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## STATE SABOTAGES C. S. REPEAL CAMPAIGN

### Millions Marching in International Working Class Show of Strength

#### World Demonstrations on First of May Oppose War

##### ITALIAN ARMY WADES IN BLOOD AND MUD TO EMPTY VICTORY

The First of May dawns on a world shaken by crisis, alarmed by the imminence of war, and restless with the spirit of revolt. French workers are massing to celebrate their gains in the April 26th elections and rally their forces for greater victories in the May 3rd balloting. The Paris demonstration is scheduled as one of the most dynamic in history. The forces of reaction, panic-stricken by the prospects of a working class victory at the polls are waging one of the most feverish and hysterical propaganda campaigns in recent years in a last-minute effort to stem the tide of popular revolt.

In Italy, fascist powers are prepared to suppress all popular demonstrations with military force. Il Duce's robber legions, knee deep in a morass of mud and blood on the plains of Ethiopia, are reported within 60 miles of Addis Ababa. They are achieving a victory of no strategic value and at a cost that threatens to swamp the Italian nation in economic disaster. Unrest within Italy has grown to a giant, smoldering force that strikes fear in the heart of the fascist rulers.

**SPANISH VICTORY**  
Spanish labor will greet May Day with a nationwide 24-hour strike to celebrate the election victory of the United People's

of Germany will see the suppressions of working class demonstrations and the substitution of military parades and war hysteria. The Nazis, instead of rallying May Day off the calendar as a holiday have sought to take it over as a day of kow-towing to the "God" Hitler.

In Poland, the workers' demonstration will be lakes of seething revolt surrounded by police and military. May Day celebrations have not been outlawed, but have been confined to definite areas which will be completely hemmed in by the armed forces of the state.

**BRITISH PRETEXTS**  
Great Britain, on the eve of May Day, threw another blazing torch into the dry tinder of the masses by appropriating the staggering sum of more than ten million pounds (\$51,500,000) for naval construction. The traditional British pretense of liberality voices no official opposition to the gigantic Hyde Park demonstrations which grow more alarming to the ruling class each year. However, the area will be surrounded by heavy mobilizations of police and every aspect of a non-governmental affair will be present.

**AUSTRIA PARADES**  
Fascist Austria follows the lead of Germany in attempting to convert May Day into a demonstration of war hysteria. Military parades and high mass are being arranged by the government. All mass meetings will be suppressed by machine gun squads, touring the streets in trucks. The Communist Party has distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets and plans "lightning" street demonstrations which will last a few minutes and then disappear to evade police violence.

In the Soviet Union, where the workers and the government are one and the same power, May Day will be commemorated by demonstrations of popular enthusiasm such as could not be rallied in any other country of the world. In the rest of the world, May Days are milestones in the march toward the establishment of Socialism. In the U. S. S. R., where Socialism has already been achieved, May Days are milestones in the march of Socialist progress toward a Communist Society.

For higher wages, against the high cost of living!  
Build the mighty United Front of the working class on May 1st.

#### 300,000 IN JERSEY ARE DENIED AID

##### Legislature Adjourns Without Providing Relief Money

TRENTON, N. J., April 30.—Three hundred thousand New Jersey jobless workers and their families literally were told they need no longer look to the state to feed them and the legislature here today washed its hands of the relief problem.

At the same time, 100 unemployed were ordered out of the state assembly building to which they had laid siege since a week ago last Tuesday. They demanded the legislature appropriate money to feed them and the thousands which they represent.

Because a majority of the legislators are seeking renomination in the approaching elections and were afraid of the effect new taxes, if oked by them, might have upon voters, they refused to grant the demands of the hungry of the state.

Practically all municipalities in New Jersey have stated their inability to take care of the unemployed without assistance from the state. The legislature formed a small administrative board to handle relief matters but at the same time gave it no funds with which to work and by its action automatically dismissed a staff of 3900 regular administrative workers.

**COLORADO FASCISM**  
DENVER, Colo.—Protests from within the state as well as from other states have forced Gov. Ed. C. Johnson to call off the border blockade against the entry of workers from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The blockade had the complete approval of the big beet sugar interests, who are assured of a plentiful supply of cheap, hunger-driven labor through wholesale WPA lay-offs within Colorado. The beet sugar interests had no need this time for additional labor usually recruited from other states, hence the blockade. Already 47,312 applicants are registered at the free employment offices, with lay-offs continuing.

Governor Johnson got the idea of curbing the rights of ordinary American citizens to travel through their own country from the recent stunt of Los Angeles police chief, Davis. Guardsmen patrolled the borders, and some of them, disguised as workers, crossed over into New Mexico to act as spies. At the Colorado-New Mexico border not only freight-riders and hitch hikers were turned back, but passengers were removed from autos and trains and turned southward at the point of guns.

TRENTON, N. J., April 29.—As the New Jersey legislature—with its finger on the political pulse of the state—met to "seek food and clothing" for the state's rapidly increasing jobless army, reports come in that unemployed in Pennsylvania, Kansas and Illinois were planning demonstrations.

Legislative procedure thus far has followed a regular routine of meet, caucus, meet and caucus. Primary elections are scheduled for May 19 and legislators seek to avoid action until after that event. Meanwhile the jobless, who laid siege to the state capitol more than a week ago, still continued to watch their elected "representatives" in action but were becoming increasingly furious at the studied delay.

Approximately 300,000 were thrown off relief when state funds became exhausted and landlords threatened immediate eviction (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

#### RED SQUAD IS SENT AGAINST L. A. STRIKERS

##### Sixteen Armed Police Patrol Venice District

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—To prevent the striking agricultural workers from picketing the ranches where they are on strike, Captain William F. Hynes, chief of the Los Angeles Red Squad, today sent 16 picked squad members, armed with sawed-off shot guns, tear gas bombs and clubs, into the Venice celery fields.

Despite the fact that their picket lines have been attacked twice by the Los Angeles police, field workers are preparing to reorganize their picket lines. Strikers are virtually prisoners in the strike area. Their attempts to leave are met with interference by police. Workers' cars have been forced into telephone poles by police cars. Three autos have been wrecked in this manner.

**RELEASED**  
The five strikers arrested Sunday were released yesterday without charges being filed against them.

Felix Lopez, Filipino worker, who was struck Sunday by a tear gas bomb, is in a very serious condition. He was blinded by the gas and it was necessary for his fellow workers to lead him back to the strike headquarters. He was also clubbed by police.

Another worker, about 60 years of age, badly clubbed by police Sunday, is in a serious condition.

**SEEK SETTLEMENT**  
It is reported several individual ranchers are willing to meet the demands of the field workers but due to the pressure of the Japanese Growers' Association they are still hesitant to sign contracts.

The Public Works and Unemployed Union is cooperating with the agricultural workers. All workers, trade unions and sympathizers are asked to send funds for strike relief to the Mexican Confederation of Unions, 128 N. Main st., Los Angeles, Calif.

The International Labor Defense is calling upon all workers' organizations, liberals, to protest to the Mayor and the City Council this latest outrage of the Los Angeles Red Squad.

#### ACLU TO FORCE TEST OF CALIF. FLAG SALUTING

SACRAMENTO, April 30.—A petition for a writ of mandate to test the constitutionality of compulsory flag saluting in California schools was filed in the Sacramento Superior Court by the Northern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union through Attorney Wayne M. Collins, Tuesday.

An alternative writ of mandate issued by Superior Judge Peter J. Fields orders the Sacramento School Board, Superintendent Ch. C. Hughes, and other school officials made respondents in the action, to allow 9-year-old Charlotte Gabrielli to re-enter school without saluting the flag.

She was suspended last October for refusing to give the flag salute. The latter petition, which affirms the child's loyalty, declares that compulsory flag saluting violates her religious beliefs because, to adherents of "Jehovah's Witnesses," a religious group of which she is a member, "flag saluting is a form of idolatry."

Attempts to secure her reinstatement through school authorities thus far have proved unavailing.

#### N.Y. Sailors Winning AGREEMENT MAY END WALKOUT

NEW YORK CITY.—An agreement is reported between officials of the International Seamen's Union and the rank and file strike committee led by Joseph Curran, which is expected to end the walk-out on East Coast ships begun March 29. Some 4000 seamen have been on strike.

An agreement provides for the dropping of the I. S. U. officials' suit to restrain the strike committee from continuing its activities; a referendum within 45 days on the contract signed by the officials with the shipowners (which does not grant the wage increases, overtime pay and conditions similar to West Coast conditions which the seamen desire); a pledge of no disciplinary action by the officials against the strikers; and I. S. U. support of members discharged or blacklisted because of strike activities.

**MOBILE**  
MOBILE, Ala.—Four ships are tied up here because the engine room crews are refusing to furnish steam for longshoremen to work cargo until the charter of Local 1284 of the I. L. A. is restored by the international officials. Ryan withdrew the local's charter due to its militancy in a strike and proceeded to organize a dual local.

**SEATTLE**  
SEATTLE.—A wire from William Green advising the Seattle Labor Council to support the international I. L. A. officials against the militant leadership of the San Francisco I. L. A. local was filed.

**APPEALS 1-MAN CAR RULING**  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Permission to appeal the one-man street car case to the United States Court of Appeals was won by the city in Judge Harold Louderback's court here today.

City Attorney John J. O'Toole filed a long list of errors aimed at invalidating the injunction originally granted by Judge Louderback which, in opposition to a two-thirds vote of the San Francisco people, granted the Market Street Railway practical permission to operate one-man cars.

Louderback had ruled a city ordinance requiring two men to operate each street car in the city is unconstitutional. The Market Street Company, it is reported, has brought a new bunch of street cars into the city from St. Louis. Intention of the company, it is understood, is to convert these ancient relics into cars of the one-man variety.

**ATTACK TEACHERS**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (FP)—Five hundred Memphis school teachers have been warned by the Board of Education that they must dissolve their American Federation of Teachers local or lose their jobs.

**NEW JOBLESS LOCAL**  
FAIRFIELD, Calif., April 24.—A unit of the Public Works and Unemployed Union was formed here tonight with 64 members signing up at the first meeting. It will work with the assistance of the Vallejo Local.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS WIN IN COURT BATTLE AT LOS ANGELES**  
LOS ANGELES, April 28.—Workers won a smashing victory here today for the right to organize, strike and picket when a jury found five Mexican women members of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union of San Pedro, "not guilty" on the framed up charges of "disturbing the peace."

Found "guilty" by a jury last month, the case was annulled by Attorney J. Allan Frankel on grounds of error in refusing to permit evidence showing that a

strike was in existence at the time of the alleged offense. The appellate department of the superior court reversed the conviction and the workers were granted a new trial.

The five women workers were members of the original Fish Cannery Workers' Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor whose charter was nullified by Secretary J. W. Ruzvelt of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, acting for William Green.

#### PETITION IS INVALIDATED BY ONE WORD

##### Spelling Mistake Is Made on Advice of Deputy Attorney

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—What amounts to practical sabotage of the referendum campaign to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, on the part of the office of State Attorney General U. S. Webb, was revealed today by the state offices of the repeal campaign committee, when it was forced to call in all referendum petitions so far issued.

Due to an error in one word, made at the suggestion of Deputy Attorney General Darwin Bryan, 3000 petitions already issued must be withdrawn and new petitions issued to conform with the advice of the Legislative Counsel's office of Sacramento.

All individual and organizations who have been circulating petitions are urged to hold them until the new ones are ready, and then visit each voter who has already signed on the old petitions for the purpose of getting them to sign again.

