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# SHIPS' OFFICERS STRIKE ON ALL COASTS

# HITS FASCIST

Recognition Is War Declaration, Says Spanish Govt.

MOSCOW. - "Germany and of the C.I.O. unions, Italy have decided to stop at in Spain enters a new phase," declared Pravda, organ of the Union, commenting on recognition of the Spanish Fascists by Hitler and Mussolini.

"In their frantic anxiety the intervention ists are openly trampling on every foundation of international law, smashing international treaties and reducing diplomatic relations to a tragic

"Let this serve as a stern warning to those responsible for creating an atmosphere of impunity, and allowing the Fassists to violate Spain's rights."

Fascists' Weakness Shown Pravda said recognition Franco by Hitler and Mussolini indicated the Spanish Fascists'

ry Anthony Eden's statement or England that "other countries" were more to blame for Spanish intervention than Italy and Germany, showed England's solidarity with the German and Not Completed Italian incendiaries of war."

War Against Legal Govt. MADRID. — "Recognition by (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1)

### **GALLAGHER HITS MOVE TO DISBAR**

LOS ANGELES.—"I consider e principles in this case of the very greatest importance. My Browning was challenged by the case will go a long way towards determining whether the prin- Earl Hatcher, who contradicted ciples of Fascism or the principles of democracy are to gov- Frank Oxman, cattleman whose ern in the future in the United

Leo Gallagher, world famed labor attorney, thus characterized the move to disbar him for alleged unethical statements he Parades In Memory made in exposing labor-hating Superior Judge Arthur Crum, in a letter to the Board of Governors of the State Bar last Mon-

a star chamber, secret hearing lengro, Socialist Minister of the before the State Bar on Tues- Interior, to commit suicide, hunday, November 24th, despite his dreds of thousands of Popular demand for a public hearing. He Front supporters paraded in whipped up to frighten legitiwas denied subpoenas for wit- demonstration through the streets mate labor organizations." nesses, but was granted one for here in memory of Salengro.

A committee of more than 20 ter repeated slanders he was a Shippers Convict

administration in California to

the fullest in their attacks

last Thursday it would sponsor

a state police department be-

fore the legislature next Janu-

ary in the "interest of econ-

Progressive assemblymen and

rganized labor immediately is-

such an anti-labor bill would

not go over.

ed warning to Meriram that

Edward Vandeleur, secretary

of the California Federation of

Labor, scored a state police force

might have got away with it in

year, because the assembly will legislature.

are going to use the Republican labor laws."

# Reactionaries at Tampa Uphold CIO Suspension Mexico Unions

ommittee dominated by reacionaries on Monday recomnended that the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions be continued, with threats of even more drastic action. The resolutions committee was headed by the ultra-reactionary Matthew Woll and by John P. Frey, who himself had introduced into the A. F.L. convention a resolution calling for immediate expulsion

The executive council was nothing and Fascist intervention given power to call a special session to expel the C.I.O. unions if they refuse to dissolve Communist Party of the Soviet the C.I.O. J. C. Lewis, of the lowa Federation of Labor, and J. Myrup, Bakers' head, members of the resolutions commitee, refused to sign the recommendation.

Jonathan Eddy of the Newspaper Guild was among those who rose and hotly denounced the splitting action of the resolutions committee.

TAMPA, Fla.—The resolution declaring the East and Gulf Coast seamen's strike "outlaw" was recommended by Matthew Wall, chairman of the resolutions committee, after it was introduced by the reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union.

# King Jury Still

OAKLAND - Selection of a in the attempt to frame up Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, and E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner, Firemen's Union members for the murder of Engineer Alberts of still unfinished on Monday. The result was that a new panel of 75 was ordered available Tuesday morning.

A prospective juror, W. H. prosecution because he knew the anti-Mooney testimony of false testimony helped frame

### French Popular Front Of Roger Salengro

PARIS.—While Premier Leon Blum in a funeral eulogy at Board, launched an attack on Lille pledged himself to end the "unrestrained vigilantism fre-Gallagher was to come up for slander which caused Roger Sa-

attorneys has volunteered to de- wartime deserter, although he (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 5) had twice been officially cleared.

strike, without express authority

"Now it is proposed the mo-

torists finance a constabulary.

History shows constabularies in

other states are used mainly in

industrial disputes. Our motor-

A similar bill introduced by

enforce motor vehicle laws.

Merriam Asks Anti-Labor Police

SACRAMENTO — That the be a liberal and progressive

pro-Fascist forces in California house and won't adopt anti-

against the labor movement, was power to the highway patrol,"

as designed to help industry ists aren't yet ready to finance

the past, but they won't next | Merriam lost out in the 1935

crush labor, saying: "They a strike-breaking police force."

EAST COAST, WEST COAST, SOLIDARITY IN MARITIME STRIKE



39,000 MEN OUT on the West Coast, 150 ships tied up, 25,000 seamen out on the East and Gulf Coast, nearly 300 ships tied up. East Coast men, who struck in support of the West Coast, have added own demands. Photo shows (left) Harry Bridges, outstanding leader of the Pacific Coast maritime workers, with Joseph Curran, leader of East Coast strikers.

# A. F. L. HEARS No Marine Striker 2000 CELERY PLEA ON SPAIN Shall go Hungry

A Bird's Eye View of the San Francisco

British Delegate Hits Spanish Fascists

liam Green barred the Spanish speeches, one by the British unthe Pt. Lobos last March, was fascism in Spain and in this

> egate of the British Trade Uning attack on fascism in Eutish unions are prepared to fight aced by our own or by foreign governments."

"The British Trade Union Congress holds that the Spanish Republic is the legitimate government of Spain," Gibson said, and that it is entitled to get those arms by which it can defend itself."

Edwin S. Smith, member of spotlessly clean, ship shape. the National Labor Relations quently with the connivance of Citizens' Committees.

Smith atacked "Red scares

# 2 Modesto Boys

SAN RAFAEL—Sentence was to be passed on Tuesday against two Modesto frameup victims "What the governor has in convicted last week Thursday in mind is extension of police a court here.

said Assemblyman W. B. Horn- only 15 minutes to convict the riam administration announced blower, of San Francisco. "He two, Alphonse Buyle and John used the patrol and I say he Rodgers, of burglary. A one to used it illegally in the Salinas five year sentence is possible.

The jury's verdict is remarkfrom the legislature. The patrol able in that only a few weeks is financed by motorists out of ago a San Rafael jury stood 8 motor vehicle license funds to to 4 for dismissing the charges, and the jury was discharged. The remarkable change is asduring the strike.

The Modesto boys, including seven others already sentenced ers, chiefly Germans, are under for Standard Oil's dynamite arrest here for anti-Soviet acframeup, have asked that an in- tivities and carrying on espiontensive boycott against Stan- age, as Strickling did, for the dard Oil be kept up.

Food Kitchen of Maritime Unions No man shall go hungry during this strike!

Operated under the auspices of District Council No. 2 of the peoples' delegates from speak- Maritime Federation, the strikers' relief kitchen is entering its ing at the A.F.L. convention, two third week, serving more than 5000 meals a day.

speeches, one by the British unions' fraternal delegate, assailed fascism in Spain and in this country.

The kitchen is located at Embarcaders in the same building as during the 1934 strike, but has little else in common but has little else in common George Gibson, fraternal del- with those days. The present set-up represents two years of ion Congress, delivered a scath- planning, two years of experience of the Federation's develrope, and declared that the Bri- opment. It is as far superior to any other venture of its kind as for freedom "whether it is men- this strike is in effectiveness to all others in labor's history.

The kitchen has a seating capacity for 400 men, and cost tiralists of California, members \$2000 to install. All labor was of the San Bernardino County volunteered by union carpenters Council of the American Legion equipment is new, including the met here last week and adopted and plumbers. Most of the ranges, tables and the lineoleum a resolution for a state-wide on the floor. Everything is kept program designed to bar the

Cost of operation is about 6 cents a meal, or \$300 a day. All expenses are shared equally police officials" and anti-labor by the seven striking unions. Citizens' Committees expects to reduce this price as more strikers come in, making it possible to buy stores in larger quantities. All food is purchased wholesale or directly from the farmer. Books and

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unable to participate." James Galanis, of Ontario, suggested the reactionary scheme in **Convict Nine More** force in Florida, where a party has to attain 30 per cent of the ballots cast at the previous elec-

# Plotters In USSR

MOSCOW.-Nine more mem-. It took a San Rafael jury bers of the Trotsky-Zinoviev terror group, which plotted to murder leaders of the Soviet Union, were convicted and sentenced to death last Sunday by a Soviet court on charges of

sabotage and counter-revolution. The nine included E. I. Strickling, German engineer, and eight Russian engineers.

Strickling confessed and told of meeting a representative of cribed to the fact that the first the Gestapo (German Nazi sectrial was held before the mari- ret police) in Moscow some time strike; the second trial was months ago to plan sabotage of a coal mine.

Twenty-three other foreign-

### Sunday night in the I.L.A, hall here and voted to strike for their demands. The strike took effect at 7:30 Monday morn-

Communist Party from the Cali-

Although many San Bernardi-

Special Maritime

In this issue the Western

Worker begins a new feature

—a special Maritime Strike

Page, to continue for the dura-

tion of the strike. Page 3 of

every issue will be devoted to

news and special features on

the strike from the East and

Gulf Coasts, and every port

Maritime workers are urged

to send in news and human

interest items for the Mari-

time Strike Page. See to it

that the Western Worker

reaches maritime workers, by

buying extra copies and bun-

on the Pacific Coast.

Strike Page—

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fornia ballot.

About 2000 workers are affected by the strike, They include American and Filipino workers. The celery workers have been organized into the Stockton Agricultural Workers' Union, affiliated with the A.F.L and the strike is being conduct-

ed by that union. Bargemen Aid

YUCAIPA-Again "doing their Picket lines were set up bit" for the bankers and indus-Monday morning at Terminus Island, main point of the strike. A strike committee of 65 was The Stockton local of the

Filipinos, Others

Solid In Stockton

STOCKTON-Over 700 agri-

Bargemen's Union, which handles almost 50 per cent of the celery, stated that its members will not pass through the picket lines. Stockton organized labor is supporting the celery workers.

no Legionnaires oppose curtail-Demands include a day's work ment of democratic rights, the resolution was introduced by with one hour allowed for James L. King, San Bernardino lunch; time and a half for attorney and former commander Sundays and holidays; general of the county unit, who suggestwage increase of 10 cents an ed increasing the number of hour; recognition of the union signatures necessary to qualify and preferential hiring. The on the ballot "to such a high Stockton Agricultural Union now point that Communists would be has 1200 members; over 800 have joined in the past few days.

### Strikers Plan Big **Publicity Drive**

SAN FRANCISCO. - Major steps to organize and carry out

a broad publicity campaign which will bring the maritime strikers' side to the broad public have been proposed by the the International Longshoremen's

The program will in all probability be adopted by maritime strikers in all ports. It is planned that each Joint and Gulf strike illegal. Strike Committee in each port

create a publicity fund to finance publicity. Speakers are to be sent from the unions to associations, un- one feel sick at the stomach.

ions, college forums, etc. to explain the strikers side. Mass parades are to be organ-

# Will Not Load Struck Ships

Canadian Longshoremen Go Out In Support Of American Maritime Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO—With more than 75 pickets patrolling the building of the Standard Oil Company of California at 222 Bush Street, maritime union members are letting the public and Standard Oil know that the defense of the framed Modesto prisoners is not a thing of the past.

The picket line will be around \* the Standard Oil building for two days as a protest and demonstration against the latest conviction of workers arrested during the tanker strike of 1935. John Rodgers, of the Sail-

ral Confederation of Mexican Workers, has assured the West Coast unions that Mexican longshoremen would flatly refuse to handle any American ships affected by the strike that may

put in at Mexican ports. The Grace Line had intended to have its vessel, the Santa Elena call at Ensenada in Mexican Lower California, instead of at San Pedro.

The Grace Line had announced that it was going to use Ensanada as a base instead of San Pedro for all its ships.

Unable to discharge cargo at the port of Ensenada, the Grace liners will have to proceed to San Pedro where they will be struck.

With the aid of non-union nen the Santa Elena was able to deposit passengers at Ensenada, but no cargo will be unloaded from any ship of a struck American line at any Mexican

Asst. Secretary of Labor Mc-Grady announced that he would meet with steam schooner operators in an effort to reopen negotiations with the unions. When the strike began, the steam schooner companies were close to agreement with the unions.

At 7 a.m. Monday I.L.A. memto be completed in nine hours, bers in Vancouver, British Columbia, struck in sympathy with the Pacific Coast strikers.

> SAN FRANCISCO - Scathing denunciation by Harry Bridges of the outlawing of the East Coast strike engineered by the reactionaries at the A.F.L. convention, and equally scathing denunciation of I.L.A. President Ryan's sabotage of the East and West Coast strikes met with a thunderous three-minute ovation of applause at the Central Labor Council here last Friday night.

> The fact that 90 per cent of the East and Gulf Coast seamen are out on strike makes the condemnation by the convention even "more sickening," Bridges

Bridges pointed out that be-Pacific Coast Executive Board of cause a few officials, who have committed such acts as stealing \$140,000 in union money are opposed to the strike, the reactionary forces at the Tampa convention declared the East

"I don't mind confessing," Bridges told the representatives of organized labor, that the actions of certain officials makes

Blasts Ryan's Actions "I refer also to our international president (Joseph P. Ryized in business, shopping and an of the I.L.A.), who is going (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1) (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8) (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

# 10,000 Officers Are Out

### All Licensed Men Out: E. Coast Men Reply to Green

NEW YORK. - Amazed, but undaunted by the A.F.L. convention decision in Tampa declaring their strike "outlaw," East and Gulf Coast seamen are continuing to extend their strike,

Cross, big Munson liner, and the Scanmail were the latest to join the strike of over 20,000 men. Officials of the powerful Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association called their members on strike on all coasts Monday:

William S. Brown, national president of the Marine Engineers, and James J. Delaney. of the Masters, Mates and Pilots said that about 10,000 men were affected by the strike call.

The strike of the licensed of-

ficers began at noon.

The licensed men demand a wage increase of \$20 a month, \$1.25 an hour overtime instead of the present \$1, and cash overtime instead of optional. Reply to Green

William Green, in Tampa, made it plain that representatives of the East and Gulf Coast strikers would not be allowed to present their side to the A.F.L.

About 1000 strikers at the meeting hall of the I.S.U. were interfered with by police in New York. They were barred from entering the hall (which (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 6)

### A Big Time At Maritime Strike Relief Dance

SAN FRANCISCO. - To raise relief funds for the maritime strikers and their families, the Joint Maritime Relief Committee is all set to give San Francisco people the swellest time they've ever had, at the Dance on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25, at California Hall, Polk and Turk

The Dance begins at 8 p.m. and will last until 1 a.m. Two floors have been reserved, and two sets of musicians will be used. There will be acts of entertainment in addition.

Refreshments will be in the capable hands of the LLA. Ladies Auxiliary. Admission is 50 cents, including tax. Tickets can be gotten at 32 Clay St.

DE JONGE C.S.

**CASE BEFORE** 

Fight Against Cal.

C.S. Statute

SAN FRANCISCO-The Am-

San Francisco last week where

he spoke at a dance on Satur-

day night under auspices of the

California Conference for Repeal

Victory for De Jonge will be

"I was convicted largely on

"Convicted with me was Ed-

December 7th.

of the C. S. Act.

as follows:

onge.

dangerous activities.'

Stool Tried Bribery

et line during the maritime

strike. As leader of the Oregon

unemployed movement,

To Disbar Him By

L.A. Reactionaries

fend the famed attorney.

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Many unions were also rally-

ing to Gallagher's defense. It

the Pacific would protest the at-

tack against him, and in San

Union already adopted resolu-

Broadcasts Throttled

How powerful are the reac-

tionaries seeking to disbar Gal-

lagher, was seen when radio

broadcasts scheduled by the

Southern California Councils for

Constitutional Rights to acquaint

the public with the issues in-

station's attorney, Reed Callis

been approved by station offi-

was expected that the San Pedro

the 1934 maritime strike.

California's C. S. Acts.

# **BLOCKADE OF** L. A. NON-UNION TRUCKS IS ON

### Teamsters Union In Big Drive Of Unionization

LOS ANGELES-Chief Davis' so-called "bum blockade" met with universal hostility by organized labor, but the Teamsters! Union has thrown a blockade around this area which meets with the full approval of all unionists. All non-union trucking in and

out of the port of Los Angeles is hit by the Teamsters' block-

Turn Back Non-Union Trucks Non-union trucks are being turned back by Teamsters' picket lines. On Monday the Teamsters began a campaign to organize all truck drivers in the Signal Hill and Watson oil re-

fining districts. If the refineries oppose unionizing of oil truck drivers, they will be picketed, Teamsters' executive secretary, Harold Water-

bury said. This is an extension of the move to organize all truck drivers in the San Pedro and Wilmington districts.

The Teamsters are cooperating with the maritime unions in refusing to pass through their

picket lines. Non-union trucks are breaking through the blockade with the aid of motorcycle policemen escorts. Despite the efforts of the police force at strikebreaking, union officials declare that "the union has a fund of \$200,000 to spend on the blockade, if it is necessary to bring everything south of the Tehachapi into the union, and we have experienced people here to direct opera-

### Strikers Plan Big **Publicity Drive**

(Continued From Page One) residential districts, and in ad-

dition public speaking and radio

stressing the justice of the unions' demands, the shipowners' arrogant attitude, the blocking of settlement by four main west coast companies, the reasons why the unions cannot arbitrate their basic demands, etc. Merchants, residents, firms,

uals, will be urged to demand that the government withhold subsidies until the shipowners grant the unions' basic demands. Broad mass meetings for the public are included in the pro-

gram. Resolutions on withholding ship subsidies will be circulated widely among organizations.

### **Soviet Press Hits** Intervention

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Germany, Italy and Portugal of the Burgos government (Fascist set-up) can be interpreted only as a declaration of war against the Republican government," de-clared the official organ, Juven-

"The proletariat of all nations must unite against the new peril. Russia, Mexico and an international Popular Front are demands of the maritime unions. on our side. The streets of Mad- particularly the hiring halls, are rid must never be soiled by Fas- just, according to the Social Sercist marchers."

charged foreign submarines have cooperation with the San Franattacked the government fleet cisco Council of Jews and Chrisat Cartagena, great naval base tions. on the southeast coast, damaging, The statement of the churchthe cruiser Miguel de Cervantes and firing torpedoes at the cruiser Mendez Nunez.

Mussolini Pepares More Murders

It was reported Ramon Franco, brother of tht Fascist general, has reached an agreement with Mussolini for Italian aid in blockading Barcelona, that Italy will "lend" the Fascists 15 submarines and speed up deliveries of war munitions, and that 50 Italian pursuit planes, each the Fascists.

holding steadfast, but militia other shipboard workers, of Guild, but after phoning New smashed new Fascist drives and course excepting emergencies. an entire column of Moorish expected to pass through picket San Francisco News. troops. Government planes also lines of other striking unions, or shot down three Junker machines to handle cargo from strike- PLOT AGAINST UNIONS and three light bombers of the breaking sources.

Bert Acosta and Eddie Schnei-

### YOUNG HANDS STRETCHED IN SOLIDARITY



CHILDREN OF railroad workers at Dniepropetrovsk, Soviet Ukraine, pledge their savings and allowances to the relief fund for Spanish women and children.

