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PANIC-STRICKEN REDS REPLY

We Didn't Steal His Union Label

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—A few weeks ago it was "civil war." This time it's "Reds in Panic."

Mr. Henry Sanborn, publisher of the red-baiting "American Citizen," San Rafael tabloid sheet, is at it again.

His January 31 issue of the "Citizen" told how Harry Bridges had threatened "civil war" on the local waterfront. Since no civil disturbance of any kind was forthcoming, he creates a newspaper "panic."

But Major Sanborn's February 15 issue of the "American Citizen," scattered in thousands about the city this morning, hardly does the editor justice. And it certainly fails to do justice to the Reds.

Editor Sanborn, in his leading article, headlines "REDS IN PANIC." He accuses the Western Worker, in its "baby" issue put out as an antidote to the unborn type of slander and lies, intentionally deleting the union label from a photostatic copy of the "Citizen."

This is strange. Surely a man as well versed in union affairs as Major Sanborn claims to be should know that rules of the Typographical Union forbid one print shop from reproducing the union label of another shop in this manner. Or perhaps he didn't know. The Communists could teach the editor of the "Citizen" quite a few things.

WHAT PANIC? Furthermore, a careful investigation of all "known Communist quarters" this morning shows the Western Worker offices intact. There was no sign of "panic" on the waterfront. Did Editor Sanborn's open appeal for vigilante terror miss fire?

For publicity purposes no doubt, the Major, in his leading article of the "panic" issue incorrectly assumes that San Francisco Longshoremen read and digested the "facts" contained in his "civil war" issue. Actually, the contrary is true.

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Fifty Jailed As L.A. Police Push Transient Pogrom

MINING MAN DEMANDS INJUNCTION AGAINST CHIEF DAVIS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Victims of Police Chief Davis' Fascist "legion" in Los Angeles and on the state borders, 50 transient workers were remanded to 10-day jail sentences here this week by Municipal Judge A. A. Scott, reactionary son of Joe Scott, organizer of the Knights of Columbus' Fascist "patrols."

The American Civil Liberties Union is requesting prosecution of Chief Davis under the laws of Interstate Commerce, in a letter to George B. McGinty, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington.

The letter charged that L. A. police are violating the interstate commerce act by returning transient workers to other states in box cars.

Meanwhile, police here continued their terroristic raids, arresting workers on the streets, in beer parlors, cheap theaters, pool halls, etc.

Attempted "justification" by Chief Davis and other reactionary leaders here is that "some of those arrested have criminal records."

Meanwhile, John Langan, mining man, today filed suit in federal court for an injunction to halt any attempt to prevent him from entering California. Chief Davis has been ordered to appear in court March 2 to show cause why the injunction should not be granted.

People's Front Wins Votes of Spain

COMMUNISTS SEAT 14 IN PARLIAMENT

PREMIER MANUEL AZANA CHOSEN TO FORM NEW CABINET

Political Released

RED FLAGS FLY AND THE INTERNATIONAL IS SUNG IN MADRID

MADRID, Feb. 19.—Manuel Azana, radical Republican, tonight became head of the Spanish cabinet to succeed Premier Manuel Portela Valladares whose rightist and ro-fascist government was voted out of office in an overwhelming victory for the People's Bloc here Sunday.

First act of the Azana government was the ordering by the Supreme Court of an amnesty for all political prisoners and participants in the October, 1934, revolutionary uprising. More than 30,000 were jailed.

Although Azana has stated neither Communists nor Socialists will be given cabinet positions, the Communist Party seated 14 deputies in the Cortez legislative body.

Sunday's parliamentary election gave the People's Bloc between 250 and 260 of the 473 Cortez seats to be filled. Jose Maria Gil Robles, conservative, pro-Fascist Catholic leader managed to win 35 seats and other parties won 110. Extreme rightists—the Carlists and Alphonso monarchists—were completely out of the picture.

PEOPLE'S FRONT

Election results point to the establishment of a strong People's Front government in Spain. Fearful of election results, the Valladares government, prompted by Gil Robles already had declared an eight-day "state of siege" which was regarded from the Left as a move toward decreeing a "state of civil war."

The government threatened martial law in several cities, but was forced to withdraw the order when the people threatened general strikes in reprisal.

Red flags flew throughout Madrid and everywhere the people were to be heard singing the International. Socialists and Communists unitedly celebrated their victories and Socialist leaders were engaged in serious discussions over their participation in the new government.

Following the election and before Azana became premier, 20,000 demonstrated in the center of Madrid demanding amnesty for all

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WAR AGAINST U.S.S.R. IS PLOTTED IN ROME

MURDER PLUS SUICIDE



Dupes of imperialist greed! These Italian soldiers gaze at their machine gun as if somewhat doubtful of its true meaning. They are discovering that for all the war means to them, they might as well be shooting at themselves. The result is the same. Revolts, desertions and uprisings are the order of the day both on the African front and at home.

Conspiracy of World Capitalist Powers Seen in Parley

Germany-Italy-Japan Urged to Attack Soviet Union

As forecast exclusively in the Western Worker for many weeks, world capitalist powers are maneuvering to solve the current European war crisis by directing the belligerence of Germany and Italy toward the borders of the Soviet Union.

Armed to the teeth and driven to desperation by internal unrest these two fascist powers have been threatening to precipitate world conflict in the hope of preserving themselves in the resultant turmoil.

FASCISM UNITING

A projected alignment between Italy, Germany, Austria and Poland is now being completed with the frankly proclaimed purpose of attacking the Soviets. Conferences of an emergency nature have been held in Rome during the past few days, participated in by practically all fascist powers.

Chief factors in the emergency are the impending collapse of fascism in Italy, the proposed Franco-Soviet pact, and the wave of revolutionary struggles which has swept the world during the past month.

REVOLUTION

Overwhelming failure of the Ethiopian invasion, which Mussolini embarked on to relieve and distract the mounting discontent within Italy, has resulted in a situation where he faces revolution whether he pushes the fiasco further or withdraws in disgrace. His only hope of preserving capitalism in Italy is to precipitate a major war elsewhere in the hope of distracting the masses, and to provide an excuse for withdrawing from the fatal African adventure.

Capitalist powers were capable of both halting the invasion and preventing Italy from running amuck by imposing complete oil sanctions. Since this would have resulted in the downfall of Italian capitalism, they successfully sabotaged the whole embargo issue in the League of Nations and proceeded toward developing the present fascist alignment and directing it against the U.S.S.R.

EXPANSION CRY

Germany, with her persistent clamor for return of her colonies presented a problem in armed belligerence no less alarming than Italy.

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Epic Convention at Los Angeles Sunday

By John Broman. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Against a background of political sell-outs and betrayals, Epic workers from throughout California will assemble here next Sunday, February 23rd, in the third convention of the End Poverty League, Inc., with the scheduled purpose of selecting a "100 per cent straight Epic slate of delegates to the Democratic National Convention and to select a presidential candidate."

The convention will assemble in the Epic Temple, 123 North Lake street.

That the Epic workers are alive to the menace of political corruption of Epic principles is seen in the fact that a great many delegates are planning to raise the issue of independent political action before the convention, which is proclaimed by delegates as the "No Compromise Convention."

NO M'ADOO—NO OLSON?

At the January convention, the militant delegates frequently interrupted reactionary speakers, such as State Senator Culbert L. Olson, with cries of "No Compromise!" and "No M'Adoo!"

It is doubtful that Senator Olson will even dare to appear for a second such boozing as he received at the January assembly, when he attempted to justify his sell-out of Epic principles to the opportunistic collaboration with reactionary Senator W. G. McAdoo; nor will he dare to attempt an explanation of his acceptance of a \$10,000-a-year job from Jim Farley's Democratic crew of plunderers.

It is reported that Senator Olson, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, is very dubious that the nearly 900,000 Epic voters of 1934 can be retained within the Democratic Party, in this election.

THIRD PARTY HINTED

Another report from a reliable source is that Kate Richards O'Hare, executive secretary of Epic board of directors, and Paul Bruns, lawyer connected with many political deals of dubious benefit to the workers, are planning to form—not a united front Farmer-Labor Party—but a "third party."

Kate O'Hara has stated to people she formerly knew in the

SINCLAIR SELECTS

Upton Sinclair is still trying to lead the movement by the nose as was seen by an editorial entitled "Forward Epic!" in the Feb. 17 issue of the Epic News: "Under the California Primary laws, if our delegates are to be voted for as a block, they have

TYDINGS WILL NOT BACK OWN ARMY MEASURE

DISAFFECTION BILL WOULD THROTTLE CRITICISM WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Senator Tydings of Maryland has withdrawn his support from the military disaffection bill which he introduced into Congress at the request of Wall Street interests.

The bill, on the surface, was intended to keep army morale up by guarding the soldiers from so-called "agitational propaganda."

Actually it would have caused any person to be thrown in jail who dared to criticize anything about the army, from the cut of an officer's trousers to the New Deal Administration's policy of spending billions of dollars in preparation for war while cutting relief expenditures to the bone.

Widespread indignation against the bill, including protests from many progressive groups and individuals, no doubt had much to do with the Maryland Senator's action in withdrawing his support.

(For further details on disaffection and sedition bills, see Page Three.)

National, District C.P. Conventions Postponed to June

The Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party, previously announced for March 8th in New York, and the District Convention announced for February 29th in Fresno, Calif., have both been postponed until June. Communist Party of America.

ISU DELEGATES! BACK ON COAST

Hiring Hall Threats Of I. S. U. Officials Arouses Protests

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Pacific Coast delegates returned home today from the International Seamen's Union Convention, while the local agents for the I.S.U. awaited the arrival of one Ivan Hunter, purported "head" of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

S. A. Silvers, former member of the Sailors' Union and representative of the I.S.U. heralded the expected arrival of Hunter with the announcement, through the Hearst press of the opening of "a hiring hall within ten days."

The very next issue of the local Hearst rag, however, ran a statement attributed to Silvers which stated that "Ivan Hunter was merely going to lock the situation over."

All three I.S.U. unions are maintaining a quiet stand until they have heard the full report of their delegates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The adjournment of the thirty-third convention of the International Seamen's Union of America marked the finish of one of the most disgraceful union-splitting conventions ever held in the history of the American labor movement.

SCHARRENBERG IN AGAIN

Its last act was to hand the militant West Coast seamen a slap in the face by electing none other than Paul Scharrenberg, along with Andrew Furuseth and Ivan Hunter as delegates to the American Federation of Labor Convention as "representatives" of the I.S.U. of A.

The next I.S.U. convention was set for 1937 to be held at Los Angeles.

REACTIONARIES "ELECTED"

The reactionary-controlled convention registered its complete indifference to the rank and file by

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"RED SQUAD" INVOKES TNT GAG IN RAID

I.L.A. UNION IS STRIKING AGAINST CONTINUED DISCRIMINATION

8 Others Held

COMPANY JUDGE GUILTY OF VIOLATION OF WAGNER LAW

WILMINGTON, Cal., Feb. 18. Caught up in a vicious police Red Squad raid of terror against local workers, eight out of 16 arrested members of the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union, I.L.A. affiliate, were freed on charges of "suspicion of malicious use of dynamite," here yesterday.