When this has been done, the State Conference For Repeal of the C. S. Act asks that the old petitions be brought in or mailed to 68 Haight Street, San Francisco, or to the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West Second Street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

**NOT DISHEARTENED**  
"This error by the Attorney General's office, be it intentional or unintentional, is naturally a blow to our campaign," said Herbert Nugent, secretary of the State Conference.

"But instead of becoming disheartened by this temporary setback, we must and will let it act as a spur to our efforts. We must resolve to get 240,000 signatures by June 10th, which will act as 240,000 blows against fascist trends and reaction in California."

The error in the petitions was made at Bryan's insistence that the word "proscribe" be changed to "prescribe" in the title of the C. S. Act, which was done.

Subsequently a letter from Fred B. Wood, State Legislative Counsel, established that the correct word is "proscribe," and warned... the use of a word having practically the opposite meaning of the correct word in the title of the act proposed to be repealed, may conceivably be held to be misleading and result in vitiating the petition.

**FOOL OR LIAR?**  
Bryan had originally insisted, on April 16th last, to a committee composed of Nugent and Mrs. Beatrice Kinkead from the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, that "there is no such word as proscribe."

The official title of the C. S. Law is: "An act defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage, prescribing certain acts and methods in connection therewith and in pursuance thereof and providing penalties and punishment therefor."

Despite this temporary setback, the work for the repeal of this anti-labor statute is going on at a great pace.

The Central Labor Council of Alameda County voted last Monday night to sponsor a radio program for the repeal campaign. The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council is reported to be voting Friday night on the question of joining with the Alameda County (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

# Menace to Labor Seen in Universal Fingerprinting

## OAKLAND A. F. OF L. COUNCIL TAKES ACTION AGAINST MOVE

OAKLAND, April 28.—Some time ago the Alameda County Central Labor Council went on record as opposing the fingerprinting drive now being pushed by the Fascist elements. At last night's meeting several delegates complained that the labor movement was giving far too little attention to this important fascist move. A motion was passed directing the secretary to write a letter to all affiliated union locals, as well as to the various East Bay city councils, informing them of the attitude of the Council on this matter. The resolution also urged the workers to start a more vigorous campaign against fingerprinting.

One delegate declared, "It is far better that they may not be able to identify a dead man than to brand our labor leaders for the rest of their lives." Others pointed out that this was just the first step toward issuing passports that workers will have to carry from town to town, and requiring everyone to report to the chief of police every time he stops in a new town, just as the workers are forced to do in the fascist countries of Europe.

The Oakland California Towel Co. has been placed on the "We do not patronize list" by both the laundry drivers and the Laundry Workers' Unions. A picket line will be thrown around the plant. All union members are requested to refuse to use towels from this firm which supplies many barber shops, meat markets, restaurants, as well as offices and stores.

The Filling Station Employees Union announced they will celebrate May First by starting on that date to picket all unorganized stations.

It was voted to ask Harry Bridges to address the Council on whatever date he may choose.

The Cooks and Waiters' Union presented a resolution stating that they are starting an active picketing campaign against unfair restaurants and asking the cooperation of all other unions in not crossing picket lines either to purchase meals or deliver goods. The executive committee was instructed to call all other affected unions into conference so as to coordinate the campaign and make it most effective.

The High Explosive Workers' Union recently organized in the Dupont Powder plant announced the signing of an agreement where-in they received a raise in wages amounting to \$50 per month and other concessions.

The official delegate from the Alameda County Central Labor Council to the Anti-Criminal Syndicalism Conference in Sacramento made a very fine and rather detailed report. He announced that the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council was desirous of cooperating with this council in putting on a radio campaign for the repeal of the C. S. Law and that the two councils share the expense equally. A motion was passed that such arrangements be started at once.

## A. F. L. FIGURES SHOW 12,184,000 STILL JOBLESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A. F. of L. figures on unemployment just released show that little or no progress has been made in re-employment for the first three months of 1936. The figures place the number of industrial workers "without normal work" at 12,184,000 in March.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., stated that failure to make progress in re-employment was due in part to lengthening of hours. More than a million possible jobs have been eliminated by lengthening work hours since the termination of the NRA, Green stated.

Even if business could reach a level considerably above normal, at least 6,000,000 would be permanently unemployed, Green said.

## Committee Halts Sailor Deportation

NEW YORK, April 29.—As a result of action by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Raimundo Estrada, native of Puerto Rico, has been released from Ellis Island, and all charges against him dropped by immigration authorities.

The committee started a campaign and in three weeks secured Estrada's release, forcing the immigration authorities to recognize his Puerto Rican birth certificate and a Seaman's Certificate of the Department of Commerce certifying that Estrada is an American citizen.

Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

## JERSEY JOBLESS DENIED RELIEF

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when rent checks were stopped. John Spain Jr., secretary of the New Jersey Workers' Alliance and leader of the jobless group, in yielding the assembly floor to the legislators, declared:

"We may stay here years and years."

ST LOUIS, April 29.—Failure of aldermen to provide relief brought more than 40 unemployed men, women and children to the city hall here yesterday in a hunger protest.

They are determined to wait until the city dads provide them with food and clothing. The Board of Aldermen, meanwhile, has adjourned until May 11.

Four children and many women are included in the protesting group.

## Academic Freedom A Splendid Theory, Says School Head

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Academic freedom is a "splendid theory" to C. Harold Caulfield, president of the Board of Education, who thundered to members of the Mutual Business Club at a luncheon yesterday that he would stand for no "propaganda."

"There is no need to require high school children to read and digest the New Republic or any publication that covertly sneers at and insidiously saps at the foundations of our form of government," said Caulfield snappishly.

"Academic freedom is a splendid theory, if by it you mean the freedom to teach academic or essentially school subjects."

## STRIKE OVER

SAN PEDRO, April 29.—Strike of 500 men of the tuna fishing fleet, was reported ended here tonight by an agreement between the union and the companies involved.

The strike had kept 40 cutters of the tuna fishing fleet idle in the harbor for more than two weeks.

## "Private Hicks" Gets Most Applause in North California Drama Tournery

### NEW THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS INDUSTRIAL STRIKE PLAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Out of four one-act plays presented last night in the third annual drama tournament of the Northern California Drama Association, the majority of applause from the audience went to "Private Hicks," by Albert Maltz, the left-wing play presented by the New Theater Group.

The first play on last night's program, "Hunger," presented by the Mummers, told of an unemployed family starving to death. The wife was certain their fortunes would change if the husband would only pray to God. The husband was doubtful, but fell into a doze during which he dreamed that hunger, in the shape of the devil, entered the room and wrestled with him. Awakening from the dream, he vowed he would pray to God and have optimism.

It received a listless slapping of disinterested applause.

### GIDDY OPTIMISM

The second play told of a prince of an imaginary European kingdom who came to America and became so fascinated by the fact that "poverty was unknown" that she forsook the crown, gave the country to the people as a republic, and sold all the oil fields to American oil interests. This was the "Magic Brew," presented by the Occasional Players. It ended up with the whole cast on the stage singing "Yankee Doodle" and declaring, "This is how we do things in America." There were

## Bosses Voted Out Of Lathers' Union At L. A. Meeting

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—"Bosses out" was the decision of the lathers' group of the Allied Building Crafts, Inc., at its regular meeting here recently. The Allied comprises lathers, plasterers and hod-carriers' organization on an industrial basis and is an independent union.

Heretofore many contractors have attended meetings with the journeymen. Now they are forming an organization of their own.

A definite raise in wages has been announced to take effect May 15. At that time wages for wood lathing will be \$4 per 1000 and outside men will get \$1 an hour. The present scale is \$3 per 1000 for wood and between \$2 and \$6 per day for outside men.

### FIVE-DAY WEEK

The new scale will call for a 40-hour, five-day week with time and one-half for overtime and double time on Saturday and Sunday. All work aside from wood lath is considered outside work.

This scale was adopted at a meeting a month ago with the further proviso that after June 15 wood lath would be \$5 per 1000. Later the motion was reconsidered.

At a joint meeting of the lathers' board of directors with the contractors last week the latter agreed to waive their rights to a 30-day notice and accept the scale as specified in the original motion. After a heated discussion at the lathers' meeting the report of the directors was accepted unanimously.

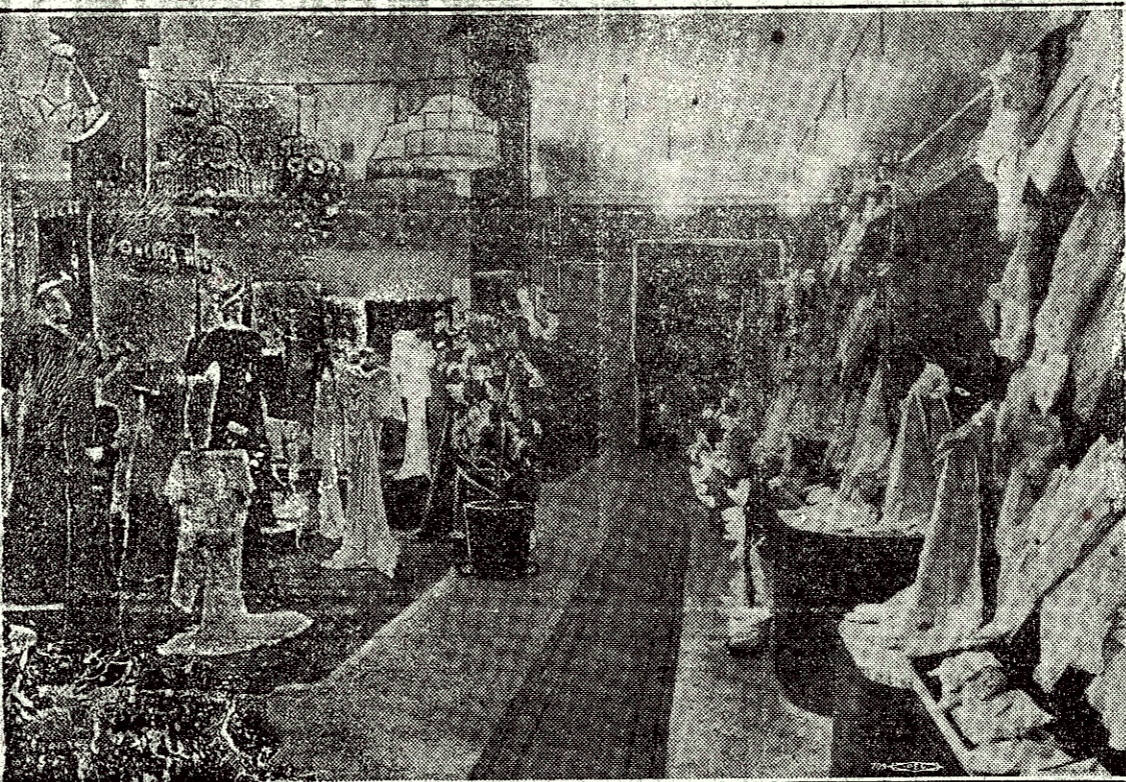
Members were asked by Fred Hunter, business agent, to turn in a steward's report from each job. Most of the jobs are 100 per cent Allied Building Crafts lathers but reports that a few employed men without cards are on the jobs makes it necessary to check each job. The business agent very strongly emphasized the necessity for making the industry 100 per cent closed shop.

### Favor 6-Hour Day

WASHINGTON.—A poll taken by the American Institute of Public Opinion discloses that 76 per cent of those answering the poll favor a shorter work week as a means of reducing unemployment. Eighty-four percent said if hours are reduced, weekly wages should not be decreased.

