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ITALIAN TROOPS DESERT BY THE THOUSANDS

LABOR BODY AIDS S.U.P. AT SEATTLE

S. F., WASHINGTON MARITIME COUNCILS ASK REAL FEDERATION

Bosses Shift Attack

ATTEMPT TO STIFLE ALL DEMOCRATIC CONTROL CONDEMNED HERE

BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—While delegates cheered loudly, the president of the local Central Labor Council last night tabled letters from Victor Olander demanding unseating of the Sailors' Union delegates.

"They never should have started this in the first place," he declared. The matter was not even put to a vote.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation Tuesday night endorsed the principle of organizing a national federation of maritime unions but voted strongly to the by-laws of the proposed Maritime Labor Council which the executive committee of the International Seamen's Union, Masters, Mates and Pilots and Marine Engineers Beneficial Association have drawn up.

The local Maritime Federation Council pointed out that one of the first requirements of a National Maritime Federation is that it must embrace all crafts, including lonshoremen, teamsters, radio operators and machinists.

Without these latter groups any Maritime Federation would be powerless.

RAP BUREAUCRATS The Council condemned the (Continued on Page 6, Col. 6)

MINERS GASSED IN NEW MEXICO COAL WALK-OUT

MEN STRIKE WHEN FIRM FIRES ORGANIZER FOR UNION

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 13.—One North Central New Mexico mine was shut down and another operated under limited conditions today as Terrero miners struck when the company arbitrarily discharged Andres Cruz, organizer for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Pickets at Terrero were attacked by deputies who used tear gas with complete abandon. Pickets patrolled the streets of Madrid where a mine strike for recognition of the United Mine Workers is in progress. The latter strike has been under way for more than a week.

Protest Modesto Frame-up in S.F. Sunday Afternoon

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—A mass protest meeting, part of the campaign to win freedom for the maritime workers framed at Modesto by the Standard Oil, will be held at Dreamland Auditorium here Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The appeal for these men is to come up in March, it was learned today.

Admission to the meeting, which will be under the auspices of the Modesto Conference, will be free. There will be speakers from trade unions and other organizations. All sympathizers and friends of organized labor are urged to attend.

CONTINUE LABOR COUNCIL FIGHT

Progressives Demand Referendum Vote in San Diego Row

(San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council)

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 12.—Despite torrential rains 60 delegates to the Central Trades Council came to the Labor Temple here tonight to find a posted notice that no meeting would be held. Again blocked from taking their seats as delegates by Joseph Casey and his appointed officials, the delegates decided to hold a progressive caucus. John Lydiek of the plasterers took the chair.

Former president, Harry Steinmetz, who was removed by Casey against the will of 85 per cent of the San Diego membership, read a telegram of protest to President Green against Casey's rowdiness and his dictatorial acts in this city. It was signed by Dr. Sherman, pastor of the First Methodist Church; Mrs. Kate Dewing of the Women's League for Peace and Freedom; L. E. Claypoole, assistant editor of the San Diego Sun, and by Dr. Calvert, vice president of the State Democratic Committee.

The rowdiness mentioned in the telegram refers to Casey's attempted assault on John Lydiek, chairman of the progressive caucus, on which charge Casey's lawyer appeared in police court this Saturday and obtained a postponement to March 26.

A two-page letter from President Green (Continued on Page 2)

Green Charges Supreme Court With Protecting the Vested Interests

INVESTIGATION OF SILICOSIS DEATHS ASKED BY A.F.L.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—"When government becomes too rigid to meet changing needs, revolution breaks the deadlock," Wm. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, states in an editorial in the current issue of the American Federationist, official organ of the A. F. of L.

Green urges that in addition to a specific constitutional grant of power to Congress to legislate for social welfare, "we must reassert the delegation of the law making function to Congress."

RAPS "LEGAL" ARRQGANCF He charges that "we today face the fact that the judiciary has established itself as the final legislative authority, nullifying such laws as do not conform to the personal philosophy of the majority of the Supreme Court and modifying the intent of others by judicial interpretation and application.

SINCLAIR IS OUT OF EPIC HE DECLARES

WILL BURY SELF IN NEW NOVEL AS STATE MEET NEARS

Olson Under Fire

CONVENTION TO SELECT 44 DELEGATES FOR MAY PRIMARIES

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—While California EPICs were preparing to send delegates to the Third State EPIC convention here on January 22, Upton Sinclair announced his complete surrender of the movement in a letter to B. Marie Gates of Washington, D.C., according to reports here today from the East.

Sinclair was quoted as saying: "As to the EPIC, I have cut my last contact with the movement. It is impossible to be in politics unless you are in daily touch with everything that is going on. I am burying myself in work on a new novel."

The EPIC convention which is to convene here on February 22, is scheduled to select a slate of candidates for the presidential primaries in May, as a result of the failure of President Roosevelt to select EPIC candidates.

However, rank and file members are extremely irate at the sell-out performed by State Senator Culbert L. Olson recently in Washington, when he completely capitulated to the demands of the Roosevelt politicians in return for a federal job at \$10,000 annual salary.

Many EPICs are completely disillusioned with the old-line capitalist parties and favor formation of a Farmer-Labor Party.

If Senator Olson dares to appear at this second convention of 1936, it is believed that he will encounter even more strenuous opposition than he did in last January's assembly when he was practically booted from the platform.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—State Democratic Chairman Culbert Olson announced his intention of returning to California soon, leaving President Roosevelt to complete selection of the California delegation to the National Democratic Convention.

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CHICO TEACHERS ASKED TO LIBEL THE COMMUNISTS

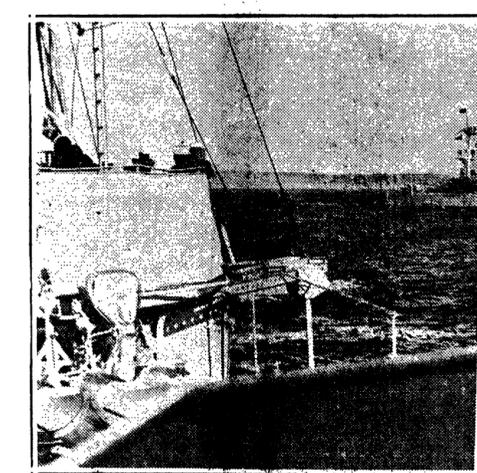
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Taking his cue from the state William Randolph Hearst invective, Mr. Rose wrote in his resolution that "Communists are comparable to termites, eating away at the foundation of our government as the termites eat into the foundations of our homes, unseen and unnoticed, but causing untold harm."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Considerable amusement was

To Suppress Foreign Peoples and Protect Capitalist Interests



The U.S.S. Houston in San Diego harbor. A fine sight to look at. But look at the working class districts of your city—your own house for example. Not such a fine sight. It costs a lot of money to build these iron brutes—and it is all squeezed out of your hide.

Fund Drive to Aid Communist Party in Italy

The Communist Party of the U. S. A. is conducting a campaign to raise \$5000 to aid the Communist Party of Italy.

Facing the most murderous suppression, the Italian Communists are today carrying on a struggle within Italy that has vital consequences for the working men and women of every nation. The Italian people want peace. The invasion of Africa and the threat of a European war are expressions of the Italian capitalist class and of Mussolini, their puppet, whom the Italian people have characterized as the "maniac and criminal clown."

The Communist Party of Italy is leading the struggle of the people against the madness of Italian capitalism. It has called for the overthrow of the fascist regime and the institution of a government of the people—a Soviet Italy.

All organizations opposed to the iron rule of fascism and to war, should sponsor affairs to raise funds for this drive.

Address: The Sponsoring Committee for Aid to the Communist Party of Italy, P.O. Box 87, Station D, New York City.

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'AVOID WAR BY GOING TO WAR,' SENATOR SAYS

CONGRESS MANEUVERING TO QUASH NEUTRALITY AND BOOST ARMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Inspired by powerful lobbies of munitions manufacturers and other capitalist interests, Congress is leaning in the direction of vastly increased war preparations and the virtual squelching of all effective neutrality legislation.

A bill calling for expenditures in the amount of \$543,341,000 in the fiscal year of 1937 has been submitted with a favorable committee report. This is the largest armaments appropriation ever proposed in peace time and exceeds last year's appropriation by \$120,444,000.

JINGO EXCUSES

Senator Pittman (Democrat-Nevada) is the principle voice among those who thunder for passage of the bill. Imminence of war with Japan or the Soviet Union are cited as justification.

Senator Borah of Idaho (Republican) supported the bill with the argument that the only way to maintain peace is to enforce it and to enforce it you have to go to war. He concluded that in order to go to war you have to have a large army and navy, therefore in the interest of peace, the bill should be passed.

The speech drew a storm of applause from the House and was quickly endorsed by Senator Pittman.

IMAGINATION

Senator Lewis of Illinois (Democrat) went them all one better by predicting an alliance between the Soviet Union and Japan for war on America.

Less flamboyant representatives, particularly those who were doubtful of how their constituents at home would feel about all this, tried to save their faces by arguing that the bill should be slaved down some 23 million dollars.

The method being used to avoid neutrality legislation is to make a great display of reconfirming neutrality laws now in force, which are adjudged wholly ineffective.

afforded congressmen here yesterday when a three-cornered squabble broke out over the prohibition of Communist teachings in Washington schools.

Italy--Germany Pact Reported

JAPANESE TROOPS MAKE RAIDS OVER MONGOLIAN BORDER

ROME, Feb. 12.—Italy and Germany are reported to have sealed a mutual assistance pact. The agreement is said to have resulted from secret conferences between Hitler and Mussolini on Italian soil. Such an alliance between two bankrupt and belligerent powers is seen as one of the most critical developments in the current crisis. It raises the possibility of an attack upon the Soviet Union by these two powers from the West and Japan from the East.

Germany to Evict All Jews; Secret Decree Is Charged

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Ratification of the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact is still being debated in the French Parliament. Germany's reported renunciation of the Schlieffen plan is one of the most vital considerations affecting the debate.

Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin has stated that under no circumstances will France tolerate the re-arming of the Rhine by Germany and that in event of such a move, she will invoke the full powers of the Locarno treaty. This treaty binds France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium to joint military action.

OTHER INFLUENCES Diplomats of at least twelve foreign powers passed through Paris on their return from the funeral of King George V. All of these conferred with French ministers, registering their attitude in regard to the Franco-Soviet pact.

French capitalist representatives want the protection of the pact in event of German aggression, since little real confidence is placed in the Locarno treaty. On the other hand, if Germany's belligerence can be diverted against the Soviet Union, French capitalism does not relish the responsibility of having to aid the Soviets.

EMBARGO DODGED In regard to sanctions against Italy, Flandin declared France would take no present action and that it was not up to her to take (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

Ship Caulkers Strike When Company Forces Men to Return Part of Wage

ONE HUNDRED MEN OUT IN EAST BAY AND SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Approximately 100 workers, members of the Ship Caulkers' Union, are out on strike in the yards of the Knees Boat Building Co. here and in the East Bay.

Although they were supposed to be working under the union scale and were paid union wages of \$7 per day, the men were forced each Monday morning to hand back to the company \$3 of each day's pay. The strike was spontaneous and was called, it is understood, over the heads of union officials.

The latter had ignored conditions under which the workers were employed for a long period. One scab machinist remained at work in a San Francisco shop and police were called to his protection. He was pulled off

the job. The men have established picket lines, but to date have neglected to call upon other unions for support.

Union officials, against the strike in the first place, now are reported to have said they can "win this strike without outside help."

The company maintains three plants in San Francisco, one at Hunters' Point, one at Fishermen's Wharf and another on Twentieth street. The walk-out occurred Monday morning.

DUCE FACING ARMY REVOLT AGAINST WAR

RATE OF DESERTIONS SET AT 200-300 A WEEK; ASKARIS REBEL

40,000 in Hospitals

TRIPOLI CHILDREN BEING DRAFTED FOR SERVICE IN ARMY BROTHELS

BY PIERRE VAN PASSEN Federated Press.

(The following eye-witness account is from a special correspondent just returned from the war front in Africa and now investigating the situation within Italy.)

