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MARITIME LABOR TO MARCH TO MOONEY RALLY

CIO Denies AFL Council's Right To Call Trial

Will Be Joined by E. Bay Labor Sun.; Broun Will Speak

12 UNIONS NOT TO APPEAR AUG. 3; DENY SPLIT

Steel Drive Goes On; Lumbermen Ready to Join CIO; Lewis Letter Is Sharp to Green

WASHINGTON.—Simultaneous with the big organization drives in steel, automobile, and rubber, a campaign to organize 55,000 workers in the rayon industry has been announced by Textile Workers' vice-president Gorman. The C. I. O. will back the rayon drive.

WASHINGTON.—"There can be no surrender." These were the words used by John L. Lewis in announcing the decision of the 12 unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization not to appear for trial before the A. F. of L. Executive Board on August 3.

C. I. O. FOR UNITY
Denying any intention of leaving the A. F. of L., the leaders of the 12 powerful C. I. O. unions placed the question of whether the A. F. of L. shall be split or become more unified squarely on the shoulders of the Executive Council craft union leaders.

Announcing their refusal to appear for trial, the C. I. O. leaders stated that the Council possesses no authority to call such trial. Lewis again repeated that the C. I. O. and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee will push the drive to organize the close to a million steel, automobile and rubber workers, and additional hundreds of thousands of textile workers will go on.

The drive to organize the unorganized on an industrial basis is the reason for the threat of suspension or expulsion of the C. I. O. unions by the Executive Council.

A SHARP REPLY
The decision not to appear for trial was communicated to William Green in a straight-from-the-shoulder letter signed by Lewis.

"The council, which incidentally has notoriously prejudiced the issue, is without authority" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

New Heat Wave in Drouth Areas; \$18 A Mo. Relief

CHICAGO.—A new heat wave swept over the corn belt in the last few days. The immediate effect was not an increase in relief for the drouth-stricken farmers, but a rise in corn prices in the Chicago market, by 4 cents, to 91½ cents. It meant that speculators added considerably to fortunes coined since the drouth began.

Heat deaths in the drouth area arose to 4600 as a result of the new heat wave. Kansas, which had showers for a day, again suffered from 95-100 degree temperatures.

Part of the Harry Hopkins-WPA relief program for the farmers has come to light. About 75,000 farmers were hired at \$2 month to dig wells in North Dakota. The direct grants granted by the Tugwell Resettlement administration average \$18 to \$20 a month for an entire family.

St. Monica Epic Gets 1200 Anti-C.S. Names!

LOS ANGELES.—With over 1200 signatures collected in the campaign to place the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law on the ballot, A. H. Reed, Epic of Santa Monica, continues to turn in filled petitions weekly. Reed has turned in 16 filled petitions and is now working on four more. His slogan is "a petition a day after work." He has covered Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice, house to house, in this campaign.

E. Bay Machinists Defy Grand Lodge Anti-Strike Edict

BULLETIN
Revocation of Local 284's charter was threatened Thursday by Machinists international organizer Nash because the local refused to call off its strike. The Executive Council of the Machinists meets next Monday.

OAKLAND.—Out 100 per cent for better wages, 1650 members of the Machinists Union in the East Bay area have defied the orders of the International officials that they return to work with their demands unachieved.

The strikers are members of Local 284. They demand 90 cents an hour minimum for journeymen; 75 cents for specialists; and 65 cents for helpers. Group meetings were held through out Wednesday to inform the machinists that the reactionary international officials considered their strike illegal, but the men decided to stick. The Oakland Machinists Executive Board met and refused to take action to halt the strike, evoking the comment from International organizer Nash that "the board has defied my orders."

Among the 37 shops tied up are Atlas Diesel, Oliver Filter, Byron-Jackson, Hall-Scott Motors. There are 450 out in the Caterpillar Tractor, San Leandro, alone.

Fascist Plot Would Remove Communist From Ballot!

FRESNO.—In a fascist-inspired plot against people's civil liberties, the "Anti-Communist League" filed for an injunction last Wednesday to remove Carl B. Patterson, Communist Party candidate for Congress in the 9th District, on the August primary ballot.

Superior Judge C. E. Beaumont set hearing for Friday, July 31st, 11 a. m., on the petition to show cause why the injunction should not be granted restraining County Clerk Ernst Dusenberry and County Auditor Milton H. Possos from placing Patterson's name on the primary ballot. The Communist Party will send representatives to the hearing.

UNDER THE C. S. ACT
The petition was filed by J. C. Cate, representing the "Anti-Communist League." Last month one I. R. Wall, of the "American Constitutional League," said he would seek an injunction under the Criminal Syndicalism Act to remove the Communist Party from the ballot. Wall is also from Fresno.

FASCISTS ARE LOSING OUT IN SPAIN PUTSCH

Complete Fascist Defeat Is Imminent; Miners Lead People's Front in -- Victories

MADRID.—The People's Front is smashing the fascist uprising against the left-wing government!

Although heavy fighting is reported in the north of Spain, the armed workers and peasants, reinforced by loyal troops and police, are whipping the fascists throughout the south, where the revolt first started, and are closing in on the north.

MINERS LEAD!

San Sebastian, on the French frontier, which was first captured by the fascists, was re-captured when a large column of Asturian miners swept eastward from Bilbao and joined forces with the People's Front defenders. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Browder Speaks in L.A. Ball Park; S.F. Prepares

LOS ANGELES.—Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, will speak here on Sunday, August 9th, at the White Sox 38th street and Compton avenue!

Indicating the wide-spread interest in Browder's only 1936 appearance here, the San Francisco Center of the California League of Women Voters has asked the Communist candidate to speak to them on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 11th, at the St. Francis Hotel, and the Commonwealth Club, business men's discussion group, has announced it will arrange a special luncheon for Browder on the next day at the same hotel.

Building interest in the meeting will be a radio broadcast by Anita Whitney, C. P. congressional candidate in the 4th District, on Monday, August 3rd, from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m.; and a broadcast by Lawrence Ross, Congress candidate in the 5th District, on August 10th at the same time.

Ratify Communist Candidates in S.F., July 28

SAN FRANCISCO.—With the battle slogan, "Forward to a free, prosperous and happy America," working people will pack the auditorium at 121 Haight st. here next Tuesday night, July 28th, 8 p. m., for the mass ratification rally of San Francisco candidates on the Communist Party ticket.

The candidates in the Assembly Districts will lead parades from their districts to the rally, carrying their own banners. Speakers will be the local candidates for Congress, Anita Whitney and Lawrence Ross, and the assembly candidates, Sam Jaye, Archie Brown, Alex Noral and Peter James Garrison. The rally will begin with Young Communist League members singing new election songs. Other entertainment is also being provided.

ISU OFFERS TO RESTORE SUP CHARTER

Unions on Pacific Coast Would Elect Own Representatives In Negotiations With Shipowners

SAN FRANCISCO.—An offer to restore the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, taken away seven months ago, was made by Ivan Hunter, international secretary-treasurer of the I. S. U.

Hunter's offer came near the close of the hearing before Special Examiner Wood, of the National Labor Relations Board, on the question of whether the I. S. U. or the Pacific Sailors shall be the collective bargaining representative of the sailors.

TERMS OF OFFICE

The offer of Hunter, representing the I. S. U. Executive Board agreed that: The district unions on the Pacific Coast will elect their own representatives for negotiating with shipowners and for the adjustment of disputes.

All future agreements to be submitted to referendum of the membership. The international shall cooperate with the Pacific Coast district unions in every respect for the membership's welfare. Hunter's statement said that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

New L.A. Wave of Strikes, Picket Lines Starts

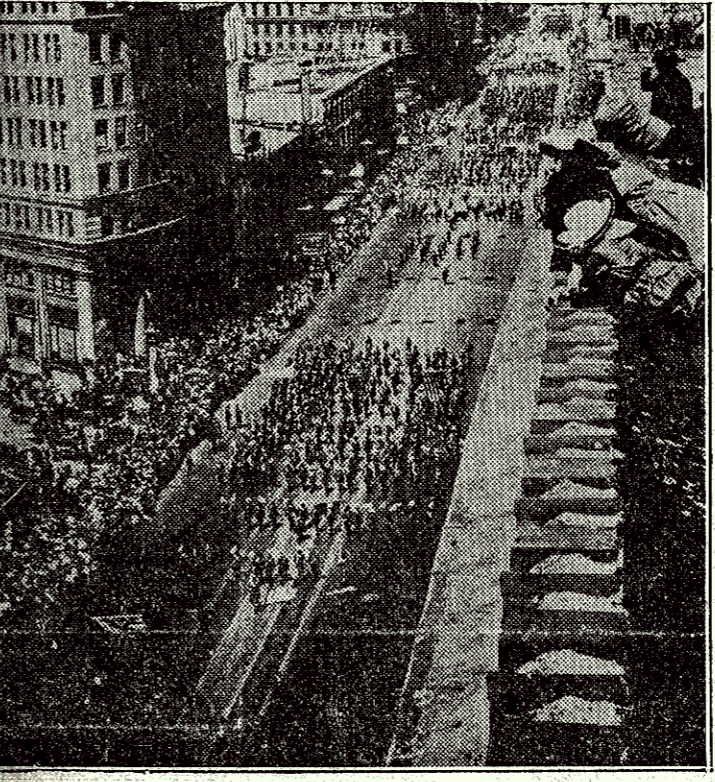
LOS ANGELES.—A new wave of strikes and militant action has begun in Los Angeles, under A. F. of L. leadership. Over 300 workers are picketing the May Department Store last Saturday at the call of the Central Labor Council.

The May Co. broke its promise not to buy fixtures made in plants on strike. The May Co. will be picketed every Saturday until a satisfactory agreement is reached. All members of organized labor are urged to join in.

Bakers at the Franco-American Baking Co. and Hershberg's Bakery have struck for union conditions. The Franco bakers demand \$33 a week, a 48-hour week and union recognition.

A general walkout has been voted by the Optical Workers and Technicians Union, for \$40 weekly minimum pay, 40-hour week and closed shop.

Proof Positive of Mooney Innocence



The San Francisco Preparedness Day parade of July 22, 1916—the day Tom Mooney was framed—is shown marching up Market street from the Ferry Bldg. The arrow points to the scene of the explosion. The two figures at the right are Tom and Rena Mooney, shown bending over the corner of the Eilers Bldg. roof. The clock on the street shows the time to be 2 p. m., the state contended that Tom boarded a trolley bus, rode down Market st. counter to the parade with the bomb suitcase on the running board, and arrived at the explosion scene six minutes later. But neither 18 cops nor anybody in the crowd claimed seeing the bus as it allegedly tore through the parade ranks!

Strike Conference Bolt By Growers

LOS ANGELES.—"Don't worry about us. We'll have no trouble getting orange pickers." With this boastful assertion, Jack Prizer, chairman of the Growers' Committee, bolted the strike settlement conference here last Wednesday and brought to an abrupt end all negotiations with the 4000 striking pickers. "The crops are rotting," said William Velarde, strike leader, "and the strike is 90 per cent effective. Not more than 200 strike-breakers are at work, and most of them don't know how to pick oranges."

None of the strikers will be re-employed, said Prizer, except on the growers' terms and first requisite to re-employment would be "absolute disassociation" from the Mexican Agricultural Workers' Union.

SANTA ANA "RESIDENTS"

Mediators in the conference were Ricardo Hill and Lucas (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Dem. Governor Sends Arms Against Lumber Strikers

BOISE, Idaho.—State patrolmen, armed with sawed-off shotguns, pistols, gas-bombs and rifles, moved against the strike of over 3000 lumber workers in Clearwater County and vicinity. The strike of Northern Idaho lumbermen has been going on for several weeks. Gov. Ross, a Democrat and supporter of Roosevelt, said he may declare martial law.

S. Jose Laundry STRIKE SOLID

SAN JOSE.—Demanding the closed shop, 500 Laundry strikers, led by the Laundry Workers Union, still have all but a few shops closed tight.

Walter C. Mathewson has been appointed federal conciliator by the U. S. Labor Dept. in an attempt to arbitrate the strike. Most of the strikers are women. Strong support from other unions is being given.

Commemorate 20th Anniversary of Frame-Up at Giant Meet; Kidwell, Bridges Will Address Rally

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco's fighting maritime workers will proceed in a unified body to the big Tom Mooney mass meeting, to be held on Sunday at 2 p. m., at Civic Auditorium. They will be joined by the East Bay trade unionists who are crossing the bay to swell the ranks of those who will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the frame-up of Mooney and Billings. The meeting is sponsored by the Molders' Defense and the Railway Brotherhoods.

MOONEY ON LABOR PARTY AND C.I.O.

20 Years Behind the Bars, Yet Keenly Follows Struggle

Twenty years behind the bars for the cause of labor! And still Tom Mooney hasn't lost track of the great struggle of the working class. Particularly is Tom interested in those struggles today, which are making capitalism tremble noticeably.

The Western Worker interviewer was interested in Tom's reaction to two major developments in the ranks of organized labor—the growing movement for a Farmer-Labor Party and the fight for industrial unionism and the organization of the 30 to 40 million unorganized workers of America.

Tom listened with the most interest to the news of the setting up of a Farmer-Labor Party by the fighting rubber workers of Akron, Ohio; by the trade unions in Connecticut; the formation of the new Labor Party in New York state by leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League leaders who had endorsed Roosevelt for re-election. "The People's Front has accomplished wonders in France. It, and only it, has stopped fascism dead in its tracks in France. We need its equivalent here in (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

I.L.A. Referendum On Opening Up Of Awards

SAN FRANCISCO.—Opening the longshoremen awards for the purposes of obtaining new concessions will be submitted to the Pacific Coast membership in a referendum next week, announced Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast District I. L. A. president.

Wage increases and uniform working conditions would be asked if the awards are opened before signing a new contract.

The District Executive Board has endorsed the proposals. The longshoremen will ask \$1 an hour instead of the present 95 cents, and \$1.50 an hour overtime instead of the present \$1.40. Other suggestions include uniform slingloads and coastwise scales for handling penalty cargoes. Work before 8 a. m. and after 3 p. m. would be overtime. If the proposals are adopted by the membership the employers will be notified Aug. 30, or 30 days before expiration of the present agreement.

The negotiations committee will also attempt to obtain the right to refuse to pass through picket lines or handle cargo branded unfair by other maritime unions.

Members of the unions affiliated to Council 2 of the Pacific will assemble at Clay and Commercial streets, at 1 p. m. on Sunday. They will go past the County jail to pay their respects to Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, and form there proceed to Civic Auditorium. They will march in with their banner.

SPLENDID UNION SUPPORT

Splendid support for the big meeting has been given by trade unions. The Musicians' Union has donated a 30-piece band. The I.L.G.W.U. has made a special appeal for its entire membership to be present.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council has requested each union affiliated with the Council to have at least one representative on the platform of the meeting. The Alameda County Labor Council has requested each union to have five members on the platform.

The main speaker will be Heywood Broun, president of the newspaper Guild. Others to speak will be Hugo Ernst, international vice president of the Waiters; George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers; Harry Bridges, president of the Pacific Coast District of the I. L. A.; Holland D. Roberts, California president of the Teachers Union; William Spooner, secretary of the Alameda County Labor Council; Jenny Matyas, I. L. G. W. U. educational director.

H. C. Carasco, division chairman of the Railroad and Steamship Clerks, will be chairman.

The Alameda trade unions are hiring special ferries to bring their members to the mass meeting.

A very important statement by Tom Mooney will be read at the meeting. Admission to the meeting is free.

Western Worker Picnic Best In 1936

SAN FRANCISCO.—Picnic with the Western Worker on Sunday, August 2nd, at Skipper's Park!

Preparations for the annual Workers' Press Picnic indicate the best out-of-doors affair of the season, with singing, dancing, music, and other entertainment. Feature attraction is the baseball game between the Young Communist League and the Mission Section of the Communist Party.

The picnic committee urges all friends of the Western Worker, all Communists, to push forward the sale of tickets to the picnic. Representatives of organizations and Communist Party units are also asked to attend the last conference to make final arrangements for the picnic at 121 Haight street on Wednesday, July 29th, 8 p. m.

Communism Is Twentieth Century Americanism--Vote Communist Ticket!

THE STORY OF FRAME-UP OF TOM MOONEY AND WARREN BILLINGS- SAVED BY WORKERS PROTESTS

Photos By Wade Hamilton Prove Without a Doubt That Two Prisoners Could Not Possibly Have Thrown the Bomb at the 1916 Preparedness Parade, But They're Still in Jail

On July 13th, 1916, Tom Mooney, organizer of the Car men's Union, and his wife, were arrested for distributing handbills calling a strike on the United Railroads and the California Street Cable Co. lines.

A month before, the United railroads had posted a notice warning that "any man found to be affiliated with Mooney or any union will be promptly discharged."

On July 16th, Israel Weinberg, a jitney bus driver whose son took music lessons from Mooney's wife, and who sometimes drove Mooney to union meetings, was accosted by a private detective, Martin Swanson, and offered \$5000 if he would swear that Tom Mooney dynamited United Railroad property on the morning of June 11th.

The following day, Swanson haled Warren K. Billings in the street, took him to an office in the Pacific Gas and Electric building, and, in the presence of two high officials of the company, made him the same offer.

PREPAREDNESS DAY
On the afternoon of July 22nd, Mooney and his wife were in her music studio in the Eilers Building, at 721 Market street. At about 1:30 p. m., they went up to the roof of the building to watch the Preparedness Day Parade.

Wade Hamilton, a young stock-boy in the Eilers Music Co., was also on the roof taking pictures of the parade with a camera. At about four minutes to two, Wade snapped a picture which showed Tom and Rena Mooney looking over the edge of the roof, a view of the parade, and a jeweler's clock on Market street indicating the exact time.

Two minutes later, over a mile away, at Steuart and Market streets, a bomb exploded killing ten persons and wounding 40.

At 9:30 that night, Martin Swanson called at the house of District Attorney Frickert and was immediately appointed special investigator of the explosion.

THE ARRESTS
Four days later, Billings and Weinberg were arrested without warrants and newspapers screamed the "discovery of a Mooney plot."

