Wirin, attorney for the strikers...

ADMIT WORKERS RESPONDED The violation of the workers rights to organize is openly raised to the status of a highly responsible task, while the "outside agitators" are made the target...

THE SAME POLICY ALSO IN CITIES Not only in the agricultural fields, but also in the cities, do we witness the same example in the case of the Imperial Valley strike in Los Angeles...

MUST DEMAND THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE In face of such a situation, for the workers to only insist that the courts enforce the right to organize, meet, is futile and inadequate...

IN ALL THOSE PARTS WHERE THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS ARE DISREGARDED, THE WORKERS SHOULD DEMAND THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AND DEFEND THEMSELVES...

IF THE FACIST HEADLINES try to themselves faced with an organized defense, they will not dare to attempt violence. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP VIOLENCE...

IF THE WORKERS would have a defense organization, the gangs in Imperial Valley or elsewhere would not dare to attack the workers' mass meetings, and their wives and children there, as they did in Brawley and El Centro...

WE ARE NOT DEMANDING ANY MORE, THAN EVEN THE U. S. LAWS PERMIT. WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES! AND WE WILL!

Challenge to Socialist Competition!

One of the important methods in shop concentration is to get the workers to become regular readers of our papers, particularly the Western Worker...

HAVE YOU SIGNED? DO IT NOW!

23,500 SIGNATURES TO PLACE MY PARTY ON THE BALLOT



Imperial Valley and Liberal Illusions

Liberals Find That Even Federal Will Cannot Protect Workers Rights

By Roy T. Layton

A clever lawyer and a general politician, W. L. Wirin, Los Angeles attorney, whose kidnapping experiences in the Imperial Valley are matter of public knowledge...

Many Notables Besides Wirin, there came to Los Angeles to take part in the meeting, a number of prominent figures...

At Planners Hotel Meanwhile, at the Planners Hotel, a different drama was being played...

Decide for Meeting Following the arrest and imprisonment of the organizers...

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Pacifism Paves Way for War

By E. J. Ginsberg

When imperialists talk of peace they are preparing for war. Lenin.

The desired effect is attained. The reader is horrified. He reads the page and a headline that reads: "The world is in a state of peace."

Only Others Outraged Attorney Wirin was not the only man outraged that night...

Big Pete Gets Rich Big Pete checked his pretty 17-year-old bookkeeper...

Not But the Workers I mentioned Big Pete's pretty 17-year-old bookkeeper...

Pack Court for Diaz, Firestone, Wed., Feb. 14th

L. A. Gas, Electric Cash in NRA

COAST STEVEDORES CONVENTION IS CALLED: RYAN SOLD OUT WORKERS

International Official Disregards Decisions: Agrees to Less Pay

RACE HATRED ON TRIAL

Bank and Life Convention

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EXPULSED LOCALS UNSEATED; ONE-THIRD HOLD OWN MEETING; GREET DARCY'S UNITY APPEAL

Militants Constitute Themselves Real Convention; Expell Stitt Wilson and Others of Right Wing

1,000 Unemployed Demonstrated at Tacoma on Feb. 5

BRIDGE CONSIDERATION OF BILL AT WELFARE AND CITY BOARD

Broad United Front

Legion Uses Army Court

Spanish Communists Follow Suit

LORD MARLEY MEET TO BE HUGE ANTI-FASCIST DEMONSTRATION

At San Francisco Opera House Feb. 14th; Speaks at Berkeley Despite U. of C. Ban

DRIVE FOR SPRING TERM OPENS; 600 ENROLLMENT IS EXPECTED

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1,000 Delegates at CANNERY AND AGRICULTURAL Convention

Wide United Front FRENCH COMMUNISTS LAUNCH COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST FASCIST ADVANCE IN EUROPE

Austrian Workers Seize Munition Plants; 250,000 in Red Demonstration in Paris; United Front Call Wins

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Secretary of Milk Workers Shot at by Red Squad Thugs

EL CENTRO, Cal., Feb. 12.—Despite scores of police with machine guns and tear-gas strikers strike is spreading like wildfire...