MILAN, Italy.—(FP)—Two thousand Italian soldiers stationed in the frontier garrisons near the Brenner Pass have deserted the colors and crossed into Austria.

Late in January, the Yugoslav government was organizing an internment camp at Puzla in Bosnia province for the 2500 Italian deserters who had come over from the Venetian-Julian districts. The camp is now being put in shape at Bistriza for the 127 Italian officers who had accompanied their men. The London Times correspondent at Munich reports that approximately 1000 Italian soldiers had taken refuge in Bavaria by New Year's day and that the rate of desertions from Italy's border garrisons was increasing from 200 to 300 per week.

OFFICIAL GAG Italian consuls and diplomatic representatives all over the world have been instructed to issue categorical denials to these reports wherever they appear.

Yet there were 26 minor revolts and group-refusals to leave for the war in Africa in the course of December and January. On Dec. 13 and 14, peasants in the High-Adigo province, which is the former Austrian Tyrol, were making coffins for soldiers executed in the mutiny at Bolzano. Wounded and sick men, who have returned from Eritrea, told me that Italy's native Ascaris troops are so little dependable that they have to be driven to battle by machine gun detachments of the black shirt legions. Whenever these Ascaris showed the slightest hesitation to fight or made ready to cross over to join their Abyssinian kinsmen, the black shirts behind them cracked loose with a rain of death.

HUGE CASUALTIES This explains in part the high casualties suffered by the Ascaris, while few deaths are reported among the black shirts. Suez Canal statistics show that 39,000 men have been sent back to Italy and to the hospital-cities on the Isle of Rhodes. This means that 39,000 are permanently incapacitated and that at least another 40,000 are in the hospitals of Eritrea and Somaliland.

The first act of Badoglio, new Italian commander-in-chief, upon assuming the supreme command was the dismissal of Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law, who combined the position of director of the press bureau with that of bombing squad leader. Badoglio resented the fact that Ciano gave himself and the sons of Mussolini exclusive credit for air raids and "interpreted as colossal victories bomb-dropping expeditions which were without the slightest risk." Mussolini's sons, deprived of their (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Western Worker War Chest Drive Goes By Half-way Mark

Exact Standing To Date

Drive Standing, February 12th

Section	Group	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Los Angeles	A	\$3500	\$2425.55	69
San Francisco	"	2500	999.83	40
East Bay	B	350	222.50	64
San Diego	C	200	196.18	98
Sonoma	D	75	95.00	125
Santa Barbara	"	75	62.26	83
San Mateo	"	100	69.80	70
Monterey	"	75	9.25	12
San Bernardino	E	50	56.11	112
Sacramento	"	50	59.38	118
Contra Costa	"	50	36.65	73
Fresno	"	50	30.04	60
Eureka	"	50	5.00	10
Merced	F	25	26.50	106
San Jose	"	25	8.00	32
Bakersfield	"	25	7.28	29
Nevada	"	25	5.50	22
Tulare	"	25	2.00	8
Arizona	"	25	1.00	4
Stockton	"	25	1.00	4
Porterville	"	25	.....	0
At Large Dist. No. 13	"	175	57.62	33
TOTALS		\$7500	\$4376.45	58

Corrected Los Angeles Standing, Feb. 10th

Sub-Section	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Boyle Heights	\$200	\$184.23	92
Goodyear	90	65.88	72
Hollywood	175	117.80	67
Downtown	150	99.93	66
Firestone	50	17.00	34
San Fernando	75	24.50	33
So. Pacific	75	22.64	30
Pasadena	50	13.28	26
Centennial Valley	50	4.80	9
Cahuenga	50	4.21	8
Manchester	50	1.50	3
Harbor	50	.....	0
Orange County	50	.....	0
Belvedere	35	.....	0
Bay Cities	30	.....	0
TOTALS	\$1180	\$555.77	47
Sect. affairs and Misc.	2320	1869.78	80
GRAND TOTAL	\$3500	\$2425.55	69
Yet to be raised		1074.45	31
QUOTA		\$3500.00	100

Receipts, February 5th to 12th

Los Angeles Section	\$28.55
Comrade Mary A.	3.00
Friend	.20
San Francisco Section:	
Unit 1, Waterfront	17.50
M. Polkr. Waterfront	3.00
Unit 22, Waterfront	.30
Unit 3, Downtown	9.00
Unit 3, Mission	5.00
Unit 4, Mission	83
Unit 12, Fillmore	9.00
Unit 2, North Beach	5.00
Unit 2, North Beach	5.00
East Bay:	
Oakland Misc.	63.00
Finnish Federation, East Bay	21.75
San Diego Section	5.00
Sonoma Section:	
Finnish Federation, Sonoma	5.00
Santa Barbara Section	4.00
Monterey Section:	
F. J. Watsonville	6.25
Sacramento Section:	
Lenin Memorial meeting	4.68
Vacaville Sub-section	20.00
Fresno Finnish Federation	5.00
Eureka Finnish Federation	5.00
Contra Costa Section:	
Finnish Federation	5.00
Crockett Unit, C. P.	7.00
Vallejo Unit, C. P.	3.00
San Jose Section:	
Los Gatos Unit	1.00
Unit 1, San Jose	2.00
A. P. San Jose	5.00
Bakersfield Section	2.00
Tulare Section, J. B. Lindsay, Calif.	2.00
At Large:	
A. J. C.	3.00
H. L. B.	2.00
J. H.	1.00
H. F. J.	1.00
J. Br.	2.00
TOTAL	\$237.06
Previously acknowledged	4119.39
TOTAL RAISED	\$4376.45
Yet to be raised	3133.55
QUOTA	\$7500.00

CORRESPONDENT MISQUOTED BY L.A. NEWSPAPER

set out in bold type the following: "The United Progressive News is counter-revolutionary," which is attributed to Broman. Broman made no statement to this newspaper at any time; the printed "statement" is a deliberate misrepresentation. Publisher is Oliver Thornton and editor is C. H. Carrigues, former muck-raker for the Illustrated Daily News.

After you have read your copy of the Western Worker, pass it on.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—The Western Worker wishes to call the attention of its readers to a deliberate misquotation attributed to its Los Angeles correspondent, John Broman, appearing in the February 10th issue of the United Progressive News, its second issue after its recent revival. On page 2 of this newspaper is

MUTINIES AND DESERTIONS IN ITALIAN ARMY

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This Count Ciano is the man who gave out victory communiques every evening to the foreign newspaper correspondents, who in turn filled our big papers at home with the marvelous doings of the Italian army. The liberal newspaper Oeuvre in Paris withdrew its correspondent from the front last November when Ciano offered to furnish "personal experiences" which the correspondent could peddle as his own. Oeuvre refused, but several so-called big-shots among the reporters, certain Americans included, accepted eagerly enough. The American public was once more treated as a gang of boobs.

The latest news from the southern front is that Gen. Graziani has won a tremendous victory at Dolo. Graziani is the man who "pacified" Tripoli for Italy. In 10 years' time Graziani did nothing but round up, massacre and exterminate. When the Italians came to Tripoli, the League of Nations statistics indicate, there was a population of 2,660,000 in the country. Today only 80,000 are left. Nearly 2,000,000 human beings have been exterminated. The man who performed this feat is now charged with the mission to "civilize" southern Abyssinia.

Before leaving Tripoli to take up his new position at the head of the army on the southern Abyssinian front, an 84-year-old Tripolitan chief, a Moslem religious leader, Sussenite, who enjoyed a high reputation for saintliness, called on Graziani and asked him what his people's crime was that they should be so ruthlessly treated. "We have only defended our own country. Is that a reason to massacre our women and children?" he asked his black shirt conqueror. For this reproach the old man was taken, bound hand and foot, into an airplane and hurled down on the rocks from a height of 8000 feet.

The incident has caused bitter hate against Italy among all the Moslem peoples of the Near East.

At present the Italians are raking up children in Tripoli to be drafted for the armies in Abyssinia, the boys to amuse the black troops, while the girls are destined for the military brothels in Eritrea. Fascist civilization goes forward!

PROGRESSIVES BARRED FROM COUNCIL HALL IN SAN DIEGO

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ident Green addressed to A. C. Rogers and John Lydiek was read replying to a denial by the progressives of authorship of a Trotskyite leaflet distributed here which proposed that the progressives cut themselves off from the A. F. of L. Green stated in the letter that because of reports of Communist influence in the Federated Trades he had authorized Casey to take whatever steps he considered necessary to "purge" the Federated Trades "on a sound A. F. of L. basis."

A letter in the name of the progressive caucus of 33 locals, to be sent to every Central Council and to every local in the State of California, was read by A. C. Rogers. It was accepted by the caucus with a number of additions to be incorporated by a committee.

The letter asks that all unions in the state write to Green and request that he authorize a referendum vote of the entire San Diego membership of 5000, so that through the referendum, proof could be established of the fact that the membership is solidly behind the deposed officers. The letter further asks that the unions request Green to instruct Casey to discontinue his violations of the A. F. of L. Constitution.

Steinmetz, who has made bitter enemies because of his fight against the utility monopolies, stated that he had uncovered the source of the resolution against him in Post 6 of the American Legion.

Acting on this resolution, a committee of three from the State Board of Education has just concluded an "investigation" of Steinmetz. Steinmetz, a professor at San Diego State College, pledged to the delegates that as long as they wanted him in the labor movement, he would not quit because of a job. The meeting then adjourned.

The injunction proceedings brought by the progressives to block Casey's unconstitutional interference with the functioning of the Central Council and the seating of its elected delegates was postponed for one week. The hearing will be in Judge Charles Haine's court, on Monday, Feb. 17th.

SEATTLE LABOR COUNCIL BEHIND FIGHT OF S.U.P.

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proposed set-up of the Maritime Labor Council because only "chief executives" of affiliated organizations would be allowed seats. This would block all democratic control or representation in such a council.

The Council also pointed out that the present Maritime Federation of the Pacific is the only logical organization to become the Pacific Coast Division of the proposed National Maritime Council.

Action similar to that taken here occurred at a meeting of the Washington District Council of the Coast Maritime Federation.

Meanwhile, Pacific Coast district officials of the International Longshoremen's Association have condemned the demand made by maritime workers here for a government investigation of the proposed contract-breaking attack of the shipowners. These officials, on their own responsibility and without calling a meeting of the I.L.A. Executive Committee, sent wires to all I.L.A. locals stating their personal opposition to the demand for a government investigation.

Shipowners likewise have exerted considerable pressure to prevent such an investigation from taking place. But the demand for the investigation has halted, at least for the time being, the open break which the shippers had planned.

Shippers, thwarted in their original attack, have turned again upon the San Francisco longshoremen with demands for bigger sling loads. This, of course, is seen by the I.L.A. as part of the nationwide attempt to smash the maritime unions by creating inter-union friction or friction between different locals and different crafts.

New Anti-Jewish Drive By Nazis; Catholics Jailed

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killed in Switzerland, prepared to counter an expected Vatican protest by a bitter denunciation of Jewry in which he called the assault of anti-Nazi elements" and assured his audience that "the assassins did not kill one man, but awakened millions to the path of a new German life... every local branch office and all others will keep Gustloff's name in their heart. The deed kicked back against the perpetrator. It is not Germany that has weakened, but the power which committed the deed."

LONDON EXPOSE

In London, the Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, sharpened the feeling of fear of a new anti-Jewish move in Germany by asserting that a secret decree has been prepared by Nazi chieftains providing for the expulsion of all Jews from Germany as rapidly as possible.

The alleged decree was said to provide for confiscation of property of Jews, and was waiting only for Hitler's signature to become effective.

GREEN CHARGES SUPREME COURT AIDS WEALTHY

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tinguish between the function of a practicing attorney and the impartiality essential to a judge, who are not closely enough in touch with what is happening in the work-a-day world to apply principles to concrete situations."

MORE SUPPRESSIVE NOW

Green points out that between 1789 and 1859, only two congressional acts were declared unconstitutional. Between 1859 and 1900, twenty-three laws met judicial disapproval, one of which, the income tax, was later passed as a constitutional amendment.

