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## First Account of Brazil Uprising

ARMY PURGE FORCES ACTION

### People's Front in Heroic Struggle

Because of the iron-fisted censorship over all news from Brazil, it has been extremely difficult to get a truthful picture of the recent uprising there. By special messenger the following report was delivered beyond the borders of Brazil, and by fastest air mail sent to the Daily Worker in New York. It is interesting to compare this report with recent charges made by the Uruguayan Government that the Brazilian revolt was "Moscow inspired."

RIO DE JANEIRO—The uprising began in the province of Rio Grande del Norte. Pernambuco rose up first. It is not yet known exactly why the North East precipitated the movement. But from all information reaching Rio de Janeiro it appears as if the hand of the anti-Fascist people's front was forced.

## IMPERIAL VALLEY IN NEW VIOLENCE

### Sheriff to Organize Thugs As Harvest Season Nears

EL CENTRO, Calif., Jan. 2.—Vigilante and open police terror again will be loosed against agricultural workers in Imperial Valley this year, if Sheriff Bob Ware is to be taken at his word.

Harvesting of lettuce will start here this month. Sheriff Ware, himself a wealthy pea grower, and in league with the rest of Imperial's big ranchers, last week openly announced a round-up of all so-called "professional agitators, Communists and suspects."

In a provocative statement given wide publicity here Ware claims plans for violence are being hatched, which include the use of dynamite in blowing up sheds.

Last year agricultural workers struck and two were killed by hired gunmen. Ware's statement "splitting the union agitators" for violence directly incited by the employers.

### WANTS OPEN SHOP

Among other things he declared: "The local Wrap Packers' Association has entered an agreement with valley shippers to harvest the coming lettuce crop at a certain rate and means to carry out the contract.

"Available assistance is being rendered the sheriff by reliable members of organized labor who wish to reach agreements without violence and who fear being led by organized minorities consisting of radicals."

Last February the lettuce workers struck demanding recognition of their union, abolition of the "split bench," and the Salinas scale. Following the strike, which resulted in the two murders and scores of arrests, it was learned the lettuce growers had made huge profits from sale of their high priced product on the Eastern market.

Ware's plans revolve around complete suppression of the unions in this area through use of the "Red scare" as a means of splitting the solidarity.

## Garment Workers Plan Intensive Drive

NEW YORK.—(FP)—With an appropriation of \$500,000 available for organization of the cotton dress and underwear industry, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union is planning an extensive drive in St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Shamokin, Harrisburg, Reading, Scranton and other localities.

## Machinists Strike When Demand Is Ignored By Employers' Group

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—300 machinists walked off their jobs in a hundred per cent strike of all shipyards along the waterfront, when their demands for a minimum 90 cents an hour and a 40-hour week were ignored by the employers.

The strike was called by Local 68, of the Machinists' Union, which is a member of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation. All locals of the maritime unions

## GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO AID SHIPOWNERS

MOANS OF POVERTY MIXED WITH BOASTS OF PROSPERITY

### I. S. U. Convention

EAST COAST FACES FIGHT ON PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—An amazing contradiction has apparently risen within the ranks of the Pacific Coast shipowners over the tying up of 46 steam-schooners in answer to the sailors' demand for a six-hour day on steamships.

Elisha Hansen, shipowners' attorney at Washington, D. C., issued a virtual "challenge" to the federal government and union labor which, although at first mildly "repudiated" by the Waterfront Employers' Association, was later quoted as being in accord with the statement of Hansen.

Said Hansen to Assistant Secretary of Labor E. McGrady, "If the government does not step in and enforce the law, the shipowners will be forced to shut down. They will have no other alternative."

With this gloomy picture of abject poverty and bankruptcy facing the shipowners, along comes Stanley Dollar, president of the Dollar Steamship Lines, with the following statement, which rated a banner on page two of the Jan. 2 Call-Bulletin:

"The old alibis of stagnated markets, overproduction, and lack of purchasing power are definitely stalemated. The dawn of 1936 finds the so-called uncontrollable factors in our favor. . . It is my conviction that we face a year of unprecedented opportunity," Dollar stated.

While the steamship situation remains status quo for the present there are no signs on the horizon of any settlement being affected within the near future. To date the sailors have not made any formal request for the Maritime (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

## Shanghaied—Crew Refused To Sail Ship

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—The latest attempts to smash the Norwegian seamen's hiring hall here collapsed when the freighter Eviva sailed last week with a full crew aboard, paying full union wages.

In the case of the Eviva a crimp by the name of Helland was sent to pick up drunken men from the saloons along the Brooklyn waterfront. But the crew came to life when the ship was outside Sandy Hook. The men refused to work and as a result, after four and a half days, the Eviva pulled into Baltimore.

Here the crew came ashore and reported in New York where their story so angered the seamen that some of them are now reported seeking Helland, the crimp, though not with intentions of signing on any ship through him.

## U. S. SANCTIONS

Charles Guernier, former French Cabinet minister, expressed scepticism last week that the U. S. would ever impose an embargo on oil shipments by law. This was used as an excuse in support of the Laval "Sanctions Are Useless" foreign policy.

# STRUGGLE LOOMS IN MEXICO, REVOLT SMOULDERS IN ITALY

## REVOLUTION IS FEAR OF MAJOR IMPERIALISTS

BRITAIN ALARMED BY NEW SPIRIT OF REVOLT IN COLONIES

### Unrest Sweeps China

FRENCH CAPITALISTS ARE UNCERTAIN OF ARMY AND POPULATION

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Behind the surface maneuvers of all capitalist nations is the growing fear of revolution which is causing them to move with great uncertainty in the present international crisis. A wave of revolutionary unrest has swept the entire globe and has been particularly noted in all colonial countries.

Within the borders of Italy a situation prevails which is more tense than the highly censored news despatches from Rome will admit. The Communist Party of Italy has been waging an intensive propaganda drive ever since the beginning of the Africa invasion.

Recently, hundreds of small balloons were released over Northern Italian towns carrying copies of the Communist manifesto against

### REVOLT STIRS IN RANKS

Reports of dissension in the ranks of the Italian invading army in Africa are received with growing frequency.

The existence of strong united fronts of all anti-capitalist elements in most of the capitalist nations is a stumbling block to the maneuvers of imperialist powers.

Italian forces in Ethiopia have been on the defensive for many weeks. Unable to cope with the land forces of the Ethiopians, the invaders have been waging constant air attacks, but have not succeeded in weakening the Ethiopian counter-attack.

### CHINA REVOLT LOOMS

Although there is a temporary cessation of spectacular developments in China, the situation is precarious and important events can be expected momentarily. Both the Japanese in the North and the Kuomintang government in the South have been temporarily marking time, hoping that the immense wave of unrest caused by the North China invasion may subside.

Chiang Kai-shek, treacherous dictator of the Kuomintang government, is now openly collaborating with the Japanese.

Both France and Great Britain are haunted by the fear of revolution. France has voiced her fear that neither her armies nor the masses of people will support a war of conquest, and that revolution might result if any effort were made to embark on such a course.

The main fear of Great Britain is for her colonies in which the spirit of revolt has leapt high in the past months. At home, the British imperialists are faced with mass sentiment which directly opposes their plans of conquest. Increased political power of labor now makes it impossible for the government to carry on diplomacies which run contrary to the will of the masses.

## The Communist Party in Mexico



In every part of the world United Fronts (People's Fronts) of all anti-capitalist elements have risen against the threat of fascism and war. The working class and liberal groups which mass in these fronts, though divided on smaller issues of policy and theory, are united for common action on the two main issues.

The People's Front in Mexico is acknowledged today as the most powerful political force. The above picture shows the Communist Party taking part in the greatest working class demonstration ever held in Mexico, the march of 100,000 in protest against the Calles regime. The Communist Party of Mexico is acknowledged as being one of the main instigators and strongest outwards of the United Front. (See story on Page Six.)

## Third Greek Ship Held As Crew Refused

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Staten Island Quarantine Station officials are puzzled by the disappearance of the captain with 34 of his crew of 40 from the Greek ship, Marpessa, while awaiting quarantine inspection.

The captain and his seamen left the ship on Sunday last and have not been heard from since. Maritime workers offer as a solution one of two possibilities. Either the crew have quit with their captain rather than load war material for Fascist Italy, or, as a result of the new and strict compulsory army service decreed by the Greek Government.

This makes the third Greek ship that is tied up on the East Coast. One is tied up at Baltimore with the crew refusing to take the vessel out loaded with war goods. At Portland, Me., another Greek vessel lies minus a crew and a radio operator, who deserted, when war goods were put aboard.

## Capitalist Capitulates To Government

Big Shot George Stetson, manufacturer of boiler parts, has finally agreed to sell his products to the government for the Quoddy tidal project in Maine after refusing since October.

George was afraid that the project would be in competition with his private utility companies.

"I've been making my living in the power game selling equipment to the utility companies," said Stetson. "I'm not going to aid in their destruction by selling something to the government which might enable it to enter into competition with these companies."

George was finally forced to capitulate by one of the very contractors to whom he sells equipment.

Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini!

## Starvation Dole Is Lowering Racial Strength, Figures Prove

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Indicating that the children of the present generation will prove physically inferior to previous generations, 91,774 young children below the age of 16 years are living under the inadequate provisions of federal and county relief, according to figures released today by the Los Angeles County Relief Administration.

In addition to these, 13,962 other young people up to the age of 25 are also existing on meager budgets allowed their families.

More than 20,000 family heads now on the WPA or on the SERA

have been unemployed for more than five years, other statistics revealed.

Those out of work for five years totaled 20,597; for four years, 10,372; three years, 12,261; for two years, 16,339; one year, 22,849; six months, 14,807.

Heads of families on relief include 56,843 who have lived in Los Angeles County for more than 10 years, and 23,638 have lived here from five to ten years. Only 2182 have been in the county less than two years.

Women heads of families include 18,755 women and 78,550 employable men.

## Dies Launches "Alien" Attack

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Deportation of "6,000,000" aliens to "solve" the unemployment problem in the United States is the slogan put forward by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, who is back in Washington this week.

Dies is the author of an alien deportation bill which failed to pass last year because of pressure against it from liberals and the working classes. He now is circulating a petition among fellow Congressmen to force an early vote when Congress meets January 3.

The N. Y. Chamber of Commerce has bitterly attacked the mild resolution by Mrs. O'Day to stay deportation in 2600 cases of those of "good moral character," pending action by Congress. If these 2600 are deported they will leave approximately 7000 dependents in this country.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born calls upon all the forces opposed to the methods of the infamous Palmer raids and wholesale deportation drives such as those of William N. Doak during the Hoover administration, to mobilize to defeat all attempts of the reactionaries to pass more stringent deportation laws.

"We must move toward securing full political equality for foreign-born in the United States,"

## COMMUNISTS IN MEXICO LEADING PEOPLES FRONT

SUPPORT FOR CARDENAS AGAINST REACTION IS BASIS OF APPEAL

### Disarm the Fascists.

EX-PRESIDENT PLANNING TO HAND NATION OVER TO IMPERIALISTS

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Jan. 2.—The Communist Party of Mexico has just issued an appeal to the Mexican masses urging support of President Cardenas. Ex-President Calles recently returned to Mexico after a period of exile and is attempting to bolster support for himself and the Yankee imperialists against the Cardenas government.

The statement of the Communist Party of Mexico follows: "Callismo, nourished and directed by its leader, intends a coup d'etat in order to overthrow the government of Cardenas, to establish a reactionary dictatorship, and finish by handing the country over to Yankee imperialism.

"The energetic measures of the government, the removal of the generals who support Calles, and Dinavetia, chief of the garrison at La Plaza and Amaro, head of the military college; the suspension of privileges for callista senators; the suppression of the reactionary propaganda of Calles himself, all this places the leader of the reaction in the dilemma of either resorting to arms or disappearing definitely from the political scene.

"It is necessary to realize the danger to act decisively.

### WIDE UNITY NEEDED

"The victory of callismo would mean the end of liberty and of democratic rights; it would signify the destruction of workers' and peasants' organizations, the setting up of a reactionary military dictatorship, with its accompanying

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## DIEGO COUNCIL SLAPS GREEN'S RED HYSTERIA

CENTRAL BODY REFUSES TO REPUDIATE YOUTH ENDORSEMENT

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 3.—William Green, red-baiting president of the American Federation of Labor, received a technical slap in the face at the Federated Trades Council meeting here this week when a motion to withdraw endorsement of the American League Against War and Fascism was decisively defeated.

The motion was made after a letter had been read in which William Green, following the lead of Hearst, charged the League with being Communist.