Eight other workers arrested were held "in connection with the investigation" of two other "strike violence cases."

All 16 workers were held incommunicado by the local police.

HELD

Louis Vickery, leader of the two-months' strike against the Vegetable Oil Products Company, plant here; Lawrence Ervin, Marshall Shafer, Dale C. Fritts, Albert Scott, and Lee R. Wood were turned over to Long Beach police for questioning in connection with an asserted gang attack on the Long Beach scab, Ernest A. Wright, and his wife.

Fred Sanders and Howard L. Taylor were held in connection with the alleged beating of P. L. Robinson and B. B. Dees, company officials and scab-herders, on January 7th last in Los Angeles.

RELEASED

The following union members were released: Benjamin M. Sedgwick, Herman Manning, Elmer Prior, James C. Humphrey, Scott McCutley, Wesley H. Lebig, Leslie B. Dobbins, and Ray Azbell.

The company has been adjudged guilty of violation of the Wagner Law, but continues to seek delay to wear down the fighting spirit of the strikers, who walked out when a number of union members were fired from their jobs for union activity.

Friday homes of two scabs working in the plant were said to have been bombed, which occasioned the Red Squad terroristic attack on the Wilmington workers. However, the ranks of the strikers remain solid against all provocative attempts by the company and Red Squad.

"No Workers" Is WPA Cry As Many Walk the Street

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—While thousands of unemployed workers are demanding jobs under WPA at their own trades, WPA officials here have announced that there is a "serious shortage of workers eligible for Works Progress Administration projects."

According to the bureaucrats, only 63,486 workers are employed on local projects requiring 82,890 workers; and it is "impossible" to obtain a sufficient number from the relief rolls in accordance with WPA regulations.

"Civic leaders" were aroused here today, apparently through a slip in the customary political "greasing," when the discharge of George Durkee, district reassignment officer of WPA, and six other WPA executives and clerks were announced.

The others who were fired by Major Lee S. Dillon, personnel director, were Murray Imhoff, chief assignment clerk; Robert White, office manager; W. O. Wands, personnel officer, and Austin Pack, Hale Willis and Frank Horak, personnel clerks.

LABOR COUNCIL RAPS ATTEMPT TO SMASH SHIPYARD WALK-OUT

OAKLAND, Feb. 18.—Bitter resentment against what is termed "legalizing scabs," in the Moore Shipyards where machinists and other workers are on strike, was expressed by delegates to the Alameda County Central Labor Council at its meeting here this week.

It was revealed that after this yard had been struck 100 per cent a number of unorganized workers who were fabricating bridge steel were grouped into the Structural Iron and Bridge Builders' Union and a charter secured for them.

These men, it was reported, are now being escorted through the picket lines morning and evening, guarded by the Oakland police. This in spite of the fact that other unions have refused to go through and seamen have re-

Wealthy Modesto Farmers Organize Strike-Breaking Vigilante Group

MODESTO, Calif., Feb. 18.—The Associated Farmers of Stanislaus County, a vigilante group, was organized here last week ostensibly to "check up on Red activities."

Coincidentally with the organization of the county-wide group, the American League Against War and Fascism was refused the use of several school buildings in this county for speaking purposes and meetings against war.

Organizers of the vigilantes, including Fred Hogue, prominent Stanislaus County farmer, declared they would "work in close cooperation with the duly organized agencies of the law."

During the 1934 Maritime Strike, a similar group, calling itself "Minute-Men" and composed of prominent American Legion of-

ficials, chamber of commerce members and well-to-do business men was organized. The "Minute-Men" were to be called together upon a given signal from the local fire siren.

Agricultural workers in the fields and orchards of Modesto are poorly paid and largely unorganized. During the fruit season approximately 6000 migratory and resident workers work in the fields.

INJUNCTION DENIED SAN DIEGO DELEGATES ON TECHNICALITY

A PANIC-STRIKEN EDITOR CLAIMS CRED IT AS FORGER OF A COMMUNIST DOCUMENT

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The morning the "Citizen" appeared on the local waterfront the longshoremen, who are capable of running their own union without the assistance of Mr. Sanborn, organized a little protest demonstration. Passing the "Citizen" salesmen at Market street and the Embarcadero, about 20 of them purchased copies, tore them to shreds and tossed the shreds into the gutter. Finally they chased the "Citizen" salesmen off the waterfront, in spite of the attempted protection of several beefy cops.

UNION MAN?
Editor-Major Sanborn claims sympathy with organized labor. But he has yet to apply for membership in the American Newspaper Guild, a very worthy trade union organization of reporters and other newspaper writers. Mr. Hearst hasn't either, for that matter.

The editor of the "Citizen" declares "Union Labor Repudiates Reds." As his authority he cites the Labor Clarion, official organ of the Vandeleur dictatorship in the San Francisco Labor Council. Vandeleur, along with Paul Scharrenberg and many others, long has been repudiated by honest rank and file union labor. And it's a well-known fact that all militant trade unionists, regardless of political affiliations, are "Reds" in the eyes of Hearst-Sanborn and Company.

Mr. Sanborn writes a whole column about the "Reds" promoting disaffection in the army and navy. It contains nine paragraphs of slander bordering on libel, and a final hope that the McCormack-Tydings Bill will correct this alarming condition. The "Citizen" editor should read his daily newspaper more thoroughly. If he did he would learn that Senator Tydings, one of the sponsors of this bill, has himself become "disaffected." He has withdrawn his support of this measure.

TAKES 'CREDIT'
Sanborn takes credit for an alleged "exposure" of a Communist plot to "break the A. F. of L.," reprinted in the Anniversary Edition of the San Francisco Labor Clarion. We must give credit where credit is due.

The "exposure," as the Western Worker pointed out on February 20, was based on a clumsy forgery of instructions on helping build the A. F. of L. sent out by the Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party. If Mr. Sanborn wishes to claim credit for that forgery we will not deny him the dubious "honor."

As to "threatening letters," the "Citizen" contains a lurid photostatic copy of a page torn from a San Francisco newspaper. On it was smeared in blood, so Mr. Sanborn says, a crudely formed Hammer and Sickle. We don't understand wherein this amounts to a "threat." However, the Communists are too busily engaged in helping make this country, and the world, a better place for common people to live in, to waste time in smearing blood over news-

papers, or in "threatening" individuals who have sided with the master class.

THE MAJOR'S PANIC
We can only assume, after a thorough reading of Sanborn's latest document, that the shoe is on the wrong foot. We fear it is the Major who is "in a panic." There are very few examples of retired army officers who think straight. General Smedley Butler is one of these. Major Sanborn is not.

The Communist Party thanks the Major for reprinting so many logical excerpts from Communist Party literature—Dimitroff's report to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, for instance. If the Major wishes to secure more of our "secret" literature, he can do so by writing to 121 Haight street, San Francisco. He will be supplied from the shelves of the book shop, where all such "secrets" are available to the general public.

Holsten Bros., owners of the Atlas Distributing Agency at 479 Waller street, San Francisco, were given the job of distributing the "American Citizen."

In 1934 this outfit was investigated by the Pinkerton Detective Agency under suspicion of having accepted matter for distribution and of dumping this material without making an attempt to distribute it. This constitutes criminal racketeering.

Rank and File of Bargemens Union Against Traitors

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Disrupters, defeated in the recent election of officers in the local Bargemens Union are still attempting to smash the organization or gain control of it for their own and the shipowners' interests.

Fighting these reactionary individuals is the majority of the rank and file of the union. Taking their cue from the Warehousemen, the Bargemens are in favor of organizing the unorganized workers in the industry around the Bay area.

The deck hands on launches have been organized in the Stockton area by that local. This gives the rank and file better control over the jobs, it has been pointed out. The union traitors are against this proposition and it is assumed they want to go back to hiring off the docks, a proposition which finds much favor within the ranks of the barge owners.

REACTIONARIES
Leading the traitors are Johnson, Baptiste and Hurley, all of them well-known reactionaries and at least one of them an out and out fink.

The rank and file struggle against these traitors centers, around: 1) Organizing the men on car floats;

Militants Have 10 Days Yet to File Amended Action

BULLETIN
SAN DIEGO, Feb. 20.—The demurrer brought by Joseph Casey, A. F. of L. organizer, to block the progressive injunction against his interference with the Central Trades Council was sustained in Superior Court here this afternoon, on the grounds that the injunction was brought in the name of individual delegates. The progressives have ten days to file an amended action for injunction in the name of the union locals.

(Progressive Caucus, San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council.)

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 19.—Again barred from taking their seats, by Joseph Casey and his appointed officials, the delegates to the Central Trades Council held their fourth progressive caucus here tonight. Sixty-six delegates were present, representing 28 organizations. A. C. Rogers, former council secretary, read the statement which the caucus had authorized to be sent to every A. F. of L. central council and every union local in California.

The statement tells the history of the San Diego fight, of the dictatorship established here by Casey and his scrapping of trade union democracy in violation of the A. F. of L. constitution. It calls upon every A. F. of L. body receiving the letter to protest to Green against Casey's unconstitutional activities. On motion from the floor, the letter was unanimously approved. Seven hundred and fifty copies have already been sent out, each signed by Lydick and Rogers and by Fred Tiffany, secretary of the Building Trades Council, and each bearing the seal of the Building Trades Council.

In reporting on the injunction brought by the progressives against Casey, Rogers declared, "Win or lose in court, we will continue to fight until we have won back control of our own council." Hearing on the injunction, twice delayed by Casey, is set for tomorrow.

William Coffey of the Laborers urged that each delegate fully inform himself of the facts in the fight, so that he will be able to tell the truth to outsiders. "This fight," he said, "is an organized effort of the power trusts to defeat all who oppose their interests. It is not only a fight to seat you delegates; it is a fight for progressive unionism and a fight for the unorganized workers."

Hays of the Electricians reported that as soon as Casey had assumed control, the Unemployed Union had been kicked out of the Labor Temple, although it was fraternally affiliated with the Central Council and was recruiting many of its member into the A. F. of L.

Harry Steinmetz, former president, spoke bitterly of Casey's disruptive actions. "He has left a trail of wreckage on the Pacific Coast that should assure our remembering him forever." Steinmetz asked the delegates to gather material on Casey's record.

2) Gaining control of the barges that will be used to handle gravel for the 1939 Worlds' Fair to be held here; 3) Organization of the men on the hay scows.

WORLD CAPITALIST POWERS IN CONSPIRACY AGAINST SOVIETS

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The projected Franco-Soviet mutual defense pact was a move to discourage Nazi Germany from seeking expansion to the South. It was supported fully by the French masses who are still voicing emphatic demands for its ratification.