From 1900 to 1932, thirty-eight laws were outlawed including child labor legislation, prohibition of union discrimination, and a minimum wage law.

The whole process of judicial review is sharply rapped by Green who declared, "Those in high places who resist the government employ lawyers to petition the judiciary to review the law passed by the legislature in order to have it declared unconstitutional. Thus have been sowed the seeds of the most powerful influences for lawlessness—opportunity to change the legality of law, uncertainty as to the meaning of the law and the need for obeying it, superiority to law of those able to employ astute constitutional lawyers able to find judicial precedents in conflict with legislative or congressional decisions."

The A. F. of L. executive council has postponed until May the question of a constitutional amendment referred to it by the last convention of the federation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—

Calling for a full investigation of the Silicosis menace in industry, the A. F. of L. through its president William Green, said in a letter to members of the House Labor Committee that it is "very anxious that the committee report favorably the bill calling for a Congressional investigation of the deaths of men employed on constructing the Hawks Nest Tunnel."

Mr. Green further stated that the inquiry should go into the reasons why the tragedy that claimed the lives of hundreds of men, was not publicized until years after the tunnel was completed, and recommended legislation to "prevent such a calamity in the future."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—

Business men and industrialists fought bitterly during the all-day session of the Silicosis Insurance hearing, to prove that charges were "excessive" and that surcharge of Workmen's Compensation Insurance rates in industries where Silicosis hazards existed, would "cripple California Industries."

The bitterly contested hearing closed with Samuel Carpenter, Jr., State Insurance Commissioner, taking under advisement proposed Silicosis surcharges which California Insurance Companies have urged to be added to present Workmen's Compensation rates.

While Thousands Starve This Guy Raps "Chisellers"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—In the face of tens of thousands of families starving on reduced budgets, Tom Brown, Southern California representative of the State Controller's office, today had the gall to demand of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration that it collect approximately \$20,000 from "chisellers."

One case of starvation was reported here last week, and also the near death by starvation of a Mexican family of thirteen.

WORLD POWERS FORMING NEW ALIGNMENTS

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the initiative.

An alliance is reported between France and Czechoslovakia for the preservation of Austrian independence and the Danubian republics.

SYRIAN REVOLT

BEIRUT, Syria, Feb. 11.—Armed uprising against French rule has blazed here resulting in more than 25 reported deaths and scores of wounded. The revolt began in a series of demonstrations resulting from the arrest of Nationalist party leaders. French military authorities are seeking to quell the revolt by violence. Out breaks are daily occurrences. Syrian students have been playing an important role in the uprising.

LEAGUE SCORED

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 10.—Chen-Wu, a member of the central executive committee of the Chinese Nationalist Party (Kuo mintang), who is touring Canada, severely criticized the League of Nations for not taking steps to halt the banditry of Japan in North China. He declared that Japan's alleged Communist support campaigns were in reality moves to violate the territorial integrity of China.

JAPANESE RAIDS

TOKYO, Feb. 12.—Indicating that the Mongolian People's Republic is the next objective in Japan's campaign for control of the Orient, a large mobilization of Japanese-Manchukuan troops has been concentrated on the outer Mongolian border. Constant raids and excursions into Mongolian territory have been carried out in the past few weeks. Several minor battles have been reported with casualties on both sides.

SOVIET PRESS

MOSCOW, Feb. 12.—The news increased hostilities by Japan on the Siberian and Mongolian borders are intended expressly to warn France against signing the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact. Although the term of the pact do not oblige France to come to the assistance of the Soviets if Japan attacks, it is calculated that the strength of the Soviet armies would be decreased considerably should she be forced to defend herself both on Siberian and European borders at the same time.

"Japanese militarists are continually provoking border clashes," the newspaper said, "invading the territory of the Mongolian People's Republic sometimes as much as 15 miles, attacking border posts and destroying frontier signs."

OIL SANCTIONS

GENEVA, Feb. 12.—The League of Nations' special committee to investigate the possibility of oil sanctions against Italy has declared that no embargo will be proposed unless participation of the U. S. A. can be assured.

Reports of the committee have been forwarded to Washington. However, neither France nor Britain are urging the U. S. to join in an embargo. Both these nations have passed-the-buck in the matter and the League special committee itself was openly admitted to be a means of discouraging embargoes.

BRITISH PREPARE

CAIRO, Feb. 12.—Indicating that the gravity of the situation in the Mediterranean has by no means relaxed, Britain is continuing to load troops and munitions into Egypt. Present mobilizations are on a scale equal to Mussolini's preparations prior to the Ethiopian invasion.

HITLER SNUBBED

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A special correspondent of the London Daily Worker reports in the Jan. 27th issue relative to the burial of King George V:

"I learned yesterday that Hitler himself was particularly anxious to come to the funeral, seeing in the occasion an opportunity to push forward his plans to involve England in a military alliance with Nazi Germany."

"The scheme actually got as far as the making of an inquiry on the subject at the British Foreign Office. The Foreign Office, aware of the hatred, disgust and contempt with which the Nazi

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VANDELEUR'S MOVES

The American Students Union announced the uniting of all liberal student organizations into the A.S.U. and requested that they be allowed to seat fraternal delegates to replace those formerly representing the National Students League. This was also referred to the executive committee.

The preparations for the Modesto Defense Mass Meeting were reported by a delegate who also commented on Vandeleur's promise to participate and then his sudden and mysterious change of mind. Edward Vandeleur is president of the San Francisco Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor.

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Bar Association Confirms Legality of Communist Party

BETHELEHEM'S STEAL OK WITH FEDERAL COURT

SPECIAL MASTER FINDS AMAZING PROFITS NOT "UNCONSCIONABLE"

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Approving in substance what was described before the Senate Munitions Committee last year as a "steal" of capital in a national emergency, the special master, William Mason, appointed by the Philadelphia Federal Court, absolved the Bethlehem Steel Corp. of fraud in connection with wartime profits on shipbuilding. The Government's claim of \$19,654,856, based on "unconscionable profits," was denied, and instead proposal was made that the government pay an additional \$5,000,000 to Bethlehem. Charles Schwab was absolved of any responsibility in the deals which, according to Mr. Mason, were made "with the government's understanding and therefore offered no ground for just complaint." Contracts resulted from negotiations in which both parties were well represented by experts.

Among "experts" referred to by Mr. Mason was Admiral Bowles of the Emergency Fleet Corp. Charles Schwab was the head of the Fleet Corp. and was also owner of 97 per cent of the Bethlehem Steel voting stock.

Records from the Fleet Corp. show that other shipbuilders were averaging ten dollars a ton on ships built for the government, while the Bethlehem Ship Building Corp. was making \$49.58, with profits running as high as 20.5 per cent.

Tilden Adamson, examiner for the Fleet Corp., reported that Bethlehem contracts were "unconscionable and against public interest." He further stated that the 20.5 per cent profit was not on Bethlehem's investment of Bethlehem's money, but is a profit on a cost that had to be financed by the Fleet Corp. on ships in yards for which the Fleet Corp. had to provide funds for plant extension.

The Government is making extensive preparations to protest the findings brought in by William Mason, absolving Bethlehem Steel, in view of the contradictory facts brought before the Munitions Committee and others on record.

Examiner Sales Drop Below Hundred Mark

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—The Western Worker was criticized here today for giving Dirty Willie Hearst too much credit!

However, the previous lack of complete information was corrected by the complaining worker.

Several weeks ago the Western Worker wrote that the sale of the Los Angeles Examiner on the busy corner of Riverside Drive and Fletcher Drive, had dropped from 500 copies per day to 300 per day and then to 75 per day. Actually, this worker reports in correcting the story, less than 25 copies of the Examiner are sold on this corner per day!

And they have to subsidize the newsboy to stand on the corner with the newspapers!

Fisher Takes Over Duties As M. F. President

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—William Fisher, vice president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast has assumed the presidency with the resignation of Harry Lundberg to take over the duties of secretary-treasurer of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

Fisher was also president of the Portland I.L.A., but has resigned to officiate in his new capacity.

He was one of the 28 Portland longshoremen who successfully fought the "murder" charge growing out of the Alberta riot, which took place shortly after the 1934 strike.

Fisher had been appointed as vice president by Lundberg and the emergency convention of the Federation concurred in the appointment.

SPEAKING OF DISBARMENT



What about the bombastic charlatan, Neil R. McAllister who prosecuted the Criminal Syndicalism trial? California agricultural czars demanded the disbarment of labor attorneys but defended the antics of this shyster. The tactics of his prosecution are one of the most shameful pages in California legal history. The above drawing by Mike Plesh shows McAllister in action and at ease. In the lower right hand corner is a rear view of William F. Hines.

RED-BAITING BY BIG GROWERS ATTACKED BY SUPERIOR JUDGE

Sweet Potato Controversy Develops Into Heated Debate on Communism

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 12.—A dispute over sweet potatoes blazed into a heated debate on Communism recently when Superior Judge E. N. Rector locked horns with Attorney Edson Abel, secretary of the California Prorate Commission.

Attorney Abel, an appointee of the Governor and spokesman for wealthy agricultural interests raised an alarming cry of "Communism" when Superior Judge Rector declared the prorate law unconstitutional. The decision was handed down in connection with a produce man and a grower who had been arrested for alleged violation of the Merced-Stanislaus-San Joaquin counties sweet potato prorate zone. They were both released by Judge Rector.

The prorate law enables large commercial groups to set quotas on what quantities of certain crops may be shipped by individual growers. It is a method of curtailing production and boosting prices.

Attorney Abel declared the two men released were "Reds" and "Communists." He issued statements to the press attacking the decision which were widely published by the newspapers.

JUDGE REPLIES
Judge Rector issued a statement in reply which bitterly scored the current practice of large commercial groups in raising the cry of "Communism" to attack any and every act or proposition that displeased them or was not to their specific advantage. This statement was practically ignored by the commercial controlled valley press and appeared in only a few small papers.

In his statement, Judge Rector declares: "It is quite clear Attorney Abel does not mean what he says. He should beyond question act in Stanislaus, San Joaquin or Merced County to prevent the serious loss he claims is occurring to the growers inasmuch as he claims to have the law on his side. These other judges might help him to stop the Communists whom he brings into the picture to gain sympathy for himself, and might also assist in the prolongation of his salary at the aggrieved people's expense—growers and all."

OTHER DECISIONS
"By the way, the prorate act has been held unconstitutional for many more reasons than those specified by me; by Judge Wilson of Los Angeles County and by Judge Held sitting in Sonoma County. It has never been held constitutional by any court. And it clearly appears Attorney Abel is convinced he cannot get a decision different from mine, or he would act in behalf of the growers immediately."

"When our courts are treated with such unfairness and disrespect, born of selfishness, it is

time to become alarmed concerning the rise of direct actionist Communism which he pretends to be so much concerned about. I feel an obligation to express myself in this matter, inasmuch as his attack is not only upon me but upon the law and the courts of California and the administration of justice. The lawyers of California and of the United States are soon going to be compelled to stop the practice of all such deceits now indulged in by some attorneys."

MOSCOW.—(FP)—The number of tourists visiting the Soviet Union has become six times as great as five years ago. The largest number are from the United States, England and France.

Take advantage of the special mailing rates to group of ten or more union members.

Final Mass Meeting in Oakland Sponsors National Negro Congress

THE ANSWER TO AN ANCIENT RIDDLE

By a Special Western Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 12.—Last Sunday night saw the last rally of a drive to obtain funds and support for the National Negro Congress to be held in Chicago next week. Seventy-nine dollars more was needed for expenses for the three delegates. After the speakers had explained the purpose of the Congress the money was subscribed in a burst of enthusiasm from the packed house.

SAINT PETER

Mr. Floyd Covington, president of the Urban League of Los Angeles, one of the guest speakers of the evening told a story of Saint Peter and a puzzle which was illustrative of Negro opinion. He said that at one time Saint Peter refused admittance to the pearly gates to any group who could not ask him a riddle he could not solve. Representatives of various races came forward with their best riddles, only to have them solved by Peter and their admission refused. However, when the representative of the Negroes came forward and whispered his riddle in St. Peter's ear, the old ticket-taker scratched his head for some time, and then swung wide the gates.

