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From London it was learned that England had taken action of its own, warning Mussolini that unless his troops are withdrawn he will be considered responsible for a situation that "might easily develop into a European war."

At the same time, however, it was learned that Britain is considering holding out an offer to Mussolini of legal recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia and the floating of a loan for Italy in London.

The League's resolution, when adopted by the entire council, would open the way to direct negotiations by England and France with Italy.

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CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

Complaint Shows Hynes Cops Aid Hatchet-Men In L. A. Attacks

LOS ANGELES — Committee for Industrial Organization leaders demanded last Wednesday that U. S. Attorney General Homer Cummings take steps to curb the criminal activities of Teamster officials' 'goons' squads following the latest bloody attacks against CIO workers on Tuesday.

Six union members and one bystander were attacked by "goons" so that they required hospitalization. Two were seriously injured.

Refused to Act

Police and deputy sheriffs watched the sluggings, declared CIO leaders, and when U. S. District Attorney Benjamin Harrison was appealed to for government protection of CIO workers, he "deplored" the violence.

"But," sad Harrison, after 24 hours deliberation, "my hands are tied. I feel that matters of this kind are out of the jurisdiction of the federal government. I advise you to apply to the district attorney of Los Angeles County."

Inciting to Violence

Branding Harrison's inaction as equivalent to inciting violence, Secretary C. H. Jordan of the CIO Industrial Council, CIO Regional Director J. R. Robertson and a delegation of CIO members immediately demanded action by Attorney General Cummings.

Stating Harrison's refusal to investigate immediately into failure of local police to uphold the law was an "invitation to goon squads to continue slugging and beating workers in Los Angeles," the telegrams, signed by Robertson, were sent to Senator Wm. Gibbs McAdoo, Cummings, and Congressmen Byron Scott, Jerry Voorhis, Tom Ford, and Others in Washington, D. C.

Robertson pointed out Harrison's stand was in direct opposition to the law and to the policy of the attorney general's office. He cited the recent similar case in Harlan, Ky., where the federal government appointed two special prosecutors.

Contact Roosevelt

Immediate steps were taken, said Robertson, to contact President Roosevelt in Seattle to assure proper consideration would be given the issue.

"President Roosevelt will be notified we have definite evidence of conspiracy against federal laws by local police," said Robertson.

Pacific Coast CIO Director Harry Bridges declared: "We are going ahead with all our power and will force federal authorities to take action against local police."

One of the assaults, in which three men were brutally beaten by over 100 "goons," was witnessed by Tom O'Conner, Evening News labor reporter, who identified the sluggers as Teamsters Union members.

Eye Witness

The beaten men were Eli Epstein and Joe Mandernack, organizer and secretary of the United Cracker, Bakery & Confectionery Workers, and Martin Rabinowitz, a bystander.

The "goons" swept down on Epstein and Mandernack as they emerged from a nut packing plant at 722 Market Court, after they had met with pack-

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RED ARMY VICTORIOUS

200,000 Chinese Troops Led by Communists

SHANGHAI — After Chinese defense lines here had held intact in the face of the most powerful mechanized offensive Japan has yet launched in its undeclared war, the famed Eighth Route Army of the Chinese Communist Party smashed and routed a Japanese army on the northwest front in Shansi Province.

Defeat of the Japanese army in Shansi was reported to the central government by Chin Tang-hsien, one of the leaders of the Communist delegation at Nanking and former chairman of the Chinese Soviet government.

As the Communist-led army, which has long pursued the objective of taking the front line of defense against Japan, continued to throw its force of 200,000 in pursuit of the Japanese, the battle raged on in the Shanghai area.

Terrific 14-inch German Krupp siege guns had been added to the Japanese offensive weapons. Fleets of bombers and pursuit planes rained explosives on Chinese civilian areas and military headquarters, particularly in the Chapai and Pootung districts.

"The Japanese can blast us forever, but they will never dislodge us this time," declared General Sun Yun-liang, who commands the Chapai defense. "Burned twice, Chapai has become one of the nation's greatest military shrines. We have found the Japanese infantrymen poor fighters, and it seldom requires much effort to defeat them in hand to hand combat."

Stung by inability to pierce the Chinese lines, Japan continued its three-way offensive by land, naval and air forces.

FLASH!

Jerry Feingold, San Francisco's champion Western Worker builder, announced as we went to press that he had already raised $100 in the drive for a daily paper. Jerry pledged to raise $500, and this completes 20 per cent of his quota. Where are you other press builders?

Realty Steal Laid To Fleishhacker

Slipped $8,125 Into Own Pockets in Market Street Sales

By HARRY BARTON

Herbert Fleishhacker is charged in a suit pending in Judge Roches' court, San Francisco, of retaining $8,125 as a "secret commission" on the sale of valuable Market Street property.

He is charged with selling the property for $15,000 more than he told his clients and retaining 5 per cent of the total sale price of $165,000 unknown to the people who had placed full trust in him as their agent.

He informed the representative of the Lazard and Cahn families, of Paris, that a sale of property owned by them had brought a price of $150,000. Later he "confessed" that the property had brought a "little more," and deposited to their account $151,469.34.

Although this deal occurred in 1925, not until 1934, when other shady deals of Fleashhacker were being investigated was the actual sale price brought to light.

Fleishhacker Trusted

Early in 1925 Fleishhacker cabled the business representative of the Cahns and Lazards in Paris that there were buyers interested in the Market Street property owned by the two families. He said that he had a bid on the property for $125,000. He asked if this price was acceptable to them. They cabled back that they were willing to take his advice on the sale.

The bank cabled the Cahns and Lazards on July 17, 1925, that the property had been sold for $150,000. A few days later Fleishhacker sent them a written confirmation of the sale at the stated price.

Two months later Fleishhacker informed them of the slightly higher price.

Accusation Made

Plaintiffs charge that they can prove that Fleishhacker received $5,000 July 20, 1925, as payment on account of purchase price of $165,000.

The defense, as prepared by John Francis Neylan, states, "The defendant, Fleishhacker, was able to and did, in fact, persuade the purchasers of said property to pay the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000)." —by July 23, 1925.

Mr. Fleishhacker was able to talk up the price $15,000 **after** an agreement had been made on the price of $150,000.

The plaintiffs charge that they were never informed of the true sale price and there never had been any agreement with Fleishhacker that would permit him to take extra commissions.

AFL TO FACE UNITY ISSUE

Progressives Push Fight On Union Splitters

DENVER—Far from surrendering the fight against the labor splitting AFL executive council and for uniting the ranks of labor, progressive delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention opening here Monday, October 4, are rallying their forces behind a resolution introduced by the Seattle Metal Trades Council.

This resolution, with an identical one recently adopted by the Utah State Federation of Labor, calls for a convention of all AFL, CIO and railroad unions to work out the basic program for one united labor movement in the United States.

Hutcheson Asks Split

Reactionary forces were likewise marshalling behind William D. Hutcheson, Carpenters president and labor "front" for the Republican Party last year, who is demanding expulsion of the suspended CIO international unions. Conservative but more cautious AFL top leaders were reported doubtful about expulsion.

AFL Secretary Frank Morrison announced the federation's membership at 3,271,726—about a half million less members than the Committee for Industrial Organization has. Still Morrison predicted the CIO would vanish and be "only a memory" in his lifetime!

For CIO Reinstatement

General Executive Secretary Marx Lewis, of the United Hat, Cap & Millinery Workers, announced this union's delegates would call for reinstatement of CIO unions, support of CIO organizational drives and election of a committee to confer with the CIO on unity.

(See Page 4 for editorial, Page 3 for article on labor unity by Wm. Z. Foster.)

UNITY ENDED LOCK-OUT ON WATERFRONT

Rank and File Teamsters In Rebellion Against Chiefs in Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO — Longshoremen and teamsters are working normally on the San Francisco waterfront again, more solidly united than ever before as a result of the abysmal failure of the Teamster officials' to lock out the longshoremen.

Interviewed by a Western Worker reporter, Longshoremen President Henry Schmidt declared:

"The officials of the Teamsters Union did not tell the men to go back to work because they wanted to save the farmers' crops.

"The real reason for the end of the blockade was failure of their program. Their program was to split the ranks of the longshoremen, which failed miserably, and to split the ranks of the Maritime Federation, which also failed miserably. The Associated Farmers angle was merely a face-saving device.

"The relations between longshoremen and teamsters were never better than they are right now," Warren Denton, Warehousemen's president, stated.

Victory for CIO

"This is a great victory for the Committee for Industrial Organization. It ought to convince everyone once and for all that the warehousemen have chosen the organization they want to represent them.

"This is also another victory for solidarity. As long as the workers stick together, they have nothing to fear from any source."

Casey on Spot

Rank and file teamsters in Alameda County continued their fight for democracy in their Local 70. At a meeting called Wednesday night by local Teamster czar Charles Real, Joseph Casey, Teamster international auditor, reinforced by 100 'goons' had a hot time ducking the demands of 800 rank and file members that the receivership of the union, decreed by international officials, be dissolved and their regularly elected officers reinstated.

Casey refused to allow Cliff Lester, ousted Local 70 president, to have the floor, declared the meeting adjourned over the protests of the rank and filers, and left the hall amid loud boos.

In San Francisco Deputy Police Chief Skelly admitted officer Daniel Flannigan had been active as an "organizer" of warehousemen for the Teamster officials. Flannigan said he was on vacation and "organizing" without pay.

3 in San Quentin Welcome Decision Upholding Appeal

Immediate Release Is Up to Webb As Court Invokes Red Tape to Keep Men Held Innocent Behind Bars

By AL RICHMOND

I saw three men behind San Quentin's walls—three men, legally free, yet actually behind the prison bars while "the wheels of justice" move with tortuous slowness in swinging open the gates.

Three men whom a court had just told:

PAT CHAMBERS

"You have been in jail two and a half years, but it was all a mistake. Even by our narrow standards, you are innocent. You have been robbed of two and a half years of your life."

The elation that swept California at the reversal of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism verdicts by the Court of Appeals, was mirrored there in the faces of Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, last of the original victims still in prison.

Two Men—One Thought

Chambers and Crane, the two prisoners I was able to converse with on Wednesday, day after the court ruling, both had one thought.

"I'm glad this damned vacation is over. I have been storing up energy for two and a

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Red Tape Delays Freedom for Three

Although declared innocent by a District Court of Appeals, three Criminal Syndicalism prisoners are faced with another three weeks of slow torture in San Quentin.

This was disclosed Thursday when George Anderson, International Labor Defense attorney representing the prisoners, went to Sacramento and asked the Court to order the immediate release of the men. He was told that "the law would have to take its course."

This means the men will have to remain in prison 22 days from the day of the decision, the time allowed Attorney General U. S. Webb to file appeal with a higher court. Webb has the authority to grant the three immediate freedom.

The ILD made efforts to contact him, but as the Western Worker went to press was still unable to obtain a definite answer. A request was made that all unions and organizations wire Webb, asking immediate freedom for the Sacramento boys.

Those in San Quentin are Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane. Others out on parole or having served their time are Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Albert Hougardy and Lorine Norman.

Their two-and-a-half-year-old verdict of guilty on charges of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism was reversed by the Appeals Court in Sacramento on Tuesday. The court ruled that the dropping of other indictments, supported by the self-same evidence, negated the verdict on the indictment that stuck. The court further recommended the release of the prisoners, commenting that no good purpose would be served by a retrial.

MANY OPPOSE SUBWAY BONDS

Big Interests Must Pay Cost Says Anita Whitney

SAN FRANCISCO — "Defeat the subway bonds as they are put before the voters on the November 2nd ballot, but do not forget that San Francisco needs and must have a subway for modern rapid transit."

So delared Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, on being informed of a long list of organizations who are attacking the proposed bond issue but at the same time opposing the construction of a subway under any conditions.

Already aligned against the 49 million dollar bond issue are the following organizations, sponsoring a joint campaign: Civic League of Improvement Clubs, Building Owners' and Managers' Association, Apartment House Owners' and Managers' Association, Apartment House Owners' and Lessees' Association, Realty Board, Mission Merchants Association, Fillmore Merchants' and Improvement Association, Marina Home Owners' Association and Central Council of Civic Clubs.

The Carmen's Union, Division 1004, is campaigning separately against the bonds.

"We Communists agree with these organizations when they oppose the raising of taxes," said Anita Whitney. "But they argue against the subway because of the temporary inconvenience of torn-up streets and other such objections. And they say nothing of exempting small homes from taxation and placing the cost on those who can pay.

"Far from being useless as they argue, a subway would be a basic step toward solving our rapid transit problem. But it would pay cash dividends to the big downtown mercantile interests and it would pay cash dividends to the banks who want to buy the bonds.

"They and not the people who will have to pay millions in fares must finance the subway. This is why we are against the bond issue. This is why we urge a NO vote on November 2. But at the same time we demand a financing plan to give San Francisco a subway."

Byron Scott Will Address Meeting

LONG BEACH—Congressman Byron Scott, one of the leaders of the progressive bloc in the national congress, will speak as a guest of the International Labor Defense at its first open meeting here Monday, Oct. 4, at Fraternal Hall, Elm and Anaheim Streets.

Attorney George Shibley and other prominent citizens will also speak at the gathering, which will be attended by a large body of Long Beach liberals.

Flaherty Boys From Spain To Reach Bay Area Monday

The three fighting Flaherty Brothers, home from the Spanish front of world democracy after having been wounded in battle, were scheduled to arrive Monday, Oct. 4 in the San Francisco Bay area.

On a nation-wide tour that has attracted mass response wherever they appeared, the three have been speaking to big meetings in Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

Three meetings and a radio address are scheduled in the Bay Area before the three proceed to Los Angeles. They will be greeted there by a public reception at the station and will address another mass meeting in Philharmonic Auditorium.

Radio Talk

The boys will reach San Francisco in time to give a radio talk Monday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 5:15 p.m. over Station KGGC, announced Lona Wells, secretary of the Northern California organization of the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion.

The same evening, at 6:30 p. m., they will be guests of honor at a banquet at the Maison Paul, 1214 Market Street, sharing the speakers' table with such notables as Kathleen Norris and Charles G. Norris who are members of a distinguished list of sponsors. Professor Holland D. Roberts of Stanford University will be chairman. Frederick Thompson, whose son is fighting in Spain, will be the only other speaker.

On Wednesday night, Oct. 7, the three will speak at their major bay area mass meeting organized jointly by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion and the Irish-American Educational League, at Irish-American Hall, 454 Valencia Street.

Jerry Callahan, popular young president of the Filling Station Employees' Union, will preside. He will be introduced by George R. Anderson, outstanding labor attorney. Speakers in addition to the Flahertys will be Leila Leitner, author and lecturer just returned from Spain; Fred Allen, representative of the Fish Reduction Workers' Union which lost three of its members in Spain, and John Monahan, representing the Irish-American Educational League.

Speak in Richmond

Tuesday night, Oct. 5, the brothers will speak at the Lincoln School Auditorium in Richmond. Assisting the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion in organizing the meeting is the Richmond Branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. Pat Lydon, representative of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, is one of the individual sponsors.

The Flahertys will be greeted by a mass delegation when they arrive at the 5th and Central Station in Los Angeles, at 6 p.m. Among those present will be Assemblyman Sam Yorty and Jack B. Tenney, and A. P. Entenza, former national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Their Los Angeles mass meeting will be in Philharmonic Auditorium Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, when they will appear with a distinguished list of sponsors.

Anita Whitney to Speak: Tune in on Monday, 5:45 p. m.

Tune in, San Francisco!

Anita Whitney, Communist Party candidate for supervisor, will speak over KGO Monday, Oct. 5, from 5:45 to 6 p. m., on the Party platform in the Nov. 2 municipal election.

She is the Party's sole candidate in the election, carrying on a campaign for unity with all progressive forces.

Tune in!

Progressives Call Unity Conference for 1938 Electio

PROGRAM TO BE PLANNED OCT. 16-17

Fresno Meet to Lay Basis For Federating Liberal California Forces

LOS ANGELES—A statewide meeting of progressive forces in California will be held in Fresno, October 16 and 17, under the sponsorship of a group which is identified as "a coalition of liberal, labor and farmer forces working within their own parties."

The meeting is called to work out a program of unity for progressives, rather than to consider candidates, although the sponsors declare "Progressives throughout the United States consider the coming elections in California vitally important. California must take its place with such states as Washington and Wisconsin."

Sponsors have gathered in both northern and southern California to plan the unity movement, with provisional offices in Room 410, American Bank Building, Los Angeles, in care of William J. Plunkert, 1950 Jones Street, San Francisco.

The sponsors include:

Northern: Thomas Addis, Dr. George P. Adams, Dr. Philip King. Brown, Rev. Dillon W. Bronsonnorton, Prof. Benjamin E. Mallory, Rabbi Saul White, Dr. Caroline Decker, Dr. Ernest Untermann, Gene Gaillac, Ben Thompkins, John D. Barry, Dr. Guiseppi Bocci, George Aiken, Sol Silver-man, Mrs. Henry Erdman, William J. Plunkert, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, Margaret Hayes, Helen Lawson, A. F. Gaynor, Pat Lydon, Ellis Patterson, Dewey P. Meigs 3rd, Wilford Howard, Claudia Williams, Joseph Bendetsen, Victor Wagler.

Southern: Dr. George Mangold, Dorothy Wysor Smith, Ben Browning, Paul Richie, Judge Robert K. Kenny, Rube Borough, Oliver Thornton, Ernest Dawson, Beck Feaver, Aubrey Hawkins, Dr. Floyd J. Seaman, Carey McWilliams, Oliver Carlson, Ellen-ore Bogigian, John Packard, Michael Rudolph, Rose Segure, Frank Scully, Fred Covington, A. A. Heist, C. H. Jordan, Lee Gevyer, Hugh Wilkins, Hugh Campbell, J. R. Robertson, Charles Powers, Herb Sorel.

BENSON DEPLORES HATRED OF RACES

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Gov. Elmer A. Benson spoke out in ringing tones against intolerance against racial and national minorities. The Governors' statement appeared in a letter to the people which he sent to the World Congress Against Racism and Anti-Semitism held in Paris. He said, in part:

"Red-baiting, anti-Semitism and Negro discrimination are fallacious. They are aimed to destroy not the opinions of an opponent's argument. They turn attention away from the problem and demand that the opponent abandon the debate into angry confusion.

"These false issues also accomplish another evil result. They divide the people, one against the other, along false lines. Then you can get the white to fear the Negro, the Christian to hate the Jew, the native to distrust the city worker, the city people to disregard the farmers, then, of course, all these people are likely to find it impossible to unite together to fight for public and liberties and to work out programs for their economic welfare."

Hearst Scandal Stories Inspire Boy to Nudity

LOS ANGELES—Fantastic sex stories published under the pseudonym of Hearst papers of a supposed naked Negro who terrorizes women had borne fruit here this week when Mrs. Daisy Morrison reported that her son Jimmy, a 13 year old boy, had only in a pair of shorts.

Using the same tactics as those described in the scandal sheets, the youth is reported to have leaped out of a clump of bushes, snatched Mrs. Morrison's purse and fled.

Los Angeles 'Finest' Cops Caught, Jailed As Thieves

Six Fall Into Trap Set to Catch Them in Common Practice of Robbing Drunks; 4 Arrested, 2 More Suspended

By J. T. STEWARD

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—Oh, strange, oh, cruel and unhappy fate. Four of Police Chief Davis' "finest" were in the clink charged with grand theft and two others, both sergents, were suspended here early this week after they were said to have been caught "dead to rights", robbing what they thought were drunks.

The arrests and suspensions climaxed an investigation, belated by years, of scores of complaints that police had "rolled" drunken persons for sums totaling thousands of dollars.

Apprehended by superiors through the use of decoys, the jailed men are Daniel S. Ryan, Dean Wood, Adolphus Baldwin and James McCarthy, close acquaintance of Chief Davis and formerly his personal driver. Those suspended are Sergeants Roy L. Wallace and Raymond Glanville. All are attached to the Lincoln Heights division.

A Common Practice The Country Over

Methods used to perpetrate the robberies, according to reports of investigators, are as crude as they are common, and are similar to those used by police the country over. Police finding a person in a drunken stupor simply pick his pockets and, most often, throw him into jail. Sometimes, if there are no witnesses, the victim is not arrested, but left lying in the street after he has been robbed, as is charged in one of the cases recorded here.