SOMERS 2 OTHERS ATTACKED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Two Bents

Rush Relief!

Shower Anti-War Leaflets on L. A. "Defense" Parade

SAVE THEODORE JORDAN FIGHT INCREASES

FRAMED NEGRO'S MOTHER IS RALLYING MASS SUPPORT FOR SALEM MARCH

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EAST BAY I. L. D. WINS 10 CASES IN FIGHT AGAINST POLICE TERROR

Dismissals Forced in All Instances; Monster Carnival to Finance Fight for Free Speech and Assemblage

MASS STRUGGLE SAVES HOME IN EAST OAKLAND

UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE STOPS SECOND TIME FOR EVICTION

To stop a flood of threatened evictions and to protect the Home Owners & Home Protective Association...

When Mrs. St. James was arrested... She was held in the County Jail...

Unemployed Council Wins Pension Fight For Aged Widow

General Electric "NEW DEAL" MEANS FIRING OLDEST HANDS

MEAR TAILORS Suffer Exchange Blig. 2655 Webster Street, OAKLAND

Friends of the Soviet Union Birthday Party 22nd Anniversary of SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY

Worker Drive for \$5,000 and 3,000 subscriptions. The convention will bring together the best proletarian fighters on the coast.

East Bay Workers. A Mar. 4

Workers Rally to Support Special East Bay Edition

Individual contributions from scores of East Bay workers have aided in the publication of this special East Bay Edition of the Western Worker.

PABCO SPEEDS UP OAKLAND PLANT; OUTPUT INCREASED AS WORKERS LAID OFF; MILITANT UNION FORMS

In the last two months Pabco (Paraffine) Corporation has put in a new stove for the Battelshup new machines. All the blessings of the owners of the corporation and most of the workers have been blessed with a cut in wages, when they were shifted from the 8-hour shift to the 6-hour shift.

Six Courses in Workers School Start This Week

FOR A WORKERS WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS ATTEND WORKERS SCHOOL

Education for a workers' way out of the crisis is being offered at the Workers School, 645-22nd St., Oakland, California.

Capacity Crowd Hears Geraghty Report on USSR

F. S. U. PLANS BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR FEB. 23

More than 500 packed Carpenters Hall in Oakland, to hear the report of the Communist Party on the USSR.

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JEFFERSON PARK DEMONSTRATION 2:00 P. M. WILL DEMAND 30 - HOUR CWA JOB AND JOBLESS INSURANCE

First Anniversary of Roosevelt Deal Will Recall Forgotten Promises

Use of Hospital Denied to Fired S. P. Workers

EMPLOYEES WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE CUT OFF AFTER 2 YEARS ILLNESS

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BUT WE MUST WORK MUCH MORE RAPIDLY. The world situation is advancing with lightning pace. LOOK AT THE CIVIL WARS IN EUROPE.

Here is what Los Angeles and San Francisco are doing on March 4th. Make no other arrangements for that day.

LA Court Supports Nazi Election Fraud

HITLER AGENTS TOOK CONTROL OF ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH FAKEERY

Wooding Admits CCC Military Camps

U. S. Nazi Murder Plot Disclosed

Hyde Scandal in Army Planes

Marine Union Leads Munson Strike

To Protest Closing 20,000 U. S. Schools

John Hester Denied Parole; Was Active in Jobless Struggle

Workers' Bookshop

Los Angeles "San Francisco Red Sundays"

Women Poisoned on L. A. CWA Meats

DO YOU KNOW? MORE THAN 200,000 STOLEN FROM AFRICA AND SOLD IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES, AM.