### O'Grady Hits At **Plant Welching After Elections**

SAN FRANCISCO. — Despite the fact that an election of licensed masters, mates and pilots of the American-Hawaiian, and the Oceanic and Oriental lines was decided in favor of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union, Thomas G. Plant of the American-Hawaiian refuses to concede that the union organization shall be considered as representing these officers.

Of 22 men eligible to vote, 106 voted for, and 96 against the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union.

Hits Plant's Stand

the local here, stated in reply

Plant in the press recently regarding the election held among the licensed deck employes of that a majority of those em-ployes of the American-Hawai- Further showing the antiian voted for the national organ- ion stand and Fascist aims

ganization of Masters, Mates and cleansed them of racketeers. Pilots of America has been selected to represent these em-

election Plant was vocally in- dangerous radical is Felix associations and the public, as sistent that all whom he thought Frankfurter, "America's numorganized groups and as individ- might not vote favorably for ber one Communist." He listed national organization Masters, Mates and Pilots be included in the vote, which was agreed to by us, as our organzation is composed of masters mates and pilots and is a national organization with 132 locals in all ports in the United States, having agreements which

nclude masters and pilots. "Plant has stated he will not sign an agreement that included nasters, pilots, chief officers, etc. We are still enjoying the benefits of democratic government in this country and such arbitrary action should not be permitted to prolong the present

### **Churchmen Say** Strike Is Just

SAN FRANCISCO-The basic vice Commission of the San Last Monday, the government Francisco Church Federation, in

men stated, in part:

principles accepted by previous agreements be renewed, such as papers. particularly the existing hiring halls under joint control, the six-hour day for longshoremen, union preferential hiring for other unions, and so on.

have cash for overtime, living a starting wage of \$110. After wages comparing favorably with one year the wage is \$130. those of shore employes, especarmed with three machine guns, ially for men with families; abo- erance pay up to 6 weeks, a are being prepared at Italian lition of 10-hour day and 70-hour Caproni factories for delivery to week in the steward's depart- Guild recognition. ment, the eight-hour day where Not only was the defense of desired in principle for them, Madrid by the workers' militia and strictly enforced for all like to omit mention of the

northwest of the city, wiping out | "No union workers should be

"Definite safety codes should der, American aces, were flying be included in agreements, and nection with the bombing of for the government against the enforced by labor relations the homes of active Rubber

Vicious Atacks On

Maritime Strike

LOS ANGELES-Presaging increasing activities on the part of vigilante organizations and possible use of members of such organizations as strikebreakers was seen here last week at an open meeting of 300 members and sympathizers of the Silver Legion of America.

Bragging of the Silver Shirts' 'friendship" for union labor, Roy Zachary, chairman of the Christian Party (Silver Shirt) of Washington and self-styled E. B. O'Grady, secretary of former Socialist, is an anti-Jewish, red-baiting harangue slandering the militant maritime "The statement attributed to strikers declaring them to be "dupes of cheap racketeers."

Zachary exposed himself as a "fink" and stooge of open shop the American-Hawaiian Company does not attempt to deny Henry Ford who "operates on No Striker To Go

Further showing the anti-un-The parades and other pro- ization of Masters, Mates and the Silver Legion Zachary laudgrams will include banners Pilots of America and regardless ed Hitler for wrecking the trade of any individual opinion, has unions of Germany and justified established that the national or this by stating that Hitler had Anti-Semitic Aims

The Roosevelt administration is Communist and Jewish ac-"It is illuminating that in this cording to Zachary and most Mayor La Guardia and Albert Einstein.

> Zachary promised local Silver Shirts aid in a drive to swell the ranks of the Fascists. He said he would reveal his plans at a secret meeting of Silver Shirt members.

Cadaverous Henry Allen, local Silver Shirter, convicted recently for distributing ferociously anti-Simitic leaflets, attacked the Jewish people in a rabid anti-semitic "lecture." Motion pictures of the Legion calvacade from San Diego to Washington State were shown, also pictures of the Silver Legion encampment in Washington.

"Guards" and ushers bedecked in grayish silver shirts with a red letter "L" over the heart, patrolled the hall.

### **Guild Wins In 3** S.F. Newspapers

(See Page 8 for Further Details) SAN FRANCISCO—The young Northern California Newspaper their support. All waterfront Guild showed its mettle last week when it won agreements striker will loose his room for with both the Chronicle and the the duration of the strike. Many Harst Examiner, granting sub-"We urge that certain basic stantial gains for the newspaper editorial workers on these

The Guild has already won an agreement with the News. The Chronicle terms grant a \$250 monthly minimum wage for reporters of 5 years experi-"All shipboard workers should ence; \$160 for two years, and

> The 5-day, 40-hour week, sevweek's vacation with pay and

In the Examiner Manager Lindner at first stated he would York, dropped this idea, and agreed to the same terms as the

# L. A. FASCISTS Warehouse Bosses GROWING RABID Threaten To Use Office Employees

SAN FRANCISCO. - Warehouse owners announced Monday they were completing a survey of freight cars in prepara vigilantes," said De Jonge.
tion for handling freight through

Denny Also Railroaded tion for handling freight through office employees in struck coldstorage, commercial and grain varehouses.

The Warehousemen's Union re-85 cents an hour. The agreement between previously struck Prison, Salem." grocery warehouses and the union was signed late last week, granting 70 cents an hour, a 44-hour week and a week's vacation with pay after one year's employment. The union will meet with Sacramento grocery warehouses for the San Francisco scale. Employers there are reported as ready to meet that

# **Hungry On Coast**

(Continued From Page One) accounts are audited and approved by the Joint Strike Comnittee weekly, each union get ing a separate statement.

Cooks Union Men Prepare the Food

Some 200 members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union take turns working in the kitchas other leading "Communists" en doing their picket duty, many of whom include chefs and waiters from the strikebound Dollar and Matson liners. Members of other unions stand by to keep

Coffee and sandwiches are served on the picket lines durng the night watches .

Both Negroes and whites have united in a genuine union spirit in all strike activities; both share equally in the operation ment, regarding depriving a citiof the kitchen. Neither is there any trace of discrimination while meals are served to all alike. Jim-crowsim seems to have been forgotten now that the strike

Other relief kitchens in the East Bay area, operated under the auspices of the Joint Relief Committee, include Sacramento, Crockett, Oakland, Sausalito and Vallejo.

The Housing Committee

Also operating under the Joint Relief Committee is the Housing Committee which has al- local of the Sailors' Union of ready provided beds and rooms for more than 400 strikers. Members of the I.L.A. Ladies Francisco, the Pile Drivers' Un-Auxiliary have arranged for ion and the Common Laborers' many rooms for the seamen. Hotels have been generous in hotels have announced that no have contributed financially. Hair cuts and shoe repairs are arranged by the committee. Although no urgent appeal has

yet been given out by the strike committee, several unions and sypmathizers have already contributed to the relief fund. The Laborers' Union of San Francisco gave \$1000, the Music-'ians' union \$500. The Lumbermen of the Northwest are reported to have assessed their 70,000 members one dollar each. The relief committee consists of five men from each of the

seven striking unions. So well is the relief forces orto carry on indefinitely should tion. Its facilities will then be Angeles. lockout. Tentative plans call for are convinced are inevitable. the taking over of the Union Striking unions now sharing

### **Supervisors Put** Off Anti-Picket Hearings In S.F. SUPREME CT

SAN FRANCISCO-With the nall of the board of supervisors packed to overflowing by un-Victory Will Inspire ian members, the question of referring the city's anti-picketing ordinance to a referendum by the voters was postponed to next Monday's meeting.

Postponement was voted after requests had been read from the erican people's battle against Retail Dry Goods Association, Criminal Syndicalism Acts and the Downtown Association, Reother anti-labor and repressvie tail Merchants' Association and legislation, will come into the Chamber of Commerce to give limelight again in the near futheir spokesmen a "hearing," ture when the case of Dirk De before taking action.

Jonge, Oregon unemployed or-It was recalled by Supervisor ganizer convicted of C. S. Act McShea that these organizations violation in Portland in Novemwere already heard in objection ber, 1934, comes before the U.S. to referring the ordinance to the Supreme Court, Washington, on voters when the matter came before the judiciary committee Would Help Cal. Anti-C. S. Fight of the board. In fact, said Mc-Shea, the spokesman from the Chamber of Commerce took De Jonge, who has been out on \$2000 cash bail raised by the more time than any other per-International Labor Defense son present. since October 3rd last, was in

Supervisor Coleman originally moved that the question be sent back to committee. McShea moved to amend by referring the matter to a special order of business at next week's session wth the supervisors sitting as a a big step forward to smash committee of the whole.

### fake evidence by one Stanley 10,000 Officers Morton Doyle, stool pigeon, who, I am told, has a stool pigeon record around San Francisco and Strike All Coasts was counsel for the Santa Rosa

(Continued From Page One) in reality is the property of the

ward R. Denny, who was sentenced to two years. I was senrank and file) by special guards. tenced to seven years, and They waved their union books mained firm in its demand for started my sentence last Janu- to show they are bona-fide I.S.U. ary 25th at the Oregon State members.

The Strike Strategy Commit-De Jonge cited the "argument" of Doyle before the jury mediate telegraphic reply to as indicating the vigilante-incit- William Green on the convening "fair-character" of the trial, tion's action.

"I will tell you the type of man this De Jonge is. And I will tell you further than that, wire, signed by Joseph Curran shal to unload perishable cargo each and every one of this jury, if there were war times, there tion was called a "ruthless violawould be a trial here at all; I tion of the democratic rights of wouldn't be able to hold down organized workers to protest the sentiment that has accumuagainst dictatorial union oflated as a result of this man's

Suit against David E. Grange, Ivan Hunter and other I.S.U. officials, and against the Inter-national Mercantile Marine Corp. witness, Major L. A. Milner, former organizer of the Nationand 33 shipping companies, charging that the so-called agreeal Guard of Oregon, said De ment signed last Spring despite its 8-1 defeat by the rank and De Jonge was arrested on file is null and void, was carried July 27, 1934, in Portland, folby strike leaders to the New lowing a meeting at which he York Supreme Court. spoke protesting the shooting of

Houston reports that Texas four longshoremen on the pick- Rangers have arrived at that port and are helping police attacks on peaceful picket lines of

Jonge was active in support of An injunction sought by Gus Brown, fourth vice-president of Unions and other progressive the I.S.U., against seamen's pickorganizations and their mem- eting of union offices, was denbers are urged to demand free- ied in Houston. Brown admitted dom for De Jonge from the U. that "95% of the union members S. Supreme Court. The appeal are bitter towards me." is based upon the fact that the

### Oregon C. S. Act violates the 1st Amendment, regarding free speech, and the 14th Amend-**Bag Strikers Are Picketing Strong**

SAN FRANCISCO.—The strike of bag workers, led by the Uni-Gallagher Hits Move ted Textile Workers Union, in the Bemis, Ames-Harris and Pacific Diamond plants continued with picketing going strong on

About 500 workers are af fected. The Ames-Harris plant in Portland is also on strike. Delegates who came to the San Francisco workers told the latter that the company in Portland refused to negotiate, saying they could only negotiate in San Francisco.

San Francisco and Portland workers are presenting a joint the work of the feeble United day.) agreement. Demands include a Garment Workers Union, whose 40-hour week, \$18 a week minimum wage and union recogni- that of the Amalgamated is

The Cooperative Bag Plant, with 75 workers, was added to the strike on Monday, after it refused to meet union demands.

### volved, were canceled by radio **Bribe Trial Links** station KMTR on advice of the The broadcast speeches had Fitts, Merriam cials the day before they were

Protests and resolutions on betorney Buron Fitts and Governto the State Bar Association, Rm. 440, Rowan Building, Los An-

pective jurors continued.

# **BATTLE FOUGHT AGAINST THOSE** INTERESTS IN L. A. WHO WANT POLICE USED IN MARINE STRIKE

Christenson Resolution Lost In City Council By 6 to 3, As Reactionaries Gang Up On It

LOS ANGELES-Pressure from the militant trade unions that have been packing the City Council chambers on every occasion recently when the council has been dealing with problems directly affecting labor, demonstrated its effect here November 20 when Parley Parker Christensen took up the

ause of the maritime strikers. +-Sharply criticizing the interests that found a willing ally in Federal Judge McCormick in MEXICO LABOR to use the Federal Court as a strikebreaking agency, Councilman Christensen presented a resolution condemning the use of police, sheriffs, militia and deputized thugs as strikebreak-

"When called in they are always provocative and frequently tend to precipitate trouble," the resolution stated.

Calling atention to the "splendid discipline, patience and orderly conduct, through and because of which complete quiet prevails in the strike area," Christensen's resolution pointed out the needlessness of the more than two hundred special police assigned to the harbor district and went on the resolve "that the Police Commission be asked to request Chief Davis to recall the remaining 210 officers and men still on duty at the Harbor or in the strike area."

The resolution was voted down on a six to three tally. Supporting it were Barnett, Christensen and Kindig, and opposing it were Buyer (councilman from San Pedro), Brainard, Gay, tee of the seamen sent an im- Lawis, MacAlister, Tate, Thrasher and President Burns.

In a speech to the council and the packed chambers, Christen-"The resolution introduced by sen, in referring to the dismisexecutives of the I.S.U. is un-sal of the injunction that would fair to organized labor," the compel the United States Marsaid. The action of the conven- from struck ships, declared that the public could now prepare itself "for an onslaught of propaganda, collection of slush funds and the exaggeration of the (maritime strike) situation, and the placing of the blame on the shoulders of the longshoremen and other union men.

Reactionaries O.K.

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dent Roosevelt and the Maritime

were calling, in a veiled way,

Discussion was choked off,

one of those who demanded the

There are six resolutions be-

an international charter to the

federal unions in the agricultur-

A newly formed committee

of seven delegates has become

the leading group in the fight

for reinstatement of the 10 sus-

pended C.I.O. unions. On the

committee are George Kidwell,

delegate of the California State

Adams of the Denver Central

The committee's purpose is to

coordinate the fight to prevent

the reactionaries from putting

membership is only 35,000, while

Delegate Martel of Detroit de-

clared this to be an opening

wedge in outlawing the label of

the International Typographical Union label, because of the

Typos' closeness to the C.I.O.

al and cannery industry.

Labor Council.

the split through.

Ban On C.I.O.

# **WON'T WORK** SCAB SHIPS

Grace Liner Puts In At Ensenada

(Continued From Page One)

along with the shipowners and who, through his 500 gangsters, is forcing the I.L.A. members on the East and Gulf Coast to work not only struck East Coast ships, but also ships owned by companies against which the Pacific Coast I.L.A. is striking."

There could be no worse time to pull such actions, said Bridges. 'And I can't think of a worse time for the A.F.L. convention to back a few crooked officials and outlaw a strike participated in by 90 per cent of the seamen's union members on the East and Gulf Coasts."

They Aid West Coast Employers "The I.L.A. on the Pacific Coast will make it known to the world that we don't care for such tactics. Because of such tactics the employers on the West Coast are sitting down, waiting for the International officers on the East Coast to break the strike there, until they crack down on us here."

The great ovation which met Bridges' talk only corroborated the great support organized labor is prepared to give the maritime unions for their basic de

Donations to the maritime trikers' relief fund, announced erore Bridges spoke, included 3250 from the Cooks' Union; \$250 from the Chauffeurs; \$100 from the Laundry Workers (who are considering strike action themselves); \$100 from the Waiters; \$100 from the Bakery Wagon Drivers as a starter; \$10 a week Commission, the reactionaries from the Boot and Shoe Work ers; \$20 from the young and for federal action to break the struggling Can Workers; \$5 a week from the young Filling Station Employees' Union; \$10 a George Woolf, San Francisco week from the Auto Mechanics. Scalers Union delegate being Bridges thanked the unions

for their splendid support. Bakers Union local 24 donated \$500 to the strike, and efforts to fore the convention calling for postpone the donation until tr strikers asked for it were ove. whelmingly defeated. The members went on record for an assessment when the strikers call tor further aid.

Bridges was sharp in his attacks on Mayor Rossi's actions in Washington, where Rossi, with other West Coast seaport mayors, demanded arbitration of Federation of Labor and Sue basic demands which mean the life of the unions." Rossi, true to his record, lined up with shipowners and scabherders.

### Unions' Big Concession

"The longshoremen are being The committee was formed asked to arbitrate what they arthrough caucuses of progresbitrated two years ago," he said. The shipowners want to take The adopted resolution, declarsomething away that we already ing the Amalgamated Clothing have, and we don't see it that Workers union label unfair, was way (hiring hall and 6-hour,

Showing how the maritim unions are still making eve reasonable effort for a peaceable solution, Bridges told how in the few years the unlicensed seagoing unions have had full control of the hiring halls, but were now ready to make a concession in the shape of hiring halls manned by a Port Committee, consisting of a man from each side, plus a representative of the Department of Labor.

Despite such a big concession, the shipowners' answer is that they want to hire or fire any man they desire-which would mark a return of blacklisting. Not all the shipowners have persisted in this arrogant attitude, Bridges pointed out, but the obstacle to peaceful settle--the American-Hawaiian, Dol

"Shipowners have told me that these three want, they wouldn't settle the strike. They are blind

the homes of active Rubber declares that the present relief rine Engineers, Ship Scalers, the borners on the homes of active Rubber declares that the present relief rine Engineers, Ship Scalers, the borners on the same question concerning expected to have great weight the picket line for the first time on his decision.

### Tax Refund Grab By Rich Is Fought By Small Homeowners LOS ANGELES-District At-LOS ANGELES-Plans of

half of Gallagher should be sent or Frank F. Merriam may be group of large property holdlinked with the bribery trial of ers to engineer huge tax refunds "Queen Helen" Werner and Er- from the city and county treaswin "Petticoat Pete" Werner, uries were going haywire here and Joseph Weinblatt, so-called last week, because news of the ment is the so-called "Big three" ganized that they are prepared fixture of the Maritime Federa- "big time" politicians in Los plot received widespread publicity and thousands of small lar and Matson lines. the shippers propose to carry available when other strikes or This was indicated here last homeowners descended upon the out their plans for a long time lock-outs occur, which the men Friday as questioning of pros- Hall of Records here to file even if we agreed to everything their claims.

"If the political fortunes of Superior Judge Fletcher Bow-Recreation Center, where sever- the relief kitchen include the Fitts are advanced or retarded ron is scheduled to hand down a in their hatred of the unions." AKRON, Ohio—Two racket— al bunks may be installed should Sailors' Union of the Pacific, by the evidence in this case, will decision on the tax refunds on the strike last much longer. Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks, it affect your verdict?" asked November 20th, and the reac-In any event, the committee Masters, Mates and Pilots, Ma- Attorney Hanna. He then asked tion of the small howeveners is this strike sees the masters on

# A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

SHEPARD STEAMBHIP CO.

THE UNITED OCEAN TRANSPORT CO. LID.

# MEN HIRED FOR E. COAST SCABS

Real Criminal Types Sent Out of Chicago to Atlantic Ports

CHICAGO - Inexperienced men, some of them knowing nothing about the sea, are being shipped to the Atlantic coast ports to take the place of striking union seamen by representatives of the struck shipping lines. While the ads for scabs call for able bodied seamen, most of them interviewed had little or no experience. But Capt, Johnson of the United States Lines signed them up just the same at the Great Northern Hotel.

The Great Northern is a favorite of union men, especially railroaders, and may be smearing itself more than it realizes by becoming a fink and a scab hangout.

One crew left Johnson's suite with all expenses paid to New York and the promise of a 42day cruise to South America. Wipers on the crew are to get \$62.50 per month. "We are not at all interested in the strike," Johnson declared.