On frequent occasions they administer a sabage beating if there is doubt about the depth of the victim's stupor, according to those versed with dishonest police tactics. It is significant that widespread rumors throughout the city last night centered on accounts of prisoners being beaten into unconsciousness and even death to efforts of police to hide such crimes.

Trap Set By Deputy Police Chief

In connection with the sensational charges in the particular cases involved here, three elaborate traps, said to have been perfected by Deputy Police Chief Seager, were set to snare the jailed and suspended men. Police Chief Davis was out of town, from where he made no comment.

Three student police, whose names are withheld for fear of reprisals, it is said, were assigned to act as decoys.

Dressed in plain clothes, reeking of alcohol, they were supplied with marked money and staked out at different points, simulating drunkenness.

Three teams of police officials accompanied the "bait."

They were Inspector Charles Rudolph Jr. and Detective Lieut. C. M. Neece; Inspector Anthony Sullivan and Detective Lieut. W. Justin; and Captain Bandele and Sergeant R. W. Bowling.

Decoy Stretched Out On Sidewalk

The recruit with Bandele and Bowling was stretched out on the sidewalk at Riverside Drive and Alessandro street, feigning drunkenness. A police car drove up and McCarthy and Ryan leaped out, searched the "drunk" and sped away—with the $15, according to Deputy Chief Seager.

In the trap set for Glanville and wood, the setting was similar. This time the decoy was taken to Lincoln Heights jail, booked and robbed. The marked money was found on Wood, according to Seager.

Details of the Baldwin-Wallace incident were similar to the others. The money was found on Baldwin when he was searched at the jail, after the prisoner was found to be penniless.

Two of Those Implicated Are Held On Charges

Glanville and Wallace, although deeply implicated, were released without charges being filed against them when they declared they had no knowledge of their partners' alleged thievery. However, it is expected arrest and theft charges will be placed against them following the pending investigation.

All the men involved, except Ryan, have been members of the local police force for ten years or more. And all have testified in court innumerable times against persons they are likely to become better acquainted with in the event they are convicted.

M. L. THOMAS BACKS DOWN UNDER ATTACK

Anti-Nazi League Forces Resignation From 150th Anniversary Body

LOS ANGELES—Chalking up another victory for the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, Martin Luther Thomas, pastor of The Metropolitan Federated Church, otherwise known as The Church by Life's Highway, resigned last week from the Governor Merriam appointed Commission of 65 for the celebration of the 150th birthday of the Constitution of the United States.

Thomas' resignation followed a strongly worded telegram from the League to the governor demanding that he be removed because of the "flagrant disregard for principles on which the Constitution is based."

Merriam Does Nothing

The governor replied that he would do nothing toward removal of Thomas. Thomas message to Governor Merriam states: "I am convinced that you feel my consistent support of you might embarass you with radicals whom you have been and are now courting for support. For three years we have waited in this state for some word from you to counsel the Christians and patriots, farmers, laborers and artisans in their desperate struggle against invading enemies, the CIO and radicalism, but you have given us no leadership. This clearly indicates that the Governor felt impelled to demand my resignation.

Following is the telegram sent to Governor Merriam by the Anti Nazi League:

"The Anti Nazi League, representing thousands of members, vehemently protests appointment of Martin Luther Thomas to the Commission for the celebration of Constitution Day.

"Martin Luther Thomas through his radio speeches and at his meetings has violated all principles upon which the constitution is founded. He has attacked religious and racial groups, rights sacred to organize and freedom of speech.

"His admiration for Hitler and Mussolini and his efforts to follow in their footsteps makes his presence on that commission an insult to the people of America. We demand that this appointing error be corrected and await reply as to what action is being taken."

The Hollywood Anti Nazi League has a membership of 2,000. Among its members are such screen celebrities as Paul Muni, Gloria Stuart, Edward G. Robinson, Sylvia Sidney, Frederick March, and others.

Thomas, in his speech before the Friday Morning Club where he announced his resignation, lashed out against "failing" to give support to the "forces that are fighting with their backs to the wall to save California, and the forces as the Growers Association, the Christians, the AFL."

San Fernando on The Way in Drive

To: W. W., 121 Haight St.
Re: W. W. Drive Campaign.
Comrades:

The Western Worker Financial Drive is under way in the San Fernando Section, with more enthusiasm and organization than we have ever experienced in the history of the Party in this section.

In the last subscription drive, three comrades wrote up 85 per cent of the subs in the Section. 71 comrades wrote the other 15 per cent. This was a signal, showing that infinitely more could be done with all hands participating.

The Section Organizer and W. W. Drive Director sat down and mapped out plans, based on old ideas with a few approach, for getting 100 subs to get this to the membership.

This is What We Planned to Do

First, we began by having short discussions in organizers' meetings and in Daily and Weekly Western Worker. Then we announced at the next meeting we would have a tour and a half to organizing the drive. Every comrade agreed to bring a list of every person he knew who was sympathetic to the Party, and to add to membership lists of mass organizations that he or she belongs to. At this meeting we laid the whole plan before the organizers.

Bulldoging, Not Bulldozing

All labor unions opposing the rapid transit bonds were invited to join the campaign by Seager Scott, chairman and S. W. Douglas, secretary of the campaign committee.

According to Scott, Labor's fight against rapid transit bonds will be presented in an intensive radio campaign for the duration of the campaign. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carmen's Union will carry on a telephone campaign against the bonds.

Action to enter the campaign was taken at a recent meeting of the Carmen's Union when funds were voted to aid membership to carry on the fight.

Members of the campaign committee are L. N. Bulatoff, Charles Blakeley, P. Z. Hays, F. B. Howe, W. A. Turnbaugh, W. C. Pennington, George Schmidt, E. E. Willson, J. L. Wilson, W. R. Wyatt and D. C. Wagers.

Resale Price Bill Is Called Robbery

NEW YORK—The Miller-Tydings resale price maintenance bill will raise the price of many products, rob hard-pressed consumers of millions of dollars and guarantee profits to already prosperous manufacturers, the Consumers' Union Research Reports states in its current issue.

"The bill was tacked as a rider to the District of Columbia tax bill, passed by Congress and signed by the President under protest.

OFFICE UNION ACTIVITY

SAN FRANCISCO—Office former Bank, Insurance and Office Employees Union has changed its name to United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 24, with headquarters at 617 Market St., EXbrook 8504.

Water District's Labor Policy Hit

L. A. Lobby Demands Aqueduct Heads Bargain With Banning Strikers

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Council of the California People's Legislative Conference struck sharply at the Metropolitan Water District boards refusal to bargain collectively with strikers on the Banning conduit project this week.

The council charged Water Board officials with "autocratic" procedure in refusing to enter a written agreement with the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, which union represents the rock drillers and other district employees.

The Council likewise condemned the water board's use of armed thugs and gangsters in the current controversy and demanded that needy Banning strikers be granted relief.

Relief Policy Scored

Declared Augustus Hawkins, executive secretary of the Council, "Speaking of dictatorship, it is difficult to go far in employment or when the bread and shelter of his striking employees depends upon the word of one employer, controlled relief official."

The Council likewise entered the housing fight by voicing a protest against high rents, and urged the Los Angeles City Council to provide sufficient funds for a low-cost housing survey.

Leo Pierson, president of the Painters District Council, was elected chairman of the PLC Council; Maxwell Greenacre, representative of the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, named executive-chairman. Mr. Kievits was elected executive secretary and Robert Isaac, progressive, Temporary headquarters have been established at 426 Mc-Allister Washington Drive.

Urge Joint Political Actions

"Only through joint non-partisan political action of labor unions and other progressive groups, united wholeheartedly upon a basic program for the benefit of workers, farmers, professionals, small business men and business men can we assure the passage of legislation for their benefit," Kievits declared. "Inasmuch as non-partisan political unity of labor and the progressive groups is the sole purpose of the CPLC, we urge every sincere unionist and member of all other groups to see that their organizations send delegates to and affiliate with the county council of the Conference."

Insurance Agents

NEW YORK—As the drive to organize the insurance field reached the point where Industrial Insurance Agents Union Local 30 of the United Office & Professional Workers claimed a majority of New York City industrial agents, the union received a message of congratulation from CIO Chairman John L. Lewis.

S.F. Carmen Organize Campaign Against Subway Bond Issue

SAN FRANCISCO — Labor campaign headquarters against the subway bonds on the November 2 ballot were opened this week under the auspices of Carmen's Union Division 1004 in Room 323 of the Marshall Square Building.

All labor unions opposing the rapid transit bonds were invited to join their campaign by Joe Scott, chairman and S. W. Douglas, secretary of the campaign committee.

According to Scott, Labor's fight against rapid transit bonds will be presented in an intensive radio campaign for the duration of the campaign. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carmen's Union will carry on a telephone campaign against the bonds.

Action to enter the campaign was taken at a recent meeting of the Carmen's Union when funds were voted to aid membership to carry on the fight.

Members of the campaign committee are L. N. Bulatoff, Charles Blakeley, P. Z. Hays, F. B. Howe, W. A. Turnbaugh, W. C. Pennington, George Schmidt, E. E. Willson, J. L. Wilson, W. R. Wyatt and D. C. Wagers.

INCREASE IN WPA WON BY FARMERS

ABERDEEN, S. D.—Leaders of the Farmers Union and Workers Alliance unions here hailed a conference with WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins as responsible for winning important concessions in the current struggle for continuance and extension of WPA aid.

Shortly following the conference, Mr. Kennedy, state administrator, announced that 4,000 South Dakota farmers would be placed on WPA rolls as soon as possible and that later more would be added if the need was apparent.

Also important was the announcement that increases would be put to work on water conservation projects near their own homes, thus eliminating travel to and from the job. Often farmers spend from $10 to $15 and 30 miles a day and neglect their own farms.

Harry Lavine, state secretary of the Farmers Union and Workers Alliance, said: "We see this gain as the cooperation of labor and farm organizations as a very significant one. Labor and union workers have many interests in common. They should work together more than they have in the past."

IWO Medical Department Raises $1125 for Spain

NEW YORK — The Medical Staff of the International Workers Order Medical Department raised $1,125 for Spain last night after listening to Dr. Louis Harris, head surgeon of loyalist hospitals and Nathan Shaffer, head of the IWO Medical Department.

The money raised will be used to buy equipment for a mobile medical unit. "This money is only a beginning," said Shaffer.

IF UNITY SOUGHT, M HOLDS IT

Three Committees Separately A S.F. Picket L

By TOM PATTE

A vicious war has spoken certain forces of the cisco Labor Council unite on labor in the city election.

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The Labor Council is also effective protestations of made by the Central Labor Council. It has proposed new unity conference from both CIO and ions.

Who is there to m three bodies, each committees to perf specific task, should gether?

What is the need together?

Merely this: that since has shown the bodies united can p ten times as much

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There is another could follow unofficially. The Honest Co mittee, consisting Bridges, Paul Scharrenberg, Jack Sentation, has two candidates the Board of Supervisors. Before doing so, in the precaution to secure a definite labor and civic prospective candidates to examine their records how much their sup-

Supervisor Michael Sloterary George Bell, the nominees the Honest Committee, slate will be filed, put before labor and civic groups for unity.

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In short, the labor leaders can help to politically by stan the Democratic and progressives on the silence and evasion ment, which prevailed they can immediately be organized to

Bargaining

Anita Whitney, executive secretary of the Labor Council, will speak over KGO t 5, from 8:45 to 9 p.m. on the merits of the unity campaign.

Sunday night, Oct. Assembly District Ca forum scheduled at Street, at 8 p.m.

North Beach and Fi unions will have speakers every Sun And the regular Jefferson Park, at 8 are taking up the campaign weekly.

Woodworker's

NEW YORK — Workers Union Local chartered by the Carpenters and Joiners of America (CIO), an organization, is now in process of organizing all woodworkers in Greater New York, according to committee of organizers and woodworkers. A push is being made to sign up among 25,000 woodworkers in the city, half of them organized.

Free Press Won't Print Paid Ad for Earl Browder Book

SACRAMENTO—"Freedom of the press" received a new definition from the advertising manager of the McClatchy "Sacramento Bee" when he gave his reasons for refusal to print a paid advertisement for Earl Browder's "What Is Communism?" offered for insertion in the People's Book Store here.

"It's the Bee's policy to put in the news only what it wants to read," he declared. "That is, we don't put in the paper anything that is repugnant to the people."

When interviewed again, and told that the San Francisco News and Chronicle had printed the ad, he replied: "I'll be perfectly forcefully. "We reserve the right to refuse any one an ad, and we're not going to print anything that has Communism in it."

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

WASHINGTON PENSION UNION WIN MONTHLY MINIMUM FOR OLD AGE E

SEATTLE — Payment of a $30 minimum monthly pension to old age assistance recipients without resources was announced this week to a committee of the Washington Old Age Pension Union by Charles F. Krest, state social security administrator.

The announcement was regarded by Pension Union collective bargaining agency recently organized with the help of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, as a major victory for the organization in securing pensions for the aged under the Social Security Act. The 1937 old age law which provides for a minimum. Many recipients have been receiving monthly.

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Diary of an American in Spain

Western Press Card Keeps Me a Soldier

By ADDISON KEELER

Spain, August 5, 1937.

I must still write you in long hand, as my typewriter has not yet arrived. And when it does show up I'll probably hand it over to Battalion headquarters, as good machines are scarce here and I will have little time to use it myself.

I'm finding it more and more difficult to write regularly as I have several duties in addition to the military which must be done. However I'll get you off at least one letter or article each week. Perhaps this material I am sending dealing with our training days will be very interesting, but as an introduction to letters to follow I may as well be interesting to some readers who would like a fairly complete account of the life of a soldier in the International Brigade. I have no idea how long letters will be held up by the censor, nor how much material will be deleted.

By the time the press card you sent me in New York stood me in good stead in at least one incident which I'll tell you of if I weren't to go to the front after all. But more of that later.

Ordered to HQ

About ten days ago as I was preparing to go on guard I was given an order arrived for me to pack all my gear and proceed immediately to General Headquarters.

I hastily crammed my few clothes and belongings into my knapsack and caught a ride into with the company doctor. It looked innocent like a transfer—and so it proved. In my questionnaire I had been asked whether I confess to a knowledge of French and G. H. wanted to make a guess. The Worker Press card and in the most fluent French I could summon I explained to the officer that I had been commissioned by the Western Worker to write articles on the life of a soldier in the International Brigade, and hoped in this way I could do his job. If I were put to work pounding a typewriter I would be lost.

There followed a brief confab in which I caught the words "Ce'st un cas special" (this is a special case") and immediately after I was handed an order to rejoin my Battalion d'Instruction. I was further advised to hurry down to the station to catch the last bus, but missed this due to a lame foot, and lay over the night at the Garde National.

Headquarters is located in a large town—a city, compared with the little village in which we train, and with all the advantages and disadvantages of a city. When I was there it was teeming with troops of the International Brigade, mostly French, with a few Americans, the Lincoln and Washington Brigades. I went first around to the office of the political commander of our battalion and secured an issue of soap and a pack of American cigarettes, then to the international canteen, where a French nurse was kind enough to sew on some buttons and sewing repairs to my uniform. At a bank nearby I changed the last of my French money into Pesetas.

Well Stocked Markets

The market was filled with a wide variety of goods on display. During that evening and the following morning I made the rounds of them, buying all sorts of extras for myself and my comrades back at the training camp. I bought some khaki knapsacks and caps, and star, an insignia pin which I put on the cap, a convenient pocket knife, socks and shirts and underwear, two overseas caps for my friends, extra towels and other things.

At dinner in the Garde National I met a Spanish comrade, a member of the Tom Mooney Machine Gun Battalion, who had fought all through the World War without a wound and was continuing his record in Spain. Six months in the Jarama front and many a scratch. He got talking about the war with me when he found I was a newspaperman, and began telling me of his experiences in battle. He told me how a certain commander of the I.B. This leader, an Englishman, fought as an officer all through the World War without ever being wounded. In Spain he leads his men over the top in the traditional English-officer fashion, a walking stick in his hand. Standing erect himself, he scarcely left out of any of his men who are rash enough to expose no part of his whisker above available cover! In innumerable engagements he has never been wounded.

I Eat Snails

That night we visited several bars. The first was a small place in the village but of poorer quality and with it they serve snails. For me this was the first time in my life I tried some of these (after several shots of vino) and found them not bad at all.

There were many French in the last bar we reached and we got into a conversation with one. He had been invalidated during the past few months and showed me numerous shrapnel wounds on his arms and chest. Having recognized the insignia on my cap he displayed a similar one on his shirt. He was from Toulon in Southern France, had been in Spain eight months, twice wounded. Before we left he gave me his name and address and begged us to let him know when we were going to the front so that he could go up with us.

August 6th

We're moving! The news was announced to us today and was there excitement and jubilation! We're busy packing our belongings and casting off all unnecessaries. Will write you again from the new location but cannot continue this letter today.

'FASCISM HITS MIDDLE CLASS'

Dr. Brady Warns Anti-Nazis Of Fascism in America

LOS ANGELES—"Under Fascism, the middle class, including professionals, is suffering terribly. Fascism is not a revolt of the middle class. Nor is it a freak in social phenomena. It is the most potent combination of reaction since the start of the industrial system and the beginning of the idea of liberty and work for all. It is a gangrene of the mind."

This was the charge made against Fascism by Dr. Robert A. Brady, University of California economist and outstanding authority on Fascism, in an address before members of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League upon his return after two years of study in Nazi Germany.

Author of Book

Dr. Brady spent the two years under a Carnegie Foundation appointment and for the Social Science Research Council. He is the author of "The Spirit and Structure of German Fascism," considered the most American work on the subject.

"America is facing fascist trends in most public and industrial relations, in most of the social fabric of the schools, and in advertising.

"It cannot be compromised, the world is splitting into the two camps of democracy and fascism and every person must make his choice.

"Fascism as exemplified in Germany and Italy leaves intact the landed interests and big private property and industry, sells out government-owned industry, leaves unchanged corporations, stock exchanges, trade associations, trusts, mergers and combines.

'Racket for Swag"

"It combines autocracy and military dictatorship with the point of view of big business men. The leaders so far as ecopomics are concerned, are the employers' associations. The duty, discipline, loyalty and work, Labor organizations bar strikes, regulate wage increases and collective bargaining.

"Fascism operates as a racket, with its rewards as swag. It hires publicity men to arrange appropriate propaganda which has no more connection with 'truth than fake bonds and quack medicine.'"

Japanese Newspaper Is Picketed in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Protesting the pressure being brought to bear on its readers to support the Japanese invasion of China, the American League Against War and Fascism, threw a cordon of pickets in front of the offices of the Japanese newspaper at 330 E. Second St.

Pickets wore bands reading "Hands Off China."

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THOUSANDS OF SPIES CAUGHT IN SPAIN RAID

Trotzky-Franco Conspiracy Linked to Embassies Of Latin-America

VALENCIA—A huge roundup of Trotzky-Franco plotters in Madrid, resulting in several thousand arrests, was directly linked by the government to the embassies of certain fascist-influenced South American governments.

The ring was organized in the manner of mystery thrillers, with each member identified to the others only by a code-name, date in order that the intent of written communications could be camouflaged.

The spectacular arrests climaxed a week of turbulent activity by the secret police of Loyalist Spain. It was the biggest catch of fascist spies in 14 months of the war against fascism.

The Chilean embassy is believed to have housed the ring's general staff. Presences of the Latin-American countries at Geneva to force the Spanish government to stop its drive to oust out of the country to ruin-ous spies who had long been using the embassies had been flatly turned down by the Nyon cabinet at Geneva. It was then that South American Countries voted Spain out of the council at the League of Nations.

To Expose U. S. Fascists

Fascist formations: to expose fascist organizations of employers, anti-democratic agents and enemies of labor, protect the foreign-born and defeat repressive legislation.

Individual sponsors of the call include a vast number of farm, labor, educational, civic and political leaders, including a number of senators and congressmen.

Haitians Learn Fast After American Marines Leave

HAITI—When American occupation of this island in the West Indies ceased in 1930, real education for the thousands of black inhabitants just began.

Despite the much-vaunted advantages of United States civilization, the U. S. Commissioner was forced to admit in 1931 that after fifteen years of occupation, 300,000 of the 1,000,000 Haitian children of school age were not even in the school room, and that all of these 300,000 were rural children.