ONE HALF OF THE WHITE SLAVES WHO CAME TO AMERICA BEFORE 1850 WERE SLAVES

Horrible Crime in Los Angeles

S. D. Supervisors for Jobless Insurance, But Not for Workers Bill

Marine Worker Held for Deportation

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FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Scheme to "Colonize" Chilean Unemployed

Red Army Shows Strength

Fascists Raid Austrian Papers

Britain Fortifies on Pacific

Strikes Spread in Cuba

Fire Defendants in Goering's Hands

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Party Convention Discussion Section

WE SHOULD NOT FEAR TO BRING OUR PARTY FORWARD

In the Feb. 5th issue of the Western Worker Comrade Lambert said that in the face of the great strike struggles led by the Trade Union Unity League in the past year, the growth of the Communist Party has been insignificant. I should like to offer what I think is largely responsible for this situation.

Throughout the year we have been... In the San Joaquin Valley during the cotton strike, during which numerous meetings were held, I did not hear one speaker... I was in the San Joaquin Valley during the cotton strike, during which numerous meetings were held, I did not hear one speaker... I was in the San Joaquin Valley during the cotton strike, during which numerous meetings were held, I did not hear one speaker...

Party Discussion Opened

The articles printed in this section mark the opening of the pre-convention discussion, which will continue until the national Party convention on April 30th.

(3) State if they are intended for the pre-convention discussion. No anonymous letters will be considered. State what you are bringing to the convention.

(4) In order that there be adequate opportunity for the largest number of comrades to take part in the discussion, articles should be made as short as possible.

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French Revolt

There was an enthusiastic response, and through the entire week-end there were clashes on the streets of Paris between the centers of France. The Fascist movement, today, advocates surgical sterilization to protect America's health and mental soundness.

"I believe sterilization by the only means of protecting our people from idiocy. I have seen three generations of idiots in my temple, and there is nothing to protect the fourth."

The government proposes to buy some surplus gas for military use, and to sell it to them with wholesale profit.

Investigation by the New York city administration discloses a city clerk who drew \$20,000 in salary for a year and a half, and a road one who drew \$10,000 for a year and a half.

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In Order to: Conduct a Live Election Campaign

Force Better Working Conditions - Keep 30-Hour C. W. A. Jobs - Defeat Imperialist War Plans - Defeat Fascism and Police Terror

YOU WILL NEED A SEMI-WEEKLY WESTERN WORKER! IT IS YOUR MAIN WEAPON - You have five more weeks left in which to arm yourself to decide if you will have a semi-weekly.

Total WAR CHEST \$3341.49 Total Western Worker Army 892

MUST GET BY MARCH 19th. \$1659.00 \$2,108

Take a collection list around among your friends and fellow-workers - ASK THEM TO SUBSCRIBE

HONOR ROLL - WAR CHEST - SUBSCRIBERS' ARMY

Los Angeles	61
San Francisco	14
East Bay	19
Sacramento	16
San Luis Obispo	8
Monterey	3
Eureka	1
San Diego	2
Richmond	2
Nevada	3
District 12	2
Miscellaneous	1
TOTAL THIS WEEK	123
Previously acknowledged	789
TOTAL FOR DRIVE	692

9 Clubs Answered LCU Basketball Call

SIXTH ANNUAL B.D. BAZAAR

Hi-D Program Big Success

Western Worker Exposé Helped to Stop CWA Racket

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T.U.U.L. State Committee Meeting

Louis Weinstein Will Speak in California Cities

Building Trades Industrial League

Miscellaneous, 110, Organizes Filipinos

Leather Workers Call Meeting

What's in a Name?

Austrian Fighting

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International Workers Order Passes 40,000 Mark

Workers Fraternal Benefit Organization - Boss-Controlled Orders - Lose Members

The International Workers Order, which completed a successful drive for the passage of the I.W.O. Bill, has now passed the 40,000 mark.

Each option carries with it a \$2.00 fee, and the total cost of the drive is \$40,000.

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Editorial Column

Preparedness Parades Again

As the nation's attention is turned to the... Preparedness Parades Again... Such are the expressions of the capitalist political leader...

Such are the expressions of the capitalist political leader on the coast as they launch "Defense Week" to whip up a preparedness hysteria... Saturday, the 17th will be marked by a grand display of arms and military, and jingo oratory...

This is precisely the reason that the Communists regard pacifism as the most dangerous ideology... It builds up in the minds of the people the confidence in the capitalist peace and disarmament conferences...