The Council officially protested the vigilante terror being used against the agricultural workers in Imperial Valley by the sheriff and other wealthy growers. Another motion protesting the Florida terror, resulting in the death of Joseph Shoemaker, was carried. The motion requested that the 1936 A. F. of L. convention be held elsewhere.

A reactionary move to close the Council meetings to the public was defeated and there was considerable criticism voiced against the recent attack on the progressives by the Labor Leader. The majority of the delegates clearly were angered by the antics of the reactionary editor of the paper:

# FUR WORKERS CONFERENCE MAPS ORGANIZATION'S WORK

## RESOLUTIONS RAP ITALY WAR AND FAVOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

By Louis Baron.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Practical work, both organizational and educational, was the keynote of the Second Conference of the Pacific Coast District Council of the International Fur Workers' Union, Local 79 of San Francisco, and Local 87 of Los Angeles, held on Sunday, December 22nd, in Los Angeles.

In a review of the work undertaken by both locals since the last conference was held three months ago, certain shortcomings were noted, and plans were made to improve our drive to completely unionize the fur workers in Los Angeles and San Francisco. A brief review of the work showed that a number of successful shop strikes had been carried on, that several attempts to open contracting shops were smashed, and that the unemployment insurance fund enjoyed by the furriers of Los Angeles had reached the highest total in its existence.

While a good deal of progress was shown by the activity carried on for the past few months, nevertheless both locals had not achieved the measure of success anticipated three months ago. Particularly was emphasized the necessity for carrying on educational work and enlightenment on trade union problems among our membership.

### BENIOFF STRIKE

The discussion at the conference centered around the demand upon our International office to provide a subsidy for a field organizer, and the strike now being carried on against Fred Benioff, stubborn open shopper in San Francisco. At the present time, this employer is attempting to set a dangerous precedent by instituting injunction proceedings against Local 79 of San Francisco. This matter is of the utmost importance not only to the fur workers, but to the other organized workers in S. F. A campaign must be instituted to secure the support of the local unions in fighting this attempt on the part of Fred Benioff to maintain an open shop and through the method of injunction to restrain the union from organizational activities.

As to the subsidy, the conference realized that with the assistance of a field organizer, the unorganized centers of the Pacific Coast would be unionized in a very short time. It was decided to appeal more strongly to the General Executive Board for such a subsidy in behalf of the fur workers on the Pacific Coast.

### PROGRESSIVE ACTION

A number of resolutions were passed at the conference, among which were included a resolution against the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, a resolution in support of the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis, a resolution in support of a Labor Party based on the trade unions, which would be a real political weapon in combatting fascism and in fighting for the needs of the working people. A fourth resolution was passed protesting the revocation of the charter of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union, Local 18656, and requesting Pres. Green of the A. F. of L. to reinstate the said local with full democratic rights to elect its own leadership.

### Youthful Pickets Seized in Arizona

(By T. J. Croaff, Jr.)

PHOENIX, Arizona, December 28.—A charge of loitering and picketing in the vicinity of the Court House Coffee Shop, So. First ave., was filed yesterday in municipal court against Jake Cottrell, 23 years old, and Bert Gandy, 17, by Mrs. Geo. Gofinos of the coffee shop.

Gandy was released on his own recognizance, while Cottrell won his freedom when friends posted a \$25 bond.

The two youthful pickets were charged with "seeking to induce and influence persons to refrain from entering . . . and . . . to refrain from purchasing or using the goods and merchandise sold at said place of business." Both boys were selling copies of the Arizona Labor Journal in front of the coffee shop when arrested.

The Court House Coffee Shop has been placed on the unfair list of the Phoenix Central Labor Council, and all local union organizations are supporting the move to enforce better working conditions for restaurant employes in this city.

# WPA WORKERS IN LOW RENT PROJECT BIDS

## WOMEN ORGANIZED, LAUNCH PROTEST AGAINST RENT RAISE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—Raising the demand of a low-rent housing project to meet the acute housing question here, women of the United Consumers Against the High Cost of Living, together with women from other organizations, are calling a conference on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2 p. m., at the headquarters of the Fur Workers' Union, 823 1/2 Santee street.

"Where is our boasted American standard of living?" the women are asking.

Rents are being raised here beyond the ability of the families living on the \$55 WPA wages, to pay. Many other workers are getting such low wages that they cannot afford \$20 or \$25 for rent—too little is left for food, clothes, and other necessities.

"Hoovervilles" and "Roosevelt-burgs" are reappearing in Southern California, as families are evicted from their homes. Many families are living in unsanitary shacks, garages and rickety auto courts.

All women's organizations, women's auxiliaries of churches and trade unions are urged to send delegates to this conference to secure united action for a decent housing project.

# SOLDIERS' HOME IS LIKE PRISON, VETERAN HOLDS

## PRISON CAMP CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN SAWTELLE

SAWTELLE, Calif., Dec. 31.—A New Year's present for the ex-soldiers in the hospital at the Old Soldiers' Home here, was in store for tomorrow with the further restriction of privileges.

No more leaves will be granted for periods over 24 hours, and strict bed-time hours will be enforced by counting the men in bed every night.

Two ex-soldiers were recently imprisoned in the "hole" for three days for being in possession of literature issued by the Friends of the Soviet Union. A new "governor" at the hospital is responsible for the "discipline."

"You're in a prison camp, more than a hospital," remarked a visitor.

"By God, that's just what it is—a prison camp," replied a veteran.

# Champagne Flows; Workers Starve

BERLIN.—(FP)—People in Germany may be without butter and potatoes, but the "champagne class" is well provided for. Consumption of the bubbly beverage has exceeded the former all-time record set during the profiteering days of the war. Up to Dec. 1, Reich had exceeded 13 million bottles.

# ARMY PURGE THREAT FORCED BRAZIL REVOLT

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disadvantageous to the revolutionists. The government, by forcing the hand of the workers and soldiers in the North, was on its guard in the capital city. However, not to enter the fight in Rio would strengthen the hand of the imperialist puppet, the Getulio Vargas government, against the fighters in the Northeast. Detachments of revolutionists went into the fight against the enemy in Rio, where the chances for victory were then small. No one could foresee the outcome, but it was known that the position of the rebels would be a hard one.

On the morning of Nov. 27, four days after the Northeastern uprising, a large part of the 27th Regiment in Rio rebelled. Their barracks are situated in the worst strategic position in the city. They are located in Pranhia Vermelha, at an extreme point of the city and at the bottom of the funicular which travels to the top of the strategic Sugarloaf mountain. Since the whole regiment did not join the uprising, with some officers and their followers remaining "loyal," an internal fight took place.

To help the "loyal" troops, the government concentrated other forces in this difficult position for the rebels. Artillery and airplanes were massed against the revolutionists. At the same time, how-

ever, sections of the cadets in the aviation school joined the uprising. Other sections of the army rebelled. But they were attacked by a forewarned and forearmed clique. Fighting took place in many parts of the city, but the government had the advantage of preparation. In the suburbs the people seized the warehouses. There were several strikes in support of the uprising. The spirit of the masses was stupendous. But the government had kept its grip on sufficient military forces to defeat the rebellious soldiers.

When the surrendered and captured soldiers were marched through the streets, the masses shouted: "Long live the National Liberation Alliance!" "Down with imperialism!" "Long live Luis Carlos Prestes!"

The struggle of the Third Regiment above all provoked popular admiration and sympathy. Captain Agildo Barata led the fighting. He is today one of the greatest national revolutionary leaders of South America.

The general opinion here is that if the fighting had been prolonged one more day, the uprising of other military units would have come to the support of the revolutionists. The struggle would have

# McLaughlin Mouths Another Promise for Security Wages

## LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—

Another "promise" that every man and woman on relief in California will have a "security" wage job before the end of January was made here today by State WPA Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin, who exempted "unemployables" from his promise.

"We realize people on the dole are having a difficult time," he said. "I have discussed the situation with Chairman Ralph Jenney of the state relief commission and we have agreed the only so-

# WOMEN ON SERA SUFFER FROM SHIFT TO WPA BOONDOGLING

By a Worker Correspondent.

SERA had its devious ways to torture; direct relief, it seemed, ran the gamut in methods of humiliation to the unemployed but it remained for the WPA to devise new modes of dealing mental and spiritual death to would-be workers, hoping at least to go to work at socially useful labors.

The women's projects have been, so far, the most neglected. They have consisted chiefly of sewing projects, making clothes for the poor, clothing which the sewers tried vainly to obtain. Now instead of these sewing projects opening up in the San Fernando valley towns where they operated under SERA last year, until August, the policy is to run two shifts, 7 a. m. to noon, noon to 5 p. m. and concentrate two or three town projects in one, requiring workers to come long distances in their battered old cars, or to pay, many of them, 50 cents a day car fare—12 dollars a month.

The excuse given is that a building cannot be obtained. It is recalled that at war time there was no lack of buildings to house Red Cross, Liberty loans, and knitting classes for soldiers' socks. At Van Nuys projects at the City Hall, the workers walk up to the fourth story to work. The elevator is not permitted to run them up or down. It runs when there are city official doings. One woman with a weak heart collapsed from the climb and was told not to come back. She is a young widow with children. Others, elderly women, revive themselves with spirits of ammonia. A number have weak hearts. At the same time five men are on this women's projects. Four of them sit at a table and spend part of the time winding thread from large spools to little ones. When they go to headquarters and beg to be put to work, they are told to "stick around and not worry, they'll get paid just the same." They are middle-aged men of good type, able-bodied but cannot do pick and shovel work. They have had a mouth of this.

We on the project are making large pillow cases of unbleached muslin entirely by hand, fine stitches. It is not permitted to use the machines for this work. Some make shirts, a highly technical work for which few are experi-

enced. There is much ripping out of mistakes. It appears these projects are going to be less productive even than the SERA, but why should they be in a competitive world? It wouldn't do to make too many garments of easy construction, such as dresses, the merchants would suffer—no government competition, you know. So we will keep on—slowing up production until it may come to the point where we make everything twice, sew it up, rip it up, and sew it again. For workers must preserve their self-respect. But these sewers are not unhappy. Nearly all of them as they boondoggle pillow cases and diapers and baste the sleeves of shirts into the necks, have a beautiful dream that they are spending that \$3.00 Townsend.

There are about 150 men in the union. Four to five hundred are employed on the project. The teamsters have guaranteed they will not pass through picket lines, and the steel workers, carpenters, and hoisting engineers on the job have given a similar promise.

# RECIPE OVERWHELMED

Two days later the People's Government of Recife could no longer hold out. An armed column left for the interior. Under the leadership of Muniz de Faria and de Castano, masses of soldiers and workers of Natal who took part in the fighting penetrated deeper into the countryside.

# MASSSES DEMONSTRATE

Comrade Prestes issued a manifesto stressing the historical significance of the struggle, and pointing to the revolutionary lessons of the uprisings. He called for the formation of a People's Revolutionary Army and appealed to the united front organizations to mass for increased struggle.

The government unleashed a ferocious terror against the soldiers, workers and others who supported the uprising. They tried to brand everyone taking part in the uprising as a "Communist." But the people understand this maneuver very well.

# NATIONAL HEROES ACCLAIMED

Agildo Barata who was known for his heroism in the struggle in

the Northeast before the uprising is now acclaimed as a great national figure. The same is true of Muniz de Faria.

President Getulio Vargas, agent of British and American imperialism, and ruler for the feudal-capitalist elements in Brazil, is now asking for the "reform" of the terrorist Security Law. But the sympathy of the masses for the national revolutionary cause has grown tremendously after the Rio uprising.

The "defeat" of the fighters in Rio was even less than that of the Spanish workers of Madrid in the October, 1934, uprising. It is a special type of "defeat" because the forces of the revolution are growing, because in spite of the expulsions from the army, the revolutionary forces in most of the regiments remain intact. There is a tremendous movement for the liberation of Agildo Barata and all prisoners.

# GOVERNMENT CRISIS REMAINS

The crisis of the Getulio Vargas government will not diminish with its "victory" over the Rio, Recife and Natal uprisings. The anti-imperialist, anti-Fascist people's front movement, the National Liberation Alliance, is growing despite all of the terror and arrests under

the revised Security Law.

To support the tremendous movement in Brazil for the release of the arrested and persecuted heroes, the workers in other countries can best help by starting a campaign for the freedom of the jailed victims. Demand the liberation of Barata, Sylo, Meirelles. Send letters and telegrams to the Brazilian embassies everywhere. The Secret Service of Brazil is acting with the Justo government in Argentina. British imperialism has a strong hand in the reaction in Argentina and Brazil. Argentine diplomacy is acting as a spy agency in the service of British imperialism.

# (This explains partly the action of the Uruguayan government in breaking off relations with the Soviet Union, a stupid act based on lies and slanders which at the same time testifies to the fact that the Vargas government of Brazil has been unable to defeat the growing revolutionary sentiment and united front.—Editor.)