One man who signed up volunteered the information that he was just three days out of a Chicago jail and had never before been on a ship of any He was supplied with papers to show that he had been on a West Indies cruise. Another, very young, had had

just three months on lake boats. "Only connection I had with boats," said a third," was when I used to frisk sailors coming off the lake at the end of the season and going into the bunkhouses on the main stem on West Madison street."

The scabs were promised union cards without charge. This is because the international officers of the International Seaors Union of the Great Lakes said the strike was led by "radicals, rats and nuts."

### San Diego off by Itself, But Solid

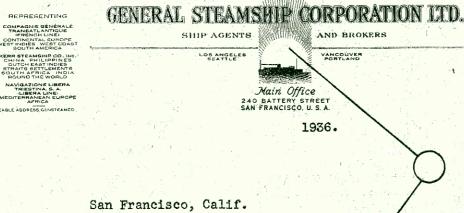
SAN DIEGO-This city is the southernmost point affected by the West Coast maritime strike, but the strike is just as solid here as elsewhere up and down the Coast. Soup Kitchen Set Up

The San Diego longshoremen have established a soup kitchen in the I.L.A. Hall, near the Santa Fe wharf. Some of the packed. food was being purchased by the strikers, but a great deal Diego markets and cafeterias, is a great deal of sympathy with

the strikers' cause. about 150 men.

Strikers refused to bring ice

WHY A UNITED FRONT OF WORKERS IS NECESSARY



Dear Sirs:

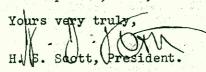
As a member of the Membership Committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, it was brought to my attention that your firm is not a member, and the purpose of this letter is to impress upon you the necessity for a united front of business interests during these critical times.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is staffed and equipped to represent the business interests of San Francisco in a most creditable way, and it seems to the writer that it is the duty of all business men to lend their support to this organization.

I am taking the liberty of asking one of the contact men of the Chamber to call upon you, and would greatly appreciate your giving him at least a few minutes of your valuable time.

May I urge that you give this matter of membership your prompt consideration.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am,



HSS:RFS

THIS SHOWS you how the shipping interest, are diligently building their own united front tiating committee: against the workers. The letter was sent to a S n Francisco business firm. The answer from all abor must be a united front around the maritim, workers in defense of their unions, which means sections dealing specifically with he defense of all trace unionism.

al gains made during the bloody and ocean mail contracts found. three months strike in 1934.

meeting of seamen, firemen, to June 30, 1934. did and the meeting hall was 871,257.

quarters, pledging themselves to mail subsidies. men's auxiliary of the I.L.A., to scab on their West Coast broth- lett & Company.

Relief Kitchen Open

aboard the strike-bound freight- The strikers' relief kitchen man, salary, dividends and exer Wilkeno, but agree to take opened on Queen Street with penses, \$1,312,605, from 1926 to the food off if it is donated to ample facilities to feed the 800 1934 inclusive.

### Huge "Salaries" Gobbled Up by Ship Owners in Default to U.S. Govt.

(Maritime News Service)

strike, which is run by the rank and filers. Refusing to be quoted directly, officers of the Sail
Give Their Aid

WASHINGTON—Obligations of the subsidized ship companies abuses of the past and make human fiving conditions on the job.

last and not to the government that made their profits possible, a curvey of concerns excelling in this practice released here. survey of concerns excelling in this practice released here reveals. ties of ratings two extra pages

While delinquencies of these \*at least 700 Hawaiian longshore- chased at exceedingly low fig- the government and it has conmen in the ports of Hilo and totaled \$3,852,699 on December the present the pr Honolulu, have pledged their 31, 1934, they were still taking International Mercantile Masolidarity with more than 39,000 out huge profits for company ofmembers of the Maritime Fed- ficers and their aides, the report sive, paid more than \$754,000 to eration of the Pacific in a com- prepared by the Senate investi- legal concerns; from 1920 to mon fight to protect fundament- gating committee on air-mail 1933, it paid P. A. S. Franklin,

strike here again pledged their bert Fleshhacker, a total of 1932; Basil Harris \$15,000 in unanimous support at a joint \$2,762,257 from January 1, 1929, 1928, 1929 and 1930, \$20,551 in the Unon.

stewards and longshoremen. The Meanwhlie, they piled up gov- mit Roosevelt \$15,000 in 1928,

Carribean Steam Navigation of it is being donated by San been pouring into union head- from 1929 to 1935, inclusive, in

fight common to all. More than were reported by the company A light breakfast and two have joined the struggle and in officers, including \$133,333 as full-sized meals are being serv- Hilo, the entire longshore per- "management fees" to its pared daily by members of the wo- sonnel of 300 has refused to ent holding company, Bliss-Dal-

paid its president, Henry Herb- from 1926 to 1934, inclusive.

HONOLULU — Eight hundred concerns in their payments to pany found it necessary to start maritime unionists, supported by the government for ships purdefaulting on its obligations to

months strike in 1934.

Morale Good

maritime unionists on Dollar, H. M. Lorber and Her
Dollar Steamship Company Franklin, son of the president, \$1,506,710, 3. M. Franklin, son of the president, \$15,000 in 1928, 1929 and 1930, \$20,551 in 1931, and \$28,004 in 1931 and \$28,004 in 1932; Kermorale of the men was splen-ernment delinquencies of \$1,-, 1929 and 1930, \$20,551 in 1931, and \$28,100 in 1932.

In addition 26 other officials Since the strike call, hundreds Company, known as the "Red drew an average of more than of island longshoremen have D Line," received \$1,373,978 \$13,00 from 1928 to 1933.

Meanwhile, delinquencies to the government started in 1932 for among the merchants there support the West Coast in a Despite this subsidy losses until at present two of its lines, American Lines Steamship Cor-400 Honolulu longshoremen because of large salaries paid poration and Baltimore Mail Steamship Company, are entirely

delinquent. \$1,509,460 in salaries and com-Export Steamship Corporation missions to eight executives

\$465,000; Carlos W. Munson, By February, 1917, the com- received bonuses totaling \$32,- on \$205,200 payments.

# FIREMEN HAVE EARL KING IN 2FUNDAMENTAL HIGH PRAISE TO DEMANDS NOW ILA

For Their Various Classifications

SAN FRANCISCO—The Marine

the proposed agreements, which
the operators rejected:
Wages (Per Month)
Oilers\$ 90
Watertenders 90 Firemen 90
Wipers 90
Firemen, W. T. 90
Storekeeper
Reefer Engineer, 1st 160
Reefer Engineer, 3rd
Electrician, 1st
Electrician, 2nd 125
Electrician, 3rd
Machinist Deck Engineer 120
Boilermaker 120
Plumber 120
Plumber 120 Deck Engineer 120
Overtime rate shall be \$1.00
per hour.
According to Walter Stack,
Firemen's member of the nego-

"The agreement contains four the following points:

- 1. Living conditions. 2. Quarters.
- Messrooms. 4. Washrooms.
- Working rules and duties of ratings.

"These above conditions are outlined in the most minute detail covering several long pages, WASHINGTON—Obligations of the subsidized ship companies seeking to eliminate all the abuses of the past and make hu-

are devoted with the intent of clarifying every single question which has been open to misinterpretation in the past, and to

"July 5th is in the section "The conditions of employ-

ment section contains among president, \$1,952,410; J. M. others, the following clauses: "Preference of employment shall be given members of the Union and all hiring shall be

"No man shall be required to work under unsafe conditions, behind picket lines or at any dock involved in labor trouble, or where armed guards are emtrouble.

are included in this section.

"If we continue to stick to-Plant to scare us, we will have strike relief committee. an agreement that will be a long Munson Steamship Line paid step forward in our aim to make widen their organizational acti-Seamen's conditions what they vities was made by Wm. Craft, should be."

Frank C. Munson received 400 and \$20,000, respectively. Meanwhile, the company de-\$329,000, and in addition both faulted to the Shipping Board Western Worker a real page but were referred to the San data on the activities of this and

# List Wage Demands Women Will Assist in Fight to Free The

Frameup Victims

SAN FRANCISCO-"A strong Firemen's Union is one of the Auxiliary is one of the best askey unions in the West Coast sets any union can have," was maritime strike. Besides the the opinion of Brother Earl basic demands of elimination of King when interviewed by the optional overtime and substitu- Publicity Committee of the I.L. tion of cash overtime in its A. Ladies' Auxiliary No. 3 in the Commissary, which has been place, and shipping through the the Alameda County Jail. "To union hiring hall the firemen gether with Brothers Ramsev presented the following demands and Conners, I have heard with to off-shore operators as part of great interest of the splendid work the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 has been doing in this

King stated, "that many times mittee. the employers have tried to break strikes by reaching the iliary at 111 Jones Street are a women with defeatest propagan- beehive of activity. The Auxiliary da, but this is impossible when is at this time engaged in an the women are organized into extensive membership drive and strong auxiliaries. Not only are is inviting all wives, mothers, they thus able to learn trade sisters and daughters of I.L.A. unionism themselves but they men to join in the work the are able to teach their children Auxiliary is doing. how to become good trade un-

ionists." "The fact that members of the auxiliary have been seated on various committees during this strike is a very progressive step. At one time the trade union movement tried to exclude Negro and foreign-born workers, but today we are all proud to have our Negro and foreign-born the Pacific, District Council No. brothers in our ranks. And just as we need each and every man show at the Wilmington Bowl purposeful measures to convert who works in the trade union next Wednesday, November 25. unemployed ex-soldiers into movement so do we need the The program includes eight am- shipowners' thugs, Dr. Charles women organized into unions and auxiliaries. They, too, suf- Matches. The boxing bouts will reau's board of directors, of fer from bad working conditions and low wages."

Women Will Fight Frameup ing many of the Auxiliary mem- son, Jacky Fields and others. bers present at my trial. I

know that if the women will assist in the task of gaining an ers Ramsey, Conner and myself, they will assist us in securing

our freedom." "Again, I want to emphasize that the participation of the women in the efforts to win this strike is an important progressive move... I hope every woman who is eligible to join the auxiliaries will be formed for every craft not now having them."

"Solidarity is our greatest weapon-the solidarity of all the workers, both men and wo-

### done directly from the office of dawaii Joint Land **Board Aids Strike**

HONOLULU — At a special meeting of the Joint Labor ployed as a result of labor Board delegates representing nine island unions agreed to "Strong clauses on shipwreck, seek support for the striking gested that the striking unions discrimination, and ship lay-ups maritime workers from their respective unions.

The appeal for aid was made gether, and not permit Tear Gas by Brother J. F. Bell of the An appeal to the Board to

International Longshoremen's Association District Organizer.

Make the Labor Page of the

### ILA Auxiliary in Responsibility for Families' Aid

SAN FRANCISCO-The fact that the women really can help win a strike is daily being recognized by more of the striking maritime workers. While the men are picketing the docks, many women are doing their "picket duty" by helping the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 to carry out the many duties it has assumed at this time.

Realizing the necessity of relief for strikers' families, ILA Auxiliary No. 3 has assumed full responsibility for the administering of emergency relief for all maritime unions. Daily more families are being helped through et up through the efforts of the

Not only have the women been seated on the Joint Maritime Relief Committee, but the Auxiliary Publicity Committee was welcomed as delegates to the "It is a known fact" Earl Joint Maritime Publicity Com-

The headquarters of the Aux-

The Maritime Federation of 4, is sponsoring a big benefit ateur Bouts and two Wrestling W. Decker, chairman of the bube referred by the following which Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz former World Champions: Jim is also a member, had the im-Jeffries, Tommy Ryan, Bill Pap- pudence to declare that the "I am looking forward to see- ke, Fidel LaBarbra, Jack Thomp- agency "is taking no sides."

The special committee that lic opinion on the side of Broth out a plan for co-overating with the Teamsters in their organizational drive brought back a re taking no sides." port yesterday which was approved by the joint committee. Under the approved plan, the members of the striking maritime unions will be able to render much valuable aid to the there is no record of any action-Teamsters. The Teamsters are being taken or even contemtrying to discourage any non-un- plated. ion men from trucking in this area and the lumber workers and reefers being in accord with them, have decided not to load Shippers Aided by them, have decided not to load trucks of any non-union drivers.

Some of our brother officials were hard at work in Los Angeles on the perishable cargo question, they were approached on a couple of ships, and four carrying corn. The shuppers sugform a little company of their own and move off the corn for a consideration of \$1.50 per ton. (The price for this work before the strike began was somewhere around 40 cents a ton). The ship-| per suggested that if the unions relief kitty. The owner of the country. corn was told that there was no Hearings after only scratching of, by and for organized labor. Francisco negotiating committee similar groups were aired.

Vets Bureau Aided By Community Chest Supplies Scabs

LOS ANGELES - Supported by Community Chest funds, that are solicited from the public on the pleat of aiding starving children, the Central Employment Bureau for Veterans here for the past several weeks has been recruiting unemployed ex-service men for the World-Wide Detective Agency to be used as Maritime strikebreakers.

"GUARD DUTY - STRIKE" CONDITIONS—\$6.00 A DAY. "After you have made application at the World Wide Detective Agency, do not report here. This office will be notified

when you are needed and your names will be posted on the bulletin board." This is the message that Veterans' institution, located at

adorns the bulletin board of the 413 E .10th Street, and which cost the Community Chest \$11,5 000 last year.

Claim "Neutrality"

Authoritative information states that George Dykes, manager of the "fink" hall, esti-mated that 200 veterans had been recruited for the World Wide Detective Agency to be hired as strikebreakers.

In spite of the glaring and

Neither W. J. Whitmer, another director, or D. C. Mc-Whorter, of the Community was elected by the Joint Cen- Chest, could be pinned down to ever-increasing amount of pub- tral Strike Committee to work a definite position of the issue, both resorting to the apparently well-rehearsed lines: "We are

Although the executive board of the Central Labor Council has, self-admittedly, known of the situation for some time,

# industrial Assn.

SAN FRANCISCO-In their by a shipper who said he had effort to break the maritime about 20,000 tons of corn he was unions here, shipowners work worrying about. Some of this hand in glove with an organicorn is tied up in the harbor zation that specializes in that business, it was revealed recentmore ships are on the way, also ly in Washington at the Senator La Follette committee hearings.

The Industrial Association of San Francisco is the organization formed specifically for that

Employ Gunmen

How they employ gunmen, scabs and racketeers was borne would go for this, they could out in testimony regarding other clean up about \$20,000 for the similar agencies throughout the

such possibility, whatever, of the surface were postponed unsuch a proposal being entertained til November, when further

# The Why's and the Wherefores of the West Coast Maritime Workers' Strike

ion history by its unprecedent- striking for? ed solidarity between craft unions involved, by its demonstration of the superiority of prog- present conditions? ressive leadership and demoby its challenge to reactionary ed immediately afterward: shipping interests who have been the greatest beneficiaries of government subsidy.

Because of the number of unions involved, and the territory fore the strike. covered, its actual organization on an efficient basis sets a precedent for the labor move-

found in many walks of life and had the option of giving time throughout the labor movement. off at his own convenience, A whole volume could be which usually was not in a written on mechanical details home port. alone, and a series of volumes on its background.

Outstanding Facts Here are some of the outstanding facts regarding the Sailors. strike, answering most of the

The West Coast affiliates of

International Longshoremen's These conditions prevailed be-

Sailors' Union of the Pacific Union hiring hall and cash payment for overtime. Cash over- Association. Preference of emtime pay would be the only change Sympathy for the strike is Before the strike the employer scale. Uniform manning scale damental issues on which the a sympathy strike, but a strike which operates a joint mess West Coast ports.

> Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Associaovertime pay. Same situation as new.

Marine Cooks and Stewards. questions on which there is con- Eight-hour day and decent, trate, as proposed by the may-

1 Strike is making trade un- and what, specifically, are they partment worked 10 to 12 hours cratic control over the tradi- the following unions are on the catering department, are no- seeing the employers present de- solidarity possible.

> Masters, Mates and Pilots Association. Union control of Preference of employment and are merely for the retention of hiring hall and six hour day cash for overtime. Heretofore conditions granted to the workabout 85 per cent of the li-ers by arbitration in 1934. The

luxurious passenger boats.

Marine Engineers' Beneficial ployment and uniform manning engineers to allow an eight-hour

tion. Union hiring hall and cash and eight hour day. Nothing are me.t

Why Don't Arbitrate 2. Why don't the unions arbi- negotiations?

tional bureaucratic methods, and strike, with their demands list- toriously bad, especially on the mands and then demand that Most of the strikers' demands

tions asked by the unions?

the elimination of the unions.

with the Federation, but only for solidarity strike action, it cation. Because the questions involve with the individual unions, will be the responsibility of the 7. How many ships are tied gram or letter, that pressure be daily subject to call virtually any not merely points of difference, whose various negotiating com- employers. Are the demands for new time. They want it cut to 8 but the continued existence of mittees were co-ordinated by a 6. How is the strike organconcessions, or for retaining hours within a spread of 12 unions. Assistant Secretary of Joint Maritime Negotiating Com- ized? hours. This still means 7 days a Labor Edward McGrady said: mittee. However, it was the Each local union has its own ships are tied up in addition to the strikers. Demand of the week. Quarters, especially for "This is my first experience in Federation which made their strike committee. These com- an undetermined number of government that subsidies be

> tie-up in order. About 39,000 are on strike.

3. Are these the only condi- action. The strike of the halls. Each local has a relief now. All effected ships, at sea committees, with funds, cloth-Warchousemen and shipyard commttee, co-ordinated by the when the strike was called, are No. In addition to those fun- workers in San Francisco is not joint committee in each port being tied up on their arrival in striking seagoing workers. means enforcing the maritime strike vote was taken, the un- for the separate demands of hall. The co-ordinating agency higher wages and other condi- workers on their own initiative Joint Policy Committee. Local in the event the employers at- Francisco, and Seattle, have inhabitable living quarters. Here- ors, chambers of commerce and never been asked to negotiate the strikers are forced to appeal sure rapid, convenient communi- First, demand of the govern- strike.

law which requires sufficient ions retain their demands for those workers. Eastern maritime on a coastwide scale is the Administration taken? tion of the Pacific figure in the they can undoubtedly call out time Federation, San Pedro, San strikers to arbitrate.

up? Is all shipping stopped?

port is co-ordinated by the joint canneries. Honolulu is affect- seagoing workers. censed officers belong to the un- employers' real demand is for Other unions have not yet been committee, but pickets are dis- ed, two big liners and some called upon to take sympathy patched from their local union other craft being tied up there

ment, through resolution, teleput on shipowners, especially The strike is 100 per cent ef- those subsidized by the governfective. About 150 West Coast ment, to grant the demands of mittees are co-ordinated in each ships on the East Coast and withheld from shipping compa-5. How many are on strike? port by Joint Maritime Strike Gulf. The oil tankers and fish- nies who do not meet these dethose demands be arbitrated." Have other unions been called Committees, paralleling the or- ing boats are not affected, ex- mands, pointing out that one of upon for assistance? Is the ganizations of the district coun- cept that the Fishermen's Union the stated purposes of the substrike spreading? Is a general cils of the Maritime Federation, in San Pedro has gone on strike sidies is to enable the shippers but larger picketing in each for its own demands on the to better that conditions of the Second. Aid the strikers di-

rectly through their local relief

Third. Invite a representa-8. What position has the tive of your nearest Joint Marine Strike Committee to speak It has taken no decisive action before your union or organizations. On these questions they are taking strike action both in arrangements in Portland differ since the strike began. Heavy tion to outline the position of American Radio Telegraphists' are willing to enter negotia- sympathy and for their own de- from those in the other ports, pressure is being exerted by a the strikers and report on its Association. Union hiring hall tions after the basic demands mands. The striking West Coast although their co-ordination is group of mayors, backed by latest developments. Urge your maritime unions have not begun being maintained. Three of the chambers of commerce and big organization, or local union, or 4. Does the Maritime Federa- to utilize the reserves which district councils of the Mari- business generally to force the central labor body to endorse 9. What can unions and in-pledge its support in the event No. The employers have tempt to break the strike. If stalled teletype machines to in- dividuals do to help the strike? of an attempt to break the

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### Recognition of Franco Step Toward War

RECOGNITION of the "government" of the Fascist General Francisco Franco by Hitler and Mussolini was an act of des-

The stubborn and heroic defense of Madrid by the Spanish government militia, which had been scheduled by the Fascists to fall weeks ago, prompted this open move of support to Franco and denunciation of the legally established, constitutional government of Spain. Originally, Italy and Germany planned recognition of the Fascist invaders only upon the fall of Madrid.