JAPAN INVOLVED
It was to discourage ratification of this pact that Japan launched her campaign of bitter provocations on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic, a protectorate of the U.S.S.R.

Accord between Germany and Japan with the ultimate intention of waging simultaneous wars against Russia has long been accepted as fact although official spokesmen have denied it.

BLOODY SOLUTION
The present fascist anti-Soviet pact provides Italy with the needed outlet for her belligerence, provides Germany with an objective for her proposed war of expansion, and removes both nations as dangerous antagonists to the other capitalist powers.

Behind all these maneuvers, Great Britain, France, and the United States have stood to lose should the imperialist frenzies of the fascist nations direct themselves in any other direction than that of the Soviet Union.

Already, Japan was providing a serious threat to America and British interests in the Orient.

WHOSE HAND?
The present complete anti-Soviet alliance, correctly viewed, is an achievement, not of the fascist powers themselves, but of the capitalist powers of Britain, France and the U. S. A.

French capitalism is facing an internal crisis more acute than Britain or America. The French masses, by forging a powerful united front, are taking an active hand in directing the nation's policies and constitute a force which threatens to dominate the

government.

In summary, it can be pointed out that world capitalist powers are completing the last details of a proposed war against Communism. The combined fascist nations are being primed for direct offensive against the Soviet Union. The other capitalist nations, which are not yet fascist, will devote themselves to Communist suppression campaigns at home and the suppression of revolts in colonies and smaller nations.

CHINA
It is particularly expected, that should the present maneuver succeed, which would start Japan on her long projected invasion of the U.S.S.R., the task of policing Central and Southern China and suppressing the Communist movement there would be shouldered by Britain and the U. S. A. under the guise of "insuring China's independence."

The haste with which these preparations are being pushed forward is owing chiefly to the dire situation within Italy and also to the mounting strength of people's front movements throughout the world, particularly in France and Spain.

LATIN AMERICA
The conference of delegates from all Latin American countries to be held in Buenos Aires which has been called by President Roosevelt is seen as a direct move toward suppression of the people's revolts which have been blazing in many South American states and are threatening in all. Berlin newspaper openly hailed this conference as an anti-Communist maneuver.

Proclaimed as attacks against "foreign Bolshevism," these anti-Communist campaigns are in every case attempts to suppress the democratic will of the people in their efforts to change their countries from capitalism to socialism.

EPICS WARY OF SELL-OUTS ON EVE OF IMPORTANT CONVENTION

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The charter to which was issued prior to Feb. 15th, 1936, with additional delegates from clubs of more than 20 members, on the basis of one delegate for each major fraction of 10 members ever 20.

Delegates to the January convention may remain as delegates with the approval—not of the club membership—but of the officers of the clubs.

Sinclair continues his "tactic" of saving the Epic movement by having its slate to the National Democratic Convention vote on the first ballot for an Epic candidate for president—Sinclair prefers Sessions—and then switch on every succeeding ballot to Roosevelt.

EMPTY GESTURE
"It would do Roosevelt and his cause no harm whatever for us to elect a slate of delegates pledged to vote for a production for use candidate on the first ballot, and for Roosevelt after that," writes Sinclair.

By this policy of waiting to convince the capitalists that they ought to quit fighting, Sinclair is rapidly losing his following among the progressive Epics, who are increasingly critical of Roosevelt and his "roar like a lion, but run like a lamb" position.

Delegates to this Epic convention include all Assembly District Executive secretaries, all members of the Board of Directors, two delegates from each Epic club,

8000 Workers to Be Evicted From Transient Camps

DIRECTOR CHARGES WPA DECREE IS "SOCIAL CATASTROPHE"
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Eight thousand transient workers will be left homeless and without any means of support whatsoever by the end of next month, it was announced here today on order of State WPA Director Frank Y. McLaughlin to close all 45 transient camps in California by Mar. 31st.

Charging that this "move of McLaughlin's was a "social catastrophe," H. A. R. Carlton, assistant director of state WPA camps, resigned yesterday.

"The old nauseating system of municipal flop-houses and soup kitchens has returned since the transient service was abolished," charged Carlton.

"I don't see how the transient service can escape complete demoralization because of unsound policies."

WANTON WASTE
Charging Emily Wooley, a state relief "big shot," with being one of "petticoat and political meddlers," Carlton charged that stupid blundering and wanton waste followed in the transient service as soon as Miss Wooley appointed as her assistant one Edwin J. Cooley.

Former chief probation officer of New York, Cooley is reported as having been forced to resign and later being tried on charges of falsely auditing payrolls, and was accused of favoritism and espionage in his office. Cooley was once SERA area director in Los Angeles, and militant protests of the unemployed resulted in his being "kicked upstairs" into his present position.

In all of the political back-biting concerning this situation, no official has expressed the slightest concern as to the very existence of the transient workers after March 31st.

Spanish Communists

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political prisoners. The Valladares government posted troops in the street. Troops joined the demonstrators.

Several weeks previous to the Catalonia, meeting in Barcelona, voted to join with the U.G.T., the big Socialist Trade Union Federation of Spain, in using the anarchist vote to check the Fascists.

SOVIETS HAIL VOTE
MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Feb. 20.—The Soviet press this week hailed the success of the People's Bloc in last Sunday's election as proof that the toiling masses of Spain are prepared to defend their democratic liberties.

In spite of the victory of the People's Bloc, however, the situation remains tense, it was pointed out. The Fascists are not asleep and even before the election returns were announced it was planned to put General Sanjurjo, organizer of the counter-revolutionary putsch of 1932, in as dictator.

Noteworthy is the fact that just recently General Sanjurjo visited Germany.

NEW CONSTITUTION AIMS TO GIVE I.S.U. EXECUTIVE BOARD CONTROL OF RANK AND FILE

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"re-electing" a full slate of officials who for years have been the symbol of a tottering decrepit union which made no effort to free the seamen from rotten conditions and coolie wages.

Andrew Furuseth, aged president, who spent the major portion of the convention time in a hospital room was re-elected. With one foot in the grave and a mind that borders on senility, this is the man whom the self-appointed delegates "chose" to lead the seamen in their desperate fight against the united front of shipowners and industrialists who are seeking to protect their murderous war plans by smashing all semblance of unity amongst the maritime workers.

Patrick O'Brien, of whom it is rumored he once made a trip on a ship in the Great Lakes years ago and who has served as a stooge for the 84-year-old president was "elected" as secretary-treasurer.

BEEF SQUAD ECHO
Paul Scharrenberg, a name which invokes the just curses of every rank and file maritime worker on the West Coast was renamed editor of the boycotted Seamen's Journal. Despite his expulsion by an honest rank and file referendum vote, which was heartily endorsed by scores of other shoreside unions, Scharrenberg was restored to "Good Standing" by the executive board of the I.S.U.

Ivan Hunter, who is supposed to be enroute to the West Coast in the capacity of "executive head" of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, was also "elected" as I.S.U. first vice president.

It is reported by rank and file seamen from the Great Lakes from where he hails, that Friedl, notorious beef squad leader who was slain by the San Pedro Red Squad, was a Hunter lieutenant when the Lake seamen were struggling against the reactionary officials in an effort to organize and improve conditions.

FULL FAKER SLATE
Percy Pryor, Oscar Carlson, David Grange, Gus Brown, Clyde Deal, R. Hayman, and S. Goshorn were the other seven vice presidents "elected."

It is well to note that the entire East Coast District Committee, which is desperately attempting to curb the Atlantic rank and file seamen, was named to the executive board of the I.S.U.

Clyde Deal, who although he hails from the West Coast, is nevertheless part and parcel of the entire machine.

Deal, Scharrenberg and Hunter were "designated" by the convention as the "executive committee" of the West Coast District, I.S.U.

LYNCH REWARDED
Carl Lynch, editor of the American Seamen, which was used unsuccessfully by the I.S.U. officials—namely Deal, Scharrenberg, Olander to spread

propaganda against the formation of the West Coast Maritime Federation, received his reward, when he was given a "position" with the I.S.U. on the Atlantic Coast.

The officials who were elected by delegates of their own choosing go hand in hand with the "new" constitution which was drafted. It makes no bones about its intention, which is to keep control out of the hands of the membership and in the complete power of the executive board.

Following are a few choice excerpts from this constitution which is a monument to the thirty-third I.S.U. convention:

EX-BOARD POWER
"Article 7, section 3—The executive board shall consist of the president, vice presidents, editor and the secretary-treasurer. It shall have the power to issue charters and to revoke charters as herein after provided.

"If the offender be a District Union, the executive board, after trying and failing to induce headquarters of such District to obey the laws shall for the protection of the loyal membership,—tie up all funds and protect all property by appropriate legal proceedings and shall organize such other headquarters as shall obey the law.

Section 4.—The executive board shall have the power to remove any officer, organizer, or deputy acting for or in behalf of the Union and to fill vacancies.

STRIKE S-TRAGEDY
"Article 15, Section 1A.—The secretary-treasurer shall issue a notice of referendum vote. Stating the question to be voted upon and the time limit of voting. He shall prepare the ballots and distribute a sufficient number.

"Article 17.—The following rules must be observed closely by a District Union contemplating a strike or in danger of being locked out. Failure on the part of any district union to comply herewith shall work a forfeiture to all claims of financial assistance, and subject the district union to loss of charter.

"Section 2.—In case a disagreement occurs between any district union and any operators, which may result in a strike or lock-out, the matter shall first be submitted to the District Committee, which shall endeavor to adjust same—if adjustment is remote, the fact together with the opinions of the District Committee shall be reported to the secretary-treasurer who shall at once proceed to the seat of the trouble or appoint some other member, preferably a member of the executive board to act as his deputy.

"Together with the District Committee, he shall use all honorable means to reach a peaceable settlement. If this effort shall prove futile, the Executive Board MAY order a vote to be taken by all District Unions involved or likely to be involved."

MACHINISTS SPIKE MOVE OF OFFICIALS AGAINST STRIKE

BULLETIN
The Bethlehem Company just pulled off a treacherous deal in the presence of a navy inspector in order to get navy orders. They told strikers' representatives from the Industrial Union that they would settle demands of the strikers. Several days later when the navy inspector was not present, the Bethlehem Company cancelled the former agreement. Every labor union should answer this treachery with a protest expose letter to the Navy Department.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—A thinly disguised attempt by International officials of the Metal Trades' Unions to stab striking marine and shipbuilding workers in the back was prevented here last night when the membership of Machinists' Local 68 voted down a proposal by these officials that they be allowed to negotiate settlement of the Machinists' strike.

But five or six shops yet remain to be signed up by the Machinists. More than 200 shops now are operating in this area under union conditions.

Had the Machinists consented to allow international officials to

negotiate for metal trades workers, the shipbuilding workers would have been left out on a limb. But the Machinists voted to allow their own local officials and the strike committee do the negotiating, all settlement proposals to be subject to approval by the entire membership.