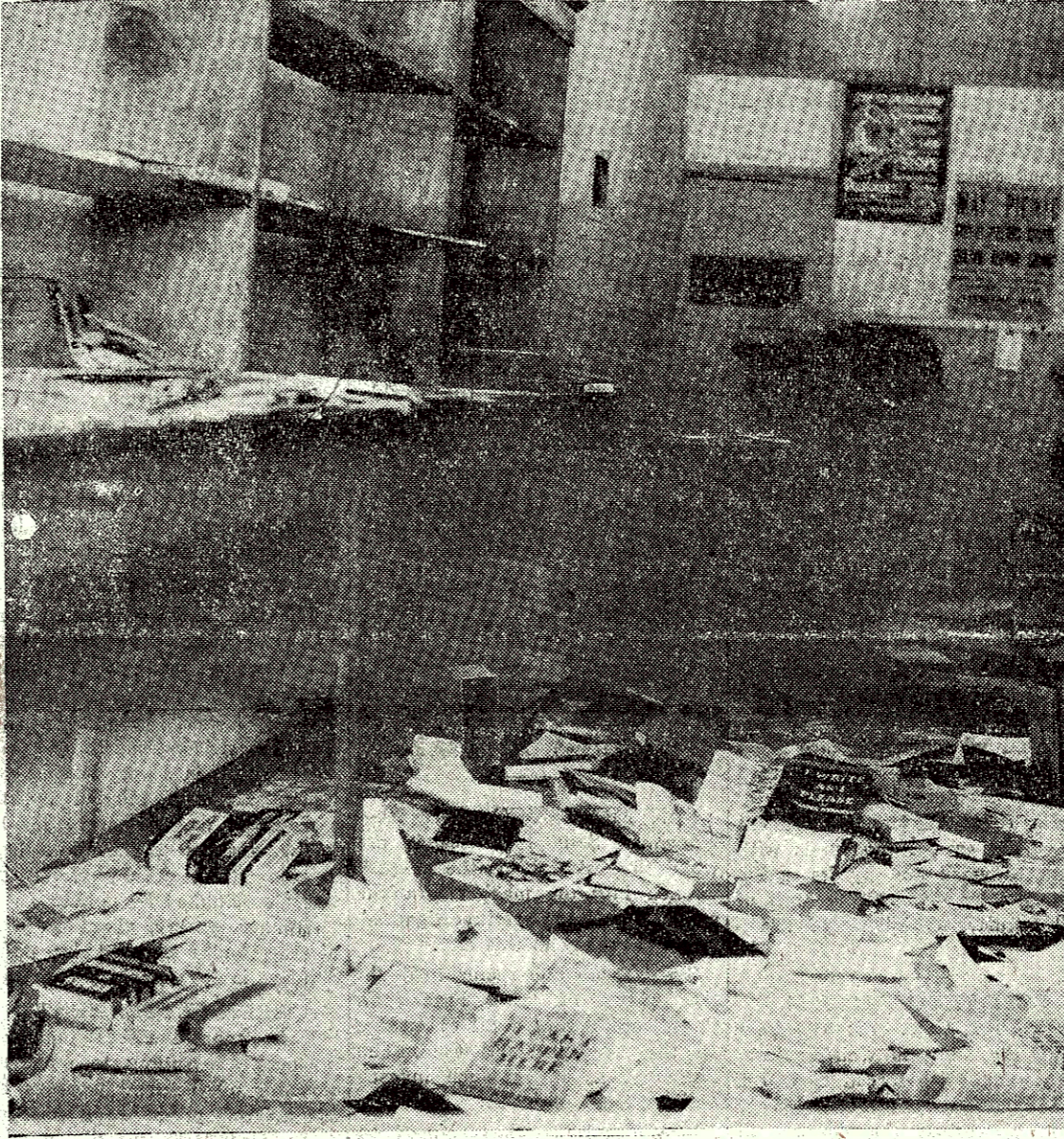
Chairman Connery of the House Labor Committee, a Democrat, has revealed that the 30-hour Bill is being held up in Congress by President Roosevelt's failure to support it.

## HIGHER STANDARD OF CLOTHING FOR U.S.S.R.



Now that the basic industries have been established and food shortages overcome by collective crops, the Soviet workers are turning their attention to the production of comfort and luxury goods. Above is the Spring fashion show in Moscow's Central Department Store. This is not a private profit concern but a huge commissary owned and managed by the workers. Best and most popular designs will be turned out in mass production.

## The Work of Vigilantes in San Pedro



In the early hours of the morning of April 15th, hoodlums broke through the glass door of the International Book Store in San Pedro and turned the place into a mass of wreckage. Why didn't the police interfere? The store was visited on the day before by Hache, a member of the police Red Squad. He

was seen again at the door of the store around midnight. The place was entered between 2 and 3 o'clock a.m.

When the book store manager notified police of the vandalism, he was told, "you have no business opening a radical book store."

### ONCE A STOOL PIGEON, ALWAYS A RAT

"Hitler entered political life as a spy, a non-commissioned officer in the post-war German army, detailed as intelligence officer to attend labor meetings."—John Gunther, European correspondent of Chicago Daily News, in his book, Inside Europe.

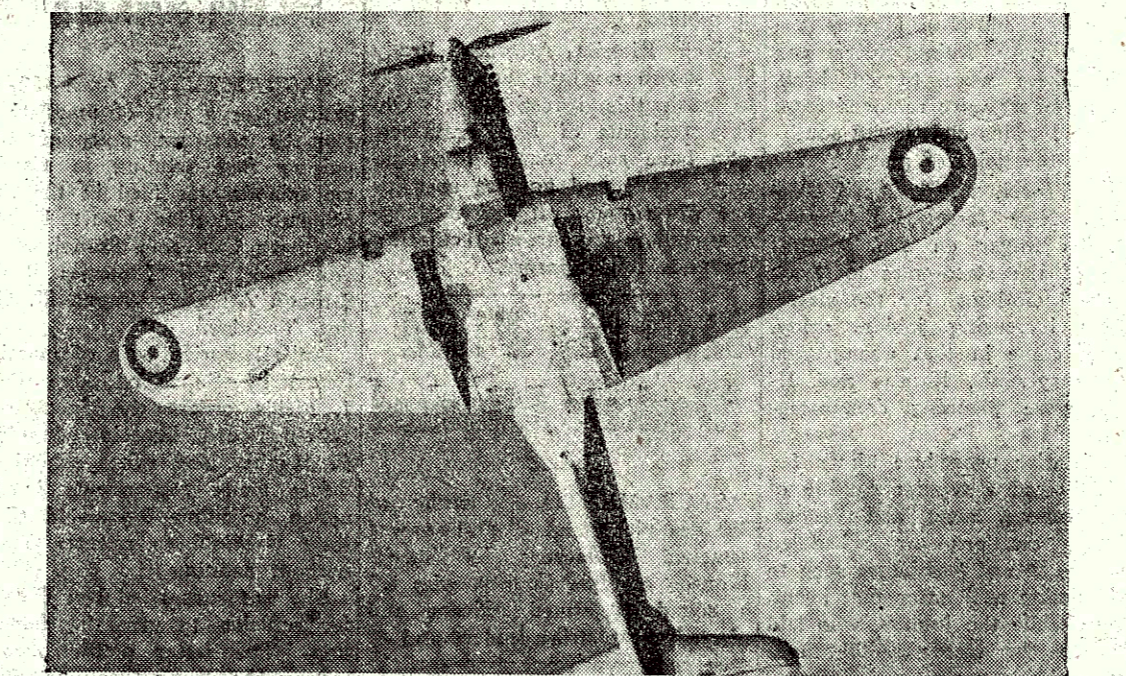
### NEW ORLEANS, (FP) —

The crew of the Point Montara struck at New Orleans when difficulties arose over their claim that they were shipped at Mobile with the promise of transportation or \$50 cash at their option, in case of troubles on the west coast. Longshoremen refused to work the ship.

### AWAKEN THE DEAD

The German Olympics committee is considering an exhibit of Nazi accomplishments for the benefit of foreign tourists who attend the games. A concentration camp, perhaps? And a torture chamber? And the bodies of thousands of workers, liberals, Jews and Catholics?

## THE BIRD THAT MIGHT LAY GOLDEN EGGS



One of the new high-powered bombers just completed for Britain's Royal Air Forces, which experts conclude to be one of the most effective death dealers ever devised. The threat of German belligerence is one of the greatest fears in England. And yet, it is to Great Britain that Hitler is looking for a loan that would enable him to complete his war machine. If the British people have their way, he won't get it. If Britain's bankers have their way, he might. The whole future of Europe depends upon how well organized the people are to force their demands.

## MASS ACTION HALTS PASSAGE OF DISASTER ORDINANCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES

### Mobilization Rehearsal Planned for S. F. May 2nd

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Whipped to a standstill in their attempts to create a vigilante group legally under a "disaster ordinance," reactionary forces of San Francisco will attempt to set a precedent here tomorrow by a "disaster mobilization" under the "legal" auspices of the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, the police and fire departments.

Police Chief Quinn offered his cooperation Wednesday by issuing orders to clear traffic from streets in and around police and fire stations, hospitals and the Veterans' War Memorial buildings, "to speed the concentration."

The mobilization will be started at noon tomorrow with two blasts from the Ferry Building siren, which will give repeated blasts at intervals until 2 p. m. Other sirens will also blast throughout the city. Police cars are to sound "the signal" as they cruise the city, and radio stations are to repeat it over the air.

The American Legion auxiliary will serve lunch "for those who desire it, after they have been registered in the mobilization."

The attempt to put over the "disaster ordinance" failed in the Board of Supervisors several months ago.

### TABLED IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—Militant opposition of workers yesterday forced the Board of Supervisors to "table" indefinitely the anti-labor "major disaster" ordinance.

After bitterly attacking the proposed "major disaster" ordinance as a strikebreaking law to be used against striking or demonstrating workers, Pat Calahan, county organizer of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, offered an amendment to the proposed ordinance which would prohibit it from being used for anti-labor purposes.

"By adopting such an amendment it will have the support of our organization," said Calahan.

Rose Cherin of the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights and Clinton J. Taft of the American Civil Liberties Union vigorously supported Calahan's amendment.

"I have seen strikes broken with vagrancy laws and with Criminal Syndicalism laws," Grover Johnson of the International Labor Defense declared. I am confident that if 10,000 hungry workers were to march on the City Hall it would be interpreted as a "major disaster" and this ordinance would be used against the hungry people."

"If you are sincere, how can you with a straight face vote against Calahan's amendment," Johnson continued.

The Board of Supervisors voted down the amendment to the ordinance which was later tabled by unanimous vote.

It was indicated that June 27th, the date Mooney and Warren K. Billings were arrested in the frame-up following the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing, might be the date for the mass meeting.

All unions are to be notified of the postponement, and advised of the date when it is set, Ernst stated.

## OPEN FORUM

### LEGIONAIRE'S VIEWS

San Francisco, Calif., April 25, 1936.

Gentlemen: I would like to see your paper publish all the news that appears in the capitalist press that tends to bring-out the rotten, sinister, unholy methods that are being used daily, so that the readers can think along logical lines without the aid of propaganda set up as a smoke screen to hide real issues.

Ask your readers to clip out any items that tend to expose those 50 or 60 selected, cultured, lounge-lizzards who are the mighty and allmighty owners of 147,000,000 lives—by virtue of their control of industry and "legislative bodies" and the Supreme Court.

Sincerely, American Legion Man.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—A storm of jeers and hisses from elderly spectators forced the adjournment of the Congressional inquiry into the Townsend organization. The moment Representative Clare Hoffman (Rep.) of Michigan, who is conducting the investigation, walked in, he was booed by the Townsend Club members who crowded the room.

At one point, Hoffman was forced to stop the questioning of a witness when one old spectator began chanting, "Rot, rot, rot."