This brazen act by Hitler and Mussolini constitutes a public announcement of a policy which had been followed surreptitiously since the beginning of the Fascist putsch, through actively aiding the forces of Franco by shipments of munitions, planes, tanks, and soldiers.

This step opens the way for open military aid to Franco, in a determined drive to crush the forces of Spanish democracy. Soon after the act of formal recognition Italy already hinted this was a possibility although Hitler remained significantly silent on this

The full significance of this move is hinted at by the message of Mussolini to the Fascist grand council where, at the same time he declared that recognition was jointly agreed upon by Italy and Germany because of politcal interests identical with those of Franco, he urged the immediate acceleration of Italy's military preparations, especially in the air and on sea.

This step comes on the heels of the signing of a pact between Germany and Japan, for the admitted purpose of forming an anti-Communist bloc, and the arrest of 23 German citizens in the Soviet Union as spies and saboteurs.

The sending of Fascist agents into the Soviet Union, formation of anti-Communist blocs, and now, the recognition of the murderous Franco banditry are steps in the drive of the Fascist powers for a war of aggression, directed not only against the Soviet Union, but at European democracy as a

How long will Britain continue to play into the hands of Nazi diplomacy? How much longer can the Blum government of France refuse to recognize in practice the democratic government of Spain?

### Trotzkyites Aid Franco!

W/HILE the men and women of Madrid are heroically defending world democracy in face of a ruthless Fascist offensive whose forces are armed with the deadliest of weapons; while women and children of Madrid are being slaughtered from the air by Fascist incendiary bombs; while progressive and democratic forces throughout the world are rallying to support their Spanish comrades-vicious little nests of Trotzkyites are busily trying to stab the Spanish workers in the back!

At recent meetings held in California where delegates from the Spanish Republic told of the significance of the struggle against Fascism in Spain and enlisted aid for the Spanish workers, these Trotzkyite reptiles were spreading their venom, in the form of leaflets attacking the Popular Front Government of Spain.

The Spanish peasants, the Trotzkyites declare, would "go over to the defense of Madrid against the Fascists if they really had something to fight for." (Emphasis mine-Ed.) According to Trotzkyite politics, the defense of democracy against the horrors of Fascism is not worth fighting for!

The Trotzkyites, with equal political "acumen," call for immediate freedom to Morocco-at the time when Morocco is completely dominated and controlled by the Fascists!

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"The present democratic government blocks this road" (to the solution of the problems in Spain-Ed.), declares a Trotzkyite leaflet! This government, they rave, "is opposed to the interests of the Spanish

This attack against the Spanish government is surely welcomed by Fascist forces throughout the world. No wonder Father Coughlin, pro-Fascist ex-radio priest, devotes the columns of his organ, "Social Justice," to praise of Trotzky and Trotzkyism!

And this sort of poisonous tripe is being put out in the name of the Socialist Party This, while hundreds of real Socialists are fighting and dying side by side with Communists and other workers in Spain, in defense of democracy!

When will the real Socialists in the Socialist Party move to rid their party of this

### Who are the "Undesirables?"

I OS ANGELES authorities have announced that in carrying out their blockade of Southern California to prevent the entry into the state of migratory, unemployed workers -cynically referred to as the "bum blockade"-only "men of judgment" would be assigned to the border patrol, men who are capable of distinguishing between undesirables and prospective good citizens of the

When this blockade was announced, the capitalist press treated it as a funny incident; we, however, failed to see anything humorous in this move, aimed against the working class, used as a basis for establishing concentration camps for forced labor. But now we have discovered, in the statement quoted above, the hilarious side of the story.

We cite the report of the Wickersham Commission, for example: Of 1712 Los Angeles policemen given intelligence tests, only 9 were found to possess the minimum standard required for a competent officer; the vast majority of them were rated at mental ages running from 5 to 10 years!

And these are the men-along with sheriff's deputies, who rate equally high-who are entrusted with safeguarding the high level of California citizenship!

### Lobbyists are Busy

T OBBYISTS representing transportation, oil, and insurance interests are already on the job, six weeks before the new state legislature convenes. They are busily calling upon newly elected Assemblymen; some Assemblymen are being reminded of financial contributions made toward their campaign; others are being told, diplomatically, that "there are ways" of meeting campaign

All this scurrying around to sound out, and "reach," if possible, the new legislators, is in order to assure favorable action of legislation favorable to the interests of largescale employers of labor, and unfavorable action of pro-labor measures.

Where are the lobbyists for the peopleand what are they doing to defeat the plans of the reactionaries?

The people's lobbyists are the quarter of a million trade unionists of the state, the tens of thousands of small farmers organized in farm organizations, the people in the Epic and Townsend movements, the organized unemployed and W.P.A. workers. Surely, if the forces combine their strength on the basis of a common platform of progressive pro-labor bills-measures which would safeguard the democratic rights of the peoplethey could defeat the reactionary program of the legislator-buying industrialists and finan-

Let us have unity of all labor, farm and progressive forces in a People's Lobby for progressive legislation!

## The Associated Press

October 31, 1936.

GÉNÉRAL OFFICE 383 MÁDISON AVENUE AT 467H ST. NEW YORK, N. Y.

Miss Jessie Lloyd O'Connor, 364 West 26th Street, New' York, N. Y.

Dear Miss O'Connor:

Please let me tell you at the start that you are a very vigilant critic and that you are right on one point only in your letter of October 30.

The story from Lisbon of which you sent me a clipping, speaking of the "Fascist Spanish Government" was corrected 21 minutes after it was sent out. Just as soon as the error was discovered a message was sent on all wires to make it the "provisional" government.

That, I am sure you will agree, shows intent to be truthful. There always is a certain percentage of errors but the person or organization who tries to correct errors is to be commended and not condemned.

You are mistaken in your other various accusations about suppression of the truth. The Associated Press used the terms "government socialists" for the Madrid government and "Fascists" and "Fascist insurgents" for the other side. The only reason the word rebel is not used is because The AP has American correspondents in Spain who have been told at Fascist headquarters they would be punished if the term "rebel" were applied to the insurgent

The Associated Press values the safety of its men more than it does a particular word especially when there is no sacrifice of principle. To call the Fascists "insurgents" does not leave anyone in doubt as to their position. The term "loyalists" is not used.

Don't you agree, after all, that it is you who are showing considerable bias ?

THIS LETTER from the Associated Press speaks for itself. So remember, when you see pro-Fascist news from Spain it's highly colored.

# San Francisco Has Shown the Way - Others Can Do It

not really get into motion until personally to carry these plans being handled and assimilated the last part of September, and out.

730 new fighters for the reour Party during the first half mediately to a New Members This means that in the short period of seven weeks, 25 permittee of our Party to Double see what tremendous possibiliother 75 percent of our membership had also utilized these possibilities—we would have doubcan expect to have at least ably a trade unionist.

5000 Communists in California, Another important part of the Drive is the composition of the recruits. Out of 730 new comrades, 282 are in the A.F. of L. 166 are women; 42 are youth, and 32 are Negroes. Of course, this can still be improved, especially to Negroes and trade

San Francisco Heads

San Francisco County leads the whole State in all respects. Out of the total 730 recruits, San Francisco County, with 500 dues paying members to start, recruited over 250, thus fulfilling their goal for Nov. 7th. Out of these 250, 170 are in the A.F. of L.; 49 are Women; 12 are Negroes; County Committee, sections, branches and units, the San Erancisco Party will achieve its ob-Party, but will also strengthen bers, recruited only 12. the whole labor movement in San Francisco. In order that the San Fran-

cisco experiences may be of tive, and has more than doubled help to other Counties, Sections its membership already. and units, we want to mention The above-mentioned sections rying on the fight every day in San Francisco Section has been ful as San Francisco and Baksuccessful in fulfilling the first ersfield if they had taken the half of their quota:

the very start set up a func- tions sent out by the State Memtioning Membership Drive Com- bership Drive Committee. In this every Party organization from Central Committee statement number of our members whose mittee, of which the County respect, especially Los Angeles the highest to the lowest, and says, "Our influence has been personal work and example was Organizer, Comrade Spector, is and Oakland and San Diego mobilize every Party member to increased. Our membership has instrumental in making our Par-

the Browder-Ford Membership ing up on the progress of the I Drive is so far the most Drive in each section, branch A great shortcoming in the successful recruiting drive we and unit, but it also works out Drive is that so far the 730 new have ever conducted in Califor- further practical plans on the members are not reflected in nia, particularly when we con- basis of the possibilities that our dues payments. This snows sider the fact that the Drive did exist for recruiting, and helps that these new comrades are not

icipating actively in this Drive. on the agenda at every meeting. 3. New applicants are checked volutionary movement came into without delay and assigned im-

Open Meetings

adopted by the California State in and recruited. Small group Committee and the Central Com- meetings of contacts are also held, where leading comrades the Membership. We can easily discuss with them their problems, and why they should join ties exist for recruiting if the our Party to help solve these problems. These meetings have been very resultful.

5. Each Party member is urged led the membership long before and encouraged to concentrate in San Francisco, and 3 in Ala-Jan 21, 1937, the day which we on one contact at a time, prefer-

6. The prizes are popularized, and revolutionary competition encouraged. 7. Above all, all other cam-

paigns are planned and organ-

ized around the recruiting drive Here we want to mention the results of some of the major sections, compared with the San Francisco Section, in the Recruiting Drive. While San Francisco, with 500 members, recruited more than 50% of their quota up to Nov. 7th, Los Angeles, with 1500 members, recruited only 276. Oakland, with 250 members recruited only 72. San Diego with 150 members recruited only 13. San Bernardino with 75 mem bers, recruited only 11. Sacraand ten are young workers. Ac- mento with 75 members, rejective and bring in an additional bers, recruited only 5. Sonoma, ture members of our Party were absentees and register them. 250 new comrades into the Party with 45 members, recruited 5. contacted during the election bringing their membership to not recruited one single new our literature—by house 1000 dues-paying members. This member since the beginning of house work—at our street and will not only strengthen the the Drive. Merced, with 45 mem-

Of the other smaller sections, Bakersfield is the only one which really showed Bolshevik initia-

some of the reasons why the could have been just as success- the year. Drive seriously and used the 1. The County Committee from splendid material and sugges-

properly into the units and made so far, only about 700 to 800 com-rades (about 25 per cent of the membership) are actually par-cruiting Drive as a regular point to feel that the Party is their Party and given a chance to take part in the day-to-day ac-

These new comrades also have of the Drive, up to Nov. 7th. Unit or New Members Class. during this Drive. This should be the first main assignment to 4. Open unit or Branch meet- each one of them-that is, the cent of the Party members did ings are regularly held, to which task of bringing into the Party, their part to fulfill the slogan prospective members are brought with our help, their friends, shopmates and relatives. Our new recruits can be one of the best means of fulfilling our Enrollment quotas.

Another major shortcoming in the present drive is the need of strengthening the existing shop units, and organizing ten new shop units, 4 in Los Angeles, 3 meda County, by January 1st, on the basis of the decision made at our last District Convention. Special attention must be paid to this important phase of building the Party during the next

few weeks in the shops. The November elections created splendid possibilities, and brought new forces closer to our Party who are waiting for us to reach them and bring them into the Party. 25,000 friends of our Party voted for our Communist candidates in California. Many more of our friends voted for Roosevelt as they were afraid are still carrying membership conceivable means and possibil of the possibility that the reac- books but who have become in- ity of creating enthusiasm and tionary fascist Hearst candidates active for one reason or another. might be elected.

indoor meetings, and by our radio broadcasts. We promised them that we Communists are not only fighting during the elections for economic and political demands for the toiling people, That promise we can and must

prove to our friends by having, first political discussions on the Resolution on the elections in membership. That is why our February 6-7 will contain a great a inember. This committee not Counties must speed up their recontact these thousands of grown. It is our task to build ty in California a mass Party.

# "UNBIASED NEWS"—COLORED TO SUIT SPAIN FASCISTS AN APPEAL TO SOCIALISTS FOR UNITY TO AID SPAIN

Communist Party Central Committee Urges That S.P. Ranks Be Cleansed of Trotskyite Enemies of Workingclass

STATEMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

ON THE occasion of the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—the Communist Party issued an urgent appeal to the Socialist Party for joint action.

Urging above all the building of a united front for the support of the heroic Spanish people in their struggle against Fascism, the Communist Party also appeals to the Socialist Party to cleanse itself of distructive Trotzkyist elements.

The Communist Party's appeal follows: National Executive Committee, Socialist Party,

New York, N. Y. Dear Comrades:

The present session of your National Executive Committee will no doubt be devoted to mapping out a course of action for the Socialist Party in the coming months. In the interests of collaboration and joint action between our two parties, we should like to place before you a number of propositions which will guide the activities of the Communist Party during the same period.

AS A RESULT of the serious blow suffered by reaction in the presidential elections, brought about largely by the organized political efforts of labor and its allies, the American working class is manifesting a new feeling of confidence in its strength... The American workers have begun to demonstrate a growing consciousness of the opportunities for advancement that lie before them and an increasing determination to organize their independent power, economically and politically, to make full use of these opportunities... This development we anticipated. This was what we worked for. Manifestly, our election policy has been thus proven fully correct.

The great task of the moment is to nelp labor and its allies to march forward to greater independence of action on all fields of the class struggle; in the organization of the unorganized in the basic industries to secure higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions; in the further promotion of the political realignment which is now taking place, the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, to fight effectively for the legislative demands of the masses; in the building up of an American People's peace movement to struggle against the war makers and for peace. And most immediate is the task of combatting the attempt of the reactionaries to split the American Federation of Labor, the task of struggle for a united and powerful A.F.L. built on industrial

These tasks confront both your Party and ours. It is the task of helping the masses to fight effectively for the realization of the people's mandate in the elections. This brings up forcefully the question of the united front between the Socialist and Communist Parties.

INITY OF ACTION between Socialists and Communists is  $oldsymbol{\cup}$  called for in the unions, in the shops and on the farms, among the unemployed, among the youth, Negroes and women. It is called for in the struggle for the unity of the A. F. L., in the building of the Farmer-Labor Party as well as of the peace movement.

It is called for most urgently in mobilizing the support of the American people for the Spanish people in their glorious struggle against the Fascist murderers.

For the good of the American people and their fight against Fascism and war, for the good of the American working class and many contacts not yet reached its struggle for Socialism, for the good of the eventual organic by us that can be brought in unification of our two Parties, for all these great objectives we urge immediate united action of Socialists and Communists. United action of our two Parties to promote the advancement of American labor and its allies in the present favorable situation.

> ARGE NUMBERS of Socialists, members of oyur Party, favor L such united action. Large numbers of Socialists, especially those who are engaged in trade union work, in work among the unemployed, and in mass activities, all these Socialists see in the united front with the Communist Party the best means of (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

which must be taken to improve shown that by joining the Party,

Bringing Back Dropped-Out

must not be neglected in our Drive to double the membership Party of the thousands of dropped-out members. We must utilize the 1937 registration to bring These comrades must be reached lower organizations, and We can see by this that there and during the registration per-The best guarantee for carry-

ions and other working class or munists in California. ganizations, and, above all, laybut that we are capable of car ing the proper basis for the Member Must Be a Party Buildbuilding of a Farmer-Labor Par- er and Recruit One New Memty in California, is the strength- ber in the Browder-Ford Memening, both organizationally and bership Drive. At the rate our politically, of the Communist drive is proceeding we feel con-Party. The first step to reach fident that "the proposed Conbasis of the State Committee this goal is to double the Party gress of Best Party Builders on

friends of our Party and dis- our Party, to draw into its ranks cuss with them the results of all of those honest workingthe elections and the next steps class and revolutionary forces who see in our party the most their conditions. They must be powerful force in rallying the people for their immediate needs they will be able to fight more and in carrying them forward in the struggle for Socialism."

To assure the Central Committee and State Committee of Another important field which our Party that the slogan of doubling the membership will become a living fact in Califoris the bringing back into the nia, will require first of all that the County and Section Committees immediately undertake seriously and in a Bolshevik manback these good comrades who her, the task of utilizing every socialist competition among the ing to work out practical plans are tens of thousands of people iod, brought back into Party ac- for every unit, branch and inin California who believe and tivity. Every unit or branch dividual comrade for day to day cording to present indications, cruited only 12. Contra Costa, accept the Communist Party must work out a list of the work in the Drive. If this is and preparations that are being with 45 members, recruited only program, and who are ready and members who came into the carried through properly, it will made by the San Francisco 8. San Mateo, with 60 members, willing to join with us in order Party in 1936 and who became mean that instead of depending recruited only 5. Santa Clara to more directly participate in inactive. Visiting committees of only on 25% of our Party memwith 50 members, recruited only the struggle for our platform- the best comrades in the unit bers to fulfill our Recruiting 14. Santa Barbara, with 35 mem- the peoples' platform. These fu- must be organized to visit these Drive, we will be able to mobilize the Party membership 100%, the entire 3000 members, by Lenin Memorial Day Jan. 21, Fresno, with 45 members, has campaign in various ways-with ing through the major tasks be- and help them to reach thoufore the Party, such as the rais- sands of prospective Communing of \$12,000 for the Western ists who are waiting and want Worker, Sunday Worker and to join our Party. In this way Daily Worker, increasing the cir- we will celebrate Lenin Memculation of our Press, strengthen- orial Day on January 21st with ing our basis in the trade un- 5000 dues paying active Com-

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## YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Boils May Sometimes Be Prevented By Following the Proper Procedure

Jackson, Calif., Nov. 14, 1936. DEAR DOCTOR: My husband, who works in a gold mine, is always getting boils. Is there anything he can do to stop these attacks, and what is the best treatment?

ANSWER-Miners are more afflicted with boils than other sections of the population because of the hot, moist atmosphere in the mines, which opens up the pores of the skin and thus offers easy entrance for the germ, "staphylococcus," which causes boils.

It is sometimes possible to prevent fresh boils by following certain rules. Where a boil is discharging pus, the surrounding skin should be kept very clean wth soap and water, followed by washing with rubbing alcohol. Avoid scratching or injuring the skin in any way. If such does occur, touch it with iodine or alcohol. Avoid eating starches and sweets. Keep the bowels well open.