"The riddle was," said Mr. Covington, "When are the Negroes going to get together?"

NOW IS THE TIME
That has been a question which

LABOR ATTORNEIES' RIGHTS DEFENDED

Demand of Big Business for Disbarment Of Lawyers Who Defend Communists Is Rejected By Association

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The State Bar of California, in a recent statement, emphatically affirmed the right of attorneys to defend Communists before the courts of justice. It further stated:

"To be a known Communist is not a crime. The Communist Party is a political party recognized by the laws of this state and entitled to a place on the ballot."

This confirmation of civil rights by the Bar Association was issued in reply to the remarkable demand of banking interests and the heads of huge corporation ranches who called for the disbarment of all attorneys who defend "known Communists."

The Bar Association's public statement conflicts directly with the fact that seven "known Communists" are now held in the penitentiary under sentences of one to fourteen years for no other charge than membership in the Communist Party. They are: Pat Chambers, No. 57589; Caroline Decker, No. 57617; Martin Wilson, No. 57591; Nora Conklin, No. 57616; Albert Hougardy, No. 57590; Jack Crane, No. 57605; and Lorene Norman, No. 57618. (Lorene Norman is now out on bail owing to the birth of a child.)

The resolution stated in part: "Whereas . . . various Communist and Communistic organizations have been and now are fomenting and inciting strikes and riots and unrest among the agricultural workers of the State and thereby causing serious losses to agriculture and to the people of California—"

SAME INTERESTS
These prisoners were railroaded in the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial which was plotted and financed by the same moneyed interests which demanded the Bar Association to disbar the attorneys who defended them.

The Association, in replying to the statement declared:

"What this expression really means is that these attorneys appear for and defend persons charged with violation of the criminal syndicalism laws or who are on trial for inciting riots, advocating acts of sabotage, or the like."

"The right of these attorneys to appear in these cases is recognized by both the State and Federal constitutions."

NO EVIDENCE
Although the Criminal Syndicalism Act is phrased to cover acts of sabotage and violence, the jury in the Sacramento trial acquitted the defendants of every charge of this nature and even of having voiced sentiments approving such acts, and sent them to prison for membership in the Communist Party.

VIGILANTISM
During the Criminal Syndicalism trial, the whole recent history of California agricultural struggles was reviewed and not one single example of violence or rioting could be shown on the part of the organized agricultural workers. In contrast to this, literally scores of violent attacks, many of them resulting in murder, were proved to have been carried out by these accusing moneyed interests. It is significant that in all the violence that has swept California agricultural fields not a single vigilante or grower has been either killed or injured. On the other hand, the casualties among the workers amount to hundreds.

The Bar Association, in its reply to the growers' resolution, refused their demand with great reluctance and in language which rebutted the hypocrisy of California's agricultural czars. The reply stated:

"At the outset permit me to say that the State Bar deprecates the riots, strikes and other unlawful activities which have been fomented not only among agricultural workers but in other

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The State Bar Association, in reluctantly refusing to disbar attorneys who defend Communists, replied to California Big Business in approved Hearstian language. They deplored the "riots, strikes and other unlawful activities" allegedly carried out by "paid agitators." They ignored the fact that not one single act of violence can be cited against the agricultural workers. But instances like the one pictured above can be cited by the scores. Left to right, the men are: Jack Green, Solomon Nitzburg, C. Meyer, and George Ford, who were kidnaped, beaten and tarred and feathered by Santa Rosa vigilantes during last year's strike in the apple orchards.

places throughout the State of California. We can and do appreciate the feeling of the members of your convention, many of whom have directly suffered because of unlawful actions on the part of paid agitators working against the public good."

UNION SMASHING
The Criminal Syndicalism trial victims were the organizers of the militant Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union. The series of strikes led by this union succeeded in winning improved conditions and wages for the workers which amounted to more than a million dollars in one year. In all the history of these strikes, no unlawful act was committed or could be cited against the union.

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NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION IS SABOTAGED BY BIG BUSINESS

Powerful Lobbies Conspiring to Prevent Congressional Action Opposing War

WASHINGTON.—(F.P.)—Neutrality legislation, heralded at the opening of Congress as the most important job of the body, seems but a forlorn hope now as Sen. Thomas (D., Utah), member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, announced that he intends to press for extension of the present neutrality proclamation.

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The Red Army!

The Workers' Book Shop at 121 Haight st., San Francisco, has a number of copies of a small booklet, printed by the Western Worker, which comprises two of the most interesting stories from Agnes Smedley's "China's Red Army Marches." The purpose of these booklets, priced at the nominal charge of one cent a copy, is to widen the interest of the workers in the heroic struggle of the Chinese masses to achieve a Soviet Government. Our readers are urged to obtain and distribute copies of this booklet before they are all sold out.

San Fernando Gets Most Western Subs In Los Angeles Area

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—San Fernando Sub-section of the Communist Party led the 15 other sub-sections in the Los Angeles Section in the securing of subscriptions to the Western Worker through the month of January, according to a report compiled today.

Of the 190 subscriptions turned in during last month, San Fernando surpassed much larger sub-sections by turning in 42 subscriptions. Boyle Heights was next with 39 subscriptions, followed by Hollywood with 30 and Downtown with 26.

Other sub-sections have fallen down on their tasks of securing new readers for the Western Worker, as follows: Bay Cities, 2; Belvedere, none; Cahuenga, 13; Centinela Valley, 3; Firestone, 6; Goodyear, 13; Harbor, none; Manchester, 3; Orange County, none; Pasadena, 3; Southern Pacific, 4; Whittier, none. Individuals turned in six subscriptions.

Geo. Woolf Speaks At 68 Haight St.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"What Next on the Waterfront?" will be the subject presented at the Opéra Forum conducted Sunday evening, Feb. 16, by the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party at 68 Haight street.

George Woolf, president of the Sealers' Union, I.L.A., will be the speaker. Following his talk there will be questions and discussion from the floor. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES



Not the least of the many issues to be taken up by the National Negro Congress in Chicago is defense of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys.

stalked like a ghost through every meeting Negroes have ever held to plan to better their lot. But that Negroes ARE capable of united action when the goal is clear and the appeal is properly presented to them, was clearly shown in the bay area drive for a National Negro Congress. A list of the organizations supporting the drive includes representatives of every class of Negro life. This was clearly shown in the meeting last Sunday. The program included representatives from the I.L.A., the California Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the Sharecroppers, the Urban League, a doctor, a college student and a musician, who led PWA singers in incidental music.

SUPPORT GIVEN BY BAY AREA UNIONS

and the Vanguard Club. Maybe this is the answer to the riddle.

THREE DELEGATES
Three delegates left last Tuesday for Chicago. They were: Mrs. T. Pittman, Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, and Dr. Matt. Crawford.

Thus approaches the fruition of a plan which began in Washington last May. There, a representative group of Negroes met under the sponsorship of Howard University to discuss ways and means of attacking the problem of the Negro in America. The Negro, always balanced precariously on the bottom rung of the economic ladder, is today, with capitalism breaking down, in a position more grave than ever before. The discussion group realized that a first step toward achieving social justice must be an attempt at achieving a united front among the Negroes themselves. Therefore the Congress was decided upon.

The efforts of the local Central Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Ishmael Flores were eminently successful. They achieved the immediate end of getting delegates off to the convention. And they achieved the equally important end of proving to the Negroes of the Bay area that united front action is possible and the only real means toward achieving progress. The lesson learned in this successful drive will have far-reaching effects.

INDUSTRIAL UNITS TO HELP BUILD PARTY IN SHOPS

EXPERIMENT IN ORGANIZATIONAL FORM CANNOT BE APPLIED TO SMALL BUSINESS PLANTS

BY LAWRENCE ROSS
San Francisco Section Organizer.

There is a good deal of confusion among leading Party members in the trade unions in San Francisco as to the reason for the organization of industrial units, their basis and objectives. Some comrades "kill two birds with one stone"—that is, to have a fraction meeting combined with a unit meeting, and therefore eliminate one meeting a week. This elimination, some comrades declare, will make it easier to recruit new members from the industries, since these prospective members are not yet ready to give up two evenings to Party meetings, outside of their regular union meeting.

This is entirely the wrong approach. The elimination of one meeting is only incidental, although in specific instances it might be helpful. There is only one reason why the Party is establishing industrial units, under certain circumstances. And that is: to help build the Party in the shops!

Then, too, we do not build industrial units composed of a group of members in any industry. Since the primary object of an industrial unit is to build the Party in the shops, we build industrial units where such a form of Party organization would provide us with a more effective means of building a unit in a shop. An industrial unit, therefore, should pick out a particular shop as a concentration point, and set for itself a control task of building a unit within that shop within a certain period of time.

CAN IT RECRUIT?
Another point which should be examined before the organization of an industrial unit, is the possibility of such a unit being a more effective means of recruiting new members from the industry, and keeping them inside the Party once recruited. Can the unit function so as to be able to spread the basic Party literature among the workers? Can it set up a functioning and systematic recruiting apparatus? These questions should be put and answered.

It must be borne in mind that an industrial unit is not an end in itself, but a means to an end—a means to a shop unit. Therefore, the tendency to build industrial units in such industries as individually-owned cleaning and dyeing shops, or in the barbering trade, where there is no mass production, where there is no large number of workers thrown together in the shop—this tendency must be fought against. Obviously, when we raise the question of concentration on a shop as the basic point to be considered, the answer, in such instances, must be that such concentration is impossible. In such cases, the clamor for an industrial unit is merely a means of trying to substitute the unit for the fraction, and is used as an excuse to hide the non-functioning of the fraction.

SECTION RESPONSIBLE
There is another tendency which has found rather sharp expression in the San Francisco section: the tendency to make the functioning of shop units the direct responsibility of the Trade Union Commission. This has gone so far as to have some of the leading comrades in trade union work recommend to the Section Bureau the establishment of a particular industrial unit, and when the Section Bureau rejected the proposed basis for such a unit, the Trade Union leadership told the comrades to go ahead and build it anyway!

As expressed by one leading trade union bureau member: "What

does the Section Bureau know about trade union work and the need for such units? They don't carry A. F. of L. books!" The rejection of the proposal for that particular unit by the Section Bureau was interpreted as the arbitrary act of an ignorant intruder "muscling in" on the territory of the Trade Union Bureau. The Trade Union Bureau went so far as to propose that industrial units, when organized, shall be responsible to the Trade Union Commission rather than to the Section Committee for leadership!

A unit still remains the basic organization of the Party. And Section Committees still are responsible for leadership to all units—street, shop or industrial. An industrial unit, like any other, is a political body, not a trade union body, nor a defense body, nor an anti-fascist body alone. As such, it is responsible to the constituted political leadership of the Section—the Section Committee.

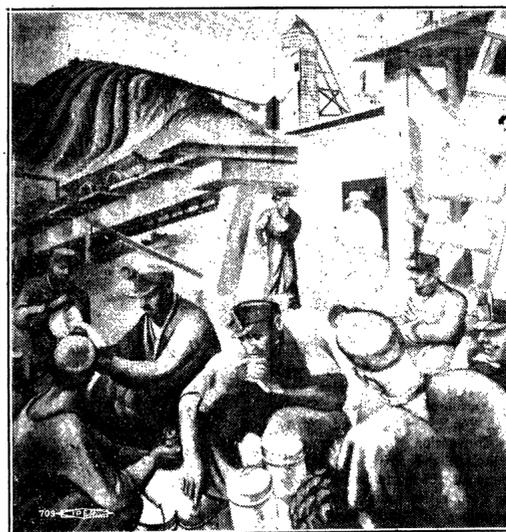
RANK AND FILE BULLETIN
One of the main arguments used for the establishment of industrial units in instances where the other conditions don't exist—such as the possibility of shop concentration, more effective recruiting, etc.—is that such a unit could help in getting out the rank and file bulletin.