TO EXPAND STEEL PLANTS... Coincident with the steel parades, is the visit to the coast of W. A. Irvin, president of the U. S. Steel Corporation... This at a time when the steel plants in the east have been operating at less than 25% of capacity...

THE VENTURA GROWERS IN SLANDER OFFENSIVE... Before the coming of the Communist Party and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union...

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War Danger Sharp as Big World Protests Imperialists Clash on Austria

VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 10. Today, more than a week since the start of the uprising against Austrian fascism, the Communist and Socialist workers of Vienna are still fighting in various parts of the city...

During the night, several cities and sections of Vienna changed hands... The workers held out for several days, as well as some of the industrial workers in Styria...

Belgian Socialists for Monarchy, but Communists Defy... BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 10. Fifteen workers were killed and 100 injured in a strike today...

San Joaquin Power Co. Tries to Split Ranks of Farmers... MAMA, Cal., Feb. 10. A strike of 100 workers at the San Joaquin Light & Power Co. has split the ranks of the farmers...

3,000 Respond to Portland Call of Single Unemployed... PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10. More than 3,000 workers responded to the call of the Single Unemployed Council Tuesday in a night demonstration in Plaza Park...

COMMUNIST ELECTION NOMINATING CONVENTION TO BE IN S. F. ON MAY 6; SIGNATURE WEEK, MARCH 4 TO 11... SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20. The Communist Party Election Campaign Committee announces that within a week the call for the State Nominating Convention will be held in San Francisco...

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Although President Roosevelt's program ends there will be regular jobs for all on CWA... Hopkins Admits Almost Million are Already Fired...

15 Jailed as 1,000 Sacramento Jobless Fight Shelter Boss... SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 10. Fifteen workers were jailed today for their part in a fight against the shelter boss...

Delegation of Workers to Hold Open-Mass Trial of Boss Courts; Warn that Mass Pressure Must Continue... PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10. A delegation of workers to hold an open-mass trial of a boss court...

S. F. Single Jobless Present Demands to S. F. Supervisors... SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10. A delegation from the single unemployed led by the unemployed workers' league today presented demands to the S. F. Supervisors...

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Santa Monica RWPU Wins Relief Cases
SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 14.—The Santa Monica Relief Workers Protective Union won a series of relief cases...

Party Convention Discussion Section
THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM
By M. Baylin
The Communist Party announced its plans for the coming year...

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Editorial Column

More Recovery Lies to Prepare for Lay-offs

Approaching the first anniversary of the "New Deal" comes the announcement that the first of a series of layoffs to liquidate the C. W. A. by May 1st is in effect. 572,000 workers will be kicked off the payroll by Feb. 23. Then a ten percent lay-off weekly. In addition, following Hugh Johnson's insistence that CWA workers were in clover, and their wages should be reduced to the minimum wage is set at 30 cents per hour, effective not later than March 1st. We already have some experience on the meaning of the word "minimum" which usually turns to "maximum". This will undoubtedly be the lot of the majority, and only a few of the favorite supporters to the grafting CWA politicians will get the privilege of working for the "prevailing wage" during the remaining weeks.

The concession from the Roosevelt administration is that, instead of an abrupt lay-off this month, the CWA will be tapered off. The advice was taken of those in the administration, that an abrupt lay-off would be a signal for the greatest mass protests yet experienced. Furthermore it certainly would not make for a very enthusiastic celebration on March 4th when all the available steam is to be blown off on how Roosevelt "pulled us out of the crisis."

NEW BALLYHOO BLAST

Coincident with the announcement that 4,000,000 who thought they had jobs will join the army of the unemployed, the San Francisco News, one of the most apologetic newspapers for the present regime, blows out with a headline "Jobs Increase. Survey Shows. Then follows the most lying set of figures that ever emanated from the Labor Department in Washington. The "News" knows it, but relies on the unfortunate fact that many will only see the headline, or not even bother reading the rest of the story. But we need hardly offer any counter figures to show how brazenly they lie. Their own will suffice, and indicate how little we can rely upon them.