Now the situation is quite different according to Madeleine G. Syrain, authority on the present island Department of Rural Education writing in the bulletin of the Pan-American Union.

At present there are 1,100 village schools built on entirely by Haitian educators. These schools besides teaching the essentials of learning, give practical instruction in agriculture, manual training and home science and shop work. Moreover, these little schools support adult classes, baby clinics and farmers' clubs; in fact they have become community centers wherever indicated.

On the other hand when a survey of rural education was made in 1931 preparatory to building the village school system, a deep-seated prejudice was found in the wake of American imperialism. Miss Syrain writes: "Some of the schools had never been in operation and the teachers never seen in the vicinity. Some were held under trees. Many of the teachers, politically appointed, could neither read nor write."

TWOC WINS AT POLLS

NEW YORK—The Textile Organizing Committee was chosen by the workers as bargaining agent in eight large North Carolina and Georgia cotton textile mills, in labor board elections.

American League Calls Its Fourth National Meeting

American Peace Policy and Defeat of Fascism to Be Sought at People's Congress in Pittsburgh, Nov. 26

NEW YORK—Reminding America that the American Constitution was established 150 years ago "to insure domestic tranquility" and to "secure the blessings of liberty," the American League Against War and Fascism has issued a call for a Congress for Democracy and Peace in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 26 to 28.

The congress will be the fourth national meeting sponsored by the League.

The call warned that today the peace and freedom sought by the makers of the Constitution are gravely imperiled.

Three Main Issues

The congress will concern itself with four chief issues:

An American Peace Policy: to make the United States a power for peace in the world.

War preparations: to free the people from the war-promoting influence of the war and navy departments, reduce budgets, defeat the Industrial mobilization Plan and halt the militarization of youth.

Democratic rights: to defend the rights of workers from vigilante and reactionary forces and to preserve the freedom of educational, racial and religious minorities.

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FASCISTS TRY TO SHOOT TOLEDANO

MEXICO CITY — Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the Mexican Confederation of Workers, and other leaders of Mexican labor, barely escaped assassination when a band of fascists attacked the train in which they were traveling through the state of Sonora.

While the train was discharging passengers at the small station of Hermosillo, the car carrying the labor leader was suddenly raked by machine gun fire which smashed several windows.

The band of attackers were driven off by a group of local workers who had come to salute the CTM leader while he was passing through. It is believed that the fascists had planned the attack, like many previous ones, was organized by General Roman Yocupicio, governor of Sonora. The governor is a large landowner who has time and again proclaimed he will not allow the CTM to organize the state.

World Cooperatives Reaffirm Peace Stand

PARIS—Delegates from cooperatives in every section of the world meeting here for the 15th triennial congress of the International Cooperative Alliance reaffirmed their belief in democracy and peace.

Opposed by eight unions headed by the Screen Actors Guild and scores of rank and file members in its own ranks, the IATSE leaders hailed "organization" plans on the pretext they were "awaiting the return of Hollywood's studio executives before proceeding.

Stalemate Raid On Film Unions

HOLLYWOOD — Discredited leaders of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees in a stalemated here in their efforts to be recognized as sole bargaining agent for all labor in the motion picture industry.

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co-ops of Europe. The foundation for such an enterprise has been laid by recent shipments from Consumers Cooperative Assn., N. Kansas City, Mo. to co-operatives in Scotland, France, Belgium and Estonia.

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A Thief in Retreat Gives Up Part of His Booty

THERE was never a more brazen attack on civil rights than the ravings of the California press and economic royalists which resulted in the conviction of the eight Sacramento victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Forgotten by many Californians is the sound and fury and beating of drums which accompanied that trial. The great Neil McAllister was going to rid California of the threat of imminent "bloody revolution."

The courts and the Associated Farmers were going to drive the Communist Party into illegality. They were going to put an end "definitely and forever," to the idea that California agricultural workers could organize.

They didn't succeed in either case.

And now, having kept three in prison even to this day and the stigma of conviction and parole over the others, the courts of California have been forced to beat as graceful a retreat as possible. After all these months, the court has admitted there was no basis for their conviction.

It admitted only what it had to admit. That much and no more. It got the case off the books to silence the din of mass protest. But it did not wipe the unconstitutional law off the books. In short, it has attempted to retreat without surrendering is illegal weapons.

Let no one have any illusions as to why these prisoners were freed. The San Francisco Chronicle, straining itself to help the court in this hour of its embarrassment, says that "nothing is so important to Americanism" as to protect the rights of even those whom we strongly disapprove. This, says the Chronicle, disproves the theory "that there is no justice for the common man in the capitalist courts."

A thief caught will give up as much booty as he must to save the rest and go scot free!

Let these new-come advocates of justice now join with the masses of California and the nation in demanding more loudly than ever the release of Tom Mooney!

Organize the campaign to wipe the California Criminal Syndicalism Act off the statute books of the state!

A rousing welcome back to the active ranks of labor and of its fighting Communist Party: Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Nora Conklin and Lorene Norman!

Labor's Eyes On Denver

WILLIAM GREEN will hold court starting Monday, October 4, in Denver. There, with all the wilfulness of the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court, he will attempt to impose the will of the 15 old men of the AFL executive council upon the laboring people of the United States. No black-robed Supreme Court justice has more flagrantly defied a mandate of the people than Green disdained and subverted the will of labor for unity.

But the final tribunal will not be present at Denver. The delegates—many of whom "earned" their trip to Denver by servile obedience to the dictates of Green—may rubberstamp the labor-splitting and union-busting program of the AFL executive council, but they will not settle the issue.

Labor unity will settle the issue. The Seattle Metal Trades Council, an AFL body, has voiced the demand for both AFL and CIO members in a resolution adopted and sent to the Denver convention.

Call a national convention of ALL unions —regardless of affiliation so long as they are not company unions—and there work out, in a democratic manner the basis on which the ranks of labor can be re-united.

This is the proposal of the Seattle Metal Trades Council and numerous other AFL unions and central bodies throughout the country.

If the delegates to Denver have ears and conscience, they will adopt the Seattle resolution.

McLaughlin Swings From Ridiculous to Sublime

WE, in common with most people, were wondering what face-saving pretext the Teamsters' Union officials would devise to end their unwarranted, unsuccessful and unpopular embargo when John P. McLaughlin pulled the "save the crop" rabbit out of his hat.

Really, John, do you expect anyone to believe that fairy tale which tries to make the ridiculous seem sublime?

You, John, called off the embargo because the crop must go. Your insane adventure was heading straight over a cliff and you applied the brakes.

Well, if you haven't the guts to state the real reasons for your retreat, we have! Here they are:

1. The rank and file teamsters revolt in Oakland, which not only threatened to smash the embargo but also threatened to throw your puppet, Charles Real, out of office.

2. The fact that when you called for 4,000 teamsters to picket on Tuesday (day before you tried to become a hero), only fifty-count 'em, John, 50, fifty—showed up.

3. The adverse public sentiment which condemned your attack against an entire city to please your two masters—Dave Beck and the Draymen's Association.

4. All your stooges and lickspittles in the maritime unions couldn't put a dent in the tested solidarity of the maritime workers.

What were you to do, John, when spades were trumps and all you held was a red (herring) suit? You did the only thing you could, and you didn't do that gracefully.

John, the rank and file teamsters were becoming disgusted with your irresponsible adventure. When working men are thrown on the bricks for 28 days, they want to know the reason why. You didn't give them any that would stick.

You say you did it all to save the crop. But you sowed another seed and we hope the harvest comes mighty soon. We hope it takes the form of the teamsters cleaning you and a couple of other weeds out of their union garden.

The Big Show Is Over; The Applause Is Weak

THE BIG SHOW is over. The principal actors wait for applause. There are only a few faltering handclaps.

There was no expense spared by Hitler and Mussolini to win international support for the imminent Rome-Berlin war. They did everything they could in the recent "historic meeting" in Germany to make this axis the spit on which to broil democracy.

They proclaimed peace, but their words were smothered at the roar of their own cannons. They renewed with every theatrical gesture known to politics their infamous attempts to break the collaboration of the Soviet Union with other democratic forces of Europe.

Mussolini and Hitler proclaimed loudly that they would never consent to the withdrawal of their troops from Spain, but even as the pirate of the Mediterranean returns to Rome he is to be confronted with new pressure from England and France, calling upon him to take that action.

Even this move of the British Tories, however, is smeared by their tender solicitation for the pirate. It is reported that they are preparing to offer him a legal recognition of the bloody Ethiopian conquests. Support for, the Spanish people is growing in England. With the aid of the brilliant Soviet policy it is goaded the Tory cabinet to take hesitant steps which have aided in stopping the pirate submarine warfare. Now it demands that the weight of England be used to force removal of the Italian and German troops from Spain.

Gangsters At Large In Los Angeles

WHO are the real gangsters in Los Angeles?

Not the hundreds of small racketeers in vice and gambling and confidence games that plague the city's multitudes.

Not the occasional "neurot" running berserk with a gun.

Not, by no means, not the REAL enemies of the people of Los Angeles. They but reflect the putrefaction of a diseased social system.

The real gangsters are uniformed.

They meet in City Hall—in public buildings with the city's prominent citizens. They sit on the reviewing stands and lead parades. They wear the badge of authority to keep the peace.

Yet there is no deed too loathesome for them to do.

Last week, these "guardians of law and order" were caught red-handed at the vilest crime imaginable.

They were picking the pockets of drunks.

Investigation showed they systematically robbed prostitutes and petty offenders before jailing them.

Everyone in Los Angeles knows they operate a racket that for pure unadulterated banditry, beats anything Al Capone or Pete McDonough ever conceived.

What should be done with these blackguards?

Ask Buron Fitts! Ask Chief James Davis! The cops caught red-handed are only their stooges.

Above all, ask "Red" Hynes! He knows whom this police racket serves. He knows who profits from vice and brutality.

"Red" Hynes can tell you, for at the same time a few police were caught thieving, other cops were helping the thugs of Teamster Czars to beat up CIO unionists.

"Red" Hynes can tell you the boss of the uniformed gangsters is Harry Chandler's crowd—the open-shop industrialists and bankers of Los Angeles.

But let the people of Los Angeles not deceive themselves. No mere police purge will stop this vandalism.

Corruption and gangsterism of the police force must go. But not until Los Angelenos use their vote to throw out the whole corrupt administration which protects and fosters police graft, will gangsterism be stopped.

Dave Beck Paints a Picture

A Personal Letter to Every Party Member

Dear Comrade:

THE CENTRAL Committee of our Party has launched a mass recruiting campaign to bring thousands of new members into our ranks. I address myself to you personally, on behalf of the Central Committee, because the success of the campaign depends not alone on the collective efforts of your branch or unit, but ESPECIALLY UPON YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY.

It is you who are the bearer of the Communist policies and program among workers in your shop or mine, in your trade union or other mass organization, among people in your neighborhood and all sections of the population. There are tens of thousands among the working people in all fields who have worked together with us, accept and respect our leadership, look to us to show them the road to progress. These militant men and women should be in the Communist Party, but, for the most part, they will enter it only after spontaneously, of their own accord. It is upon you therefore, that the Central Committee relies to convince them to take the final step—to join our Party.

Recruiting Begins at Home

You may ask, where, concretely, will I find the person to recruit?" I suggest: begin at home. In your wife or husband, in the Party together with you? Have you approached your relatives and close friends? Try to convince them. Arrange a family gathering in your home where the policies of our Party can be discussed. Bring the members of your family to Party affairs and meetings.

If you have neglected your relatives and friends while living the Party, here is your opportunity to re-establish your ties with them. Your own life will be enriched if those who are near and dear to you personally also participate together with you in the work of our Party.

Fellow Workers Are Next

Then, if you are a shop worker or a miner—talk about your shop-mates, your fellow-trade unionists? You have heard them discuss many problems. Workers everywhere are becoming more and more conscious of their economic and political needs. Undoubtedly you know at least one who should be in our Party. Get better acquainted with this worker. Spend your lunch time with him when possible. Invite him to your home. Discuss with him the policies of our Party. Encourage him to read our literature, to attend our meetings. Be patient and persistent, and you will recruit him.

The same applies to your activity among members of any other organization to which you may belong—unemployed, Negro, fraternal, farmers, women's clubs and auxiliaries, youth, and others.

Consider your neighborhood, also, where the Communist Party carried on election campaigns, held meetings, helped to organize united front actions. You probably know a number of individuals who have expressed their support of our Party, or a willingness to learn more about us. Concentrate on one at least. Win that person's confidence. Help him become a Communist. Persuade him to become a Communist Party member.

Your Press is Best Teacher

Perhaps you think you cannot explain well enough the policies of our Party? You can have excellent aids, comrade, in the Western and Daily and Sunday Worker, our best agitator and teacher, answering the questions uppermost in the minds of the masses. Why not give copies to your contacts? There is other Communist literature which you can sell and distribute—pamphlets, leaflets of all sorts. At the same time, it is important that you equip yourself to explain our policies clearly by reading the proceedings of the June full meeting of the Central Committee.

But that is not all. During the recruiting campaign there will be many mass meetings, open unit and branch meetings. Bring your contacts to these meetings where they will find other Party comrades, and gain the benefit of collective discussion. If you know a worker whom you think another could recruit more easily than you, get your branch or unit to cooperate.

Remember, also, the National Congress of Party Builders Delegates, which will be held in New York in November. The number of new members you recruit will determine the number of delegates your district may send, and every comrade has the opportunity to be chosen a delegate depending upon the new members you bring into the Party.

Own Experiences Valuable

Thus you see that many possibilities exist for recruiting. It is especially important to utilize your own experiences — that which the Party means to you, you can make it mean for others as well. The reasons that impelled you to join the Communist Party, can become the reasons for others to follow your example.

Comrade, the mass recruiting campaign for September and October is our most important task. We can be proud of the fact that we realized in life today—in the growth of the CIO, the advance toward independent political action and other historic movements — the policies and slogans for which our Party has campaigned since its birth. We can take pride in our rapidly growing influence. But we must now convert that influence into added strength for our Party by greatly increasing its membership.

A stronger, more powerful Communist Party will give greater power to all forces of progress in the forward march against reaction and fascism to the People's Front, to Socialism.

We plan to secure 10,000 in, if you wish, your experiences in the drive, how you recruit, what problems you meet, how they are raised by the people you contact.

Yours is a grave responsibility and an honor, Comrade: To build the Communist Party, your Party and the Party of the toiling masses. We are confident that you will accept this responsibility.

I send you fraternal greetings.

Comradely yours,
Earl Browder,
General Secretary.

LETTERS

More Suggestions for the Daily

Editor Western Worker:

I would like to have some information on your correspondence class on journalism mentioned in recent issues of the Western.

I also want to offer a few suggestions for the contents of our new daily paper.

1. More lighter features such as short stories dealing with the struggles of the workers in their fight to exist.

2. Print biographies of our leaders, beginning with the international leaders right on down to our local comrades.

3. Comic strips.

4. Cartoons such as are found in the Daily Worker and New Masses.

5. More international news.

6. Give your readers some life histories of some of the shady careers of our political crooks and also give us the low down on the sell-out artists in the AFL—Green, Hutcheson and the rest. Give us their complete history from the time they were brought into the world up to the present.

7. Last but not least, give the women a break by offering them some good, cheap but substantial recipes.

Comradely,
J. M., Los Angeles.

Hearst Scribe Not Genius

Editor Western Worker:

Perhaps the most remarkable of the columnists who daily contribute to the capitalist press is Benjamin De Casseres, Hearst writer and man of highly polished ignorance who daily bemoans the existence of Soviet Russia.

De Casseres, who considers himself no less than a genius, is the ancient who described himself as having read the first page of Marx's Capital and immediately saw it was a volume of unadulterated buncombe. He put it down and forgot it.

Since he put it down, however, the working class of Russia, holding high the banner of Marxism, has taken that great land for its own; central China is in the hands of the Marxists, and the whole world is more "Marx-conscious" than ever before.

Who knows, Benjamin—maybe you're not a genius after all.

Comradely,
M. S., Los Angeles.

"My Kingdom for a Horse"

Editor Western Worker:

The dictators Hitler and Mussolini will soon be crying "My Kingdom for a Horse," because the people are becoming tired of being ridden.

And one thing that man has found out is that it is much easier to bomb defenseless citizens than it is to face Chinese with machine guns.

Fraternally,
R., Visalia, Calif.

As We See

By BILL SCHNEIDER
Calif. State Secretary, Comm.

(This article was written before the Ozars called off pickets on the waterfront.—Ed.)

A Coastwide Conspiracy

"President Roosevelt has been the AFL has selected the West battle-to-the-death against the President has been told that industrialists have entered into ment with Dave Beck of Seattle the Coast's strong Teamsters fight side by side in crushing Although the employers have agreements with the Internationshoremen's and Warehousemen's CIO group—they have taken to court or elsewhere to prevent histers from interfering with that

The above paragraph is a quotation Washington, D. C., news dispatch fully the charge made by the Wa that the waterfront dispute is the carefully-hatched plot of the shady Industrial Association's Committee of Dayment Association to smash the men's and Warehousemen's union and the maritime unions from going into

They are using the reactionary lea AFL—Green, Tobin, and Ryan—to war, and the Beck-McLaughlin-Ozar of wreckers are trying to carry out willing rank and file members of the Union are being clubbed into line a to fight against their brothers on the with whom they have maintained th three years since the General Strike

The News Lets the Cat Out

The San Francisco News stated September 28th: "The Chamber and the shipowners themselves have sent of an intolerable situation in the current socalled showdown a of radical leadership and agitation.

"In other words, this is merely of a long series of "showdowns about by the employers to dest militant rank and file leadership shoremen and other maritime u the usual flimsy red-baiting and ical leadership and agitation."

During every minor stoppage of time workers over justifiable employers raised a big howl about with commerce," etc. But today ing a benevolent attitude toward paralyze the port and industries cisco—not over any justified cau but in carrying out the unlaw of the Industrial Association's C

News Columnist Versus Ne

Only a few days ago a certain Francisco News ridiculed the charg minists 'that the employers were Teamsters' picket line. But the Washington dispatch and the ' contradicts their own columnists the charges made in the Western

to further confirm this position, the at Longshoremen's and Warehouse and the CIO have filed criminal Federal authorities on the West Co A Coastwide conspiracy to interfe workers' rights by Czar Beck & Co

Rank and file teamsters of Sa Oakland have already served notice from being extended beyond San by refusing to carry out an embar the Longshoremen. During the days, there is much evidence to San Francisco teamsters are also to realize that they have been used and are beginning to grumble at ating their fellow workers on the

The main reason why the spirit stration and the Communist Union h front failed to accomplish their pur ing dock work, is that the team have their heart in the fight, and ally carrying out orders, did not against their union brothers in unions.

How the French Work Build the Popular Fr

MORE butter on the French p —more security against fas action, at home and abroad— tunity for youth—an assurance is open to a free, happy and pe

"La Vie Est a Nous" ("Life Is this story of the building of and of the French Popular Front (s Haight St., San Francisco, on Oct 3, 8 p. m.). What the film has to say to the French worker farmer, the French youth is pres outstanding sound film so realis dramatically that it has the re itself.

The story is told by the lip workers, peasants and youth leaders of the Communist Party the lead in building the Peop Marcel Cachin, Andre Marty, Paul Vaillant-Couturier, Jac and others.

Technically, the film is outs the technique is overshadowed message it carries.

French people in the Popular film shows how they are maki people's interests.

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Branch to Beat

larged State Committee meeting last rade BETTY GANNETT delivered AM VANT of the S. F. Drive Com- money represented a day's wage State and County functionaries work Haight.

tion of the day's pay is the most im- ge step now to be taken in the Drive. ust go further than the collection. members alone. Thousands of sym- d progressives will give one day's nched in the proper fashion.

Cradle to the Grave

something of a problem to mothers ty members. But not to San Fran- ver Unit. One of their members who will be one year along on the ming a YCL'er next month. So the unit pops up with a plan' to capital- occasion. A "Baby" party will be members of the unit inviting other babies. So, after all are present, the group will be taken; later, prints the proud mothers present. Pro- e business will, of course, go to the Worker. Now, if this idea isn't old call "spreading the basis for the n't know of one that is.