### MUSIC FIRMS SETTLE

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Thirty of Tin Pan Alley's 92 music publishing firms, where music arrangers and copyists struck for wage, recognition demands, have settled with Musicians' Local 802 of New York.

The Western Worker Circulation Drive is now on. 2000 new readers by June.

## Reveal Attempt To Sabotage C. S. Repeal Campaign

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body in joint sponsorship of such a program.

### BOARD MEMBER DUCKS

The committee elected by the Sacramento C. S. Congress to present demands for release of the eight Sacramento victims of the law, reported last week that it was unable to see Governor Merriam, but that it put Banker Joseph Stephens, member of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, "on the spot" in the privileged sanctum of the Merchants National Bank of Sacramento.

Despite contrary evidence, Stephens kept ducking the issue by stating that the men prisoners in San Quentin "have received lighter sentences than any other Criminal Syndicalism case."

Stephens admitted that the board can reconsider the cases, but refused to commit himself as to whether it would reconsider. The cases of Lorene Norman, Caroline Decker, and Nora Conkeli will come before the board some time in May, he said. The case of Louise Todd, sentenced to 14 years in Teahupai Women's Prison, on a technical discriminatory point in the perjury law, may also be brought before the board in May, Stephens said.

On Stephen's desk in the bank was a large pile of post cards bearing a picture of the three girl victims of the C. S. Law. Some evidence of the growing case for release of these prisoners.

## POSTPONE S. F. MOONEY MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Originally scheduled for May 15th in Civic Auditorium, the Tom Mooney Mass Meeting has been indefinitely postponed, it was announced here today by Hugo Ernst chairman of the Central Labor Council's special committee.

Inability to get suitable and prominent speakers for the mass meeting is the reason for the postponement.

It was indicated that June 27th, the date Mooney and Warren K. Billings were arrested in the frame-up following the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing, might be the date for the mass meeting.

All unions are to be notified of the postponement, and advised of the date when it is set, Ernst stated.

## Bay Area Picnic Plans Announced

SAN FRANCISCO.—The annual May Day picnic for San Francisco and all other Bay Area workers takes place on Sunday, May 10th, at Varsity Park Picnic Playgrounds (3 miles west of Menlo Park).

A varied program has been arranged by the Picnic Committee, some of the highlights of which are a play by the Workers' Theatre, sports, ball-games, footraces, dancing from 2 till 12 midnight.

There will be a special accordion orchestra provided for mass singing around the evening bonfire. A special attraction will be the national dishes prepared by the Armenians, Russians, Greek, Chinese and Italians.

Cars and trucks will leave 121 Haight Street from 8:30 to 12 noon. Transportation round trip can be secured at only twenty-five cents.

### Republican Red-Baiter Retires From Elections

SANTA ROSA, April 28.—Officially endorsed Republican candidate for Congress, Col. Henry Sanborn, publisher of the vicious fascist newspaper, The American Citizen, announced his retirement from the elections at a meeting of Republicans in Ukiah last Sunday, it was learned here today.

Universally scorned and despised by organized labor, Col. Sanborn was recently selected from a field of six or seven men and given the Republican Party endorsement to oppose the incumbent, Congressman Clarence F. Lea.

Sanborn excused himself from the race by saying he was unable to devote sufficient time to campaigning, since he would be absent from the state during most of the pre-election period, and would be "unable to conduct an aggressive campaign."

Townsendites in this district are reported to have made plans for entering a candidate against Lea, but no official endorsement has been made as yet.

Sanborn started publishing The American Citizen in San Rafael, making a career out of red-baiting. Suddenly when the Water-front Employers Association started its drive to smash the San Francisco maritime unions, this anti-labor sheet began to be issued in tens of thousands of copies, without any statement as to where the financing was coming from. Sanborn, in this newspaper, played the shipowners game by attacking in vicious manner the leadership of the maritime unions as "un-American" and "Communist," well as calling for fascist suppression of the Communist Party.

### Man Who 'Beat the Rap' to Run Again

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—Buron Fitts, long time "stooge" for Harry Chandler who is publisher of the reactionary, anti-labor Los Angeles Times, announced here yesterday that he will run for re-election as district attorney.

Fitts has held office since last December 5, 1928.

He-time bigwig in the American Legion, Fitts was Lieutenant-governor under Governor C. C. Young, before he became district attorney of Los Angeles County. He succeeded Asa Keyes, district attorney who was convicted and sent to San Quentin prison for malfeasance in public office, with Fitts acting as special prosecutor.

In 1934 Fitts himself was indicted in connection with his duties as district attorney, but "beat the rap." Attempts to remove him from office on the basis of the indictment also failed.

As a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1930, Fitts was badly beaten by the late Governor Rolph. In all his campaigns, Fitts has always been supported by the Los Angeles Times, the long-time foe of organized labor.

### Lewis Raps Flag Salute Measure

SCORES STATE IN "BABY PACIFIST" CASE

BARNARD, Vt.—Commenting on the recent "baby pacifists" case, Sinclair Lewis, author of "It Can't Happen Here," declared that "if the gangs behind the compulsory flag salute nonsense do not understand how they're advertising Massachusetts to the rest of the U. S., it is time the world told them."

Three young children at Northampton, Mass., recently were expelled from the public schools and sentenced to reform school for refusing to salute the flag. Their parents are members of a religious group which objects to the salute.

Lewis charged that the patriotic organizations behind the flag salute law are turning the flag into a symbol of fascism. "Does it (Massachusetts) really regret that the embattled farmers of '76 did not salute the British banner which was then the lawful emblem of their government?" Lewis asked. "They are trying to turn that from the symbol of liberty into the symbol of tyranny, fascism and death," he continued. "I still can't quite believe that the American flag and the Swastika are one."

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

## STRIKE AGAINST HEARST PAPER DEVELOPS SOLIDARITY BETWEEN NEWS GUILD AND TRADE UNIONS

### News From the Front In a Letter From Striker's Wife

INTRODUCTION  
The following is a personal letter from the wife of one of the striking newspapermen of the Hearst Wisconsin News. The strike is being conducted by the American Newspaper Guild.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:  
I went to work for Hearst the first week in January. He didn't want to, but after all, we had some pressing bills and also had to eat. He was very disgruntled at the miserable salary, but finds out now that he was one of the top-notchers at \$30.00 a week. Imagine that if you can.  
I have been going around Milwaukee in the sound truck. We mounted sound equipment on the Chevrolet roadster and told the city of Milwaukee about the strike. The equipment was donated by the Socialist Party.

LOUD SPEAKER  
I got very good on the damned thing; best speaker they had, in that you could understand me for the greatest distance. But Tuesday we went to Chi and got a brand new V-8 truck with sound equipment installed, from the National Socialist Party.

We have been on strike for six weeks, and the strain was too much for me or something or other. I went to pieces, but came to tonight. Just got up for a little nourishment and feel swell now; but I am not going down to the line tomorrow for the cops scare me to death. Next week I'll go down again and fight with the rest of them.

We have been getting grand support from unions and liberal groups all over the country. The unions here are doing swell.

The publisher called the Executive Committee in to negotiate yesterday and talked all day, but they won't recognize the Guild as a bargaining unit. They will promise everything under the sun, but will not sign a contract. Hearst's Mr. Pittner was here, but, of course, that didn't do any good.

BOYCOTT HEARST  
The fight has quit being a fight against the "Wisconsin News" and is becoming a fight against Hearst and his \$227,000,000. Several of the unions have put a ban on all Hearst publications.

If you belong to any groups that would be interested and would care to send us some cash, why we would be more than glad to receive it. We need dough all the time. We have lots of moral support.

There are 22 strikers. 25 out of 29 Guild members went out. Three went back; two photographers and one office boy. The full staff numbered 33.

There is going to be a mass demonstration tomorrow and probably more arrests. If you are interested, I will send you another "Guild Striker" next week. I know that you have no love for Hearst.

NEW UNDERSTANDING  
Not one of these strikers except X\_\_\_\_\_ ever had any union affiliation before. All were very conservative; don't believe they had smoked a union made cigarette before in their lives. I dare you to come in the headquarters and ask a guy if he wants a Camel now. They were an awfully green group, but they sure have learned a lot in six weeks. I don't know how they are going back to the News and write labor stories as they did before. They won't be able to; it won't be in them.

Of course Hearst doesn't want to give in.  
I'm going to try to talk something else besides strike. It is almost impossible. (A few remarks about the weather, the dog, and the last visit with the friend addressed in the letter.)  
I've been up long enough now. Guess I'll go to bed. X\_\_\_\_\_ is down in the basement building a frame for a sign to put on the truck. They will probably try to put him off the street tomorrow, as they did last Saturday. The mess in front of the police station was a honey.

Goodnight,—  
Note: The striking reporters are still out and fighting bravely. Contributors may address funds to the American Newspaper Guild Strike Fund, 49 West 45th Street, New York City.



### FUTURE STATUS OF PORTO RICO BEFORE SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Faced with a serious scandal regarding the state of affairs in Porto Rico under American rule, the Senate is now debating a proposition to grant the island a counterfeited "independence" similar to that accorded the Philippines. Such a move would secure the domination of American capital and, at the same time free the U. S. government from responsibilities regarding unemployment and poverty. American investors would be able to exploit Porto Rico as thoroughly as if it were American territory, but the island itself would be denied the normal rights of a State.

San Juan, the capital, has the highest tuberculosis death rate on the two American continents. American relief agency figures show that 80 per cent of the working population is unemployed and destitute. Over half the land is owned by four Wall Street sugar concerns. Wages on the plantations average 60 to 70 cents per day. About 60,000 needle workers earn approximately 1 cent per hour. Food prices are 20 per cent higher than in New York.

Ernest Gruening, chief of the division of territories at Washington, declared the independence bill to be "consistent with the enlightened policies of this administration in relation to its neighbors."

### SUPREME COURT STILL DEBATES COAL MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—After a two-weeks recess, the Supreme Court failed to announce its decision on the constitutional status of the Guffey Coal Control Act, one of the pet measures of the Roosevelt "New Deal" administration.  
The Guffey Coal Act, although giving the miners some concessions as to the right to organize, provides for the throwing out of scores of thousands of soft coal miners through abandonment of "unprofitable mines," and further strengthens justification of the mining industry.

A similar measure for the textile industry, the Ellenbogen Bill, is pending in Congress.

## Behind Il Duce's 'New Corporate Plan'

### IMPERIALISM IN SOCIALISTIC DISGUISE

Announcement of Mussolini's "New Corporate Plan" which included dissolution of the parliament and the substitution of leading corporation heads, was hailed in the American capitalist press as a stride in the direction of Socialism and the abolition of capitalism.

Meanwhile, the Italian press described the plan to the masses as a half-way mark between Socialism and capitalism.

Hardships of the African war and a general lowering of the standards of living throughout Italy produced dissatisfaction and a spirit of revolt. It was necessary for Il Duce to make some pretense of concessions to the people and, at the same time to consolidate and fortify the position of capitalism. The "Corporate Plan" was an attempt of this kind.

WAR MOBILIZATION  
An examination of the facts reveals it as a step in the direction of reaction and a further bulwark against Socialism. It involves the amalgamation of the country's key industries (the war

### Fascist Tong War Threatened in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Threats of tong violence have been raised in China-town here as a result of activities of a Chinese fascist organization, the "Blue Shirts."

Wong Quon Dick, recently returned from China with orders from Dictator Chiang Kai-shek to organize "Blue Shirts" units among the Chinese in America, is utilizing his tong affiliations to threaten progressive elements in China-town.

UNITED FRONT  
The threat is particularly directed against the rapidly growing Chinese People's Association for the Salvation of China. This united front people's movement was stimulated by the recent visit of the famous Chinese General Fang Chen Wu, defender of Shanghai and Harrar and former governor of Anhwei province.