The uprising in Brazil was not a coup d'etat. It was a great mass movement, flowing from mass struggles before, with military action being precipitately forced, and followed by even greater acclamation of the masses.

# The National Revolution of Brazil has only begun.

# YULETIDE CROWD STORMS PRISON TO FREE NEGRO

## MOB DEMANDS FREEDOM FOR VICTIM

CINCINNATI.—(FP)—On Christmas Day, for the first time in history, a group of demonstrators, including eight white men and women, surrounded a jail to demand not the lynching but the release of a Negro charged with assaulting a white woman.

The demonstrators, constituting the Christmas Committee to Save a Life, marched through a blizzard from Government Sq., Cincinnati, to Covington, Ky., jail, where 19-year-old John (Pete) Montjoy awaits news of the day of his hanging. They carried placards depicting the figure of a dead Negro hanging from the gallows in the shadow of a cross.

The committee, believing the boy innocent, was moved to add this somber tone to the Christmas celebration as a means of arousing public concern over the case and delaying the execution while funds are sought to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

An investigation by Cincinnati civil liberties groups indicated that Montjoy was made to confess under coercion and was convicted by an all-white jury without an adequate chance to defend himself. Appeals are being made in his behalf to Gov. A. B. Chandler, Frankfort, Ky.

# Furuseth Comes Home from Labor Meet in Geneva

On their way home are the three American delegates to the International Labor Office Maritime Conference at Geneva.

They are Andrew Furuseth, 82-year-old president of the Seamen's Union of America; Samuel Aitken, president of the Moore & McCormick Lines, and Robert W. Bruere, former chairman of the Textile Labor Relations Board.

The veteran leader of the American seamen was taciturn in response to queries by the press. Asked what had been accomplished at the conference, he said at first, "I have nothing to say about it."

After a few minutes of musing on the subject, Mr. Furuseth, speaking very slowly, said:

"The men who attended the conference appeared to me to be intelligent. After it was ended they said that in their opinion some good would eventually come out of it."

Mr. Bruere said the two-weeks conference was preliminary to another one to be held next year and was not designed to accomplish definite results. It concerned itself mainly with the three-watch system and the manning of merchant ships.

"It looks as if the eight-hour day would become effective on all ships after the conference next year," opined Mr. Bruere, "but England was non-committal about it."

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

# MEXICAN COMMUNISTS IN TO FORM BLOC IN PARLIAMENT APPEAL TO TRADE UNIONS

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orgies of blood and terror, let loose by the 'Gold Shirts,' the thugs of Morones, and the white guards, and finally the complete colonization of the country by imperialism.

"Already Nicholas Rodriguez is announcing the terroristic methods to be used against working class organizations and their functionaries. Already Morones is arming his hired bandits to 'defend Calles.' The country is infested with hoodlums and white guards, protected by some of the reactionary generals.

"Immediate and energetic action by the government and the people is the urgent need of the hour.

"It is necessary to forge, without any loss of time, the widest united people's front if workers, peasants, employees, students, small business men, small proprietors, etc., in a close alliance with the army, in order to support the government of Cardenas, and to crush the reaction without mercy. The workers' trade unions must take the initiative.

### ARMED WORKERS' CORPS

"The workers of the C.R.O.M. and the C.G.T. (trade union or-

# Party to Fete Workers' School Opening Jan. 11

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A  
TALK BY GALLAGHER

A "Variety Nite" on Saturday eve, January 11, at 121 Haight st., to greet the opening of the winter term of the San Francisco Workers' School, promises to give a good time to all. The affair is planned to include a grand program of dancers, singers, skits, and a short talk on Workers' Education by Leo Gallagher, well known International Labor Defense attorney. After the program there will be dancing for all.

All friends of the Workers' School, all supporters of workers' education, all workers and professionals are asked to come together and have a jolly good time. Your good time at this affair will help in making the Workers' School this term a bigger and better school. Do not forget the date. Do not forget to tell your friends. Do not forget to come.

# 2nd Five-Year Plan Successful in Test

MOSCOW.—(FP)—That the Second 5-Year Plan has successfully met the first important test of its ability to increase food consumption by two and a half times is indicated by the 1935 record of the food industry, Soviet leaders claim. Large increases were registered in the output of the sugar, meat packing, dairy, confectionery, canning and other industries.

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organizations) should leave Morones and Ramirez, who are but instruments of Calles, and should unite with the whole people in its struggle against reaction. Today more than ever, it is imperative to have trade union unity of the proletariat and the unification of the peasant masses.

"It is necessary to organize large, powerful mass demonstrations in the streets.

"It is necessary to be prepared to paralyze any military mobilization of callismo by means of a strike of all railroad workers, electricians, city transport workers, etc.

"It is necessary to form detachments of workers and peasants, armed with the aid of the government, for its own defense, and for the defense of the workers themselves.

### DISARM 'GOLD SHIRTS'

"The organs of the National Revolutionary Party should answer the call of the Communist Party for common action, to support Cardenas, and to fight callismo to the death.

"President Cardenas, supported by the people and the army, should strip all the callista generals of their commands; should eject from the Federal government and local governments all those who are supporters of Calles in disguise; should deprive callismo of its economic resources; should divide all the estates of the callista landowners; and finally, should disarm the 'Gold Shirts,' Morones' groups of thugs, and the white guards.

"Throw Calles out of the country!

"Workers! Peasants! Soldiers, and officials! Students! The whole people!

"All out against the callista reaction! For freedom and democratic rights! Against imperialism! In defense of our threatened nation!

"The whole people for Cardenas!

"The whole people against Calles!"

# GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO HELP SHIPOWNERS

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# EAST OF THE Rockies

## Lindbergh Departure Radio Union Sterilization Company Union Army Airplanes

NEW YORK.—The New York Evening Post in a front page editorial charged that the reason for Lindbergh's departure for Europe was persecution by Hearst newspapers, and not fear of kidnaping, as Hearst is trying to make out. News photographers crowded the Lindbergh car to the curb, endangering baby Jon.

The Lindbergh departure is being used by Hearst to whip up a drive against foreign-born, the Post points out. The kidnaping, being used to attack the New Deal, actually occurred during Hoover's administration.

PITTSBURGH.—The Radio Workers' Union, representing 30,000 workers in the radio manufacturing plants are demanding an international charter under the industrial form at their convention here. This aligns the radio workers with John L. Lewis against William Green in the fight over industrial vs. craft unions.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The Board of Health in South Carolina is aping Hitler by seeking to sterilize "unfit" adults under an act passed last year. Ten cases are now under consideration for operation. All of them are from the oppressed class, who will be the victims of such fascist tactics. Negro and labor organizations are protesting the law.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The Brotherhood of Railway Clerk on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, having voted 409 to 223 against a company union, are now fighting the employers' attempt to foist one on them by threats of losing their group insurance benefits. The union has applied for an injunction to prevent coercing employees into the clerks' association, a company union.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Recent WPA strikes in Greensboro, and demonstrations in other North Carolina cities, have won a number of important concessions. A 10 per cent wage increase, guarantees of regular pay days, reduction of hours, and pay for time lost were gained.

North Carolina workers were paid on the lowest WPA wage scale, \$19 a month in most counties, and \$27 in a few counties with cities. The scale was based not on the cost of living, which is about the same here as in the rest of the country, but because the Southern workers in general are unorganized and obliged to accept the low wages offered them.

WASHINGTON.—The army has spent practically all of the \$23,000,000 allotted for the purchase of new airplanes. During the past two weeks contracts have been awarded for 115 attack ships; 103 bombing planes, and 115 training and observation ships. A further contract for 100 new pursuit planes is ready for signing.

HARTFORD, Conn.—Recent red-baiting articles in Connecticut Craftsman were diavowed by John Egan, secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor. Andrew Overgaard, vice president of the Machine Tool and Foundry Workers' Union and one of the men attacked by the red-baiters, wrote in protest against the propaganda of open shop interests.

"We hope, however, that Mr. Egan will use his influence to discontinue such nonsense and make the Connecticut Craftsman a real trade union paper reflecting the interests of organized labor in the state."

### U.S.S.R. FIRST IN WHEAT

MOSCOW.—(FP)—The Soviet Union now occupies first place in the world in area sown to wheat, this area in 1935 amounting to 92 million acres, an article by the Soviet scientist, Prof. Vavilov, says. A further large extension of wheat area is contemplated by extending the belt under cultivation further north and by utilization of non-blacksoil areas.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

## Promises Instead Of Checks Given To WPA Workers

LIBERAL NEWS DEFENDS ROOSEVELT RELIEF WITH SLY RED-BAITING

"I am almost starved, my landlady is about to throw me out, and my 'dogs' are worn out from walking to 901 Potrero ave., where three times they promised me my check would be ready." This is the pitiful statement from a man of 65, one of the three hundred WPA workers who have been promised pay checks since Christmas and are still waiting for them. This man explained that he had been a mate on a ship until his age had forced him to go on relief. He had suffered an injury to his arm while at work on a WPA project. Since Friday he had been unable to go to the Marine hospital to receive treatment because he lacked the necessary car fare. He had no money to buy food or pay his rent and he stated that he had tried to get an emergency S.F.R.A. order but added, "... I am ineligible because I have already received one WPA check—three weeks ago."

This is but one of the cases of desperate need faced by these workers, who have been handed promise after promise by Bayley Hipkin, local WPA director, in lieu of the money that is rightfully theirs.

The above is the story told to a News reporter. Finishing with a denunciation of the Roosevelt Relief Administration's bureaucratic methods of handling this case the News, in conclusion, adds a backhanded slap at the Communists by quoting the same worker who is described as a "normal, loyal American" and is "humbly grateful for what he receives," as saying, "... But when your stomach's empty and you don't know when you'll get the money they owe you... you sometimes feel like listening to those Reds, and maybe throwing a brick through a window."

The News in their sly accusal of "brick throwing reds" would have been one hundred per cent more accurate in substituting "Vigilante" for "Red," inasmuch as the vigilantes are known to be past masters in the art of vandalism. Throwing bricks is but a minor item to them when compared with smashing offices and machinery as in the case of the vigilante "raid" at Grove street.

But there is no case on record of Communists ever resorting to senseless vandalism or sabotage.

How good is your unit working? Did you carry out your last plan of work? Are you improving from week to week? How is further improvement to be made?

## Employers, Trying to "Save Money" Sacrifice Worker's Life in Blast

### Sabotage Story Spread to Cover Up Violation of Law By Factory

NEWARK, Calif., Dec. 27.—One worker was killed, one fatally injured, and many imperiled when a spark from an open, three-pole switch ignited escaping ethylene gas at the California Chemical plant at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The blast occurred in a one-story building where ethylene gas was stored and manufactured into a chemical product for the bleaching of oranges, lettuce, and nuts.

James H. Brody (the dead worker) 40, Hayward, operator of the compression engine was present in the building. Walter H. Horning (the injured worker) 55, Centerville, walked into the building—sensing that gas was escaping—he pulled the switch to shut off the machinery. The spark generated by the act of opening the switch ignited the gas. The explosion hurled Brody with terrific force against a nearby barrier of chicken wire, crushing his skull and disemboweling him. Horning was thrown ten to fifteen feet and received fatal injuries from which he will probably not recover.

Brody leaves a wife and two small children. Horning is single.

### VIOLATION OF CODE

The open, three-pole switch was present in the building in direct violation of the National Electrical Code—Article 32, Section 3203, paragraph 5—pertaining to the installation of electrical equipment in extremely "hazardous locations."

The building is defined in the Electrical Code as a Class I "hazardous location": "Premises... in which highly flammable gases... are manufactured or stored..."

The Code states that "Switches... which tend to create arcs, sparks or high temperatures shall not be installed unless... of a type approved for use in highly explosive atmospheres." In other words, the switch should be "explosion proof"... Enclosed in a case which is designed and constructed to... prevent the ignition of the specific gas... surrounding the enclosure, by sparks... which may occur within the enclosure."

### MURDEROUS ECONOMY

To save a few dollars installing this type of switch the company installed an open switch, thus sacrificing the life of one worker and possibly another.

The company fears they will not be able to collect the insurance because of this "technicality."

In the event that the wife of the slain worker sues the company the employees have vowed among themselves to support her case and testify in her behalf.

The San Francisco News stated

## Townsend Talks At Big Meeting In Eureka, Calif.

SAWMILL WORKER FAVORS TAXING RICH FOR OLD-AGE PENSIONS

EUREKA, Calif., Jan. 2.—An overflow meeting applauded Dr. Townsend's explanation of his old-age pensions plan at the First Presbyterian Church here last week.