There is no reason for the establishment of an industrial unit. A Rank and File Bulletin in a particular union should be issued by the members of the union who are not party members—by the organization and functioning of a rank and file group, whose responsibility the issuing of such a paper immediately becomes. We certainly do not want to have Rank and File Bulletins issued by the Communists in the union.

UNITS TEMPORARY
Let it be remembered that industrial units are only a temporary form of organization, that they are largely experimental in nature, and that their establishment does not mean the liquidation of fractions, nor do they take over the functions of a rank and file group in a union. The attempt to have an industrial unit issue a trade union bulletin is the sort of a step that would hamper the organization of a rank and file group rather than help build one.

In conclusion, the comrades in the Trade Union Commission must realize that the Section Committee is not acting arbitrarily in either agreeing to or rejecting the establishment of any particular industrial unit proposed. We do want to guard against the tendency to put every Communist Party member who is in a union into industrial units, with no consideration of the possibilities of such unit for functioning as a political leadership.

A MURAL OF MODERN AMERICA



The mural paintings in the social room at Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, executed by Joe Jones, have attracted wide attention from art critics. This section depicts life in the Arkansas coal fields, and the man at the left, in pouring water from a bucket, is using a time-honored means of giving a strike signal. Commonwealth college, by its pre-occupation with working class education, has aroused the noisy displeasure of William Randolph Hearst who describes it as a Communist institution. The wealthy governing class of America today has reached such a high stage of hysterics over the possible curtailment of their privileges that virtually every decent gesture toward labor and every sensible viewpoint on modern affairs is immediately decried as "Communist."

L. A. WORKERS THREATENED WITH INDUSTRIAL POISONING ON WPA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Blood-poisoning and serious infection threatens hundreds of workers on the Griffith Park WPA project, Spot 8, where they are building a golf house, yet officials are taking no precautions to safeguard the men, it was reported by a worker from the project to the Western Worker here today.

The men are forced to handle bare-handed, lumber which has been "Wolmanized"—treated with a chemical compound, part of which is sodium arsenite, a deadly poison and caustic to the skin. Lips of workers handling this

lumber are becoming raw, inflamed, and breaking out into sores, due to the workers touching their faces with their hands after carrying this lumber.

Many workers have run splinters into their hands, and are running an imminent risk of blood-poisoning and subsequent death.

Although the supervisors and "straw-bosses" on the job know the danger of handling this treated lumber, no gloves are provided to safeguard the men.

Workers are demanding that they be furnished heavy rubber gloves to protect themselves.

LAST CHANCE

BY CLIFF LECKRONE

Crack your whip, masters! Tighten the chain!
Drive on the slaves for your own wretched gain.
No thought of the future, no thought of the end,
So, crack the whip, masters, strong muscles unbend.

In mill and in mine, in forest and shop
Crack your whip, masters! 'Tis folly to stop.
On steamship, on railroad, the prairie, the farm,
Uncoil the lash! Unlimber your arm!

You can't find the whip? Now, don't be dismayed.
You still have your rope and your gas to be sprayed.
Or perhaps your bullets will do the job well,
Crack your whip, masters! Drive them like hell!

In case you've forgotten—the speed-up remains,
Low wages, starvation, with their grisly trains.
Unleash your blood-hounds: the well-paid police!
Crack your whip, masters! Don't let it cease.

Don't let it cease, masters? Pause for a while.
Slaves won't rebel? Ah, where is your smile?
Why do you falter? What do you fear?
Why are you trembling?—The answer is near:

"Arise!" cry the wage-slaves. "Arise and unite!"
"Turn the lash on the masters. All hands to the fight!"
United forever, you men of the earth
Who toil and produce. Arise! Prove your worth.

Crack your whip, masters! It is your last chance.
The music is dying, so finish your dance.
The slaves are rebelling; red dawn's on the brink.
Your whip will be broken; your chain will unlink.

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NURSE VOICES GRIEVANCES ON WORK AND PAY

SPLIT SHIFT AND SMALL PAY CHECK LOT OF HOSPITAL STAFF

By a Nurse.
LOS ANGELES.—I am a nurse employed in the Los Angeles Hospital of the Good Samaritan. This institution is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and all nurses employed here must attend chapel, or else. On Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8,—church again on our own time.

Another grievance is the split shift. For example: you work from 7 a. m. to 9:30 a. m., then hours off until 4 to 10 p. m., which necessitates four carfairs a day, if the nurse lives any distance away and does not wish to stay around the hospital on her off hours. Coupled with this is the cost of a clean uniform almost every day, ranging from 25¢ to 45¢, cap 10¢. Taking these expenses from our \$3.20 a day you can readily see how little the wages amount to.

A nurse has to go through considerable education, grammar school, high school and several years of college. Then three years of intensive study and training at practically no pay (from as low as nothing up to \$10 and sometimes \$18 or \$20 a month). To top all this the hospitals require one to be a state registered nurse. The state registration is getting harder to pass every year, thus narrowing the chances of employment.

Comparing our lot with the profession in the U.S.S.R.: a nurse in the Soviet Union is, as a matter of fact, a student doctor, whose ultimate aim is to engage in the medical profession.

Union's Drive for New Members Opens in Long Beach Area

By a Worker Correspondent.
LONG BEACH, Feb. 6.—Oil Workers' Union Local 128 is completing the first two weeks of a drive to organize the workers in the small refineries and drilling and field operations on Signal Hill.

Committees from the local have been visiting the hill daily and interviewing workers on the job, hearing their grievances and citing the gains made by the union. They are distributing a folder-leaflet entitled "A Message to Oil Workers," citing wagecuts and lengthening of hours since the outlawing of the NRA. The leaflet particularly shows the abuses of the so-called percentage and "hot oil" rackets where unscrupulous operators promise payment in oil or a "percentage" in the well, which usually cannot be collected.

Rank and Filers Are Ousted at Vacaville

By a Worker Correspondent.
VACAVILLE, Calif.—Manuel Escano, backed by the American Legion and the Solano Grocery Co., has been able to expel the rank and file leadership of the Union Espanol de Vacaville.

Before a recent meeting this Escano went from house to house intimidating lodge members by telling them that if they didn't get rid of the present executive committee the authorities would close the lodge. He even brought workers from Mountain View, paying their expenses and feeding them liquor so they would vote against the executive committee. Spanish workers are urged to protest. Send telegrams to the Solano Grocery Co. of Vacaville and to Manuel Escano of Mountain View.

WPA Workers Want Farmer-Labor Party

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Indicating the trend of large masses of workers away from the old-line capitalist parties, a worker on the WPA project of the Hooper Avenue Storm Drain reports that all of the workers on the job with whom he has contact are sympathetic to the creation of a Farmer-Labor Party in California, and are just waiting for the word "Go!"

EUREKA MILL Strikers Close DOWN PLANT

EUREKA, Calif.—Stubborn refusal of the Eureka Woolen Mills management to grant seniority rights, and the unfair practice of playing favoritism with certain employees during slack periods, resulted in a strike which has completely closed the mill. No increases in wages has been asked. The strike is in its fourth week and the textile workers are confident of ultimate victory. Public sympathy is with them and enough relief is in sight so that a long siege can be carried out, if necessary.

Leaflets circulated among the textile workers by the International Labor Defense and the Communist Party, suggesting strike tactics, were enthusiastically received.

REVOLUTIONARY SONGS BROUGHT FROM GERMANY

INDICATIVE OF MILITANT UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—An unusual concert, featuring recordings of revolutionary songs smuggled from underground Germany, featured the birth of the Modern Music Group last night at 764 North Hoover street.

Gerald Strang, American composer, opened the program with a talk on "Music on the Move," and also interpolated with descriptions of the various songs, most of which were sung in German. Ena Jory, soprano, sang three "Lullabies for Working Mothers," by Bert Brecht, poet, and Hanns Eisler, composer. Benny Goodman, tenor, sang two more songs by Brecht and Eisler, "Hitler the Dauber" and "The Peat Bog Soldiers."

Surging with militant power of the German underground movement were songs recorded in Germany and believed to be the only copies existing in the United States.

All workers interested in the Modern Music Group can contact it through the Los Angeles Bureau of the Western Worker, 224 South Spring street, Room 402.

Take advantage of the special mailing rates to groups of ten or more union members.

LACK OF FUNDS PENALIZES L.A. HI-SCHOOL GIRL

STUDENT UNABLE TO BUY GYM EQUIPMENT MAY GET DEMERITS

By a School Teacher.
LOS ANGELES.—Children of families on relief are being penalized in their studies and academic standing by their lack of funds.

The high school requires students to buy gymnasium suits, which, for a girl student, means 69 cents for middy, 69 cents for shorts, \$1.01 for gym shoes, besides a towel fee.

A family of four, with the father incapacitated, has had its relief budget cut from \$13.43 to \$11.06. They can't pay the rent of \$15. How are they going to buy the gym outfit? The father writes to ask that the daughter be excused from gym, and receives the answer that she will be given demerits if she doesn't attend.

Let's stop this victimizing of children! They are not responsible for the crisis. If the gymnasium classes are compulsory, let the gym suits and towels be furnished free, as they are in Philadelphia schools.

Mothers in the Parent-Teacher Association need to get together with the Public Works and Unemployed Union to force free gymnasium equipment from the Board of Education.

Hundreds Press for Jobs on NYA Project

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Hundreds of young workers, men and women, jammed the offices of the Playground and Recreation Department of Los Angeles this week, trying to get assignment to work on a National Youth Administration project at city playground and recreation centers.

Only 100 jobs are available, 50 for men and 50 for women, said Glen O. Grant, city community recreation supervisor.

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SPANISH DANCE for the Benefit of the Workers' Press, Sunday, Feb. 23, 1936, at 779 Vallejo st. Admission: Men, 25c; Ladies, 10c. Spanish Dishes. 8 p. m. Good music.

One Act Comedy, "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT", by Zoschenko. Given by the Maxim Gorky Cultural Society, Polish Club Hall, 3040 - 22nd street (at Shotwell). Saturday, February 15th, 8 p. m. Entertainment, Dance, Refreshments. Admission 35 cents.

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Twelve Years Ago Next April

"Gigantic conspiracies to rob the American people and to discredit and destroy the organized labor movement of this country have been discovered—

"According to evidence in hand—one of the main objects of the conspiracy said to be maintained in violation of the law—is the destruction and utter annihilation of the maritime unions and is known to be a fact.

"The conspiracy is masquerading before the public as the "American Plan"—the funds for this nefarious plan are being led by the Industrial Association of San Francisco and the Builder's Exchange.

"Conspicuous among the ship-owners who have contributed to the "American Plan" fund is—Dollar, it is reported.

"While these steamship companies are operating their vessels and doing business and seeking the protection of the American flag and are loud in proclaiming their loyalty to America and American institutions they, too, like the rest of the representatives are seeking to lower the standard of the American workmen by reducing their wages and increasing their hours of labor.

"They evidently believe that the best way to do this is to destroy the unions, as is shown by the fact that many of the big steamship companies were large contributors to the "American Plan" fund of the Industrial Association.

"Another group who are said to have entered into a conspiracy against the people, are the lumber dealers of California and the Pacific Coast.

"These representatives of big business are also allied with the so-called "American Plan" movement.

"Many of them have contributed handsomely to this fund. It is said that the lumber dealers and the steamship owners are working together, in violation of the Federal laws, in an effort to destroy the maritime Stevedores Union.

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in an effort to destroy the maritime unions and the Riggers and Stevedores' Union.

"Birds of feather: flock together" is an old and true saying and when it comes to combines and conspiracies against the people and organized labor, like birds of a feather they get together—it makes no difference about the race, color or creed, so long as they can accomplish their purpose.

"For instance it is only a few days since the people were shocked to learn that the plans and specifications of the American army aeroplanes had been delivered to the Japanese government.

"It is said that the agency through which the Japanese government came into possession of these valuable documents was the Mitsui Company—a gigantic Japanese trust—the Mitsui Company, Japanese though it be, is also part and parcel of the so-called "American Plan," having, it is reported, contributed \$1,000 to the "American Plan" fund of the Industrial Association. And in this connection it is well to bear in mind that the "American Plan" Industrial Association is creature and adjunct of the Chamber of Commerce, which quite often solicits the aid and cooperation of the Labor Unions whenever it has an axe to grind.