On the following day, Mooney and his wife, who were vacationing at Montezuma, read in the newspapers of the arrests and immediately wired the San Francisco chief of police saying: "Will return on the next train."

On the way back to the city, they were arrested on the train without warrant and newspapers announced the "capture" of Mooney.

Newspapers laid down a barrage of hysteria and misrepresentation under cover of which Mooney and Billings were tried and convicted on the testimony of perjured witnesses, all of whom have since been exposed and discredited.

INNOCENCE PROCLAIMED

In 1918, President Wilson investigated the case through two different committees. The reports severely criticized the prosecution and doubted the guilt of Mooney and Billings. Mass protest demonstrations throughout the world helped save the lives of Mooney and Billings.

Judge Griffin, who tried and sentenced Mooney, all 10 living jurors and all persons connected with the trial excepting Fickert and his assistant, Cunha, have declared Mooney innocent and urged his pardon.

Judge Griffin, declared, after learning the facts: "The Mooney case is one of the dirtiest jobs ever put over and I resent the fact that my court was used for such a contemptible piece of work."

In 1933, Mooney was tried and acquitted on the last remaining indictment. Yet he was forced to return to San Quentin to serve a life sentence on the other indictments. He could not possibly have been not guilty on one of the indictments without being innocent of all of them,

since they all involved persons killed by the bomb.

Mooney is now undergoing a State Supreme Court hearing in the presence of an appointed referee. The Supreme Court will base its decision on the referee's report. If it fails to free Mooney, the case will be carried to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Margett Spoofs At Demands for Fund Accounting

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reported unofficial demands of Townsend Club members here for an accounting of organization funds, particularly some \$20,000 raised at a recent picnic in Oakland, were attacked by Edward J. Margett, state manager, as "another foolish attempt to confuse issues" and inspired by "a few malcontents."

"That was a national affair and I had nothing whatever to do with it," said Margett. "I am concerned only with state affairs. A committee was in charge of the picnic, will make an account after all bills are paid, and will send the money to national headquarters for Dr. Townsend's personal defense fund."

TOWNSEND TAKES A WALK

CLEVELAND, O.—Dr. Townsend duplicated his walk-out on a Congressional investigating committee here last Tuesday when he stalked from the court room, where a suit was in process demanding receivership for the national pension organization and an accounting of funds.

Asked by attorney for the plaintiff, Rev. Alfred Wright, if it were not true that Dr. Townsend had been offered a percentage of the gross profits of a company making pills in return for endorsement in a testimonial for publication in the National Townsend Weekly, the doctor snapped, "That's none of your business," and left the court room.

Mooney On the Labor Party And the CIO

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this country to give a death blow once and for all to the fascist tendencies represented by the Hearst-Landon-Liberty League outfit.

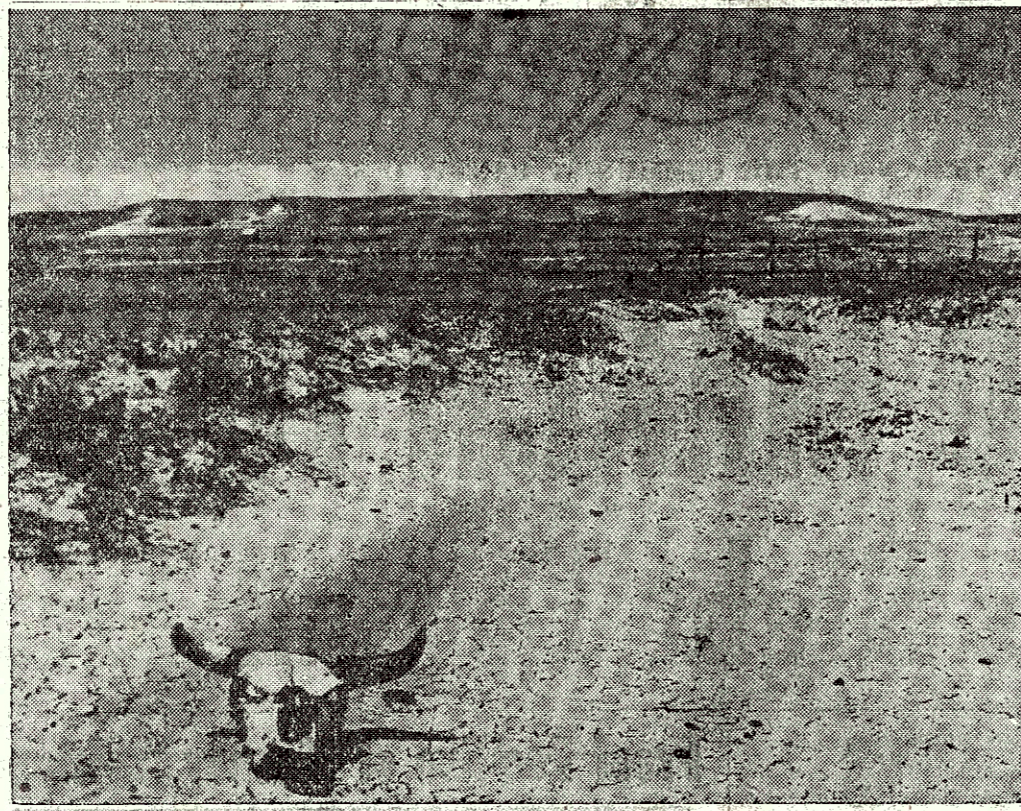
"That means first of all, a movement based on the trade unions. Allied with them must be the farmers, the intellectuals, the hard-hit lower middle class." Tom said that a movement of this sort, if it had its representatives, men and women from labor's own ranks, in office, would prevent the occurrence of any Mooney cases in the future. "Labor would get all the breaks from such people in office. Picket lines would be protected, not slugged."

The Farmer-Labor Party is the American equivalent of the People's Front.

Tom has followed the fight for industrial unionism closely. "The tendencies represented by the C. I. O. are progressive, and to labor's advantage. The membership of my own union, the Molders, has repeatedly called for industrial unionism, even though it is a craft union. How can organized labor win what it should against such powerful bosses' unions as the Steel Trust the automobile companies controlled by Morgan, Ford, etc., when organized labor is divided into dozens of comparatively weak craft organizations?"

25 years ago, Tom, as a delegate from his San Francisco local to the Molders' convention in Milwaukee, introduced a resolution for industrial unionism,

Desolation As Far As the Eye Can See in Drouth Area



Typical of thousands of farming communities today is this scene at Pennington, S. D., in the drouth-stricken area. Note the bleached cattle skull in the lower left-hand corner. Farmers were all cut off relief last spring by the government and therefore the drouth hit them doubly hard.

Fascists Are Losing Out Against Spain People's Front

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ers in that area. Iron is held by 25,000 workers.

Guadalajara, northeast of Madrid, was also captured by the workers' militia and troops. The government reports workers' possession of Toledo, also.

General Emilio Mola, chief fascist leader in the north, was reported killed in the fight for San Sebastian.

HEROES OF '34 SOVIETS

Two thousand miners, heroes of the 1934 Soviets in Asturias, marched on Cordoba and Jaen in the south, and are reported to have captured Cordoba. Fascists in Almansa in the south surrendered to the People's Front forces, while Cartagena is also in possession of the government forces.

Complete fall of the southern fascists is reported imminent.

Approximately 165,000 workers and loyal soldiers, including many Socialists and Communists, have left here to smash the fascists in the north, who are reported to be attempting a desperate drive against Madrid.

The government named an emergency committee under Diego Martinez Barrio, president of Parliament, to rule the seven eastern provinces with a capital at Valencia.

WORKERS CONTROL

In Madrid the control of the government was complete, and stores and shops re-opened. The trade union committee took over control of railway lines leading out of Madrid and is coordinating all activities of the workers' militia in defense against any possible fascist attack and in preserving order in the city.

The workers are smashing every fascist force or remnant in cities held by the People's Front forces. Knowing that success for the fascists would mean ruthless terror against workers and their organizations, the workers and poor peasants have rallied courageously to the defense of the People's Front, which is again proving itself the only weapon capable of fighting against fascism.

The 102,000 members of the Communist Party of Spain, the nearly 250,000 members of the United Youth League of young Socialists and Communists, and the forces of the Socialist Party are foremost in the defense of the left-wing government.

A special correspondent for a French newspaper reported that the government executed 316 fascists (among them 116 army officers) in the crushing of the short-lived Madrid revolt.

CRUSH FASCISTS!

The People's Front forces are determined that all fascist elements and organizations shall be crushed once and for all.

Indicating what side the British government is taking, a loyal war ship was refused oil at Gibraltar and British battleships are standing off Spanish ports, ostensibly to aid their own nationals. United States war ships are also bound for Spanish ports for the same "reason."

The crushing of the fascist revolt appears assured. The vital aviation corps has reportedly gone over to the People's Front 100 per cent, and has bombed out of an existence a private fascist airplane squadron at

A Message to Labor From Tom

COUNTY JAIL, SAN FRANCISCO.—Greetings of militant, proletarian solidarity from this tomb of the living dead on this 20th anniversary of the monstrously unjust imprisonment of Warren K. Billings and myself, on the rankest frame-up ever perpetrated by the master class in America against militant proletarian fighters.

We salute the workers and their press from our tomb in their onward march to complete working class victory, in which we can be sure of our freedom and vindication.

We have spent a score of years in the penitentiaries of California, for no other reason than our militant loyalty and devotion to the organized labor movement of California.

CALIFORNIA TODAY

Strange as it may seem, the situation in California today almost parallels that which existed 20 years ago and sent us to a living death. The master class in California is desperately scheming and maneuvering night and day to destroy the militant Maritime Federation of the Pacific. Two years ago, during the historic and never-to-be-forgotten general strike in San Francisco, the employing class that framed Mooney and Billings 20 years ago proposed to put on the spot the militant leaders of the maritime federation. The only thing that barred them from that program was the counsel given by one of their wiser members, who said: "We do not want another Mooney case on our hands for 20 more years."

Their greatest defense is the splendid, militant fighting organization and the persistent fight that we have made for 20 years to expose the monstrous frame-up that has robbed us of the best years of our lives. Were it not for that persistent, intense 20-year struggle in exposing the Mooney-Billings frame-up, many another militant worker would have been sent to prison on equally foul frame-ups.

A PLEA TO WORKERS

Our case will ultimately reach the U. S. Supreme Court next year, where we have some hope. In California, where the supreme court is under the almost complete dominating influence of those same unscrupulous open shop employers that railroaded us to prison 20 years ago, we can hope for no redress.

Again, on this 20th anniversary, our plea to the workers everywhere is to solidify their forces and bring unity to their ranks. Let nothing destroy that unity which alone can win our every fight and defeat our every foe. Every sacrifice must be made to attain that complete working class unity, and in your struggle, never forget that we are the symbols of it, for we suffer today, and have for 20 years, for our fight in defense of the working class. We ask you to do for us that which we have done for you.

We are desperately in need of your assistance at this particular time, and ask you to communicate with the Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee, P. O. Box 1475, San Francisco, Calif.

We again send our warmest greetings of proletarian solidarity, and every good wish for the complete success of the organized labor movement.

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to dismember the Federation," wrote Lewis. "The proceedings you contemplate are wholly unwarranted by the constitution of the A. F. of L." Lewis reminded Green that a two-thirds roll call vote at an A. F. of L. convention hangs in the north.

In Barcelona, the Catalan province has proclaimed its loyalty to the left-wing government as expected, and Luis Companys, president of the province, directed firm measures against the fascist remnants.

WORKERS' MILITIA

Henri Perez Farras was placed head of a new Anti-fascist Militia, and Arenguren became military commander-in-chief, replacing the arrested General Encarnada, fascist.

"We must not compromise our victory," stated the government. "Foreigners and their goods must be placed under the safeguard of the government of the people."

Francois Asscasso, labor leader; Amedee Coldeforns, left deputy of the Catalan province, and his father; and Claude Four-nier, former Proletariat Party leader, were reported victims of fascist bullets in the brief uprising against the People's Front in Barcelona.

VANDELEUR IN SALINAS ONLY CONFUSES MEN

Red-Baiting at Agricultural Workers Meeting Hinders Fight Against the Growers Groups

SALINAS.—Fifteen hundred workers and farmers cheered and whistled in applause at a meeting here called by the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, while A. F. of L. speakers denounced the formation of vigilante groups in the Salinas Valley.

VANDELEUR CONFUSES FIGHT

Vandeleur, State Federation Secretary, spoke, and while attacking the growers' associations and vigilantes, tended to weaken the fight against these by launching forth in a vicious red-baiting attack on Communists. Jorgenson of the Salinas Labor Council was chairman at the meeting. A few political speakers slowed down the meeting until the A. F. of L. men got up to speak. Patterson, candidate for assembly spoke, and seeing the kind of audience before him, promised all sorts of support for labor legislation.

After Shelock, a senatorial candidate spoke, and State Labor Commissioner Nolan, a Merriam appointee, talked of the "dignity of labor," Burke, Laundry Workers organizer, spoke of his organization's struggle for a minimum wage in the laundry and cleaning industry.

"Jorgensen then stepped to the mike" and read a part of the instructions issued by Garrison's "Farmers Alliance," advising the farmers to "walk softly but carry a big stick."

"If the farmer wants to fight someone why don't he start on the banks who are robbing him right and left?" said Vandeleur.

Then came the rotten part of Vandeleur's speech, in which he did his best to confuse the struggle of the agriculture workers. He gave much of his time to denouncing the Communists, and by inference he meant also all progressives in the unions.

He stupidly said "Garrison (head of the Associated Farmers) himself is a Communist," hoping to create the impression that the organization of Vigilante gangs plays right into the hands of the Communists, who use the fight against vigilantism and fascism for their own political ends. This vicious and stupid inference, used time and again by fascist organs such as the "American Citizen," and the Hearst pen, did not create the intended impression.

Ross Will Speak At Street Rally Saturday

SAN FRANCISCO.—In defiance of the illegal activities of the San Francisco police, who broke up a Communist election campaign meeting at the corner of Third and Howard Streets last Saturday evening, another meeting will be held at the same corner at eight o'clock next Saturday.

The main speaker will be Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker and Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th Congressional district.

Ross will speak on the main issues in the 1936 elections, and give an analysis of the platforms of the major political parties.

All workers are urged to support this street rally. (See editorial)

OAKLAND SHOWING

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I.S.U. Offers to Restore Charter Of Sailors

(Continued from Page 1)
"the International asks in return compliance with its constitution and by-laws and the policies and traditions of the American Federation of Labor. It also asks compliance with the awards and agreements and discontinuance of so-called "quickie" strikes."

BRIDGES ON CHARTER

Harry Bridges, I.L.A. Pacific Coast District president, stated that the district executive board of the I. L. A., which had just concluded its sessions, considered this offer a "favorable opportunity" for restoration of the SUP charter.

(The SUP charter was revoked at the Jan., 1936, I. S. U. convention, held in Washington. The ISU officials charged "violation of its constitution and of agreements")

Bridges stated that "the sentiment of the I. L. A. district membership is clear and distinct and cannot be misconstrued. Despite the quarrels of the Pacific Coast longshoremen with their international, they still recognize the fact that the international unions in the A. F. of L. are the only organized body of workers in the nation, and that through that body must eventually come any and all betterments of their conditions and improvements in the social scheme of things, with the added realization that such can only be brought about through democratic control and elimination of all racketeering."

A meeting of 600 members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific on Wednesday in San Francisco, at headquarters branch, heard Harry Bridges and Harry Lundberg, secretary-treasurer of the S. U. P., regarding the charter restoration proposals.

Bridges, in a plea for unity, urged the Sailors to draw up reasonable demands and to present them to the rest of the Maritime crafts to insure their support.

L. A. Furniture Strikers Win

LOS ANGELES.—Strikers at the Kneser Furniture Upholstering Company, 12th and Los Angeles streets have returned to work victorious after three days of mass picketing.

Employers granted demands of 15 to 20 per cent wage increases and union recognition. The strike was conducted by the Upholsters' Union, Local 15.

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**TIE LANDON TO
OPEN-SHOPPERS**

**Identify GOP Nominee's
Uncle As Lobbyist for
Penn. Steel-**
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HARRISBURG, Pa.—Another
proof of Governor Alf Landon's
tie-up with the fascist-minded
elements of Wall Street and in-
dustry, was given here when
his uncle, William Mossman of
Pittsburg, was identified in the
State Legislature's house journal
as a lobbyist for the Jones &
Laughlin Steel Company, of the
vicious, open-shop American
Steel Institute.

In a statement denouncing
"Pennsylvania's super-lobbyists,"
Joseph R. Grundy and Joseph
N. Pew, for coming to Harris-
burg recently and "dictating
what the legislature should do"
about relief and social security,
Rep. Peter P. Reising, Democ-
rat, identified Mossman.

Reising said Mossman, "spokes-
man for the Pennsylvania steel-
masters, who have an unbroken
record of terrorism and despotism
going back to the days of the
Homestead massacre," has been
instrumental in forcing the
Senate to "continue its obstruc-
tive tactics."

**DROUTH PLAINS
SEND WORKERS
TO CALIFORNIA**

LOS ANGELES.—A tide of
migratory labor from the drouth-
stricken great plains has pour-
ed into California during the
past three years, adding tens of
thousands of people from the
small farms of Oklahoma, Tex-
as, Arkansas, Missouri and Kan-
sas to the surplus of available
California farm labor, a recent
SERA survey shows.

"Squatter camps have appear-
ed," the report reads, "with no
provision for sanitation, water
supply or cleanliness.

"Only an over-abundant and
economically and socially de-
pressed class of laborers could
be forced into such migratory
conditions.

"An extreme concentration of
agricultural ownership in rela-
tively few hands," is responsible
for California's present agricul-
tural problem," the survey con-
cluded.

L. A. Charities Dept.
Books to Be Audited

LOS ANGELES.—Immediate
audit of the books of the Los
Angeles County Department of
Charities has been ordered by
George B. Warren, foreman of
the county grand jury. Purpose
of the audit, according to War-
ren, is to determine whether
there have been irregularities
in the department.