Mateo

SAN MATEO is leading the Drive of quota fulfilled. Unit No. 1 held ept. 12 at Woodruff Grove, La Hon- of $14.00 with a small crowd and a ss. Unit No. 2 had a picnic on h Spanish speaking workers and Comrade NUNO in charge and his g the fine food, the unit cleared more affairs are planned in the challenge was issued to Comrade E. J. PATTERSON is the San Manager and is a real live wire in Drive.

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61 Eastside Section, Los Angeles, is our opinion) the fastest acting State in getting under way in the drive that they did! "Mimeographed almost before the Drive was un- ure collecting money. With 30 self a quota of $400 which is $10.00-per-member average for entire branch is alert and enthu- and announcements of collec- t each branch meeting enliven their work. The Branch voted for and have already started collec- or affairs are planned which den the base of the drive and

don't know it, but the State Drive t put up an A. B. Dick Automatic ph machine for the Branch doing und work in the Drive. All in Branch 51—it ought to beat for d. What do you say to this,

ER what the reactionaries, Chamber, Hearst and other enemies of the coming establishment Daily Communist Papers in Am- ller of "Moscow Gold" is worn be bologna in a dairy lunch stand- in the past. So we can't think they'll find us under the effort But we'll betcha they're strain- thinking up ways of discrediting our new "Dailys" . . . which is reason why we've got to put h a bang.

ENCE FOR WORKERS

emical Found Whole Army

HENRY GOLLOMB

e is a chemical whose name is to almost everyone who reads this makes the of this 'chemical several a day. Every time the brain sends the nerves to move certain mus- and sets up an infinitesimal quan- electricity into the muscle and causes response.

meeting of the American Chem- a new and tremendously effective ical in warfare was pointed out the reagent that a few grains tributed could knock thousands of ons for a short period almost in- inhaling it. Clay shells impreg- chemical, upon exploding over e would accomplish this. Secrecy is any ill after-effects, but while un- soldiers would be an easy capture.

Swatter

de la pulga, a South American ed to have around the house as a insects. They don't like the plant and refuse to buzz around it if in the neighborhood. The Pan- ciety of Tropical Research at Gard sponsoring this plant, which grows ve of Colombia. Four seeds of the ge society does not state if it human beings will be sent on re- ve who sends a stamped, self-ad- ope. Instructions for its growth go free.

Youth Commission Blasts Old Surveys

By P. SCOFIELD

Composed mainly of young people, the Los Angeles Youth Inquiry Commission wants to make a survey of young people in this city. Furthermore, say these up-and-coming youth, all previous surveys on the subject have failed to develop reliable information.

On June 12 of this year representative youth leaders in Los Angeles County were called together by the city Supervisors to consider the problems of youth in relation to county government. At that time a temporary inquiry committee was formed to study and report on the possibilities of a youth survey in Los Angeles County where juvenile delinquency has been increasing at an alarming rate.

This temporary youth inquiry committee, said to be the first of its kind in the United States under county auspices, recently submitted its first report to the board.

Painstaking Study

"To carry out our commission from you," states the report in part, "we studied the purposes, methods, and the results of all these recent surveys on the youth problem in the county which came to our attention or which we could track down. We found all these surveys fundamentally alike. They set out to gather and publish reliable statistical information, each one necessarily limiting itself to a small portion of the youthful population, and each had the expressed purpose of stimulating action to solve or to alleviate the difficulties they might reveal.

"In their immediate objective, of assembling and publishing reliable statistics on the county's youthful population, all these surveys failed or any considerable measure of success because their limitations and their only partially complete application made them fragmentary and impossible of mutual comparison. Hence they suffered from statistical errors in execution.

Miserly Methods

The report charges that this failure was due to stinginess on the part of their elders who administrated the surveys.

"Both the research and clerical errors and the fragmentary character are traceable to the fact that all these surveys of the youth problem required more money for their effectual completion than was available.

"The committee contends that the pretentious survey ever made in Los Angeles County, if not adequately financed, became obsolete before even partial completion.

"For example, the survey conducted by the Los Angeles Board of Education in 1935, under a plan and with a schedule arranged by the Superintendent of Education—a survey which took the greater part of a year to carry out partial completion, and which was in spite of its inadequacies by far the most pretentious of any so far conducted in this region, gave some information on the problems of youth which is now subject to challenge on the grounds that improved economic conditions have intervened, rendering the information obsolete."

The committee takes sharp issue with their seniors on the point of improved employment conditions for youth.

Youth Still Hard Hit

"Claims may even be made that economic conditions have improved to such an extent that the youth problem is now nonexistent. We consider such claims unacceptable, and perhaps even as evidence of a desire to remain ignorant of the facts, to combat such challenges, youth needs current information on its conditions as a social group."

The report recommends more than publication of undigested statistics.

"The mere assembling, study and publication of statistical information cannot, however, be considered as more than the immediate aim of a survey—the ultimate aim must be assumed to be some sort of activity designed to solve the problem.

All the surveys we studied concluded with pious hopes that action would follow release of information, and consequently in every case the mere hopes were the final words."

Specific Suggestions

Specifically the report suggests to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that:

1—Such new surveys be adequately financed and engineered.

2—State Relief Administration projects be established employing young men and women now on county relief rolls to draft, study, administer and publish results of a youth census schedule.

3—A Youth Commission of 22 members be created to be elected from their own youth groups, augmented by five supervised by the County Board of Supervisors to carry out the work.

Youth and Age Cooperate

In summary, the Committee outlines down the following principle:

"We propose and recommend that the Youth Commission created by the elected adult economize the distinction that exists between the problems of youth on the one hand, and on the other hand the problems presented by youth to the older population groups. While we think the commission should give special distinction and also the superficial clash in some fields of youth and adult life and age, we recommend to the commission that in its study of the youth problem it take such think the commission should recognize this distinction, and also the specific claim to some fields of the interests of youth and adult life cannot be separated. We consider such distinction unacceptable, and perhaps even as evidence of a desire to remain ignorant of the facts, to combat such challenges, youth needs current information on its conditions as a social group."

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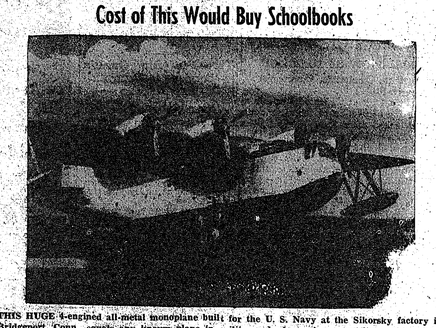
Cost of This Would Buy Schoolbooks



THIS HUGE 4-engined all-metal monoplane built for the U. S. Navy at the Sikorsky factory in Bridgeport, Conn., equals any known plane in military load-carrying capacity, with radio equipment comparable to that installed on a destroyer. It is estimated the cost of building this death-machine would supply all the kids in Georgia with free school books.

Los Angeles Youth in Action

YOUTH COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

By LORENE BLAKE

The Los Angeles County Youth Inquiry Commission in planning for their October 9th meeting, will make an all-out effort to make a worth-while start. Jerry Voorhis, Congressman, has been drafted as principal speaker to outline youth problems in Los Angeles County.

Joe Stein, Chairman of the Commission, states "We want to have every section of Youth represented at our meeting on the ninth."

Members of the County Board of Supervisors have given much of their time, advice and material aid to the Youth Inquiry Commission. Primarily organized to get the work of the Inquiry Commission before a large group for discussion and for determination of the scope, this conference has been widely publicized and has received much favorable comment.

Active in the present work are representatives of the Y.W.C.A., Ahe of the Catholic Youth Organization, Jefferson Jorgensen of the Mormon young people of the Los Angeles State, Lou Rosser, of the Seventh Day Adventist League, Elsie Monjar of the Southern California Assembly of God, Walter Cohen of the United Jewish Federation, Mort Newman of the Los Angeles Region of Epworth Leagues, Constance Eby, and Margaret Dehahn of the Student YWCA.

This promising Conference will be held in the City Council Chambers, on the 2nd floor of City Hall, Saturday, October 9th at 1 p.m. Interested young people are urged by the Commission to attend.

Church Youth Fellowship

Young people from various religious groups joined with the Christian Youth Council for an Inter-Religious Tea on Sunday, September 19th. Catholic, Jewish, Mormon and student religious groups met with young people of Protestant faith for an afternoon of fellowship.

The Tea was held at the First Methodist Church. This represents a really advanced step in inter-religious organizations, so far as joint activities are concerned, and completely harmonious. Plans are under the Christian Youth Council and the other groups participating.

Meeting for Sharecropper

The special Epworth League sub-committee set up to raise funds for sharecropper relief, per on the Delta Cooperative Farm is holding a mass meeting at the Trinity Church, as part of this project. They plan to get the rank and file Leaguers interested and involved in the raising of the money and the publicizing of the dire circumstances confronting the sharecroppers. The meeting is being held, at the First Methodist Church. Every best wish for the success of this worthwhile project.

Young Democrats Glide

Dancing into the picture comes the Westlake Young Democratic Club. We understand that they raised a lot of money and whoopie at their dance held recently. A rip-roaring time was had by everyone, we hear say reports. The dance was held at the Royal Palms Hotel. The Young Democrats not only put on excellent dances, but may be found at the top in many civic enterprises.

Am. Youth Congress Gets Union's Okay

AKRON, Ohio—Sept. 16—The United Rubber Workers Union again showed itself to be a progressive and youth-conscious body, by the rubber workers' convention here wholeheartedly endorsing the American Youth Congress.

Discussion on the Youth Congress occupied one entire morning session after the chairman of the Resolutions Committee, L. S. Buckmaster, recommended non-concurrence in five resolutions calling for endorsement of the Youth Congress and for representation at the next congress.

Buckmaster, in speaking for the committee's recommendation, objected to affiliation with the Youth Congress by the rubber union, and an amendment was offered to omit affiliation, but also to endorse the principles and to send an official delegate to the next congress.

Tribute to Congress

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the convention had gone on record for the Youth Congress last year, and could do no less this year. The President of Akron Local 5 of the Goodrich Co. reported that action would follow regarding the treatment of the little Spaniards, but from everything that I could see the children are well fed, well cared for and as happy as it is possible for them to be in such tragic circumstances.

Kids Resent Fascists

The kids themselves are the first to resent fascist interference. Recently two men appeared at the school and asked if they might visit. Their stay was not long—they attempted to pass out fascist propaganda and the kids rose as oneand literally kicked them out of the school.

What will happen to these youngsters? The Mexican government has provided for any eventuality by extending the privilege of Mexican citizenship to them, but I feel that the moment their country is free they will go back as the enthusiastic young builders of a New Spain.

SPAIN'S ORPHANS FIND HEALTH AND QUIET IN FRIENDLY MEXICO

By DOLORES STILLWELL

The Mexican government has not only given moral and material support to the Democratic government of Spain, but has extended its hospitality to hundreds of the little victims of fascism. Most of these war orphans are at Morelia, some two hundred and fifty miles from Mexico City, in the beautiful State of Michoacan.

When President Lazaeo Cardenas offered this help to the Spanish government last spring, it was planned to send the kids on a Spanish boat directly to Mexico. At the last moment, however, it was learned that the fascists had plans to torpedo the ship. President Cardenas immediately chartered a French liner and the children crossed into France and sailed from Bordeaux.

Orphans Aid Helper

Among others coming with them was a Mexican newspaper correspondent who stayed with the kids and very much loved by them. Naturally his press reports were favorable and true reports of Loyalist kids weren't wanted by the fascist powers and their lesser satellites.

When the boat docked in Cuba, the youngsters were not allowed to land and the Mexican correspondent, on learning where was arrested on a faked charge by the Cuban authorities. The kids, when they heard of this, got into action. A note was sent to the chief of police, stating that if the correspondent was not released, every child on the boat would jump overboard—and the correspondent was released.

Fireworks Scare Kids

When the orphans arrived in Mexico, there were tremendous receptions in all cities, even in Morelia — flowers, demonstrations, "etc. etc. etc." Everything giving the impression that the editorial writer has personally interviewed every one of them. Actually the material in the editorial is "canned"; that is, it is furnished by propaganda syndicates to whose interest it is to discredit the Soviet Union.

The editorial lists coffee as costing $5 a pound, beef $1.20 a pound, butter $2, a suit of clothes at $160, etc., etc. These are, of course nothing but deliberate falsehoods. Scientific figures accepted by the League of Nations show the following: In the city of Moscow alone, with 2,000,000 inhabitants, the increase in food consumption per head of the population per year from 1913-1937 was 95 per cent; sugar 250 per cent, meat 150 per cent, potatoes 85 per cent. And in addition, the per capita consumption of clothing rose by 50.9 per cent.

These figures accompanied by a general slash in prices of from 16-25 per cent during the last year and equivalent increases in wages. So much for the News Journal's "figures!" — Workers Correspondence Editor.)

Young Communist League Convention in November To Hear Sec'y Carl Ross

SAN FRANCISCO—A fifteen minute broadcast over the California stations of the Red Network on November 5 will climax the first annual state convention of the Young Communist League according to an announcement from state offices of the League.

The proposed broadcast will feature Carl Ross, national secretary of the League, who will be the principal guest speaker at the convention.

The convention is to be held in Los Angeles Nov. 5, 6, and 7th.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

YOUTH BRANCHES MUST BE YOUTH SOCIAL CENTERS

By BEN DOBBS
State Administrative Secretary, California Young Communist League

Gil Green, president of our League, in explaining what is meant by a good branch, said, "A good branch of the YCL is not only one which has friendly relations with the organizations of youth in its neighborhood, but also one which has its own headquarters, its own athletic and social equipment, its own library and its own educational program and classes."

How many of our branches today resemble this as we approach our November Convention? Not many.

True, we have made many steps, especially where this ideal has been taken seriously, to make the branches resemble this. The Lincoln Steffens Branch, the Jack London Branch, the Hom Mooney Branch and others have taken the first steps in this direction. They have begun to bring forward their branches as the leader of the youth in the neighborhoods.

Branches Must React

There is one thing that is very decidedly being pushed into the background. That is the question of having the YCL react to all issues facing the youth. We have some examples where the YCL has reacted to such issues. This always results in the growth in size and prestige of the YCL.

The main thing we want to bring out is that more than ever the branches, themselves, must react to these issues, so that they can become firmly rooted in their neighborhood. How can a branch "have good relations with the organizations around it" if they are not constantly on the lookout for issues to rally the youth?

A Convention Problem

Our convention must look into this problem if we are to keep pace with the already splendid development of some branches. Along this line, we must also point out that too few of the branches afford adequate avenues to satisfy the manifold needs and interests of the young people.

We are certain that if this question is... taken seriously, given thought and attention, ... we can move much faster towards creating ... an organization that can through EDUCATION — RECREATION — ACTION — Educate the youth in the "spirit of Socialism."

Labor Rallies Succeed

The last few weeks have seen some of the best activity of the YCL. Each county had meetings which explained to the youth our program of "service to the labor movement." Most of these meetings were highly successful.

Alameda Country broke the ice with a crash and had a meeting and dance which was attended by 450 young people, AND 20 OF THEM JOINED THE LEAGUE. Los Angeles had a number of meetings. Hollywood branches united for one meeting and had an attendance of 250. The Eastside branches attracted 300, Downtown had 70.

The best work was done by the Pancho Villa Branch in Belvedere that arranged a meeting with 200 youth.

Significantly, all of these meetings were attended by about ten times more outside youth than YCL'ers. Activities of this kind show the way to get outside of ourselves.

"Beyond the Horizon" Has a Ruthless Punch

"Things got worse," is the simple explanation which "Ruth Atkins" with Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon," gives for the grinding poverty she and her husband experience in their small eastern farm. While this production, now in a three-week run by the Federal Players at the San Francisco Alcazar Theatre, is not a social drama in the accepted sense, it realistically reveals the stifling backbreaking of farm life in America.

The leading character, "Robert Mayo," is played by Leon Forbes, who makes convincing the farmer boy with a smack of education who has a fierce desire to sail beyond the horizon to experience those exotic places he has read about. With O'Neill ruthlessness, however, he marries the girl on the adjoining farm, "Ruth Atkins" (Grace Cooper), and is tied to the farm for eight heart-breaking years that kill him bit by bit.

None Escape

His brother, "Andrew Mayo," is given a splendid presentation by Crawford Perks. He gives the slow ploughing Andrew a vitally and strength that far outshines the other characters. Andrew loves the land and the life that he can create on it and he wants to be a farmer—not in an exploiting sense, however, but one with the slickest farm in the county. But he, too, is frustrated both in his love for Ruth and the farm and is forced to ship out with his Uncle Dick to escape an unbearable situation. But of course, O'Neill will not let him escape entirely.

Excellent backing is given the leads by Rupert Drum and Ruth Saville, playing the old parents of the two boys, and by Edna Ellsmere, who presents the widowed mother of Ruth. Much needed comedy relief is afforded by J. H. Northcutt, playing Captain Dick Scott, who is the uncle of the boys.

In general, this first night production (Sept. 28), was eminently successful and again for the hundredth time proves the right of the Federal Theatre to exist. For here is a first class play presented at prices as low as 25c (and entirely free to WPA and NYA workers who come on Tuesday night). Only through such prices are the majority of contemporary Americans going to become familiar with the legitimate stage.

—C. D.

New Mexico Paper Reprints Same Old Anti-Soviet Hooey

CLOVIS, New Mexico—I enclose a piece from the Clovis paper, what they say in regard to prices in the Soviet Union. I don't believe it is true, and I would like to see them cased for it. If you do, I would like you to send me a copy.

(NOTE—The clipping enclosed from the Clovis (N. M.) Evening News Journal is typical of the nonsense printed about the Soviet Union in the capitalist press. The editorial commenter, Several citizens of the United States who visited Russia this summer reported on the etc. etc. giving the impression that the editorial writer has personally interviewed a number of them. Actually the material in the editorial is "canned"; that is, it is furnished by propaganda syndicates to whose interest it is to discredit the Soviet Union.

The editorial lists coffee as costing $5 a pound, beef $1.20 a pound, butter $2, a suit of clothes at $160, etc., etc. These are, of course nothing but deliberate falsehoods. Scientific figures accepted by the League of Nations show the following: In the city of Moscow alone, with 2,000,000 inhabitants, the increase in food consumption per head of the population per year from 1913-1937 was 95 per cent; sugar 250 per cent, meat 150 per cent, potatoes 85 per cent. And in addition, the per capita consumption of clothing rose by 50.9 per cent.

These figures accompanied by a general slash in prices of from 16-25 per cent during the last year and equivalent increases in wages. So much for the News Journal's "figures!" — Workers Correspondence Editor.)

CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

Complaint Shows Hynes Cops Aid Hatchet-Men In L. A. Attacks

(Continued from Page 1)

ing workers during the lunch hour, related O'Connor. Shouting threats to kill them if they returned, the mob kicked and beat the two union men into unconsciousness, said O'Connor. Rabinowitz was slugged when he protested.

After the attack, two police strolled calmly on the scene wondering "what's going on here."

Cops Condone Terror

"We can get no protection from Los Angeles city or county law enforcement agencies," declared Robertson.

In another case, two boys, Jack Crowell, 17 and Owen Higley, 18, were savagely beaten near the Northrup Aircraft plant in El Segundo.

The third outrage took place in Santa Monica near the Douglas Aircraft plant. Matthew Vidaver and Edward F. Wilson were dragged out of their cars by "goons" and set upon with murderous clubs.

Injured Again

Vidaver was on crutches at the time of the attack, recovering from an earlier beating from "vigilante officials" "goons" during a siege of terror at the Zellerbach Paper Co. This time he was kicked in the chest and had several ribs fractured. He is in Santa Monica Hospital in a serious condition.

From his hospital bed, Manderman sent a telegram Wednesday asked Capt. William (Red) Hynes for police protection as employees in the plant had been threatened with violence. Hynes told me to get some signatures of men who wanted police protection. I went out and got signatures for 51 men.

"Today we had just finished talking with the workers in their lunch room when a gang entered the establishment. One of them grabbed me around the waist. In spite of protests by Ralph W. Gold, owner of the plant, I was pushed outside, where the goons were waiting. Then they all swarmed around me, knocked me down and began to kick me."

CIO officials said the men injured in the Santa Monica and El Segundo assaults all had been police and deputy sheriffs stood by and watched the slugging without coming to the aid of the victims.