Although local papers quoted him as stating, "Certainly we intend to form a third party," he did not directly say so at the meeting. The impression left was that he still has hopes that one of the two old-line parties will incorporate his plan in its platform.

He declared, however, that he was prepared to launch a separate political campaign if necessary.

"The plan would be in operation within two years," he said. After the meeting much comment was heard. One worker, employed in a sawmill here, declared:

"I'm for the Townsend Plan 100 per cent, but I can't see the transaction tax. It looks to me like we'll be stuck because we do the buying and the business men do the selling. Soak the rich is my idea. Tax the guys who've got it and I think it would work."

The Townsend Clubs have had phenomenal growth in Humboldt County. The people in this area are thoroughly disgusted with the miserable situation under WPA and direct relief. Wages paid in the lumber industry here are the lowest on the Pacific Coast.

## Arizona Mines Profit By War

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—As imperialist bombs burst in Ethiopia and North China, Arizona mining companies speed up operations to fill war orders.

The latest speed-up has been announced by the Arizona Magma Mining company's 70-ton mill at Chino, about 20 miles north of Globe, on the Boulder Dam highway. This mill is now operating on a 24-hour-a-day basis, according to Cliff Carpenter, Phoenix, president and general manager. The plant is milling high grade gold and silver ore from the company's chloride mine as well as small lots of ore being purchased from other mining interests in the district. Plans are now under way to increase the mill's capacity to 100 tons.

Increased production has been announced also by the Inspiration and the Phelps-Dodge companies. The mines in Arizona are unbelievably rich in gold, silver, and copper.

## WPA PROJECT WORKERS MEET GHASTLY DEATHS FOR \$65 PAY

### Sections Collapse, Entrails Blown Up Because Officials Are Careless

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—The murderous neglect by WPA projects supervisors of the safe-guarding of the workers took a toll of another life here yesterday, when Frank Brodigan, 40-year-old Mexican worker, was killed in the collapse of a section of the Westlake storm drain at 21st street and Orange drive.

Approximately 400 pounds of earth fell on Brodigan's back in the cave-in, but his death was not caused by this but by the fact that he was operating a "jack hammer," or automatic clay spade, driven by compressed air.

Inexperienced at operating the "jack hammer," Brodigan lost control of the handle and it drove right straight up into his stomach.

Saying that Brodigan's back was broken and his organs were ruptured, the capitalist press "played down" his horrible death.

Actually the terrific impact of the handle shot his entrails out.

### RECENT MASSACRE

This is the same project on which 10 days ago six men were killed by Charles Layman, crazed worker, who ran amok with a rifle. One of the six bled to death because the project supervisors refused to let his fellow workers bind his wounded leg. At least two lives were lost by the cowardly refusal of a police officer to take action against the madman or to lend his gun to a worker.

The collapse of the tunnel section was due to the criminally negligent timbering of the tunnel, at the direction of the project foreman. Green timber has been used, although any college engineering student knows that timbering must be hard, seasoned wood, preferably oak.

Brodigan will be remembered by Western Worker readers as the character, Pedro Rodriguez, in the short story "A Recruit to the Jack Hammers," by "Tim Toiler," printed in the issue of Thursday, Dec. 26. "Rodeiguez" took on the job of running the tool because it would increase his pay from \$55 to \$65 monthly, and he had a large family to support.

### LEAVES FAMILY

Brodigan leaves a wife and two children, and his wife is expecting another baby. His address is 456 East 52nd street.

Three other workmen in the heading of the six-foot tunnel who escaped injury were Dean Billingsby, 919 Salisbury street; Ruben Mansfield, 1823 So. Union street; and Robert Smith, 1001 Ea. 52nd street.

Foreman Theodore Miller claimed he had inspected the tunnel heading five minutes before the accident and found the ceiling firm, but that he cautioned the men to

## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Real Prosperity Strikes in Poland Japanese Scandal No Gold for War Germans to Learn to Go Hungry

MOSCOW.—Heavy industry in the Soviet Union has more than fulfilled its plan for the year. Compared to a planned increase of production of 19.7 per cent, actual increase in the first eleven months was 25.9 per cent more than during the same period last year.

Production of coal this year amounted to about 110,000,000 tons against 36,000,000 tons in 1928. Steel production was 12,500,000 tons, against 4,250,000 tons in 1928. About 96,000 autos and trucks, and 100,000 tractors were built last year. In 1928 comparable figures were 800 and 1200. Soviet railroads received about 1800 locomotives and 95,000 freight cars this past year, being approximately four and eight times more than in 1928.

WARSAW, Poland.—A total of 372 strikes, involving 49,704 workers, took place during the third quarter of this year, according to official figures. The economic collapse of this ally of Hitler has reduced employment and wages to record low levels. The coal industry, which in 1929 exceeded the Soviet Union, producing 46,000,000 tons of coal against 40,000,000 in the Soviet Union, in 1935 produced under 30,000 tons, one-quarter as much as the Soviet Union. As production per worker increased, the vast majority of coal miners were thrown out of work.

TOKYO, Japan.—One hundred of the biggest Japanese taxpayers, including prominent bankers and manufacturers, are involved in a graft scandal exposed by the police in Osaka, Kobe, and Kyoto, according to Nichi Nichi. A number of officials in the taxation department and persons charged with bribing them have been placed under arrest.

ROME, Italy.—A campaign to give up gold objects "for the good of the fatherland" has failed miserably. In spite of much ballyhoo, only 5,000,000 lire were obtained, although Italy's war expenditures are estimated at 33,000,000 lire a day.

MOSCOW.—The metal industries of the Soviet Union will expand production of consumers' goods by more than half, according to plans for 1936. Bicycle plants are to turn out 800,000 cycles next year, well above the American production level and in excess of the second Five Year Plan. In 1928, when the industry was just starting, 10,000 bikes were produced, increasing to 120,000 in 1932. Many new articles, previously never manufactured in the Soviet Union, will be produced in large quantities. Among these are vacuum cleaners and electric refrigerators.

SHANGHAI, China.—The cabinet of the Nanking government has been reformed by Chiang Kai-shek to kick out anti-Japanese elements and cooperate more effectively with Japan, which is seeking to annex North China in the form of an "independent" republic similar to Manchukuo.

BERLIN, Germany.—The chief of the Nazi "labor front," Ley, in a speech advocated the training of housewives to meet the food crisis produced by the Nazi regime. He asked the property classes to abstain from eating fats, and urged Nazis to line up in cues outside stores to see that no one buys too much.

Going in a recent speech urged Germans to pay no attention to their hungry stomachs but to rejoice in Germany's achievements in building up her armaments.

### Union Wins Strike

TACOMA, Wash.—(FP)—Sixty union shipwrights in three shipyards won big gains in their 5-week strike at Tacoma. Pay is boosted 20 per cent for skilled and unskilled labor, hours are reduced to 40 a week, and there will be a closed shop and double time for overtime.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

# LET WORKERS KNOW THE PARTY IS THEIR OWN

By B. Gannett.

From the tribune of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International the earnest voice of Georgi Dimitroff, general secretary of the Communist International, called upon the Communist Parties to strengthen their own ranks to ensure the winning of the broadest sections of the people for the struggle against war and fascism.

"If we Communists exert every effort to establish a united front, we do this not for the narrow purpose of recruiting new members for the Communist Parties. But we must strengthen the Communist Parties in every way and increase their membership for the very reason that we seriously want to strengthen the united front. The strengthening of the Communist Parties is not a narrow Party concern, but the concern of the entire working class."

It is in the spirit of these words of Comrade Dimitroff that our Central Committee at its recent meeting in November, while discussing the tasks before us—the struggle for peace, the building of a Farmer-Labor Party and trade union unity—seriously took up the need of strengthening our Party as one of the main organizational tasks of the day.

**STRUGGLE FOR UNITY**

The Party in the California district has made some headway in establishing its influence among large numbers of workers and professionals. It has untiringly worked in every locality to unite the trade union movement, winning the workers for a class struggle policy, and developing united actions around immediate issues. It has withstood the vigilante fascist terror and succeeded in reorganizing its work so as to maintain closer contact with the workers in industry and trade unions. But the Party has grown too slowly. It has not as yet succeeded to stop the outflow of good elements from our ranks, because they have not found an answer to their problems in our units. It has not systematically recruited large numbers of active trade unionists, of active supporters of the united front—from among those elements who work together with us and recognize in our Party the initiator and organizer of the united actions of the workers.

**500 NEW MEMBERS**

There are today about 2800 Party members in California. We can with the slightest effort double the membership. The District Committee, therefore, places the question before the entire membership—the Party in this district can and must be built. In the coming two months—January and February—we have the task of winning 500 new members into the Party and assuring our Central Committee that we will at the same time see that by March 1 we can record 3200 active members in our ranks. This will be the first stepping stone in doubling the membership of our Party in the nearest future.

Is it an impossible task for us to recruit 500 new members in two months? We are confident that the entire Party membership will feel as we do, that it can be accomplished. If every member of the Party, if every worker, while not yet in the Party, sees in it the outstanding champion of the interest of the working people, will help in this job—500 new members can be won. All around our Party there are splendid elements, who with serious attention on our part, will join the Party.

**THE TRADE UNIONS**

Our main emphasis in carrying through this drive for new members should be among those rank and file workers and leaders in the trade unions who during the past period have proven their devotion to the working class, fought for improved conditions and against the class collaboration policies of the Vandeleurs and Scharrenbergs. These people belong in our Party; they can be brought in, if we patiently show them the position of the Party on every issue which they face in the union, discuss with them the reason for the Hearst slanders against the Party and the working class, explain popularly the program and tactics of the Party, bringing them regularly our Party literature. A very important means of convincing these elements that the policy of our Party is correct, is by proving to them in our day to day work that Communists work actively in building the trade unions into powerful organizations of the workers.

In every section of the district Communists are participating in united front actions. These united front actions make it possible for us not only to more effectively defend the every-day needs of the workers and toiling people, but enable us to reach larger numbers with the program of our Party. The united front gives us the opportunity of proving by our work in the united front the correctness of the stand of the Party. It is in these united front actions that we must win over the best and most loyal elements for the Party by proving to them that being a member of the Party will improve their own work.

**CONCENTRATION**

Many of us work in factories—important points of concentration—yet recruiting from the factories is given least attention. The building of our Party in the factories remains the most important task in connection with our recruiting drive and has to be given careful and systematic attention by the leading comrades. Comrades working in factories shall be called in, their work in the shops discussed, and possible contacts for the Party visited. These workers shall be approached with the Western Worker, with our Party literature and especially through individual discussions so as to bring them into the Party or closer to the Party.

As part of the drive to recruit 500 new members, we should give serious attention to improving the work and life of our units. Our members will not be able to carry out this work unless we cut down the many inner meetings we have at the present time, and organize our units in such a manner that they can react to the issues in the neighborhood shops and trade unions. Without improving the life of our units we cannot hope to keep the new members that are coming in.

**PERSONAL APPROACH**

While the main method of winning new members shall be through personal approach, at the same time we shall widely popularize the role and program of the Party. In every united front action, in every struggle, we shall explain the position of the Party to the workers. The workers want to know what the Party thinks about the Farmer-Labor Party, on the struggle for peace, on issues facing the workers in the factories, the unemployed, etc. Such a well organized campaign of agitation will help to strengthen our influence among the workers and bring many of them into our Party. Of special importance in the drive is the Western Worker. The Western Worker, which speaks to the masses twice a week on these vital problems is one of the best instruments through which to reach them during the recruiting drive.

**FOR A DECENT LIFE**

There can be no delay in carrying out these tasks. A stronger Communist Party in California will mean a stronger weapon against vigilantism and reaction. A stronger Party in California is the main safeguard against every suppression of democratic rights and the right to organize. A stronger Party in California means a more effective struggle for peace, for a Farmer-Labor Party, for decent living conditions.

Forward to the carrying out of the task of recruiting 500 new members in a real Communist spirit.

**COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.,**  
121 Haight Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

( ) I want more information about the Party.  
( ) I want to join the Party.

Name .....

Address .....

City .....

# The Machine Age Reaches the County Wood-yard

A CAPITALIST CONTRADICTION IN BAS-RELIEF

## A True Story from the Depths of WPA Security

By D.R.

"It's okeh, boys. We'll give you grocery orders. When you get your checks you can make it good. Or if you need the cash you can take a turn at the wood-pile out at the County Welfare."

The official behind the shiny desk in the relief office was very polite. He smiled. There were seven of us in the office. We were feeling pretty tough, mainly because our WPA checks hadn't been handed out and Christmas was close.

Big Bill, our spokesman, had a swig from a bottle before we pushed open the door. The official hadn't started in being nice though. He didn't smile until Big Bill hammered his shiny desk with a huge paw and demanded money or food.