"Organized labor insists the entire lawless "American Plan" gang—American betrayers, corruptors of American legislatures, debauchers of the court, despoilers of American liberties, enemies of the American working man, must be exposed and made to answer for their nefarious act while masquerading as one hundred percent Americans, before the American bar of justice."

The above is an article copied from the April 12th, 1924 issue of "Organized Labor," under the heading—"Plot to Rob People—Wreck Unions."

Substitute the phrase "Open Shop" in place of the euphonious sounding "American Plan" and the article could well have been written today. It needs no further comment—save to recall on that date—Scharenberg was yet a member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

A Short Story MEN WITHOUT TIES By Carle

THE ONE-ARMED SOLDIER, THE TATTERED MAN, THE MINER WITH HOLES IN HIS SHOES—COMPARE WHAT THEY LOST WITH WHAT

THE KID NEVER HAD

(To Lillian,—who gave me the title from which the story developed,—Carl)

The Kid sat on a pad of twigs from the big tree—to prevent contact with the damp earth; sat with his sharp elbows resting on his knees, his face sandwiched between his hands. The flames from the fire cast running shadows on his narrow, colorless face. His hungry eyes looked deep into the past.

And they turned them out of the schools, hundreds at a time!—And they closed the factories, and gave damp-rust to the machines!

"That's right, Kid. No use running around the country—stay put!" the ex-soldier said,—he soldier who reached into his meagre bundle and extracted a lone piece of bread—(it's sliced!) Why wait till tomorrow? eat it now! Let tomorrow take care of itself!

And they destroyed sucking pigs by the thousands!

"Yep, get connected up with his youth movement. It's your only chance," the ex-miner added,—the miner who poured hot water over the used coffee grounds,—maybe he could color a drink anyway!

And they dumped coffee, tons at a time!

The man with his hands clasped over the back of his head staring at the ground, said nothing,—the man with the torn, grey suit,—well, it was grey once! The suit that was worn so thin in places it was transparent.

And they plowed under cotton!

"The frontier's breaking up, kid. You've got to rebuild it!"

But he wasn't listening—their voices mingled in a babble. The crackle of the fire merged with the sounds. The whole conglomerate unity broadened—louder—louder...

Shouts, stamping feet, cheers, whistles, the clamor of the crowd bathed him. He smiled from his face inward. What a grand feeling to be a hero! To be an outstanding basketball player. To have been the instrument that captured the championship...

They sat close together—the and she—on the slope of the lawn, that warm evening—with the party inside. His arm was draped automatically about her shoulders, and she snuggled close to him. He was conscious of it; the inquiring look and the glancing away—the nervous breathing—the sighs—the shiver of her body. All this he felt. Once he tried to see in her eyes, was positive there were tears. But he didn't want to presume and be

stump of his arm, painfully. "Memories are Hell sometimes!"—from between tight lips. No one answered. But the tattered man—the one in the thin, grey suit looked up. And lifted his hand to feel the back of his neck. He could have sworn there was something—something that rested with weight—warm and alive...

She put her arm over his neck. It was good to have a wife like that: kind, understanding, comforting. In moments like these it was life itself to feel the pressure of that arm and the words that went with it. She meant so much to him—his wife and the mother of the three little ones. Maybe she never knew how much he loved her. Perhaps his love was his outstanding virtue. But he couldn't help it if he was cast in a mold and couldn't get out because something clamped it down. He was a builder—he wanted to create—he couldn't be ruthless in the crazy system where you couldn't get work and you couldn't survive on relief.

But the little ones got thin—Jesus!—his kids getting thinner and thinner! And an arm around his neck wasn't going to feed them. It was that damn clamp again—the clamp on the mold that busted up his family. Somebody had to feed the kids—and he didn't blame her either... There were still men with jobs... Sure there were other women in the world. But, damn it! He wasn't that kind of a guy. Anyway, he had a family—well, once! And he didn't blame his wife, either. The little ones had to get fat again...

"You got to fight, Kid. Maybe it sounds screwy coming from me. But you've got to learn sometime."

"Yeah, only sometimes it happens too late," the miner said slowly. "Don't let it happen that way to you, Kid!" He was stuffing pieces of paper, from an old magazine, into his shoe—to make a pad over the hole. He almost had it back on his foot when he paused. Christ! His face looked funny!...

He drew the shoe on his foot—this young man—and then failed to locate the other. Where the devil was it? He looked around the corner of the chair and laughed outright. Sure, the baby had it—the baby had it and was pulling it around the floor by the lace! He had to sit back and watch the antics—the baby couldn't get his tiny foot into the gargantuan shoe—his head was too big for it, but the shoe looked funny perched up there—you couldn't eat it, either—with near-toothless gums...

"Every time I watch the little fellow I have to forget about this strike," he told his wife. She grinned up at him from the circle of his arms, while his fingers toyed with the hair around her ear—twisting it. And she gave him three, quick, teasing kisses... It was insufferably hot that night—in the strike year in Bigbee, Arizona—you couldn't sleep with anything over you. They were lying on top of the bed—naked—when the company hirelings broke in. It didn't make a damn bit of difference to

God! he a mere man and she, this delicate, diminutive girl... It might not happen now. It might not have had to happen then. But she was sensitive and afraid—with him so far away! It didn't have to happen then; the whole world approved, yet she turned hypocritically away. It was just the contradiction. Her background had taught her. She couldn't confide in any one—not her family... she didn't have medical attention,—she died in childbirth,—and the infant lived long enough to cry!

And who posed that moral code? And who sent him to war? He—the soldier—gripped the

them! They waited till he got some clothes on and took him out. Sure, he went,—he couldn't help himself. They loaded the strikers in cattle cars—packed everyone of them in the cars—two inches deep in animal filth. You could have died and still remained standing!... They drove them miles out on the desert and dumped them... He never did know what became of his wife and baby—left back there alone. Never! He never did find them. He went through Hell out there on the desert,—but this was worse...

"I'd give anything to see him pulling my shoe around the floor by the lace."

The Kid was thinking. Christ! it hurt to think!...

The one armed soldier—the tattered man—the miner with holes in his shoes... and him! Without a friend in the world, without a family—living on memories and damn little food. No one to care about you!

The soldier who didn't get his bonus, not even a crust of bread to cram down his throat... He couldn't come back to the girl he loved—never saw his baby! And who the hell wanted him now? Who wanted a cripple?—with his crooked "lean" and his one arm!

And the tattered man,—without his wife. Lost her to feed the children he would never see again. Sitting in the cold night over the heatless camp-fire with no other possession than a memory of her arm!

The miner who couldn't find his wife. Tortured with all the things he didn't know. Staring hopelessly into the night to bring back a picture of his baby pulling his shoe around by the lace—and the kiss of a wife!

And him... Maybe he was a kid. But he knew! And he lost,—all over a little work that he couldn't get... Gee! if she was only sitting with him now—close to him,—the way he was feeling; cold, alone, hungry! If he could only look into her eyes. If only her lips... he could almost feel them—their touch... There ain't no fooling about it. We're on the spot. Especially the kids."

"Kicked out of the house we built. Men without ties, maybe we're supposed to like it! Alone in the center of a crowd. Christ! Kid! Don't let them do it to you."

"Can it! Hell! the Kid's crying." And the Kid hurled himself up and stamped away, with a stubborn anger. Not at them, they were swell. But himself and his weakness.

The tattered man gestured a warning and started talking. "This is the life"—but he was on inconvincing actor—"Out in the open. Under the blue sky. Fresh air—"

"Shut up!" the Kid screamed whirling savagely. What if they did see his tears. "It's a hell of a way to live! Goddamit! I ain't going to be like you guys."

"That's right!" the soldier encouraged with enthusiasm. "Shout! Shout at the world! Cuss the whole damn system—and the lousy way you have to live!"

"Maybe, Kid—maybe, if you get mad enough—"

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

HAY FEVER

Visalia, Calif.

Dear Doctor: There's lots of hay fever around here. Do you know what's good for it?

ANSWER: When you drive through the country and attractive odors come wafting down the breeze, you may be pleased, but many people are thrown into agony. These odors consist of the pollen of various plants and trees, and the lining of certain people's noses is sensitive to different kinds of pollen.

When the pollen reaches the nose lining it causes the sensitive individual to sneeze violently, his eyes water and he becomes generally miserable. This is hay fever.

Each victim of this disease reacts to his own set of pollen. The result is that he gets attacks only during the seasons that his particular plants are in blossom. His sinuses may also become inflamed, and he may get attacks of asthma.

An attack may be temporarily relieved by placing drops containing from one to three percent ephedrine in the nose. This causes the swelling in the nose-lining to go down and the nose to dry up.

For many years, fairly successful attempts have been made to find the pollen to which each person reacts, through skin tests and to make him immune to these through injections. However, not a very large percentage of people thus treated get over their attacks.

Lately there have been reports in the medical journals of a method of treatment invented by a physician in Texas, Dr. Warwick. This method is called "ion-

ization" and consists of driving atoms of zinc, cadmium and tin into the nose lining with a very small electric current. The metal destroys the top layer of the lining with the sensitive nerve endings and a new layer with non-sensitive nerves grows in.

The reports on results in this method show that practically 100 per cent of all those created are cured.

ROSS-LOOS CLINIC

In a recent issue, we brought some examples proving that socialized medicine is more economical than individual practice. Since then, we have come across some figures on the Ross-Loos Clinic in Los Angeles, which is a form of socialized medicine.

According to the latest figures that we could obtain, those of 1931, the subscribers to the clinic paid about \$216,000 to the clinic during that year. In return for this, if the services rendered were figured on a low fee basis, they received about \$500,000 worth of service, or almost two and one-half times as much. In the opinion of objective medical observers, the quality of service was better than that rendered in private practice. Aside from the two owners, who paid themselves very substantial salaries, 11 of the doctors were paid from \$3000 to \$4000 and the other six were paid from \$4000 to \$5000. The average general practitioner in the U.S. had a net income in this year which was 20 percent lower than that of the average doctor in this clinic, and 30 percent of all general practitioners made less than one-third of this.

This additional example proves very conclusively the superiority of socialized medicine.

WE WOMEN WORKERS

CONDUCTED BY M ARJORIE CRANE

MY DAY

In a letter that appeared here recently, a comrade said she'd like to see a record of "My Day" written, not by Eleanor Roosevelt, but by the great American housewife. The idea is, it seems, a natural. In a letter to "Time" magazine, which was printed in the correspondence column of the January 27th issue, Edith M. Driscoll of Evanston, Ill., tells about her day:

After reading your excerpts from Dame Roosevelt's column "My Day" (TIME, Jan.13) I wonder if some enterprising newspaper editor could use an account of my day's activities. It would go something like this:

Rise at 6. Fifteen minutes of exercise which consists of descending two flights of stairs, shaking down the furnaces and building fire in water heater. Back to kitchen. Prepare breakfast for twelve persons, including self. Serve orange (not prune) juice extracted by hand from two dozen oranges, breakfast toast and poached eggs. Then say good-bye to one school-teacher, four stenographers and two highschool freshmen. Eight o'clock. Wash dishes. Do family wash which con-

sumes three hours. Get lunch for five. Wash dishes, make beds and dust. Clothes now ready to be ironed. Wield iron for two hours. Four o'clock. Put roast in oven and prepare potatoes and two vegetables. Dessert will be mince pie, baked yesterday from mincemeat, self-made during week before Thanksgiving. Serve dinner at 6:30. Fifteen minute pause after dessert to listen to burst of rhetoric from unemployed husband and student of Union. Dinner dishes washed and dried by highschool boy and girl. One hour of listening to radio (NO SPEECHES)—ho hum—and so to bed, weary, but glad and thankful not to have to work so hard as our first lady.

Suggestion to Mr. Driscoll. You might find a more willing ear to your theories on the state of the union if you'd talk to your wife about it while you were wringing the clothes or peeling the spuds.