Firemen Continue House Cleaning

SAN FRANCISCO—After the ousted Hamilton Fire gangsters attempted to put a firecracker under the new progressive leadership, it was decided that Matt Brady, Firemen's headquarter branch stagger another house-cleaning last Thursday night at its regular meeting.

Removed as delegates to the Central Labor Council were E. E. Ferguson, discredited ex-secretary, Follett, McLaren, O'Neil and Evans. In place of them were elected progressives, Kay, Wynn, Shea, Enos, Bissett and Potter. McLaren and O'Neil were also removed as delegates to the Maritime District Council No. 2, and replaced by Stack and Yates, with Dolan as alternate.

Found Out Progressive

The week prior to the meeting, Malone and Ed O'Sullivan, members of Ferguson's clique, went to Northwest ports, condemned progressive business meetings, and held a special meeting to mobilize rank and filers to come to headquarters.

About 75 to 100 rank and filers came, but when they found out what Ferguson and his clique had been up to, the majority of them either left the meeting in disgust or voted with the progressives.

Ferguson Guilty

The investigating committee reported Ferguson was "guilty beyond all possible doubt" of packing an MFOW meeting with about 100 non-members and discriminating to put some policies detrimental to the union.

The committee secured affidavits the non-members were instructed by Ferguson to vote for Malone for chairman and recommended Ferguson be put on trial. Charges are to be posted for the next meeting.

The meeting reinstated Walter Steele, who had been suspended several months ago for stating: "Lundeberg and Ferguson are phoney."

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CIO Solidarity Grows in Calif.

LOS ANGELES—"Our solidarity in steel trades is growing daily and our 10,000 members in California are supporting every CIO drive from its start," declared J. G. Thimmes, steel workers Organizing Committee representative at a CIO district convention attended by 80 steel organizers here.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution which instructed Ken Hunter, Steel Workers' Organizing Committee local secretary, to send a letter to Mayor Shaw demanding he protect the civil rights of striking Metropolitan Water District workers.

The convention protested against continued use of public money to defeat the strike.

On to the Repeal Of the C. S. Law

Appeals Court Decision a Great Victory for Civil Liberties; Blow at Reaction

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.)

THE DECISION of the Third District Court of Appeals at Sacramento, in reversing the conviction of the defendants in the Criminal Syndicalism cases, after a widespread mass campaign has been conducted on this issue throughout California, is a great victory for civil liberties in California, and a blow at pro-fascist vigilantism and reaction. The employers and big growers of California were determined to outlaw not only the Communist Party, but also every effort to organize the workers and the unemployed, and every exercise of free speech and assemblage. Their aim was to smash the labor movement by suppressing its most active and militant leaders.

But in this they have not succeeded. Since the wave of terrorism following the 1934 maritime and general strike, labor has organized on all fronts, including agriculture. The Communist Party and its press has become stronger and wields greater mass influence. The labor and progressive forces are organizing on the political field for progressive action. The repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism laws in Washington and Oregon, and the U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the Dejonge case and the Angelo Herndon case have established the legality of the Communist Party, and the Party is on the ballot in the state of California.

But the vicious, un-American, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law is still on the statute books of California. Fascist-minded police chiefs gathered in the recent conference of the California Peace Officers Association have just advocated the greater use of the Criminal Syndicalism Law to frame up innocent workers in the interests of the open shop employers and big growers. Police Chief Davis of Los Angeles, notorious for his fascist-vigilante record, was the most active advocate of such suppression of labor and civil rights. In the last State Legislature, reactionaries succeeded in killing the repeal of the C. S. Law, although such repeal is desired by the big majority of progressive people in California.

The C. S. Law Syndicalism Law must be wiped off the statute books of California! That must become the rallying cry of Labor and all the progressive and liberty-loving people of California, between now and the 1938 state elections, in preparation for the repeal of the law in the next State Legislature. On to the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law!

ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman.
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STATE STALLS FREEDOM FOR CS PRISONERS

Three in San Quentin Anxious to Return Into Harness

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half years and now I want to see it consummated," said Chambers, short and slight, his face wreathed in smiles. Perjured witnesses, stool pigeons and cops had painted him as a terrible ogre at the trial, one who had threatened to turn the streets of Pixley into rivers of blood.

"I want to get back into the harness right away, into Party activity. You know your enthusiasm for the movement increases with every hardship," said Crane, tall and rangy, blonde with blue eyes. He had been ill. The long stretch behind the bars had left its mark and the pallor of his skin showed it.

"How did you feel when you learned of this decision?"

Pep Returns Two Reactions

Both smiled and replied. "What do you think?" Then both laughed.

Chambers: "My cellmate (a criminal prisoner) is more excited than I am. I slept last as well last night as I have before."

Crane: "I am so excited that I can hardly eat or sleep. Now, with freedom so near, this grind is hell."

Different men, different reactions, yet both were thrilled by the complete tie of courage and devotion to the working class.

They Learn the News

They had not as yet received official notification of the court decision. The news had come to them through the grape-vine system. Some guards had heard over the radio. The word spread. It found out about it yesterday afternoon," said Chambers. "I was coming back from work about 4:30, when I saw a group of about fifteen men, all smiles, standing near the building. They broke the news to me. Now your killing," I said. But then I heard it from other sources and believed it. It all came as a big surprise."

Since that time, they had received wires of congratulations. While I was talking to Chambers a guard handed him a notice that there was another wire for him in the office.

"Mission Is Not Done

The decision made its impression upon other prisoners, increased the morale of the Communist Party and the progressive movement generally, which had made the victory possible.

More to be done. The C. S. boys know it, and even in their hours of joy they did not forget

State's Progressives Greet Decision; Urge C. S. Repeal

CAROLINE DECKER, one of the defendants, on learning of the decision said: "The decision of the Appellate Court reflects the fact that the judges of the court are beginning to hear the political voice of labor. Further comment must await an analysis of the full opinion of the court."

Los Angeles Leaders See Release As Blow to Reac'

LOS ANGELES—Following on the heels of the complete vindication of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners by a decision of the Third District Court of Appeals, comes the prominent, progressive-minded persons greeted enthusiastically the release from prison and parole of the now famous victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Said Paul Cline, Los Angeles County secretary of the Communist Party:

"Democracy and civil liberties scores a signal victory with the release of Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers, Marie Wilson, Albert Hougardy, Jack Crane, Lorene Norman and Normin Mini.

"By the same token, the people can breathe more freely, breathe more freely in the knowledge that civil rights and, especially, the rights of labor will henceforth be more secure.

"This latest victory over reactionary forces in California is largely attributable to the untiring struggle led by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense.

"Scores of mass meetings have been held and scores of thousands of signatures against the un-American, anti-democratic Criminal Syndicalism laws were obtained by these and other progressive organizations.

"This battle against reactionary statutes has been won, but the war is not over. This war for democratic rights, for the rights guaranteed the American people by those grand documents —the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, must be carried forward with ever greater zeal and energy.

"This requires the building of a broad peoples' front of all the anti-fascist forces, and the labor forces, to the end that in the 1938 elections a progressive administration shall be swept into office.

"The next step of the people of California in securing their democratic rights should be a gigantic campaign aimed to obliterate the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act."

Labor Defense Statement

LaRue McCormick, secretary of the International Labor Defense, here, in a short statement declared: "This great victory will be the catapult from which will be launched the campaign for the repeal of the viciously anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law."

Attorney Allan Frankel said, "Now the underworld laws and repays a thousand-fold my efforts in the fight for repeal of the C. S. Act. This law has been used almost entirely by employers against strikers.

"The youngsters just released were merely union organizers, and there is no evidence against them—no overt acts, no threats of violence, nothing else that could be remotely connected with criminal syndicalism. Yet they were convicted and spent nearly three years in prison. Now the law must be killed.

"This is the best victory for the ILD and Leo Gallagher, who defended them, and to be granted parole by the governor of California when he learns of the releases."

Civil Liberties

Clinton J. Taylor, head of the American Civil Liberties Union:

"It is tremendous victory. I had not looked for such a favorable decision. Leo (Gallagher) will be tremendously pleased. Speaking for the executive committee of the Civil Liberties Union, we want to see the C. S. law wiped off the books. This decision should encourage our legislators to start such a movement."

John L. Packard, attorney for the ACLU and well-known labor attorney: "An exceedingly cheering decision. Though I haven't seen the decision, I think it splendid. Any reversal is splendid. Sacramento has always been an attempt on the part of reactionaries in California to prevent agricultural workers from organizing."

Also Frederick Conliffe, outstanding liberal and long-time Epic leader: "I am more than pleased. It is a greater victory than just victory for the boys and girls. It is a victory for civil liberties. I can't say more for I am overcome with joy."

Labor Hails Victory

Albert A. Shank, secretary of the Los Angeles American Federation of Labor Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings: "This victory will spur us on to a greater and more determined struggle to repeal the vicious C.S. Act.

"It is gratifying that mass pressure has reacted on one court in our state to observe judiciary laws and making known their decision within the required 60 days from the cases' submission.

"Something of the kind should occur to the State Supreme Court, which has had the Tom Mooney habeas corpus writ under consideration since April 16."

These similar sentiments were expressed by scores of persons prominent in liberal and labor circles.

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Liberals See Victory As Just Rebuke To Big Growers

tinue to uphold the rights and spirit of the Constitution of California and of the United States and particularly the Bill of Rights."

George Woolf, executive officer of the United Packing and Allied Workers of America: "Reversal of conviction of the lower court is a vindication of the constitutional rights of the destitute and unemployed workers of California."

Like Cattle

"They have been browbeaten, driven to work like cattle, he is taken before, where he is made a mere medical case, most cases, due to the fact that he is under classification means he is to be in light work. Instead, we were herded like cattle in the intake station. The workers are herded together like cattle, so we are able to pass out questionnaires among them. Quit your killing. Quit your killing. Have gotten fense of Alameda Co deavoring to raise

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San Francisco Sees Verdict As Call to Repeal C. S. Law

Leaders in Civic and Labor Fields Stress Need of Continuing Fight Against Reaction

SAN FRANCISCO—Prominent labor and progressive leaders hailed the verdict freeing the C. S. victims as a victory for organized labor.

Their statements were released by the California Conference for Repeal. They follow:

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein: "I am delighted with the decision. It restores one's faith in our higher courts. It means that our farm laborers will have a better chance to achieve a decent standard of living and our peasantry to be converted into a respectable citizenry."

ILA Leader

Henry Schmidt, president of ILA 38-79: "The decision granting freedom to the eight victims of the California criminal syndicalism act will be looked upon by organized labor as a distinct victory. Labor might very well set for itself now the task of cleaning the statute books of the last vestige of this vicious law."

Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party and one of the victims of the law:

"The decision of the court in reversing the conviction is a victory for civil liberties and will give a tremendous impetus to the widespread sentiment of progressives in the United Americans for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism laws. After the repeal of similar laws in the states of Washington and Oregon and the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court in the DeJonge case and the Angelo Herndon case, the legality of membership in the Communist Party cannot be challenged."

Elaine Black, vice president of the International Labor Defense: "The International Labor Defense is 'proud to hail another victory for labor and progressive forces of California. Nationally the ILD continuously carries on the struggle for labor's constitutional rights. The great victory achieved by the three ILD leaders in the courts is a signal victory for labor's constitutional rights."

Supervisorial Candidate

Herbert Wells, California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act: "The decision of the court comes in the climax of three years of campaigning by the Conference, and is a great victory for labor's rights made possible by the united power of labor and progressive organizations. Our next step is to win repeal of the C. S. Law at the next session of the California Legislature."

Assemblyman Elisabeth E. Patterson, of King City: "At last California justice is beginning to see daylight. The hope lies in the courts, all legislatures and all branches of government will con-

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Worker Exposes Lodi Jim-Crow

By an Agricultural Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—It has been called to my attention that the police department of Lodi will not let Negro workers stay in town when they come in to look for work. The police stop them on the street and tell them they will have to leave town by night.

I know this is true because I saw it myself. I do not know what "reason" the cops have, but I think this thing should be taken up, and the cops made to stop this rank discrimination and Jim-Crowism. Lodi is "noted" as the home of the vigilante Civil Rights Garrison, head of the Associated "Farmers."

I am a member of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, and this takes a firm stand against any discrimination whatsoever.

ALASKA UNION IN SUPPORT OF LONGSHOREMEN

Condemned AFL Officials For Blockade on Waterfront

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Will you please publish the enclosed letter to the Int. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in your next issue of the Western Worker. In accordance with a request of our member at the last membership meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union:

Dear Sirs & Brothers:

We are happy to announce that at our last regular membership meeting the following motion was unanimously adopted:

Pledge Support to ILWU

Realizing that in the present controversy between the officials of the Int. Brotherhood of Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the Longshoremen and Warehousemen are struggling to preserve unity among members of organized labor and the members of the Maritime Federation in particular, and realizing that this attack upon the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union is an attempt to break the unity of the Maritime Federation, the members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195, pledge our support, moral, financial, physical and otherwise to our brothers in the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. Further we pledge ourselves not to respect any picket line which is not established against the employer class and in the interest of the organized labor movement.

Condemn AFL Officials

We make this pledge, not in condemnation of the rank and file of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters, but in condemnation of the officials of that union: William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and the executive board of the American Federation of Labor, and Dave Beck, international vice president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, who have sought to destroy the ILWU and its industry for the benefit of all concerned.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Voice of the Federation, the local press and to all organizations mentioned herein.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WOOLF,
President.
JACK BEROLLA,
Secretary.

Northrop Aircraft Strike Supported By Inglewood C. P.

By a Worker Correspondent

INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County—Sensational charges in a leaflet on the Northrop Aircraft strike, and the efforts of Mayor Darby to break the open shop in the Northrop plant by forming his own "Labor Relations Board."

Issued by the 46th Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party, the leaflet is headed: "Darby's Inglewood Labor Relations Board (Inc?): Born September 23, 1937; Died September 24, 1937; Rites, Date Unknown."

It states: "We have no connection with this strike, no desire whatever to 'control' this or any other union. We do, however, hail with our warmest greetings, the United Auto Workers of America.

"These heroic strikers need and certainly deserve the strongest support of the voters and citizens of this community."

Every "Western" Reader Be a "Western" Staff-Member!

CAB DRIVER WANTS FIGHT TO REPEAL THE SACRAMENTO LAW

Cops Enforce Anti-Labor Rules Against Taxi Workers

By a Taxi Driver

SACRAMENTO—I would like the public to know what the taxi drivers are having to contend with here in this city.

According to a ruling recently passed by the city council, anyone wanting to do taxi driving must undergo a finger-print department for examination and to get a permit before he can drive a cab. The examination consists of finger-printing, mugging, and furnishing character references.

You also have to take a physical examination, listen to a lecture by the police chief and go through a lot of red tape in order to get a cheap license for the examination by

I would like to tell of two cases in which the chauffeurs' permits were revoked. These drivers were already working when this city ordinance was passed.

Discrimination

One case was discrimination against a foreign born worker whose permit was revoked because he had not secured his second naturalization papers.

Another case that I know of was that of a driver who had been refused to have it revoked about a week later because of a conviction several years before. There have been other revocations, but I haven't the facts.

The Taxi Local is affiliated with the reactionary Teamsters Union. They don't seem to be interested in the welfare of the drivers against this unjust city ordinance. This ordinance in addition to more or less law, therefore I believe it is unconstitutional.

Insecurity

There is a constant feeling of insecurity in our jobs among us taxi drivers. I get $3.50 per day, which has dismissed 30 cents an hour and have to support a family on that meager wage.

Some of us rank and filers are working on a plan to remedy this bad situation. Any suggestions that you may have to offer will be greatly appreciated, and your paper will be greatly appreciated.

(NOTE—I would suggest you try to get your protest on record against this ordinance through a resolution, sending copies to the city council and all other local unions; a committee to the city council with a brief and a representation as possible, should demand the repeal of the ordinance. Other ideas can undoubtedly be developed if the rank and filers confer with other progressive trade unionist in Sacramento.—Workers' Correspondence Ed.)

Cites Webster On "Radicals"

By a Worker Correspondent

VISALIA—Editor: The meaning of the word radical as described by Webster is: "Of or pertaining to the root, which means fundamental, basic, and is a proper name for a member of a political party interested in the welfare of his country and its only opposed by the conservative, described by Webster as one who preserves what is, or the present state, not permitting any change.

A radical looks into the future, a conservative into the past. Which will benefit our children most?

democracy.

P. S.—Could you publish a list of organizations or legislature representatives who might be interested in inviting conditions in these camps?

(NOTE—I suggest you contact the CIO Industrial Council in Los Angeles, with the help of the Western Worker and also the People's Lobby, 426 Mount Washington Drive, Los Angeles.—Workers' Correspondence Editor)

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Realizing that in the present controversy between the officials of the Intl. Brotherhood of Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the Longshoremen and Warehousemen are struggling to preserve unity among members of organized labor and the members of the Maritime Federation in particular, and realizing that this attack upon the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union is an attempt to break the unity of the Maritime Federation, the members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195, pledge our support, moral, financial, physical and otherwise to our brothers in the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. Further we pledge ourselves not to respect any picket line which is not established against the employer class and in the interest of the organized labor movement.

Condemn AFL Officials

We make this pledge, not in condemnation of the rank and file of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters, but in condemnation of the officials of that union: William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and the executive board of the American Federation of Labor, and Dave Beck, international vice president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, who have sought to destroy the ILWU and its industry for the benefit of all concerned.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Voice of the Federation, the local press and to all organizations mentioned herein.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WOOLF,
President.
JACK BEROLLA,
Secretary.

POTASH COMPANY'S ANTI-UNION FIGHT SINKS TO NEW LOW

Trona Workers Refuse to Be "Bought Off"; Join CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

TRONA, San Bernardino County—The American Potash and Chemical Co.'s distaste for the American Federation of Labor has changed; if one is to believe the Trona Advertiser, the AFL-UWA newspaper, has in the past carried the company's views on "outside organizers." It seems the newspaper has ceased damning the AFL with the view to selling out the union. Local 31 had votes overwhelmingly in a strike mandate to ENFORCE the closed shop by making the company (the only bona fide traveling members) be required to wait 30 days after hiring hall has been set up before becoming eligible for work. The measure had been initiated by the organizing committee and had thus evoked the opposition of Business Agent Frederick Anderson.

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Stooge Pulled Gun

Peters is No. 1 stooge for Spooner. Peters does the "mopping up" for his boss Spooner—with a 38 caliber Colt automatic. Union men distributing CIO leaflets in front of Jenny Lind Hall last Wednesday night were accosted by Peters. When the men ignored him, he pulled a gun on them. The CIO men disarmed the gunman and held him for police who did NOT take him into custody.

In the meeting, Peters whined that he was attacked and called for a "finish fight against CIO thugs." Spooner jumped on the band-wagon and "warned" the membership that "hordes" of CIO thugs were waiting outside to pounce upon" the culinary workers when they left the hall.

It is this unhealthy influence of Green and Vandeleur, Real and Spooner that the CIO is predestined to crush.

On the Trail of the Sneeze!

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN A. W. Barry gives allergy skin tests to Alberta Wilk and Lois Lish, Detroit girls, in a study to determine cures for hay fever

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Mr. Randy Hearst did not fool the American workers or those of any other country because these workers happen to know that the Soviet Union which comprises one sixth of the earth, is already a socialist state!

Expose Atolia Company Union

By a Worker Correspondent

ATOLIA, San Bernardino County—At an informal meeting held September 16 in the offices of the Atolia Mining Co., Maurice Bergevin of the National Labor Relations Board exposed the Atolia Employees Assn.

A four-hour session, during which time bosses and employees were allowed to, brought out damaging evidence against the company union. Bergevin was not present at the hearing were questioned at length, further substantiating the charges of company domination.

Workers were enrolled in the association on the alleged promise of receiving a raise in wages. If the membership in the association dropped below a certain figure, it was stated, the raise was to be taken back. Many other facts pointed toward the unfair labor practices.

Members of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers preferring the charges, have applied for re-charters in the Atolia and Randsburg districts.

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'Great Men'

ANDREW MELLON (1855-1937)

By a Worker Correspondent

According to the tales we're told,
The streets of heaven are paved with gold.