The reports claim that the cost of living index has hardly changed during the year of 1933, that it stood at 132.1 on December 1932, and at 135 on December 1933. A less than 3% increase. Is there a sane person who will believe this?

This figure should give us an idea how much we must discount to get the true number that remains unemployed. The report claims that there was an increase of employment in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industry over March 1, 1932 by 2,387,000. Incidentally we might recall the many headlines that appeared, claiming up to 6 million had gone back to work, especially the famous one that 6 million will be back on jobs by Labor Day. All the lying and padding still cannot bring it higher than 2,387,000. This leaves, according to the AF of L survey, also used by the government, about 11,000,000 unemployed. But if we agree that there were 17,000,000 unemployed on March 1933, as even some of the most prominent business survey bulletins were forced to admit, then the figure is much higher.

EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN DROPPING

But is there even a remote possibility that 2,387,000 returned to work during the year? We might agree only if the Labor Department calls the CWA false jobs.

For instance, a review of the employment figures given out by the State Labor Commissioner of California, for the past four months shows a continual decline in employment, even despite the holiday rush and the stimulus of the CWA. We get the following:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Employment. Rows: October compared with Sept., November compared with Oct., December compared with Nov., January compared with Dec.

Here we have covered the period of the CWA to date and it only helped, reduce, BUT DID NOT STOP THE DROP in employment. California's example can be repeated in most of the important states, and the West Coast is by no means the worst section of the country.

The four million CWA workers are therefore being demobilized in face of a failure to reduce unemployment, and together with those out now will make the greatest unemployed army in the U. S. since the crisis started. The only promise they have is that they will be put on the miserable relief again, which with all the bad features of the CWA is still far worse.

The only remedy elements such as those represented by the "News" have, is to surpass any of the previous ballyhoo campaigns, with false recovery headlines, and a series on "Thirty Days that Rocked the Nation" intended to show us how Roosevelt "saved" us. All this is to fertilize the ground for the grand celebration on March 4th.

FASCISTS WANT ARMY CONTROL

On the other hand the openly fascist elements in the U. S. come forth with the remedy that the vast army of jobless be placed under army supervision or it will go under Communist leadership.

Says Richard Washburn Child, leading Hearst writer, in an editorial entitled "CWA's Discontented 'Become Menace Unless Ruled by Army'":

"Polly can be no greater than mobilizing the unemployed so that they in their misfortune become conscious of their political force as voters or wage slaves. It is the only way to make their protests effective in the halls of Congress and the land of the living."

Turn the mobilized over to the training of the Army, and of every competent group of active and passive officers which can be summoned for the task.

There is no menace greater today than the Red leadership which can come unless this administration has the courage to furnish to the mobilized unemployed a leadership of discipline and patriotism."

The open fascists, of whom Hearst is a leading representative follow the logic of their war program, as the only solution for the crisis. "Make the Unemployed a reserve for the slaughter," they shout. "The menace they see is a menace to the multi-millionaire in the U. S."

BIG FIGHT AHEAD

The question is put before the workers clearly—the leadership of the Fascists or the Communists. War, Fascism, and forced labor, or the fight for Unemployment Insurance, for more and better relief, against forced labor, war and all the other features that go along with the "New Deal".

There must be no demobilization, as the lay-offs take effect. The organizations on the CWA jobs, and the Unemployed Councils must mobilize for the greatest demonstrations yet witnessed in the United States.

A year of the Roosevelt administration has consumed millions that all the promises are empty gestures.

Will a family of four be content to exist on a little over \$5.00 per week as given in San Francisco? Will CWA workers go to work on food baskets of rotten vegetables? Will millions again humiliate themselves before the hated charities? Will husbands and sons willingly go to the forced labor camps under Army supervision?

The answer must be the loudest NO that was ever given.

THE MOST POWERFUL MOVEMENT BEHIND THE PROGRAM ADOPTED AT THE RECENT CONGRESS OF JOBLESS WHICH MET IN WASHINGTON!

FOR RELIEF EQUAL TO C. W. A. WAGES!