Have your druggist put up pills with this formula: The pills should be of two-grain size and should cointain 42.5 per cent of tin metal, 7.5

per cent of tin oxide, in a base of starch. Take four to eight of these pills daily. They are also good for combatting the boils after they have started. Very small boils may be sometimes treated at home with hot,

Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

wet compresses, but larger boils should be treated by a doctor. This is especially true of any sort of boils on the face, which are very dangerous, due to the fact that they can spread to the brain and cause death in a high percentage of cases. Such boils should therefore be left strictly alone until seen by a doctor. Further Opinions as to the Subject Matter

In This Column Are Welcome

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I agree with F. M. to a great extent that the column might be more appreciated if some of the details about "diseased interiors" were modified. The issues in which you showed highly advertised patent medicines to be simple remedies must have been of especial interest to users of patent remedies also the issues in which you gave remedies (for

Answer-This letter is in answer to a request that I made include, mas sorganizations in manager. This manager will at that readers express their opinions as to what they do and do not these sections, which ...ould be tend the weekly press confer like in this column. Could I have some more comments on this drawn into the plans for the ence every Monday night at the

simple ailments) by their ordinary names, was interesting.

# Women on the March

By MARJORIE CRANE

YONSUMERS UNION strikes a clean blow at face soap ads that Claim to do just about everything but grow a third set of teeth. They say: "Practically all of the added ingredients in soaps," such as buttermilk, cucumber, oatmeal, glycerine, "are useless, and the claims of special complexion benefits are entirely without substance." They quote the trade journal, Soap, as saying: "If any soap is soothing to any kind of skin, we will eat a bar of it while doing handsprings up Fifth Avenue."

Did you know there was a difference between "framed" soaps, such as Ivory, and milled soaps, which contain much less water? Floating soaps are adulterated with both air and water, Spanish situation properly and and while they are floating they dissolve away, so the electrifytraction.

Soaps, it appears, are also increased in bulk by useless fillers, and some contain "builders," excess alkali, which may be er Labor Party now in the erful All-China Student Union helpful in cleaning painted floors but will do no good to the

The report commends as its best buy in face soap, Gondola Floating, which may be obtained at Woolworth's, and also rec- TURE-136 pp.-25c. Published ommends Colgate Big Bath and Ivory Floating in the large size.

Incidentally, Consumer's Union in its reports, includes notices as to the working conditions in the plants producing products it discusses, and warns against all companies unfair to organized

The report on laundry soaps tells of alkali "builders" in little booklets of the year. As household soaps, which are hard on the hands and destructive to usual Ralph Fox makes a diffidelicate fabrics. A number of the washing soaps it finds satis- cult problem easy to understand. factory are, unfortunately, produced and marketed, I, think, only By all means read it. in the eastern states; at least I have never seen them here. Of the nationally distributed brands it calls "acceptable," Ivory Gateway Building, Minneapolis Snow, Palmolive, Beads, Lux and Ivory Flakes, although the east- -Volume 1, Number 1-34 pp. ern marketed Kirkman's Soap Chips, Cooperative General Purpose Flakes and Cooperative Granulated Soap are much cheaper per pound of dry soap, coming to 14c a pound, where the nation- titled a Marxian Quarterly-61/2 ally advertised come to from twenty-five to thirty-three cents. Holyoke Street, Cambridge, We will have to ask Consumers Union to do some research on Mass.—156 pp.—35c. west coast products.

THE CITY of New York has a long "Black List" of widely ad-I vertised drugs and cosmetics, which have dangerous ingre- ian Cultural effort. dients, according to findings of reliable medical authorities—and refuse to give out this list.

The list, with the names of the injurious ingredients of each reader of revolutionary articles drug or cosmetic, is published in the September report of the Con- and stories the influence of that sumers Union. The diabolical advertisers have found the most vast territory of the United innocent names for some of their produces—Snow, containing calcium sulphide; Winx, iron oxide in shellac, which the makers offer ritory embraces over fifteen milyou to use on your eyelashes: Hess Hair Milk, containing lead lion people. The capitalists poliacetate. Mary T. Goldman's Gray Hair Restorer (the homely tician sees votes and taxes in touch of a common name, the suggestion of "restoring" the natural the great area; the workers and color) contains silver nitrate, which is not only poisonous, but small farmers think they are for "may also accumulate in the skin and cause a permanent dark more than that and their reprediscoloration which cannot be removed by any means." Hay's sentatives in art and letters be-Hair Health contains lead acetate. Pinex (suggestion of lovely peculiar to American capitalism. mountain air and refreshing odor of pines) has chloroform as its In other words: here is culture active ingredient. Campana's Italian Balm, for tired, workworn rich in the class struggle and hands, contains carbolic acid. The concept of soothing and heal- the writers, although treating it ing is also advanced in the name of Parker's Hair Balsam, which in a regional manner, know that contains lead acetate. What could be more bland, more harmless, this midwest territory of our than wax? So you are offered Mercolized Wax for your skin, country has lessons to offer and and proceed innocently to treat yourself with ammoniated mer-

Many of these black list products are not merely the shy creatures that hide away in an obscure corner of the newspaper. Anacin, Ex-Lax, Bromo Seltzer, Re-Duce-Oids, Ambrosia, Inecto, versity professors, scientist and Neet S. T. 37 Toothpaste, spread themselves on page ads in the persons interested in academic newspapers and nationally distributed magazines, broadcast them-subjects this magazine fills a selves over the air, cajole, hypnotize, insinuate themselves into gap in the reading of this group. your home with no authoritative voice to say them nay.

Only the organized consumers can force legislation to protect themselves against these vendors of disguised sickness and

# Los Angeles Shows How it Will Raise \$5000 for Western Worker

Los Angeles County is on the WESTERN ORGAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A.
SECTION OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL job raising its \$5,000 in the combined drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker. This is the biggest quota taken

by any county committee in the state, nearly half of the total goal of \$12,000, but Los Angeles has assigned quotas totaling not merely \$5,000, but \$5,350.

The plan for the drive as a whole has already been worked out. One of the major affairs, the annual Workers' Press Concert, is scheduled for Nov. 22 in the Turnverein Hall, 936 W. Washington Blvd. Other important affairs such as the annual bazaar, Daily Worker anniversary banquet and Lenin Memorial meeting will be a part of the

Every section, unit and individual party member and sympathizer has a part to play.

Dividing the Task Here are the quotas showing how the money will be raised:

Ë	Concert, Bazaar, Closing Affair	21000
5	Collections Nov. 7, Jan. 21	TZUU
	and Special	
,	Non-Party organizations	325
•	SECTIONS	
•	Downtown	750
L	East Side	600
ľ	Hollywood	500
	Goodyear	300
	Pasadena	100
	San rernando	150
	Bay Cities	75
	Centinella Valley	50
,	Belvedere	50
	Southern Pacific	150
	Harbor	
1	Orange County	50
	Y. C. I.	100
	Total \$	5350

It was pointed out that the above quotas for the sections structed to elect a campaign drive in their particular territor-

Annual Bazaar

This year's annual press bazaar in Los Angeles will be held December 18, 19 and 20 at county campaign committee. the Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring Street.

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RENEST ISSUE OF THE WESTERN WORKER

COMMUNIST CANDIDATES FILE IN S.F. ELECTION piling nominations for six supervisors; mayor and sheriff the Communist Party entered the municipal election campaign in San Francisco on the basis of a militant working class program. VOTE FOR WORKING CLASS of a militant working class program.
For unemployment intaurance and \$150 irmediate winter relief for every unemployed worker plus \$50 for each dependent.

Against police brutality and the clubbing of in employed workers denoistrations.

fairs on New Year's Eve.

Leadership of the drive has

been placed in charge of T. J.

Steward, Los Angeles, Western

Worker correspondent, manager;

- Candidates -For Supervisors:
D. HARRIS Machinists Union Locat 68
L. TOLD
Trade Union Unity League
H. SCHOEN Unemployed Council
I. GROSS Reedle Trades Ind. Union
T. HAY
Merine Workers Ind. Union
P. ORR
Friends of the Soviet Union For Shoriff: Ch. Boks Larine Workers Ind Union

Eve, celebrations throughout the state will commemorate the fifth anniversary. urged to commemorate the fifth its quota by \$50 a Philco long | 3. New Year's Eve affairs, ananniversary of the Western Work- and short-wave radio capable of niversary of Western Worker. er by arranging parties and af- reaching Madrid, Paris and Mos-

In addition the campaign com-Prizes Offered mittee has proposed that the month of January be the time for numerous small affairs by llar radio to each section going sections and units to raise funds. Material for the drive such as urging the sections to offer collection lists, will be furnished by the county campaign comfor outstanding work in the Send your contribution now to

> Here is the calendar for the drive in L. A. County: 1. Annual concert, Nov. 22. 18, 19, 20.

Comrade Solomon, secretary. Each section committee is in-Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring Street. With his section committee, this campaign manager will draft the local plan of the

campaign and submit it to the Prizes are being offered. The state campaign committee will Sections and units are also give to each county surpassing 4. January house parties. 5. January 13, banquet, anni-

WORKER CAMPAIGN DRIVE!

Every Member of A Workers' Organization A Subscriber!

Fifty cents. A quarter. Eighteen subs. A hundred dollars -- come tumbling out of The WESTERN WORKER mailbag from San Jose, Stockton, and other places. But what about Fort Brogg and Eureing Vby have not we heard from Washington, Oregon and other western stater Don't the Internation al Labor Befense, Friends of the Soviet Union, the International Workers Order, the Finnish Cont. Page 2

6. January 21, Lenin Memorial

8. Closing affairs, first week

Do not wait until the cam-

he combined drive for the

Workers' Press, and it will be

credited to the quota of the

county from which it comes. Use

versary of Daily Worker, The county committee has announced that it will give a sim-Celebration. over its quota by \$50. It is also in March. prizes to units and individuals paign committee reaches you.

Ths is a reproduction of the original forerunner of the Western Worker. On New Year's

2. Annual Bazaar, December the coupon in the adjoining col-

Ed. Nelson, treasurer; and WESTERN WORKER, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

I want to see the workers' press continue to live and grow. I enclose S ..... ... as a contribution to the combined annual drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.

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	<b>-</b>		a Maria Arraga	

# Reading Malerial Chinese Girl Student Leads Anti-Japanese Movement

By CRAIG

SPAIN'S DEMOCRACY TALKS TO AMERICA—published by American League Against War and Fascism—18 pp—3c.

The most burning issues in the easily explained—and what to Miss Loh arrived in America redo about it. Should be ordered by the hundreds and widely circulated. Why? Our own Farm-

FRANCE FACES THE FUby International Publishers-

of these facts!

Written by Ralph Fox. Not only the future of French democracy but the past and present conditions neatly drawn in one of the most easily read

MIDWEST, a review-650

SCIENCE & SOCIETY-sub-

Here are two first editions of magazines as different from each other as could possibly be and still lav in the field of Marx-

"Midwest" is an effort to bring before the writer and lieve that here lies traditions lessons to learn. A truly fine effort. Good luck in this venture is our Far Western greet-

Aiming the subjects at Uni-Certainly something new in American literature and bound to knock into a cocked hat some of the erduite bourgeois period-

Miss Tsei to Speak in San Francisco Going Home From Geneva enemies of the working class, agents of terrorists and assassins,

(Youth News Service) here by Miss Loh Tsei, student the aggressors. at Tsinghua University, Peiping. cently on the Normandie on her way back to China from Geneva. where she represented the powmaking will have to face some at the World Youth Congress. Miss Loh is an executive of the Union, which is a federated body

> who has been called the "Joan of Arc of China," who seems action of nationwide committees to be no more than 14 years old, though she admits she is 22, came to this country to seek aid for the fight against Japanese aggression in her country. She is accompanied by Professor Tao Heng-Chih, former dean of

of local college and secondary

school associations.

Speaks in San Francisco On National Tour

Miss Loh will attempt to arouse the "overseas" Chinese in New Takes a Beating and York, Chicago and San Francisco to give moral and material aid for the anti-Japanese movement. by the police and beaten with severe beating which sent her

NEW YORK. - An amazing which she had studied at the al days.

she told interviewers, "they spend their vacations and spare time corners of provincial villages, them to revolt against foreign aggression."

The weak-kneed Chinese government is being forced into Slight, dark-eyed Miss Loft resisting the Japanese, said Miss Change the Subject Loh, by the militant, courageous modeled after the Students Committees for National Liberation. Teachers Follow the Lead of Students

Bespectacled Professor Tao added, "Yes, the students started things. I am here as a delegate the wave of sentiment against Southeastern University at Nan- Japan. Even we teachers followed ion, to win friends in order to in their footsteps, instead of it resist Japanese imperialism. being the other way around." He smiled. "But we are not ashamed." Together, Professor Tao and to admit that we were taught. We are proud of our students." Wins Over Some Police

A group of more than a thousand students had been cut off A sociology student, Miss Loh from their fellow demonstrators won popularity through her who were inside the city gates. courage in a student demonstra- Miss Loh squeezed under the tion last year which protested gates and started to swing them the formation of the pro-Japan-lopen when she was attacked by ese Hopei-Chahar political coun- the police. Clubbed savagely, the cil. At that time she was seized 1112 pound girl stoically took a

gun butts. In fluent English, to the school infirmary for sever-

story of embattled students University, Miss Loh told of the arousing an entire country part played by the students in police have been won over to against foreign aggression is told swinging public opinion against our side. They were only obeying orders at that time, now they of Chinese resistence to Japan," for and they refuse to beat us."

penetrating into the remotest aggression in her country. "At first we were passive," she deeducating the peasants, urging clared, "now we are ready to take arms against the foreign enemy. We will do away with internal discord."

Doesn't Want to

She considered amusing the personal questions asked by interviewers. "What does it matter," she asked, "who my favorite movie star is, or whether I use cosmetics, or if I like Mickey Mouse? Those are little for the All-China Student Unother things." She admitted however, smiling, that her favorite movie stars were Greta Garbo, Norma Shearer and Frederic March. She played on her school

basketball team. She wants to be a journalist China she will act as chief correspondent in that country for Youth News Service and she expects to work out plans for a

### Some Light on the Cause of the

Wave of Strikes

When capitalism gets itself out of a crisis, it has to be at the expense of the working class. The 1935 Census of Manufacturers shows production considerably higher than in 1933, but lower than the 1929 peak, In fact the difference between 1929 and 1935 varies from 25 to 50 per cent in different states. In California production was

reported 27 per cent below 1929. But wages were down 31.6 per cent. And with production on the upgrade, wages have not followed at the same rate. The tendency is for getting more work per man, through speed-up or improved machinery. Did someone ask what caused

the present strike wave? Before you accuse the Communists, remember that the figures run the other way in the Soviet Union. That's the way Communists prevent strikes.

# SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE (Apologies to Edward Fitzgerald and Omar Khayyam.)

### FOURTH INSTALMENT

No house was ever built, but what our hand Built it. Our labor cleared and tilled the land. And every vessel on the deep blue sea, By us was built and by us is manned.

With years off toil, for very little pay, We rolled a mighty wilderness away, And raised the cities. Tell me why they say All this should be THEIR property today?

Our skill and patience made each ticking part Of watches. All this great and noble art Came from our soul. All music pours From labor's boundless heart.

Every battle man has ever fought, Every piece of handiwork he's wrought, Was fought and wrought by us. And, in the end, What has our blood and labor ever bought?

We who tore down mountains, ripped up trees, Marched in all the armies, tamed the seas-Shall we go hungry and let a few Men claim the earth and bend us to our knees?

We fought and conquered all the ways of life, Built all the buildings, battled all the strife. This is our power; yet we find it hard To feed our hungry children and our wife.

The millionaire, with careful rule and line, Strings endless barbed-wire fences to define His property; the best is claimed by him. The middle of the road is yours and mine.

Observe him as he stands there all agape, Enraptured by a piece of ticker tape; Buying and selling, reaping all the gain From things of which he does not know the shape. (Continued Next Issue.)

# AN APPEAL TO SOCIALISTS

(Continued from Page 4)

strengthening the forces of labor and of revolutionizing its con-

Unfortunately the invasion of the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites into the Socialist Party has done serious damage to the cause of the united front and to the fortunes of the Socialist Party itself. These are facts of public knowledge.

Everywhere the Trotzkyites have been permitted to secure a footing they have been demoralizing, wrecking and destroying Socialist Party organizations. Although small in numbers, these have managed through their secret caucuses, conspiracies, double dealing and treachery to get a stronglehold in many organizations of the Socialist Party. This they used to spread the poison of counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism, to incite assassination against working class leaders, to advocate counter-revolution against the Soviet Union, to slander in Fascist style the People's Front move-"Students are in the vanguard understand what we are fighting ments in France and Spain, to press the Socialist Party into a position of hostility to the Farmer-Labor Party movement, to Miss Loh wants Americans to obstruct every move to united action between our two Parties. know the truth about foreign All this the Trotzkyites are now doing in the name of the Socialist

> AS A RESULT of Trotzkyite disruption and counter-revolution, abetted by many leading Socialists, Socialist Party organizations are being broken up. The trade union work of the Socialist Party is being undermined. Its work among the unemployed is obstructed and endangered. Its role in the Farmer-Labor movement during the elections has been one of rivalry and opposition.

> In short, counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism is wrecking the Socialist Party. If permitted to go on, the Trotzkyites will destroy the Socialist Party as a progressive factor in the labor

There is no doubt that the reformist policies of the Socialist Party leadership and its failure to join the Communist Party in united action had a good deal to do with the present difficult con-Please write about that, not the dition of the Socialist Party. It is equally certain that these same reformist policies and failure to accept the united front are largely responsible for the Trotzkyite invasion into the Socialist Party and for the toleration of their wrecking activities.

It is not too late to rid the Socialist Party of the Trotzkyite gangrene that is eating up the vitals of the Socialist Party. It is when her college education is not too late yet to save the Socialist Party as an instrument of finished. When she returns to progress in the American labor movement.

We speak the mind not only of the membership of the Communist Party, but also of large numbers of Socialists, the health-Chinese edition of Youth News iest and most valuable elements of the Socialist Party, when we make this appeal to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party:

> DID YOURSELF of counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism. Strength-N en the hand of your Socialist membership that wants to work for the great objectives of American labor in the present upward march of the working class and its allies. Join hands with the Communist Party in the struggle for these objectives. Join us at once in mobilizing support for Spain. Pave the way for organic unity, for the building of one revolutionary Party of the American proletariat, the Party that will lead the working class and all exploited to the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of

In order to meet the immediate needs of the class struggle in joint action by the Socialist and Communist Parties, we propose that the N.E.C. at its present session appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of our Central Committee. We specifically urge immediate united action on one or all of the following points: (a) mobilization of support for spain; (b) joint action in support of the wage demands of the workers in the industries and of the demands of the unemployed; (c) joint action in support of the legislative demands of the masses and in the promotion of the Farmer-Labor Party movement; and (d) joint action in the building up of an American people's peace move-

Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman EARL BROWDER, Secretary.



FEDERAL THEATRES' "MIKADO"

John Hamilton, as Pooh-Bah, Georgia Carroll as Pitti-Sing and Charles Cannon as Ko-Ko, plead with His Majesty, the Mikado, played by Thomas Glynn as Katisha (Marie Horgan), looks on in a scene from the Los Angeles Federal Music production of the "Mikado" at the Figueroa Playhouse.

# URGE F. R. TO LAUNCH REAL PEACE MOVE

"State Of War" Now In Brazil Cited In Letter

NEW YORK — Urging rea steps for peace, and pointing out the "state of war" which now exists in Brazil, the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People wrote to President Roosevelt, shortly before he left for the Pan-American Peace Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, starting De-

The letter in part said:

upon a mission of peace. You are extending the warm hand of fellowship to our sister repub-lies of the Western World. You have expressed the fervent hope hat the Inter-American Peace Conference will give renewed hope and courage to the warweary peoples of the world by demonstrating to them that the scourge of armed conflict can and will be eliminated from the Western Hemisphere.