The Chinese People's Association held a meeting on Sunday, April 26th, attended by more than a thousand. Over 200 members were recruited.

SIX COMPANY  
The Association proposed to use the Chinese Six Company (the higher body of China-town) as its offices. At a meeting of the Six Company, however, Wong Quon Dick and his "Blue Shirt" followers appeared and forced a rejection of the proposal. To accomplish this, Wong, as a representative of his family organization, exerted top powers and the meeting almost resulted in a fight.

During the past month, the Chinese Nationalist Daily (local organ of the Kuomintang), under direct leadership of the "Blue Shirt" group has been waging a campaign of lies and slander about the united front and General Fang Chen Wu. As a result of this, many family organizations have declared official boycotts of the paper. Among them are the Sue Yuen Tong, the Kong Jue Association, and others.

### WILLIAM GREEN BACKS MEXICAN FASCIST GROUP

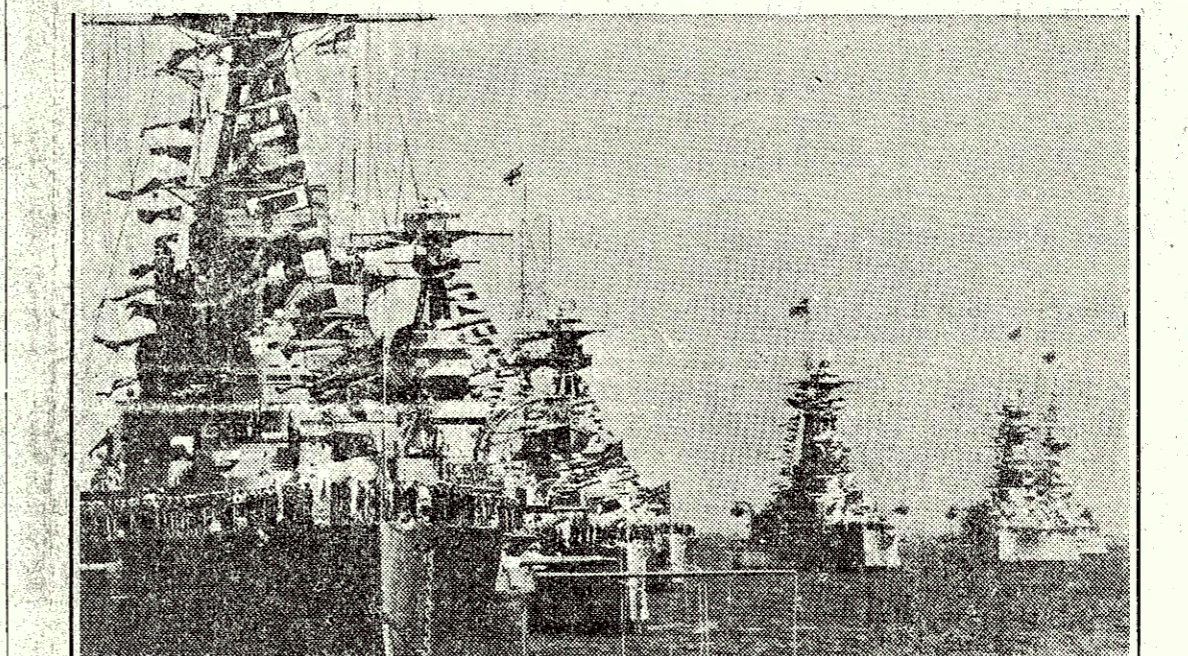
NEW YORK CITY.—Lining up with the fascist elements of Mexico, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a statement attacking the Cardenas government in Mexico which is backed by the united front of all progressive organizations.

Green issued his statement after a conference with Luis N. Morones, former labor leader who deserted the Mexican working class, worked with fascist groups against labor, and was exiled because of his close connection with General Calles, who aimed to overthrow the progressive Cardenas government.

The fascists whom Calles and Morones backed were responsible for the recent bombing of a train in which many workers were killed, and for other acts of terror. One of the greatest demonstrations of organized labor in Mexico took place at the funeral of the victims of this fascist outrage. Many other huge demonstrations of organized labor for the united front and against Calles and Morones have taken place recently.

# Poland Builds Giant War Machine on Foundation of Starvation and Misery

## UNEASY GIANTS OF SHELL SHOCKED BRITAIN



British warships maneuvering in the Mediterranean. Seizure of Lake Tana places the hob-nailed boot of Italian Fascism squarely on the petticoat of British Imperialism. With potential revolts flaring in most of her colonies, Britain can ill afford to come to grips with Italy. Her diplomatic desire at

present is to encourage Italy to unite with Germany and seek loot in Central Europe and the Ukraine, rather than in the direction of Britain's holdings. Meanwhile, however, the bulk of Britain's fleet has been concentrated in the Mediterranean for eventualities.

## SPANISH PREMIER PRAISES SOVIET PEACE POLICY; PREDICTS TRIUMPH OF PEOPLE'S FRONT IN SPAIN

### Azana Interviewed by Ilya Ehrenborg in Madrid

MOSCOW.—Manuel Azana, Premier of Spain, in a sensational interview with the famous Soviet writer, Ilya Ehrenborg, published today in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, declares that he considers the Soviet Union the "guarantor of peace" and predicts the triumph of the People's Front and the doom of fascism in Spain.

The complete text of the interview follows:  
Ehrenborg: What measures has the Spanish Government taken for the establishment of normal diplomatic relations with the U. S. S. R.?

Azana: During the campaign, the People's Front advanced the demand for the establishment of diplomatic relations with the U. S. S. R. During the next two weeks, an Ambassador of the Spanish Republic will be appointed to Moscow. I know that the "rights" will protest but I am not in the least interested in their position.

Ehrenborg: Are you a member of the presidium of the League for the Defense of Peace?

Azana: Yes, I am, together with Alvarez De Vayo and the poet, Antonio Machado.

Ehrenborg: How do you estimate the role of the U. S. S. R. in the matter of the defense of peace?

Azana: The U. S. S. R. is the guarantor of peace. Your country possesses military power and is therefore able to defend our common ideals. Fascism is the germ of war.

### THEY MARCHED OUT SINGING



When the People's United Front of Spain won its sweeping victory in the elections, thousands of political prisoners were released from Spanish dungeons and were carried home on the shoulders of their friends. The grim Valencia prison, pictured above, yielded its thousands of Socialists, Communists and Anarchists who marched out arm in arm to greet their triumphant comrades.

Ehrenborg: Are you acquainted with Soviet art?

Azana: I particularly value the new Soviet music which I have

heard here and in Paris. I know the Soviet writers and your literature has enabled me to understand the soul of the Soviet revolution. I need not mention the great impression which Soviet films have made upon me. I regret today to say that I am acquainted with Stanislavsky and Meier hold (famous Soviet theater directors) only from books. I hope soon to be in Moscow. We must do everything in order to acquaint the Spanish people with Soviet culture and art.

Ehrenborg: How do you estimate the situation in Spain?

Azana: Yesterday's events show that the "rights" have not reconciled themselves. Certain elements in the Civil Guards showed insubordination. Yesterday, the government took a number of urgent measures: the removal or replacement of Fascists who are among the commanding staff.

The "rights" are frightened and will not dare to raise their heads. I believe that in the very near future, we will have an agrarian reform. We are preparing a bill which will allow us more stringent control over Spanish banks.

The People's Front is stable and the Communists are trusted allies. The enemies of the regime are only among the "rights." I do not deny that we are confronted with many obstacles but I am convinced that the People's Front will triumph completely and that Fascism is doomed.

"Wall Street wears a 'shimmy' made out of the American flag."—Major General Smedley D. Butler.

### ALLIANCE WITH GERMAN WAR MACHINE

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN Federated Press.

WARSAW, (FP).—Poland has 3,000,000 registered unemployed plus three million Jews who are systematically being starved to death, plus a famine of unprecedented severity. The Jews are starved and boycotted, and since January 1,000 have been badly injured and 119 killed.

Famines are an annual occurrence in Polesia, the largest province of the Polish republic, but this year starvation is accompanied by an epidemic of typhus and infantile paralysis. Thousands of peasants are living on the cooked bark of trees and roots which women and children are permitted to gather in forests of the landed nobility.

ALL FUNDS TO WAR  
Poland's design for living is that of war-mad central Europe. The wealth of nations, all their energy, all their efforts, social, economic and even biological, are wasted in the service of war and war preparations.

Criss-cross the continent and you hear the highways of Europe resounding with the metallic step of heavily shod feet. Troops are marching in all directions. The nocturnal sky is blood-red with the reflection of belching steel ovens. Armament factories are working three shifts in every country. On the long journey across the continent I passed endless strings of flat-cars loaded with combat planes. Under green tarpaulins I saw the awkward bulk of crouching canons. In whatever direction I looked there were infantry columns plodding through the fields. Caterpillar artillery, field kitchens searchlights, anti-aircraft batteries, supply trucks, munition caissons, tanks, armored cars, weird, fantastic monsters of steel rumbled by. In the wake of the martial processions trailed long files of Red Cross ambulances.

LONG BREADLINES  
In Germany there are line-ups in front of the food stores. Butter, lard, milk, meat, and potatoes are scarce. The fat is used in the manufacture of nitroglycerine and high explosives. "We can do without butter," says triple-chinned, obese, incendiary Gen. Goering, "but we cannot do without bombing planes."

The Brenner pass and the Gotthard tunnel are choked with trains pouring steel and coal into Italy. Coal for the troop and munition-carrying fleets in the Mediterranean, coal and oil that cost Italy \$1,000,000 a day. But peasants are walking with their pockets turned inside out in the Sicilian and Calabrian provinces and the Sawdust Caesar in Rome caustically announces: "We are going towards a general lowering of the standard of living in Europe. The day may come when the Italian working class must content itself with one meal a day. Everyone of us must learn to make sacrifices. Everyone of us must learn to do with less."

### GERMAN ALLIANCE

The Polish land Junkers openly advocate joining with Germany in a war of loot and rapine against the Soviet Union. The feudal land barons want to get their hands on the prosperous collective farms across the frontier and reduce the socialist peasants of the U. S. S. R. to the level of plantation slaves.

To this end the miserable, destitute, hungry peasants of Poland are liberally dosed with Bolshevik-mence propaganda and with the old gag about the Jews working for the impoverishment of Poland. "Starve the Jews!" is the slogan of the Endeks, the Polish Fascists. Entire Jewish villages lie in ruins, their poor little shops have been looted and the furniture of the people smashed.

### Pittsburg Workers Seek Rehiring of Leader; May Strike

PITTSBURG, Calif., April 29.—Because the company refuses to arbitrate, 250 workers at the Redwood Manufacturing Co. plant here may vote to strike.

Employees seek reinstatement of a fellow worker discharged because he was a leader in their recent demand for wage increases.

Monday night the workers had voted to arbitrate. Tuesday, J. W. Pearson, general manager, gave the company's "no arbitration" dictum.

### 'SOCIALIZATION' OF CAPITAL LOSSES

being officially charged to the State—to the Italian people—in order to secure the profits of the major capitalists. The plan socializes, as it were, the losses of large scale industry.

### COMMUNIST REPLY

The Communist Party of Italy, in a manifesto illegally printed and distributed among the people declares:

"The proclamation of the Corporations is the proclamation of war. The corporation is the organized form of industrial mobilization and a form of organizing industry with a view to war."