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BOSSES!

Tale of Two Meetings

By Fred Hopkins

Nothing could better illustrate the bankruptcy of pacifism, liberalism and Zionism than the comparison of two anti-Fascist meetings held in San Francisco on two successive nights, February 15-16. The "United Front" promotion, New York attorney, spoke to 10,000 people at the Civic Auditorium, under the auspices of the Non-Socialist Anti-Nazi League. The following night, Lord Marley, Chairman of the World Committee to Aid Victims of German Terrorism and editor of the Brown Book of the Hitler Terror, addressed a group of 100 at the San Francisco Opera House.

THE UNTEIMEYER MEETING

The meeting opened with a violin solo "Serenade Patheticum". And the speakers did their best to make the meeting as pathetic as possible.

O'Connell — "Labor's Champion"

John O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, was introduced as the representative of Labor "in the campaign for human rights." He opened immediately by assuring the audience that the meeting was under respectable auspices.

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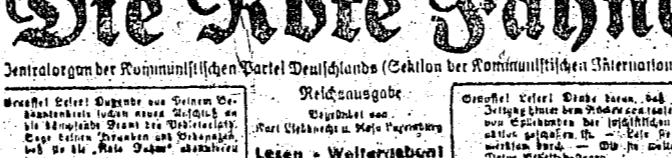
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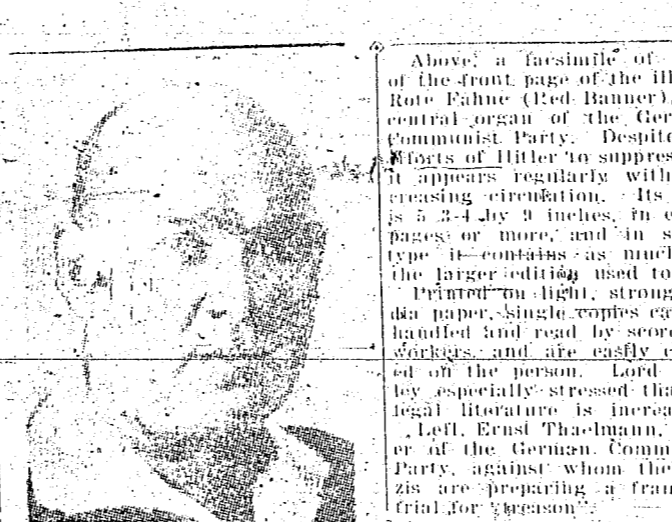
The German Red Banner Still Waves!

Die Rote Fahne



Genauiger Sieg des proletarischen Internationalismus

Der Sieg des proletarischen Internationalismus über das faschistische Brandstiftungsdelikt!



Above a fascistic part of the front page of the illegal Red Banner (Red Banner), the central organ of the German Communist Party.

Marley Describes Hitler Opposition

Marley not only dealt with Hitler's atrocities against the Jewish people, Catholic and Protestant workers, trade unions, and all militant workers and socialists, but he also described the organization and rapid spread of the United Front of revolutionary forces which are undermining the Hitler regime.

What Undertone Left Out

There are a few little details that Undertone left out of his speech. He did not expose the anti-Semitic, whereby Hitler enlisted the support of large numbers of the "Aryan" middle class by promising to turn over to them Jewish shops and Jewish jobs and professions.

The Clergy Speaks

Rev. John Sherman, representative of the clergy at Undertone's meeting, made a violent attack on Hitler and the "religion" under his protection.

War Danger

Marley pointed out the international war danger, especially against the United States, Germany and Japan.

The Lord Marley Meeting

Lord Marley, former Under-Secretary of War in the Labor Government of Great Britain, and now Deputy Speaker in the House of Lords, may certainly be considered as respectable as Mr. O'Connell.

The Boycott

In the hour and a half that Undertone talked, the only dramatic gesture presented to the huge audience, including as it did those listening in on the radio broadcast, was the boycott of German goods.

I AM A NEGRO

By Freddie Osborne

I am a Negro, Black as Night, With black, snowy arms, And strong broad backs.