Suggestions to Mrs. Driscoll. Listen, if you can bear it, to some of those radio speeches, and see what rhetoric is able to keep the union in such a state that your husband, willing and eager to work, is not given a chance to work at his trade, at a wage that will release you from that 50-miles-an-hour treadmill you are tied to.

Books and Pamphlets

JAPAN'S DRIVE FOR CONQUEST, by Grace Hutchins. International Pamphlets No. 47, 1935, 31 pp. 5c.

Reviewed by John Markel. That the Far Eastern situation holds one of the important keys to future history is admitted by all. Therefore the importance of clearly understanding the forces at work should be apparent.

In "Japan's Drive for Conquest" Grace Hutchins describes the development of Japanese imperialism during the last six or seven years. She explains the relationship of governmental forces, of the conflict between the military and diplomatic factions. In Japan, about four large families control the economic and political life, thus making more obvious the Fascist character of finance capital. The fact of the comparatively late start of Japanese imperialism gives rise to a need for more open military aggression to seize markets and sources of raw materials. That the plunder of Manchuria in 1932 by military force has been of no value to the general population of Japan is clearly brought out in the comparison of the wage scales, cost of living index, number of unemployed and increased taxes due to increased military expenditures between 1931 and the present time. The workers in Japan, however, are not taking this Fascist suppression without a struggle. Miss Hutchins tells of the growing number of strike strag-

gles, even though a strike in Japan is met immediately by state suppression. While the revolutionary movement must work underground in the most difficult conditions, the movement is gaining force and influencing wider numbers of workers and peasants. Continual agitation is being carried on among the populace and the army against the imperialist policy of the government and in support of the Chinese Soviets.

In this pamphlet, the importance of the fight against Japanese fascism for the working class of the world is made plain. Forces must be rallied everywhere in opposition to Japanese aggression which can only end in an attack against the Soviet Union. Every effort must be made to support the struggles of the Japanese and Chinese workers in their fight to stop the increasing influence of Fascist Japan.

Green Declares War On Money Inflation

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10.—William Green, conservative president of the American Federation of Labor in a recent statement opposing currency inflation declared that organized labor would insist on wage increases at once. His statement was issued on authority of the A. F. L. Executive Committee. Among other things Green pointed out that "inflation will seriously effect the economic and social welfare of the masses of the people."

CONCERNING RULING CLASSES

"... What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that the people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of tyrants. It is its natural manure."—Thomas Jefferson. "There never did, there never will, and there never can exist a Parliament, or any description of men, or any generation of men, in any country, possessed of the right or the power of binding and controlling posterity to the 'end of time'... Every age and generation must be as free to act for itself in all cases as the age and generations which preceded it."—Thomas Paine.

Landon Holds Teachers' Pay

TOPEKA, Feb. 7.—Frank L. Pinet, secretary of the Kansas State Teachers' Association, in urging the candidacy of Governor Landon for President, commented today on Landon's active support of education, saying:

"On the basis of my acquaintance with Governor Landon and with his policies as Governor, I would unhesitatingly commend him to those interested in the welfare of American schools as one deeply interested in and having a fundamental understanding of the value of education."

MULBERRY, Kan.—Nearly 600 school students struck today because their teachers cannot collect back pay. Students marched through the business district in a demonstration against the city council which rejected a plan to sell an abandoned school and use the proceeds to pay the teachers.

Employees of Empire State Building Threaten Walk-Out

Al Smith Pays Starvation Wages to Workers, Denies Bargaining

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Liberty Leaguer Al Smith pays his employees starvation wages and refuses them collective bargaining! These were the charges brought by President James J. Bambrick of Local 32-B of the Building Service Employees' Union against the head of the corporation which now operates, the Empire State Building.

Bambrick charged that heads of families getting less than \$25 a week have been forced to take a 25 per cent wage slash. Repeated attempts of the union to deal with the building owners have been ignored.

The Union demands an agreement with the Smith Corporation, restoration of the 25 per cent wage cut, a 25 per cent increase for all workers receiving less than \$25 a week and a 40-hour week. The Empire State Building, together with scores of other buildings throughout the city, may be the scene of a Building Service Employees' walk-out early this month unless satisfactory agreements are signed with the union before the deadline.

Habeas Corpus Is Denied Victim of Centralia Outrage

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 10.—Ray Becker, last of the victims of the Centralia massacre frame-up, is back in the penitentiary today after his attempt to secure freedom on a writ of habeas corpus had been blocked in federal court here.

Judge C. C. Cavanaugh of Boise dismissed Becker's petition and sustained a demurrer filed by the deputy attorney general. Becker's witnesses were denied a hearing.

He is under a 25 to 40-year sentence for second degree murder growing out of the events of the infamous Armistice Day, 1919, at Centralia in which four legionnaires were killed in a vicious and unwarranted raid on a workers' hall. Irvin Goodman, International Labor Defense attorney who is handling the case, when questioned about further legal moves, stated: "No, we're not beaten. We can appeal to the United States Court of Appeals at San Francisco. He's a class war prisoner."

He's Worn Those Glasses Long Enough



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Are Eastern I.S.U. Officials Afraid of the Ballot Count?

Results of the balloting by 28,000 Eastern and Gulf Coast members of the International Seamen's Union are being held up by district officials, who are evidently afraid that the results show too plainly that the Eastern seamen are overwhelmingly against renewal of the old agreement, and are ready to strike to equalize conditions with those won by united maritime unions on the Pacific Coast in 1934.

The officialdom also sees in the early results, which indicated the overwhelming trend against those "quiet" efforts by officials to renew the old agreement, a decided stand against official "war against the West Coast" I.S.U. barthes.

The month-old convention with its hand-picked delegates and reactionary officials faces an aroused rank and file, and must be compelled to immediately announce the ballot results, which beyond all doubt call for strike action, even though such action is not specified in the ballot.

A resolution passed by the New York branch meeting last week gives the officials two weeks to announce balloting results, and calls for strike action if a 20 per cent wage increase and other demands are not granted before February 24th.

West Coast sailors may well take heart from the rising militancy of the East Coast sailors. Wages must be equalized; unity (I.S.U. membership) must be maintained.

The handwriting is on the wall.

The U.M.W.A. Convention Results Are Significant For All Progressives!

The recent convention of the United Mine Workers of America, with larger representation and a healthier outlook than in many years, is notable for several progressive achievements. The largest single union in the country, it declared through its delegates:

AGAINST

1. Jim-Crow locals and racial discrimination.
2. All anti-working class legislation such as the Dies Bill, Kramer Bill, and Tydings-McCormick Bill.
3. The Hearst press, giving the executive board discretionary powers.
4. The dictatorial powers of the Supreme Court.
5. The American Liberty League and its reactionary millionaire backers.
6. Participation in the Berlin Olympic Games because of Hitler's ruthless action against organized labor and persecution of anti-fascists.

On the other hand, the decision to back Roosevelt, based largely upon fear that otherwise the Guffey Bill (of particular interest to miners) will

CIVIL LIBERTY DEFENDERS WIN COURT DECISION

DISTRIBUTORS OF ANTI-WAR LEAFLETS FREED

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—Civil liberty defenders won a significant victory when Phil Davis, appealing a police court decision sentence meted out for distributing anti-war literature on Armistice Day, was declared "not guilty" by Superior Court Judge Batchelor.

Davis was arrested and sentenced by Police Judge Bell under the city ordinance against distribution of "advertising" on school grounds.

The Superior Court Judge ruled that the case could not go to jury because there were no grounds for a guilty verdict.

Seattle Corporation Counsel bowed to the Superior Court ruling and dismissed the pending cases of Hallonen, Block and Spillman, all appealing from Bell's sentences under the ordinance for distributing anti-war leaflets to high school students on Armistice Day, 1935.

FDR Dispels Illusions of Self-Help Plan

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Liberals who believed the Roosevelt administration was for production for use, if introduced gradually, received a stunning blow here this week when word was received from Washington that the Federal government had definitely refused to provide funds for a cooperative self-help program for the unemployed.

Only ray of hope held out was that perhaps Dr. Rexford Tugwell's Resettlement Administration might "go for" the cooperative plan.

Student Vote Hits Military Training

BERKELEY, Feb. 9.—By a 2-to-1 vote the students at the University of California this week declared themselves in favor of voluntary instead of compulsory military training for men undergraduates.

be defeated by a reactionary anti-Roosevelt united front, is evidence of political short-sightedness. This was maneuvered carefully by the top leadership by means of carefully staged ballyhoo for Roosevelt, otherwise the endorsement would have been defeated, as dozens of locals had already recorded support for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The fight on salary-raises was bitter, and though it went over, the popular hostility was so intense that Lewis voluntarily declined the increase.

The decision against district autonomy in elections is by no means concluded. The fight will be carried on.

On the whole, however, tremendous steps forward were made. The convention is of significance to the American working class for its decided backing for Lewis' progressive policy, opposition to Green even to the point of howling him down, and support for the most important progressive issues of the day.

Sinclair's Defection Calls for Change in EPIC Policy

"I have just cut my last contact with the EPIC movement!"

With these words Upton Sinclair seeks escape from the inevitable consequences of a policy of political dickering and compromise against which we warned the loyal fighters for production-for-use many months ago. It is retreat, and hardly with dignity. Such an attitude is wholly at odds with the persistency in struggle required by the working class and its middle class allies in the fight against the bitter poverty and suffering caused by capitalist crisis.

The entire miserable business of seeking to dam anti-capitalist sentiment, which demanded a clean break with the politicians who flocked into the EPIC movement to their own selfish advantage, has led the entire movement into a blind alley. Sinclair, by his defection, recognizes this. He seeks to escape.

But Sinclair, figure-head worshipped with blind faith by so many people, is not entirely responsible; there are many in leading posts who had not the courage to fight openly for what they secretly believed—an open anti-fascist movement in close alliance with all other progressives.

What do they—Olson led—hope to accomplish with the ridiculous dickering with Roosevelt forces? These masters at "run-around" leadership have shown how unsympathetic they are to any progressive move, by their final refusal to finance the self-help cooperative plan, after months of shunting Winslow Carlton from office.

What is the future of EPIC? Shall the entire movement founder because of the loss of the "great leader"? Shall it founder on the rock of bitter machine politics in the battle with Olson and McAdoo for control of the Democratic Party? Or shall it, at the forthcoming EPIC emergency convention, make a determined stand to preserve unity among the progressive members and seek strength by joining hands with all other groups determined to seek independent political action?

We assert that only the latter path will keep EPIC intact and give it a resurgence of political health. We point to the fact that in addition to the progressive majority of Democratic registrations, some 50,000 progressive individuals "declined to state" party affiliations, most of them finding no available political party to fit their needs.

Epic members! Fellow progressives! We urge you to give serious thought to the question of anti-fascist, progressive political unity for the coming elections. A vigorous campaign begun in the immediate future will put the Farmer-Labor Party into the field in California and show the way to the rest of the country.

Abandon the old policy, which has led to such miserable results. Join hands with all progressives and build an independent party—the Farmer-Labor Party.

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Keeping Members Is Major Job in Recruiting

Here are the results of the Recruiting Drive to date (Feb. 11th) by sections:

Section	Quota	Recruited
San Francisco	100	58
Los Angeles	200	141
East Bay	50	29
San Diego	21	11
San Bernardino	11	8
Sacramento	12	2
Contra Costa	10	2
San Jose	8	1
San Mateo	8	11
Bakersfield	8	0
Santa Barbara	8	3
Sonoma	8	4
Fresno	8	1
Stockton	8	9
Fort Bragg	8	1
Monterey	6	0
Arizona	6	3
Eureka	6	0
Merced	6	3
Porterville	4	0
Tulare	4	0
Nevada	4	1
Total	500	288

KEEP THE NEW MEMBERS

We have recruited during the first six or seven weeks of the drive 290 new members. Some sections of the Party have gone over the 50 per cent mark while others have already over-fulfilled the quota for the drive (San Mateo). This is good! This only shows the recruiting possibilities of our entire Party and to what extent our Party could grow if every member would be on the job.