If the Ethiopian invasion were not enough in itself to support this declaration, Mussolini himself, in his speech on the plan, confirmed it by saying: "This plan proceeds from one assumption; that is the inevitability of the nation being called upon to endure ordeals by combat. In the present historic period, both the fact of war and the fascist doctrine are determined by the attitude of the State toward the economy of the country."



industries in particular) into large units which are then partly administered by the State, partly controlled by it, but always with the collaboration of private capital.

There is little or no difference between this plan and the plan of the United States Government for coordination of the nation's industries in event of war.

Further than this, it concentrates control of industry in the hands of the major monopolists, the real directors of the policy of the State.

PROFITS PROTECTED  
Another vital factor is that the particular industries involved have

long been a charge on the national community. They are subsidized industries whose losses have been covered by the State in order to protect the profits of the large capitalists. In accomplishing this, the fascist government drew upon the social insurance fund which is contributed to by workers out of their wages.

Unemployed in Italy receive no further relief after they have been unemployed for 90 days. At the same time, the State appropriates their funds for the purposes of capital.

The vital point in Mussolini's new corporative plan is the legalization of this robbery. The liabilities of certain industries are

# National Labor Board in Strong Plea for Industrial Spy Probe

## INVESTIGATION SHOWS TACTICS OF BERGOFF USED BY EMPLOYER

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Adding new facts regarding the use of labor spies, summing up testimony already presented, and proving that espionage still continues, especially in steel mills, officials of the National Labor Relations Board made a powerful plea for a complete investigation of the violations of civil liberties in the closing hearings held by a Senate subcommittee on education and labor.

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette (Prog., Wis.), held a preliminary inquiry on the LaFollette resolution for the appointment of Senatorial committee, equipped with subpoena power and funds, to investigate violations of civil liberties. The full committee on education and labor is expected to approve the resolution and it will come before the Senate for final approval.

Heber Blankenhorn, Edwin S. Smith, and Richard B. Watts, of the National Labor Relations Board testified at the final hearing. They produced evidence to show that:

**BERGOFF TACTIC**  
During the recent strike of rubber workers in Akron, tactics outlined exactly in a book about the Pearl Bergoff strike-breaking agency, "I Break Strikes," were used by the company and strikebreaking agencies.

The offices of the Federal Laboratories, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa., constitute "a sort of holding company. You can go in one office and hire strikebreakers, tear gas, labor spies, and a Liberty League attorney."

Following opening of the hearings at which the hiring of stool pigeons by espionage agencies was recounted in detail, meetings have been taking place in Pittsburgh and other steel towns in the effort to hire more spies.

**U. S. STEEL**  
Instead of disbanding their espionage agency as they have claimed, the U. S. Steel Corporation has merely moved the offices of its espionage agency from the 10th floor of the Carnegie Building in Pittsburgh to the offices of George F. Ruck, assistant to the president of the H. C. Frick Coal and Coke Co.

A concerted drive against the National Labor Relations Board is being conducted by Liberty League attorneys who also represent the most notorious spy employing firms.

Basic trouble is looming in the steel industry due to technological changes which will cause the wholesale discharge of men raising an acute problem of labor relations.

**SPEED UP**  
Blankenhorn told the subcommittee that in the Aliquippa, Pa., works of the Jones and Laughlin steel company a new tin mill has recently been installed. With the new machinery a crew of 50 to 100 men turn out one-third more than a crew of 1300 or 1400 men turned out with the old machinery.

Edwin S. Smith, member of the National Labor Relations Board was the last to testify. He warned of the serious attacks being made on democracy by so-called patriotic organizations. "To expose the conspiracy against democracy the people must know exactly what is happening to civil liberties in every field and there needs to be a thorough showing up of the selfish purposes of those who would oppress and delude innocent people for private gain," he said.

**Send In Your CRITICISMS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL GIRL SEES NEED OF ARTICLES ON SOVIET UNION**  
Western Worker, Gentlemen:  
Due to my father being unemployed a great part of the time I was obliged to let my subscription go un-renewed. However, some of our comrades take the Worker and we often borrow a copy from some of them—shall subscribe again as soon as I can. Would like to take the agency for your paper when school closes.

**William Green Raps Proposed WPA Slash**  
NEW YORK—(FP)—Answering a query of Sec. James C. Quinn of the New York Central Trades & Labor Council, Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor has replied: "A vigorous protest has been made to the government against curtailing WPA activities until industry gives evidence of hiring the unemployed. Similar protest has been made by many organizations, and it is hoped a decision will be made in a short time."

Present plans call for dismissal of 700,000 WPA employees throughout the U. S. The New York central body has formed a WPA committee on behalf of 42,000 local workers threatened with layoff.

Votes were reported to have sold for a quarter apiece during recent Chicago elections.

Sending Al Capone to prison sure cleaned up that town!

## Making of a Red PAPA OBJECTS Asks Law Repeal

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Somebody's face must be red! Because the District of Columbia's "red rider" forbids the teaching of anything about Soviet Russia, little Billy, small son of Rep. John W. Boehne of Indiana, wants the rider repealed.

The elder Boehne does too. Last week Billy's class was studying modern history. They came to a story in the history book about the present Russian Government. The teacher had to omit 11 pages, but Billy Boehne went back and read them.

He came home that night brimming with questions. Why couldn't they study about Russia? Why shouldn't they discuss Communism?

Papa Boehne did his best, as a conservative Democrat, to explain the difference between Russia and America. But his best was not enough. Billy wanted more.

Each congressman has been mailed a complimentary copy of Earl Browder's book, "What Is Communism?" Rep. Boehne took his home and now his son is reading it.

Boehne wants the "red rider" repealed—instanter!

## Arizona Shipper Listed As Unfair

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Arizona State Federation of Labor, in a communication to all state federations of labor, city central bodies and local unions, advises McDaniel and Sons, Inc., fruit and vegetable packers, are unfair to organized labor and the federation asks cooperation in fighting them.

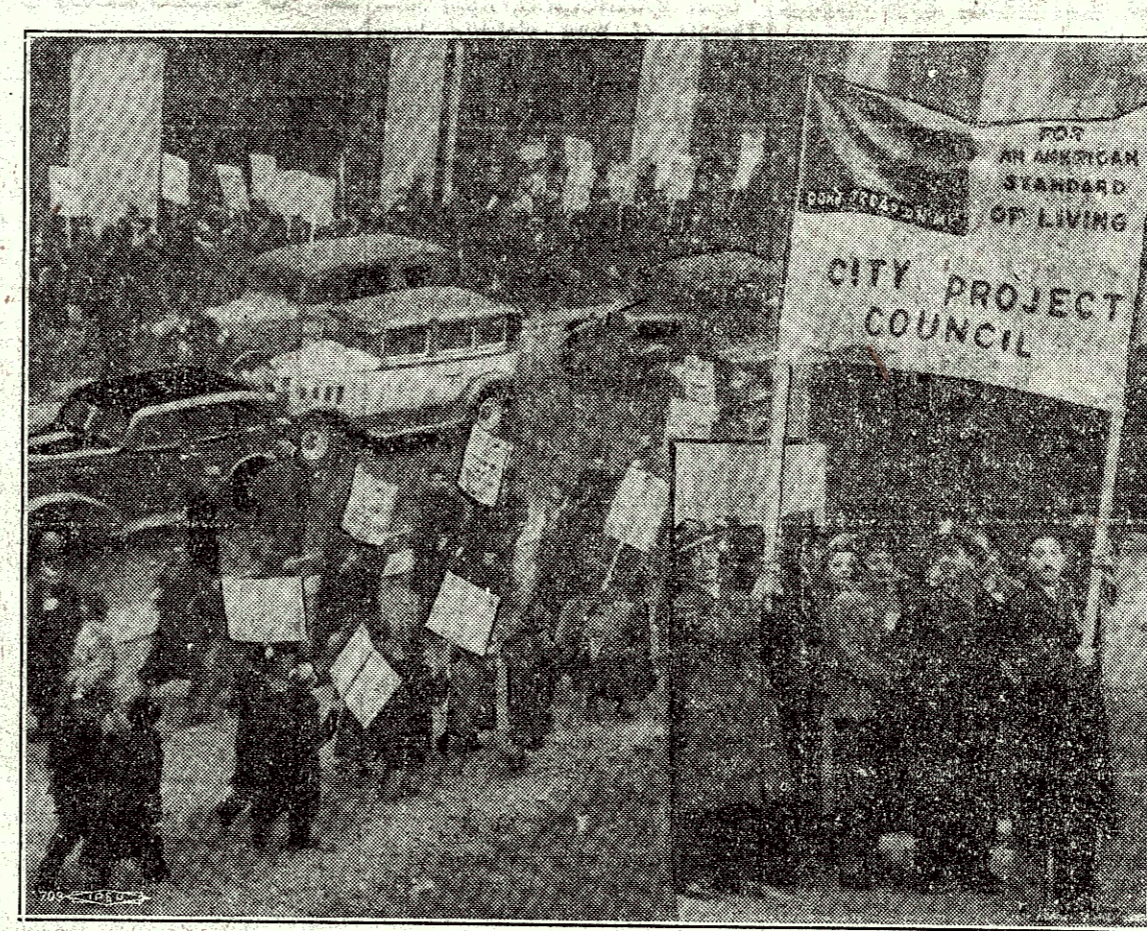
In recent years the fruit and vegetable workers of the West and West Coast have formed strong unions and have signed agreements with hundreds of shippers covering working conditions and wages. The Arizona Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union No. 19115 was granted a charter three years ago and has had a constant fight on its hands against the open shippers.

McDaniel and Sons refuses to sign with the union, leads the fight against it and holds that wages in the industry are too high. The firm feels it should be permitted to hire any kind of labor it sees fit at any wage it can "get away with."

Workers are advised that the three brands of this unfair shipping firm are "Old Fort Yuma," "Castle Dome" and "McDaniel Nuggett."

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance—for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill!

## DON'T TREAD ON ME"



Reviving the old war cry of their American revolutionary ancestors, thousands of New York WPA workers recently turned out for the picket line after Administrator Ridder had declared that 20,000 would be cut off relief payrolls. Ridder took one look at this demonstration—then decided his pet plan was all a big mistake.

## UNEMPLOYMENT MEET SUCCESSFUL DESPITE VAN NUYS VIGILANTES

VAN NUYS, Calif., April 24.—Legionaire vigilantes, three carloads of Police Chief Davis' "storm troopers," and Women's Club members were forestalled tonight in an attempt to intimidate and break up a protest mass meeting of San Fernando Valley WPA workers and unemployed.

Called by the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the meeting protested attempts by WPA and Los Angeles County Relief Administration officials to force workers into the agricultural fields to scab at extremely low wages.

The first move was made yesterday when the Women's clubhouse, which had been contracted over a week ago, was denied the P. W. U. U. However, P. W. U. U. members secured the Production for Use hall that same afternoon.

The second move was made tonight when the Women's clubhouse was turned over to Legionnaires, who have a hall of their own locally, for a "Citizenship" meeting. However, three P. W. U. U. members were posted in front of the Women's Club to direct the workers to the P. F. U. hall.

**INTIMIDATION**  
The third move was made by Davis' "storm troopers." They came first to the Women's Club, three carloads of them, at 7:45 p. m., in an attempt to intimidate the three P. W. U. U. members, and later drove up and down in front of the P. F. U. hall with sirens screaming.

Other police stood outside the hall to try to intimidate workers attending the meeting.

## Survey Violations Of Labor's Rights

NEW YORK, April 24.—Survey of violations of free speech and assembly and undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively, over the last ten years, is being prepared by the International Labor Defense for presentation to the Senate Committee now holding hearings on a resolution introduced by Senator La Follette for a Senate investigation of such violations.

"Many of the incidents have been reported in the local press, and some have received nationwide attention from time to time," stated Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the I. L. D.