CLEARY AIDS HITLER
SAN FRANCISCO.—Chief Ad-
ministrator A. J. Cleary has aid-
ed Hitler's Olympic Games prop-
aganda for Nazism by sending
\$1000 for the city to send athletes
to Germany for the Games. Cleary
sent the money following a
Board of Supervisors' resolu-
tion urging the gift.

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**Communist Candidate Gets Poetic
Tribute From a Fellow Welshman**

The candidacy of William J. Prater for Assembly in the
10th District, on the Communist Party ticket, has aroused the
following poetic tribute from a fellow Welshman of Van
Nuys:

"Anwyl Gwmdad:
"Mi welais yn y papur
Am gymro dewr ei fron
Yn Ceisio arwain gwaethwyr
At fywd gywuch a chron.

"Dan draed mae gwaethwyr
cymru
Dan draed mae gwaethwyr oll
Ond nid dan draed y fyddant
Yml addant yn ddi goll.

"Mae concwt fawr y Russians
Yn dangos i ni'r nod
I ddymchwel nerth y cedyrn
A'l DuPont, Hearst a'l Ford.

"M'igobaeth'r American
Wrth weld arwaenwir dewr
Fel Browder, Ford a'l Prater,
Yn barod am yr awr.

"Ymlaen at Gyngor America
"Yn Gymradaedd,
"Gwyllym Ivor Davies."

In translation, the poem reads:

"Dear Comrade:
"I read in our newspaper
About a Cambrian brave of heart,
Who seeks to lead the work-
ers
To a higher, fuller life.

"Downtrodden are Welsh
workers,
Downtrodden all workingmen:
But they will not be down-
trodden.
They'll struggle and win victory.

"The wondrous Russian triumph
Reveals to us the goal
And how bring down the
mighty,
The DuPonts, Hearsts and
Fords.

"I trust and hope the Amer-
icans,
Beholding leaders brave
Like Browder, Ford and Prater,
Will be ready for the hour.

"On to a Soviet America!
"Comradely yours,
"Wm. Ivor Davies."

**L. A. COPS NEED
PEACE PARADE
SIGN SAMPLES**

LOS ANGELES.— Demands
that the American League
Against War and Fascism submit
samples of slogans which would
be placed on signs and banners
in its proposed Peace Parade
August 1, have been made by
the police commission, which
took under advisement the re-
quest for a parade permit.

Seema Matlin, administrative
secretary of the League; Attorney
Leo Gallagher; Dr. Floyd J.
Seaman, Methodist minister; and
Mrs. Belle Lacava, president of
the women's division of the lea-
gue, appeared before the com-
mission.

They agreed to submit copies
of their slogans immediately.
The Commission says it wants
to determine whether onlookers
might be "provoked into incit-
ing a riot." Actually, the Com-
mission is seeking some pretext
on which to base denial of the
permit.

**CITY ATTORNEY.
DROPS CHARGE
AGAINST POLICE**

LOS ANGELES.—A complaint
filed against Policeman Biller
last week, the outgrowth of the
breaking up of a Communist
street meeting, has been dis-
missed by Chief Deputy City
Attorney J. W. Joos.

The complaint was signed by
Emma Cutler, Communist candi-
date for Congress in the 13th
District.
"It's the old run-around again,"
said Leo Gallagher, attorney for
Candidate Cutler. "I believe I'd
drop dead if we ever got a
square deal in these cases."

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WM. J. PRATER
Communist Assembly candi-
date in the 10th District.

**Roosevelt's Son
May Wed Daughter
Of Liberty Leaguer**

NEW YORK.— Matrimonial
alliances between President
Roosevelt's family and the fam-
ily of his bitterest enemies to
date, the DuPont backers of the
fascist-minded Liberty League
threatened to gum up the polit-
ical horizon, if reports be true
as printed by a local society ed-
itor.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr.
described as being a "devoted
swain," and Ethel DuPont,
heirs to the munitions millions,
are shortly to announce their en-
gagement, it was reported.

The girl is the daughter of
Eugene DuPont and heiress to
one of the largest accumula-
tions of capital in the United
States.

Her family is the sponsor of
the Liberty League, chief at-
tacker of the Roosevelt admin-
istration for the past two years
and backer of the Republican
nominee, Hearstman Landon.

**AL SMITH MUM
AFTER CONFAB
WITH HAMILTON**

NEW YORK.—Refusing to af-
firm or deny a report published
in a Baltimore newspaper that
he would not campaign for Gov-
ernor Alf M. Landon, Alfred E.
Smith, Liberty Leaguer, admit-
ted he had conferred with John
D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the
Republican National Committee.

"All I've got to say," said
Smith, who refused to partici-
pate in the Democratic national
convention, "is that I met Ham-
ilton. Further than that I have
not got anything to say about it."

In Chicago, Hamilton said that
Smith would "make known his
views" during the coming presi-
dential convention.

Prior to the Democratic na-
tional convention, Smith said he
might "take a walk if Presi-
dent Roosevelt's present policies
were continued." His walk land-
ed him squarely into the camp
of the fascist Liberty League.

**ONE-MAN CARS
MAKE WORKERS
LATE TO JOBS**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Workers
in shops and offices boiled over
here last Tuesday morning, when
they were made late to work
through the inefficiency of the
one-man car system.

Shortly before 8 a. m. a one-
man car on the No. 19 line op-
erating on 9th street, jumped
the tracks near Mission street.
Another car being shunted across
Mission further delayed traffic,
so that when another one-man
car got stalled for 10 minutes
or so, its passengers became quite
irate.

One passenger went so far in
his wrath as to invite an in-
spector of the Market Street
Railway Company to the street
for a fight.

Virtually every passenger who
has to ride on this busy No. 19
line would like the railway com-
pany's scalp on this issue, par-
ticularly since the voters of
San Francisco passed a measure
barring one-man cars, only to
have Federal Judge Louderback
rule the ordinance unconstitutional.

**SON OF '76 IS
C. P. CANDIDATE**

**Richard Ludlow, Nominee in
18th Assembly District,
Is Real Leader**

OAKLAND—A typical work-
ing-class leader, a true descen-
dant of 1776, is Richard Ludlow,
Communist Party candidate for
the State Assembly from the
18th District.

This district has been laid out
by the owning class so as to
handicap the working-class vot-
ers. The votes of the toilers
near the Berkeley water-front
are offset to a large extent by
the artificial inclusion of the
wealthy residential district of
Claremont.

PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING
Ludlow's understanding of
farmer and worker is personal.
He was born in 1902 in Water-
loo, Iowa, and was raised in the
Dust Bowl country of South Da-
kota.

His people were Illinois rail-
road workers, sweating on the
Illinois Central under the driv-
ing exploiter, the railroad king
E. B. Harriman. Through Illi-
nois, Iowa and South Dakota,
in the industrial centers and
through the farming belt, the
Ludlow family breathed the
smoke and soot of the factories
and ate the dust of the midwest
plains.

Americans through and
through, Richard Ludlow's peo-
ple were fighters and revolu-
tionaries.

REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

The Pennsylvania Dutch-Eng-
lish Ludlow, who fought in the
first American Revolutionary
War would be proud of his
great-grandson who is, with
Communist courage and fidelity
to the working-class carrying
on the struggle for a better life.

When bricks were flying
through the windows of private
homes in the Eastbay during the
1934 general strike, when vigi-
lantes were smashing Comrades'
Hall, when Berkeley National
hoodlums were patrolling every
block in the vicinity of San
Barry and University, each one
carrying clubs with which to beat
up militant workers—Ludlow
was Communist Party organizer
of the Berkeley sub-section, a
leader in time of bitter crisis of
the vanguard of the working-
class in his home town.

UNION MAN

He has been an organizer of
the Cannery and Agricultural
Workers Industrial Union. He
also organized his fellow-workers
on CWA projects, and was the
first organizer of the Unemploy-
ment Council in East Oakland.

On Ludlow's platform are
pledges to work for a revision
of assembly district layouts so
as to take away from the owning
class the extra voting advantage
they now have through corrupt
and unrepresentative gerryman-
dering of districts.

Ludlow is for the removal of
restrictive covenants in residen-
tial districts, regardless of color.
Since the owning class at pres-
ent has four playgrounds for
their children as against one for
workers' children in his assem-
bly district, Ludlow is for more
and better playgrounds for the
working-class districts.

FIGHTING PLATFORM

He is for higher wages to
teachers, and the right to say
what they believe in the class-
room; for repeal of the sales
tax; for the opening of closed
factories by the government, at
union wage scales; for housing
and public works projects suf-
ficient to employ all who are out
of work. Ludlow is for real
security legislation, unemploy-
ment insurance, old-age pensions,
minimum wage laws, and the
30 hour week. He stands for
schools and jobs for the youth.
He is for the defense of work-
ers' rights, for repeal of the
Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Make the rich pay, is Ludlow's
stand on taxes. He believes that
war funds should be used for
relief.

And in running on the Com-
munist ticket, he will do all in
his power toward helping to
build a Farmer-Labor Party.

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**ANOTHER SON
OF OULD SOD!**

**Patterson, C. P. Nominee for
Congress in 9th District
Is Rebel Irishman!**

FRESNO.—There are lots of
revolutionary Irishmen in the
Communist Party!

Carl B. Patterson, Communist
candidate for Congress in the 9th
District, is one of these Irish-
men, a real working-class lead-
er.

Born of Irish parentage in
Portland, Michigan, on Septem-
ber 10th, 1900, Patterson went
to school through the 11th grade,
when he had to go to work. He
has worked as an auto body
mechanic, farm worker, and
truck driver.

STRIKE LEADER

A strike leader in the San
Jose cannery strike, and in the
historic 1933 cotton strike in
Kern County, Patterson has also
participated in a peach strike
at Merced and a grape strike
near Fresno.

In 1934, he was Communist
candidate for State Senator from
the Fresno District.

In this district, largely farm-
ing areas, Patterson takes a mil-
itant stand for the immediate
building and completion of the
Central Valley Project, so vital
for the poor farmers needing
cheap water and power rates.

FOR POOR FARMERS

He also will fight for full in-
demnity to the farmers for
every cow condemned in the
tuberculosis-testing program.

On behalf of the poor farm-
ers and the agricultural field
workers, Patterson pledges a
militant fight against the in-
trenched wealth represented in
the Associated Farmers.

In Fresno he will campaign
against the fascist-minded forces
represented by the Rev. I. R.
Wall, who threatens an injunc-
tion suit to remove Communist
candidates from the ballot.

He will lead a militant peo-
ple's fight for free speech in
Fresno, where the Board of
Supervisors has denied the Com-
munist Party the right of free-
dom of speech and assembly.

In addition, Patterson will
make his campaign a militant
fight for the demands expressed
in the state and national plat-
forms of the Communist Party,
for the popularizing of Browder
and Ford for President and vice-
president of the United States.

**Negro Hails Ninth
Convention of CP**

NEW YORK.—The 9th Na-
tional Convention of the Com-
munist Party had greatest sig-
nificance, according to Roy Wil-
kins, assistant national secretary
of the National Association for
the Advancement of Colored peo-
ple, and editor of its official
organ, the Crisis.

"It must be patent to anyone
who has kept track of the news,"
said Wilkins in an interview,
"that the political left wing—and
especially the Communist pro-
gram—has been an important
factor in bringing the plight of
the Race, along with other un-
derprivileged groups, more sharp-
ly to the attention of those par-
ties which have been in power."
"I consider this pressure to-
ward progressive demands on
the major political parties the
chief and most useful function
at the present time."

**FREE GEOFFRIN
IS BAIL FUND
CALL OF I.L.D.**

SAN FRANCISCO.— Get
George Geoffrin out of impris-
onment on Angel Island!

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tional Labor Defense is appeal-
ing for \$5 and \$10 loans or do-
nations, or even smaller amounts,
to its bail fund, in order to com-
plete the \$2500 cash bail needed
to release Geoffrin pending hear-
ing on the deportation charges of
"subversive activity."

Approximately \$1500 has been
donated and lent thus far to the
I. L. D., leaving \$1000 yet to
raise in order to free this mil-
itant worker, who was active in
organizing the workers in the
Mare Island shipyards.

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trict office at 1005 Market
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**Home-Town Newspaper Relates
Early Life of Earl Browder**

WICHITA, Kans.—Earl Browder, Communist candi-
date for President of the United States, has been recognized
in this typical American small town by the Wichita Eagle,
local newspaper, in an article describing his early life in his
birthplace.

The article recalls Browder
as a "hard working, manly
boy and a favorite with his
fellow workers. He had a fair
personality, but his political ideas
which then began to take shape,
gave him a different slant on
life."

America's outstanding revolu-
tionary leader was then exactly
16 years old. His father, William
Browder, with American ances-
tors dating back to the year
1650, is remembered by the Eagle
as a country-side teacher, who
walked miles to school each day
and trudged home at night with
his lunch pail and text books
under his arm.

"The original lease will stand,"
said William McKelvy Martin,
assistant manager of the South-
ern California Symphony Asso-
ciation, "unless it can be shown
that the contract was made un-
der misrepresentation."

"During the early days when
the Browder family lived at
628 South Fern and other Wich-
ita addresses, they were known
as a highly respectable family.
Their financial condition was
about the same as the majority
of families living in that neigh-
borhood at that time.

"There were seven children.
All were reared in the home
but circumstances forced them
into the business world with less
education than the majority of
young people are equipped with
in later years.

"The home on South Fern in
which Earl Browder was born
in 1891 is still standing and
with minor changes it is the
same as it was when occupied
by the Browder family."

"Earl received his first teach-
ings in Socialism from his father,
William Browder, it was said.
Browder was a school teacher
and for several years taught a
country school south of the city.
Conveyances were scarce in those
days and Browder walked to
his school each morning and
trudged home every afternoon
with his lunch pail and text
books under his arm.

"Browder's leisure time was
spent in reading literature of
the Socialist Party and this in-
fluence succeeded in turning not
only Earl but two other chil-
dren of the family into Socialist
leaders.

"Other members of the Bro-
der family were also in the em-
ploy of this company for a num-
ber of years, former friends re-
called today.

"Earl had a grade school edu-
cation (he had to quit school at
the second grade and go to work
at the age of nine—Ed.) and
worked as a cashboy for the
Wallenstein and Cohen Dry Goods
Company. He was a manly
boy, hard working and a favor-
ite with the store's employees.

"Other members of the Bro-
der family were also in the em-
ploy of this company for a num-
ber of years, former friends re-
called today.

"Earl secured a position as a
bookkeeper for the Potts Drug
Company. He was efficient and
was the average young man in
a business office. He had a fair
personality, his associates recall,
but his political ideas which
then began to take shape, gave
him a different slant on life
and after a time he left the
drug company in search for
something better.

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Defeat Fascism at A Costs! Forward to Soviet Spain!

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Already General Franco, th be Hitler of Spain, has issued dissolving all workers' organiza pronouncing a terroristic Fascist ship.—Thus far on paper only. upon sections of politically backward peasantry in the South, the Fascists have succeeded in establishing something of a mass base. Bribes to high army officers, added to a systematic campaign of lies and wild promises among the more backward soldiers, have given Franco the military basis for his attempted counter-revolutionary coup.

The eyes of the world are fixed upon Spain, and the heroic struggles of the working-class forces. Workers from the mines and shops, women and youth, have armed to defeat Fascism at all costs! The slogan of that great American revolutionist, Patrick Henry, is being translated into action in the streets and on the field: "Give me Liberty or give me death!"

The eyes of the world are fixed upon Spain. Hitler, Mussolini and the militarists of Japan hope to see a Fascist Spain added to the counter-revolutionary forces whose chief aim is an attack against the Soviet Union. But the workers of the world are fighting, in spirit, shoulder to shoulder with their Spanish comrades. World reaction trembles at the fear of a Soviet Spain!

Should the present government be unable to cope with the Fascist attack adequately, Workers' Soldiers, Sailors and Peasants' Soviets will spring up, organizing and guiding the revolutionary struggles of the Spanish working class. In the fire of the struggle the revolutionary proletariat will inevitably assume the leadership of its class!

To our valiant Spanish comrades we extend revolutionary greetings.

Forward to the defeat of Fascism, to a strong, centralized People's Front Government,—to a Soviet Spain!

Defend Right of C.P. To Hold Election Meetings!

The breaking up of an election campaign street meeting in San Francisco last week-end, following as it does similar action by the police in Los Angeles, must be answered decisively by all people determined to win and retain the democratic rights of freedom of assembly and of speech in California!

In San Francisco, the tactics applied are not so blunt as those in Los Angeles, where the mayor openly says Communists have no right to free speech. In San Francisco, the police dispersed the meeting at Mission and Howard last Saturday evening, and 'escorted' two speakers into the Black Maria, after which they were released following a "plea" that they do not attempt to speak there again.

Unless there is a free speech fight put up for the retention of that corner, all other street meetings will be broken up. This

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is being used only as a means of vote-catching by politically ambitious office-seekers, lies in the fact that the hearing on the injunction, to be held August 1, will be before Judge Louderback.

Louderback is the same Federal Judge who, in defiance of the will of three of every four who voted in the spring of last year, issued the sweeping injunction prohibiting interference with the operation of one-man cars. The connections between this judicial "servant of the people" and the Market Street Railway are too well known to require repetition or elaboration.

Certainly no one in his right senses will expect that servant of the street car interests to reverse himself and find against the one-man cars!

An end must be put to this use of the one-man car issue as a political football. The City can be forced to take appropriate action to achieve this.

Send delegations and letters to the Board of Supervisors, demanding that the appeal against the injunction be heard before another judge! Pack the courtroom on August 1st, demonstrating the popular resentment against the violation of the democratic rights of the people!

Those Who Can't Complain

Roosevelt's New Deal laws for the "betterment of the forgotten man" may have been fouled by the Supreme Court and others. But the wealthy classes of America certainly can't complain at any failure of the efforts in their behalf. Returns from taxes on excess profits, according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, more than doubled from \$6,360,000 in 1935 to \$14,442,000 in 1936. The rate of taxation in both years was the same.