STRIKE SOLID
Meanwhile the strike of the West Coast Division of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, involving locals here, in Oakland and at San Pedro, continued with the men out nearly 100 per cent.

Police in Oakland have conducted scabs through picket lines and have carried on a campaign of arresting innocent men, in order to break the solidarity. The Oakland strike is at the Moore Dry Dock Co. In San Pedro and San Francisco the strike is again the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation. Approximately 1300 men in all are out.

The shipbuilding workers' demand hiring through the union hall; no piece-work; a 36-hour week and an approximate 25 per cent wage increase.

Alameda Labor Council Censures Police Dept. and Bridge Builders' International for Strike Breaking

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at once, passed unanimously.

STALL PWUU
The Executive Committee refused to grant a request from the Public Works and Unemployed delegates that they be given credentials to go before other unions asking support, both financial and organizational. A flimsy excuse to the effect "they would have no way of checking on money given" was given by the committee.

After considerable debate an amendment carried that the matter be referred back to the Executive Committee for reconsideration and that the fraternal delegates of the PWUU be present to explain the use of the funds.

Secretary Spooner was forced to admit it is his fault that no action has been taken on the recommendation of the Warehousemen that the organization commit-

tee meet and draw up plans to organize the unorganized workers in this vicinity. He promised to act this week.

MOONEY DEFENSE
The Mooney Defense Committee reported an enthusiastic meeting recently with 200 delegates present. A motion was made and carried that this committee be made to cooperate with a like group from the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Secretary Spooner reported that he had had conferences with officials regarding the Disaster Preparedness Plan and that the assistant city attorney had promised immediately to draw up an amendment to the ordinance which would prevent its being used against labor.

The Teachers' Union delegate reported the first issue of their militant new paper, The Union Teacher.

Unity Achieved At Negro Congress

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A permanent organization for the waging of a systematic national fight for equal rights for the Negro people, was a major accomplishment of the National Negro Congress in session here February 14, 15 and 16.

The many wrongs and grievances suffered daily by Negroes throughout the United States received a thorough airing. All Southern states except North and South Carolina were represented.

The Congress voted unanimously to work for the organization of an International Congress of Negroes.

Great enthusiasm accompanied the acceptance of a strong resolution endorsing the stand taken by A. Philip Randolph of the Railway Porters at the recent A.

F. of L. Convention against discriminatory practices in trade unions. A plan to form Negro labor committees to organize the unorganized also was adopted.

LABOR PARTY
Serious discussion centered around the problem of a national Farmer-Labor Party supported by the Negro masses, following a talk by James W. Ford on this subject. No definite action was taken by the Congress, however.

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., invited to talk at the Congress, was prevented from doing so by national guardsmen station in the armory where the Congress was held. Only after the guardsmen had threatened to smash the Congress was Browder's talk cancelled.

George Robinson, one of the

2000 Negroes employed on the Gauley Bridge, W. Va., tunnel project addressed Chicagoans in Medinah Temple here Feb. 15th on the doom descending on himself and fellow workers, as well as 500 white workers, from dreaded silicosis contracted on the job.

PROGRESSIVE ACTION
Resolutions adopted at the Congress declared that: The A. F. of L. has been negligent in organizing Negro workers and that the laundry and domestic workers be selected to "concentrate and dramatize the whole campaign for Negro labor organization; that Hearst and the American Liberty League be vehemently opposed for their fascist attitude; that the Congress cooperate in all efforts to oppose war and fascism; that Ethiopia be informed that "there is a desire on the part of many

American Negroes to offer their services to Ethiopia in her present struggle," and that Italian fascist aggression on Ethiopia be condemned.

The Kramer sedition bill in Congress and the Tydings-McCormack military disaffection bill as well as slave-insurrection acts, loyalty oaths for teachers and sterilization laws be condemned. The Congress demanded that the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U. S. Constitution be enforced, as well as the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill.

The United Front defense for the Scottsboro boys, for Angelo Herndon, and for Tom Mooney was endorsed.

Approximately 900 delegates were in attendance, representing one-fourth of the Negro population of the country.

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Mexican People Back of Cardenas' War On the Imperiasists

FOREIGN BANK FIRMS FORCED TO BACK DOWN

MEXICO PRESIDENT AIDS MONTERREY WORKERS IN WALK-OUT

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—Approximately 120 artists, meeting in the Artists' Congress which opened here last week, are threatening a position on all questions in preparation for the American Artists' Congress which is to be held in New York City.

In addition to Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Cuba and other South American countries are represented. A report summarizing the experience of Mexican revolutionary artists in the past 17 years will be given at this congress.

While the artists were preparing for their Congress, President Lázaro Cardenas of Mexico intervened in a strike at Monterrey, forced employers, who include many American imperialists, to settle with workers. Cardenas rapped Monterrey business men who forced a two-day stoppage of activities in what they labelled a "protest against Communism."

U. S. DOMINATION

Mexico, like Cuba and most of the republics of South and Central America, is a semi-colonial country. This means that a greater part of its industries and large-scale agriculture projects are under the domination of foreign capital. The United States, during the past few years, has managed to crowd out its competitors. Mexican labor furnishes the profit, working for from 25 to 50 cents per day. American owners and stock-holders reap the golden harvest.

In the past most of Mexico's presidents and governments have been dominated by the foreign imperialists. But today there is a united people's movement against imperialism, and a man—President Cardenas, who derives his strength from this movement, who not only sold out to the foreign bankers. And President Cardenas today is in an exceedingly strong position. He has the backing of an almost completely united working class and also of the huge and immensely powerful anti-imperialist People's Front.

CALLES IS DONE

Calles, former president of Mexico and a willing tool of American capital, is politically declining. Today in Mexico City street vendors sell caricatures of Plutarco Elias Calles. Once he was known as the "Iron Man" of Mexico. Although Calles himself probably is slated for the political graveyard, "Callismo," a term which in Mexico has come to mean reaction of the worst kind, is alive and constitutes an ever present menace to the Cardenas government.

Eight months ago, in June 1935, the picture was different. At that time labor was divided into at least 50 separate organizations. Although the Communist Party of Mexico, since November, 1934, had been working for a united labor front, these groups had remained apart. Since the inauguration of Cardenas as president however, there has been a tremendous strike wave—more than 1200 strikes in all—most of them directed against American controlled monopolies. Cardenas had not yet gained the united support of the working class and Calles, backed by foreign capitalists, had under control many important members of the Cardenas government.

WANTS DICTATORSHIP

On June 12, 1935, Calles issued his now famous proclamation. It proved a boomerang. In it he viciously attacked Mexican labor and the right of the workers to strike, called upon Cardenas to crush the trade unions, and suggested that if Cardenas failed, he, Calles, would do the job. His avowed job was to overthrow the Cardenas government and establish a Mexican military-fascist regime, with himself as dictator.

The Confederation Sindical Unitaria (confederation of red trade unions) issued a final call for unity in the face of the desperate emergency. The same day representatives of all the more important union groups met and formed the National Committee For Proletarian defense.

From this point on Calles' support declined and Cardenas

The Most Powerful Force in Mexico Today



The above photograph shows the Communist Party marching in a recent United Front demonstration of 100,000 workers and liberals in Mexico City, protesting against the return of Calles to the country.

gained in popularity. The supporters of Calles, including four governors of states, were removed from office. Calles fled the country, taking residence in Los Angeles, California. Unity of the working class grew. This unity in turn convinced President Cardenas that his political future rested with the working class.

ANTI IMPERIALISTS

On August 24, 1935, the Mexican League Against War and Fascism called for a mighty People's Front against Imperialism. The call met with instantaneous response and when Calles returned to Mexico in November he was met by a huge parade of 30,000 workers who demonstrated against him and the imperialist bankers, his masters.

President Cardenas, then, owes his strength to the support given him by the working class. Thus far he has shown himself worthy of this support. Politically he is a member of the Partido Nacional Revolucionario (National Revolutionary Party). This party comprises right wing elements and enemies of the working class, friendly to American imperialism. But because he realizes the immense power of the united working class and the People's Front Cardenas had evidenced a strong leaning to the left.

Specifically he has attacked foreign monopolies, helped workers' education, encouraged the organization of new trade unions and peasant organizations; recently he drew diplomatic protests from America and Japan when he sent the Mexican navy into the Gulf of Mexico to chase off American and Japanese fishing boats poaching in Mexican waters. He has taken steps toward the liquidation of the large landowners.

COMMUNIST SUPPORT

The Communist Party of Mexico supports Cardenas and his government insofar as he remains for the masses of the people against the imperialists. Recently "El Machete," official organ of the C. P. M., came out with the following headline: "TO SUPPORT CARDENAS MEANS TO SUPPORT THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT OF CARDENAS." In the same issue appeared an article by Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Mexican Party, which pointed out that the right elements in the government, represented by such individuals as Portes Gil and General Cedillo, are at present necessary to Cardenas because of the influence they command over certain sections of the population.

Laborde's article closed with this statement: "The government of Pres. Cardenas cannot continue as it is today. Either it will go to the left, supporting itself upon the people who are organized to repulse the attacks of the enemies from without or within, or else it will go to the right, surrender to imperialism and fall into the hands of a new reactionary group. We are sure that, supporting himself upon the people, PRESIDENT CARDENAS WILL MAINTAIN

CAN THE TVA RULING SAVE THE SUPREME COURT'S REPUTATION?

By Henry C. Fleisher
Federated Press.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Wall Street nursed the wounds inflicted by the hands of the nine elderly men of the U. S. Supreme Court and on second thought figured perhaps the decision was not as disastrous as it first appeared.

Disgusted, perplexed, hit in the pocketbook by the TVA decision, the nation's financial center contrasted sharply with the Tennessee valley, where jubilant celebrations greeted the court's ruling on the government's power project. Few comments came from public utilities officials, who had counted on a decision favorable to them as a sure thing. Few comments were made by speculators whose expected stock market profits were killed when utility shares dipped downward in one of the exchange's wildest selling orgies in months.

WALL STREET'S SECOND THOUGHT

All utility companies' shares dropped, some as much as four and six points for the day.

But sober second thought left many figures close to the financial district feeling that the court's "brainstorm" was less devastating than they had been led to believe. Here are some of the theories current in the city regarding the status of the utilities' relations with the government:

1. The decision covered only a limited field; it applied only to the government's rights to sell surplus power at the Wilson dam. It scrupulously refrained from discussing the constitutionality of many other phases of the TVA project, and left a loophole open for further adverse decisions.

2. The "national defense" item loomed large in the court's decision. It may not enter other cases that may be heard at later dates.

3. The decision saved the Supreme Court from final and irrevocable loss of face. That, it is felt in many sectors, may constitute the most important phase of the decision.

"Not the least of its excellences," states The New York Times editorially, "is that it may help to dispel the foolish notion that the court is composed of nine old men bent on imposing their will on Congress and writing their private prejudices into the constitution."