But now that Andrew Mellon's dead
Expect great changes overhead;
Our shrewd old Andy will make things hum,
Replacing gold with aluminum.

Oh what a heavenly place to be,
Just him and God and monopoly.

—DAVE WILLIAM.

Gun Incident Shows How AFL Heads Rule

SPOONER IS CZAR IN COOKS' UNION MEETING

Trumps-up Charge Against Progressive Leader In Cooks Local

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—To many union men, this portrayal of Culinary Union Local 31, will run true to form: William Spooner, will prove to be a review of conditions that may exist in his own AFL union. In place of the chinless Spooner, they may see Chairman Reid or perhaps Secretary William Fee.

Why was the rise of the CIO inevitable? Who is behind the AFL officialdom's current drive upon the CIO? In a mad attempt to divert attention from examination of some of the methods used by Spooner, a "good" AFL man, will help us understand.

Packed in Stooges

Culinary Local 31 met in Jenny Lind Hall on Wednesday evening, September 22. The main business was scheduled to be the report of delegates to the infamous Long Beach convention of the Building Trades Council of the AFL.

There were 125 new faces in Jenny Lind Hall that night. They were "new" members, recruited to take part in "the anticipated report. As a rule, new members are required to wait until new business before being allowed to vote. On Wednesday night, Spooner requested that "as a special point of privilege," these 125 be seated at the beginning of the meeting.

This request is not as crude as that employed by J. E. Ferguson, suspended secretary of the Maritime Firemen of the Pacific, who corralled 125 misled MFOW workers recently for a similar purpose.

Kept Report Off Floor

However, Spooner's request for the delegates was not heard that night. At the general membership meeting, Spooner generally follows one of two courses. If his lackeys far outnumber the progressives, he proceeds with the regular order of business, but if the progressives have a good turn-out, Spooner tries by every way to suppress issues from being aired. There being too many progressives in Jenny Lind last Wednesday night, Spooner seized upon a lesser issue in order to consume time in order to keep the Long Beach report off the floor.

The issue was an important test of democracy in the union. Local 31 had voted overwhelmingly in a previous meeting to ENFORCE the closed shop by making the employers (the traveling members) be required to wait 30 days after hiring hall has been set up before becoming eligible for work. The measure had been initiated by the organizing committee and had thus evoked the opposition of Business Agent Frederick Anderson.

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William Z. Foster Shows the Path to Trade Union Uni

CITES FIGURES PROVING THAT MAJORITY OF U. S. LABOR IS SUPPORTING PROGRAM OF CIO

Communist Party Chairman Points Out Steps Toward Unity Convention of AFL, CIO and R. R. Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
Chairman, Communist Party, U. S. A.

If today the American trade union movement is split, to the great profit and joy of all reactionaries, this is due to the work of a minority of craft unionists, dominated by reactionary AFL trade union bureaucrats. It can be easily demonstrated, that the great majority of organized trade unionists support the CIO program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries and that if their will prevailed the labor movement would be united and speedily united upon this basis.

Majority Support

Even at the time of the arbitrary suspension of the 10 CIO unions by the AFL executive council in September, 1936, the CIO program definitely had the support of the majority of all organized trade unionists. Let us count and see: First, there were the 900,000 members of the 10 suspended unions; then there were 350,000 more (Woodworkers, 100,000; Typographical, 80,000; Fur Workers, 35,000; Agriculture, 50,000, etc.) in AFL unions which were either then or shortly afterward became affiliated to the CIO; and finally there was a vast, unorganized rank and file sentiment in the AFL craft unions that was sympathetic to the CIO. It is safe to say, therefore, that at the time the CIO suspensions took place the CIO program had behind it the decided sympathy of a majority of all organized trade unionists in this country. And the AFL leaders were so acutely aware of this fact that they not only refused to allow the question to come to a rank and file vote, but they also did not dare to allow the CIO unions to be represented at the Tampa convention.

Rapidly Increasing

During the past 18 months since the suspension the CIO has greatly increased the general trade union majority that it had at the outset. Firstly, as a result of its successful organizing campaigns in auto, steel, textile, radio, rubber, etc., it has added huge, armies of new workers to its ranks, so that, together with a number of unions that joined before the AFL, its total membership (Sept., 1937) has now reached 3,718,000 and is rapidly increasing. Moreover, the CIO has also enormously augmented its support among the members of the AFL craft unions and at present more than likely a majority of the AFL membership here would probably vote for the CIO program if they had an opportunity to do so.

Meanwhile, in an effort to defeat the CIO, the top AFL and the main trade union center, the craft unions, are making fantastic claims as to the numerical strength of their organizations. They assert that the AFL is growing so fast that it has not only offset the 1,250,000 workers it had lost to the CIO, but has gained many more. Even the highest AFL figures of 3,600,000 were given for the AFL as a whole.

Now even on the basis of this exaggerated claim it shows that the AFL has 150,000 members less than the CIO. But the reality indicates a much greater numerical superiority on the side of the CIO. Firstly, although many AFL unions are now undoubtedly growing as a result of the great organizing spirit developed among the masses by the CIO, it is absurd to say they have grown in the past year the 1,350,000 members needed to replace the unions that have gone over to the CIO and increase the total of AFL members from 2,422,398 in Sept. 1936 to 3,600,000 in Sept. 1937.

Far from the AFL figures are to be deducted over 100,000 members as well as about 250,000 in the AFL, chiefly the Typographical and Cap Makers Unions, which are about 250,000 more than the actual unions that have merely joined the CIO. And finally, there must also be counted off the huge masses of AFL members who joined the CIO, but which, we are openly sympathetic to the CIO's plan of industrial unionism in the mass production industries.

Should Unite Unity

From all these facts the conclusion must be drawn that behind the CIO program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries stands the great majority of organized workers (not to speak of the widespread support for CIO unions among the unorganized). If the rank and file matter could be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire trade union movement in this country—CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, there can be no doubt whatever but that the cause of industrial unionism and trade union unity would carry by a tremendous preponderance of votes.

A grave weakness in the fight for industrial unionism and trade union unity, however, is that these majority progressive forces in the whole labor movement are not united and working definitely on a trade union unity program. Those in the AFL, especially, are unorganized and almost totally out of touch with the CIO. It is this disorganization of the progressive elements that makes it possible for the well organized AFL bureaucrats, with a minority of trade unionists behind them, to keep the labor movement split in two. We may be sure that when the progressive forces in the AFL, CIO and railroad unions unite themselves around a definite program, it will not be long until they will be able to register their present great majority by establishing trade union unity on the basis of the CIO's proposals.

Need for Unity

In numerous statements, resolutions, articles, etc., the Communist Party has pointed out the urgent necessity for trade union unity, which it is to be achieved. The work basic to it is to build and strengthen the CIO unions in every possible way, and to induce unions in the AFL should also be affiliated to the CIO. In doing this we are not following the line of destruction of industrial unionism by actually establishing dual trade union unions, but also strengthening the progressive heart and backbone of the labor movement, the CIO.

But to bring about trade union unity now more is necessary than to build up the CIO unions and to induce unions in the AFL to support these AFL unions, vital though these tasks are. There are also great fields for trade union unity (railroad 1,000,000; building 800,000, besides many other important unions) in which there are large numbers of their members sympathetic with the CIO that can be brought at once into direct affiliation to the CIO. For these big unions it is vitally necessary that the trade union unity program take the form of independent co-operation between these craft unions and the CIO unions on questions of organizing campaigns, strikes, legislative demands, etc., and secondly, the common organizations would be carried on among them looking toward the eventual formation of union convention of CIO, AFL and railroad unions that will lay the basis for a united movement on a new and progressive line.

The supporters of trade union unity have the preponderance in the mass production industries and industrial unionism in the mass production industries has the overwhelming majority in the labor movement as a whole. They can register their victory in establishing unity the main program prevail if they will but adopt a vigorous policy adapted to the whole trade union movement. The conscious power of the CIO program is now far greater than it was a year ago. At that time the CIO had only a basis for organizing the mass production industries, but now it has become a living reality. The industrial unions are here, millions strong, and are stretched in every mass production industry. This fact makes the fight for trade union unity both more urgent and more practical, and so long as it remains militant on the capitalist rejection. In organizing the progressive forces and establishing trade union unity the CIO has at once a great opportunity and a grave responsibility.

CIO UNION GROWS

WASHINGTON — The CIO State, County & Municipal Workers of America now exceeds 25,000 membership, announced Abram Flaxer, executive vice-president in charge of the organization drive.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

IF THE landlord suddenly decided he didn't like the way you part your hair, you could be evicted within three short days in San Francisco, under a law passed by the last State Legislature.

Rather, you could have been evicted; now, thanks to the Committee for Industrial Organization, you can't be.

True to its policy of defending the interests of all workers, the unemployed and the middle-class people, the CIO sent its attorney, Richard Gladstein, into court to attack this law as unconstitutional. Due to the fight put up by the CIO representative, three municipal judges declared the law unconstitutional.

Nice Law—for Landlords

THIS law was sneaked through the State Legislature by the Apartment House Owners' Assn. To see how it would have worked, suppose you wanted some repairs done in your house or flat or apartment and the landlord refused to have them done. Under the law, you can divert one month's rent to the repair of the house.

Then Mr. Landlord could have gone to a friendly judge after giving you three days' notice to vacate, put up $5 bond or another amount at the discretion of the judge, gotten the sheriff to kick you out bag and baggage—and all without you getting a chance to tell your side of the case. Nice law—for landlords and property owning banks.

The old law requires that you be served with papers and given a chance to appear—taking about 30 days.

CIO Policy

WHEN the CIO stepped into this case on the side of the people of San Francisco, it was following the precedent set by the CIO throughout the nation.

For example, the United Auto Workers and other CIO unions in Detroit are conducting a determined fight against the exploitation, lance on rents. The CIO is also aiding the farmers in their fight for farm legislation. The CIO is building a front of all the oppressed people against the oppressors—the big corporations, the bankers, the landlords and all other exploiters.

In all its more than 52 years of existence, the American Federation of Labor officials have never shown much interest in the welfare of the 38,000,000 American workers, let alone the interests of labor's friends among the farmer and middle class people. These "leaders" left the overwhelming majority of the working class entirely without union organization.

Today the CIO is moving swiftly forward to organize ALL workers into unions to better conditions, and is extending the hand of friendship and cooperation to all labor's friends to the end that a better life may be won by the American masses.

That is why we say that such a policy is succeeding!

NEW CIO LABOR HALL

LA CROSSE, Wis.—The CIO union here, with a membership of 3000, have bought their own building, Pioneer Hall. The structure including an auditorium seating 2000.

BUZZELL FAILS TO WRECK L.A. NEWS GUILD

80 Newshawks Walk Out On AFL Dual Union Attempt in South

LOS ANGELES — The well-known Buzzell steamroller, opposition-crusher in the AFL Central Labor Council, backfired here and rolled nearly a hundred newspaper men and women out of the Labor Temple, Buzzell's stronghold.

Following up his threat to begin organizing editorial workers into the dual newspaper union recently set up by American Federation of Labor heads, J.W. Buzzell, working with convenient officials of local Hearst papers, called the meeting in an attempt to induce organized newspaper workers to abandon the CIO American Newspaper Guild.

Over 80 Walk Out

How little success he had was indicated when, to avoid embarrassing questions, he was forced to rule against debate from the floor. Shortly after, he ordered all dissenters to leave the hall, and more than 80 persons complied with his suggestion.

Only a handful remained to meet with the Central Labor Council executive board for the purpose of putting into operation the dual AFL union.

Expose Stooge

Dramatic moments of the meeting were when Slim Connelly, labor reporter on the Hearst-owned Herald-Express, declared to Buzzell that he would not leave the Labor Temple until he was thrown out. Buzzel informed him that if that was his attitude, he would be thrown out.

The other occurred when Fred Daniels who, the Guild charges, was recently fired from the Hearst Examiner for union activity, exposed Pearl Gross, now employed by the Examiner, as a Buzzell stool pigeon.

It was pointed out that this is the same Pearl Gross who threw the contempt of newspaper workers throughout the country when she went to Seattle to break the Post-Intelligencer strike a year ago.

Scabbed in Seattle

At the same time, Sam Sansoni, also employed by Hearst and a Buzzell henchman, was accused as a scab on the Post-Intelligencer strikebreaker.

Meanwhile, the L. A. News-paper Guild called a special meeting, reaffirmed its allegiance to the CIO and voted to file charges with the Labor Relations Board against the Examiner for interfering in union affairs and for firing two persons for union activity, as well as to request that the Labor Board conduct an immediate election in the Examiner shop to determine which union shall be the representative of the workers there.

Wall Street Vultures

It also elected a committee to work towards an alliance with the Los Angeles Central Trades Council, on the basis of mutual assistance.

It was recalled that a week ago, when a negotiating committee from the Examiner met with the Central Labor Council executive board for the purpose of putting into operation the dual AFL union.

Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

HAVING MADE plenty of trouble for their countries and the world before they were put on the skids, these three ex-rulers meet in exile at Ouchy, Switzerland. Left to right, former King Alphonso of Spain, former Queen Amelie of Portugal, and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. All took time to pack before they left, so they find unemployment not so tough.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION LEAVES AFL TO JOIN WITH CIO

Los Angeles County Employees Vote 94 per Cent for Change

LOS ANGELES — The local chapter of the American Federation of County employees, long dissatisfied with unsatisfactory gains under AFL leadership, has voted overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation.

The CIO victory, won by a 94 per cent vote, makes the union a part of the State, County & Municipal Workers Union.

Want Militant Program

Public employees greeted coolly what they termed the "week-kneed" policy of certain officials who recently declared that "the strike is ineffective so far as public employees are concerned."

Rank and file members demanded a more militant organizational program and cited the "very positive" gains in wage increases at the General Hospital. They likewise attacked the "no strike" means advocated by certain leaders, in protest against deficient civil service provisions.

CIO Steel Union to Hold Convention

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—An international convention of union steel workers which will bring together delegates from more than 100 lodges established in the steel industry since the organizing campaign began in March, 1936, will be held here late in November, union officials have announced Chairman Philip Murray of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

Convention questions will include drafting of a board policy for guidance of both the international office and local lodges, and negotiating new contracts with the hundreds of companies which have agreements with the union from coast to coast by February 28.

Over 400 steel manufacturing, fabricating and processing firms covering approximately 500,000 workers are under contract with the SWOC at present.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

ON THE waterfront now they're saying that "either you go with the Communist Party or you follow the phonies."

I believe the phrase originated with the Firemen who recently had a swell exhibition of real phonies in action. Anyway, I think it's a good phrase and has plenty of justification.

It shows that the line between the Communists and other progressives on the one hand, and the 57 varieties of phonies, reactionaries and Trotskyites on the other, is sharply drawn.

During the years since the 1934 strike the Communist Party policy has been proved correct.

For instance, it was the Communists who advocated rank and file strike committees and unity between Longshoremen and Seamen in 1934. Was that a correct policy, or wasn't it? Then, too, the Communists were the first to advocate the policy of the referendum and through duly elected delegates, which finally evolve that unity. And we trust the rank and file.

A Good Record

WELL—there's your justification for saying that you either line up with the phoning or you go along with the Communist Party. We didn't originate the phrase. But the statement has been made, and is being made, and we can damned well back it up with our record on the waterfront.

We're proud of that record. It isn't stained by contact with Bill Green, Joe Ryan, Dave Beck or any of the other muscle men. And our policies are backed by common sense and not by packed meetings, phony union books or office bosses suppressed out of union funds and pie-card, shore-side jobs.

Workers Win From Montgomery Ward

OAKLAND — A threatened strike by 300 employees of the Montgomery Ward mail order store, was called off last Monday when the company capitulated to their demands.

Workers won their demands for an abolition of the speed-up, a 5 per cent wage increase, seniority rights and a substantial wage increase only 24 hours before they had gone out on strike.

Workers objected in particular to the company's policy of firing union workers and discriminating them at beginners' wages. Pay for the majority of the workers was raised to exceed the termination of the strike was $14 per week.

Steel Workers Score Victories in Utah

PROVO, Utah — The Ogden Iron and Steel Co., two of the three largest steel mills in Utah, have signed with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), Vernon Jones, SWOC organizer announced here.

A third large Utah steel mill, the Utah Coal and Iron Co., is resisting the unionization drive by company union tactics and intimidation, the SWOC charged.

Toolmne County Lumber Accused Under Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO—Charges of violation of the Wagner Labor Relations Act have been filed here with the National Labor Relations Board against the West Side Lumber Co. of Tuolumne and the Pickering Lumber Co. of Standard, both in Tuolumne County.

The charges were filed by the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America—Local 84, by Organizer Walter Rogers.

Disbarment Threats Against CIO Lawyer

WASHINGTON — Intimidation of Nathan Witt, labor lawyer, is the trick being tried in the drive against unions, according to the Political Prisoners' Defense Committee.

In Portsmouth, O., a member of the Democratic county council, Edw. Lamb of Toledo, was retained by the United Shoe Workers of America in a contempt action brought by the Williams Manufacturing Co. during the course of a strike, the guild said. Because of Lamb's vigorous defense of the union, large sums, the White appointed a committee of three attorneys to see if charges leading to disbarment could not be brought against Lamb.

Hillman Reports 350,000 Members Signed in TWOC

NEW YORK — Over 350,000 textile workers have signed with the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, Sidney Hillman, director of the TWOC announced here. Of this number, 200,000 are already under contract, he declared.

BOOM MEN FOR CIO, E VOTING SH

Woodworkers Re Gains Through Northwest A

SEATTLE—(The n Northwest District voting on affiliation Intl. Woodworkers o is showing an a cent ballot in favor with the CIO.

The Boom-men's vention in Port Ang ington, elected a committee to interview the IWA officers. Receiving answers to their delegates reported to mercantile following coma Boom-men's voted 10 to 1 for the Aberdeen Joint Labor

Solidarity in

SEATTLE — President of the pow United Automobile America, has wired Intl. Woodworkers pledging solidarity the auto workers wi ing possible to h Woodworkers in aid wood and veneer where UAW membe

NEW YORK—Fo a. Woodworkers Co New York took plac ference Saturday, 25. Both AFL an participated in th

EVERETT, Wash. and Sulphite Worke affiliated with the AF its backing to the B not at any time rel CIO principles.

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PORTLAND, O attack by Seattle on the CIO and the workers of America AFL mass meeting a hot reply from

Oust Sharrenberg

THE Communists were the first to advocate the ousting of Paul Scharrenberg. During the time Scharrenberg was under fire, it was the Communist press—the Daily Worker and the West—that truthful and voluminous publicity to the struggle. Scharrenberg realized that he never had a chance to get an opportunity to turn to the Western Worker and the Communists.

The Communist Party was solely responsible for establishing the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The Communists, by their correct policies, were able to set up a real democratic federation wherein the rank and file membership alone have the final say on all questions of policy.

During the time of the ill-fated steam schooner strike it was the Communist Party that fought against undisciplined "job-action"—and incidentally incurred the undying hatred of Harry Lundeberg for doing so.

Well, Harry—who was right? In 1936-37 the Communist Party fought to establish a rank and file committee for the strike. The publicity committee was established, despite organized opposition from certain groups, and who can deny that it was a big influence in winning public opinion to our side?

During that strike we also fought for other CIO unions. The Worker carried no such headlines as "STRIKE ENDS LOONEY." The Communist Party—and a majority of the Federation membership—fought for the longer of one union signing an agreement until "demands" had been granted or admitted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Was that common sense—or wasn't it?

National Unity

THE Communist Party has always fought for national maritime unity. It still fights for this unity. But the Communists realize that it can't be gained under the corrupt leadership of Joe Ryan and Dave Beck, either.

But we see the achievement of this unity under the CIO. It's by way of this fight for the CIO in conjunction with national maritime unity. We know that neither Bridges nor Curran nor Lewis will dictate the form that unity eventually will take. The rank and file, through national

Anti-Union P Fakes WW A

NEW HAVEN, Con Robert W. Dunn, secretary of Labor Research, has filed claim with the Intl. $1,000 against the Constitutional Publishing Co. and the notorious anti-union pamphlet, "Join the CIO and Help Build Communism."