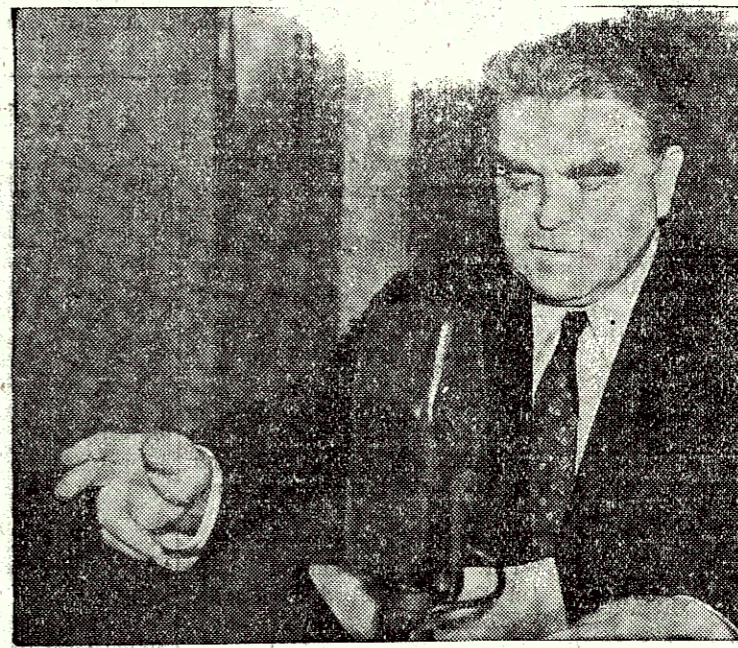
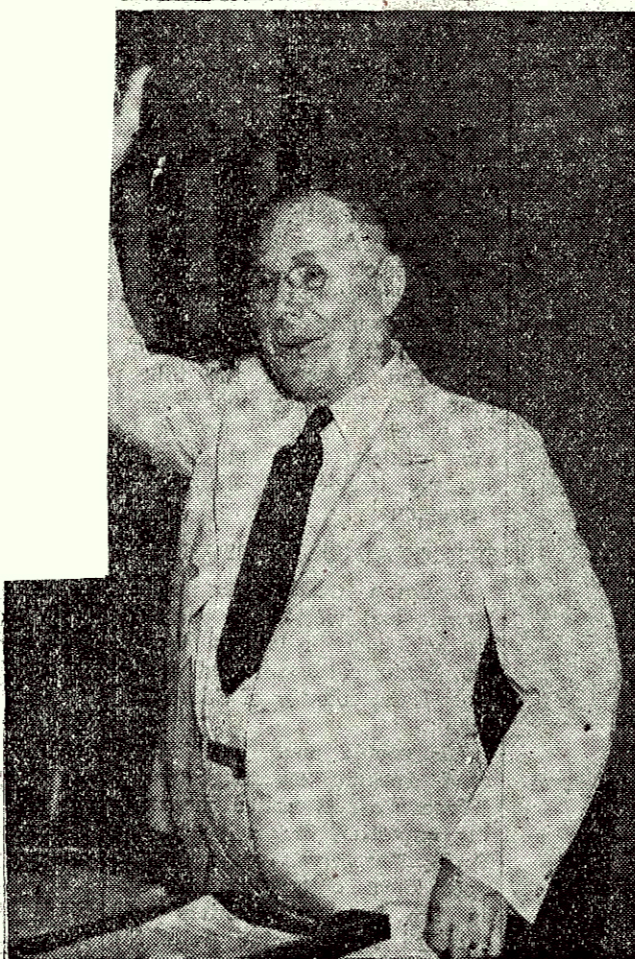
Minimum Wage Proposal

That the American people favor a constitutional amendment to permit minimum wage legislation is indicated by a recent poll of the American Institute of Public Opinion. One-hundred-fifty thousand ballots were distributed proportionately among representatives in the 48 states. Seventy per cent favored such an amendment, 30 per cent were opposed. The United States Supreme Court's nullification of the New York state minimum wage law was seen as a large factor in swinging sentiment in favor of the amendment.

Wagner Act Loses Again

The Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. at Aliquippa, Pa., is thumping its nose at the Wagner labor relations act with the full approval of the federal circuit court of appeals at New Orleans. The National Labor Relations Board had petitioned for a rehearing on a previous court decision not to force the company to rehire 12 employes fired for their union activity. Petition was denied on the grounds that the company's manufacturing processes were not part of interstate commerce. Which is one more argument for a Farmer-Labor Party to pass and enforce social security laws and a constitutional amendment to prevent the courts from nullifying such laws.

Horse and Buggy Unionism or Industrial Unionism—Which?



Representative of the old, reactionary trade unionism, craft unionism, which divides the workers up in the face of billion dollar trusts, is Bill Green, at the left. Against Green's policies the Committee for Industrial Organizations calls for the organization of the unorganized, especially in the basic industries, on an industrial basis. John L. Lewis, at right, is the C.I.O.'s leader. The C.I.O. gave \$500,000 to a drive to organize the steel industry.

CIO Growth Brings Big Swing To Independent Political Action

By Nat Davis.

Said Earl Browder at the Ninth National Convention of the Communist Party: "It had long been the hope of our Party that we would be able to go into the Presidential elections this year with a Farmer-Labor national ticket. Already in May it had become clear that this was impossible. The great majority of organizations, composing the Farmer-Labor movement, while breaking with the old parties, had decided to follow the policy of the big progressive unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization, in supporting Roosevelt for reelection.

"We are fully prepared to continue and develop our united front relations with those who support Roosevelt, reserving our disagreement on this question. Our united front with these organizations and groups has the solid foundation of complete agreement with them that the Republican Party with its Hearst-Liberty League allies, is the main enemy that must be defeated at all costs."

The Communists saw, and all progressive elements should have seen no cause for pessimism because of the development of the Labor Non-Partisan Leagues, and the great mass sentiment among millions of trade union members for the re-election of Roosevelt.

HATRED OF FASCISM

Such a sentiment among the masses of trade union members by no means signifies that they have turned reactionary. On the contrary, it was an expression, based on confusion, of real hatred for all that the fascist-minded gentlemen who dominate the Republican Party stand for—the open shop, the crushing of the unions, the nullifying through the Supreme Court of every concession, slight as it might be, wrung through bitter struggle since 1933 by the millions who newly entered the trade unions.

The masses of the trade union members have not yet been able to see that for every concession granted the working class by Roosevelt, many greater concessions, and without strings attached, have been granted the employers.

LEARN IN STRUGGLE

But it is to be remembered that included in the millions who have followed the lead of the C. I. O. leaders in endorsing Roosevelt, are those same workers who have in recent months especially come up against the sharpest terror on the part of Republican and Democratic politicians in office, in the attempt to organize and gain better wages and conditions,—the rubber workers in Ohio; the half million steel workers; the automobile workers in the Michigan and other territories; the textile workers in the South; and here in California, the agricultural workers and the workers, for example, in the East Bay area. Then it is clear that right from the struggles these workers are going through, in which they see the role of the Republican and Democratic Parties, is springing the local and state-wide Farmer-Labor Party movement which cannot fail in the not too distant future to become national in scope.

Two points which have seen sharp labor struggles and which have seen the politicians of the old parties in action against the union members on strike are particular examples of how the A. F. of L. membership and the best of the A. F. of L. leaders become the forefront of the Farmer-Labor Party movement. They are Summit County, Ohio, where the members of the United Rubber Workers' Union have taken

part in a series of militant sit-down strikes in the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone Tire plants, and have faced vigilantes led by a Republican sheriff and his vigilante army; and in Connecticut, where textile workers and the Remington-Rand strikers have faced similar repression from Democratic officials. In both cases a strong Labor Party movement has sprung up; in Akron, on a county scale, with the Central Labor Councils in the leadership; in Connecticut on a state-wide scale, with State Federation leaders in the forefront, as well as local union leaders.

C. I. O. INFLUENCE

But what has especially begun in recent weeks to move the ranks of organized labor leftward is the struggle around the issues of industrial unionism and the organization of the thirty to forty million unorganized workers. The past few weeks have sharpened the division among the top leadership of the A. F. of L.; the reactionary, back-to-the-nineties craft union advocates of the Green-Hutchison Woll school on the one hand, and the progressive type of unionism which faces the fact that this is 1936 and that the workers, in the face of billion dollar trusts, must be unified in the strongest way, organized on the basis of one shop, one industry, one union.

With the rapid growth of support for the C. I. O. industrial unionism policy, with the beginning of the down-to-earth organization campaigns in steel, rubber, automobile, to be followed by similar drives in all the largely unorganized basic industries, has come a rapid growth in recognition of the fact that the policies of the C. I. O., to be effectively carried through, must also be accompanied by a progressive political platform for organized labor.

Pressing from below, this recognition has now begun to sweep into its scope some of the most important leaders of powerful unions, leaders who initiated the Labor Non-Partisan League movement for Roosevelt, but who have begun to learn, along with the rank and file, the necessity of independent political action, starting at least on a local and state scale, for organized labor.

THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

The launching of the new New York Labor Party may have taken place at the other end of the country, but for organized labor in California it is of the utmost importance. Behind it are such leaders of both the Labor-Non Partisan League and the C. I. O. as Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Max Zaritsky, president of the Cap and Millinery Workers; Luigi Antonini, vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers. The new party will run candidates for congress, assembly and local offices.

Although backing Roosevelt for President and Lehman for governor of New York, the leaders of the New York Labor Party have made it plain that such endorsement does not imply endorsement of the Democratic Party.

The new party, it should be stressed, was formed by representatives of over 250,000 men and women organized in A. F. of L. unions.

The way has thus been left open by the New York Non-Partisan League for the converting of the League into a powerful core for a Farmer-Labor Party which can assume a nation-wide scale, in conjunction with the Farmer-Labor Party groups which have been formed under the sponsorship of A. F. of L. bodies in states like Ohio, Con-

necticut, Michigan, Texas, Rhode Island, and a number of other states.

LEAGUE'S STRATEGY

But to anyone who tended toward a feeling of discouragement at the formation of the Labor Non-Partisan League and its support for Roosevelt, the strategy just laid out by the League's leaders in a conference last week in Washington should point which way the wind is blowing.

With the conclusion of the 1936 presidential campaign, the Labor Non-Partisan League will not disband, according to Geo. L. Berry, president of the Printing Pressmen's Union. Nor will it allow itself to be tied up with either the Republican or Democratic Party. It will accept no funds from any political party, Berry states.

The plans for the League after the 1936 elections were worked out by the League's leaders, with John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers taking an active part.

WHAT BERRY MEANT

Berry stated—and when he spoke Lewis, Hillman, and other heads of unions taking in over a million A. F. of L. members were speaking—that the League's functions after November will be to meet "a political realignment." The meaning of this is plain. Any political realignment will include the formation of a nation-wide Farmer-Labor Party, and the implication of such a meaning are further seen in Berry's cautious statement that anything regarding a Labor Party after 1936 "are purely speculative." It is obvious that Labor Non-Partisan League leaders recognize the growing widespread disgust in organized labor's ranks with the old parties, and that they remain cautious, but not antagonistic toward the question of a national Farmer-Labor Party after 1936, merely in order not to embarrass the Roosevelt campaign, which they have pledged to support.

The actions of the leadership of the Labor Non-Partisan League have serious meaning for California. Numerous Roosevelt-for-Labor Leagues have sprung up in this state, with trade union members as their chief support. The trade unionists in California, like those in Akron, Connecticut, etc., who have formed local or state Labor Parties while still supporting Roosevelt for president, are experiencing terror on the part of the old party office holders in nearly every struggle they undertake.

Such is the case in Orange County; such has been the case in the L. A. Young, Hudson Lumber, California Cotton Mills and other strikes in the East Bay area. Now is the time for Communist Party members in the trade unions to develop "the sentiment for a California Farmer-Labor Party among the trade union members, by constantly bringing up issues like anti-picketing ordinances, use of police, deputies, vigilantes against strikers; the actions of the courts against labor and the people as a whole, as in the Modesto case, the Jackson miners case, the case of the 139 Orange County strikers held for trial before the Superior Court; as well as the sales tax, one-man cars, police graft, and a host of other popular issues.

The Labor Non-Partisan League has announced that it plans to make California one of its five concentration states. Around issues like the above a United Front in the trade unions can be developed "which will make California one of the pivotal pillars in the nation-wide Farmer-Labor Party movement.

AS WE SEE IT

By Bill Schneiderman, California State Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

GENERAL STRIKE ANNIVERSARY

The newspapers have chosen to ignore the passing of the second anniversary of the San Francisco general strike. This is by no means an accident. The employers would like to forget all about it, and that the working-class should forget its lessons. But the workers have NOT forgotten it, because general strike has had a lasting effect on the labor movement. Growing out of the maritime strike of 1934, the general strike was the climax of a great tidal wave of struggle that involved millions of workers since 1933, and that signalized a basic transformation in the entire labor movement. The millions of workers who were offered a Promised Land by the New Deal took those promises seriously, but found that they would have to fight bitterly for every concession and for every right that was theirs.

Workers from the basic industries streamed in masses into the American Federation of Labor, proceeded to take hold of these unions and use them as instruments of struggle to win the demands that the NRA had promised them but failed to deliver. The barons of steel, auto, rubber, marine unleashed an unprecedented wave of terrorism against the unions and the strikers, but they were not able to defeat the strike movement, smash the unions, or cow the workers. On the contrary, the labor movement began to take on new life, and the militant upsurge had its effect also on the leading circles of the A. F. of L. officials. Local, state and even national labor leaders began to feel the pressure from below and the need for a basic change of policy, from one of compromising and surrendering to the employers, to one of militant struggle.

The growing fascist danger, not only in Europe but in America, also had its effect on the workers and many leaders, who saw that the victory of fascism would mean the destruction of the labor movement. All these factors contributed to the creation of a powerful progressive bloc in the A. F. of L., whose struggle for industrial unionism and the organization of the mass production industries has tremendous significance for the whole future of American labor. Those reactionary labor officials who want to continue with the old disastrous policies are more and more being put on the defensive by the progressive forces which are everywhere challenging their leadership.

The maritime strike and the general strike gave a tremendous impetus to the organization of the workers in every industry on the Pacific Coast, especially in San Francisco. Aside from the economic gains won, it not only strengthened the whole trade union movement but it brought forward the progressive elements more and more into leadership in local unions, district councils, and central labor councils. But there are some leaders like Vandeleur, who played such a shameful role in the general strike, who seem to have learned nothing. When red-baiting and the attack on the Communist Party became the spearhead of the employers' offensive against the whole labor movement, it became clear that this was directed against every progressive force in the trade unions. Many labor leaders recognize now the need for unity with the left-progressive force against the reactionary attacks of the employers and their vigilante gangs.

But only last Tuesday, Vandeleur showed, like Bill Green, that he has learned nothing. In a speech in Salinas to agricultural workers, according to press reports, he attacked not only vigilantism, the weapon of the employers, but also the Communists, who are a progressive force in the labor movement. But recent events in California indicate that a red-baiting policy becomes a boomerang, and that leaders who follow an ostrich-like policy without learning from the past, slip very fast. There is a growing feeling among rank and file trade unionists that if Vandeleur continues this policy, he will become a general without an army, or the army will find a new general.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Convention go on record against the Dies Bill and against deportation and discrimination against the foreign born in the United States.

"In the attempt to rid themselves of the foreign born workers most active in trade unions and working class political organizations, the employers fostered a system of laws to expel the most militant from the country. Thus while some workers were excluded because it was said that they lowered the standard of living, others fought to raise it were deported." (E. "The Foreign Born in the United States," by Dwight C. Morgan.)

Hitler suggests, to the other capitalist powers, that they bury the hatchet—in the skull of the Soviet worker.

S. F. DAILY NEWS PRINTS SLANDERS AGAINST PRESTES

"Vagabond Reporter" Writes Phoney Story On Arrest of Hero of Brazilian Masses By Fascist Police

By John Broman
SAN FRANCISCO.—Reputed organ of "liberalism," the San Francisco Daily News printed a foul slander on Louis Carlos Prestes, idolized leader of the oppressed Brazilian workers and peasants and member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, in its issue of Tuesday, July 21st.

Written by Robert Hubner, so-called "vagabond reporter" who has been touring Central and South American ports in search of fluffy little "tidbits" of foreign news, the article is headed: "Prestes, Communist Revolt Chief, Betrayed by His Best Friend—His Dog."

COCK - AND - BULL STORY
According to the story, Prestes was revealed—not by a stool-pigeon, as was the fact—but by his mongrel pet dog, who was befriended by the fascist police and who recognized Prestes when the police failed to do so!

This cock - and - bull story is not enough for Hubner, however. He describes this heroic leader of the Brazilian masses as a "renegade" and as having the reputation of being a dangerous fanatic who carried a small arsenal and would not hesitate to shoot at sight.

And yet another vicious slander: "He was surrounded by human enemies—even his friends he suspected. And how his only sure friend (the dog picked up by the police) had gone over to the camp of the enemy. It was the last straw."

PRESTES, FOR WHOSE DEFENSE THOUSANDS—NO, TENS OF THOUSANDS—OF BRAZILIAN WORKERS AND PEASANTS WOULD FORFEIT THEIR LIVES.
The News also printed with the story the picture of Victor Allen Barron, young American, who was cruelly tortured and murdered by the Brazilian police and then malignantly as the "betrayer" of Prestes who killed himself in remorse. This lie, the News hints at, by carrying the sub-heading: "Did he reveal the hiding place of Prestes?"

POLICE MURDER
The autopsy report of the Brazilian doctor showed beyond all doubt that Barron could not have suffered death as the police claimed from "leaping from a window of the Police Headquarters," but the wounds upon his body and those that caused death could only have come from terrible torture and beatings. The police merely used the old story of the revolutionary, who, they say, "commits suicide" because he "betrayed" another, to cover their own murder and to allow the real informer to go undisturbed.

Throughout the world today, workers' and workers' organizations are holding demonstration and making demands upon Brazilian consulates and embassies for the immediate and unconditional release from the torture dungeons, of the Brazilian people's hero, Luis Carlos Prestes, and of his wife.

They are also demanding the release of Arthur Ewart, refugee from the Nazi terror and former Communist deputy to the German Reichstag, who is threatened with deportation back to the hands of the Hitler butchers.