**HAIR RAISING**  
"This is the first time, however, that this material is collected into one document. It presents a hair-raising picture of the most widespread attack on all constitutional guarantees, which should arouse the liberty-loving people of the United States to demand the severest measures to safeguard the traditional democratic rights of our people."

The I. L. D. is prepared to furnish names of witnesses to a Senate investigation committee, if such is established. A representative of the I. L. D. national executive committee will present this material to the Senate Committee, together with oral testimony on the present increase in such constitutional guarantees.

**A.T.&T. Crookedness**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—How a huge monopoly like the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., milks the public was revealed at a hearing before the Federal Communications Commission, which showed that American Tel and Tel made huge profits from the sale of telephone instruments to itself, for which consumers were charged in the form of rates based on inflated valuation.

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**OIL MONOPOLY HIT**  
KINGMAN, Ariz.—In a set of lawsuits, Mohave County Attorney Bollinger charged the Standard Oil Co. of California and five other major oil companies with "maintaining a monopoly in restraint of trade."

**CIRCUS NOTES**  
After listening to Col. McCormick, publisher of the Liberty-League-loving Chicago Tribune, talk about freedom of the press, the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. re-elected a guy named Barnum as president.

## DRUG CLERKS AT THRIFTY STORES SAME AS SLAVES

MEN AND WOMEN FORCED TO WORK LONG HOURS AT SMALL SALARY

(By A Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—The Thrifty Drug Stores of Los Angeles are maintaining, in the face of unemployment, hours and wages which are definitely working against improved conditions. The hours for women workers are 48 per week; for men workers they are 54 per week, plus overtime two nights a week without extra pay.

There is a hidden speed-up system by means of which contests are run in all stores by the bosses to increase sales. Small cash prizes are given to only a few workers who bring in the most sales while the firm's cash intake is increased by thousands of dollars.

## LOW PAY—HARD WORK

All the store help—in the kitchen, at the soda fountain and behind the sales counter—works under terrible strain from heavy duties for which they get as low as \$12 per week. Extra help gets as low as 25 cents an hour. Fountain workers are given two meals a day but are hurried through the meals to make room for customers. They are asked not to smoke or read while eating because a customer may be waiting for their chair.

Clerks pay for laundering their smocks. The waiters have such long hours they are unable to take care of their personal laundry except by taking it to work and having the laundry call for it and deliver it there. But now that is refused them because the bosses think that too much of the store's time is wasted.

When workers are hired they are given a list of rules of "good behavior." They are asked not to converse with their fellow workers and not to discuss wages. On the other hand, they are expected to greet the customer with a smile. They are asked to vote against the chain-store tax.

## Murder Plot Against Francis J. Gorman

WASHINGTON.—A plot to murder Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union and a leader in the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party, was revealed by a southern labor paper editor before the Senate's subcommittee investigating violations of civil liberties. Gorman was to have been murdered when he arrived in North Carolina some time ago, by thugs in the hire of the mill owners. The plan missed fire when Gorman made a last minute change in his traveling schedule.

American artists have decided to boycott Mussolini's international show in Venice this summer.

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## MOVIE PAY RAISES

NEW YORK CITY.—Pat Casey, labor adviser to the motion picture industry, has announced that movie firms have granted a 10 per cent increase for Hollywood studio employees and 15 per cent for cameramen and chauffeurs. The wage increase follows the formation of new labor organizations covering practically every type of worker in the industry.

## PLUMBERS WIN

LAKE CHARLES, La.—(FP)—A majority of Lake Charles area plumbers have agreed to join journeymen plumbers on a wage scale of \$1.25 an hour pending a strike called April 1.

Demonstrate May 1st! For the right of union members to elect their officials! For the right to strike and organize! For the defense of democratic rights!

# Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

## THE FORTUNES OF WAR

Italy's tanks on African soil  
Are burning American gas and oil,  
And every bombing plane propeller  
Is churning profits for Rockefeller.

Every bullet in a soldier's chest  
Is another egg in Wall Street's nest.  
The steel in the sabres the Japanese rattle  
Was mined in Wyoming and shipped from Seattle.

American soldiers are masked like clowns  
For gas that was shipped from their own home towns  
And sold abroad on liberal terms  
By the profiteers of the chemical firms.

Mothers who hang up gold star flags  
Register gains for the money bags.  
Human skulls are the wares they sell,  
Weighed in gold on the scales of Hell.

Murder and terror and poison gas;  
An empty sleeve and a medal of brass.  
What insane God have you wrought to serve  
That feeds on human flesh and nerve?

Property rights and business conceits,  
While men go hungry in the city streets;  
Seventeen million unemployed and a nation  
Rots while they brag of civilization.

Is this our America? Rented flats?  
Or the rooming houses where we hang our hats?  
Where is this America, land of the free?  
Private property's all we can see.

Buildings, factories, farms and trees;  
They hire and fire and rule as they please.  
Subtract what they own and nothing remains  
But the public parks and the sewer mains.

We grow their food; we scrub their floors;  
We build their houses; we fight their wars.  
Remove our labor and nothing remains  
But stuffed shirt snobs with festered brains.

Good Christ! America! Open your eyes.  
Get out of your houses and organize.  
How long will America's strength and brains  
Be bound like a giant in paper chains?

# MAN MEDITATES ON NATURE

By L. Wells

A little lowlife, that's what he was. A little bum. Didn't belong to no one. Out of a job these last three years. Didn't have no trade. Tramped the country, tramped the hills. Saw a lot. Wondered what the hell he was doing here on this lousy earth.

Seemed plenty of blue sky above him, stars, moon and all that. But they belonged to this guy called God who was run by the church fellows.

Seemed plenty of good ground underneath him. Good to bury him in, yeah. Blamed if he knew who the ground belonged to—it sure didn't belong to him.

Seemed plenty of food all around him, wherever he went, all over the country. Food that grew and food that was made. If you had seen the way that wheat and corn was growing in the middle west; thousands and thousands of acres of it, all run by the newest, swiftest, machinery you ever hoped to look at; a few guys tending it.

Food, all right. Who the hell ate it all? Couldn't be the few big fellows who owned all that good land. Wasn't the farmers—they were starving to death. Wasn't the factory workers in the big cities. They were starving, too. Along with him.

But then look at the oranges when he got around to California. He'd never seen so many oranges in all his life. With signs stuck

up all over the orchards: PRIVATE PROPERTY, NO TRESPASSING. And the big truck farms, growing vegetables. Acres and acres of green sprouting things, all set in neat little rows. The whole of Southern California, growing away furiously.

Not for him.

Food wasn't grown for him to eat. Hogs weren't fattened or cattle slaughtered or cows milked or bread baked for his benefit. Maybe he thought the big slaughtering houses in Chi and K. C. were in business to supply him with meat. Ha! Or the fancy Rhode Island Reds and White Leghorns laid their oval pretty goodtasting eggs to fill his stomach. You got another think coming, brother.

Take the fish in the sea, mountain trout or lake bass. Caught by large concerns for moneyed palates, ain't it the truth? Schools of fish were too high-toned to run for guys like him. As for a juicy duck or a big hunk of a deer—bang, you needed a rifle and a license. Fish and game were for big shots, not hungry guys.

When a fellow lives 25 years it's about time to take a look around him. Get him straight, he wasn't doing no complaining. He walked on soil that seemed pretty good and pavement that was all there. Lots of houses around. FOR RENT or FOR SALE. Plenty clothes—in the store windows.

Flowers bloomed in the spring tra la (and that was no kidding because he liked flowers). But just try to pick some posies. If you looked like he did. If you were busting out of your clothes that could hardly hold together any longer from old age. If you needed a shave so bad it wasn't even funny and your toes peeked out of what shoes were left. If you were so dirty you were ashamed to touch a clean flower.

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# Down in the Lamp Post Jungle - By Ronald R. Cooley

A Real Life Tragedy Was the Basis for This Short Story

It's bad enough to be out of a job and sick. But when you've a wife that you picked off the black horse on a merry-go-round, the situation is complicated. In fact, any kind of a wife can complicate matters for a man without a job.

Now if it hadn't been for Margie he'd never gone out among the lamp posts and got rained on and come down sick. He'd have stayed in this dump of a room and let it rain and to hell with the rent. Surprising how many lamp posts there were in San Francisco. Millions of 'em. And it was funny he hadn't noticed it before.

Not till his stomach began doing a rumba, along in the afternoon, had it gradually dawned on him that there were an awful lot of lamp posts. Seemed like the more it rained and the hotter his head got the more lamp posts there were. They were no more than ten feet apart. It had been rather handy at first, gave him plenty to lean on. Regular jungle of lamp posts, with dirty rivulets amongst them that were supposed to be gutters but probably had crocodiles in 'em. And then a kind of malaria mist, or cloud of wet flour that you'd think was fog if it wasn't for the jungle of lamp posts with hundreds of people humping around among them with their hat pulled down to keep off that fog, or rain or was it really malarial pneumonia mist? It made him cough.

And the damned streams didn't slope out to mud bottoms, but dropped suddenly to solid rock, under the dirty water with cigarette butts floating on it. And it seemed like every time he reached for a lamp post and missed it he blundered into one of these filthy creeks, and if he didn't watch out he'd hit his feet hard on the bottom and hurt his knees. Funny it would jar his knees.

And pretty soon the lamp posts were only four or five feet apart, and those wet, humpy people bumped him all the time and made his flaming head hurt like a hammer and anvil. Flaming head? It seemed like he'd been crowned with a slice of hell. And it kept raining and swishing around that jungle of lamp posts that were so close together he found himself climbing between them, till one of the drippy jungle men took his hand and helped him across a regular river of roaring, dirty water.

"Look out you don't slip into the gutter," the man said. He'd gone around with the man till things got between them and his head hurt and Margie had come through the devilish mist to take him home and put him in bed.

And he hadn't found a job any where. Fact was, he'd forgotten to ask anybody. And he wondered how many of the gray humpy shapes poking around in the fog and the jungle had been looking for jobs.

Maybe Margie could tell him where the devil was Margie? It was dark; must be eight or nine o'clock. Margie had said something about it wasn't raining and she thought she knew where she could get a job and for him to stay in bed. You're dern tootin' he'd stay in bed, but she had no business being out so late; not if she was going to be his wife, he'd picked her off a merry-go-round.

He'd had a drink or two and was watching the thing do its stuff, with the kids pretending they were cowboys and the punks grabbing at the brass ring while the contraption ground "Red Wing" out of its innards. About the time he was ready to try a ride, he'd seen the girl with the long golden bob get aboard and straddle the black horse, with a mite of a kid in front of her. He'd watched her go round and round, with the kid laughing and her smiling. When it stopped, an old battle-axe of a dame came barging up, grabbed the kid, and gave the girl what-for. He stood admiringly, while the girl sat astride her horse and never let on. When he thought she'd had enough he wobbled up to put in his nickel's worth, but she made a motion he wasn't to say anything.

As soon as the battle-axe wound up and took off with her youngsters he pulled the girl down from the black horse and she helped him walk a pretty straight line to a taxi and got inside with him and bust out crying.

So he offered her a drink, and they killed the bottle. It wasn't till his drink was ended that he realized she was a whore. He'd asked her why she took a notion to give a perfectly strange kid a ride on a merry-go-round, but she never told him. He'd always wanted to know why she took to the streets, but was afraid to ask when he was sober. He got drunk and asked her, but could not remember the answer when he sobered up.

So finally he'd married her. But when he took her among his friends they all tried to make her, and he was always in a fight over her. Till one day he shot his partner in the leg and they left the town and came to San Francisco. That was less than a

year ago, so when he lost his job they couldn't get relief.