"While we share with you the earnest desire to preserve peace and promote good-will, we should like to bring forward, President Roosevelt, conditions prevailing in Brazil, a country which you are scheduled to visit en route to Buenos Aires. Unhappy Brazil

"Under the present regime, Brazil is to be counted among those nations 'in which democratic institutions are so seriously threatened, in which freedom and human liberty itself is at stake' rather than among those American countries which stand forth as an example of international solidarity, cooperation and mutual helpfulness.

"We would have you remember that in jails of that unhappy land thousands of political prisoners, including the Brazilian nation I hero, Luis Carlos Prestes, are held incommuncado because they dared to raise their voices for liberties and free-

"We would have you remember your fellow American, Victor Allan Barron, whose untimey death in Rio de Janeiro has never been satisfactorily ex-

Foundations of Peace

"And remembering all this, Mr. President, it is our fervent hope that through the united and United States, not only shall him further replacements." peace, 'friendship, equality and revail among the American nations, but also that the Congress of Soviets peoples within the borders of Meets To Discuss the various nations may enjoy liberty, equality and prosperity New Constitution which are the foundations of peace.

People's Conference for Peace YORK-Three representatives of the People's Mandate to Governments of the United States, will attend the People's Conference for Peace in Buenos Aires, meeting November 22nd to December 1st, which was called by a coalition of 70 organizations of Argen

This conference has agreed on three points as a basis for discussion: to demand status quo of Spain. What he saw in several n armaments, to gradually es- visits to the front and his reactablish free trade between Am- tion to what is going on behind erican countries, and to permit the lines are vividly told by him the free circulation of men and in the following story.) ideas throughout Americar

### "Western" Drive is Started by Central Oakland Section

first task of the campaign.

The campaign plan includes an international dramatic evenng, parties, subscription lists, and punch boards.

Press Committee challenges the other two sections of the Alameda County to a Socialist competition in the drive.

### Notice of Expulsion

E. Kay Henry has been expelled from the San Bernardino Section of the Communist Party for disto set up a dual party organization in the San Bernardino County, and has done his unmost to for this disrupter.

by corrupt generals, big land-California State Executive owners, the multi - millionaire

Marine Workers Halt Arms for Spain Fascists STAVANGER, Norway-

Because the Norwegian ship Rona carried 1100 tons of German rifles and shells, intended for the Spanish Fascists, 12 members of the crew quit at Danzig and returned The ship's officers remain-

ed aboard to sign on a new crew, the sailors said. The Norwegian seamen's union supported the crew's stand.

BRUSSELS-Antwerp dockers have passed a resolution refusing to load war equipment sent by French war plants allegedly to parts in Latin America, but really destined for the Spanish Fas-

# The letter in part said: Mission of Peace "You are about to embark TIMES WRITER ALSO EXPOSES

Says Revolt In Rear Is Big Danger For Spain Fascists

NEW YORK-That arms and nunitions are being furnished he Spanish Fascists by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, is confirmed by yet another source -Frank L. Kluckhohn, former Madrid correspondent of the New York Times who recently returned here after having been with the Fascist armies.

Writing for the New York Times, Kluckhohn significantly

"But neither bombing nor shelling seems to have daunted the defenders yet and, most surprising of all, Leftist sympathizers from Barcelona and Valencia have shown themselves ready to rush in and risk death.

People Rally Against Franco "Under these circumstances, General Franco cannot well rush pell-mell into the city and risk annihilation from the armed homes and from street barri-

"These forced tactics have one danger, however. If General Franco is not in Madrid within 10 days, he knows that he faces the danger of a revolt in his

Kluckhohn also told of the Fascists suffering heavy losses in taking Toledo and in the Madrid fighting, saying Franco efforts of all forces of peace and is "finding it difficult to get democracy in South America the Moorish chieftains to give

MOSCOW.—Called to discuss the proposed new constitution "If guarantees are given by compromise agreement which for the Soviet Union, the 8th the employers, which they have grants definite wage and hour All-Union Congress of Soviets refused pointblank thus far, the will convene here Wednesday, strike could be settled in 24 The union's more than 2000

By Tim Buck

drive the Fascists into the Med-

That's how Carlos Contreras,

who not long ago lived in New

York, and is now political dir-

ment, pride of the Spanish peo-

Arms for Spain

ica. Contreras sends greetings to

urged that all American workers

merely a civil war. This is a

invasion by foreign troops

Those were his last words to

and ammunition to do it.

TORONTO, Ont. - "We will

# MANY VICTORIES ARE WON IN SPAIN BY LOUDSPEAKER OF PEOPLE'S FRONT FORCES

Truth About Spanish People's Fight For Democracy, Makes Many In Fascist Armies Desert To The Militia

By G. MARIN

MADRID-Twilight on the Spanish civil war front is zero hour in the fight of Spanish democracy.

It is with the thickening of dusk that the People's Front goes into action-not with rifles, artillery or air attacks. It is a loud speaker-strange weapon as it seems-that is the potent ammunition of the government in the darkness of Andre, Murdered

With a microphone and amplifying system, the Madrid forces launch an offensive of an evening's education. Government by Mazis, Brave speakers talk to the enemy across the barbed wires and Until the End gaping shell holes between the embattled soldiers.

And the Fascist forces-bewildered peasants and misled Moors many of them-listen. Silence in the Fascists' camp is a good sign.

Many a disturbed peasant or shepherd lends an attentive ear to appeals from men with accents of their own province, to men speaking in their own tongue. The tales of "red" horror are swept away.

A well-to-do Spanish Moroccan merchant has been making the rounds of fronts where the Moors are in action, to address them over the speaker. He tells them the opinion of revolted chiefs and tribes at home about the Fascists who aid the Moors' oppressors and enemies.

Recently a noted anti-Fascist rom French Morocco reported to Madrid to put himself at the service of the government.

Formation of a Moorish anti-

Fascist battalion is another thing calculated to shake up the tribesmen. In the basque sector of El-

gueta-Elorrio an Asturian soldier who had come over from the ranks of the rebels addressed his former comrades in

constantly pushed by anti-Fasranks. The results come in slowdecomposition in the rebel ranks are increasing. In one week alone recently, 700 men passed into the ranks of the people's

### CORRECTION

In the front-page editorial in the previous Issue, "Labor Must Laundry Workers Answer the Shipowners' Declar-Answer the Shipowners Declar-ation of War," through an omis- Make Big Gains sion the end of the fourth para-graph read: "If guarantees are In S.F. Pact given by the employers, which they have refused pointblank thus far."

This should read:

Tim Buck Tells of His Visit to

NEW YORK-A letter writ ten in prison by Edgar Andre, heroic leader of the Hamburg Red Front Fighters League, wh was recently murdered by the Nazis, has been made public here by Ernst Toller, famous German author and playwright.

The letter was written on prison stationery to Andre's wife and censored by the prison, dated July 12th, 1935, the day after he was sentenced to dath. It said, in part:

"As you know from the press, am sentenced to death. This destroy my equanimity. On the contrary. . . .

"The sentence is a failure and it is therefore my duty to avail myself of the few legal means at my disposal. I am talking of legal means and not of grace. I am not going to appeal for mercy because I will not ask for mercy and not for grace. . .

"I cannot write you all the reasons which led to the verdict. However, I will fight for my freedom till my last breath." Toller stated: "By this verdict, the death sentence of Ernst Thaelmann and many other political prisoners now on trial Mutiny in the rebel army is under Nazi law is already spoken, because, according to the cist propaganda within their Nazi code, it is necessary that a man be actually convicted of But the signs of internal murder—it is sufficient that he omposition in the rebel ranks be found "morally" or "intel-

lectually' responsible. save political prisoners in Nazi

SAN FRANCISCO - Laundry Workers' Union members Monday night voted to accept a gains for the workers.

members get 44 hours' pay for erans of the Revolution.

### Famed Anti-Nazi Is ETHIOPIA STILL GIVES BATTLE Freed by World-TO MUSSOLINI **Wide Protests**

OFF TO BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, for the Inter-Ameri

can Peace Congress, where they are being joined by President

BERLIN.—Reliably reported to have won the 1936 Nobel prize, Carl von Ossietzky has been released from a Nazi concentration camp, where he had been brusentence has not been able to tally beaten and confined for more than three years, the Nazi government announced,

> Von Ossietzky's freedom was won by mass protests conducted throughout the world by anti-Fascist forces.

As editor of Weltbuehne, pacifist weekly, Von Ossietzky repeatedly exposed illegal German re-armament in contravention of the Versailles Treaty, and in June, 1929, published an article charging the German army with rearming secretly in the air. He and the author were sentenced to 18 months in prison, but were freed after seven months.

No sooner had Hitler assumed power early in 1933, then Von Ossietzky was seized by the Nazis and thrown into a concentration camp.

42-hour week, for the first Only continuous appeal to the six months, and after that 44 consciousness of the world can hours' pay for a 40-hour week. The union members are guar-Germany, because even a dictalanteed 38 hours' work per week. tor is afraid of bad reaction Time and a half is to be paid for overtime. The employees then out of an empty Italian are not required to pass through picket lines or work with non- lions more in investments that union workers. A minimum of \$17.60 for lower brackets to \$32.08 for higher brackets,

REACTIONARY EXPELLED

ary sympathies, Secretary of Agriculture General Saturnino Cedillo has been expelled from the honorary presidency of the National Confederation of the Vet-

cannot produce for years. San Francisco

PARIS-Even though cen-

Mussolini's "empire" in Ethio-

"Six months after troops oc-

cist invaders only 40 miles from

Fascists Suffer Setbacks

What can be read into the re-

port is that in several places the

Ethiopian troops have delivered

Before Mussolini can squeeze

one lira out of his hillion-dollar

war investment in Ethiopia, he

must conquer the whole country,

make the masses submit to the

yoke of Italian Fascism, and

treasury supply hundreds of mil-

still in a state of war.

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quered chieftains."

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# "LOVE NEIGHBOR" (GET HIS TRADE) ITALIAN SOLDIER TELLS HOW HE WAS SHIPPED TO SPAIN TO FIGHT FOR THE FASCISTS

Artilleryman Taken from Barracks and Sent to Unknown Destination, to Find Himself in Fascist Army

By MICHAEL KOLTSOV

MADRID-Near Valdemoro, in a field, we came across a most interesting questioning of an Italian prisoner. His name is Luigi Corsi. He carries identification papers from the First Regiment of the Foriign Legion.

The prisoner is wounded, frightened to death. He expects Corsi. to be done away with any minute. But seeing that, despite all should believe his every word he fables of the Fascist newspapers, he is being treated hunanely, he testifies.

Roosevelt, are Secretary of State Hull (center), Asst. Secretary Sumner Welles (who helped install the present anti-labor Cuban He is a peasant, was born and lived in Villa Casteglia, in the frightened Luigi. He is guilty government), and Hugh Gibson (right) ambassador to Brazil. The conference was initiated by Roosevelt as part of his "good wards he served in the 10th Arneighbor" policy-but it's really all part of the trade war that tillery Regiment, in the 3rd Comgoes on in Latin America between U. S. capitalism and British pany. The regiment was quartered in Rome. He states that during the last days of September, General Perico, commander of the regiment, and Ravelo, commander of the 3rd Division, personal ly selected 50 men for a special Murder of Andre secret assignment.

They were told they were about to be assigned to a small remote Italian detachment. At the beginning of October, 50 artillerymen were sent from Genoa in a small yessel in an unknown direction. Fifteen guns sored, news sent out of Addis and cases of ammunition, with Ababa by Association Press re- 10 shells in each, were loaded veals that all is not well with on that vessel. Italian Uniforms

At the beginning of October, Associated Press was allowed all of this arrived in the port trucks to Caceres, that is, to the added one more crime to the cupied this capital city and Talavera front. During the entire Premier Mussolini proclaimed journey officers as well as sol-

the anexation of Ethiopia, war diers wore their uniforms of the is in progress against uncon-The same dispatch said 50,000 Spanish. Ethiopian troops, exceptionally well equipped with modern weapons of warfare, are steadfastly holding out against the Fas-

is usually signed. Here no con- but of all advanced progressive tracts were made, because the soldiers and officers were considered not volunteers but in the Italian service on the Spanish war front. -The commander of the 3rd

Company of the 10th Regiment serious setbacks to the Fascists, of Ravela arrived at Caceres and that the entire country is along with Corsi's detachment. Saw Italian Tanks In Caceres, Corsi saw 15 Ital-

ian Ansaldo baby tanks. The commanders of the tanks were Italians. Each tank had two machine guns and two tank drivers, one Italian and one Spanish. The tactical speed of the tanks was around 30 kilometers per hour.

In the battle at Sesena, Corsi nded a battery of two guns, which arrived with him rom Italy. These guns were destroyed by the republican

That is all that was told by the Italian artilleryman, Luigi

He sobs, and asks that one because he is a member of the

Italian Fascist youth organization and would not tell a lie. It is possible to believe the of nothing more than what he has related. For the rest, his superior Roman commanders bear the responsibility.

MOSCOW-Resentment of Soviet workers against the murderous execution of Edgar Andre by a Nazi executioner is running nigh here.

The Soviet press expresses the remendous indignation of the Soviet people in editorials. Pravda writes:

"By the foul murder of the Hamburg proletarian, Edgar Anof Vigo. They were sent in dre, the German Fascists have

endless list of their villainies. "Fascist dictatorship carried its disgusting work to a conclusion. 10th Artillery Regiment of Edgar Andre died under the axe Rome. Only in Caceres were the of a headsman. News of this Italian uniforms exchanged for murder will increase the hatred and contempt for the Fascist At the time of acceptance into murderers—hatred and contempt the Foreign Legion, a contract not only of the German workers

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# countries.

OAKLAND — Central Oakland Section of the Communist Party started the 1936-37 Western and Quotas were assigned to all unit Daily Worker Drive on its way and the branch. Canvassing o cial East-bay edition of the Westgreetings and ads for the Speern Worker, which the County Committee is planning, is the

see to it that the Spanish people get arms. Gallant democrats of other na-The Central Oakland Section

ruptive activities. He has tried war of the united Spanish people to preserve their independence develop factionalism within the Moors, Legionnaires, all kinds party there. All party organiza- of criminals, who are organized tions are warned to watch out against constitutional government

Committee, C.P. Juan March, with full collabor-

man anti-Fascists.

(Tim Buck, leader of the Com- ation of Hitler and Mussolini. | ternational significance of the of the industrial provinces in munist Party of Canada has just Arms and transports are bereturned from a month's tour supplied by the Fascist powers of Italy and Germany, with support of international Fascism.

Barcelona, Tarragona, Valencia, Alicante, Albacete, Madrid, and other cities I visited all show the enthusiastic unity of the Spanish and deep chagrin over the policy enforced by Britain and France, which, under the cloak of neu-

On the other hand the whole population is deeply inspired by the splendid support and assistector of the famous 5th Regi- ance from the Soviet Union. In the dark hour of the threat to ple's army, feels about the fight their national independence, evagainst the mercenary invaders ery Spanish Republican became of Spain. But they need arms conscious of the fact that despite the hostility of the capitalist governments of Europe, Republican Spain has a mighty me before I returned to Amer- friend standing shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for demoall comrades in America and cracy, and this friend came forward with generous and whole-

suport the struggle in Spain and hearted assistance. Soviets Help People's Morale

The government announcement in October that thousands of tionalities are also in active ser- Soviet workers are taking needy vice and need our support. I children to feed, clothe and shelmet members of the Rome bat- tel until the war is over; the talion, made up of Italian anti- fact that every Soviet ship re-Fascists; the Paris Battalion of turned loaded with wounded Rethe Thaelmann Battalion of Ger- to health in Socialist sanatoriums and rest homes in the The outstanding lesson of my Soviet Union raised the morale visit to Spain is that this is not of the Spanish people to a high

The Communist Party is a

defense of Madrid itself as a Spain. focal point around which to rally all the Spanish people for the defense of the Republic. Until recently the people's mil-

itia was a heterogeneous organindependent groupings. Anarchdiscipline in the ranks and objected to officers and unified command and rejected the whole trality, daily helps the Fascists. conception of leadership in miltary action.

Trotzkyites Betray The Trotzkyites utilized Anarchist sentiments and joined with the Anarchists in personal terror, leading to assassination of several active Communists. Furthermore, the government made the suit planes. mistake of limiting the war to

But there has been a rapid change since October. The rank and file Anarchists are learning from life that the policies Communist Party for months, now constitute the adopted policy of the Spanish people.

Catholics Fight Fascism

The government still holds half of Spain, including all Mediter-ranean seaports, and it has the support of an overwhelming majority of the population. There French Republican Youth; and publican fighters to be nursed are more Catholics fighting in tional Federation of Trade Unions the People's Militia than all the the Socialist Party of France Catholics supporting the Fascists. and the British Labor Party, op-Real strength is now being de- posing false neutrality and askveloped by the government, with ing arms supplies for the Spanbitter criticism of the action and ish government from democrapolicies of the British and French | tic countries, be reinforced with against rebellion and against fense of the Spanish Republic. Anarchist illusions regarding ne- of labor and democratic organ-The defense of Madrid is mainly cessary organizations, discipline, izations that will be as decisive the result of the determined unified command, and govern- as the present situation is in struggle of the Communist Party mental authority. The people are Spain. against the advocates of the pol- enthusiastically organizing a real ty has been the main factor in industry which is being estab- democrats of other nationalities arousing the people to the in-lished through the heroic efforts fighting with them

People Fight Nazis as Well

During my stay of nearly a month in Spain, in several visits to the different fronts. I witnessed scenes of unparalleled ization with various forces and heroism, revealing a supreme contempt for danger on the part people behind the government ist influence was strong against of the ill-armed, ill-equipped People's Militia against the splendidly equipped Moors and Tercios, the lattter always supported by bombers, pursuit planes, heavy artillery and tanks, with unlimited supplies of ammunition. I have seen several squadtime, supported in the air by heavy German and Italian bombers and the most modern pur-

Against the arms and equipment which has, and is being, supplied to the Fascists, heroism alone is not enough.

It is not enough to fight to prevent Hitler and Mussolini and measures advocated by the from sending supplies to their Fascist allies in Spain. We must compel the democratic governments to re-etsablish normal relations with the legal govern ment of Spain Fight Fake "Neutrality"

The Spanish people are asking that the resolutions, finally passed by the Second Interna-

vital force in the fight in de- governments, and discarding of a real, active, joint campaign We must support the heroic icy to abandon Madrid. The Par- People's Army, backed by war Spanish people and the gallant Haight Street. Auspices Western Workers forum, 230 S. Spring FOR NATIONAL LABOR PARTY

ELMER BENSON, elected Governor of Minnesota on a Farm

er-Labor ticket, is strong for a national Farmer-Labor Party, to

better the lot of the everyday man and woman. He is shown with

By a Worker Correspondent

ist candidate for President in

the recent elections, in Terre

as well as attacks against Com-

munist candidates in San Bern-

Forum Also Acts

The Legion commander here

also appeared before the Santa

question, and the forum adopted

The People's Forum, which

Need Free Garbage

Unhealthy Situation

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO-At the cor-

ner of McAllister Street and Bu-

ardino and Imperial Valley.

the same resolution.

### LABOR AND **POLITICS**

By John Broman

What's Roosevelt going to do about the nine old men? Organized labor, the poor farmers, and the people in general need this question answered, and answered immediately by the

Realizing that it does small good to get pro-labor and propeople legislation through Congress, if the nine old men of the Supreme Court are allowed to declare it unconstitutional as they did every bit of social legislation passed by the New Deal, the American people are going mand that Roosevelt anthis question and answer it right.