JURY DISAGREES IN PUERTO RICO 'REBELLION' TRIAL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—Trial of eight members of the Nationalist Party of this colony of imperialist United States, on charges of "conspiring to overthrow the U. S. government by force," has been declared a mistrial here by Federal Judge Robert A. Cooper when the jury could not agree.

A second trial was set for July 27th. Pedro Albizu Campos, leader of the Nationalist Party, objected to the early retrial and demanded that it be set for the next term of court.

The eight were accused of "fomenting rebellion" against the government and "attempting to conscript a rebel army."

Trade Union Unity Is Goal of Mexico Workers

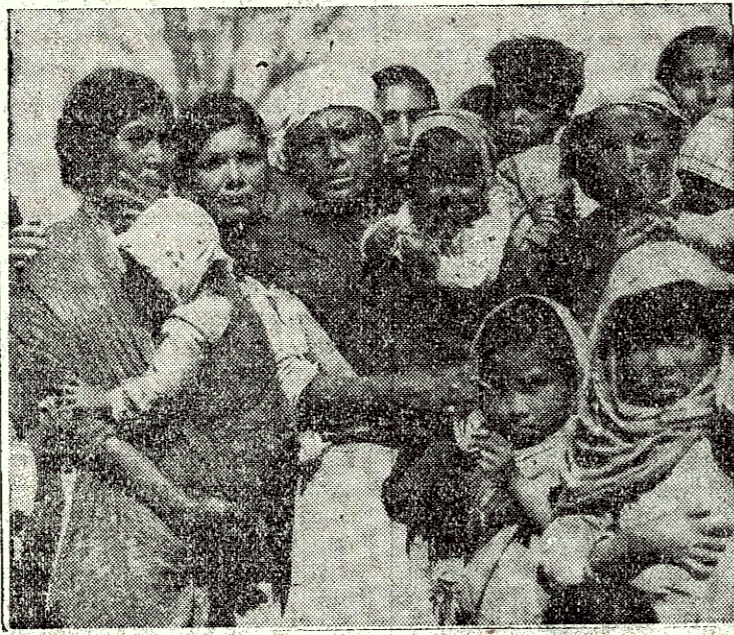
MEXICO CITY.—Unity of all trade unions in Mexico is being organized by the Confederation of Mexican Workers, which already represents 95 per cent of all workers organized throughout the nation.

Unity congresses were scheduled in the state of Yucatan on July 20th and in the state of Tabasco on July 30th. Further congresses are projected to include all the states and territories of the Mexican Union.

The states of San Luis Potosi, Nuevo Leon, and Veracruz have already been organized, with the great majority of the workers under the banner of the Confederation.

TIM BUCK SPEAKS
REGINA, Sask.—Tim Buck, general secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, spoke here recently at a basket picnic, as part of his speaking tour in Saskatchewan.

Peasant Women Against Reaction



THESE HEROIC peasant women of Mexico seized the ranch of Plutarco Elias Calles, fascist tool of Wall Street, for division among themselves in accordance with the Mexican land laws. Today the peasants are being organized by the Cardenas government into armed units to protect themselves against the "Dorados," or fascist gunmen who have been terrorizing workers and farmers in Mexico.

Mexico Peasants Arm Against Wall Street's Gold Shirt Gangsters

MEXICO CITY.—The terrorist activities of the reactionaries and fascists of Mexico and their "Gold Shirt" gangsters, or "Dorados," will be curbed and smashed, if the program for arming the peasants in defense is carried through to conclusion by the government of President Cardenas.

Also, the sons and daughters of the peasants are being organized into semi-military units to strengthen the fight against the Dorados' fascists.

ORGANIZE YOUTH
The social program includes bettering of the community by stimulating the collective spirit; broader cultural program, abolition of illiteracy, increase of the spirit of fair play and cooperation; anti-alcohol campaign to increase temperance; equal salaries for equal work, elimination of discrimination against peasants in the matter of pay; program for legislative protection of the young peasant, to provide him the same opportunities as the industrial workers in the cities.

Organization of military defense for the peasants was made necessary by the frequent attacks and murders by the "Dorados," gangster bands financed by Plutarco Calles, exiled dictator of Mexico, and by his Wall Street bosses.

Ethiopian Guerrillas Inflict Heavy Losses On Italian Fascists

CAIRO, Egypt.—Adopting their variation of the successful guerilla tactics used by Manchurian volunteers against the Japanese invaders, thousands of Ethiopian fighters are costing the "conquering" Italian Fascist armies heavily, according to reports here.

East Africa is alive with bands of Ethiopians pledged to die fighting as free men, rather than live as slaves of the Fascists.

Their tactics are similar to those of the Anti-Japanese and Volunteer Allied Armies in Manchuria, numbering about 200,000, who operate as follows:

Avoidance of large scale frontal clashes and reliance on guerilla warfare in smaller groups; concentration attacks on garrison squads; aim chiefly to destroy communication and economic and military important outposts; combination of military struggle with actions of the civilian population, organizing and educating the people in the fight; avoidance of head-on clashes, scattering to villages; making of secret connections with allies among the enemy troops; increased discipline; and setting up of a network of information groups and tactics.

The Italian Fascist government has still the greater part of the fight before it in attempting to crush the spirit of independence of the Ethiopian people.

PLANE CRASH BARES SECRET
LONDON, England, June 14.—An Italian staff plane which crashed in the Sudan last August revealed plans for an Italian attack upon Egypt, according to a member of the House of Commons. He indicated that he will ask Foreign minister Anthony Eden for details of the Italian plan. The crash in the Egyptian desert occurred nearly two months before the Fascist adventure in Ethiopia.

Communist Delegation Protests Japan's War Cruisers' L.A. Visit

LOS ANGELES.—Branding the visit of two war cruisers of the Japanese Navy, now anchored at Los Angeles Harbor, as a pre-war maneuver, a delegation from the Communist Party called at the Japanese Consulate here on Saturday, July 18th, and protested the arrival of the war ships, demanding their immediate removal.

Led by J. Thorne, organizational secretary of the Los Angeles County Committee of the Communist Party, the delegation also protested the Japanese war-mongers' aggression against the Soviet Union and the imperialist Japanese invasion of China.

The protests were made to the secretary of the Consulate as Tomakazu Hori, Japanese Consul and representative of the Japanese militarists in Los Angeles, was reported to be sightseeing with the visiting Japanese officers.

A telegram was left with the secretary to be forwarded to the Japanese Embassy in Washington. The wire read: "We protest against Japanese war ships docking in Los Angeles Harbor and condemn it as a pre-war maneuver, also against imperialist Japanese invasion of China and the brutal treatment of the Chinese people. We also protest against the Japanese imperialist aggression against the Soviet Union."

Spanish 'Heir' Aids Fascist Attack On Left-Wing Government

NEW YORK.—Alfonso, the "Count of Covadonga" and "heir" to the former throne of Spain, gave his version of the fascist uprising in Spain as directed toward "cleansing the republic of terroristic elements."

Blaming "unclean policies" of the left-wing government for the insurrection, the dapper "count" stated: "There is no movement for restoration of the Bourbons and the return of my father, Alfonso XIII. The monarchy will not be returned by force. My father announced upon his retirement that he would not return except upon the demand of the people. He will not use force and I do not expect an attempted coup by monarchists."

WHOSE "RIGHTS"?
"Their sole aim is to purge the government of its radical tinge and return some of the rights to the people lost when the present group took control. I believe they will support the republic and participate in forming a new administration."

"I will not return during the present disturbance, but later, should my father regain the throne, I should of course return, as is my right."

All Monarchists, however, including members of the ex-royal family, are supporting the Fascist counter-revolution, hoping it will pave the way for the eventual restoration of the monarchy.

The Spanish "heir" is now engaged in the common occupation of selling automobiles to wealthy people who go wild about his title. He is also having marital trouble, and is suing for annulment of his marriage to a Cuban "commoner."

Mexico Confederation In Support of Calif. Strike

MEXICO CITY.—Full support to the strike of Mexican agricultural workers in California in their struggle against landlords and vigilantes for shorter hours, a living wage, and decent working conditions, is being given by the Confederation of Mexican Workers.

The Confederation is attempting to have the Mexican government make diplomatic representations to secure an investigation of the strike and the terror methods being used against the strikers.

FASCISTS UNITED FORCES AGAINST PEOPLE'S FRONT

Terror and Demagogy Were Used by People's Enemies in Spain; Fascist Danger Greatest In the Army

(The following article, written several months before the fascist uprising in Spain, is entitled "The Fascist Camp Organizes Its Activities." It gives valuable background in understanding the social forces now fighting for mastery in Spain—the forces of wealth and reaction versus the forces of the people.)

By Vicente Uribe.
The victory of the People's Front on February 16th struck panic into the hearts of the reactionaries and fascists of Spain. They had not believed that the People's Front, faced by violence and terrorism on all sides, would gain so startling a victory.

COMMON FASCIST AIM
But now they have pulled themselves rapidly together again and are organizing a wide-spread campaign against the People's Front, and against the proletariat and the Communist Party in particular. The differences in form of the various fascist organizations are set aside, and all join in the common aim: to crush the People's Front; to drive the masses of workers to despair, harrying them into hasty spontaneous movements from which fascism might hope to profit.

This reactionary movement of attack on the Republic and the masses of the people is led by the Accion Popular (People's Action), the fascist party of Gil Robles. With a large press at its disposal it is carrying on a campaign to blacken the name of the People's Front, and is supporting the movement among the landowners and employers who are opposing the decrees issued by the government in fulfillment of the People's Front Pact.

POSE AS "FRIENDS"
A characteristic feature of this campaign is the intensified demagogy of the Accion Popular. In the parliamentary debates they make every endeavor to appear as "friends" of the people.

When they are accused of defending the capitalists and big landowners, they are highly indignant and state they are the enemies of "bad employers."

All this does not, however, prevent them from exploiting to the utmost their opportunities to plead the cause of the "unfortunate employers" who are "being ruined by the unrestrained demands of the workers." On one occasion the fascists even expressed readiness to help in carrying out the People's Front program—on the condition, however, that the Left Republicans separate from the workers and break off all connections with their organizations.

FASCISTS ARE TRICKY
All these facts go to show the maneuvering abilities of fascism, which does not yield a foot of ground or shrink from any device enabling it to pursue its policy.

With social demagogy by fascism on the one side, we find large-scale terrorist offensive against the Republic and against the toiling masses, organized by the Spanish Falanx and the Spanish Regeneration. Not a day passes without champions of the People's Front being killed or wounded by the fascist gangsters in some town or village.

The Spanish Falanx is the organization of gangster mercenaries engaged in organizing attacks and terrorist violence against the People's Front, financed by the politicians of the Accion Popular.

PEOPLE FIGHT BACK
The people themselves are taking energetic measures against these attacks. In many cases they have exercised summary justice against the assassins. In other cases the indignation of the people has caused them to rise against the churches.

We Communists have repeatedly declared that we do not think it right to set church buildings on fire, for they and their wealth should be put into the hands of the people and utilized for educational purposes.

That the people have risen against the churches in some places is due to the fact that they are hotbeds of reactionary conspiracy, and that shots have been fired from them against the people.

COURTS OF "JUSTICE"
The courts of justice, before which the fascists are brought, either acquit them or sentence them to two month's imprisonment, a mere parody of justice. In innumerable cases fascists have been acquitted of charges of murder. This contrasts widely with the barbarous penalties imposed on the workers during the period in which reaction was in power, and with the punishment still dealt out by the courts to workers found with arms in their possession.

But the most dangerous center of fascist activities at present is the army. Reaction has not yet abandoned the idea of the military coup d'etat.

It utterly fails to arouse any echo among the rank and file. Among officers of low rank, too, it holds no strong position. The danger lies among the officers of high rank and the commanders.

OFFICERS ARE DANGER
The provocation on April 16th—hundreds of officers fired their revolvers at the peo-

COMMUNIST PARTY TO HOLD ANTI-WAR MEET IN CITY HALL

GLENDALE, Calif.—An anti-war meeting under the auspices of the Communist Party will be held in the City Council rooms at the Glendale City Hall, July 31st, at 7:30 p. m., it was announced here.

William Ingham, Communist Party Candidate for Congress in the 11th District and William Sherwood, Communist Party candidate for assembly in the 43rd District, will present the program of the Communist Party to stop war and fascism.

Dardanelles Passage Won By Soviet Navy; Turkey Re-Fortifies

MONTEUX, Switzerland.—Immediate fortification by Turkey of the Dardanelles, with free passage for the Soviet Navy of defense, has been certified by a protocol signed by nine nations, who originally were signatories of the post-war Lausanne Treaty.

Knowing the Soviet Union's policy to strive for independence of smaller nations, Turkey agrees to let Soviet ships pass. Represented at the conference were Turkey, Bulgaria, Rumania, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, Japan, Jugoslavia, and Greece.

A national holiday was declared throughout Turkey, beginning at 12:01 a. m. on July 21st, when regiments of Turkish troops led by the Prime Minister marched into the forbidden Dardanelles area to start re-militarization of that strategic gateway to the Black Sea.

FIRST LEGAL REVISION
Re-arming of this 19-kilometer stretch along the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, marks the first time that military clauses of a post-war treaty have been revised legally. The zone had been demilitarized in the Lausanne Treaty, forced through by the Allied powers of the last World War.

Black Sea Powers, including the Soviet Union, Rumania and Bulgaria, will be allowed to send submarines and heavy battleships through the straits, but the other powers may only send through light surface craft. Turkey is given full authority to govern traffic through the straits, abolishing the international commission established for that purpose.

Commercial vessels will enjoy freedom of transit in peace time and when Turkey is a neutral in war time.

WIFE OF PRESTES FACES DEPORTING TO NAZI GERMANY

RIO DE JANEIRO.—For the sole "crime" of being in company of her husband, Luis Carlos Prestes, called "Brazil's Knight of Hope" by the members of the National Liberation Alliance, Olga Benario Prestes has been imprisoned in the House of Detention here.

Mrs. Prestes is being held for deportation to Nazi Germany, charged with "moral complicity."

According to reports, she is in a delicate condition, expecting to become a mother in a few months. An attorney representing Mrs. Prestes states that deportation to Germany would be illegal, since she is to become the mother of a child conceived in Brazil, whose father is a Brazilian.

SHARES HUSBAND'S FATE
Mrs. Prestes has declared her desire to remain in Brazil, to defend herself against the framed charges, and to share whatever fate befalls her husband.

Held incommunicado since March, Mrs. Prestes is in a serious condition, has lost considerable weight because of privations suffered in prison and the added sufferings caused by her physical condition, her attorney states.

She is entirely without funds, all her possessions having been confiscated by the police, and her sole remaining possession is the dress she is wearing on her back in prison.

Recent news of the forthcoming trial of Prestes before a specially sworn in tribunal has caused Mrs. Prestes great alarm and apprehension for his safety and even his life.

ple in the streets—is one of the most eloquent symptoms of the seriousness of the situation among the officers of the enemy. These officers, bound by a thousand economic political and social ties to the monarchy and to reaction, have never relaxed for a single day their efforts against the republic.

Although a number of changes have been made, the army forces are in the power of the fascists. No drastic measures have been taken as yet for the elimination of reactionary elements from the army.

But though the reactionaries have strong positions they will not succeed in their efforts. The People's Front will not be broken up, for the masses see that it has already affected a tangible improvement in the situation.

STEELED WORKERS
The proletariat of Spain, steeled in the heroic struggle, will face the difficulties of the present hour. It will remain closely united, it will deal one blow after another at reaction, until it has destroyed it. We Communist, Socialist, Anarchist, and non-party workers remain united! The shameful reaction, which has spread misery and barbarism to every part of Spain, will be reduced to silence!

WORKERS, LOYAL TROOPS SMASHED BARCELONA PUSH

Spanish Sailors Subdue Would-Be Fascists Among Officers; Fascist Headquarters Suppressed

BARCELONA, Catalonia.—This key-city of northeastern Spain was safe for the revolution, following the crushing of the fascist forces by the armed workers and troops loyal to the left-wing government.

The fascists stormed and captured the telephone exchange and the Colon Hotel, but were repulsed by the Barcelona city police when they attempted to storm the government buildings.

WORKERS CRUSH FASCISTS
Workers soon rallied and, men and women both, drove the fascists out of the telephone exchange and the hotel. Government airplanes completed the job by blasting the fascist troops out of their barracks with bombs and raking them with machine gun fire.

CASABLANCA, Morocco.—Arriving from Tangier, crews of six Spanish war ships announced that their officers had been clapped in irons because they wanted to join the fascists.

It was reported from Vigo that the crew of the cruiser Jaime Guzman, shot their officers and threw them overboard, when the officers sought to turn the vessel over to the fascists.

SCHOLAR SPEAKS
LONDON.—Spain's most famed scholar, Don Miguel de Unamuno, declared: "There is just one thing worse for Spain than Alfonso. And that is the Spanish army. Woe unto us if we ever have a republic with it in control!"

Army officers are leading the fascist revolt. ALCALA DE HENARES.—Fascists here and at El Pardo, just north of Madrid, have surrendered to the workers and loyal troops.

GOVERNMENT CONFIDENT
MADRID.—Five strong columns of loyal troops and armed workers have been ordered to smash the fascists in the north, while a sixth column was sent to drive the enemy out of Seville in the Gibraltar area. A seventh column was sent to Jean, midway between Alicante and Seville.

The left-wing government is confident of smashing the fascist resistance within a few days.

Socialist and Communist workers seized the fascist Popular Action Party's headquarters and installed machine gun posts. Ramon La Lonedra, secretary of the Socialist Party, seized the building of the monarchist newspaper Abad in the name of the government. All save the watchman were ordered to leave the premises.

In a broadcast, the National Confederation of Labor announced that its members would fight to the last man to save the republic.

MAHON.—Suppression of the fascists in this chief city of Minorca, in the Balearic Islands across the Gulf of Valencia off the east coast, was announced by Lieut. Perez Marques. Armed workers aided loyal troops, he said. The naval commandant wirelessed a message of loyalty.