If the reactionaries, aided by one liberal decision, can get that idea over to the populace, they'll thank their God for the TVA decision.

AND INCREASE HIS ORIENTATION TOWARD THE LEFT. Up to now we have no reason for changing our opinion about this. President Cardenas, himself, will say with his deeds whether we are right or not."

Chesbro Worried By Lack of Law to Stop Loudspeaker

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Plot to hamstring free speech in Los Angeles was uncovered here today from the Reference Sheets of the City Council meeting of Jan. 29th, last, wherein City Attorney Chesbro reported to the "city fathers" that there is no ordinance that he can find on the statute books which would prohibit use of loud speakers in connection with mass meetings.

"I am of the opinion," reported Chesbro, "that the provisions of Sec. 5 1/2 of Ordinance 69873 do not prohibit the use of a loudspeaker system in connection with a mass meeting called for demonstration purposes, and I have been unable to find any other ordinance relating to the subject." The Council received and filed the report, sending a copy to the Board of Police Commissioners.

PARAMOUNT HIRES CLIFFORD ODETS TO DO "MELLERDRAMMER"

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Feb. 18.—Author of "Paradise Lost," "Waiting for Lefty," "Till the Day I Die," and other working class plays, Clifford Odets is now working for Paramount Studio here and is adapting "The General Died at Dawn," which will co-star Gary Cooper and Carole Lombard.

Contrary to possible implications

CONTEMPORARY THEATER WILL PRESENT "LET FREEDOM RING"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—"Let Freedom Ring!," the stirring dramatization of the gigantic upheavals in the Southern textile area, will be brought to Los Angeles for production early in the spring, it was announced here today by Contemporary Theater.

The Albert Bein dramatization of Grace Lumpkin's Gorki-Prize novel, "To Make My Bread," is now current in New York and has the endorsement of nationally prominent trade union leaders, including Francis Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers' Union and leader in the A. F. of L. fight for a Labor Party.

The Contemporary Theater has new headquarters at Sunset and Silver Lake Boulevards, and will start production of this play soon. First public affair at the new location will be a dance on Saturday, Feb. 29th.

Past productions of the Contemporary Theater, including

EXPECT 2000 AT L.A. MASS MEET ON FEBRUARY 28

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO SPEAK AT RALLY IN EPIC AUDITORIUM

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Widespread people's forces in Southern California will rally in a mass meeting here on Friday night, February 28th, at the Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake street, in a public ultimatum for the repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law of California.

A packed auditorium of more than 2000 is anticipated to voice a demand, not only for the repeal of the law, but also for the immediate release of the eight Sacramento victims of this legislative atrocity.

Leading the indictment against the C. S. Law will be Leo Gallagher, of the International Labor Defense, who has led many widely-known fights for the democratic rights of the working class.

Other leading speakers will include Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, Epic of San Diego; Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz, noted liberal, author and contributor to working class movements; Anita Whitney, of the Communist Party, first victim of California's C. S. Law; Rev. Clinton J. Taft; of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rev. Floyd J. Seaman, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church; Judge Edward B. Totten, well-known progressive and radio speaker.

Chairman will be Assemblyman Lee Guyer, Epic and leader of many progressive fights in the last session of the State Legislature.

Broadest people's campaign in the history of Southern California is the campaign to repeal this vicious law, including in its scope trade unions, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, church groups, and many other liberal and radical organizations.

WIN AT PEKIN

PEKIN, Ill.—(FP)—Striking union workers at the Pekin plant of the American Distillery Co., backed by a 3-day general strike of all organized labor in the city, won a smashing victory. The company had previously scorned the distillery workers' demands, and a teargas attack on their picket line had precipitated the mass walkout. Rehiring of three discharged unionists, together with granting of workers' demands on wages, hours, overtime and seniority were included in the settlement.

In Spite of Rain



These Newark, N. J., girls bravely carry on in student anti-war demonstration regardless of steady down-pour. They did their part in one-hour peace march.

Guild Hits Bill ANTI-LABOR ACT Fingering Rapped

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Labor and the state government are pointing the finger of suspicion at New York's widespread fingerprinting racket.

Recent disclosures of systematic fingerprinting of hundreds of the employees of hotels, coupled with a bill now before the state legislature calling for the fingerprinting of all people arrested on disorderly conduct charges, have led to renewed activity against the practice whether it be handled by public or private agencies.

A letter to the Building Employees Identification Bureau, made public by the labor department betrays the real significance behind the fingerprinting drive. "The registering and fingerprinting of the men created such a fine good-will between ourselves, our employees, and our tenants, that the results have been most gratifying," the letter declared.

GUILD RAPS BILL

While Commissioner Andrews has announced he will recommend to Gov. Lehman and the legislature that it consider laws making fingerprinting and the filing of such exclusively a government function, the New York Newspaper Guild has blasted a state senate bill which calls for fingerprinting of all arrested on disorderly conduct charges.

"It is well known that disorderly conduct is a charge that is brought chiefly against strikers and pickets. In effect, the police department would be turned into a private detective agency for the purpose of furnishing employers with complete records of strikers and pickets; i. e., providing all employers with a blacklist of employees who are engaged in union activities," the Guild stated.

Hollywood House Party Raises \$21

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 18.—Much needed funds for the fight against the Criminal Syndicalism Law were obtained here at a house party last Saturday night, \$21 being raised from a group of 20.

Clara Weatherwax, winner of the novel contest conducted by The New Masses, read parts from her prize-winning novel, "Marching, Marching."

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HEARST INSPIRED SEDITION BILLS AIMED AT DEMOCRACY

Do you think Mr. J. P. Morgan is a bit one-sided when he declares civilization is doomed if the leisure class is abolished? Do you believe there are a few things good about the Soviet Union? Do you ever get a little bit mad when the relief agency hands you a check for \$4.00 and you pick up a paper to read about what Mrs. Getrich Whoozis wore at the opera last night? Do you read the Western Worker, the Daily Worker, the New Masses?

If you, in an unguarded moment, even feel like doing any of these things, you'd better watch out. Mr. Kramer, Mr. Dickstein and all the Hearst tribe are out to get you. Personally, they'd probably prefer the vigilante method, but the rank and file of America seems to resent it when some half drunk hoodlum with a nervous trigger finger bursts into some citizen's home bent on murder or worse. So they're going to Congress with their fears and their proposals.

Mr. Kramer, supported by the Hearst press and the top officialdom of the American Legion, has proposed a bill. It is known as H. R. 4313. This snappy piece of legislation proposes to make it a crime, to, by any means whatsoever advise or advocate the propriety of overthrowing any government in the United States by force or any other unlawful means.

It also will be a crime, under the Kramer bill, to print, sell, distribute or display any writing which advises such an overthrow; a penalty of 10 years in jail or \$10,000 fine, or both, is provided for anyone to organize or become a member of, or affiliate with any group which teaches overthrow of the government.

To attempt to join any such group carries a penalty of five years in jail, \$5000 fine, or both, if conviction is obtained.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said that: "This country and its institutions belong to the people." There are four more so-called "Sedition Bills" before Congress this year. One of them is proposed by Mr. Kramer. It's known as H. R. 6427. Another, proposed by Mr. Blanton is H. R. 3056; a Mr. Taylor has proposed H. R. 2866. They are substantially the same as Mr. Kramer's original masterpiece. Also before the House Judiciary Committee are Sedition Bills H. R. 57, proposed by Mr. Tarver; H. R. 2897 proposed by Mr. Ramspeck; and H. R. 3036 proposed by Mr. Fulmer.

ARMY "SPECIALIST"

Our friend, Mr. McCormack is specializing on the army. If you're a tool of Hearst or Morgan or any of the Wall Street crowd you're bound to worry about the morale of the army. The army is important. It can be used to break strikes; it can be sent to slaughter Ethiopians in the interests of profit. But it cannot be taught the truth about the masters.

The McCormack Bill, H. R. 5845, makes it a crime to publish or distribute any writing which advises any member of the military or naval forces of the United States to disobey the laws or regulations governing such forces. The penalty is two years in jail or \$1000 fine. This measure had a public

hearing late in March, 1935.

The teachers of your children have not been neglected. It appears that it isn't bad conditions which make people think. Widespread unemployment doesn't cause dissatisfaction. No. Even if your kids run to school on bare feet, dressed in grandfather's alpaca overcoat, they'd never suspect anything was wrong if the teacher didn't tell them so.

A joint resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on January 3, 1935, by Mr. Kenney and referred to the Committee on Education, would require every teacher, official and employee of every public educational institution in the United States to take an oath to support the Constitution before assuming the duties of his position or office.

WOULDN'T HAVE IT
Now the first Sedition Bill, applicable to citizens of this country, was passed in 1797. There was another in 1798. These laws met with the immediate vigorous condemnation of the American people. Both James Madison and Thomas Jefferson denounced them as unconstitutional and violative of the most fundamental American rights. The Federalist Party supported them and suffered overwhelming and permanent defeat as a result.

Thomas Jefferson was elected president of the United States in the ensuing election by a decisive majority upon a platform which had their repeal as a major principal. Their immediate repeal was met with widespread acclaim—except from the landlords and capitalists who, as now, regarded liberty and democracy as dangerous to their interests.

It was the American people who defeated these bills then. It must be the American people who defeat them at the present time. They are aimed at free speech, assembly, freedom of the press and all other democratic liberties. And disagreement with prejudices of a judge or jury could be interpreted as advocacy of overthrow of the government.

HOW TO FIGHT THEM

The thing to do is to protest, individually and in groups, to your own congressmen. Write them telling them to vote against any and all of these bills which may come up. Pass resolutions in your union, your mass organization, your sewing club, your church or in any other group of which you are a member, demanding of your representative in Congress that he work against these measures. These bills must be killed if Americans are to be allowed to retain their democratic rights, their right to speak as they think, to strike and picket, to read what they wish, to teach their children to think correctly. Write your congressman now. Act today.

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Fascist Stogge Is Exposed at Meet in South

CAPTAIN O'BRIEN SHOWN TO BE AGENT OF CONST. LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Captain Jack O'Brien, would-be herald of Fascism who recently debated Harold Ashe of the Communist Party, was exposed as a paid officer of the Constitutional Liberty League here last Sunday by Eugene Reed of the American League Against War and Fascism.

During a debate at the Sunday noon discussion club, Reed said O'Brien had been seen dressed in "a red necktie, cap, and other outlandish costumes, damning the United States and praising Soviet Russia."

Reed stated he had a copy of a pamphlet by O'Brien in which this American Legionaire offered to appear before organizations in the disguise of a "red" and then to remove the disguise to deliver a "patriotic" address.

O'Brien had been debating Grover Johnson of the International Labor Defense on the Criminal Syndicalism Law and had proclaimed loudly his honesty and sincerity, when Reed exposed him as a paid fascist organizer.

As in the debate with Ashe, O'Brien stated that he was for a national C. S. Law.