The pamphlet, which Joseph P. Kamp, well-known anti-Semitic and strikebreaking author, $1000 reward would be anyone proving the pamphlet is the pamphlet is false. Dunn's complaint charges "willful falsehoods and errors of fa

Chief among the falsehoods, Dunn declares, is the statement in the Honor Roll for the including that Lewis, published last year, the Western Worker "has been" or "has ceased" to read Honor Roll 1937 and the fact that it is not on the list in which the original did contain.

Fight Dictator AFL Cannery

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SAN FRANCISCO — Habeas corpus proceedings will be filed within the next few days on behalf of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin unless they are released before then by action of Attorney General Webb.

Webb, by delaying action of the state following the appeal court's reversal of the convictions, has kept the three behind the bars, George Anderson, attorney for the defendants in the absence of Attorney Leo Gallagher, announced in a petition of the habeas corpus proceedings, to be filed in Marin County.

AFL Head Finances Company Union At Ford's in Richmond

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—The United Auto Workers of America today issued unsupported attack on the strongly entrenched UAW local at the Ford plant here, denouncing Frank Slaby, UAW Local 76 president.

It was reported Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, had turned over $500 to one Craig, who has been active against the union, and who is said to be a former paroled convict as a stooge to sign workers for the AFL.

"Members of our union have been told they can go to work only if they sign with Craig," the UAW statement charged. "Although workers are now laid off due to preparations for a new model," said Slaby.

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DEFY ISH FASCISTS

More than 100,000 alarmed Spanish Sunday, defying a of police to demonstrate at a Spanish Nationalist St Oswald Mosley. The demonstration, ostensibly anti-Communist, defying bombings by London Communists and Spanish Republican refugees, and the suppression of the Labor Party in Spain, calling for a Popular Front of Spanish people and government to put down fascists and financial

Opinion of the conference was voiced in a letter government "to furnish with other forms assistance to the Spanish people," and urged Britain "to refuse to buy goods."

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Strictly Personal --From the Staff

The first issue of the Daily Western Worker is less than three months off. It is time for all of us to begin a serious discussion of what our paper will be as a daily.

The staff has begun to consider all the problems, big and small, entailed in publishing a daily and wishes to arrive at a solution through close consultation with the readers.

Some of the problems which require immediate consideration are:

1. A name. We are considering a new name for our paper. We know this question open for our readers and all suggestions are welcome.

2. A program. Our paper must have a definite political platform. We want such a platform, stated briefly and concisely, one that everyone will go below the masthead on the editorial page and proclaim to all what the paper fights for. To arrive at such a platform we want the widest discussion possible and invite all the readers to send suggested planks.

3. Form. Should the paper become a tabloid or retain its present size? What do you think?

4. In addition there are any number of ideas and opinions we all have. Each one may be valuable, but the full value can be realized only through an exchange of these ideas and opinions.

We invite a full discussion of all these points. Our paper is different from others in that it is a people's paper. It can therefore consult with its readers on matters of policy. It draws its strength from this close consultation with the readers and we want a strong and powerful daily.

Your opinions, your ideas will help make it so.

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PLAN NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR FIVE HAYMARKET VICTIMS ON NOVEMBER 11

(ILD Press Release)

Unveiling of a memorial to the leading CIO and AFL unionists, a "labor Olympiad" and sponsoring a nation-wide memorial on November 11 in New York City to the anniversary of the martyrdom of the five Haymarket victims, who were hanged in Chicago on November 11, 1887.

Five great men lost their lives at that time in the struggle for the eight hour day. They were Albert Parsons, August Spies, Adolf Fischer, Louis Lingg and George Engel.

Serving in Chicago

On November 11, memorial services will be held at Haymarket Square, Monument, Chicago, endorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor, with the support of the ILD. Flowers and laurel wreaths contributed by labor organizations in Chicago are to be placed on the monument.

The committee plans to smother the monument with 10,000 flowers and a mountain of laurel wreaths. The national committee consists of: Max Bedacht, Intl. Workers Order, secretary; Elmer Brown, Typographical Local 6; Gifford Cochran, National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union; Mrs. Bella Dodd, American Federation of Teachers; Ben Gold, Intl. Fur Workers; Louis Hollander and Weinstock, Painters District Council No. 9, New York and Lucy A. Parsons, widow of one of the victims.

Donations Through ILD

Local unionists and friends of labor wishing to participate in the nation-wide memorial may donate through the ILD. San Francisco address: 55 Market St., Room 410. For each 25 cents contributed, a flower will be placed on the monument. Laurel wreaths are being contributed by organizations at $2, $5 and $10. A scroll with the names of the organizations and individuals participating in the memorial service will be placed at the foot of the monument, and listed in the November Labor Defender, ILD national organ.

Foot Dragging Charged in Ford Case

DETROIT — Foot dragging by the Ford Motor Co. in the case of 23 workers discharged for union activity was charged by Richard Frankensteen, director of the UAW-CIO Ford department.

Frankensteen declared that the company has failed to reinstate the workers as ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

Disbarment Threats Against CIO Lawyer

WASHINGTON — Intimidation of Nathan Witt, labor lawyer, is the trick being tried in the drive against unions, according to the Political Prisoners' Defense Committee.

In Portsmouth, O., a member of the Democratic county council, Edw. Lamb of Toledo, was retained by the United Shoe Workers of America in a contempt action brought by the Williams Manufacturing Co. during the course of a strike, the guild said. Because of Lamb's vigorous defense of the union, large sums, the White appointed a committee of three attorneys to see if charges leading to disbarment could not be brought against Lamb.

Hillman Reports 350,000 Members Signed in TWOC

NEW YORK — Over 350,000 textile workers have signed with the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, Sidney Hillman, director of the TWOC announced here. Of this number, 200,000 are already under contract, he declared.

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Footung in Flames From Japanese Incendiary Bombs

THIS PICTURE, taken from Shanghai's International Settlement, shows Footung being virtually destroyed by Japanese bombers. The forward section of the U. S. S. Augusta is shown on the extreme right.

Chinese Defense Lines Move Back

New Fortifications Occupied; China Is Urged to Adopt Red Army's Tactics

SHANGHAI—Although Chinese defenders in this area had stood off a six-day offensive of the Japanese, widely pronounced the heaviest to date of the war against China, the defense lines were withdrawn for several miles on a front of the front Monday. Their movement took place in orderly manner to already prepared concrete and steel defense lines.

The action followed shortly after appeals had been printed in the Chinese press to "follow in practice the principles of Lenin" at the bottom of the Shansi victory." The Shansi victory was won by the Red Army, formerly the Red Army, which was characterized by the Chinese newspaper Shih Chow Pao as having "proved that the allegations about it purported inability of North China to fight against heavily armed Japanese imperialism are utterly baseless."

While the short retreat was being made in the Shanghai area, the press reported that the Eighth Army was "moving up" on the northern front, "preparing a counter-attack against the Japanese army in the north. It had been allowed to proceed far enough to scatter its forces before the Chinese attack began.

American authorities in China were requested to move U. S. Consular officials from Kaifeng to Chefoo, Shantung province, in order to allow for freer movement of military operations against Japanese there. Reports that Chinese had "ordered" the removal

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'Goons' Attack L. A. Woman

CIO Worker's Wife Is Kicked and Beaten

(See Page 8 for expose of "goon squads" in Los Angeles")

LOS ANGELES — Extending their terror to a defenseless woman, a "goon squad" brutally beat up and kicked Mrs. Jarralyn Burke, 28.

Wife of William Burke, secretary to one of the executives of the CIO United Auto Workers Local 188, Mrs. Burke said she was sitting in her car in front of union headquarters waiting for her husband, when suddenly four men surrounded her, dragged her out and began to beat and kick her.

"Goon" Brutality

She screamed and called for help. A number of passers-by rushed toward the scene and the four men fled.

"This will do those lugs in there a lot more good than cracking their skulls," one of the thugs said, as he kicked Mrs. Burke.

Taken to Georgia St. receiving hospital, Mrs. Burke was treated for bruises on her face, head, abdomen and back.

Rapp Burns Fitts

Interviewed in regard to the "goon" terrorism instigated by local AFL officials, Rev. A. A. Heist, CIO public relations director here, declared:

"It is a strange thing that the district attorney (Buron Fitts) who was elected to clean up gangsterism in Los Angeles, now with the names and addresses of known thugs in his hand, still refuses to take any action."

J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, is scheduled to meet with Congressman Jerry Voorhis, Byron Scott, state WPA dependent steel companies and auto corporations.

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Referring to Green's attack on him as a result of his personal political ambitions, Lewis said:

No Personal Ambitions

"Well, I do have some political ambitions, I doubt they are consuming ambitions. I have an ambition to see Thomas E. Dewey become governor of Pennsylvania; I have an ambition to see the American Labor Party in New York become the major party, I have an ambition to see Herbert H. Lehman elected as mayor.

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Anti-CIO Raves Open AFL Meet

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE

DENVER (By Wire)—A violent attack on President Charles P. Howard of the Typographical Union by President William Green in his opening speech Monday, pointing out that the charter of the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America, was followed in the afternoon session at the American Federation of Labor convention here, by William Hutcheson, carpenters czar, challenging Howard's credentials.

Hutcheson's preliminary statement replying to the charges accused Green of "not even approaching truth" in his opening speech.

Convention Packed

It is probable the convention will now debate this phase of the fight on the CIO and its organizers, after Green's call for civil war and to defeat the CIO "at any cost," which will result in the only floor battle in this packed convention.

Green threw discretion to the winds in his opening speech, partially the result of rumors that Matthew Woll wants the presidency and has the support of Dan Tobin, Dave Beck and others.

Green tried to prove that he is willing to go as far and farther than any other AFL official in fight on the CIO, the cooperation of the employers, he hinted strongly, was promised.

Appeals to Employers

His appeal to employers and the press for aid to the AFL in its fight on the CIO was in line with the executive council report which attacks the National Labor Relations Board and exempts the terrorist drive of independent steel companies and auto corporations.

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Bankers Head Move To Smash Workers On Farms

SANTA ROSA, Sonoma County—War clouds of vigilante terrorism are gathering over the fertile valleys of Sonoma and Napa counties again today.

The storm of open-shop brutality which resulted in the 1935 tar and feather beatings of Jack Green and Sol Nitzberg, agricultural organizers, is threatening to break again.

To Attack Unions

Organized by the Bank of America and the State Chamber of Commerce, a committee of bankers and industrialists representing the most reactionary elements in Sonoma and Napa counties is gathering a war chest to combat unionization of the thousands of starved and underpaid agricultural workers in these two counties.

"Here in California the situation is particularly severe," reads the personal letter being received by small business men throughout these two counties. "We have seven per cent of the gainfully employed of the nation and about seventeen per cent of the trouble."

JUSTICE BLACK UPHOLDS BILL OF RIGHTS IN SPEECH WHICH RENOUNCES PROGRAM OF KKK

Former Senator Will Remain on Bench; Lewis Applauds Speech Citing Senate Record As Liberal

WASHINGTON—"The Constitution is the supreme law of our country. The Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution."

With this statement and with a repudiation of the program of prejudice of the Ku Klux Klan to which he admitted he once belonged, Justice Hugo L. Black made it clear he would remain a member of the United States Supreme Court. He spoke in answer to one of the most concerted press campaigns ever launched against an individual.

The 45-minute radio speech of the newly appointed justice was heard by probably the largest radio audience ever to hear a single talk. It evoked comments, statements from leading senators, representatives, labor leaders and newspapers throughout the country.

Lewis Applauds

John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, termed it "a powerful and straight-forward statement. It defines the creed of all Americans."

Legionnaires and newspapers generally held to whatever attitude they held previous to Black's statement. Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, (D. Wyo.) although the opposed the Supreme Court Reform plan, said:

"It was a frank and satisfactory statement which ought to be and which I think will be accepted by the country."

Senator Burke (D., Nebr.), however, who was a more bitter opponent of the court proposal, repeated his earlier condemnation of Black.

Senator Tom Connally (D., Tex.) said: "Like many others upon reflection and realization of the errors, he stated he resigned and abandoned it . . . It seems to me that the incident is a closed one."

President Roosevelt, on an auto tour in Washington state, did not hear the speech.

Cites Senate Record

After citing his senatorial record as a proof that he had consistently opposed the racial and religious prejudice which the Klan's program, Black said:

"The insinuations of racial and religious prejudice recently concerning me are based on the fact that I joined the Ku Klux Klan about 15 years ago. I did join the Klan. I later resigned.

"I never rejoined. What happened then, or what appears now on the records of the organization I do not know.

"I never have considered and I do not now consider the unsolicited card given to me shortly after my nomination to the senate as a membership of any kind in the Ku Klux Klan. I never used it. I did not even keep it.

"Before becoming a senator I dropped the Klan. I have had nothing whatsoever to do with it since that time. I abandoned it. I completely discontinued any association with the organization. I have never resumed it and never expect to do so."

"Fought Intolerance"

Black declared that his record in the senate "refutes every implication of racial and religious intolerance. It shows that I was of that group of liberal senators who have consistently fought for the civil, economic and religious rights of all Americans, without regard to race or creed."

Supporting his senatorial record, the Supreme Court justice declared his friendship of members of the colored race and declared that colored men are entitled to the full measure of protection accorded to the citizenship of our country by our Constitution and laws."

He said that he had never considered religion or race in his endorsement of political candidates and that he had formed life-long friendships among the Jewish people.

NEW MFF HEADQUARTERS

SAN FRANCISCO — Headquarters of District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, are now located at 10 Embarcadero, effective Oct. 1, announced by the MFF secretary Z. R. Brown. The offices were formerly at 112 Market Street.

Oregon Governor Called to Task On State Land Sale

PORTLAND, Ore. — Gen. Charles R. Martin, reactionary governor of Oregon, has been called by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation in his attempt to give away great sections of grazing land to wealthy cattlemen at ½ cent an acre. O. C. F. representatives jammed a hearing in his office in opposition to the proposal, which would rob the schools of heavy revenue.

Federation directors, by a vote of 18 to 4, recently adopted a Far Eastern Policy of "Neutrality by the American government in the Asiatic war, every aid by the American people to the Chinese fight for freedom against Fascism."

L. A. CONFERENCE TAKES UP BATTLE FOR NEW HOUSES

LOS ANGELES—What can be done about high rents, slum clearance, housing?

These were the problems discussed at a conference of delegates representing over a thousand people, which met at Angelus Hall here.

The Conference was called by the Former Labor Club which initiated the fight against high rents and better housing in Los Angeles.

Housing Commission Asked

It wired President Roosevelt inviting him to come to Los Angeles and visit the tenement districts of the city.

A resolution was passed demanding that the city council "make immediate appropriations for necessary funds for the Housing Commission, and to pass a resolution in the council to assume responsibility for any bonds or whatever indebtedness may be necessary to allow the Housing Commission to take immediate steps to start a federal housing project on the Final Street neighborhood."

It was pointed out that big projects resulting from the Wagner Stegall Bill have been completed in New York, Pittsburgh, Dayton, Milwaukee, and other cities providing 3-room modern low rent convenences at $3 to $6 a room.

Despite Governor Merriam's veto of the housing bill, Los Angeles through the Housing Commission can take advantage of the federal appropriation for slum clearance if the city council will assume the responsibility for the bonds.

Elstein Chairman

Herbert Sperrazo Elstein, 1936 Communist candidate for Assembly, was chairman of the conference.

"The people of the east side are determined to wipe out this shameful slum districts and to fight for adequate housing and low rents," said Elstein.

Landlords of the district recently banded together and called on Chief Davis in an attempt to stop tenant organizing. The Farmer Labor Club has been holding regular street meeting where problems of slum clearance and housing are discussed.

On Oct. 20th an enlarged conference will meet at the Roosevelt High School. Judge Ben Lindsey, Assemblymen John Pelletier and Ben Rosenthal, who led the fight for slum clearance on the floor of the Assembly and Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, have been asked to speak.

Reactionary Berkeley Mayor Declared to Be Indebted to Banks

BERKELEY—That the Bank of America and a big investment company hold a mortgage of $47,000 over the mayor of this city in the form of mortgages totaling $101,000, by which they are able to influence public policies, was strongly indicated by charges made in a suit filed in the Federal Court in San Francisco.

The offenders, filed by the Del Norte Investment Company, charged that Mayor E. N. Ament, his son in law R. D. Crowell, and their wives attempted to defraud creditors by concealing $50,000 in cash buried in a jar in Richmond and in containers in kitchen shelves prior to the bankruptcy on July 10 of the Ashby Furniture Company, of which Ament was president and Crowell vice-president.

The bank of America, it was disclosed, holds a note of $47,000 and the Del Norte company two notes of $37,000 and $16,000, respectively, against the defunct furniture company. Suits have been filed by both financial institutions for recovery of the amounts. The affidavit was an outgrowth of the Del Norte company's suit.

Mayor Ament has denied the charges, claiming that the $50,000 rightfully belonged to him and Compton as a loan.

The mayor has consistently advocated reactionary policies in the city council.

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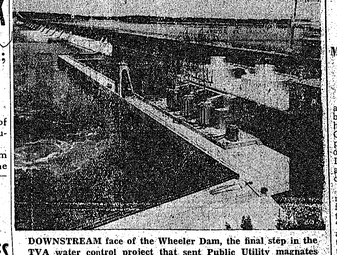
This Put Fear in the Utility Magnates



DOWNSTREAM face of the Wheeler Dam, the final step in the TVA water control project that sent Public Utility magnates into hysterics thinking of the cheaper power and light facilities to be supplied consumers.

U. S. TO PROBE CHILD LABOR IN BEET AREA

WASHINGTON—Investigation of child labor in the beet and cane sugar fields of continental United States will be started by the United States Department of Agriculture, it was learned here. Hearings in Louisiana have already been scheduled.

The investigation will come as part of the recently passed sugar bill which permits government benefits to sugar growers. These benefits, however, are not available to employers of child labor and the department is investigating to make certain that employers of child labor do not receive benefits.

Labor in beet fields is generally recognized as the most exploited in the country. Children travel with their parents from beet field to beet field, working 10 to 12 hours a day in an effort to earn enough to keep alive. They sleep in autos by the side of the road and eat the meager fare earned by their few pennies a day.

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Nominate Communist On Labor's Slate

CLEVELAND — A. R. Onda, candidate of Labor's Non-Partisan League and a well-known member of the Communist Party, won nomination in the primary election for alderman in the Ninth District.

He placed second out of a field of nine candidates. The Republican, Hudec, placed first with 2,605, while Onda's vote was 1,780. A wide field remains, however, in which to overcome this lead in the final election. Remaining votes were well scattered over seven other candidates, with the third placing candidate alone getting 1,635.

Labor's Non-Partisan League had entered a complete slate in the city elections.

Azusa City Council Aids Open-Shoppers by Passing Anti-Picketing Ordinance

AZUSA, Los Angeles County—The city council of Azusa listened to the open-shop voices and passed a blanket anti-picketing ordinance, "prohibiting picketing, loitering, assembling, carrying or displaying signs or banners or speaking in a loud, unusual or tone in public streets, alleys or sidewalks in the city of Azusa."

DORE REFUSES DEBATE WITH C. P. SPEAKER

Makes Bid for Support Of Reaction by Another Attack on Reds

SEATTLE—Taking refuge in a new rash of red-baiting, strike-breaker Mayor Dore of Seattle has "declined" to meet District Organizer Morris Raport in a public debate, in which Raport offered to prove that behind Dore's vicious anti-Communist attacks lie Dore's attempt to crush the labor movement.

Raport, in a letter to Dore, refused with scorn Dore's frequent statements to the press that the Communist Party is the "troublemaker" in Seattle. The actual facts, Raport said, are that Dore, offering full protection to the Dave Beck goon squads, has himself been responsible for industrial anarchy.

Raport's letter said

"It is clear then, that your present anti-Communist campaign is an election campaign. You are trying, by attacking the Communists, to bring back the Republican reactionary support, which in the beginning of your administration, you lost, now you hope that the support of the reactionary Republicans and that of Dave Beck's machine will put you back in office."

In reply, Dore launched forth in further red-baiting, serving only to show his fear of appearing before the public in defense of his brutal attacks on picket lines maintained by CIO unions.

Dore, making a grand stand play for the votes of all fascist elements, said: "I am delighted to learn definitely that the Communist Party has a campaign to defeat me as Mayor."