We took the grocery orders. I got a bag of rice, some two-day-old bread, a little flour, and a couple of cans of pork and beans. The eggs and butter in the store refrigerator looked damned good and I might have been able to swipe some—only I never had

the guts for that sort of stuff.

We got our checks—a couple of days after Christmas. We get \$44 a month on WPA for pick and shovel work. Most of us have got wives and kids. I've got a wife and four youngsters.

But we didn't hurry into the relief office to make good for the grocery orders. We had a better idea. My neighbor owns a power saw, run by a small gas engine. He said I could borrow it, so Big Bill and I decided that on one of our days off we'd cut the whole damned stack of wood for the seven of us.

So near the end of the week Big Bill and I piled into a borrowed car—an old Ford, hitched the power saw on behind and high-tailed it for the Welfare Office just outside of town.

We backed up close to the fence. We could see the wood-pile in the yard and a couple of old guys sawing and chopping away. They get food for one day if they can make the grade—cut one rick. They were working pretty hard.

Big Bill and I barged into the

Welfare Office. The steam heat was on and it felt mighty warm. The big shot was just pulling on his overcoat. He had a silk scarf in his hand. Bill walked up to him.

"Mister Jones," Bill says, "We've come to cut some wood to pay for some grocery orders we got when we didn't get our WPA checks a couple of weeks back."

Mister Jones smiled. "Here's a couple of honest ones," he probably thinks to himself.

"Okeh, boys," he says. "There's the wood-yard. Hop to it."

"We got a saw, Mister Jones," Bill says, "A power saw and we want to cut wood for seven of us who didn't get checks. We got a real good power saw and we figure to finish off the job this afternoon."

Jones stopped tying the scarf on his neck. He dropped his hands into his overcoat pockets. He didn't smile.

"I'm sorry, boys," he says real quiet, "But we can't allow a power-saw in the yard. It might make the others mad. You'll have to do your wood cutting by hand."

We hadn't figured they'd take it that way at the Welfare. We only figured on getting the wood cut the easiest way. Big Bill got mad. He moved over close to Jones, his big hands opening and shutting the way they always do when he's got a good beef.

"Mister Jones," he says real quiet, "Mister Jones, either we cut that wood with our power saw or else you and your flunkies here will just have to do without us making good for those grocery orders."

Jones tried to smile this time. But Big Bill wouldn't argue any farther. So finally Jones had to cave in.

"Okeh, boys," he says, "Just forget it."

We never did see the wood and they never asked us to pay for those seven grocery orders either.

# The 12th Anniversary of the Death Of Lenin - - An Outline of His Life

He Addressed American Workers ★



On August 20, 1918, Lenin wrote a letter to American workers, saying: "The history of modern civilized America opens with one of those great, really liberating, really revolutionary wars. Since that time 150 years have passed. . . The American people, who gave the world an example of a revolutionary war against feudal subjection, now appears as a new, capitalist wage-slave of a handful of billionnaires."

**ONCE SERFS—NOW FARMERS**  
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**COLLECTIVE INCOME RETURN MOUNTS RAPIDLY**  
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**PEASANTS HAVE HOLIDAYS**

By LEM HARRIS

The once downtrodden, illiterate and unkempt Russian peasant is now a man with money in his pockets, who travels to seashore resorts and wears store clothes and boots.

A farmer's family with four or five working members might well have earned over 5000 rubles (1.13 rubles to the dollar), last year. Yet the same family in the days of the Czar would have been lucky to handle 25 rubles in the course of the entire twelve months.

The new Soviet farm policies are reflecting themselves in the prosperity of the countryside and a rising income for the farm population.

Although these facts are obvious in a general way to anyone who visits the farm areas of the Soviet Union today, I determined to make a real study of the income returns of a typical Soviet collective farm.

I selected the Postishev collective, located 25 miles southeast of Dneperezh dam, because if anything it was a little less successful than the majority of those which I had visited and could not be regarded as an example of abnormally high returns. It has very cheap electrical power from the dam, but the power was installed only in the middle of the last work season and hardly affects the figures presented below.

Gross income for the farm was 209,149 rubles in 1933, 257,281 in 1934, and 393,743 in 1935. Gross expenditure was 103,503 rubles in 1933, 121,458 in 1934, and 144,106 in 1935. Thus the net income for distribution among members in the collective was 105,646 rubles in 1933, 135,823 in 1934, and 249,637 in 1935.

All labor on collective farms is paid for in terms of the number of work days which each member puts in, with extra payments for the more skilled. On this farm, the members averaged from 250 to 300 work days during the year. When the profits were divided, it turned out that each member earned about 2.2 rubles a day in 1933, 2.5 rubles in 1934, and 4 rubles in 1935. Part of the payment is in kind and part in cash, but all payments in kind can at any time be converted into cash by selling to the government at fixed prices. Average earnings of a member of this farm during 1935 were somewhat in excess of 1000 rubles.

There is every expectation that the farm income will advance sharply during coming years as the new orchard begins to bear. For

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT LEADER OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

(Based upon material prepared for the Lenin's Collected Works by the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute.)

Compiled by Alexander Trachtenberg.

April 2, 1870—V. I. Ulyanov (Lenin) born in Simbirsk, now Ulyanovsk, capital city of province of same name. His father, I. N. Ulyanov, was head of the public schools of the province.

August, 1879—Enters high school (Gymnasium).

May 20, 1887—Execution of Alexander, Lenin's older brother, for participation in the attempt on the life of Czar Alexander III.

June 22, 1887—Graduates from high school.

August 25, 1887—Matriculates at Law Faculty of Kazan University.

Dec. 17, 1887—Arrested with 40 other students of Kazan University for participation in an illegal meeting.

Dec. 19, 1887—Expelled from the university and banished to live in a village with his grandfather.

Fall, 1888—Permitted to return to Kazan, though not to the university, joins Marxist circle and studies Capital.

Oct. 5, 1888—Refused permission to go abroad to study.

Feb., 1889—Continues his theoretical studies of Marxism and lectures to youth circles of Samara to which his family moved. Petitions Ministry of Education for permission to take law examination, which is refused. The minister marked the petition "to enquire from educational and police authorities. He is a bad man."

Nov. 27, 1891—Receives law degree, having passed with honors special examinations at St. Petersburg University.

1892—Admitted to the bar and allowed to practice law before the courts of Samara. Continues his Marxist studies and lectures before Marxist circles.

1893—Writes first work, *New Economic Tendencies in Peasant Life*. Comes to live and practice law in St. Petersburg. Delivers lectures in social-democratic circles.

1894—Actively participates in social-democratic organization. Joins propagandist group. Teaches in workers' circles. Writes first large work, *Who Are the "Friends of the People" and How They Fight the Social-Democrats*, a polemic against the Populists, who were attacking Marxism. Reads a paper on "Reflection of Marxism in Bourgeois Literature" before a group of leading Marxists.

January, 1895—Leads in preparatory work for the unification of social-democratic groups of workers into a central organization.

May-September, 1895—Leaves for Switzerland to establish connections with the group "Liberation of Toili" (Plekhanov, Axelrod, etc.). Meets Kautsky in Berlin, Lafargue in Paris, and studies writings in the libraries of those cities.

November, 1895—Upon return to Russia, heads central social-democratic organization in Petersburg, leads in the agitation and propaganda among factory workers, writes leaflets, contributes articles and writes pamphlet dealing with fines enforced upon workers.

Dec. 20, 1895—Arrested in St. Petersburg.

1896—While in prison keeps in contact with social-democratic organization, writes leaflets and articles which are smuggled out and published. Prepared the outline for an extensive study of the development of capitalism in Russia.

Feb. 10, 1897—Exiled to Siberia for three years.

May 20, 1897—Arrived at village Shushenkyo, Yenisey province, where he settles to live. Continues contact with social-democratic organizations in Russia and abroad, writes pamphlets, articles, and works on *Development of Capitalism in Russia*.

1898—While in exile in Siberia, elected editor of official party organ, *Robotshaya Gazeta*, by First Congress of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party.

July 22, 1898—N. K. Krupskaya and Lenin are married.

September-October, 1898—Completes *Developments of Capitalism in Russia* and translates *The Theory and Practice of Trade Unionism* by Sidney and Beatrice Webb.

1899—Continues literary activity and corresponds with leading Marx-

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CELEBRATE 14TH ANNIVERSARY of the Daily Worker at the annual banquet on Sunday, Jan. 19th, at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring street. Stellar program. NOTE—NO OTHER AFFAIR ON THIS DATE!

HELP "HANG" HITLER DANCE at the Center B. Room, 2706 Brooklyn ave., Saturday, Jan. 11. Auspices Y.C.L., East Side.

**DIRTY WILLIE TO HAVE NEW SMELL**  
 LILIES, DUNG HILLS, AND HEARST  
 Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Editor, Western Worker:  
 Not long ago I saw an editorial from Willie Hearst where he had plenty to say about a meeting held in New York without the usual American flag being on display.

Willie spoke about planting on a dung hill. Well, the planting of lilies on a dung hill might not be any great benefit to the lilies, but it would be very helpful to Willie if he would climb up on the dung hill himself.

Not that it would benefit the looks of the dung pile any, but it might change the smell of Willie. We workers have become so used to the carrion smell of Hearst that any changes would be welcome.

As for the taxation Willie raved about. He should not get so excited about that. Us workers have had that same stuff dished up to us in one way or another for thousands of years. Perhaps William begins to see the time when he may have to roll up his sleeves, take a pick and shovel and earn himself an honest living with that horrible Red Flag floating near. Rave on, William.

Comradely yours,  
 O. G. D.

**NAZI CAMPAIGN REOPENED IN EAST PERSIA**  
 TEHERAN, Persia, Jan. 1.—Reopening of the Eastern Nazi propaganda campaign was announced with the establishment of a German daily paper in Teheran, the capital of Iran, all of which is written in Berlin and transported by airplane. It is called *Iran-Bastan*.

Imperial Germany attempt a similar enterprise which failed in 1905, when Russia and England were on the point of demarcating their zones of influence. Russia in the North including Teheran and England in the South including the oil fields and the Gulf ports.

The sheet prints long articles about the new Germany, photos of the Nuremberg party congress, German army maneuvers, German Cabinet ministers, Nazi guards on horseback, German athletes, the Graf Zeppelin, the Flying Hamburger, and so on.

The advertisements call attention to the products of such well-known German firms as Deutz, and Siemens-Schuckert.

A Delhi journalist and a number of Indian student have been engaged as translators.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Kay Peters.

Leo Gallagher has gone to Sacramento in a new move to free five of the C. S. prisoners on bail. The attempt to free the prisoners will be done on a writ of mandate. Gallagher will argue that since transcripts of the trial proceedings have been refused that at least those who defend themselves in the famous Sacramento frame-up be freed on bail so that they may prepare their appeal briefs. Results of this action should be known in a few days. Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Martin Wilson, Albert Hougardy, and Pat Chambers are defending themselves.

Too few visitors have been going to see the political prisoners at San Quentin. Organize a group or plan to go individually. An occasional visit is not only a duty to those paying the price FOR US, but to have a visit with one of those splendid comrades, is an inspiration as well. Drop in at the I.L.D. office, Room 410, 1005 Market street, to find out which prisoner is next on the list to be visited.

Louise Todd, Nora Conklin, and Caroline Decker send the following message from Tehachapi: "We want to thank all the comrades who remembered us so wholeheartedly and, in many cases, so generously, this Christmas. We have been recipients of gifts, greetings and funds almost daily in the past two weeks. We are grieved, however, that we cannot personally and individually thank each comrade. There aren't enough days, even if we get the whole 14 years! (You see, at least three nights a week go to our families and boy friends, and we can only write one letter a day.)"

Announcement: The Eureka bazaar raised the sum of \$62 for the I.L.D. Christmas Relief Fund. And the Monterey Fishermen's Union donated \$80 to the defense of the Scalers and other such cases.

All individuals and organizations are asked to keep March 27, 28, and 29 open for the annual I.L.D. bazaar.

## Protecting American Morality



"No, I won't give you a dime. You'd only spend it on drink."

## M'ADOO IN PLEA TO DEMOCRATS FOR ROOSEVELT

EPICS HAVE CONVENTION NEXT MONTH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Plea to all elements of the Democratic Party in California to unite behind an unconditional pledge for President Roosevelt's renomination, regardless of program or platform, was made here today by Senator W. G. McAdoo at a luncheon at the McAdoo Hotel given by the newly organized California Assembly of Democrats, Inc.