SRA Orders Weekly Pay Check Stopped

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Called an "initial step toward the ultimate integration of relief now in the hands of the state with the county government," unemployed workers under the SERA will be paid only every two weeks instead of once a week as in the past, it was announced here this week by Carl I. Schottland, acting SERA administrator for California.

Administrative employees will also be paid every two weeks. Schottland said the new method will be instituted gradually during the latter part of this month.

MORE PUPILS Less Teachers IN SCHOOLS

By a School Teacher. LOS ANGELES.—The local School Board is driving hard against the teachers of Los Angeles, and about 200 probationary and substitute teachers are in danger of losing their jobs.

The pupil "load" per teacher has been increased to 48 in a room. Although there is an increased enrollment of 2000 in the high schools, this additional pupil "load" is being handled by fewer teachers.

The capitalist newspapers have played up an alleged list of "criminals" on the school payrolls, who are never brought to trial. In fact, the Board has taken steps to see that they cannot be tried. The main purpose of this outcry seems to be to get a fingerprinting scheme into operation to frighten teachers into complete subservience, so they won't dare protest their conditions of work.

The Board meetings, which used to have some show of democratic procedure, are now held behind closed doors, followed by a short "open" session, when the president, Mrs. Rounsaville, mumbles a few appropriation bills, calls for roll-calls and then the Board adjourns.

Stockton Theater To Run Soviet Films

STOCKTON, Calif.—Soviet films will be presented regularly at the Studio Theater here. The first of these will have a two-day run, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25-26, being the Soviet's newest and greatest triumph in film making, "Peasants," directed by F. Ermiler and having for its theme the mighty story of the heroic struggle for Soviet collectivization. Others of the great films from Russia will follow at the Studio Theater in due course.

Workers' Mandolin Club is Organized

SAN FRANCISCO.—The local International Workers' Order is giving considerable attention to organizing a mandolin orchestra.

Sets Precedent In Dispute Over Fare to WPA Job

REFUSES ASSIGNMENT TO DISTANT PROJECT AND DEMANDS BACK PAY

LAS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—A grievance committee from Local No. 5 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union won a victory recently for Louis Mioron, WPA worker. On January 7, this worker was transferred from project No. 522 to South Pasadena. He refused to go there, however, on the grounds that the carefare to that job, 35c a day, is prohibitive for a \$55-a-month wage slave.

Mioron's demands were: First, to be re-instated on a WPA job with no more than 14c carefare a day; second, to be paid in full for all the time he lost from January 7 until he starts working again on a WPA project.

No carefares are attached to the job on which he is now working, and he is continuing his fight for the second demand, with a fair chance to win, provided a sufficient amount of mass pressure is forthcoming.

In a note to a Mr. Robertson of the WPA, dated Feb. 10, this reinstatement was ordered by Otto C. Heitman, district labor co-ordinator, in the following words: "The bearer, Louis Mioron, is the worker whom I mentioned to you over the phone. He tells me that on account of excessive carefare, he did not report on this assignment; therefore he has no dismissal. It seems only reasonable, however, that he could be sent out again now, preferably to a project near his home."

This decision is a precedent which can be used by other workers now paying up to 40c carefare a day on WPA projects.

In organizing this musical group the mandolin was selected because it is an instrument comparatively easy to master, and also inexpensive, according to Comrade Ashman, the instructor.

Those wishing to play the mandolin, or the guitar, should come to a meeting of the group at 121 Haight street, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday evenings.

Six Sections Overfulfill Their Quotas in Our \$7,500 Drive

6 MORE HAVE PASSED HALF-WAY MARK; SAN FRANCISCO AMONG THE LAGGARD SECTIONS

DONATIONS RECEIVED WEEK OF FEB. 12TH-19TH.

San Francisco Section:	
Balance Bazaar proceeds	\$39.60
C. No. 4008	2.25
R. H. C.	.75
Unit 3, Downtown	8.45
Unit 1, Mission	6.75
Unit 4, Downtown	2.00
Unit 2, No. Beach	6.00
Industrial Unit, Fillmore	5.00
Unit 7, North Beach	2.00
Croatian-Serbian Workers' Club	7.50
V. M. P., San Francisco	1.00
Unit 2, Mission	1.25
Unit 5, Mission	6.46
Sealers' Unit, Waterfront	19.60
Unit 4, North Beach	10.00
Waterfront Sub-section	26.00
Total	\$144.61

East Bay Section	22.70
San Diego Section	8.25
San Mateo Section, Palo Alto Unit	38.25
Santa Barbara Section	5.00
Monterey Section, Carmel Unit	4.00
Sacramento Section:	
M. K., Sacramento	6.00
Section, Sacramento	10.00
Contra Costa Section:	
Redwood Unit	5.00
Martinez Unit	2.50
Eureka Section:	
S. J., Eureka	1.00
Collection Lists	1.10
San Jose Section:	
Sunnyvale Unit	4.05
Los Gatos	1.25
San Jose Unit	.27
Bakersfield Section	3.20
District at large:	
Unit 100	3.51
Ruth St. I.	3.00
E. Bod., Roseville	1.00
Unit 100	1.00
Total	\$264.69
Previously acknowledged	\$4376.45
Total amount raised to date	\$4641.14

With over \$2800 yet to raise,—and less than a month to do it,—it still looks as if we'd go over the top in the drive for \$7500 for the 1936 sustaining fund drive for the Western Worker.

Six sections have overfulfilled their quotas already, one having raised half again as much as they were called on for. And the five runners-up are still going.

Six more sections are well on their way to the top with over 50 per cent of their quotas already in the war chest. Santa Barbara, with barely \$8.00 to go, should join the other "oversubscribers" very soon. Los Angeles and the East Bay are doing alright.

Ten quotas are yet below the half-way mark. Among these, strangely enough, is San Francisco, with only 46 per cent of its quota raised.

Nevada, Porterville, "at large," and the others may or may not have good reasons for lagging.

But what is the center of the major struggles of the maritime workers waiting for? The stronghold of union labor in California should certainly be able to start its drive with sufficient vigor to go over the top and oversubscribe its quota.

For one thing there is a competition on these section quotas, with sections in the various classes striving for prizes. Either Los Angeles or San Francisco sends somebody to the Soviet Union for May Day. It all depends on which oversubscribes its quota the most.

As of February 19, 1936

THESE QUOTAS OVERFULFILLED

Section:	Quota	Raised	Percent
Sacramento	\$ 50	\$ 75.38	150
Sonoma	75	95.00	125
San Bernardino	50	56.00	112
San Mateo	100	108.05	108
Merced	25	26.50	106
San Diego	200	204.43	102

THESE OVER HALF-WAY MARK

Section:	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Santa Barbara	\$ 75	\$ 67.26	90
Contra Costa	50	44.15	88
East Bay	350	244.20	70
Los Angeles	3500	2425.55	69
Fresno	50	30.04	60
San Jose	25	13.57	54

THESE ARE FAR BEHIND

San Francisco	2500	1144.44	46
Bakersfield	25	10.48	42
At large	175	66.13	32
Nevada	25	5.50	22
Monterey	75	13.25	18
Eureka	50	7.10	14
Tulare	25	2.00	8
Stockton	25	1.00	4
Arizona	25	1.00	4
Porterville	25	0

Total to date	\$4641.14	62
Yet to raise	2858.86	38
Quota	\$7500	100

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Our Literature Is Half of the Job

COMRADES MUST HAVE PAPERS, PAMPHLETS FOR EVERY MASS ACTIVITY

DISCUSSION ARTICLE
By H. Kramer.

Our party has made great strides in the improvement of our pamphlets, press and magazines. Those comrades who have read our press and literature for many years can fully appreciate the changes in our Daily and Western Worker as well as in our agitational and theoretical pamphlets. Every section, unit and Party member in reviewing their work since the last convention and in formulating plans for the coming period must accept the challenge of the Fascist Hearst and his Liberty League by increasing many fold the influence of our press and literature among the toilers of their particular localities and concentration points.

FIELD UNLIMITED
Although we have made considerable progress in the distribution of literature, we must admit that we have taken advantage of only a small fraction of the possibilities lying before us. Tens of thousands of workers are waiting for us to bring them our literature and papers. Thousands of these, who have never been contacted by our party comrades in their territories, are coming to our book shops. They are hungry for our literature and guidance.

What are some of the problems we must face and solve? We must realize that the basic point of concentration for literature distribution must be in the shops, factories, on the docks and other places of work. Here we have direct contact with the same workers daily, the possibility of discussing both before the sale of the pamphlet and paper and after, and the fact that you are known (or should be known) as a fighter for the interests of the workers in that particular shop or dock. Through the sale of literature we can get a number of workers organized into a study circle and later into a shop group and into

the Party.

TALK WITH WORKERS
It is not enough that we just sell our literature to the workers in the shop. We must involve the workers in discussing the pamphlet and help clear up some of the points which he may not understand. Find out in what he is interested,—civil liberties, fascism, the Soviet Union, Stakhanov system. Discuss it with him and sell him the proper pamphlet for further reading. At the present time, the shop and factory is our weakest spot of literature distribution. With the proper work and methods it can, and must, become the basic point for our literature distribution.

The next basic distribution point is the trade union. There we have tremendous possibility for literature distribution. We can see by the response many trade unions in San Francisco have given to our pamphlets on Hearst, industrial unionism, the labor party, May Day, etc.

PAST EXPERIENCE
Where party members took the initiative of introducing these pamphlets directly in the union halls, they found eager hands for our literature. The good union work done by the comrades in San Diego was to a great extent due to concentration with Western Workers and pamphlets. Trade unionists in locals and the Central Labor Councils were mailed the Western Worker for a period of months. Our comrades could notice these workers react to the editorials and news items of our paper by their discussions and proposals on issues of trade union democracy, rank and file control and even political and international issues.

Here our problem is to educate the fraction in the trade union as to the role our literature and press can play in building the union, in breaking away the rank and file from the control of the reactionaries, leading them in

struggle for higher wages and better working conditions. The fraction should discuss what particular pamphlets should be used, what trade union members should be contacted, how to check up on the results, and the possibility of recruiting these workers into the Party. A small literature committee should function in each fraction.

LITERATURE A NECESSITY
While some members of street units have been convinced that it is their "duty" to take a given number of pamphlets, very few members were convinced in the street units that it is not only their duty, but that they CAN NOT REALLY CARRY OUT THEIR WORK EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT USING OUR LITERATURE. There is not an activity of our Party that can be carried on effectively without the distribution of literature, whether it be unemployed work, Farmer-Labor Party agitation, shop concentration, Negro work, etc. Literature sales must be a part of every activity and campaign of the Party.

To get the best results in street unit activity, the following should be done: First, the unit bur must discuss the question of literature distribution, not only in relation to the unit activities in the territory, but the individual activity of each Party member, in the mass organizations, shop or trade unions. Second, if literature is to help build the unit, the unit should begin to establish in its territory a regular Western Worker and literature route. These routes to be built up through constant house-to-house canvassing. Regular purchases of our pamphlets to be recorded and regularly revisited.