Soviet Flyers Propose Los Angeles-Archangel Long Distance Flight
WASHINGTON.—Two flyers of the Soviet Union have requested permission to fly over American territory on a proposed long-distance flight from Los Angeles, Calif., to Archangel, in the Soviet Union, it is reported by the U. S. State Department.

The flyers would go via Alaska and Siberia.

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Communism is the Americanism of the 20th Century! In 1776 our revolutionary ancestors marched with red-blooded determination against the oppression of the British ruling class, for our independence. In 1936, red-blooded Americans are joining the Communist Party to fight against the oppression of the American ruling class the capitalist tyrants. Join your Party! Join the Communist Party!

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Name
Address

WEEKLY INCITES TO VIOLENCE AS APE OF HEARST

Claremont Courier Would Set Bounty On "Agitators" in Agricultural Fields, Calls for Firing Squad Methods

By a Worker Correspondent
CLAREMONT.—Evidence that "incitement to violence" and invitations to lawlessness come from the capitalist side of the fence—not from striking workers—is set forth in an editorial appearing in a recent issue of the Claremont Courier, weekly newspaper in this college town situated at the eastern end of Los Angeles county.

APES HEARST
Apparently bent on aping the violent anti-labor policies of the Los Angeles Times and Hearst, the editor gives his views on the strike of pickers in the citrus groves of Los Angeles and Orange counties. In addition to being an open demand for vigilante activities, the piece betrays its author's lack of knowledge of his subject. He titles it, "The Buzzards Swoop Down."

DECLARES THE WRITER
"We put a bounty on coyotes and wolves yet we allow avowed Communists and strike agitators to prowl among society creating havoc and misery in the ranks of previously satisfied workers. That the continued livelihoods of those workers and their families and usually of the entire surrounding area—is placed in jeopardy is not a consideration to a people easily misled by a professional purveyor of dissatisfaction and unrest.

THE OLD BALONY
"An illustration of the folly of allowing such predatory agitators to come in and with little more equipment than a well scuffed soap box, a good grudge talk with frequent use of the word capitalist, and an empty pocketbook, show a worker that the other end of his hoe can be used as a club, is seen in the present Orange County situation."

The editorial then goes on to give the writer's interpretation of the strike, with a word of approval for merchants who declined to extend credit to strikers.

It concludes as follows:
"Blame for situations of this kind does not lie with the workers generally. Few men working today, regardless of type of occupation, fail to realize the value of hanging on to a job for dear life. But, under the present system, an employer of a great number of men has no satisfactory method of keeping away from his employees such hyenas and buzzards as these pink pied-pipers who represent themselves as saviors of labor.

"Deportation, a firing squad and a bounty such as is set up for predatory animals would be welcome innovations. Our sympathy lies with Orange county growers—the trouble might just as well be in and around this section, where the citrus industry also provides a livelihood for many thousands of people."

Commander Candidate Hits Legion Machine

By a Worker Correspondent.
Here is part of an interesting letter which I saw printed in an American Legion newspaper, which shows that the rank and file of the Legionnaires are turning away from the officer class, dominated by big business. "The question of the secret ballot for electing department officers.—This method of balloting is used by all fraternal organizations and by municipal, county, state and national elections as well. Why is it not used in the American Legion?"

"Because the self-appointed dictators, better known as 'The Machine,' are opposed. They know it will destroy the system of deals, trades, broken promises, intimidation and threats under which we have been operating and by which they keep control of OUR American Legion.

"Every delegate should be allowed to vote of his own free will and accord and I believe the secret ballot will do more to insure the future success of the American Legion than any measure we can adopt. I shall continue my earnest efforts for its adoption.

"Let's give the Legion back to the Legionnaires.

"If chosen as your Department Commander, I shall appoint to Department Committees and Commissions those Legionnaires who have been active in the administration of our 500-odd Posts. Fortunately, as an 'Anti-Machine' candidate I have no inherited 'lame-duck' following to take care of and will be free from Machine dictated appointments. My policy will be: "Let the Legionnaires, not the Machine, direct the affairs of our Department next year."

This letter was signed by Carl W. Miles.

READERS SAY

If you have a big beef against your boss, the politicians, the Republican Party, Democratic Party, Liberty League, or the capitalist system in general—write in to this column. Letters should not be more than 150 words to be printed. This column is for your personal opinions—if you have a news story, write to the Workers' Correspondence Editor.

442 SIGNATURES
Chico, California
July 15, 1936

Dear Comrades:
Inclosed find \$1.80 for two subscriptions. We have secured 442 names on our Criminal Syndicalism Petition in Butte County. Comradely yours
I.M.

W.W. Is Finest!
Santa Ana, Calif.

Dear Editor:
Enclosed please find remittance of \$2.50 for which enter my subscription for both the Sunday Worker for one year and the Western Worker for six months on your special combination offer.
I believe the Western Worker to be one of the finest papers of its kind published on the North American Continent. Since I became a steady reader of the W.W. about one and one-half years ago, it has improved considerably in every way.

The surest indication of worth is Growth. As the decadent system of moribund capitalist economics sinks to its last resting place beneath the feet of millions of workers; and as the revolutionary working class movement grows in power, the Western Worker, as the expression of that class; parallels in growth the movement which it so ably represents.

The Western Worker adapts itself to the needs of the hour in the light of certain general policies in pursuance of an ultimate goal. What more can be said of a paper which is as thoroughly up-to-date and as comprehensive in scope as the Western Worker? It certainly merits the whole-hearted support of all who wish it well.
Comradely yours,
C. B.

C. I. O. for Rural Areas

Dear Editor Fort Peck, Mont.
The steel drive—can it not be duplicated for the agricultural worker? Can we not have a similar concentration of the A. F. of L. forces for the rural worker? Can we not make this one of the high points of the next A. F. of L. convention?

Everybody knows that the agricultural worker is a potential base for fascism. Should we not make all possible preparations for pushing the organization of the rural worker at the A. F. of L. convention? We shall need lots of preparation now if we are to have adequate action at the convention. I myself hope to be a delegate to the convention.

Here in Montana the problem is pressing. I myself would be quite incapable of drafting such a program, but I should like to hear from others who are thinking about it.

I am taking this up with my Socialist comrades, Glenn Trimble among others. —Haven Perkins, Fort Peck Dam Federal Union.

Vote Communist!

Dear Editor San Jose.
Here is something that gets my goat—horns, tail, whiskers, and all. So you set me right if I'm wrong. Can a Communist Party member vote either Democratic or Republican ticket and still remain in the Party?

I say this—said C. P. member should be kicked out. I say too that any C. P. member who votes for the old parties is a traitor, just plainly no good. If the C. P. candidates are not good enough for the members to vote for, why be a member of that Party?
—E. C.

ANSWER: In exceptional circumstances it is correct for a Communist to register "decline-to-state," in order that he may not be exposed to unnecessary attack by our enemies, lose his job, etc. However, there is no excuse for him not to VOTE for our Communist candidates in the final elections under the secret ballot.

New comrades thinking of voting for old-line party candidates, should have this question explained to them in a careful and comradely fashion, so that they will become convinced of the necessity of voting for Communist candidates. The question of disciplinary action depends upon the individual case, and not upon any rigid, blanket rule, and would not be considered until after the comrade had failed to be convinced and refused to carry out the Party's policy.
—Editor.

In the Memory of Fred Battenhouse

Workers in the East Bay mourn the loss of Fred W. Battenhouse, a staunch and hard-working comrade who died of kidney poisoning. One of the best liked comrades in the section, Comrade Battenhouse was an active member of the P. W. U. U., the F. S. U. and Central Oakland Communist Party Unit No. 4. His loyal and self-sacrificing devotion to the working class was one of the chief reasons for his failing health.

California-Bound From Dust Bowl



RUINED by the drouth, along with hundreds of thousands of other families this summer, this penniless Oklahoma farm family is shown as it pitched camp with all its belongings near Bakersfield, Calif. Their farm ruined by searing sun rays and dust, they are in California hoping for better conditions—not knowing that their probable fate lies as highly-exploited field workers in this state.

Worker Exposes Relief 'Inefficiency' in L. A. For Aged Unemployed

By a Worker Correspondent
LONG BEACH.—Here is a typical instance of the inefficiency of the relief administration in Los Angeles County. For some time the County Welfare has been busily engaged in investigating information upon which to transfer clients of that system to what is known as the "Federal Old-Age Security." Qualifications as clients of this high-sounding body are a continuous residence in California for five years, an age past 65, and practical pauperage generally. If the client has even a trace of income, this is to be deducted.

As a single man, without dependents and without a home, I am to receive \$15 per month, out of which must be paid room rent and utilities. As to such necessities as clothing, medical and dental service, hospitalization, milk, etc., deponent knoweth not.

I have a suspicion this proposition is to be used as a sort of "overflow" proposition to keep aged people off the California old-age pension system.

P. W. U. U. FIGHTS WELL
My application was taken about a month ago. Then I received the usual basket of groceries, which the Public Works and Unemployed Union has done good fighting to abolish, demanding cash instead. Since then I have received nothing whatever in the form of relief for several weeks.

Protests at the Long Beach branch of the County Welfare, 314 Jergins Trust Bldg., with demands for an emergency food order, were met by the statement that I would "probably" receive a check through the mails, and that there were no funds for emergency grocery orders.

My inquiries as to when the check would arrive, and just how I was to exist in the meantime, were replied to by statements that the check would "soon" arrive, and that in the meantime I should try to establish credit."

A typical instance, this, of relief administration indifference to the welfare of aged people. The present system of relief, poor as it is, is not relief unless it is continuous.

POLICE BREAK UP PEACEFUL PICKETS OF DAM WORKERS

By a Worker Correspondent.
FORT PECK, Mont.—Police have prohibited a peaceful protest picketing of one of the mess halls here at Fort Peck Dam, and the Federal Union organizer was arrested with his wife when he tried to change the place of a meeting to the shade of a building.

The administration has refused to rent a hall on the project for these meetings. Some carpenters' helpers here are using carpenters' tools and doing the work of carpenters. Lots of carpentering is being done by 50-cents-an-hour men. Drillers in the tunnels are doing the work of miners and should get \$1.20, but they get 90 cents an hour.

PROTEST TO F. D. R.
A wire was sent to President Roosevelt that "Conditions in barracks at Fort Peck disgraceful. Men suffering terribly. Have taken up with war department but received no satisfaction. Please institute immediate action."

So far the only result of three months of protest has been to get a committee appointed to investigate at some future date. Federal Union 20192 has been sponsoring the mass meetings.

The new Soviet constitution is the only one in history to guarantee economic security to the common people.

Field Strikers Fight On; Growers Refuse To Accept Contract

By a Worker Correspondent.
HARBOR CITY.—A member of the strike committee of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CUCOM), at the Southern California strike headquarters here, stated that the workers on the WPA garden projects in the San Fernando Valley area were forced last week to pay for their "holiday," July 4th.

Orders several months ago from WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins that WPA workers were to be given holidays with pay, were reversed by the Los Angeles authorities when the garden workers were compelled to make up the five hours lost on Saturday, July 4th, or be docked a day's pay.

WHAT PRICE "INDEPENDENCE?"
The garden projects are 6-day, 5-hour-a-day projects and Saturday is a regular working day. This made it possible to use this cheap "economy make-up" idea for a day that the workers have a historical right to celebrate.

"We got no independence in this set-up" one worker said. "Seems like some of these birds better get out the Declaration of Independence and look it over."

Garden projects are notorious for waste of human energy and ability and waste of money on high salaried supervisors and project bosses. It is estimated that it costs about \$3 a head to raise cabbage, 25 cents an onion, 50 cents a pound for tomatoes, and yet workers are forced to make up time for taking off a national holiday.

A resolution has been drawn up denouncing this false efficiency stunt and demanding pay for the made-up time. When the workers have all signed, copies will be sent to President Roosevelt, Harry Hopkins, and "Little Colonel" Connolly, Los Angeles administrator.

Domenick Sallito, anti-Fascist held for deportation to Italy, sent a letter to Frances Perkins on May 15th, challenging the Secretary of Labor to substantiate the charge against him with evidence. Two months have passed but Sallito has not as yet received any reply from the secretary.

KIDS SAY HEARST BAD NAME FOR RAT

By a Worker Correspondent.
One of the neighbors has had an increase in the family. The newcomer is a little fellow about a foot long and the kids have a great time with him. They keep him in a box on the back porch and feed him everything they can think of. Oh, no! Nothing irregular. You see, the new arrival is a white rat that the kids bought for a pet.

They were unable to find a suitable name and asked Dad for a suggestion. Now it seems that the Old Man had run into subversive propaganda somewhere along the line, so after a moment's thought he said, "Why not call him Willie Hearst?"

This produced a storm, and for the very good and simple reason that the kids were two jumps ahead of the Old Man all the time.

"No, no!" they said. "Not on your life! He's a nice little rat and we like him, and will not permit any one to call him bad names."

They compromised on "Twitchernose"

C. P. DEPUTIES PROTEST
PARIS.—Energetic protests against government gendarmerie interference in the strikes by the Communist deputies in the Belgian Parliament, are reported by "Drapeau Rouge," Belgian Communist Party organ. The Communist deputies are submitting to the Chamber the draft of a new law establishing the universal 40-hour week without reduction in pay and a 15-day paid vacation.

Workers! This New Page Is for You—Send In Your News!

Beginning with this issue, this page will be devoted primarily to Workers' Correspondence—news written by our worker-readers themselves, hot from the factory and shop, fresh from the WPA jobs.

From picket line to union meeting, from agricultural field workers to small farmers, this page will reflect the day-to-day struggles of the working people of California.

Workers are urged to write in their own experiences for this page, to appear in the only newspaper in the state that is open to all the struggles of the workers for a better standard of living, against vigilantism, for the constitutional rights of labor, toward the building of a Farmer-Labor Party against hunger, war and reaction.

A mimeographed outline for worker correspondents is in preparation, and will be mailed free of charge to all asking for a copy. Also, Western Worker press cards will likewise be furnished our worker correspondents.

Let's hear from you! This is your page!
—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

PROFITEERING IS BALLYHOO AIM OF SALINAS 'RODEO'

"National Guard" Merriam Leads in Chamber of Commerce Parade As Profits Reaped on "Wide-Open" Salinas

By a Worker Correspondent
SALINAS.—The widely popularized four-day Rodeo here has finally gone the way of all flesh. The majority of workers around Salinas seem to understand at last this notorious "Big Week" is just another way used by the local Chamber of Commerce to get more profits.

This year it was carried to the extreme to assure its success. The local paper carried and article threatening a ducking in the water trough to any one not buying and wearing some sort of cowboy attire. This article, which was credited to the Mayor, served its purpose because almost every worker in the Valley did don some kind of western garb.

BANKER "COWPUNCHERS"
Four solid days of parades led by large land owners and bankers, riding horses worth hundreds of dollars and decked out in fancy Don Juan clothes, followed by sun-baked, seamy dressed cowpunchers ended this annual C. of C. money-making scheme.

"National Guard" Merriam led the parade Saturday and also Saturday night, except that he rode behind one of the National Guard tanks and was firing off a pistol. This guy sure must be scared. The Saturday night parade was widely advertised but it was actually phoney due to the many floats advertising beer, gas, washing machines, etc.

No doubt the C. of C. made quite a bit of money and will be able to buy large quantities of tear gas and guns and hire the scab-herding American Legion for future struggles in California. This year the parade consisted of the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, "bathing beauties" and a few phoney cops from San Francisco.

SACRED "RODEO"
Saturday night was a madhouse—everything going wide open—dice, cards, booze, and houses of prostitution all reaping huge profits. All this in the sacred name of Rodeo: If the clean - living, hard - working cowpuncher of the past could see how these parasites use old American traditions to reap profits and build up fascist groups, they would foam at the mouth.

Prices of the Rodeo were \$1 to \$2.50. Rooms were \$2 per person up, with four or five sleeping in one small room. Meals cost 40 cents and up, and dances charged at least \$1.

Monday morning, as the sun rose up, the workers in Salinas began to stir and get out into the fields and sheds to earn their bread and butter, while the parasites lay in bed counting the thousands of dollars they had made.

GALLACHER SPEAKS
HAMILTON, Ont.—The city committee of the Communist Party of Canada has rented the Arena, largest hall in Hamilton, seating 7000 people, to stage a public meeting at which William Gallacher, Communist member of the British Parliament, will speak.

MINERS KILLED
SUDBURY, Ont.—Five workers were injured in five fatal accidents in June in the mines of northern Ontario. During 1935, the gold mines were responsible for 23 out of 35 deaths of workers in accidents.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

SAID THE EAGLE
(Apologies to Poe)

On one gloomy night, uncheerful,
While Hearst scribbled something fearful,
Urging rugged individuals to start another war;

While he sat there, turmoil brewing,
Suddenly there came a boozing,
As of someone loudly razzing—
Razzing just outside his door.
"Tis some Bolshevik," he muttered,
"zing at my chamber door."
Crazy this and nothing more.

Bitterly, he penned the dangers
Of the Communist strangers,
And the unemployed disturbers,
And the strikes of union labor;
Warning men against their brothers,
And their sisters, and their mothers;
Warning not to trust the politics
Of bosom friend or neighbor.
Thus, the pen poured forth the nightmares
Of the world's most frenzied raver
With a dirty Hearsty flavor.

With emphatic punctuation,
He implored the whole wide nation
Not to tax the sacred incomes
Of the rich—men any more.
"All the unemployed are lazy,
And the government is crazy,
And the Communist menace
Must be massacred in gore."
Frantically, his pen ran riot
"Th' apostrophes galore."
Liam Randolph Hearst was sore.

While his pen explored the paper
In its labor-hating caper,
Once again he heard the razzing
Somewhat louder than before.
"Surely," said he, "That is Browder
Who is razzing ever louder,
Or perhaps it might be Stalin
Or a Frisco stevedore.
I will open wide the window
And insult him to the core,
'Tis the Reds and nothing more."

Angrily he flung the shutter
Wide and with a flapping flutter
In there flew a stately Eagle
Like some strange ambassador.
Without word or invitation
A moment's hesitation,
With militant behavior
Perched above the chamber door;
On the bust of Mussolini
Just above the chamber door;
Perched and sat and nothing more.