"I favor sending a delegation to the Democratic national convention in 1936 pledged unconditionally to the renomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt. By 'unconditionally' I mean a delegation without any strings tied to it, such, for instance, as 'production for use,' or any other policies or theories which groups or individuals may advocate," said McAdoo.

The Epic forces will hold a convention here next month for the purpose of nominating a slate of candidates, pledged to production for use, to be elected for the Democratic National Convention.

## General Motors Bonus Is Crumb To Fight Union

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 1.—General Motors, by throwing a few crumbs to its employes in the form of a Christmas bonus, is getting valuable advertisement throughout the country as a benevolent employer interested in the welfare of its workers.

Actually it is paying only about \$1 out of \$23 it earned during only nine months of this year. Profits for nine months were \$114,482,926 while the bonus paid was \$5,000,000. Only workers in continual service since July 1 get anything. At that time production was at a low level, which means a large part of its employes will get no bonus.

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## STUDENTS HELD TOO SOBER NOT TRUE AMERICANS

"TOO SERIOUS, DON'T DRINK ENOUGH," SAYS LEGION

NEW YORK. — (FP) — The younger generation is going to the bow-wows. Today's students don't behave as their elders did. They study too much. They don't drink enough.

This is the serious situation now worrying officials of the American Legion post at the College of the City of New York, according to The Campus, official undergraduate paper.

The paper, describing an attack by Chairman Norman L. Marks of the post American Committee and other Legion officials on "subversive" campus influences, states: "Post officers feel that students are too serious and scholarly and seem more interested in reading than in drinking and other forms of 'pleasure.' Mr. Marks said this was very bad for the morale of the college, and increased night life would keep students from thinking of serious things."

Marks was graduated way back in 1919.

## Search Lost Seiner

Search continued last week by Coast guardsmen for the body of Salvatore Finocchiaro, 42, 533 Francisco st., believed drowned when the newly launched purse seiner San Dominico piled up on the jagged shore rocks of Drakes Bay recently.

Eleven survivors of the wreck of the \$46,000 fishing boat fought their way to safety through the booming surf.

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# Paper Must Grow Say California Workers, Farmers

## \$2,953.80 Received to Date By Western Worker Drive Committee Is Their Initial Pledge

LOS ANGELES SECTION:		
From 1935 Daily and Western Worker Drive	\$1000.00	
Proceeds Workers' Press Bazaar	800.00	\$1800.00
SAN FRANCISCO SECTION:		
Proceeds Workers' Press Bazaar	900.00	
Famine	5.00	905.00
EAST BAY SECTION:		
Nov. 7th collection, Oakland	30.00	
Jugo Slav Branch I.W.O.	2.50	32.50
SAN DIEGO SECTION:		
Picnic Proceeds	25.45	
Collections	25.94	52.39
SAN MATEO SECTION		
SANTA BARBARA SECTION	10.50	
SONOMA SECTION:	36.26	
Cotati Unit	25.00	
Santa Rosa Unit	3.50	28.50
SAN BERNARDINO SECTION		
SACRAMENTO SECTION	50.25	
MERCED SECTION:	3.00	
Proceeds from dinner held in Livingston, Calif.	26.50	
CONTRA COSTA SECTION:		
Richmond Unit	4.40	
NEVADA SECTION:		
Fallon	1.50	
Reedley, Calif. Finnish Workers' Club	3.00	
<b>TOTAL received up to Jan. 1, 1936</b>		<b>\$2,953.80</b>

**NOTICE**  
All Party units and organizations in San Francisco must immediately account for admission tickets, honor rolls and other material of the Workers' Press Bazaar. Bring in all funds to Western Worker Bazaar Committee at 121 Haight street, San Francisco. Bazaar Committee.

**LOS ANGELES**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Los Angeles section is determined that one of their workers will be sent to Moscow for May 1st. With \$1800 already raised and proceeds of the many New Year's Eve affairs yet to account for, Los Angeles has set the pace for San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Drive Committee reports that house parties and affairs by units and sub-sections have been planned for January. The outstanding Workers' Press event will be the Daily Workers' anniversary banquet to be held on January 19th at the Cultural Center. A good program and excellent food is promised. Part of the proceeds will go to the Western Worker.

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
From the San Francisco Drive Committee we hear a challenge to Los Angeles. The worker to go to the Soviet Union and see sights on May 1st will be the best shock brigadier of San Francisco and nobody else. Los Angeles, the San Francisco workers are determined to give you a race you won't forget. Watch out, Los Angeles. Write in your reports of unit and individual competition for the next issue of the Western Worker.

**SANTA BARBARA**  
Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 28, 1935.  
Western Worker.  
Dear Comrades:  
Enclosed find \$36.26 as first installment on our quota to build our fighting labor paper. We have done very well so far and if we can keep up the tempo we will go to the top before the time limit. Comradely yours,  
Section Bur.

**SONOMA**  
The Cotati Unit of Sonoma Section has forwarded \$25.00 as its share of the section quota of \$75.00. Comrades in Sonoma Section, where vicious vigilante terror raged last year, know the value of the Western Worker as a fighting

# Rip Tides

By Le Mac.

Port after port . . . country after country . . . there is trouble fomenting revolution . . . revolution . . . civil war mass murder. Venezuela—Workers sweating under fiercely hot tropical sun . . . in oil fields . . . mines . . . plantations . . . children half naked . . . starvation on all sides . . . social diseases rampant . . . hovels for homes . . . and all surveyed by a cruel despotic government paid well to protect the "interests" of the international imperialist exploiters.

Brazil—A replica of the scenes of Venezuela on a larger scale. Nothing but destitution from Para to Rio Grande do Sul.

Argentina—Her vessel choked harbors disguise the true conditions . . . shiploads of destitute European "cocottes" denied admission . . . "too many girls starving here now," the authorities explain.

Tampico, Mex.—Oil flows into the bowels of huge tankers . . . bound for Italy . . . "business is good" . . . but the profits put out to sea with the oil . . . leaving the workers nothing . . . and so it is along the interior.

Egypt—Exploited since the cornerstone of the first pyramid was laid . . . doubly so now by the British imperialists, the native workers have too long watched their cotton leave in the holds of ships of all flags and return to Port Said . . . empty.

Marseilles—4000 seamen and dockers fighting against a new slash in wages . . . Rouen follows suit . . . All ports refuse to load ships to Fascist Italy . . . Laval understands when he says he cannot rely upon the "Conscript Maritime" if war should be declared . . . American steamer, Exelter, refuses steam to scabs in Marseilles . . . Negro workers from colonial port refuse to scab.

Sidney, Australia.—Coastal seamen defy strike-breaking government.

Hamburg.—Nazi officials in an uproar as cargo from New York, Buenos Aires, Shanghai, Calcutta, and London is unloaded on the dock . . . defiantly marked . . . "Join the Communist Party."

Kobe.—Japanese seamen wage bitter struggle against reactionary leadership in effort to avert a scab-out of their strike.

New York.—East Coast seamen demand repudiation of infamous 1934 "agreement" . . . foc'sles alive with strike talk.

London.—Government fixes "blame" of recent ships tragedies on "limits of law" . . . Seamen prepare to wage international struggle to wage international struggle on all British vessels.

Portland, Maine.—Greek crew refuses to take ship to sea with war material . . . no scabs available.

**SAN BERNARDINO**  
San Bernardino, Calif., Dec. 30, 1935.  
Western Worker Drive Committee.  
Dear Comrades:  
Enclosed find money order for \$50.25, which is 25 cents over the quota allotted our section in the Western Worker War Chest Drive. We are hoping the San Bernardino section has finished first in \$7500 drive.  
Comradely yours,  
San Bernardino Section.

**MERCED**  
Livingston, Calif., Dec. 30, 1935.  
Enclosed find \$26.50 to fill Merced Section quota for the Western Worker sustaining fund. This makes 106 per cent of quota. The money was raised at a dinner for the Western Worker held in Livingston, Dec. 29th, and we hope that our action will set an example to the other sections in our district. We in Merced section intend to get the mimeograph offered in Group F and challenge our competitive sections.  
Long live the Western Worker and may it be a daily soon.  
Comradely yours,  
Merced Section.

**MISSING**  
These sections have not been heard from:  
Monterey, Fresno, Eureka, San Jose, Bakersfield, Porterville, Stockton, Tulare and Arizona.  
Leading committees of the above sections should put the Western Worker drive on the agenda of the next meeting and forward decisions and results to the Drive Committee.  
Every section in District No. 13 must be heard from by January 10.

**DEAL STOPPED**  
A deal arranged by the German ministry in Costa Rica to exchange blocked marks for \$190,000 worth of coffee was balked by congress. The plan was to ship the coffee to Germany for marks that would pay for two German electric locomotives for the Pacific railway.

# ELECTION TO OUST LEADERSHIP INFLUX OF NEW MEN IN BAKERS' UNION, LOCAL 37 RANK AND FILE VICTORY SEEN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Complete rout for the reactionary officials of Bakers' Union, Local 37, and victory for the militant rank and file, was recorded here at yesterday's union meeting, with immediate organizational gains among the bakery workers of Los Angeles predicted.

Reactionary policies of the leadership have retarded growth of the union, but 200 workers have joined the union in the last month in order to participate in the elections on January 11. As a result of the rank and file victory, 100 per cent organization of bakery workers is predicted.

A complete rank and file slate for all union offices was prepared yesterday for the Jan. 11th election, and certain victory is in sight. At the meeting, the by-laws, which prohibited the election to

office of any worker of less than six months standing, were thrown overboard by a large majority.

Over the heads of the reactionary officials, a chairman, Ralph Zane, was elected from the floor, after President Dougherty had refused to recognize such a motion. A spontaneous demonstration from a majority of the workers present forced the recognition of the motion and Zane's election.

Zane is the rank and file candidate in opposition to Dougherty for president of the local, while Louis Allen is opposing Ray Barber, incumbent secretary. All down the line, for all offices, rank and file candidates are nominated and appear certain to be elected.

This victory for progressive unionism is hailed as a mighty step forward in organizing the unorganized workers of Los Angeles.

# TRADE UNION HISTORY TO BE TAUGHT AT WORKERS' SCHOOL

## Short Lecture Course on Farmer-Labor Party Development Scheduled

SAN FRANCISCO, January 2.—Time is short. Only a little over a week is left until the San Francisco Workers' School opens for the new Winter Term. Among the many courses given are three that are of special importance to every trade unionist, to every worker in the shop.

The course in the history of the American labor movement, which analyzes the whole development of American labor, the origin and growth of the trade unions, the historic battles of the workers around their demands, etc., is invaluable for effective work in the shops and trade unions today.

From the rich traditions of the American labor movement, we can learn many lessons for today. This course opens on Monday, Jan. 13, at 8 p. m.

The course in Trade Union Problems deals with the tasks of today. Many important issues stand before the American working class

—the question of industrial unionism, the organization of the unorganized, the development of the rank and file movement, the struggle for rank and file control and trade union democracy. These are only a few of the problems to be raised in the class on Trade Union Problems which starts Friday, Jan. 17, at 8 p. m., to last for eight sessions.

The short four-week lecture course on the Farmer-Labor Party deals with issues that face every worker, professional and fighter against war and fascism. The growing movement for a Farmer-Labor Party, the character of such a Party and the steps to be taken to build it, make this four-week course an important one for all. The class starts Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 8 p. m. and is to be given by B. Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party.

Among the other courses to be given are: Principles of Communism, Political Economy, Leninism, Labor Journalism, English, and a few others.

Register today at the Workers' School office, 121 Haight street.

# JUDGE DENIES CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION RULES COMMUNISTS NOT ELIGIBLE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 27.—Judge Clarence Harden of San Diego denied the petition of Mrs. Rose Roich for citizenship, on the grounds that she is a "known Communist and consequently does not have the interest of the whole of the people of the United States at heart."

The judge backed the vigorous opposition of the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Immigration to her application.

With little attempt to conceal his class bias, the judge ruled that "because the applicant advocates that governmental power be wrested from the group to which it belongs, Mrs. Roich thereby becomes ineligible for citizenship." Because she advocates the "placing of the governmental powers in the hands of the so-called workers—and resorts to force and violence to accomplish it, she shows herself unwilling to bear the obligation of unwillingly to bear the obligation of citizenship," so stated the learned judge in his opinion of the decision.

Regardless of the fact that his ruling would disqualify many American born from the "rights of citizenship," he went on to draw Hearst's familiar distinction between changes wrought by peaceful means and those brought about by "force and violence."

Charging that citizenship involves the "elements of contract in return for the privilege of the ballot and the protection and security which the government guarantee its citizen," Harden refused Mrs. Roich, a native of Jugo Slav, this "protection and security" on the grounds that she wanted those phrases made into a reality.