There are a number of precautions, however, the sections and units should take IMMEDIATELY to guarantee that we will hold every member recruited.

As yet the dues payments do not reflect the fact that we have recruited several hundred members. This can only mean that the new members have not yet been assimilated, have not yet been drawn into the life and work of the unit. The first task facing the units is to bring these members in, make them feel at home, adopt a friendly and comradely attitude, discuss the work and problems of the unit—in such a manner making the new members feel that they are at home in the unit and not strangers among strangers. If the unit would assign one of the older comrades to spend some time with the new member during the first few weeks that he is in the Party, this would go a long way to bringing the member closer to the problems of the unit.

HALT FLUCTUATION

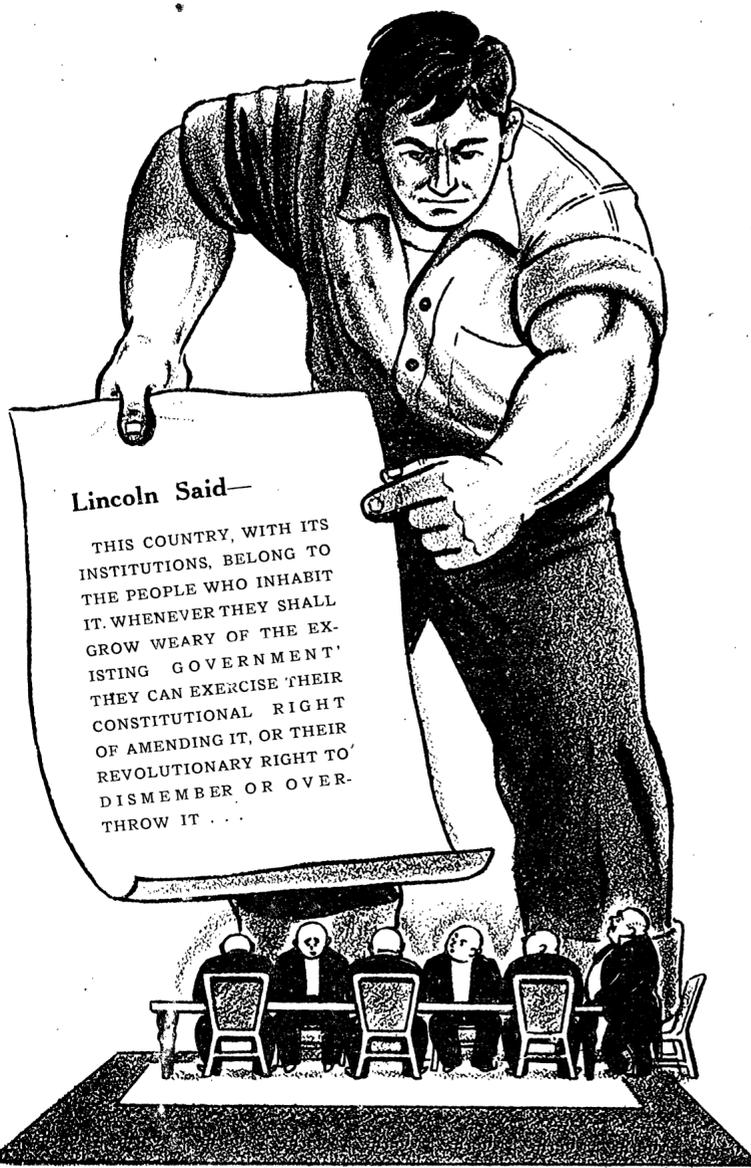
One of the main reasons why new members often quickly drop out of the Party is the fact that they are immediately overburdened with many assignments. We should and can avoid this in the present recruiting drive. The first assignment for each new member should be the NEW MEMBERS CLASS. Here he should be acquainted in an elementary and popular form with the program and tasks of the Party. This will give the comrade the basis for understanding more readily how the Party works and its tasks.

When the comrade has finished such a class, the unit organizer should then discuss with him the work he can do. Here we should keep in mind that we do not want the comrade to break connections with his friends, with the organization to which he belongs. We should therefore discuss his work among his own friends, in the organization to which he belongs, and which he knows. Assigning tasks of this kind to the new member will make him feel that the Party does not want him to break his entire past life—but makes it possible for him to really work effectively among these people.

The Party unit, especially the unit organizer, should know the life of the new member at home—what family obligation he has, what the attitude of his wife is to the Party, etc. We have to keep these questions in mind when assigning a new member to work so that we will not overburden him and thus create difficulties for him at home. Considerations given to these questions by the unit will help us to tie the new member closer to the Party, as well as bringing his family nearer to us.

District Org. Dept.

America's Alright,—It's the People Who Own It



A Lesson in Union Busting

A STUDY OF THE SAN PEDRO CANNERY STRIKE

By a Cannery Worker.

If we are to take seriously the report of Comrade Browder to the recent plenum, we should examine our activities in the light of the following declaration: "The conditions are now such that the Communists must and can assume responsibility for the fate and well-being of the working class and of all toilers today and every day. This means, however, that we must break with the remnants of the old methods of mere propaganda; it means that we must thoroughly eradicate all remnants of the old traditions that we are only an opposition that has little to offer the masses until the revolution becomes mature."

AN ANALYSIS

Assuming responsibility for the fate and wellbeing of the working class today and every day, then we must ask ourselves if we acted correctly in the recent cannery situation. Let us make a brief review of the incidents in Mr. Buzzell's latest union-busting triumph and see if our hindsight agrees with our foresight on all our actions.

Here we had a union which was organized in October, 1933. Conditions were ripe and the organization expanded rapidly until it had some 400 members. Then the companies got alarmed and bought out one of the leaders by putting him on a salary, after which a process of slow strangulation of the union began. By June, 1935, the union had shrunk to 60 paid-up members, with 14 attending meetings. At that time a Communist fraction got busy; and the union began to grow. By the end of October it had 1200 members, had effected working agreements with all the companies on Terminal Island (except California Packing Corporation, which it had kept shut down) and had begun organization in Long Beach and Balboa. This was accomplished under the political and organizational leadership of Communists.

UNION-BUSTING

On November 17, Mr. J. W. Buzzell dramatically informed the union membership in a special meeting that they would have to expel their business agent be-

cause he was a Communist. The membership voted the instruction down, and the meeting ended in an uproar.

The next morning the Strike Committee of the California Packing Corporation strike prepared an Appeal to Organized Labor stating the case and asking for support against Buzzell's threat to remove the union charter if the union did not accept his instruction. This appeal was distributed in the number of 5000 copies.

At the regular union meeting on Monday evening, Buzzell again instructed the membership to expel their business agent, and again he was rebuffed by the membership. He left, threatening that the charter would be cancelled and took it with him.

"RIGHT" AND "LEFT"

At this time many of the workers were proposing the slogan, "For amalgamation with the fishermen in an industrial union, if the charter is taken." We issued the slogan, "For the right to choose our own officers, and fight for the charter. Continue as an independent union if the charter is taken, and fight for readmission." However, because of lack of political guidance from the section, the fraction wavered between a leftist policy of amalgamation with the fishermen, or at least independence from the A. F. of L. and a rightist policy of capitulating to Buzzell.

That week Buzzell, seeing the attitude of the membership toward his demand for expulsions, showed willingness to make some kind of face-saving compromise; but we, not realizing the extent of his destructive intentions, refused to make any bargains with him. However, we agreed that we would put the question once more to the membership,—shall we accept the instruction of the A. F. of L. officialdom or not?—That is, shall we expel our business agent and be assured of keeping our charter; or shall we retain our business agent and risk forfeiting the charter? We explained the implications of both courses; but, again because of political unclarity, we held up the possibility of continuing as an independent organization. The vote was 79 for accepting the

instruction, 109 against. Buzzell stated that the charter positively would be taken.

SHOWDOWN

Our delegates were no longer admitted into the San Pedro Central Labor Council. We had no organized, consistent support there. Three unions had passed resolutions supporting the F. C. W. U., but they did not follow this up with any action in our behalf. In Los Angeles, Buzzell was only weakly challenged by a 17 to 60 rollcall vote on the question of his disruptive tactics in dealing with the Fish Cannery Workers' Union.

On December 2, new officers were elected. The militants swept the slate. Two days later we received official notice from Buzzell that our charter had been revoked. Buzzell propositioned the cannery owners to allow him to post men at the door of each plant to inspect all workers for A. F. of L. membership books before they are allowed to work. He called an open meeting to organize another union, but the militants were there in full force. They exposed Buzzell's effort to cooperate with the cannery owners and force them into a "new A. F. of L. union," without the slightest regard for the elements of democracy. No one offered to join a new union. Instead, a resolution was passed demanding that the charter be returned to the old local.

COMPANY'S ATTACK

By this time the companies had launched a campaign to discredit our organization and disintegrate it. Discrimination against active union members began. "Good Union" patriots, sponsored by foremen and foreladies, began circulating membership applications for a "new A. F. of L. Union." In ones and twos the weaker elements began to sign up. At the Coast Fishing Company, most active in the persecution of our members, a meeting was held in the plant, with the approval of the management, and the workers were exhorted to join a "good union." The company had announced that it considered the agreement with our union null and void, in view of the removal of the charter.

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

"If you destroy the leisure class, you destroy civilization." J. Pierpont Morgan, America's least useful and most prosperous inhabitant unburdened himself of this philosophy before the Senate Munitions Committee last week.

It will seem strange without civilization, but I guess we will get accustomed to it. We will have a splendid aristocracy. Mr. Morgan to flip his dirty cigar butts into gold plated cuspidors, but we will have well fed children, no unemployment, social security and no more munitions industries left to investigate.

MUCH WORSE

But the truth is more horrible than Mr. Morgan anticipates. We are not going to destroy the leisure class. We are going to put them to work.

We're going to turn Mr. Morgan's palatial estates into rest homes for labor.

We're going to melt down all his battleships and make roller skates for the kids.

And we're going to give Mr. Morgan a nice fragrant "situation" as inventory clerk in a fertilizer factory.

When we get finished there won't be enough of his "civilization" left to put in a freak show.

COMMON DISEASE

Many well informed people believe that Mr. Morgan is not responsible for either his actions or his statements, but that he is suffering from a very prevalent upper class disease, "Athletes Foot of the Brain." William Randolph Hearst is the most marked sufferer from this malignant affliction, but all the members of the Liberty League show decided symptoms.

Sufferers from this ailment share the common belief that civilization is a ladder of human noses up which they are privileged to climb to wealth. They believe that in six days the Lord created the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh handed the lead to them. The devil, enraged at their comfort, created the rest of the population to torment them. So that now the earth is overrun with intruders.

DEFINITIONS

The Liberty League is convinced that civilization is a cigar in the mouth of Morgan.

The working class believes that civilization is food in the mouths of their children.

DISEASED LOGIC

Athletes Foot of the Brain invariably produces an upside down logic in the minds of the sufferers.

For example there are two distinct leisure classes today. There are the luxuriant parasites represented by Mr. Morgan himself. These are possessed of a sufficiency of good solid cash, food without limit, comforts in abundance and estates that sprawl over hundreds of acres of land. They are well fixed.

Then there is the other leisure class, the unemployed. Seventeen million men and women (children not counted), who have empty pockets, empty cupboards, and are crowded into hovels. They have very real worries.

PERVERTED PITY

And yet the curious upside down logic of the Liberty League brain is oppressed with worry over the comfortable parasites, but not in the least concerned with the welfare of the hungry.

A longshoreman the other day made an excellent analysis of the capitalist class of America. He called them a "dirty pack of degenerate swine." That is putting it very mildly, but Mr. Morgan could probably gather a rough idea of his own quality from it.

There is only one known cure for Athletes Foot of the Brain (sometimes called capitalist ideology). The working class of the Soviet Union has applied it with 100 per cent satisfactory results.

In discussing the situation, it was decided that, in order to defend the conditions won and the organization, a strike would be a better effect than allowing the militants to be discharged and the others to be herded into a company union. We decided that bad as the situation was, it would be worse if we followed a do-nothing policy and allowed the company to continue its provocations.

(Concluded in next issue.)

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