"Wall Street ne'er before has known you
To be razzing those who own you."
Hearst assailed the silent Eagle
With his sternest criticism.
"Not to fly about and holler,
But to decorate the dollar,
Is your function. I forbid you
This unseemly rowdyism.
What strange message do you bring me,
Bird of Yankee symbolism?"
Said the Eagle, "Communism!"

"Bird who decorates my money,
Say you're trying to be funny,
Tell your Uncle Hearst you're joking
When you speak of Bolshevism."
Dripping now with perspiration,
Hearst deplored the agitation
Of the Eagle, emblematic
Of the nation's patriotism,
And implored the bird to tell him
This was just a witticism.
Said the Eagle, "Communism!"

William Randolph Hearst exploded,
Like the gun that wasn't loaded,
Turned the color of the banner
Of the cause of Socialism.
"Wretch," he cried, "ungrateful shirker,
You have read the Western Worker,
You would bite hand that starves you
And destroy our capitalism.
You have turned against the owners!
You have razzed my journalism!"
Said the Eagle, "Communism!"

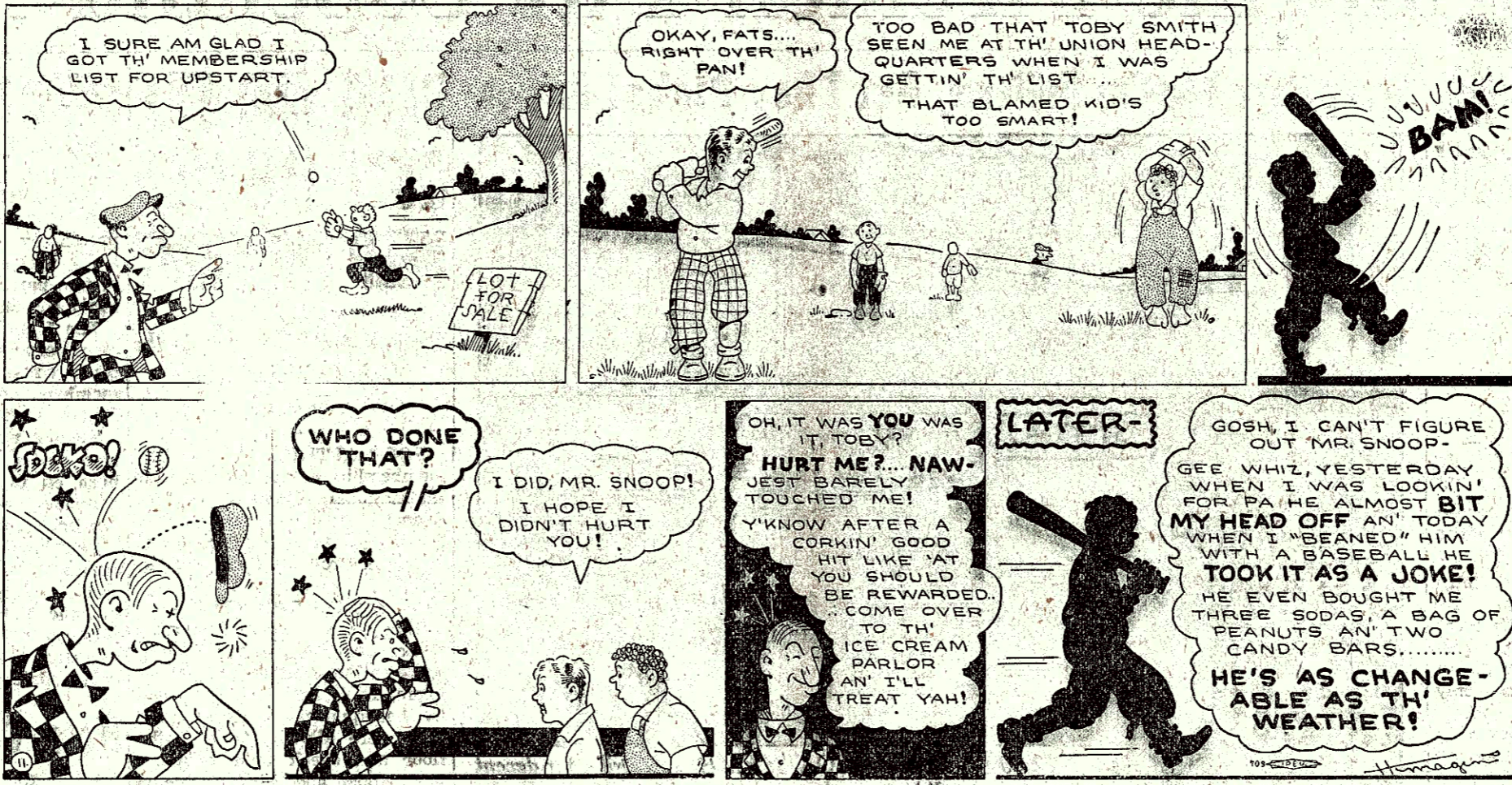
"Sabel bird, why must you haunt me,
Why in Heaven must you taunt me
With a word that conjures visions
Of a future cataclysm?
By what method can I banish you,
What price or deed can vanish you,
And still the constant rumbling
Of your one-word catechism,
And remove you from my chamber
With your mocking 'criticism'?"
Said the Eagle, "Communism!"

And the Eagle still is sitting,
Never flitting, never quitting,
On the bust of Mussolini
Just above the chamber door.
And whenever Hearst is brewing
Fascist lies the bird is boozing,
And whatever Hearst is doing,
Will live in peace no more.
Liam Randolph Hearst don't want him,
Still the bird is there to taunt him
And will criticize and haunt him
With his razzing evermore.

COMMUNISM IS THE AMERICANISM OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

THE JOHN SMITHS

By Harold Magin



The Arab Revolt in Palestine Is Struggle Against British Imperialists; Not Against the Jewish Race

LONDON, England.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain has issued a long statement, written by Harry Pollitt, exposing the true situation in Palestine and calling for solidarity support to the heroic Arabian independence struggle. The statement declares:

STATEMENT BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN

In Palestine a life-and-death struggle is raging. British troops, armed with the most modern weapons of warfare, have been rushed there, and clashes between the civil population and the soldiers are occurring daily. Already many Arabs and Jews have been shot dead. Martial law is in operation. Hundreds of arrests of Arab leaders and workers have been made and concentration camps are everywhere established. A reign of terror has been unloosed upon the Arab population.

What is the cause of all this? Why has Palestine flared up into open revolt? Who is responsible for the blood that is being shed? The truth concerning these matters is being deliberately suppressed.

The plain fact is that the Arab masses have been driven to a point where they are unable to bear their existing position any longer. They have launched a mighty struggle showing the splendid solidarity of the Arab movement in which even women and children are participating to end the oppressive domination of British imperialism which is responsible for their sufferings.

For 1400 years Palestine has been the home of Arab peoples. But during recent years British imperialism, making use of the Zionist leaders as its instrument, has packed a veritable stranglehold upon the country and jeopardised the Arab population's existence. Pursuing its well known policy of "divide and rule," British imperialism is engaged in playing off the Arabs and Jews against one another in order to tighten its hold on what constitutes one of the most vital strategic spots in the Near East.

In 1916, Britain used agents like "Colonel Lawrence" to urge the Arab tribes to rise in a "holy" war for independence from the Turks. No sooner were its own purposes served, however, than it proceeded to split up the Arabian peninsula and to impose its own mandate over Arab territory (Iraq, Transjordan, Palestine).

Making use of the Balfour declaration of 1917, with its promise of setting up a "National Home for the Jewish People" in Palestine, the British imperialists, with the help of Zionism, have organized a widespread system of exploitation and oppression. It is this which has led to the present revolt.

MISERY FOR JEW AND ARAB

British imperialism and its allies, the Zionist leaders, claim they have brought great benefits and prosperity to the people of Palestine. Facts show the falsity of this claim. It is true a number of new enterprises have been established, certain improvements have been effected in sanitary and housing conditions and certain developments in various areas in the sphere of agriculture.

But while this has been profitable for both British imperialism and Jewish capitalists of the Lord Melchett type, the result has proved the opposite for the great majority of the Arab workers and fellahin and the Jewish immigrants who are heavily exploited by the Jewish capitalists.

Before 1917, sixty thousand Jews in Palestine lived in friendly relationship with the Arab population. It is only with the advent of Zionism into the country that conditions have been created which have given rise to clashes between Arabs and Jews.

For centuries the Jewish people have been the object of the most vicious persecution in many so-called civilized countries. The vilest pogroms of the type practised today in Hitler Germany have been organized against them.

All this has helped to assist in fostering the dangerous illusions propagated by Zionism, which not only is unable to solve the problems facing the Jews but which in reality leads to the abandonment of those Jews living in countries under fascist dictatorship instead of uniting them in joint struggle with the working class for winning liberation.

The Zionist leaders play upon the early historical association of the Jews with Palestine and the utopian promise of constructing a "National Home" there. But far from providing any solution to the question, this only makes the Jewish people the victims of cruel deception.

Youth Sees America

By Y.C.L.'er.

One hundred and fifty uniformed Y. C. L.'ers, carrying red banners will act as guard of honor for the Communist Party of America's candidate for president, Earl Browder in San Francisco August 12th. This will be Comrade Browder's first speech in Northern California. The guard of honor will also sing Vic Belmont's new Y. C. L. song, "Shout the Cause." Any one wanting to be a part of the guard may register at Archie Brown's campaign headquarters, 121 Haight street, Room No. 4.

The Archie Brown Campaign Committee needs help; drop in at the headquarters an hour or so a day, or on your day off. Leaflets and doggers have to be distributed; sidewalk slogans to be painted; posters to be put up all over the 22nd Assembly District; technical work; planning socials; street meetings or what have you. The committee also needs dough for the radio fund.

Young farmers are organizing a youth section in the California Farmers' Bureau, to be known as "The Young People's Farmers' Bureau." The age limit is 20 to 30. No definite program has been decided upon to our knowledge.

We remember a couple of years ago, a

big cop nailing our ears to our heads and shouting indignantly during the process. Un-American we were, for not wanting a war. We notice this same cop has had our old cell because he was grafting a few good ol' American dollars from the government. We have heard of a county clerk in Alameda County that admitted issuing a smelly leaflet in the name of the Communist Party, to raise public sentiment against the Communists. And there is the hyper-patriotic sheriff of Santa Anna, who armed the scabs and scab herders in the Citrus strike. Maybe this is Americanism, but we think Thomas Jefferson and the '76 revolutionaries had something else in mind when they wrote the Declaration of Independence.

The Attic Nights sponsored by the Frisco Y. C. L. is growing.

We hear that a part of the plans to raise funds to put Archie in the Assembly, will be a Ping Pong tournament and we are advised the registration will have to close early in order to participate in the finals.

Don't forget the contest. A year's sub. to the Champion of Youth for the best prepared News Event reflecting youth.

"DIVIDE AND RULE"

In the first place, British imperialism only uses the propaganda of a "National Home" to make use of the Jews against the national liberation aspirations of the Arabs in order to fasten its own hold upon Palestine and the Near East generally. Secondly, British and Jewish capitalists just as mercilessly exploit the Jewish workers and middle class immigrants in Palestine as in any other capitalist country. Moreover, the Zionist policy of developing jingoist sentiment and driving the Arabs off their land provokes direct friction between Arab and Jew.

Solution of the problems which confront Jewish people in a whole number of countries today does not lie in the policy which the Zionist leaders are pursuing. It is to joint united action with the workers of all countries against imperialism and fascism that the Jewish toilers and the vast bulk of the Jewish population must look for salvation.

Only by strengthening the bonds of unity and solidarity between Arab and Jewish toilers in Palestine and making common cause with the liberation struggle of the Arab people to end the rule of British imperialism will the way be opened to a free and peaceful development for the Jewish national minority there.

SOVIET EXAMPLE

The splendid example set by the Soviet Union in providing a real solution to the Jewish emigrant question through the creation of the Autonomous Territory of Birobidjan, where many thousands of Jews are now living in peace and happiness, should inspire Jewish workers to make common cause in all lands with the class struggle of the workers of all other nationalities.

The struggle which the Arab people in Palestine are waging is a justifiable one. It is an integral part of revolt of the whole Arab world against foreign rule. It is not an anti-Jewish struggle. It is directed against the oppressive rule of British imperialism and Zionism which is taking away the land of the Arab people.

Those who slander the Arab revolt as the agitation of a handful of "bandits" are given the lie direct by the unprecedented character of the struggle in which the entire Arab population is participating and the magnificent general strike now going on for seven weeks, despite efforts made by the military to break it.

The Arabs are demanding three things:

1. Stopping of any further Jewish immigration.
 2. Cancellation of the sale of Arab land.
 3. Constitution of a Legislative Assembly in Palestine responsible to a representative Legislative Assembly.
- The justice of these demands cannot be disputed. Particularly during the past four years Jewish emigration to Palestine has been excessively heavy. In 1922 there were 83,000 Jews in the country, and by 1931 this figure had grown to 175,000 out of a total population of approximately 1,000,000. From 1931 to 1935 the Jewish population has more than doubled and now exceeds 400,000.

60,000 UNEMPLOYED

This tremendous influx of emigrants is aggravating the position and piling up the number of unemployed. It is estimated that at the moment there are about 50,000 Arabs and 10,000 Jews out of work. The Zionist leaders are bringing in emigrants and displacing Arab labourers to find work for them. The Arabs are naturally objecting.

At the same time, through Zionist policy, the Arab tenant farmer is being increasingly driven from the soil. Zionism purchases the land from the Effendis (big landed proprietors) and the Arab fellahin are evicted. Certain of the Arab Effendis have enriched their pockets, in this way, but during the past three years alone it has

driven 25,000 Arab peasants to beggary. Amongst the wide mass of Arabs in general the fear has grown that they are being driven out of the country altogether.

The demand of the Arabs for a democratic legislature surely needs little explanation. The British government boasts of its "democracy," yet it denies the elementary rights of the Arab people. The granting of a democratic constitution and the renunciation of the British mandate, together with the withdrawal of the army of occupation now quartered there, far from imperiling the lives of the Jews living in Palestine would make possible a big stride forward to a free and liberated country in which the Jewish national minority would be safeguarded and protected.

The fraternal solidarity displayed by the Arab lightermen of Jaffa toward their Jewish neighbors, when they evacuated thousands of Jews safely to Tel Aviv during the present uprising is a clear indication of how the fullest and friendliest relationships will be developed when the Arab masses have achieved their emancipation.

ARAB-JEWISH UNITY

It also provides a telling illustration of the solidarity which arises from the joint unity of Arab and Jewish toilers, and should cause all Jewish workers, especially those inside the Histadruth (Jewish Trade Union Federation) to redouble their efforts for the removal of all barriers which restrict the joint unity and organization of the Arabian and Jewish masses.

The stronger the united front of Arab and Jewish workers, and the greater the measure of support for the liberation struggle which the Arab people are waging, the more rapidly will the triumph of Arabian independence be secured and a great blow struck on behalf of all oppressed peoples.

The Communist Party hails the great fight for Arab liberation and will do all in its power to strengthen and assist it. It raises the demand for the right of the Arabs and the Jewish minority being allowed to send representatives to the Mandates Commission in order to state their case.

It demands the release of all political prisoners, and calls for the sending of a representative trade union delegation to Palestine.

It warns the British government that the working class holds it accountable for the bloodshed in Palestine and demands that the British mandate held in both Palestine and Transjordan shall be immediately ended.

APPEAL TO BRITISH WORKERS

To the workers of Britain, and particularly to the Jewish masses in this country who are solidifying themselves in the working class struggle against the fascist danger, it appeals:

Exert every possible effort to reinforce the Arabian people's splendid fight against British imperialism. Impress upon the Jewish masses in Palestine that their cause and ours also is bound up with the support of that fight, and that the British working class wholeheartedly pledges itself to work for ending the reign of terrorism which British armed forces are applying at this moment in Palestine, by demanding the immediate withdrawal of the troops.

Long live the unity and brotherhood of the Arabian and Jewish masses.

Long live the heroic struggle of the Arab people for liberty and freedom.

Fight for a free and liberated Palestine and the united Arabian Republic.

HARRY POLLITT,

On behalf of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Great Britain

Has your union joined the campaign against the Criminal Syndicalism Law?

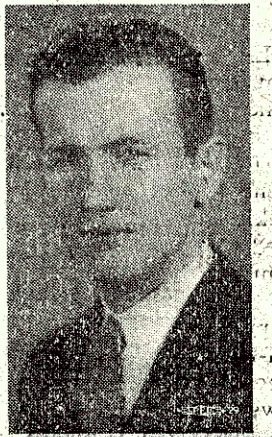
People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M.D.

As a guest writer in this column Dr. Zarevill Klein continues his article on industrial disease.

Benzine is used for the removal of grease and fat, in dry cleaning, and is used in the manufacture of Indian rubber. The workers in these industries suffer injuries to their eyes and skin. It causes vomiting, weakness of the heart, headache, and brings on hallucinations.

Workers in garages, laundries, drying chambers, gas heating, suffer with ringing in the ears, weakness in legs, and severe headache; the worker feels fatigued and helpless and gets convulsions.



LEAD POISONING

Many industries are using lead in the manufacture of their products. Manufacturers will not reveal its identity because of the destruction it causes in workers' lives. In the mining of lead and in its manufactures, the workers are losing their health. It lowers their general resistance; leads to T. B., produces colic, constipation, rheumatic pains, and headache. We are all familiar with the painter who has the lead line on his gums as a result of lead in the paint which he uses.

Think of it! Three million workers are annually injured in the mines, factories, and shops. Out of this number, over 6000 died and over 900,000 were permanently injured. Add the incompleteness of the figures by capitalistic statisticians, and you have the system and the government supporting methods of production which are the direct cause of workers' deaths.

It is worth while remembering that in 1924, 800 girls working in a New Jersey watch factory, painting watch dials with radium light and using their lips to point their brushes, poisoned their entire systems. In 1928, 13 of them died from a disease called necrosis (death of the skin tissues) and all of them will sooner or later pay with their lives as a result of disregarding the lives of the workers in the industry.