And where the devil was she looking for a job at this time of night? She needn't think she could ride her black horse in the streets and stay married to him. MY GOD! IF HE COULD GET A JOB!

A job, a job, a job; a horse walked that way; cul-lop, cul-lop, cul-lop; a job, a job, a-thump, a-thump, a-thump. That was no horse. It was somebody coming upstairs, a-thump, a-thump, a-thump. This damned old rooming house, anything could come up those stairs. Maybe it was a job, come from the jungle to drag him out in the dirty fog, and there the hell was Margie!

Something horrible a-thumped like that. He rolled his flaming head to one side and thrust his hand under the furnace that passed or a pillow. But he hadn't had a gun since he lost his job.

The door opened and in came Margie. She was damp, and tired. Hello, honey," she dropped her limp hat on the table.

"For the love of mike, did you get lost? Where's the job?" He aised on an elbow and looked suspiciously over her shoulder.

"Silly," she managed to smile at her fever-stricken man, "I wouldn't bring it home with me."

From her coat pocket she drew a little roll of bills and spread them, dry, green and promising, on the table. "Look, dear, money!"

His hand strayed over his face, streaming the beads of sweat. "Did you get paid already?"

"I didn't work a lick for it," she said gaily. "I found it."

He looked at her with all the pain gone from his head and his belly ached; and it wasn't because he was hungry, but because Margie had been riding that wooden black horse of hers in the lamp post jungle of San Francisco and came home with money to feed her broken man.

"You found it?" he said hoarsely, and made a strangled noise that frightened her.

"What is it?" She ran to take his head on her breast, and reached for the aspirin, the only medicine she had been able to wheedle from the landlady.

"Don't!" He pushed at her, and his hand was wet from her coat. She skinned out of it and began to cry with apprehension. "I'll get a doctor. There's money enough for a doctor."

"Where did you get the money?"

She might have fallen off the horse, she was so dazed. "Honest to God!" she cried, "I didn't get it that way! I found it!"

He rose from the bed and struck her. "You expect me to believe that?"

She whispered, "Won't you believe it?"

"No!"

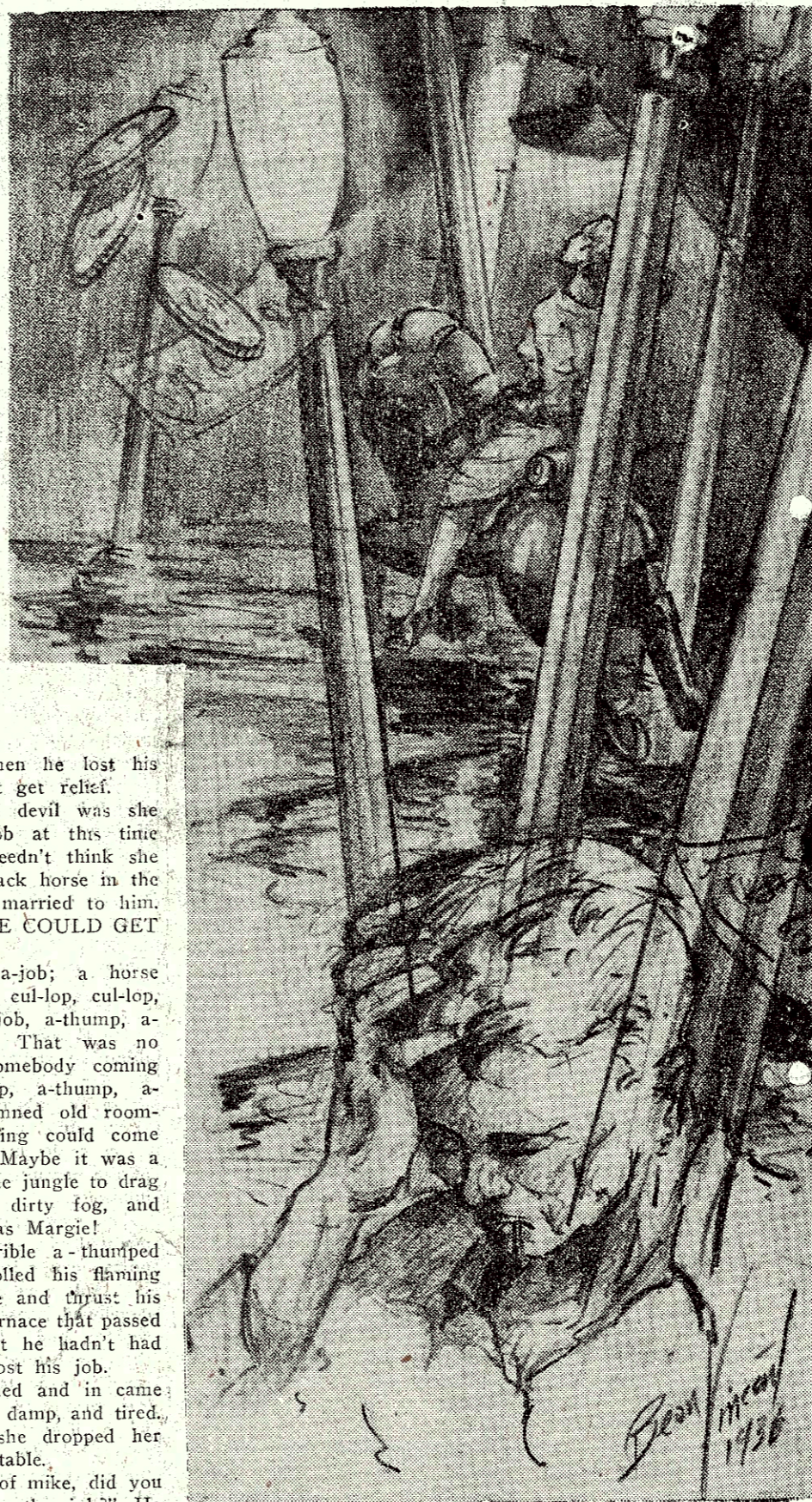
She made no answer, so he wagged his head, like a torch probably, and went into the other room. "By God!" he cried, "I'm leaving!"

He growled over their one, shabby suitcase. "Wife of mine riding the streets, getting money to support me. I should use money like that. Dirty money!" He shouted, "Dirty money! Do you hear?"

She gathered up the money and followed him into the other room, holding it as if her hand were a salver. "Honey, please listen," she pleaded, "I—I can't lose you. And you're sick. Oh, Jesus."

He struck her again, and she dropped to her knees and cried. The fire in his head was cooking his brains, most likely, but he could still think, by God. "It's dirty money, and I'm getting out."

She begged him. "I won't bring home any more, not another penny."



He ignored her. What good was a suitcase for this change of rags? He could fasten the catch sure, only every time he had it in place that damned job came whistling like the wind and rattled the window panes till he couldn't hold his shaking fingers right. What was she doing anyhow? To hell with her; let her go back to her barn. No wife of his could ride a black horse that went round and round and brought her home with money.

She was desperate. "I'll get rid of it." With shaking fingers she pyramided the little roll of bills and struck a match. Carefully she lowered her cupped hands, till the flame seized the corner of one and coyly licked across its neatly engraved surface. The little treetle of smoke and flame wavered slightly till nothing remained but ashes. She spread her hands, palms up, over her pitiful burnt offering.

"Look, dear, the money's gone!"

He turned. Whether it was fever or insanity she couldn't say but for the first time in her life she was afraid of him. She crouched out of his way as he went sweating and panting past her into the bedroom. He opened a window and looked out. Three floors below, a lamp post stood stiffly in the fog. The gutter at its base was a surly stream of mud.

He shook his head and blinked, bracing his widespread hands on the window ledge. Who the hell had wrapped him in hot cotton and stuffed him in a cave? He watched the light below him waver and swell to the size of a tub, round, glowing and cold. It squatted right under his nose and it smelled like fog. Dimly he heard Margie's beseeching voice. What the devil had he started to do, anyhow? How did he get stuck so tight in this rabbit hole with the cold, wet-smelling balloon of light at his nose?

Margie's voice came to him faintly, but growing slowly nearer, as if she might be sliding through a telephone line. "Listen, dearest. Honest to God! I really did find that money!"

"That was it! He was going to GET OUT!"

Her screams brought the landlady, she brought the police, they brought an ambulance, and the newspapers brought the publicity.

They found her man, crushed and done, with his arms sprawled about the base of the lamp post.

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# Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

**THE EXPECTANT MOTHER**

A woman who is to have a child should always be under the care of a physician from the time she knows that she is pregnant. When this is done she will receive instructions from him as to how to take care of herself, which will fit her individual case.

Many working class women, for some reason or other, may find it impossible to be under the care of a physician before childbirth. For such cases some rules of hygiene and diet which I give below will be of value.

The best rule for determining the date of confinement is to count back three months from the date of the beginning of the last menstruation and add on ten days to this. For example: if the date of the beginning of the last menstruation was September 9th, the expected date of confinement will be June 19th.

The diet should be well balanced, except that less meat, fish, and seasoned foods should be eaten. Large quantities of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, water, milk, fresh eggs and whole wheat should be taken. A certain amount of iodine is needed, so some form of sea-food should be eaten once or twice a week. Cod liver oil should be taken in teaspoon dosages twice a day.

The bowels must be kept regu-

lar. Loose, flowing garments should be worn. A moderate amount of exercise should be indulged in. Walking is the only safe form of exercise, although housework may be permitted, but must not be carried to the point of fatigue.

Long trips must be avoided. There should be a daily bath. If the nipples are washed daily with rubbing alcohol it will toughen them and there is less likelihood of their becoming sore during nursing. Relations with husband must cease during last six weeks.

The baby takes much calcium from the blood stream, which causes the teeth to decay more easily. They should receive special attention.

If the pregnant woman gets certain symptoms, they may be of more or less serious importance and she should see the doctor about them. These symptoms are: continual vomiting, or vomiting after the fifth month, stubborn constipation, frequent headaches, swelling of the face, hands or feet, rapid gain in weight, lessened output of urine, disturbances of vision, shortness of breath, frequent fainting spells, any infection, fever, abdominal pain, bleeding, watery discharge, and absence of movements in the womb after they have been felt for a time.

# WOMEN ON THE MARCH

A LETTER AND POEM FROM G. S.

"It looks as though spring has struck the Western Worker, with Michael Quin's column and the children gone poetic, and so that we shouldn't be out of the running here's this, the product of a moment of acute rebellion. If anyone is looking for something sweet and soothing in the Woman's Column the day you publish this, he's going to be fooled.

Therefore Be It Resolved,  
I'm through with this ladylike stuff.  
From now on, I'm tough.  
Ever since I've been little I've heard people say  
"No NICE girl ever acts that way."  
Nice girls don't swear,  
Or pull people's hair,  
And when they're abused  
And feel they're mistused,  
They wither the foe with a haughty stare.  
So don't contradict,  
And always say "yes,"  
And always be sweet,  
And wear a clean dress,  
And the world will fall at your feet."

Too polite  
To fight  
For their children and pals.  
Guaranteed docile, trained to be meek;  
For "Girls mustn't speak  
Till they're spoken to, see?"

I'm speaking now.  
And it won't be a squeak,  
But a roar.  
For I speak with the voice of a million more  
Who are stepping forward, as I do now.  
We demand,  
Do you hear?  
Oh, you chivalrous gentlemen,  
starvers of babes,  
Oh you gracious ladies, in scented laces,  
Patterned with hungry children's faces,  
Do you understand?  
WE DEMAND.  
We are rude,  
And crude,  
And we aren't nice,  
And we're only ashamed of cowardice.  
We're bitter and loud,  
We prefer a crowd  
To soulful retirement—in a shroud.  
And if you don't like it,  
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