The vague mentions by F.D.R. of a constitutional amendment to restrict the Supreme Court and take away its usurped dictatorial powers, are going to have to be made concrete.

"The Nine Old Men" . . .

Whom do these nine old men, all over 60 years of age, repre-Just look at their background and you can see that they do their stuff for the biggest open-shoppers in the country, the Hearst-Liberty pro-Fas-

Charles Evans Hughes, 74, corporation lawyer, was appointed by Hoover in 1930 and is now Chief Justice. In 1907 he was elected governor in a campaign worked for Anaconda Copper, General Electric, Victor Talking

industrial monopolies. "No man in public life so exemplifies the influence of powerful combinations in the political and financial world as Mr. Hughes," is the way Senator George Norris characterizes

Hughes No Exception. . .

As stooge for Wall Street, Pierce Butler, 70, railroad lawyer and millionaire mine owner, appointed by Harding in 1922. Look at James Clark Reynolds, 74, slave-owner, a corporation lawver, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro.

ven Josephus Roberts, 61 director of Bell Telephone mpany of Pennsylvania and Equitable Life Insurance Society, and counsel for Philadelphia

transit companies.

Louis Brandeis, 79, wealthy Zionist and Boston lawyer, is supposed to be "liberal," yet he wouldn't lift a finger to save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti in 1927 when he was asked to stay of execution until the appeal could be heard.

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# **WORKER TELLS CONSPIRACY** OF WEALTHY LANDOWNERS IN SALINAS-WATSONVILLE STRIKE

Big Growers, Shippers Sought to Crush and Eliminate Union, and to Freeze out Small Farmers, Shippers

By a Worker Correspondent

The following facts are as I know them after much exhaustive investigation of the recent Salinas-Watsonville labor dispute wherein the workers, members of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union of California affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were locked out. Gas grenades, gas guns, pistols shotguns, ma-+

to intimidate the Union work- ly foreclosed from his small ers and break their morale. farm, the large growers will buy

The Associated Farmers of it cheaply from the bank and California, through Sheriff Carl add the small farm to the vast Abbott of Monterey County, attempted to use the American Legion to beat the Union workers into submission and wreck their Union.

Large Growers' Intrigue

The intrigue on the part of the Associated Farmers of California had a three-fold purpose. The Associated Farmers of California is a group of large IN-DUSTRIAL FARMERS who in truth are magnates of the agri- own ranches. The large growers culture industry in the state. These large industrial farmers far as to agree among themcontrol more than 85 per cent of the agriculture of the state. for which J.P. Morgan, Andrew The three things the Associated Carnegie and J. P. Rockefeller Farmers, hoped to accomplish Jr. put up the dough. He has through the Salinas-Watsonville lockout were:

(1) To crush the Fruit and Machine Co., U.S. Industrial Vegetable Workers Union of Chemical Co., and other large California and eliminate it entirely if possible.

Try to Ruin Small Growers (2) To force the small shippers into insolvency by ensnaring these small shippers into the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Asby the legal process of binding and vegetable grown in the parthese small shippers by agreement in such a manner that no individual shipper or grower Hughes is no exception. Look at could deal with labor except through and upon the approval of the association.

This association is but a tool of the large shippers and growson of a Kentucky plantation ers clique which controls the lock-out as long as fink hiring association and acts jointly in halls are used—as long as the collaboration with the Associated Farmers of California, .. The collectively with the union and ing bound by this agreement, man locked out because of the small growers and shippers, bewere legally tied into a knot issue. The lettuce boycott can and could not exercise their le- not be legally lifted until such Disposal to Correct

Salinas tried to break away fairly as outlined above. from the Grower-Shippers Aswith union labor as an independent firm but, after having Workers Win Their agreed to the fair demands of Strike In Berkley When you look who they are, the union endeavored to pur-Waldron firm—then later was advised by the box company that the latter could not deliver the crates, as the Grower-Shippers Association of Central Cal-

ifornia had stepped in and threatened to request that member firms of the Association refuse business to the box company forever if the box company delivered these 25,000

Capitalist Pressure

The Union Ice Company also figured in the intrigue as this company flatly refused to sell or deliver ice to the Tracy-Waldron firm. A number of banks throughout the state would have nothing to do with financing the Tracy-Waldron lettuce deal even though this firm agreed to deal fairly with labor, the business houses supplying the firm and even pay banks more than a fair share of

(3) The Grower-Shippers Association of Central California's policies are directed by the largest growers and shippers, who themselves own, control, lease, or operate directly or indirectly the greater portion of the lands and produce of the lettuce industry.

These large growers and shippers saw a chance to eliminate a number of the really small farmers, if you please, by forcing the issue with labor which ultimately resulted in greater losses to the small farmers than the large agricultural interests.

Tricked Small Farmers These large growers and shippers did not themselves plant any lettuce to amount to anything that would come off within the first 25 days of September, and the small farmer, not having been thus informed, planted their acres in lettuce much the same as they had in

the past. This was a planned master shippers to eliminate the real

When the small farmer lost his lettuce crop, he naturally Then there are people who went into debt to the extent of say: "Generally I agree with your what he had spent to produce program. But there are certain

chine guns and clubs were used the crop. When he is ultimate

acres they already control. The small farmer will be on the outside looking in-or asking for a chance to slave for the great big grower.

The large growers in the past have never purchased from the small farmers except during periods when the large growerperiods when the large growershipper interests were unable to supply the appetite of the markets of the nation from their kets of the nation from their have in the past connived so selves that for one reason or another they would not buy from certain small farmers under any conditions which resulted in the small farmers losing their lands and investments for the reason that their buyers (the large shippers and growers), refused to buy.

The large growers and shippers deal not only in lettuce but also in tomatoes, garlic, cauliflower, spinach, broccoli, celery, together with many other fruit and vegetables. Some large insociation of Central California terests ship nearly every fruit ticular district they operate.

The recent labor trouble in Salinas-Watsonville district of the lettuce industry was not a strike. The issue was a forced issue. It was a lock-out from beginning to now and the end is not here yet. It will remain a Association refuses to bargain as long as there is one union gal constitutional rights indi- a time as the lockout has ended vidually to bargain with labor, and it will never be considered The firm of Tracy-Waldron of ended until the issue is settled

# sociation of California and deal El Dorado Oil Plant

By a Worker Correspondent area practically all the families are on relief, they are unable El Dorado Oil Plant here are to pay 50 cents a month to have

lasting a month and a half. an hour increase in pay for their the odor is terrific. solid, militant strike.

Weighers and Warehousemen, I. The companies that haul away of San Bernardino who denied organized last Jenuary, 1936. so forth.

### Sta Monica Legion Picket Line Forces "Gentleman" to **Weep His Word**

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND-Although he be-SANTA MONICA-True Amerlieves in entering into "gentle-men's agreements" promiscuousicanism is against all vigilantism and attacks on constitutional ly, WPA Administrator Catos of rights, the local post of the American Legion has decided, District 8 does not believe in in adopting a resolution conhonoring them. demning the vigilante attacks One does not need to be a stuagainst Earl Browder, Commundent of human nature to under-

oral agreements so unrestricted Haute, Ind., and Tampa, Fla., in distribution or application. Renigs Again Administrator Catos, gentleman,

stand Cato's object in making

agreed to send teamsters slated for WPA work to union headquarters for check-up before placing them. But once more he Monica People's Forum on this renigged on his promise, sendng workers direct to the pro-

meets every Sunday night at holding Catos in high esteem, Mills Auditorium, recently heard decided to keep him to his word. Clinton Taft, of the American Throwing picket lines around Civil Liberties Union, give an warehouses located at Third and enthusiastic picture of life in the Jefferson Streets and Keith and Soviet Union, which he visited College Streets early one morning, 10 days ago, they established a most effective blockade.

The Workers Alliance, believ

ing that a gentleman should keep his promises, actively supports the teamsters in their demands. (The teamsters won out .- Ed.)

### Church at Hemet By a Worker Correspondent

HEMET - "Red-baiting" has

gotten into the churches here. The First Presbyterian Church back on the job after a strike their garbage removed, so they here will be the scene of a meet of the houses if such they can be just put it in a public refuse ing on Monday night, November called are without adequate They gained union recognition, can on this corner. The refuse, 23rd, for an address by an up plumbing. a closed shop, and five cents can is always overflowing and named speaker on "Communism and Crime in the Colleges."

Garbage collection ought to

# AIRCRAFT CO. WORKERS SIGN Only Improved Drnaments UP IN UNION

Consolidated Plant, San Diego, Pays Low Wages

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO.-At an oper neeting held by Lodge 389 o he International Association o Machinists on Tuesday evening November 9th, over 300 employ es of Consolidated Aircraft Cor poration were present.

A. C. Rogers, former secretary of the Federated Trades of Sar Diego, had been invited to speak Rogers was removed from his office several months ago by the arbitrary action of Joe Casey then state organizer of the A.F.L acting under instructions from William Green. His speech made a deep impression upon his listeners and Rogers received generous applause.

165 Sign Up

After the address, the men were invited to join the I. A. of M. and the response was more than gratifying. According to Rogers, 65 paid their initiation fee in full, while approximately 100 others made the required deposit with their applications.

Tuesday evening, November 17th, 35 more joined the union. Consolidated Aircraft Corporation employs over 3000 men Wages range from as low as 32 cents an hour for a 40-hour week, to 90 cents an hour paid the highest skilled labor.

A United Press report published in the "San Diego Sun" stated that the Consolidated Air-Corporation had been awarded its third Navy contract, which calls for the construction of 66 flying boats at a cost of \$6,056,000. This contract boosted to 176 the total number of patrol bombers the corporation is manufacturing for the Navy. There is now approximately the Teamsters Union, however, \$17,000,000 in Navy work out standing. President Buys \$100,000 Home

Maj. Reuben Fleet, president Consolidated, recently purchased for a consideration of \$100,000 the home of Dr. and

Mrs. Ernest Ullrich von Buelow located at 560 San Gorgonia St., While this has no connection with the aircraft corporation or

the employees, it should interest the readers to learn that von Buelow is reputed to be a disciple of Hitler and is a supporter and financier of Fascist organ-"Red-Baiters" Invade In contrast with this magni-

cent palace with its landscap ing, trees, flowers, shrubbery, beautiful green lawns and winding paths are the miserable homes occupied by the poorly paid employees of the Consoli-dated Aircraft Corporation. Many

Can Win Better Conditions While even the highest paid

The "red-baiters" are following skilled worker receiving 90 cents These men, organized in the be free, as it is in many cities. with the vigilante Legionnaires an hour cannot hope to own \$100,000 residence, the men L.A. 38-44, have fought for and the garbage make plenty of free speech to Charles McLauch- through organization can at least gained pay increases of 15 cents dough out of it, from garbage lan, Communist candidate for demand sufficient pay to afto 25 cents an hour since they reduction for fats, fertilizer, and Congress, during the recent cam- ford to live in a house with a

employment as Communist Party members. But the Party

ity of its workers. It does not

expect its members to jeopard-

ize their jobs as a sign of their

Communists, of course, should

and do carry on activity among

their fellow workers as "reds."

But no Communist Party mem-

ber is ever "compelled" to flaunt

pains to show him how to work

effectively without fear of ex-

Finally we say to you that if

you have other reasons for not

joining our Party, discuss them

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to the conclusion that your place

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in saying soon that you are a

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member of that Party.

San Francisco.

# Auto Shows Show EPIC STATES

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. - Now we lave the season of Auto Shows. The one here opened recently, and anyone interested can go and see the handful of improvements hat have been doled out to us his year by the manufacturers. The manufacturers are still a

very long way from giving us a good car. There is still a huge disproportion between the exerior size of the cars, and the nterior useable space. There is till no thoroughgoing streamining, and no car with the engine in the rear-where it beongs. There is no Diesel-engined passenger car.
Still Dangerous

The instrument boards are only a shade less ugly and point-

ess than last year, and the instruments are still so hard to read that it is a risk to look at hem while driving fast. There s still no auxiliary rim put on the wheels so that one could run on it when one has a flat

And there is still no car which can be run for anything less than a small fortune per year

One cannot help wondering ust when the manufacturers are going to make an honest effort to produce really good cars, just now long they are going to suppress inventions and technical advances while they shout about their greatly improved hub caps and radiator ornaments.

### CORRECTION

In the Resolution of the State Committee of the Party on "The Results of the Elections in California," published on Page 4 of the previous issue, some errors occurred due to omissions. The second paragraph reads: "The elections took place in the

midst of two major struggles in other industries." This should have read: "The elections took place in the midst of two major struggles in the agricultural and maritime indus-

struggles in other industries." The next-to-last paragraph on Page 4, Column 6, reads:

tries, and a whole series of minor

"All trade unions, all gressives, all unemployed and farmer organizations and whitecollar workers must formulate their legislative committees of various trade union bodies. .....

This should have read: sives, all unemployed and farmer

organizations and white-collar workers must formulate their demands and conduct an active campaign for them. Labor's as a paramount task before the work.

# **POSITION FOR LABOR PARTY**

Says "Red Bugaboo" A Joke, In Letter to "Epic News"

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.-1 sent the ollowing letter to the Epic News. "In your issue of November 6th, I noted that the E.P.L.

End Poverty League) Executive Commission states its position in view of the fact that the 'Coninuations Committee for Political Action' has definitely proposed organization of Farmer-Labor Clubs, and that "your E.P.L. feels it cannot be committed to this course without a clear mandate from the Epic people and requests a full free discussion.'

"Therefore I beg leave to state my opinion and understanding as I have it.

Resolution For Unity Adopted "First, the May 10th Convenion was called for the purpose of uniting all the liberal organizations. And a conference was called for all organizations that would affiliate. The McLarty resolution was indorsed by these united organizations.

"Second, on September 19th, nother covention was held with delegates in like manner as in the May 10th Convention, with some 400 from the different organizations that accepted a proposition to work in harmony for such a United Front. "Third, committees were elec-

ted by the joint united delegates from the floor of the united convention. Toward Farmer-Labor Party

"And in such a united front elected officers, drafted resolutions in accord with a wide state and national action of such a Farmer-Labor Party, and a plat-form that is a credit to them. with their splendid resolutions.

"The issue of democracy is now more in jeopardy than ever-before, and the necessity for such united action was well demanded if we are to meet the forces of Fascism, running ram-... pant in our state especially and the world over, especially as in Spain.

"The disorganized groups of Epics, Utopians, Townsends, Technocrats is pitiful to note, and if we do not take this opportune "All trade unions, all progres- time to hold them in to a progressive organization, we are unfit for a dependence to be placed upon us.

"Red Scare" A Joke

"The bugaboos of 'Reds' that Non-Partisan League, and the have divided us, with a 'holier legislative committees of various than thou' position, has also trade union bodies and other or- been played upon until it has ganizations must take this up become a joke and will no longer

"F. W. Miller."

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and honest people around the Party is really good, who may Communist Party who are convinced that the program of our Party is realy good, who may even consider themselves Communists, yet steadfastly refuse to join our Party as members.

We, the Communist Party wan and need you in our ranks. Ah, you say, but I have heard all this bzefore from Party members. I have reasons for not joining. It isn't that I don't want to join—I may some day, but I can't now. Why, we ask? For "personal" reasons, good reasons,

you reply. We request then that you read this letter, because we hope to show you that your reasons for not joining the Party are perhaps not so personal as you

Thousands of people like yourself stay out of the Party because of these reasons - and thereby in a very definite sense hinder us from becoming the real mass American revolutionary Party that we know you want us to become.

If you've read this far-we hope you'll read further, and stroke of the large growers and we're sure that you'll find at least one of your good reasons listed here.

Reason Five

because we believe that you are wrong tactics in approaching peo- help actively in the job. one of the thousands of sincere ple, badly organized meetings,

welcome your criticism. We Com- but frankly I'm afraid to. I'm munists are many times more foreign born and afraid of deporcritical of our own work than tation," or "I have a job where sincerity. are our sympathizers. We know I'd be fired sure, if anyone susthe tremendous job ahead of us before we are a mass partybefore we can speak in the name of millions of American

workers. to listen to your criticism as fight against discrimination and course, ridiculous. Any worker non-Party members, valuable as terrorism, against foreign born your criticism is, it is apt to bear most effectively by belonging to employed and working with

Concluded from Last Two Issues things about the Party I don't certain times. The best way to are employed, and that most of Dear Friend:

This letter is addressed to you ism, inefficient methods of work, better party is to join it and openly known at their place of Reason Six We have that vast body of knows how to guard the secur-

To these people we say: We people who say: "I'd gladly join, pected me of being a Commun-To the first of these categories

of people we can point to the thousands of foreign born in the his political opinions in the face But much as we are willing Party today who are able to of his employer. This is, of

THE COMMUNIST PARTY, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

.....(Mark "X") I want to join I want more information about

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much more weight if it comes the political party that wages other people than unemployed from one whose activities bring consistent struggles for the rights and worrying about where his him in constant contact with of foreign born workers. next meal is coming from. the life of the Party and so enable him or her to judge the say that the majority of the We can say without reservation that the Communist Party validity of certain criticism at members of the Communist Party will not ask the new member to expose himself, but will take

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

# Green Refuses Tampa Floor to Spanish Peoples' Delegates

# NOT SPEAKING FOR UMONISTS

Many Big Bodies of Labor Have Pledged Support to Spain

TAMPA, Fla.—The Fascist butchers in Spain, in General Franco's own words are out to smash all trade unions, but Bill Green nevertheless thinks that such a murderer has as much right to have his side presented to labor as have the Spanish people and trade unions.

Deny Spanish People a Voice Green and the A.F.L. Executive Council decided that no representative of the Spanish people's government will have the right to speak at the A.F.L. convention. The basis for such a decision was that "the Spanish situation is so confused that one speaker might not give an impartial picture of it.'

Which is the same as saying that as long as the Spanish Fascists haven't been invited to speak to labor's convention, then the Spanish people's representatives, who also speak for the Spanish unions, are not to be allowed to speak.

Green and the Executive Council did not speak for organized labor in denying the floor to the Spanish people's representatives.

Labor Support to Spain Here are some of the organized labor bodies which in recent months have either voted to support the Spanish people's fight, together with Labor's Chest for Spain, or have condemned all Fascism:

United Textile Workers of America (Sept. 16). Calafirnia Federation of Labor

(Sept. 19). Cap and Millinery Workers Union (Oct. 9). Inited Rubber Workers of

America (Sept. 17). New Jersey State Federation of Labor (Sept. 16). Granite Cutters International Association (Sept. 2).

Cafeteria Workers International Lnion (Aug. 25). American Federation of Teach-

Labor's Chest for Spain has also been endorsed by the executive boards of the following: international Ladies Garment

Workers Union. rs Union.
International Fur Workers Geared in High Amalgamated Clothing Work-

**Pedro Unions Aim** To Put Skids on Plan of More Cops

LOS ANGELES - Although

Police Chief "Peanut Hitler"

with gleaming badge and design dues. in spangles of gold braid, argued loud and long, the City Council here turned down his plea for funds to maintan his police army in the Harbor District and put over a decision on the matter. Retreating slightly in the face of public disapproval, Davis had reduced his original request of \$44,500 to \$36,280, on the grounds that the special assigment of 410 Nearly all the councilmen taking the floor apparently objected to the allocation but when Coun-

cilman Brainard presented a motion to put the consideration over until the middle of the week "for further study" they consen- attained." ted to pass the buck. ILA Head on Cops

ments of warfare.