Workers are daily being killed in plants in which carbon tetrochloride is being used. This chemical is used in dry-cleaning factories, and in the manufacture of felt. Workers are familiar with the injury, due to the electric welding arc, to the eyes, lungs, and also affecting the center of the brain.

Women On the March

Conducted by Marjorie Crane

If you drive along the highways through the Santa Clara Valley, the Pajaro, the San Joaquin, Imperial, you'll see trucks, loaded high with fruit—trucks in the orchards, on the highways, in the cannery and packing house yards. Apricots, plums, lying at the side of the road, show that the highways have become great arteries through which flows a steady stream of perishable food into cannery hearts where workers change it into lasting forms to serve the whole nation for the whole year.

Summer in the old farm kitchen was a miniature of this activity. The ripening fruit and vegetables in the kitchen garden have to be caught and put up at their moment of perfection. The more that could be done during these few weeks, the more chance of carrying the family well fed through the winter and coming spring. The housewife standing over her hot iron stove in the hot kitchen, raced against hunger during the short weeks of summer.

There is mass production now, with a complicated machinery that includes rapid transit from wide lying fields, can factories, canneries, ice plants, freight trains, and an extremely exploited mass of migratory labor to do the heavy work.

And the housewife has not yet been emancipated from small scale kitchen work. Monopolies keeps the price of these cheaply produced canned foods so high, that the most primitive and laborious kitchen methods are still cheaper. Production for profit turns out a product—prepared when not fully ripe, adulterated, with a dubious history of care in sanitation—that makes the housewife still prefer the results of her own handiwork.

So let's have some dope from you experienced kitchen-canners on how to make good preserves and jellies. On the one hand. On the other, let's fight for better conditions in the canneries, lower prices in the stores.

CHILEAN AIR FORCE

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 14.—Enthusiasm is being drummed up here for a strong Chilean air force. Chile once had the largest air and naval force in South America, it is contended, but it has fallen behind Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. The advocates of stronger military strength charge that great military programs are being carried out in those countries.

Pacific Coast Marine Firemen Put Copeland Act on Spot

FINGERPRINTING, PHOTOGRAPHS, CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE BOOK PART OF BLACKLIST SCHEME

Fight Against Strikebreaking Act Is Growing Fast Among All Sections of Maritime Labor, Books to Be Boycotted

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union, which like the Sailors' Union of the Pacific has instructed its members not to accept continuous discharge books, has plenty to say about the blacklisting Copeland Act in the July 14th issue of Black Gang News, its official organ.

S. Leandro Mill Strike Solid In Face of Terror

SAN LEANDRO.—Deputy sheriffs invade private property and beat workers peaceably assembled there. Tear gas is used without provocation, to disperse union meetings. Vigilantes kidnap and dump a militant worker. Despite all this terror by the bosses and their police, the strike of the workers in the Hudson Pencil Mills holds solid, and in fact is moving into a new stage.

The factory processes the white pine and cedar used in Eagle Pencils. It has been paying wages of only 27 cents an hour. Top is 35 cents. Women, exploited on a 9-hour day, get \$11 a week.

LABOR SUPPORT
For a month the strikers have received the support of the California Cotton Mill strikers, and of the L. A. Young workers, who just won their own strike. Citizens in the neighborhood have given 100 per cent support to the strike, on the picket line, even the kids reporting for picket duty.

The new phase of the strike came with the armed attack on the picket line led by the superintendent and his hand-picked finks. Five workers were taken to the hospital for treatment. One of the deputies had to be taken to Livermore Hospital.

CITIZENS PROTEST
The strikers organized a committee of 50 citizens to go to the Mayor, to every city councilman, and to the chief of police, to protest this outrage. Protests before this had brought about the introduction of a measure to rescind the anti-picketing ordinance, and this protest made the administration pledge that no more attacks would occur in the city limits. The city police were forced to phone the sheriff's office and demand that no more county forces be sent against the workers. In addition, the workers demanded and expect to get a warrant for the arrest of the superintendent and his finks.

In spite of the splendid defense of the workers' rights by the citizens, deputy sheriffs swooped down on a meeting of striking unionists and brutally beat them, this time using tear gas. This meeting was held on an empty lot owned by one of the strikers. The deputies then went to the car of a striker, stole the key, entered the striker in, drove him outside the city limits of San Lorenzo, and dumped him.

The strikers want all California workers and sympathizers to send protests to Sheriff Driver of Alameda County, demanding he stop using his deputies against the strikers, and demanding the arrest of the superintendent of the Hudson Pencil factory for his open incitement to riot and assault.

What's happening in your community? Let the people of California know through the Western Worker. Be a Western Worker correspondent.

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Green Says They're Outlaws, But They Picket Anyway



12,000 GOOD UNION MEMBERS strike for decent wages and conditions, and union recognition in the Radio Corp. plant at Camden, N. J. Yet William Green calls their strike outlaw and demands that other unions give these workers no support, because they refuse to be split up by the craft unions. Here's a picket line in the strike.

California Labor Notes

LOS ANGELES.—After girls in the Kay Bel Silk Pajama plant called on the union for help to raise their unusually low wages, the I. L. G. W. U. called a strike against this company, which had begun to lay off all girls who attended an I. L. G. W. U. meeting. The manager quickly decided to discuss terms, including taking back the girls, a closed shop, a restoring at least 10 per cent of a recent wage cut.

SAN PEDRO.—After a strike was voted against the Owens-Park Lumber Co., this concern decided to adjust all differences with the Sawmill Workers Union No. 2788. The company had refused to recognize the union, discuss wage scales, and reinstate a discharged union member.

CATALINA ISLAND.—Rapid progress in organization is being made here by the Culinary Alliance. Two houses were signed there one day last week. The Alliance now has 25 members employed in Avalon establishments and many applications for membership are being received.

SANTA ROSA.—Renominated for office in the Central Labor Council and seconded for reelection were: President, John Baumgartner; vice president, John Bertino; Secretary Treasurer, William Gray.

SANTA ANA.—The Truck Drivers Union, in San Pedro, in order to serve the hundreds of new members in Santa Ana and other Orange County towns, will hold three meetings a month in Santa Ana. Members in this county will thus not have to travel all the way to Long Beach or San Pedro.

RICHMOND.—Seven Lake County resorts, which have defied the Musicians Union and continue to employ at low wages college and high school boys, have been placed on the unfair list. They include Harbin Springs, Hobergs, Sieglers, Adams, Lucerne, Austin's and Saratoga.

LOS ANGELES.—Workers in the flour and grain mills and warehouses of Los Angeles are organizing and preparing to take out a charter in the American Federation of Labor. Preparatory steps were taken to organize the workers at a meeting last Wednesday and another meeting is being planned soon.

The preliminary work is being conducted by the Organization Committee of the Central Labor Council.

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles Dist. Council of Painters have announced the election of the following officers for the coming term: President, C. C. Showen; Vice president, T. C. Canady; Secretary treasurer, George W. Kerr; Conductor, A. Ferris; Warden, F. Ademas and Trustees, E. J. Vernon, M. Ingles and F. Ademas.

Hello Girls Seek AFL Charter in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif.—More than 300 men and women working for the Associated Telephone Co. met here and laid plans for forming an A. F. of L. union.

A. F. of L. Organizer Robinson and T. F. Murphy, chairman of the Long Beach Central Labor Council's organizing committee, spoke to the workers. At a coming meeting Electricians Union representatives will be present and that union will in all probability grant the telephone workers a charter.

Warehousemen and Cannery Workers Make Gains

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Calif. Animal Products Co. (Calo) signed an agreement with Warehousemen Local 38-44, I. L. A. affiliate, providing for a \$5 a day minimum wage.

The 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, seniority and preferential hiring are also gained. The Calo company also signed an agreement with the Cannery Workers Union, Local 20, 099, granting practically the same conditions.

ARTA Named to Represent Men On Lykes Ships

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The American Radio Telegraphists Assn. are entitled to represent the men on the Lykes-Bros. ships at New Orleans and Tampa, according to a National Labor Board ruling. Two secret elections have been ordered by the Board to determine what organizations shall represent the deck officers and engineers on the Lykes ships.

Women Joining Borax Union in Big Numbers

WILMINGTON, Calif.—A big influx of women workers is being experienced by the Borax Workers' Union here. In the past 30 days over 40 woman employees have joined the union.

A big part of these new members are employees of the Vegetable Oil Products Co. and the Borax Co., here and in Long Beach. The union's activities are being extended and prospects are bright for negotiating a union agreement with the companies named, and others in this area.

Coast Meeting Of Painters On Aug. 7

LONG BEACH.—This city will be the scene of the next meeting, on August 7, of the Coastal Union of Painters. The latter comprises Painters locals from every city of the state. The meeting will consider and adopt uniform working rules for all member cities. More than 100 delegates are expected. The Long Beach Painters report an average of 4 new members a week.

Organized Labor Through the USA

VANCOUVER, Wash.—The Washington State Federation of Labor Convention passed a resolution introduced by the I. L. A., calling for the support of organized labor in stopping shipments of munitions. A resolution against war and fascism was also passed.

MT. VERNON, Wash.—600 young workers, members of the Cannery and Farm Workers Union, won a short strike here, for better wages and union recognition. They received the support of the Teamsters, Masters, Mates and Pilots, Longshoremen and the Workers Alliance.

CLEVELAND.—Alvanley Johnson was reelected grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, at the convention here. G. W. Laughlin was reelected first assistant grand chief engineer.

WADSWORTH, O.—Winning an agreement for wage increases and other gains, members of A. F. of L. Match Workers Union 18565 ended their strike.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—With a record of 5 years of great struggle the Sharecroppers Union of Alabama will soon hold its convention, forced by the growers' terror to keep the time and place of the convention secret. Preparations for a cotton-pickers strike in this state are expected to be discussed.

TOLEDO, O.—As a result of quiet organization, 75 per cent of the 350 Toledo Gas Co. workers have joined an A. F. of L. local. Gas station attendants recently formed a union.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—Thugs from the notorious Railway Audit and Inspection Service have been employed for weeks by the Remington-Rand Co., against which the A. F. of L. is conducting a strike in 6 towns in 5 states.

Eviction Begins Of Orange Co. Strikers

LOS ANGELES.—The La Habra Citrus Association has turned its attention to the eviction of Mexican strikers from the miserable hovels rented to them by the growers in an effort to hasten the return of the orange pickers to the groves.

An action was instituted in the Brea justice court to evict Leonzo Hernandez and 75 families of striking pickers. The La Habra Citrus Association, owner of the vermin-ridden shacks, is represented by the law firm of Rutan, Mize and Kroese, 211 First National Bank Building, Santa Ana.

A stay of execution was filed late this afternoon by Grover Johnson, attorney for the International Labor Defense.

RANK AND FILE GULF ISU MEN KEEP UP FIGHT

Struggle for Democracy in the Union Gaining More Strength

PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—The membership of the Port Arthur International Seamens Union Branch have again pledged to carry out the fight for democratic control of their organization.

STAND THE TEST

They stood the test of gangster tactics used by the reactionaries representing the international officers. Their hall, ordered closed by headquarters because members were allowed to take the floor and speak their opinions, is still open and being conducted in an orderly and democratic manner.

The Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council doesn't like the gangster ways of Mr. Barnes, representatives of the reactionary officials, and they have lined up solidly behind the seamen in the struggle to regain their charter.

The Council protested to the Atlantic District Committee-Carlson, Pryor, Brown and Grange, and this brought about an "investigation" which however endorsed Barnes's tactics.

TANKER VICTORY

In Houston the recent two-day strike victory of tanker seamen working for the Pennsylvania Shipping Co. strengthened the rank and file. The tankers Naeco and Antiedam at Pasadena, out of Houston; The Meton, at Manchester, also from Houston; and the Beta at Texas City were tied up. The men demanded and won increased crews, union recognition and a signed contract.

The I. S. U. officials horned in and negotiated the settlement, taking care to insert a provision, not liked by the men, that the contract expire Dec. 31, 1938.

Members of the Oil Workers Union gave support on the picket line, and despite the fact that Fremming, Oil Workers head, told them to stay at work, indicated they would strike if the tanker men didn't get a settlement quickly.

AFL Leaders Form Labor Party; Plan to Spread CIO Program

HOUSTON, Tex.—A meeting of many A. F. of L. leaders in Texas, held here recently, formulated plans for a state Farmer-Labor Party, and for strengthening the movement for industrial unionism.

Representing over 20,000 organized workers in Houston, Port Arthur, Beaumont, Dallas, Austin, and Fort Worth, a committee of 20 leading trade unionists was formed. A platform for a state Farmer-Labor Party was adopted, and efforts are to be made to enter candidates, this fall.

Von Telropp Again Contra Costa Council Pres.

Richmond, Cal.—The July 15 meeting of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council sent a strong protest to State Federation Secretary Vandeleur, Casey of the Teamsters, and Maxwell of the Butchers for lack of co-operation in requests made by labor in this country.

The meeting was marked by the elections of officers for the coming six months. J. L. Van Telropp was reelected President defeating J. Christenson and Jack Faulkner. Sam Callacur was elected vice president. He is also Butchers' Union vice president. Viola Cox was reelected secretary-treasurer without opposition. She is a member of the Richmond Laundry Workers Union.

G-MAN CHIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Seven men, whose only "crime" was membership in Lodge 21 of the A. F. of L. Government Employees Union, have been dismissed from the Federal Bureau of Investigation by G-man Chief J. Edgar Hoover. Hoover has been boomed by the Hearst Press, and was a leader in the Palmer "red raids" in 1919.

FISHERMEN IN PEDRO ALMOST 100% UNION

SAN PEDRO.—An almost completely organized industry is reported by the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen Union in this port. Only a few Italian boats are not organized.

The I. S. U. gave the Fishermen permission recently to receive without initiation charge members holding cards in the Italian Fishermen Assn.

Though negotiations with canners and reduction plants have been on for several weeks, an agreement on sardine prices has not been reached. Reduction plants have ordered the fishermen to take their tuna nets off and get ready for sardine fishing, but the Fishermen refuse to do this until a satisfactory price adjustment for the sardine catch is negotiated.

Kern Co. Grower Is a Chiseler

By an Agricultural Worker
BAKERSFIELD.—We caught up on a big grower down here in Kern County who was doing some of the dirtiest cheating a man could do. The grower's name is Tucker. In addition to farms he owns Tuckertown in Arvin. That's the slums of Arvin, a regular pigpen.

Well, Tucker hired a bunch of us, both men and women, to chop his cotton, 90 cents per clean acre. He said 14 rows made an acre. We chopped a couple days and 14 rows seemed a lot to make one acre.

TUCKER GIVES IN
When we mentioned it too Tucker he gave us an argument but finally gave in that 12 rows was an acre. But next day we measured it off and found that 10 rows was an acre.

We got Tucker out and he watched while we measured. He agreed our measurement was right, but he wouldn't pay for the additional rows. We struck and said we'd picket his place. The women were so mad they'd scratched his eyes out if we hadn't held them back. So after crying a lot he finally gave in. It was petty chiseling, and we figured that was pretty small for a big grower.

L. A. Dyers Win In Nearly All Struck Plants

LOS ANGELES.—With only four dyeing plants failing to sign union agreements strikers have returned to work. Nearly all of the demands were met by employers. Picketing continued at the four unsigned plants.

The new agreement provides for an average wage increase of 20 per cent; a 44-hour week; \$25 to \$40 minimum for skilled workers; \$18 minimum for unskilled workers; and a \$20 minimum salary plus ten per cent commission for drivers.

Contracts will expire next April. An arbitration board of two outsiders appointed by each group will be set up in the event of disputes.

Frame-Up Licked; ILGWU Will Celebrate

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will hold a Victory Celebration, Saturday night, July 25, as a result of the collapse of the frame-up in Oakland against 5 leading members of the union.

After 9 days of trial Sam Diner, business agent; Wally Sample, Cutters' local president; Boris Gale, Joint Board Secretary; Sam Green, Local 8 executive board member and Benjamin Davis were acquitted of "conspiracy to do bodily harm."

The case grew out of picketing of the Model Cloak and Suit Co. in Oakland. This shop had run away from San Francisco to evade the ILGWU, which had struck its shop. The jury was out two hours.

The victory Celebration will take place at union headquarters 149 Mason St.

GAS MASKS IN ENGLAND
LONDON.—The home Office of the British government is preparing for production of 40,000,000 gas masks to provide protection for every one in the country in the event of war.

KRAMER ISN'T VERY POPULAR IN LA COUNCIL

Endorsement of Labor-Hater Defeated By Almost Unanimous Vote

LOS ANGELES.—Overwhelmingly defeated the recommendation of the Legislative Comm. proposing the endorsement of the candidacy of Charles Kramer arch-reactionary incumbent candidate of the 13th Congressional District, and author of the infamous, anti-labor Russell-Kramer bill, delegates to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council registered their intense hatred and disapproval of Kramer and his ilk, at a regular meeting of the Council.

NEARLY UNANIMOUS

The vote against endorsing Kramer was practically unanimous with only a few scattered noes being voiced.

John Murray, furniture worker, gave a brief but keen analysis of the bill written and sponsored by Kramer and pointed out that the bill was not only anti-Communist as the proponents of the bill declared, but "finitely anti-labor."

"We could not hold this council meeting tonight if Kramer's bill were law and they did not want us to," said Murray.

Kramer was described by delegates from many unions as a Hearst "stooge," an "open shopper" and a vicious enemy of the working class.

A motion to endorse Parley Parker Christensen for Congress in the 13th District was ruled out of order by Chairman Sherman. According to the rules of the council all such matters must first be presented to the Legislative Committee.

Delegate John Murray and Fraternal Delegate Father Dwyer were added to the "ange county investigating committee."

Two "quickie" strikes by the Bakers won union contracts and five other french bakeries signed the union agreement within the last week, the delegate from the Bakers reported. The Bakers requested that the Franco-American Baking Company be placed on the unfair list.

Delegate Chase of the Upholsterers, Local 15, reported 60 new members signed in the last two weeks. Chase reported the Upholsterers on strike at two shops.

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