# Scalers Re-Elect Militant Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Their four union brothers acquitted of the phony murder charge, the Scalers turned to the ballot box and reelected their rank and file leaders who have steered them safely through victorious strikes and attempted frame-ups, by an almost unanimous vote of the membership.

George Woolf, popular president, running unopposed was swept into office by a vote of the entire membership. Pete Garcia was returned to office as vice president and dispatcher, with very few dissenting votes. Mary Sandoval was reelected to the secretarial post.

The Maritime Federation referendum ballot on a twenty-five cent assessment of the membership to make the official organ, the Voice of the Federation, into an eight-page paper, carried by a favorable vote.

With favorable agreements signed between the union and the various shipowners, the Scalers are how on the alert to guard the advantages they fought for so bitterly and successfully.

# Hitler to "Hang" At YCL Dance

Something novel in the way of entertainment is being offered by the Y.C.L. Westside Sub-division in L. A., in the form of a HELP HANG HITLER DANCE, intended to show the determination on the part of youth not to allow a system such as the Hitler regime to grow in the United States.

The announcement offers the following inducements: "At this dance the actual hanging of Hitler will take place" . . . "Hitler will greet you at the door at 8:00 p. m. and YOU will hang him shortly after . . ." Admission is 25 cents—with Hitler's head, 20 cents (heads may be obtained from announcements handed out).

The dance will take place on Sat., Jan. 11, at the Center Ball Room, 2706 Brooklyn ave.

# GUNS AGAINST DEMOCRACY

Modern armaments are built upon a new type of swivel which can shoot in any direction; either at the workers of a foreign land, or at workers in the homeland. Take note of the recent book of strike-breaking instructions issued by the War Department to the military. The following is a paragraph therefrom:

"In some cases it will be necessary to make a house-to-house search for arms, or for the purpose of arresting the male inhabitants.

"Mopping-up or searching parties will be sent through the houses on each side of the street, and it may be necessary for such parties to enter some of these houses through breaches made in connecting walls.

"If houses are not connected, it may be best for parties to approach rapidly from different directions at the same time, while fire is being brought to bear on windows."

# Federal Bills' Fascist Trend Shown By ACLU

PAMPHLETS ISSUED URGE ORGANIZED PROTESTS TO CONGRESSMEN

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Two federal gag bills, which strike at the roots of free speech and will receive strong support in the new Congress from groups with Fascist tendencies, are analyzed in pamphlets issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, 31 Union Sq. W., New York City, at 5c each.

One pamphlet deals with the McCormack-Tydings disaffection bill, H. R. 5845, which would punish any written or spoken statement encouraging disobedience to any regulation by a soldier or sailor, and which Congressman Maverick and Kvale described as aimed "at the honest peacetime expression of opinions on anything remotely concerning the army or navy by decent American citizens."

The other pamphlet describes the Kramer sedition bill, H. R. 6427, making it a felony to advocate "overthrow of the government," the same type of bill which in various states has been used to imprison trade unionists and members of minority political parties who made no such advocacy but who were engaged in strike activities.

The A.C.L.U. urges the sending of letters and resolutions to congressmen and the mobilization of newspaper opposition to these bills.

# TEACHER URGES EDUCATION FOR RADICAL "CURE"

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—In a speech before 1500 members of the Oregon School Teachers' Association, Dr. Frederick J. Kelly offered "education" as a means of keeping youth from turning to the Left. Mr. Kelly, tactfully evading main issues admitted that, ". . . if education doesn't find something for youth to believe in, sooner or later youth is going to kick over the apple cart."

Apparently twaiving the fact that twelve million people in America are unemployed and that many of them will never have a chance to work again under existing conditions, Dr. Kelly suggests, "Vocational training or apprenticeship" as interests to tide youth over the period between school and a job, and explains that it must be "something adequate to their interests and which will tie them to stable influences."

# Fascism vs. Culture

NEW YORK.—(FP)—A vivid exemplification of how Fascism leads to decline of culture is seen in statistics on the dropping off of enrollment at German and Italian universities. In 1931, German universities had 103,000 students, compared to 77,000 in 1935. Fascist Italy had 82,000 students in 1927, but the number had fallen to 31,500 five years later. Publication of books and magazines has dropped sharply under Nazi rule.

# Students League in Landslide Vote to Affiliate With N.S.L.

## New Union to Fight Reactionary Forces In Educational Institutions

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Banned from holding their convention at the Ohio State College, 600 delegates representing 125 colleges, met in the Y.W.C.A. hall in Columbus, O., to form a new radical student organization known as the American Student Union. After some discussion the Students League for Industrial Democracy, Socialist group, voted overwhelmingly to affiliate with the Communist National Student League in formation of the new union. The vote, 92 to 7, was preceded by bitter opposition led chiefly by students from the universities of Wisconsin and Michigan.

A four-point program was proposed consisting of the following items:

1. We demand the right to education and employment in the United States.
2. We demand peace be maintained and that all preparations for war be immediately suspended.
3. We demand academic freedom be defended and reactionary tendencies in the educational institution of the United States be destroyed.
4. We demand equality of all regardless of race, color or creed, and particularly elimination of discrimination against the Negro.

The meeting evoked widespread alarm in American Legion and other Fascist circles and an immediate protest was lodged protesting use of the Y.W.C.A. hall

# Scheduled Talk By Mrs. Carveth Wells Protested By FSU

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The Friends of the Soviet Union, at 995 Market street here, has protested the scheduled appearance at Paul Elder's Gallery of Mrs. Carveth Wells as a lecturer on the U.S.S.R.

Considerable publicity has been given the lecture by the Hearst press. Recently Carveth Wells herself wrote a sensational and extremely unreliable book about the Soviet Union entitled "Kapoort."

Mrs. Wells claims she actually "saw what she wanted to see."

In its letter of protest the F. S. U. points out that the organization aims to promote friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and the Soviet Union and to spread the truth about the U.S.S.R. and refute the slanders of its enemies.

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**The Next Step in the Fight For the Six-Hour Day**

The situation in the present steamschooner affair, which has resulted in the crews of 48 vessels being laid off by the shipowners in answer to the sailors' demands for a six-hour day, has begun to lag.

Further steps must be taken to try and gain the six-hour day, either through the present form of job action or the abandonment of this form in favor of some other sort of job action.

The "job action" on the steamschooners was definitely not accomplished in the spirit of the resolution accepted unanimously at the recent Federation emergency convention.

The action was not carried out in compliance with the convention, but was instituted upon the adoption of a resolution passed at a meeting at the San Francisco branch, which called for "job action" to gain the six-hour day.

The policy laid down by the convention clearly defines job action and the correct way to put it into practice, thereby insuring the unity of all the crafts in the Federation.

It was with the assurance of full safeguarding of this unity that the convention adopted the program outlined.

Any further action must be taken in accordance with this resolution which reads as follows:

**Resolved, that a committee of all maritime groups affected on the job be formed on the job to consolidate the action and prevent misunderstandings; such committee's authority not to exceed the Constitution of the Maritime Federation, and be it further,**

**Resolved, that when job action reaches a point in the opinion of the majority of the maritime groups affected by having their members pulled off the job, and that to go further may jeopardize the Maritime Federation as a whole, the matter shall be referred where and when possible to the District Council for further action or adjustment.**

In line with this Resolution then the individual crews should vote whether to abandon the present job action for some other form.

If the crews of the various ships which this present action has taken place on, vote to continue their actions, then the question should be referred to the District Council for further consideration and assistance.

**Periodical Depressions And Returning Prosperity**

Capitalism is feeling very jovial in America for the moment. The majority of millionaires feel "we have turned the corner."

As a matter of fact they have. They have turned many corners. And when they turn one more, they will have gone completely around the block and be back where they started.

The capitalist theory of periodic booms and depressions is the same theory by which a drunk gropes his way home. He staggers to his feet, sings a few notes, stumbles a few steps, then flops again.

It is to be noted that most drunks in this condition, however far they may progress, never get home, but end up sound asleep in the gutter.

The present tidal wave of prosperity which has swept the nation could be picked up in a teaspoon. Let us scoop up the precious flood, put it in a test tube and hold it up to the light.

Profits have risen incredibly—well over 40 per cent. Prices of commodities have soared with equal vitality.

Wages have increased a slight six per cent. In the face of rising prices, this ends up by being a wage cut. You get a little more and can buy a devil of a lot less.

The amount of commodities sold IS CONSIDERABLY LESS. This in the face of the fact that America was already consuming far less goods than was necessary to the health and welfare of its inhabitants.

Now you can go right out and rejoice over the return of prosperity if you want to. But when

**Picks His Own Crop -- Jailed**

**REHABILITATION FARMER "STEALS" OWN CROP, GETS SIX MONTHS**

La Fayette, Ala., Jan. 3.—Despite the fact that the rehabilitation farmers are supposed to have the right to handle their own crops, Pierce White, rural rehabilitation farmer of La Fayette, was framed and jailed for six months on the charge of stealing his own cotton from the government. White had sold approximately 200 pounds of cotton to buy groceries for his family.

Field Foreman Vernon Jennings who accused White, took three bales of cotton on the government debt. Since White has been in jail, Jennings has taken his steer, fertilizer distributor, plow, stock, and other equipment, although the three bales of cotton had gone

far to pay for the supplies which, according to the contract, White must pay for.

Mrs. White and her three young children have, together with rehabilitation farmers, been cut from all cash advances. She has only the meagerest supplies left and they are supposed to last her the winter. She is threatened by Federal land agents with eviction, by January 10.

**DISCRIMINATION**

The discrimination against rehabilitation farmers in general is symbolized by this case. The landlords, who are in control of the local policy of the administration, have created conditions worse than those of the sharecroppers. Not only have the local administrators denied all civil rights which are supposed to be protected by the

federal government, but they have in this particular case actually been instrumental in framing an innocent farmer who was audacious to attempt to prevent his family from starving to death.

The Share Croppers' Union has written Mr. Mercer Evans, labor rehabilitation director, and Mr. Philip Weltner, regional director of the rural resettlement administration, and demanded that they ask the freedom of Pierce White, see the family supplied with groceries, and their eviction countermanded. They pointed out that White has not received his A.A.A. rental payments or parity payments, and that Jennings, according to the contract, has really stolen from them. Jennings has given no account of the White family's indebtedness to the government.

you sober up and face the facts, you'll feel somewhat of an ass.

Another point to consider is that the unemployed remain the same vast, grim, unwanted army they have always been. Take yourself, for example. You were unemployed a year ago. Today you are still unemployed. If it isn't true in your case, then take the case of your brother-in-law.

Here is a lesson in home economics. If prosperity ever returns under capitalism (it won't) you'll notice it in your own kitchen. You won't have to read about it in the papers. Until then don't get excited about it.

The present "avalanche of plenty" may hang another jowl on Mr. Hearst, but it won't put new shoes on your kids.

**Imperial Valley Workers On Your Guard**

In a brazen incitement to vigilante terror, reeking with typical Hearstian invectives and splattered across the pages of Southern California newspapers, Sheriff Bob Ware of Imperial Valley this week opened war on the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union, an A. F. of L. affiliate, organized in and around El Centro.

Sheriff Ware is a wealthy pea grower. He is in league with other rich growers, among whom are the lettuce farmers. The harvesting of lettuce soon will begin in Imperial Valley.

Last year, after two strikers had been murdered by gunmen and scores more had been beaten, gassed and jailed, the lettuce growers cleared enormous profits from the sale of their blood-stained product on the Eastern markets.

Sheriff Ware now attempts to blame the so-called "Reds" for the violence during last year's strike. In Imperial Valley anyone who believes in the constitution, who fights for a better life, anyone who threatens to cut by one iota the immense profits of the wealthy growers, is a "Red."

And as often is done on the San Francisco waterfront and elsewhere, the employers raise the "Red scare" as a possible means of splitting the organizations of the working class.

Imperial Valley agricultural workers should be on their guard. Sheriff Ware has tipped his hand. Waterfront workers long have been labeled "Reds" but they have stuck together and they have won higher wages and better working conditions.

A rank and file controlled union, strongly entrenched among the agricultural workers, is the most effective weapon against terror and sell-outs. Build the union in Imperial Valley.

**Mark Twain on Loyalty**

"My kind of loyalty is to one's country, not to its institutions or its office-holders. I was from Connecticut, whose constitution declares 'that all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; and that they have at all times an undeniable and indefeasible right to alter their form of government in such manner as they think expedient.'

"Under that gospel the citizen who thinks he sees that the commonwealth's political clothes are worn out, and yet holds his peace and does not agitate for a new suit, is disloyal; he is a TRAITOR."—Mark Twain.

Can anyone doubt that the Soviet Union is the chief bulwark for peace in the world, not because it is weak, but precisely because it has grown strong and powerful, and demonstrates that Socialism means peace, in contrast with fascism, which is the chief threat of war?