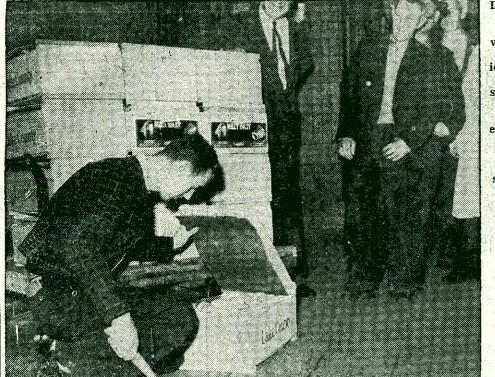
the floor and soundly berated at- coal mine holdings to be on the tempts to spend thousands of union side, so far as the men dollars of taxpayers money to can make it so, maintain a police force whose sole purpose was to intimidate Air Base Workers the maritime strikers.

Pat Calahan, organizer of the Sue for Back Pay Worker' Alliance, took the floor and declared that if the City Council was looking for a good wages of \$10,497, twenty-six men place to spend these thousands, working on the Sunnyvale naval they might turn it over to the air base hanger at San Jose have more than 2000 women who have brought suit in Federal Court been cut off the sewing projects for a judgment for that amount. during the past week.

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) C.I.O. unions to the A.F.L. cists.

HE AND COUNCIL STRIKERS LOOK OUT FOR PUBLIC'S INTERESTS



SAN FRANCISCO-The San

Francisco News, Scripps-Howard

nounced agreement with the

ployed five years or more.

**Labor for Change** 

WASHINGTON-Forces driv

ng towards a constitutional

amendment in order to make

minimum wage and maximum

nour legislation effective found

new adherent here as the third

The recommendation was em

committee on minimum wage leg-

legislation to prevent payment

Minimum Wage Laws

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IN THE MARI-TIME strike warehousemen's strike the unions have been far more considerate of the public's interests than the employers have.

San Francisco warehousemen are shown inspecting crates of pears prior to releasing them during the grocery warehouse strike. The Warehousemen's Union, J.L.A. Local 38-44, has since

gained its de-

mands from

the grocery

O'Connell Instructed To Fight For It

SAN FRANCISCO-Maybe the Standard Oil Co. and the open shoppers in general think that the framed-up Modesto boys are forgotten, but they're cuckoo if they do.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council sent John O'Con- ing-including labor, farmers, nell as its delegate to the A.F.L. professionals, youth and the un convention in Tampa with instructions to introduce and fight for this resolution (which all labor organizations should as well as in politics.

WHEREAS: In March, 1936, a strike was called against the Oil Fankers of the Standard Oil Company of California and other Pacific Coast Oil concerns by the Pacific Coast District Committee of the International Sea-

part in fighting the strikers by every vicious means for which torious throughout the Nation; a union organizational drive,

slation adopted a committee reoort committing it to seek such bodied in the report of the public highway by Standard Oil islation. That report declared, Company private detectives, and "In the light of recent studies were subsequently charged and tried in Modesto, California, on four serious counts; and mittee concludes that the need

Farce Trial

for mandatory minimum wage WHEREAS: The record of the trial revealed that the arrest had been promoted and instigated by agents provocateurs, stool pigeons and detectives in "Indeed so urgent is this need Company, and further that the that the committee recommends special prosecutor, Glenn Devore Assn. of Iron Steel and Tin Wor- the states and the federal govern of Fresno, California, was an became realized.

trict attorney; and "Inasmuch as such legislation viously approached, are coming ference at the same time endorse rious charges and returned a the proposal that the federal con- compromise verdice on the least "It looks like the days in the stitution be amended so as to serious one, namely, "reckless

> A day prior to the conference's tion for leniency; and action the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers, by ac- timony of the said stool pigtion of their executive boards, eons and private detectives of

Calls for A.F.L. Support WHEREAS: Edward Vandeleur, president of the California lation which will be made the State Federation of Labor, in his report of September 16, 1935, their belief in the innocence of later verification." LA Pharmacist Union the Union members, and pledged full moral and financial support towards their complete vindication and immediate liberation, and furthermore placed the products of the Standard Oil

> RESOLVED: That this fiftysixth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor convention, and pledges the prestige and resources of the Am-

SHOWS NEED OF A LABOR PARTY

Should Include All Allies of The Trade Unions

WASHINGTON-Labor should use its newly-found political strength in moving quickly toward formation of an "all-inclusive and all-embracing Farmer-Labor," declared Francis Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union, n a new statement here.

"The elections show that there is a new political alignment in process of development," said Gorman. "Labor has shown its strength for the first time. That strength can be maintained only by the formation of a Labor

are urging the maintenance of Labor's Non-Partisan League as the base for the formation of such a party. I think that the showing of the American Labor Party in New York was splendid. It proves that the base for a Labor Party in New York is all there.

Labor's Allies Although believing in the importance of a strong trade union core, Gorman said farmers and professionals are of great importance as parts of a Farmer Labor Party movement.

"It's got to be set up in such be all-inclusive and all-embracemployed.

Gorman believes labor must press for gains now in industry "We certainly intend to capitalize on labor's contribution to

the victory of Roosevelt. We will press for better wages and a higher standard of living." The United Textile Workers' recent convention reaffirmed its

position for a Farmer-Labor Party. The forthcoming execu-WHEREAS: The Standard Oil tive board meeting of the union, Company took the most active said Gorman, will probably Big problem before the board

meeting will be the mapping of particularly in the southern textile mills. It is to facilitate that drive that the union headquarters are being moved to Washington.

Danger of Job Loss In Security Forms

WASHINGTON — poportunities afforded employers to scrutinize the social security applithe employ of the Standard Oil cation forms of their employees began to alarm labor officials here as implications of the forms

Moves were begun to have the nies, as admitted in open court method of procedure guaranteeby Cleary, the labor-hating dis- ing the right of the worker to submit his application blank to WHEREAS: The jury acquitted the board directly without having it pass through the hands of the employer and without being under suspicion for refusal to submit his application form through his employer

Labor officials agreed that the danger lay in allowing the employer access to the true age of the employee. They contend that with the constantly lowering age limit taking place in industry many persons, especially women in textile mills and other mass production industries, are forced to underestimate their age when applying for a job.

Many persons, they say, are being turned away on the grounds of "being too old" and if the employer becomes aware of Labor, meeting in Atlantic it agred to review Jones and friend of Earl McKale. He proof their actual age, they will City, last October: either be dropped immediately or sooner than in their normal course of employment. The So- a system of glorified and gory ment. Minimum wages for men, to the annual convention, and cial Security application blank, gangsterism, which are the mealso the convention itself by under the line requesting the UNANIMOUS vote, declared date of birth, states, "Subject to

> RACY" before the people of the United States; and be it further RESOLVED: That this convention wire to our fellow Unionists at San Quentin Peniten-Company on the "We do not tiary in California assurance of patronize" list; now therefore support, and that it telegraph has gained during decades of protests and demands for the struggle. All normal processes vindication and immediate re- of civilization was reversed and lease of the defendants to Gov- all accepted laws of justice and American Federation of Labor is ernor Frank F. Merriam at Sac-decency outraged." ramento, and to the State Board voted by the 1935 California of Terms and Paroles, San Quen-

tin. California; and be it finally RESOLVED: That adequate bor Chest for the relief and publicity of this action be given liberation of workers of Europe erican Federation of Labor to and all friends of labor be urged so that it might efficiently and panies had failed to show ir and the union had complied with bring the facts of the "MODES- to refuse patronage to the energian adequately meet the needs of reparable damage if the hear- all requirements of the Council for endorsement of the strike.

GORMAN AGAIN "Point of Order"

By Slim

Exaggeration is the Word for Fanny TN THE GRAND MANNER, Secretary of Labor Perkins did som

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boasting at the Tampa convention of the A.F.L. Employment in the United States, she told the delegates, is practically at the 1929 level.

Secretary Perkins is a lady, and we are gentlemen, so we must refrain from calling Miss Perkins what some more uncouth person might can her on the basis of her claims before the con-

Instead, we are going to let the Executive Council of the A. F.L., whose members are also gentlemen, refute Miss Perkins. A monthly survey of business just issued by the American

Federation of Labor shows that: Profits of American industry, now rapidly approaching predepression levels, will be between 40 and 50 per cent greater this year than they were in 1935, but workers' average hourly earnings

will show a gain of less than 1 per cent, By increasing working hours two a week, instead of hiring additional labor, industry "has denied jobs to several hundred thousand unemployed."

The Federation points out further, in black and white figures, that instead of giving worthwhile wage increases, and increasing employment to workers this year, the big corporations have used their huge profits to increase dividends to stockholders.

As an example of how profits are skyrocketing, the A.F.L. quoted figures supplied by Standard Statistics showing that the profits of 403 representative corporations are not far from the boom level of 1929. In that year they were \$2,991,000,000. The estimate for 1936 is \$2,243,000,000. That is \$265,000,000 more than the same corporations made in 1927 and only \$378,000,000 less than they pocketed in 1928.

But the failure to increase wages is only part of the story. Where the American Federation survey makes Miss Perkins' glib Jack Mansfield's book and this claims seem greatly exaggerated (we are still being the gentleman) is in the following:

"Many industries," the Federation said, "by speed-up methmanner," he declared, "it will ods and technological improvements, have greatly increased the workers' hourly production, placing an added work load on the Council for various reasons. wage-earner for which he receives no corresponding gain in pay."

Citing the boot and shoe industry as an example, the Federation shows that, while workers are producing 10½ per cent more union and attempted to assume goods an hour than they did in 1935, their hourly earnings have, during 1936, actually decreased 2.6 per cent.

Which means that unemployment has been increasing right along. Miss Perkins to the contrary. (It might be worth while ternational, instead of supportadding the fact that over a million railroad workers will never ing our local, on unjustifiable have the opportunity to work at their trades again, grounds he placed our represendue to elimination by speed-up and consolidations.

Workers' weekly incomes have been increased throughout industry as a whole. This has been accomplished, the Federation explained, by working labor two hours longer a week and by raising wages one-half cent an hour.

And as the Federation survey correctly concludes:

"These figures show that re-employment is vital to the nation. Buying power could have been increased vastly more, however, if wages had been raised commensurately with industry's capacity to pay, and if hours had not been lengthened."

History Repeats Itself

A page out of history that should show those big open shoppers, as in the steel industry, whose company on them, that history repeats itself. As long ago as the year 1900, the rulers of Tsarist Russia

were alarmed by the growth of Social Democratic ideas among the workers in industry... A clever young officer of the secret police named Zubatoff convinced his superiors that they might withdrawn. best combat this political (and therefore revolutionary) movement by quietly encouraging them to form unions for purely economic action and even actively helping them to win better wages and working conditions through direct struggle with the employers. Of course, these unions were to be supervised and guided by "undercover men" representing the secret police.

The scheme seemed to work well for a time. By 1903 these legalized unions were getting out of hand. As the historian Mayor puts it, they "taught the working men how to organize and gave them a taste for power," and they "rendered an important though unintentional service in the initial stages of the revo-

Within another year or two they had become so clearly conscious of their political as wel las their economic interests that in self-defense the autocracy had to suppress them.

AFL on Record to Court Set for New Aid Anti-Fascists Anti-Labor Blows

toship, Nazis and Fascists succed-

"Their coming to power in evitably signalized the abolition of all civic and political rights and complete annihilation of everything that organized labor Part of resolution was:

WASHINGTON - Establish-

which to rest the constitution- he had served major oil ality of the Wagner-Connery La- panies in a supervisor's capacibor Relations Act was accomp-Laughlin, Fruehauf Trailer, and moted the credit-card system, Friedman-Harry Marks cases. ify the Wagner Act.

Formerly the court consented no extra pay. to hear the Asociated Press and Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Co. cases. Hearings letter shows. on these cases will be held before the arguments on those newly granted reviews.

Columbia court of appeals de Central Labor Union Council clined to grant injunctions putting many obstacles in the against the board requested by way of their strike against the six employers. They were the Seaside Oil Co. Heller Brothers Co. of Newcomerstown, Ohio, A. C. Lawrence At a Labor Council meeting Leather Co. of Peabody Mass., Vandeleur called a motion for Brown Shoe Co., Vincennes, Ind., support of the strike out of or-Beaver Mills, Douglasville, Ga., der, telling the Filling Station Cabot Mfg. Co., Brunswick, Me., workers' delegate that the unand the Bethlehem Shipbuilding ion had better first take it up Co., San Francisco.

ing were held.

Request Nat'l Council Take Him Out So SF Union May Grow

SAN FRANCISCO-So were Jack Mansfield's pract that Filling Station Employees Union Local 19570 couldn't stomach them, and the following letter to the National Council in Akron is the result:

Nov. 19, 1936. Mr. H. A. Bradley, Natl. Council,

First Central Tower Bldg., Akron, Ohio. Dear Brother Bradley:

This evening Jack Mansfield, appointed by you as vice-president of the National Council. attended our meeting. As a result of some of his recent actions, which our membership considered contrary to our welfare, he was called to task to

explain himself. Upon his request to the membership that if we didn't deem him worthy of holding a book in our union he would be glad to turn it in and leave the union, a motion was duly made and seconded that we accept was passed by a vast majority of those voting—54 to 9.

Our union has gone on record to request you to withdraw him from officership in the National

To name a few: 1-The manner in which he came to our the role of dictator; 2-When asked for his cooperation as vice-president of our council in a meeting involving another intatives in a most embarrassing position by favoring the opposition; 3-Contrary to the basic principles of the A.F.L. he has established a union local in Oakland affiliated to our nation council in which a great his ber of employers are members in good standing, giving them a majority vote on all questions concerning their employees' wel-

He has attempted to instill the same type of organization within our local No. 19570.

4—He is directly responsible for sabotaging our joint executive council by his most undemocratic actions which have disgusted our sister local in San Mateo so as to cause them to withdraw until Mansfield is

In the meantime we would sincerely appreciate your sending a man out here to serve as vice-president until the Januar convention, who will better r resent the interests of organized labor instead of wasting our funds and retarding our progress as Jack Mansfield has done. We would expressly appreciate a detailed reply addressed

to our local in care of our recording secretary. Fraternally yours, Executive Board, 19570.

Now for some more facts on Mansfield. He was brought into the union by Joe Casey, and is a pal of that arch-reactionary. He was brought in through the back door, with the aid of Al De Lisle, deposed president, a reactionary if there ever was

Mansfield never served in the capacity of an ordinary employee, in or about a gasoline ment of a broader base upon station. By his own admission

ity. He is directly responsible for the speedup in the McKale which increased the profits of The court is expected to nul- the companies, entailing much additional work for the men with

He turned the Oakland local into a company union, as the

The Filling Station workers have found Edward Vandeleur, At the same time, District of secretary of the San Francisco

Vandeleur's Tactics with teamsters' officials, even The court held that the com- though the union had done so, for endorsement of the strike.

AFL COUNCIL TO Guild Gains Big EAVE P-I ALONE In "News" Pact

Out of Strike After paper here, has officially an-Rebuke of Raw Move Newspaper Guild which marks

TAMPA, Fla.-Roundly re- gained by the militant editorial puked by the Newspaper Guild workers' union. and by resolutions of many labor councils and other labor bodies, the A.F.L. Executive Council has decided to withdraw from any future attempts to mediate the Seattle Hearst Post-Intelligencer strike led by the

Guild. The anger of organized labor bodies was aroused because the Executive Council attempted to force the Guild to settle on a basis which would not only grant none of the Guild's demands but would also leave the two fired Guild members per-

manently blacklisted. It was the firing of these two members, for Guild activities, which precipitated the strike in

the first place. William Green announced the decision to withdraw after hearing Jonathan Eddy, national secretary of the Guild, and Harvey Kelley, attorney for the Hearst

publications. Steel Strike Being

CHICAGO-Fifty organizers of of wages paid in various parts the Steel Workers Organizing of the United States, your com-Committee returned to their districts with aces in hand from the organizing conference in Chicago Nov. 10 presided over by gislation to prevent payment of Regional Director Van A. Bitt- of sweatshop wages is as urgent ner of the Great Lakes-Chicago as ever. region. The aces were Bittner's announcement that for the next 90 days steel workers will be

krs without initiation fees or ment to draft minimum wage Davis, replete in uniform of blue, From every district came the to the present limitations of the news that men are making good constitution. their pre-election promises to join up after Pres. Roosevelt was re- has been held unconstitutional elected. Many new men, not pre- the committee urges that the con-

to district officers to sign up. war," said a veteran organizer, permit minimum wages and other and malicious possession of exwhen all we had to do was to show up at a factory gate and police had been slashed to 210 the men almost mobbed us in their eagernes to get union cards. In the war and immediate postwar years the American Federation of Labor reached its all-

time membership peak, exceed-

ing 4,000,000, a level never since A contributing reason for the 90-day moratorium on union dues Roy Donnelly, president of the and initiation fees is the fact Longshoremen's Union in San that at the end of March the Pedro, in speaking against the soft coal agreements held by proposal before the packed Coun- the United Mine Workers of cil Chambers, denounced the po- America expire.If there is to be lice action which had sent an a showdown with the coal operarmy of 600 to the strike area, ators the miners, who have been armed with most of the imple- important factors in financing the steel drive, want the steel Numerous other speakers took plants with their huge captive

San JOSE-Demanding back

Cracks Down On Open-Shop Outfit LOS ANGELES - Following

the refusal of the Sontag Drug

stores to deal with their union,

the Pharmacists Union 840 of

Los Angeles has declared that

the only alternative is to strike

included in the bill.

year's conference, study princi-

ples to be embodied in a bill

for federal minimum wage legis-

basis for a constitutional amend-

as well as women, are to be

the offending stores. Though their demands only include a demand for a forty-eight WON'T LOAD FASCIST ARMS hour week with a weekly wage ANTWERP. Belgium - Ant- of forty dollars, the labor exploit-DOUGLAS, Ariz.—The Coch- werp dockers are on record as ing Morris Sontag has definitely e County Central Labor Coun- refusing to load war equipment refused to recognize the union demands reinstatement of the destined for the Spanish Fas- and maintains that he will deal only with individuals.

one of the biggest victories yet The scale established will set a \$20 minimun per week for beginners, with increases each year rising to a \$50 weekly minimum for experienced men em-

The five-day 40-hour week time off for overtime, vacations with pay, sick leave pay, dis missal pay and expense allowances are also to prevail, according to the News' announcement.

men's Union of America; and

national conference on labor leg-WHEREAS: During the progress of the strike nine members of the Pacific Coast Maritime Unions were arrested on the

legislation which will conform Company and other oil compa- Social Security Board adopt a

the defendants on all of the se-

plosives," with a recommenda-WHEREAS: This conviction was secured wholly on the tes-

adopted resolutions pledging the the Standard Oil Company; and WHEREAS: The conviction unions to seek similar constituwas a deliberate attack by the The committee further urged Standard Oil Company against that the Secretary of Labor's organized labor; and the impriscommittee, to be appointed by onment of these defendants is the conference and the Secretary an injury to and a crime against of Labor to serve until next American Labor; and

in full accord with the action TO STANDARD OIL CONSPI- mies of labor.

In view of Green's action against the Spanish people at the Tampa convention it is necessary to recall that the following resolution was adopted by the last regular annual conventhose now with jobs feel that tion of the American Federation lished by the Supreme Court as stations. He is a personal

> "By bluff and bludgeon, threats, torture and terror, by thods of every brand of dictaed in obtaining power and establishing themselves as legal governments of their respective

"To give all possible moral and financial support to the Lalabor's Fascist victims."