Lifting the huge stones of the Sphinx, With my super strength, I've been the Pharaoh's holy guard.

Long have I toiled from sun to sun, Seemingly to never get my work done, Never to number, I worked the forests of America, And the West Indies.

But never receiving any pay, Yes, I've entertained you, At your fine tables, Have sung you songs, And melodies too long, To you I've been a faithful slave, Loyal in all wars,

Faithful unto the grave, Though I'm crowded, Discriminated against, Lynched and burned, By your side at every beck, Call and term, Betrayed by false leaders, On every hand, Awaiting a ballot as a magic wand.

Now I've begun to think, Black as the night, And deep as the ocean, I shall be this and only this, Forget race, color, and petty grievances, White comrades, by including me, We shall all be free, By freeing me,

You free yourself, From the despotic tyrants grasp, Then I shall call you brother, Your hand in mine, In a fraternal chain, Let us fight that citizen banner, The sickle and hammer,

For Lent's Sake

Society makes this sacrifice because of the beginning of the Lenten season, which is the French name for Shrove Tuesday, the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, marked by prayer, sacrifice, religious rites and the subduing of social passions.

Lent is also marked by the subduing of flesh for meat, Holy significance, the subject states, "The idea had a purely commercial origin. It was started in order to prevent the sale of meat on the day when the chief source of revenue in those seaboard countries was the custom of Lent originated."

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An Old-Timer Sees the Socialist Party Convention

By Roy T. Layton

To an old-timer, who like the writer, has spent most of his life in the Socialist Party, but who left it to become a Communist, the State Convention of the Socialist Party, which just concluded its sessions in Los Angeles, was a tragedy and a farce.

At one time the Socialist Party, especially when Eugene Debs was its principal mouth-piece, really tried to reflect the political and economic interests of the working-class; but this latest convention of Socialists in Los Angeles, at no point in its program, represented working-class interests.

A ship-keeper delegate founded the real key-note of the convention, when he said:

"If the Communists get in power, they will take our property away from us, but if the Socialists get in power, they will bring but taxes down."

And that is what this Socialist convention represented — small businessmen who are on the to-bog and who wish to preserve their small property rights, professional people desperately struggling to preserve the prestige of their profession, and active and ex-ministers of orthodox religion, with a sprinkling of spiritualists and theosophists.

A theosophist was selected as permanent chairman, the candidate for the speakership named as an ex-Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and the principal spokesman and directing genius of the convention, J. Stitt Wilson, is a Methodist preacher in good standing.

To complete the picture, Jesse A. Southwick, of Stockton, expelled from the Communist Party several months ago, was chosen as the candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Paper Organization

The Socialist Party of California claims twelve hundred adherents; actually, the dues-paying membership is not more than half that number. On paper the Socialist Party advertised as sixty-six locally, but the actual number is thirty. On the vote to seat Locals Lynwood, Long Beach and Southgate, with the full strength of the delegation was present, the convention went on record seven to three against twenty-six for. When the twenty-six withdrew in protest at the action of the convention in refusing to hear delegates from the Communist Party, present a program for a United Front, readers of these words can readily appreciate the numerical strength of the convention when it reorganized.

Appropriately enough, the official badge worn by the delegates had for its color, yellow, with small red lettering in the center of its top. As one of the members of the Communist Party, who formerly was a Socialist, started to enter, "Have you a red card?" asked the doorkeeper. "Yes, ten shades redder than your forehead," the woman replied. "Well, that kind of card don't go here," said the doorkeeper. Continuing, he shouted: "Get out and stay out!"

At one time the dues-paying membership of the Socialist Party in Los Angeles alone numbered

SPRING HAS COME

By Stephen Peacock

Nothing could better illustrate the tender-heartedness of our capitalists, colonels of agriculture and generals of finance than the glorious pouring of San Francisco's "400" to attend the Mardi Gras affair given at the Palace Hotel for the benefit of a children's hospital. The "cream" society was there, and through some of it had been slightly soured.