SPANISH WORK
Our district is particularly weak in the work among the Negro and Spanish workers. In Los Angeles, a very good start has been made in the distribution of El Machete, Mexican paper, and Spanish pamphlets, but in San Francisco and in the valley, very little of our Spanish literature is being distributed. We are get-

PARTY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT MUST INCREASE THEORETICAL STUDY

ting scores of pamphlets from Mexico which must reach the workers in the fields and waterfront. For every party member to understand clearly the trend of events from a Marxist-Leninist basis is not a luxury but an immediate necessity. To be able to explain to the masses the necessity of building a Farmer-Labor Party as a weapon against war and fascism, one must read and study the wealth of material given to us by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International and the last meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States.

THEORETICAL STUDY

These reports and speeches have hardly been touched by our membership. We can see by the number of theoretical periodicals distributed in our district. Only one out of every seven members read the Communist, monthly organ of the C. P., U. S. A.; one out of every eleven read the Communist International (semi monthly organ of the Communist International); one out of every fifteen members read the International Press Correspondence and less than 500 copies of each of the 15 pamphlets published on the 7th World Congress have been so far distributed in our district with a membership of over 2500.

The treasure contained in the decisions and reports of our leading bodies must not only become the property of each and every party member, but it must also become the property of the masses. But this cannot be done unless we realize the importance of study and reading. Party members should get these pamphlets and organize study groups of sympathizers, fellow shop workers and trade unionists and discuss with them the profound analysis of the Seventh World Congress and its application to the United States, their own organization and locality.
END INDIFFERENCE

Dimitroff and Browder laid great stress on the importance of studying the reports and decisions of the congress. Only by understanding them ourselves will we be able to transfer these momentous decisions into action and build a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States.

The distribution of our literature and the building of the circulation of our press must become a living part of the work of every comrade in the district and especially of the leading comrades in all phases of work. We must once and for all root out the indifference and neglect of literature work that is evident among our leading comrades in the district and sections and leading committees. They first must feel that the spreading of our pamphlets and papers among the masses is an integral part of their work. They must realize that literature is not a matter of nickels and dimes, but that it is a weapon for building our Party and moving the masses into action.

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RIP TIDES - - - By LeMae "Scuppers Awash"

The bos'un stuck his head in the messroom just as twenty-six famished sailors made a dive for the chow. "How about a volunteer to go over the side? One of the 'midship scuppers is plugged."

Labor Party in the East Bay

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND THINGS TO BE DONE NEXT

DISCUSSION ARTICLE By Carroll Barnes.

In analyzing our work in the East Bay Section in connection with our efforts to build a Labor Party in Oakland, two outstanding facts are immediately apparent. First, that there are definite possibilities in the East Bay for building a Labor Party based on the organized labor movement.

and in which they had had no hand in formulating. If this question had been discussed clearly, emphasizing that the first conference was called to discuss Labor's need for independent political action, the possibilities of building a Labor Party, the kind of a program such a Labor Party should bring forward and the ways and means of carrying on Educational work in all the trade unions on this important subject, it is reasonable to believe that there would have been easily twice as many trade unions represented at the September 1 conference as there were.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN Z. BISSELL, M. D.

ECZEMA AND KIDNEY DISEASES Dear Dr. Bissell: My husband, who has eczema, has had it on his legs, from the calf down, for years. But for the last two years it breaks out in a weeping sore (is not very itchy) and now breaks out in a scaly form on his face, especially on his chin.

OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES IN STREET UNITS

SUGGESTED CHANGES MIGHT ELIMINATE THEM SHOULD WE HAVE "TRADE" OR "UNION" UNITS?

DISCUSSION ARTICLE By Fred.

The discussions and decisions at the Seventh World Congress offer the widest possibilities to build a real mass C. P. in the U. S. A. The important question is—how can we best carry out these decisions? The first approach to this problem is the matter of organization. Is the present form of organization of the Party capable of meeting the situation? No. Years of experience in the Party has convinced me that the Party structure up to now is not only inadequate but absolutely bad and if continued will make it impossible to make headway.

WHAT ABOUT FRACTION?

Some members might raise the question of the fraction. My experience has proven to me that fractions function very unsatisfactorily and do not solve the unions' problems. If a fraction meets too often it works hardships on the members. If it meets once a month it is limited to general discussion on policies, but attains very little organizational results because it fails to keep tabs and to react to daily problems. It fails in this because the fraction is not a definite functioning organization. Therefore our poor work and poor results in the unions.

THE PARTY MUST DEMAND FARM POLICIES THAT BENEFIT SMALL FARMERS AND WORKING MASSES

DISCUSSION ARTICLE By Tad.

In raising the issue of opening up the factories and putting the unemployed to work, the question of the agricultural situation and its influence on the coming presidential election should not be overlooked. Apparent as are the contradictions on the industrial front, the contradictions on the agricultural front are, perhaps, even more glaringly exposed. Unemployment and the closing of factories are not new in this country; they are phenomena with which the public has become all too familiar. However, the wholesale destruction of the very essentials of life while great masses virtually face starvation is something new.

SIMPLE SCHEME FOR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

"QUARTERLY PERSONAL CONCENTRATION PLAN" AND IT'S A RATHER INTELLIGENT PROPOSAL

DISCUSSION ARTICLE By D. D. (Unit J-7, Hollywood)

The task of increasing the Party, with a non-fluctuating membership, is one of our major problems. I do not propose to repeat here all of the discussion with which we are familiar on the question of recruiting; neither is this the place to discuss weaknesses and necessary changes in organizational form, assignments, inner-Party life, etc., all of which are pertinent to this subject, and must also be solved. I want to take up one thing only, and that is a plan of recruiting, which need not supplant any or all other methods of recruiting, but which can be made the basic method of continuous recruiting, and which should, in practice, reduce fluctuation and build a more organically unified Party membership.

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Greetings to the EPIC Convention!

The EPIC convention meeting in Los Angeles next Sunday has a distinctly emergency character and is due to play an important part in the political history of California. It has the power to make a definite break with the old compromise tactics and take a bold step forward toward progressive, independent political action that will rekindle the enthusiasm of the EPIC forces in the 1934 elections.

This is important because many militant elements are disgusted with the Roosevelt evasions of real issues, the vacillations of the Roosevelt-at-any-price factions which led to the Olson splitting maneuvers, and the half-hearted progressive stand of many of the present leaders.

Such disgust inevitably leads to disintegration. This must not be permitted. Militant EPICERS must reorganize their forces and go forward with new confidence and new strategy.

This means that the convention must stand firmly on a NO COMPROMISE platform, ignoring the "invitation" to ease shamelessly into the Roosevelt camp in the manner proposed by Sinclair—a shameful stand in view of the slap in the face delivered by Roosevelt to the EPIC demands.

But the fight must be carried to the May primaries for a full "no compromise" EPIC slate. Only in this way will EPIC preserve its integrity.

The other path, of half-heartedly urging production-for-use then flipping without reserve into Roosevelt's camp, is the OLD DISCREDITED PATH of playing to the remote margins of the Democratic Party, weakening the program and losing all principle.

But this is not the end; it is only the means to an end—that of rallying EPIC forces for a new, enthusiastic progressive fight in California politics.

Already it is evident that various groups hitherto either indifferent to each other's program, or actively antagonistic, have drawn closer together in view of the aggressive fight being waged against ALL PROGRESSIVES by reactionary fascist groups such as the Liberty League, Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Associations, etc. These progressive groups now recognize the need for close cooperation, even in a limited form, if democratic and civil rights are to be preserved and political progress is to be made.

It is therefore important that the EPIC convention take action which reaches beyond the May primaries—providing for a preliminary joint conference of trade unions and all other progressive groups to discuss means and ways for evolving a common program for united political action on a statewide scale in the November elections.

For a "no compromise" EPIC fight in the primaries!

For a joint conference of all progressives to build a statewide alliance for the November elections!

The TVA Decision Is Due to War Needs

By a vote of eight to one the Supreme Court approved all points of the Roosevelt Government's Tennessee Valley Authority.

This is startling at first sight, in view of the almost complete reversal of New Deal legislation, from NRA to AAA. Why this sudden spurt of "liberalism?"

Chief Justice Hughes enlightens us. The right to build the Wilson Dam, key structure of the TVA, was given under "war powers." The government is therefore given the right to sell power produced at this dam.

WAR PREPAREDNESS!—This is the answer.

The feeble establishment of war-time precedence for highly centralized government power is none the less significant. The Supreme Court may quibble over and finally reject all laws designed to benefit the poor farmers and the unemployed. Private property rights shall and must be protected. But let modern imperialism be threatened with wars over markets, and all "legal" pretenses are thrust aside and the centralized capitalist state is given full dictatorial power, including the suppression of the Bill of Rights.

The "nine old men," skilled corporation lawyers, watch-dogs for centralized wealth, know the emergencies and requirements of the corporate wealth of United States capitalism.

This is the meaning of the TVA decision. They will not intrude their "decisions" where they are not wanted by the Morgans.

Spain and France The United Front in Action

The ability of united front forces to protect the interests of the people against capitalist maneuvers and to stamp out fascism has been proven in Spain and France during the past few days. In Spain the People's Front has won an overwhelming victory in the elections. In Paris the People's Front, in past months, forced the disarming of the fascist group "Croix de Feu," defeated the infamous Hoare-Laval treaty, and forced the resignation of Premier Laval. Last Sunday the French People's Front paraded 250,000 strong through the streets of Paris in reply to the attack on the Socialist leader Leon Blum by Royalist-Fascists.

These significant victories were the achievement of no one group. They represented the united action of Socialists, Communists and all anti-fascist forces. They will be followed by still greater victories and their inspiration is sweeping in a great wave of strength and courage through every nation of Europe.

The enslaved and embittered peoples of Italy and Germany see in the victories of France and Spain the road to their own freedom. The capitalist powers are shaken with fear and alarm and their reaction becomes apparent in their frantic maneuvers to unite Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland and Japan in a war against the Soviet Union.

But even in this murderous gamble to preserve their rule, they are confronted by the solid, determined wall of the People's Front.

America is separated from the imminent war peril by thousands of miles of water, but she is linked with it surely and securely by thousands of threads of finance. The menace of war looms as threateningly over American cities as over London, Paris or Berlin.

And here, as much as in Europe, the only democratic power by which the people can prevent war and prevent fascism is by the union of all Socialist, Communist and anti-capitalist forces. America is in the process of forming its own People's Front in the Farmer-Labor Party.

The life and future of every man, woman, and child depends on the successful building of this united front movement.

The bitter experiences of the German and Italian people as well as the triumphant inspiration of the French and Spanish people apply as directly to America as to anywhere else.

The people do not want war.

The people do not want fascism.