Our task . . . is not to stand passively by and wait until Negro toilers become ready for revolution. No. Our task is to join with them in the organization for their immediate struggle and strengthen their position nominally and politically, toilers, and in this way create the transition to the revolutionary struggle which will make possible the realization of the right of the Negro masses in the Black Belt to self-determination.

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**Party Life**

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

**Some of Us Are Weak In Our Approach To the YCL**

It is necessary to call the attention of the Party comrades to a serious weakness and defect in the approach to the building of the YCL on the part of some Party members. These Party comrades referred to have sons or daughters within the YCL. They desire to see the YCL grow and are quite willing to assist it personally, especially since our entire Party has given the YCL so much attention. However, these same comrades are reluctant to permit their sons and daughters to do really hard consistent work within the YCL because of various excuses: "Mary has to get good grades in school; Alice has a cold and will get sick if she goes out into the night air"; etc. If the young YCL comrade has any tendency to be lazy or indifferent to assignments or unit meetings, these fathers and mothers are certainly encouraging him in this tendency by such an attitude.

I would like to ask these comrades how they expect non-Communist parents to react to the YCL, when their own attitude is so lax. If we are to point out to these non-Communist parents the urgent need of building a large militant youth organization, and therefore the need for consistent day-to-day work by their sons and daughters, as well as the many sacrifices that go hand in hand with this, we certainly must be able to show that the sons and daughters of Communists are the ones who take the lead in this, and not the ones that have to be coaxed and pampered the most.

It is unquestionable that our present YCL is overburdened with work. We are trying to make our League a broader, more interesting and less routine organization. This will not be accomplished, however, without the fullest cooperation of the whole YCL membership, and the Party membership as well. I am sure that when the revolution comes, the Party comrades are not going to urge their sons and daughters to remain in the background because of the fear that they may get injured. It is necessary for all our comrades to realize that the building of a powerful youth movement requires sacrifices on the part of all. It is precisely the sons and daughters of Party members who should give the greatest amount of sacrifice to League work, not the least.

**Movie Censorship In America Grows**

The banning of pro-labor and pro-Soviet films has had a sudden impetus in the last few months. "The Youth of Maxim" and "Peasants", although shown in many large cities, have been banned by the Detroit chief of police and the Pennsylvania Board of Censors. The former is extremely anti-Soviet and refuses to release any Soviet films.

The American Legion, because of its anti-Soviet stand, stopped the showing of the "Road to Life" in Zanesville, Ohio, without giving any reasons. In Columbus, Ohio, the safety director seized this film and refused to release it. In Florida, this same picture was barred through the activities of the Nazi consul. During a recent strike at Bellington, Wash., the picture "Soviets on Parade" was banned on the ground that it would be unwise to show it at that time.

**Tribune Plays Santa, Newsboys Pay Santa**

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 25.—Santa Claus in all his hypocrisy, visited the readers of the "liberal" Oakland Tribune. On Xmas day each subscriber received his copy nicely wrapped in brightly colored cellophane, with the message, "Merry Xmas to Our Readers. From the Oakland Tribune."

The greetings were paid for by the news carriers themselves and the actual wrapping of the papers was even done by the lads. Each subscription nets the salesman 75 points (75 cents) and for every paper that the delivery boy wrapped in Xmas Greetings, 25 points was deducted from his income.

"Merry Xmas to Our Readers. From the Oakland Tribune, at the Expense of Our Newsboys," is the way the greeting should have read.

**Definition of a Red**



**THE CRISIS IN MEXICO**

**People's Front Strongest Force**

By Irving Kreitzberg.

President Cardenas is trying to straddle two forces which are swiftly and with an intense ferocity swinging in opposite directions. He vainly would try to please the native bourgeoisie and the foreign imperialists of the "right," who have been strangling Mexico. At the same time, like so many former politicians of that nation, he would attempt to soothe the Left, the workers and peasants, with the wildest demagoguery about the division of the land, the socialization of education, limiting the powers of the church, and the proletarian dictatorship—to take place, of course, always in some distant future.

But conditions have suddenly made this time-worn procedure impossible. The masses of Mexico are militantly alive. Over their heads like the Sword of Damocles, hangs the threat of fascism, while their poverty, suffering and degradation have become too great to endure. They want the Agrarian program and the reforms promised after the revolution of 1911 to begin now. They insist that every semblance of fascism be immediately crushed and that Calles, who has become the greatest threat to democracy in that country, be ousted.

**VIRTUAL DICTATOR**

Since 1924, General Calles, head of the Partido Nacional Revolucionario was virtually dictator of Mexico. Ruthlessly he crushed all opposition, outlawed the Communist party, broke off relations with the Soviet Union and with the aid of Morones, a double dealing prototype of Matthew Wall, made the once militant unions impotent.

Big business and foreign capitalists were given huge privileges and in typical fashion of Mexican political personalism, the inside group enriched themselves. Calles became one of the wealthiest men and largest landowners of Mexico.

**WIDE UNREST**

The workers and peasants were restless and dissatisfied. A left influence began to assert itself in the unions which were again becoming militant while the Cuban Revolution fired the people.

Until his election, Cardenas was a Callista. Once in office, he threw off the Calles shackles and proclaimed a return to liberty. To Cardenas rallied all the progressive forces who sought an end to political clique rule.

Calles struck back with Fascist provocation. On the day after the press carried his statements, the Syndicate of Electricians issued a call to which 70 per cent of Mexico's unions and the leading agrarian organizations responded. From this beginning, the anti-imperialist people's front was born.

**CALLES FLED**

Calles left the country and after an ocean trip landed in Los Angeles, which has become a hot bed of counter-revolutionary intrigue. The Communist party of Mexico, which is now legal, is part of the powerful People's Front, the country's leading force against Fascism. True to the decisions of the Sixth World Congress to support existing democracies in their struggles against impending fascism, the Communist party is temporarily supporting Cardenas whose fight against Calles is progressive.

At the same time, it points out that the selection of Cedillo, Catholic champion, and Roa, agents of big business and Wall Street for

the cabinet by Cardenas can only undermine and harm the movement. It was the Communist organ, El Machete which published documents exposing Cedillo's contribution of 1000 pesos to the National Union, a Fascist veteran's organization. The party advocates as one of the best weapons against reaction and fascism, that the long awaited agrarian program, industrial and other reforms be instituted at once.

**"DIVISION OF LAND"**

It is directly due to these efforts that President Cardenas has announced that the break up of the huge estates will soon begin, ironically enough with the division of Calles' land first.

The selection of Lower California for the great colonization plan was in itself not bad for the climate is splendid and the valleys fertile. Under the collective leadership of the colonists, under a socialist society the Baja California project would easily become one of the garden spots of the world. Under the direction of General Cedillo it is beginning to resemble the efforts of the United States in Alaska.

The capitalists, both native and foreign, are greatly alarmed over the activity and militancy of the masses and their people's front. Despite Cardenas' cabinet flirtations and assurances that he is master of the situation, they prefer a more conservative and reliable leadership. Financed by the Monterey group of industrialists and led by Rodriguez, an ex-convict from Los Angeles, the Gold Shirts, dorados, a fascist organization, recently staged an armed demonstration in Mexico City, shooting several workers. The masses repulsed them with an astounding fury.

**REACTIONARY HOPE**

The main hope of the reactionary, however, lies in Calles, the "iron man." After plotting with various groups in Los Angeles and San Diego for months, in which he was assisted by the traitor Morones, Calles suddenly

returned to Mexico. Rumors, not without foundation, declare he is being financed by American capitalists and the Knights of Columbus.

Calles at first stressed the fact that he was through with politics. Smoked out, he admitted he was forming an opposition party. Pushed to the wall, he attacked the present progressive government as communistic and ranted about the influence of Russia. Calles has shown his true colors.

**PEOPLE'S FRONT**

The People's Front demanded that Cardenas expel Calles, the spokesman of reaction and fascism, from Mexico. On December 22, over 100,000 workers demonstrated against Calles in Mexico City alone.

In his speech to the demonstrators, Cardenas informed them that General Calles presents no grave problem to the government. He intends to allow him to remain in Mexico.

It is evident that Cardenas is still trying to straddle as much as is possible. But he is being pushed by the masses. He has been forced to raid the home of Morones, where arms were found. His speeches over the radio are fascist in nature. He has expelled several of the Callista army officers and senators from office. An incipient revolt was frustrated in Orizaba. Four hundred soldiers guard the home of Calles. The senate by unanimous vote removed all powers from the pro-Calles legislative administrations in Sonora, Sinaloa, Durango, and Guanajuato.

The People's Front is the strongest force in Mexico today. The workers and peasants are alert and militant. They will not be put aside. They will not tolerate Fascism. They demand a better life, that promises be transferred to deeds. Should Fascism and reaction attempt to usurp power, a great anti-imperialist revolt would take place in Mexico.

Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil—Mexico! The masses of Latin America are beginning to assert themselves.

**Books and Pamphlets**

**New Masses, December 31, 1935.**  
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John Spivak meets a Nazi officer in terror-ridden Germany. Here is practically the first authentic account of the work of the underground Communist Party of Germany. It is the first. There will be more.

The German Communists—there are approximately 50,000—work in deadly seriousness. They meet in cells of three, on the street, in the cabarets, strolling through the woods. They say that Hitler—barring a war—can last for a long time yet.

There are approximately 8,000,000 sympathizers of the Communist Party in Germany. There were several millions less before Hitler seized power. There were more than 100,000 CPG members, many of them spies sent into the Party by Hitler before he came to power. This is a main reason why so many Communist heads have been lopped off by the Hitler butchers.

But the Nazis, it seems, are not as popular as they used to be.

Local police of one small German city threatened to beat up some of the special police sent in by Hitler to torture arrested Communists.

The mass of the German people are not sadists. They are kindly and did not take well to the terror that accompanied Hitler's rise to power.

But you must read the article, "The Underground Speaks." If it is to be followed by more of the same type. John Spivak is travelling in Europe; what he says will be interesting.

**Motor Strike Martyr**

DETROIT.—(FP)—The Motor Products strike at Detroit, now in its second month, claimed its first martyr with the death of Carl Swanson, 26-year-old Socialist and trade unionist. Swanson was shot early in the strike when he and several other strikers visited a foreman's house to ask his support. Doctors said the victim, standing on the sidewalk outside the house at the time, was shot in the back. The foreman has just been arrested.

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**World Events**  
 By Emmett Kirby

**Why Japan Has to Use Natives in China Conquest**

Taking a page from the book of British imperialist policy, Japan is using, to a far greater degree than formerly, other people to do her fighting.

When she first went into Manchuria four years ago, it was almost completely Japanese troops who did the dirty work. The same held true of the attack on Shanghai.

Today it is vastly different. Not only did they find, as Mussolini has found in Ethiopia, that it is cheaper to get deluded natives and paid misleaders of a country to do the fighting for them. But it provided an admirable cloak behind which to hide—the pretense that this was a movement not of conquest but of aiding a people to gain freedom and civilization which they desired. The more subtle method these days is needed, what of imperialist rivalries being so sharpened by the years of crisis that have sent all major industrial capitalist nations to seeking a new redivision of the world.

First it was the Manchurians. Now it is the Northern Chinese. And the main reason, even more important than those above stated, lies at home.

When the first forced "enthusiasm" in support of the war wore off the working classes of Japan saw no immediate benefit. The slightly fewer unemployed created by the war stimulus and recruiting, has low, since gone back to and surpassed former figures. The halfhearted program of economic aid—jobs and lower taxes—which was to result from the wars of conquest did not develop. Instead every bit of development of Manchuria brought, that much stronger, a new competitor into the Japanese home market, resulting in mass layoffs in too many cases.

Attempts to suppress the Communist Party failed, and despite the terrific reign of terror and the militants in the trade union movement, strikes, particularly among the marine workers reached greater proportions than ever before. News of the defeats of the "invincible soldiers of the Emperor" at the hands of ill-equipped peasant and worker partisan troops on the plains of Manchuria did not help keeping up the war spirit. Instead they inspired the Japanese workers to renewed fight—on the economic field—at home.

It is now generally acknowledged in official Tokyo that the people want no more of the drains of war. Rumbles of growing discontentment from all over the country and a wave of widespread minor struggles are not overlooked by the military clique when making their decisions. They know full well that they have already taxed and suppressed the population too close to the breaking point and that further adventures in China must be mainly supported and fought with other troops. This lay behind the infamous pact between Tokyo and Chiang Kai-shek a year ago when the five Northern provinces were bought and sold; it is the key-stone at present when the Japanese are attempting to make good their claims on this territory today.

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