Why, the utter unselfishness displayed by the kind people who left their bridge tables and poker parties and sacrificed almost a whole night to misperceive about causes and dance around and drink a little — and for the sake of the poor, dear, cheerless children of the poor. And this is only the beginning of their sacrifices. Says a Frisco paper:

"The gay season which the winter season was brought to an abrupt close last night with the colorful and picturesque Mardi Gras charity fete at the Palace Hotel. From now until Easter society will give itself to good works."

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Jobs for them

After all this sacrifice on behalf of the poor, along comes an unappreciative worker who remarks that they spent more money for costumes, decorations and champagne, that it would cost a little more to employ them. Or another critic will remark that if the children's parents were not in the headlines, maybe the kids wouldn't need hospitals. Oh, well. Some workers aren't even grateful to John Debs, who has been so badly abused by some meat packers, to abolish Lent because it is helping Bernstein's fish business.

State Meeting In Los Angeles Only a Caricature of Old Party

Instead of two thousand persons, the highest recorded vote for a Socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles was forty thousand. Today, while claiming one hundred and twenty-five members, the San Francisco local actually mustered twenty-one members to select fifteen delegates to the state convention, and when the plea was made for financial support for the campaign, the spokesman for the San Francisco city stated he thought San Francisco might be able to raise five dollars!

Berkeley local, of which I am a member, is shut to shreds," announced J. Stitt Wilson. "I am pledging five dollars toward the campaign, and if my local is unable to raise that amount, I will be going back to Berkeley to see if I can piece those shreds together so that we may do our part."

As this writer gazed upon this convention—the state convention of the Socialist Party of California—attended for discussion and action by other Socialist conventions both in California and in other states in days of old, and drawing a contrast between the enthusiasm and numbers of these conventions and the lack of both in this one, it is quite evident that with the development of capitalism and the sharpening of the industrial crisis the Socialist Party has retrograded, and with it its policies and program. Old leaders of the party who have tried hard to retain the reins of party power, and they are making the same speeches they made thirty years ago and advancing the same measures which today are totally inadequate for the occasion.

Eclipsed by Communists

The radical thought and sentiment of America as reflected in the pillars of the working-class, have gone forward into and with the Communist Party; and it is now the Communist Party which today has both the numbers and the enthusiasm. A single meeting in Los Angeles united the Communist Party with outnumbered the Socialist state convention ten to one, and the enthusiasm of the young persons who make up the Los Angeles Communist Party is so much greater than the entire mass of Socialists were able to generate that comparison is out of question.

Hot Debate

The two principal speeches at the concluding session of the convention were made by J. Stitt Wilson and George R. Kirkpatrick. Beginning with a theoretical discussion of single and double plan, one hundred and fifty million years ago, Kirkpatrick came down gradually through the ages to the final emergence of man. He spoke for an hour when the chairman notified him that his time had expired. At no time did he get to the reasons for the calling of the convention, and at no time did he discuss the issues of the campaign. In the presence of the menace of fascism and war, with John Debs Wilson, a Pasadena

Names — Locals C. A. Mitchell, Huntington Pl. C. A. Hart, J. L. C. Berkeley Gloria O'Connor, L. of C. O'Connell, Berkeley C. Lieber, San Francisco C. E. Anderson, East Oakland Sidney K. Harper, San Francisco W. D. Hamilton, Southgate G. J. Lacey, Huntington Park Harold E. Kinsey, Glendale R. Knz, (alternate) Sacramento R. A. Gish, Southgate E. A. Kinn, Sacramento Phyllis M. Bessborough, Berkeley G. Fisher, Huntington Pl. A. E. Irons, M. Smith, Hollywood Dolle Losey, Huntington Park Alice A. Price, French Central C. F. Kober (alt), Huntington Pl. M. Sweney (alt), Berkeley F. R. Lamm, L. of C. Berkeley N. B. Sherman, Southgate Aida H. Stewart, Santa Barbara Anne Abbott Kinney, Van Nuys Marjorie Hav, Van Nuys Albert K. Bodenhorn, Southgate Fred C. Smith, Oakland

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