But the people can only prevent these menaces if they unite their forces and build a people's power capable of meeting and defeating the power of capitalism.

The Farmer-Labor Party must be the power of the people.

The Bestial Practice Of Feeding Dog Food To the Unemployed?

While "low-grade families" are having their starvation relief allotments further plotted against by scheming WPA officials in league with California's reactionary capitalist class, it may possibly occur that they will soon approve of a practice now "unofficially" resorted to by thousands of families on relief—that of eating tinned dog food.

All over the country dog food is being eaten by human beings, it has been revealed now by ex-employees of the defunct NRA.

This horrible condition was partially revealed when the Breeders and Veterinarians' League endeavored to clean up dog food standards, and charged that packing houses were canning waste materials "unfit even for dogs."

The league wrote to NRA officials:

"Your attention is called to the large amounts of canned dog food sold in areas heavily populated by white people of Southern European and Mexican extraction and also in colored sections of large cities—areas where a dog would be a luxury."

And these conditions were uncovered by investigators—not that the living standards of human beings be improved—but so that dogs might live the fuller life!

And the WPA officials, at the bidding of reactionary capital, have the colossal gall to plan further reductions in the standard of living!

What is American about a standard of living for wide masses of the people, which is so low they buy and eat unsanitary dog food?

The Regimentation of Slaves

A great deal is being said in the pseudo-liberal papers today on the terrible conditions which prevail among the California agricultural laborers. This situation has prevailed since years before the depression and little interest has been taken until now. There is a reason.

Wealthy agricultural interests have devised a plan whereby the unemployed are to be registered and held on call as cheap labor for the growers. The method used is to force them into the fields at starvation wages by having authorities cut them off the relief rolls whenever the growers need them.

Watch the pages of our future issues for complete details of how this plan, which has already been pioneered, will be attempted.

The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

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And Don't Forget They're Still In There!



And as long as they are in there, your civil rights in California are empty mockery. This picture of the Criminal Syndicalism defendants was drawn in jail by Mike Plesh, one of the eighteen accused. Eight of them were sent to the penitentiary and are still there. Write to the California State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, demanding that a minimum sentence be set for all the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. Read the full story of the railroading in the five-cent pamphlet: "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR," published by the International Labor Defense.

Write to the prisoners and visit them. The men are in San Quentin. They are: Pat Chambers, No. 57589; Martin Wilson, No. 57591, Albert Hougardy, No. 57590; Jack Crane, No. 57605, and Norman Mini, No. 57606. The Women are in the Women's State Prison, Tehachapi, Calif. They are: Caroline Decker, No. 57617, and Nora Conklin, No. 57616. Lorene Norman was released on bail owing to the birth of a child.

ONLY A FARMER-LABOR PARTY CAN DEFEAT REACTIONARIES

By Earl Browder

(Continued from last issue.)

It is wrong to say, as the Roosevelt boosters do, that the Farmer-Labor Party will strengthen the chances of a Republican-Liberty League candidate. A fighting Farmer-Labor Party will draw heavily from former Republican ranks, something which Roosevelt certainly cannot do now, when the tide is running heavily against him. A Farmer-Labor Party will weaken both capitalist parties, the Democrats as well as the Republicans, but it is the only factor that can seriously weaken the Republicans. This is not merely a rationalization of an already convinced Farmer-Labor advocate. Even the liberal New Republic which on the whole supported Roosevelt, was forced to conclude (Jan. 29), that if Roosevelt "is defeated it will be largely by those very votes who would rally to a new and better Party, but who under the circumstances are likely either to stay at home on election day or to increase the Republican majority."

"Shall the workers who see the reactionaries threatening what they have won through bitter battles, again be misled? Shall they be duped into believing that Roosevelt, who has surrendered on every major issue, will suddenly turn into a barrier against reaction after his election? This would only enable Roosevelt to declare another four-year "breathing spell" in which the forces of reaction and fascism would speed up their growth even more. Shall the workers and farmers, who are turning from Roosevelt because he has not fulfilled his promises, be given no alternative but to fall victim to the fascist minded demagoguery of the very bankers whom they hate, and whom they would fight if given a militant program? The immediate building of a Farmer-Labor Party will keep these workers from being de-

ceived by Roosevelt, as well as win those workers who, disillusioned with Roosevelt, would vote for a Liberty League candidate if given no other choice.

Every day it becomes more clear to the widest circles of political thinkers that only a Farmer-Labor Party gives any hope of checking and defeating the Republican Liberty League threat against our liberties.

If the Farmer-Labor Party movement has not made greater headway up till now, it is because we have not sufficiently carried out struggles to meet the urgent demands of the masses, such as: unemployed insurance, old-age pensions, against the high cost of living, for higher wages, for a shorter working week without reduction in pay, for adequate relief for the farmers, for the needs of the toiling youth, for the fight against Negro discrimination, for the defense of civil rights. Through fighting for these demands we will keep the masses from being duped by the misnamed Liberty League and their ballyhoo artists—the Hearsts, the Al Smiths and the other American counterparts of Hitler and Goebbels.

FLP CONGRESSMEN

It is absolutely necessary to gather a broad united front of the toiling and discontented masses into a Farmer-Labor Party for the 1936 presidential elections. It is necessary to make a serious fight to elect at least 30 to 50 Farmer-Labor Congressmen this year. It is necessary to build this Party in each town and city, in each State and throughout the country!

Of course, it may be that the city and state parties will in the beginning gather a broader voting strength than will the national ticket. That is because a great many, convinced of the hopelessness of Democratic and Republican local parties, still remain victims of the illusion that Roose-

velt can rise above the source of his power, and will support Roosevelt nationally as the lesser evil.

We Communists declared as long ago as November that we would not break with workers and farmers who are only ready to build local parties and support local tickets, but who still support Roosevelt. This means that we must do everything possible to convince these workers and farmers that it is necessary to make a complete break with Roosevelt; that they must develop independent political action on a national scale to combat reaction. Only where we are not successful in achieving this goal, we must at least organize the Farmer-Labor Party on a local scale. We must use the local economic and political issues and struggles and discontent with the local two-party system to give the workers and farmers in these communities the first lessons in independent political action. This will enable them to move to a complete break with the two old capitalist parties on a national scale.

BUILD MOVEMENT

To our Party comrades we say that they must work better and more persistently in building the Farmer-Labor Party on a local scale. In every factory, in every union, in the clubs and fraternal organizations, in the farm communities, we must mobilize the masses and convince them of the burning need of a Farmer-Labor Party. Together with the best progressive members of every mass organization we must work out the practical detailed-organizational steps required to establish a local Farmer-Labor Party.

Of course, it is still necessary to warn against the premature declaration that a narrow initiative committee is already the Farmer-Labor Party, before those organizations which are necessary have been brought into the movement.

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

I went to see Pat Chambers at San Quentin last Saturday. You have to wait about an hour in a room like a railroad station. There is a clock, a framed color-print of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," a sign telling you not to smoke, and several rows of hard oak benches. You have to stay in the room, but you can look out the windows. They overlook the outskirts of the prison, just on the outside of an iron gate with a sign above it warning visitors not to go beyond.

Smooth gravel paths circle around trim lawns and lead up to the immaculate, vine-covered homes of prison officials. Tall stone machine-gun towers with steel-barred windows lift their gray, ugly necks above the otherwise park-like atmosphere.

This is the fringe of the penitentiary—the lace edged petticoat of a morbid hag.

Lifting your eyes from the ordered grounds, you see out over the cold waters of the Bay; perhaps the cruelest landscape that could be placed before the continual gaze of prisoners. A constant traffic of deep sea vessels and smaller harbor craft can be seen coming and going.

Across the grounds under the windows, a steady stream of activity goes on. Grateful mannered, virtuous eyed trustees in cleaner shirts and neater trousers stroll as leisurely as students on a campus. They smoke cigarettes, talk among each other in quiet voices, eye visitors curiously. Their attitude is reserved, watchful, ingratiating.

The guards in their sickly colored yellow-drab uniforms strut back and forth with a smug air of authority. They stride with rolling, cock-sure, independent attitude, talk in loud tones, slam doors, snap orders. They stand out from the prisoners in a contrast so sharp that they appear not as men in opposite circumstances but creatures of entirely separate species.

Down the walk comes a procession of about twenty prisoners marching two abreast. They wear the shapeless grey uniforms that distinguish them from the natty trustees. Huge visored grey caps that are mere bags with flaps.

They march like automatons, each staring straight ahead with uniformly sullen expressions.

Directly opposite the window

the guard barks at them: "All right. Stop there."

The procession halts with precision. Not an expressionless. They stand there motionless. The guard swaggers over to some of his fellows and they chat easily, stroll up and down, exchange the time of day. The line of prisoners remains frozen.

From the window you can look down into the expressionless, waiting faces. Criminals! Perhaps so. But to you they are just people. Their eyes are deep with suffering and their attitudes are frozen with discipline born of terror. But they are unmistakably people.

They offer the same variety and general appearance as the crowd you see on the street car going to work in the morning. They bear the marks of their former lives and you can pick out the laboring men, the clerks, the college graduates, the craftsmen, the brain workers. Here is an old man with rimless glasses who is a dead ringer for a man you once worked for. He looks meek and seamed loving—a home builder and family man—a church-goer. Next to him is a fine, clean-cut looking young fellow who looks like your brother.

Every face recalls to you the typical people you associate with in every-day life. This is what strikes you most. Your intelligence always told you that prisoners are merely people. But knowing a thing and realizing it are two different stages. And you have to see this to realize it.

These are the men whose need or desire would not fit within the intricate codes which govern the transfer of property from man to man. These are the men who reached out to lay hands directly on the things they wanted or needed. Who sought life at the point of a gun or tried to buy it with a forged check.

Whatever they did or whatever they live under is paying them back in a currency as cruel as any crime. And the Lords of property and profit haveaped their own God and usurped his privileges by building a hell on earth and filling it with the problems they could not solve.

And you cannot cure tuberculosis with a hatchet. And you cannot end a depression with a cannon.

And you cannot cure crime by clamping the souls of men in an iron vise.

A prison is a monument erected by capitalism to mark its own failure.

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MEXICANS SEEK MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL PLANT

CALLES SAYS "WORKERS ASK TOO MUCH"

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Government electrical workers here have prepared a petition asking federal authorities to hand over to them the management of electrical plants.

The workers also are prepared to force the fusion of the country's double telephone system. One firm is controlled by European capital, the other by the International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

President Cardenas intervened in a threatened strike of workers in a large smelting company at Monterey, forcing the firm to sign a collective contract.

Meanwhile approximately 2000 hunger marchers were slated to arrive here soon from Toluca, led by school teachers who have worked for some months without pay.

Former President Calles, in a statement released at Monterey, has attacked the liberal Cardenas regime. Calles against whose fascist plans the trade unions and the masses of Mexican worker and peasants are uniting in a Popular Front, says "the workers are demanding too much."

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