Parole Board Orders Fitzgerald to Resign

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles stepped into the waterfront unions on the side of the reactionary pro-A.F.L. minority last Monday when it ordered Robert J. Fitzgerald, one of the Modesto Boys, to resign as secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Fitzgerald was recently elected secretary pro-tem, following the firing or displaying signs or banners or speaking in a loud, unusual or tone in public streets, alleys or sidewalks in the city of Azusa."

Assemblymen May Probe Attacks on Labor at Banning

Interim Committees Also Expected to Investigate Housing Conditions and Textbook Graft Charge

State Assembly interim committees, being appointed by William Mosley Jones, Speaker of the Assembly, are scheduled to investigate charges of brutality and terror by deputized thugs at Banning.

Other subjects on the agenda for investigation are the housing problem with reference to action in the State Legislature on slum clearance, inquiry into charges of graft in the awarding of text book contracts by the Board of Education, study of the relief situation where it is charged that unemployed are being compelled to pick fruit as miserably low wages and under the most deplorable living conditions or be dropped from the relief rolls.

Civil Rights Violations

Violations of civil liberties will be dealt with by the committee on Capital and Labor, which it is believed to be composed of Paul Richie, Jack B. Tenney and Ellis Patterson.

The Banning situation, where excessive bail has been set on misdemeanor charges and where a score or more strikers have been beaten and shot, will be at the top of this committee's agenda.

The committee on governmental efficiency will inquire into the reason for the Board of Education awarding a contract for $161,000 for text books when there was a $15,000 bid.

Special Session Asked

Elmer Lore is chairman of the committee on social welfare and institutions. This committee will study housing conditions and slum clearance as well as problems of relief for the aged and unemployed, social security, asylums and jails.

"I feel the Governor should call a special session of the legislature immediately for the purpose of making the Wagner Housing Act effective," said Jones at a recent press conference. "California stands to lose all the benefits under this act $36,000,000 for slum clearance because Merriam vetoed the housing bills passed by the legislature."

The committees are empowered to compel testimony. A minimum of $700 will be allocated to each committee.

L. A. 'NEUTRAL THOUSANDS' SEEM TO ROLL IN WEALTH

Want Workers to Call a Truce for Two Years While They "Study" Strife

By ED. ROBBIN

LOS ANGELES—Let's have a truce. Let's not have any more of these nasty strikes and lockouts. Let's get the workers to stop fighting for two years and the employers while we women study the situation and see what can be done about it.

This is the gist of the program of a new organization of women that has mushroomed into existence ostensibly to solve all the weighty economic problems of our time.

Director of the new organization is Mrs. Bessie Ochs.

In an interview with this Western Worker reporter Mrs. Ochs told how this brain child, of hers had come to birth.

The interview took place in the elaborate suite of offices of the Pacific Finance Loans, which began with a quizzing of the bulky affable campaign manager of publicity director. One secretary says Mrs. Sterry is out to lunch and another secretary calls her by phone.

Mrs. Ochs became aware of the terrible, terrible problem, according to Mrs. Sterry, during the maritime strike. It seems that Mrs. Ochs owns (said Mrs. Sterry) owned and had Mrs. Ochs (later with a frown) a factory in Hong Kong where she manufactures bamboo furniture. The maritime strike, which held up her shipments made her terribly aware of the hardship suffered by workers when they are on strike.

"Too Busy"

At first Mrs. Ochs was much, much too busy to see me, but after a few direct and embarrassing questions, Mrs. Sterry fluttered out of sight, turned on the telephone and asked Mrs. Ochs to come right in.

Mrs. Ochs is a blondish, green eyed, middle aged women. She becomes just as nervous as Mrs. Sterry when she is pressed about the financing of the organization.

"We make money from anyone who is willing to contribute to the cause," she said. "Just so there are no strings attached."

"Who has contributed the bulk of the money to date? Who pays for these offices?"

Free Rent

"These offices don't cost us a cent. They're donated by the owner of the building, Mrs. Helen Gallagher."

Mrs. Cutts is listed in the directory of the large downtown building as a real estate and investment broker.

"Need no money so far has come from wealthy women in Los Angeles who are interested in bringing industrial peace."

"We're not trying to break strikes or settle them," she said. "I believe that women have been the chief sufferers in industrial strife. We want to have a two-year truce between employers and workers, during which there will be no strikes or lockouts while we women have time to study the situation and figure out a solution."

Mrs. Ochs admitted that the Neutral Thousands was sponsored by no organizations to date. She has no official connection with any union. Only the "pitiful appeal" made secretly by wives of the strikers' who she was recently in the strike area in the east" moved her to devote her life to the settlement of industrial strife.

Questioned as to whether she favors the Wagner Labor Act, she said of course she's for the law and that's the law, but she feels that other machinery is necessary for medi-

ation before conditions a pass where the Board venes.

Asked what machine proposes to set up, Mrs. was not prepared to say. First they must get two years' truce so they will have time to work machinery.

On the way out of the this reporter smiled. There was definitely rotten something smelly about the Neutral ands, but it was difficult fine the smell, sometimes ever faintly reddolent of and Hearst.

An Open Letter to LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEMBERSHIP

Dear Comrades:

Bluntly, we want to tell you that the Financial Drive for the Daily Western Worker is at a critical point.

ONE-FOURTH OF THE DRIVE IS OVER.

Only ONE-SEVENTEENTH of the goal has been turned in ($2,011).

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Look at the chart of County standings. Los Angeles with a $12,500 quota, has turned in $7.00 in the first month.

Yes, we said SEVEN DOLLARS.

That's one-half of one-tenth of ONE per cent. Sounds like the percentage of alcohol in prohibition near-beer doesn't it?

Well, Los Angeles County showing in the drive is just that weak.

LOS ANGELES! The State Executive Committee calls upon every member of the Party to attend the County Membership Meeting this Thursday night at Trinity Auditorium.

It Calls upon you to scrape up every possible dollar—and to turn it in, at this meeting, enough money to redeem your present standing.

MORE THAN THAT, $4,000 TURNED IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING CAN *SAVE* THE STATE STANDING FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE DRIVE.

Will you send us a telegram from your meeting stating the amount you have ready to turn in? It will be published in the Friday issue of the Western Worker.

THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY IS NOW ASKING ITSELF THIS QUESTION: "Can Los Angeles County come through in the pinch?"

WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE?

With Comradely Greetings,

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DAILY WESTERN WORKER DRIVE.

DAILY WESTERN WORKER DRIVE STANDING

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Sonoma	300	39.00	13.0	0
Monterey	300	35.15	11.7	1
Santa Clara	250	28.25	11.3	2
Tulare	100	10.00	10.0	0
Alameda	3000	239.31	8.6	43
San Bernardino	250	14.01	5.6	0
Sacramento	500	20.00	4.0	9
San Diego	1000	34.55	3.4	7
Fort Bragg	200	5.00	2.5	0
Mississippians	3250	11.00	0.3	0
Los Angeles	12500	7.00	0.1	114
Contra Costa	250	.....	.....	0
Eureka	250	.....	.....	0
Fresno	150	.....	.....	0
Bakersfield	150	.....	.....	0
Merced	150	.....	.....	0
Stockton	100	.....	.....	0
Nevada	100	.....	.....	0
Arizona	100	.....	.....	0
Utah	500	.....	.....	0
Washington, Ore.	3500	.....	.....	0
Totals	$35000	$2011.75	5.7	285

REPORT LO UNITY AGA PICKETING

AFL Officials Ma CIO Unions to Political Pat

SAN FRANCISCO—A unite American Labor unions and Cons Industrial Organizations to fight the proposed picketing ordinance the November 2 municipal by the open-shop tee of 45," will be local AFL officials, ported Monday.

Sheriff Daniel C. Mc be supported by Pres Shelley and Secretary Connell of the Cent Council, the report ad ing a convention to new Union Labor Pa two delegates from regardless of affiliation

People's Fight

Shelley last week m men's clubs and oth tions to help labor's ing:

"The far-reaching the proposed anti-pic ordinance are a threa only to labor but to gressive citizens, ha after an open hearing the deadening hand of self-satisfied bureaucrats.

Throughout the trade unions, as well as in the All-Union congress, has been a tide of upsurge of activity on the part of the rank and file, who have reasserted their absolute rule as a result of the inspiration of the new constitution.

The delegates are not only removing those incapable of handling the complex problems of trade union leaders, but are also choosing from their own midst those who by their work in lower organizations have shown their ability to master all and any difficulties.

Prelude to Elections

What adds particular significance to these elections is that they are a kind of dress rehearsal for the forthcoming elections to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., highest Soviet legislative body and executive body, set up by the new constitution.

The 20 million members of the Soviet trade unions, largest body of trade unionists in the world, are almost the only people in the world, are almost one-fourth of the entire voting strength for the general elections.

Most important of all questions which each candidate had to face before the trade unions were two: How do you fight for the line of the Bolshevik Party? and what have you done, in practice, to show your devotion to the working class?

Union Relief Raises $138,228 for Spain

NEW YORK—The Trade Union Relief for Spain has collected $138,228 at a total cost of only $825. Of this, $90,000 has been sent abroad for a 1,200-bed hospital at Onteniente, leaving a cash balance of $39,402.

This report was issued by Chairman Charles S. Zimmerman with a request to the State Department to correct an impression caused by the department's published report that the relief organization had received $13,162, sent nothing for administration and publicity expenses. These figures, Zimmerman said, are misleading, inasmuch as they do not cover the whole history of the organization, since former Secretary of Labor's Red Cross for Spain was changed to comply with State Department regulations.

3500 Germans Boycott Display of Swastika

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 3500 German Americans, banded through eight organizations in the German-American League for Culture, voted defiance of Hitler and Nazism today and refused to participate in the German Day celebration here.

The anti-Nazi movement added to the appearance of the Nazi terrorist consul-general Manfred von Killinger, to display the swastika and to the singing of "Horst Wessel" and "Deutschland Uber Alles."

Said Eric Spiekerman, secretary of the Culture League, "Most German Americans are anti-Nazi, but there is an aggressive Nazi bloc in the United German Societies that put this program over. The swastika is an emblem of anti-kulture and we won't have anything to do with it."

"They're a bunch of Bolshevik," and spokesman of the United German Societies, who would not give his name.

AFL Teamsters Support Striking CIO Guildsmen

WATERBURY, Conn. — AFL Teamsters refused to cart a newsprint or ink to the plant of the Waterbury Democrat where members of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) were on strike for improved conditions.

Citizens' Com Takes L. A. Nu Case to Super

LOS ANGELES—S zens' investigating treatment of the il contracts awarded during the 1934 Board of Supervi and its first ... matter.

High point of the searching critic by Mrs. Helen Bla dent of the State Parent-Teacher Association, who charged that many of the contracts were awarded to Herbert A. Payne, ... Payne, Inc., of Los ... by the rising opposition of the people in their own country.

No matter how softly Premier Chamberlain may talk to speak heretofore for fear of unloosing the fascist forces of war, the British cabinet was this time constrained to join the chorus of shouts against Japan's mass murders of non-combatants in China.

Deadly Germs to Be Used By Nazis

BERLIN — German medical men are advised to use deadly microbes for use by the Nazi military machine, in the last part of Deutsche Wehr, a military publication edited by former German Army and Navy officers.

It is presumed," states the author, "that such attempts to spread germs will not be directed against civilians in time of war, but against the civilian population in the remoter enemy territory, for use it against soldiers would entail great dangers to the attacking troops."

Spotted typhus, cholera and dysentery, the Nazi gloats, are bound to cause havoc among populations living in misery and unsanitary conditions that prevail today.

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USSR Workers Ensure Democracy In Trade Unions As Elections Near

New Leaders Elected In Drive to Stamp Out Inefficiency

(Special to the Western Worker)

MOSCOW—Outstanding feature of the current All-Union Congresses of the various Soviet trade unions is considered here to be the clean sweep of incompetent bureaucrats out of the trade unions by the election of leaders through the secret ballot.

At the 40 congresses which are now under way, a 90 per cent new membership of the central committees have been elected.

The new chairmen of the central committees, who function as the general leaders of the trade unions, are 70 per cent new men, only 30 per cent have been re-elected.

Criticism Free

With discussion at the congresses free for the sharpest criticism of inefficiency and bureaucracy, the broad socialist democracy proclaimed by the new Stalin constitution has been completely

Three out of every five delegates to the various congresses took the floor to give the experiences of his own local union in the fight to improve working conditions and to combat the deadening hand of self-satisfied bureaucrats.

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lieve, helps to understand the developments now taking place with regard to China and Spain.

Favor Fascists in Spain

Reports of the Anglo-French insistence that Mussolini discuss withdrawal of Italian fascist armies in Spain attest the fact that the Franco-Soviet attitude is compelling the Chamberlain government to make some efforts to act against Italian contempt of Spain. The last thing the Tories want is a Spain denuded of foreign fascist troops. They would lack with the triumph of the Spanish People's Front Government. What the Tories hope for is a lessening of Mussolini's hold on Franco so that the Spanish fascist leader will have to depend on London.

But the Tories' wishes in realization are always wide of the mark. Their "balance of power" scales are usually tipped either by desperate action of their fascist allies (as in the Mediterranean and in China) or by the rising opposition of the people in their own country.

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Hitler Speeds Rome Alliance As German Workers Starve

Workers Must Eat Cabbage and Potatoes As Nazis Hike Food Prices and Slash Wages

— Behind last week's conversations between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich exists a situation which explains the eagerness of the Nazi leader to rush plans for strengthening the Berlin-Rome axis.

Predicted freely before the dictators met was their agreement to force the small democratic states of Europe and Latin America into a line of diplomatic collaboration with fascist policies. It was reported widely by political observers that this strategy was the first step in a program to force the democratic big powers to capitulate one after the other.

Furthermore, it was generally recognized that this attempt to exterminate democracy throughout the world and attack the peace-loving peoples of the earth would be carried on under the guise of a crusade against Communism.

These predictions, as the press has shown, have been proved correct. But the decisive factors underlying the strategy of the Nazi leadership have not been disclosed. Most important of these is the steady decline of the living standards of the German people and their consequent discontent. No one knows this better than Hitler and his leaders.

Even Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle and no enemy of the Nazi's, writes:

"Never have things the Nazis set out to do when they seized power were to force farm prices up and to keep rates of pay down. They succeeded in doing both.

The index figure for agricultural prices has risen from 91.3 to 104.6 since 1932 (1913 equals 100). The retail price of butter has risen 35 per cent and that of margarine 46 per cent.

"On the other hand, the index figure for the general wage level of the Socialist Party, has declined from 96.2 to 83.5 during the same period (1928 equals 100 in this case)."

Real Story Hidden

But such facts only hint at the real story. German government statisticians, lackeys of the National Socialist Party, have become so expert at doctoring and misrepresenting figures that we must check and double-check to get at the true facts of the case.

For example, the actual rate of pay has declined a great deal more than 4 per cent during the last five years. To begin with, the German working man and white-collar employee must have compulsory insurance payments. Through the payment of unemployment insurance, health insurance, old pension insurance, more than ten per cent is deducted from the individual's gross earnings. To this must be added wage and poll taxes amounting to 3.5 per cent and the so-called "voluntary" contributions which are really compulsory and amount to from 5 to 10 per cent. Thus, Germans receive only about three-fourths of their stated wages and in depreciated marks.

Miserable Health

Despite all these "social services" and "insurance," the health situation in Germany rapidly is worsening. Admits the May 30 issue of "Der Angriff," journal of Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels:

"The number of unemployable workers amounts to 3,500,000 throughout the Reich; 2,500,000 of them could be made employable through adequate treatment . . . The writer in the Angriff neglects to say that the "adequate treatment" which this huge army of unemployables are not getting consists of nutrition, clothing and housing. When winter comes, millions more will be in need of even the meager relief afforded last year when 17,000,000 persons received donations from the Winter Relief Fund.

All the scraps which these "unemployables" receive comes not from the Nazi government which is interested in guns not butter, but from the pockets of the 19,000,000 Germans who still have jobs.

Under Nazi fascism, states Wallace Deuel, not only are wages decreased by cuts and check-off, but there is shocking sky-high. The German Institute of Business Research indicates this rise in retail prices from March 1933 to March 1937; 18 per cent (eggs 40 per cent, 50 per cent, butter 36 per cent, meat 44 per cent, eggs 31 per cent, etc.). Only flour, oats and a few other cereals and vegetables have remained constant in price according to the German statistics.

Potatoes and Cabbage

With this background, we can well understand that "The average German eats one and three-fourths as much cabbage, almost twice as many potatoes, more than four times as much rye bread, and seven and one-third times as much margarine as the average American, but only 94 per cent as much meat and ham, 92 per cent as much butter, 69 per cent as much milk, 68 per cent as much beef and veal, 57 per cent as much white bread, 37 per cent as much sugar, 47 per cent as many eggs, and 18 per cent as much mutton."

These last figures were published two years ago by the International Labor Office in Geneva. Since the militarization of the Rhineland, the Spanish aggression, and other war preparations of Germany, the trend is away from a healthful foods toward starchy substitutes has increased by leaps and bounds.

The Nazis are now making a frantic drive to put over a "national menu." All foodstuffs are divided into three categories: consumption to be encouraged, consumption to be discouraged, and consumption to be maintained at present levels." But despite the constant campaign through the press, radio, film and school, consumption goes more or less along the lines determined by economic not political forces.

Standards Compared

It is difficult to compare exactly the living standard of the average German with that of the average American, although wages as low as $10 a month in Germany are not unknown. Mr. Deuel, in his recent series of interviews in Mexico, the only "white-collar employee with a wife and two children earning $30 a month."

However, after making allowances for monetary inflation, differences in price levels and diet habits, we can fairly safely lay down the following rule. If an American worker wants to know how his German brother in similar employment is faring, let him imagine how he would live if his wages were cut from one-third to one-half smaller. That is about the plight of his brother under Nazi fascism.

BACK WAGES WON

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The Fansteel Co. has been ordered by the National Relations Labor Board to reinstate 83 workers fired last fall, and to pay $70,000 back wages to 67 of them. The board also ordered the company to desist from dealing with a company union.

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Launching a "Pocket" Battleship for the U. S. Fleet

THE HONOLULU, which incorporates many new features of naval construction, slides, down the ways at the Brooklyn Navy Yard where the ship was launched. It may soon be used to protect democracy against international fascism if the plans of Mussolini and Hitler succeed.

Mexico Speeds Plans For Latin-American Labor Congress

MEXICO CITY—The Congress of all national labor organizations which for more than a year the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) has been attempting to bring together, will in all probability be held in Mexico City in December of this year or in January of 1938.

On September 20th, the National Committee of the CTM sent a fresh invitation to the most important labor bodies of all Latin-American countries, proposing that they send delegates to the Congress in Mexico to form a permanent body. The CTM offers to aid all such organizations as are financially embarrassed by the expense of sending delegates.

The preliminary work of preparing the Congress is now being carried on by the National Committee of the CTM. Out of the meeting will grow the organization and South America into a single international body which will be able to face the problems common to the working class of the two continents.

The program of the Congress, the CTM executive says, is informed society is made up of delegates from the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers), the CGM (Mexican Peasant Confederation), the PNR (National Revolutionary Party), the Communist Party, and other organizations.

REVOLT GROWS IN ETHIOPIA

LONDON — Revolt of Ethiopians against their Italian conquerors has spread throughout the southwestern part of the country, according to dispatches received here from Djibouti, French Somaliland.

Fifty thousand Ethiopians were said to be involved in the guerilla warfare, using rifles, machine guns and tanks captured wounded Italians have been sent to Djibouti from Addis Ababa, along Ethiopia's only railway.

Spread of the revolt follows earlier news that the Italian garrison of Makale was entirely wiped out by the Ethiopians. Communications were cut off from Dessye, and that town was also reported in the hands of the Ethiopians, with difficulty. Still other Italian garrisons, particularly at Adowa and Aksum, have been mobilized and communications between Asmarar, Italian Eritrea, and Addis Ababa, have been cut off.

Spanish People Honor Discovery Of America

SAN FRANCISCO—Announcement of two affairs celebrating the discovery of America, and a warning against a third affair sponsored by fascist elements for the benefit of General Franco, was given out here by the United Spanish Societies.

The Societies will give a dance in Eagles Hall, 693 Golden Gate Avenue, Saturday, Oct. 9, at 8 p. m. It is not to be confused with a meeting sponsored the same evening in Scottish Rite Auditorium by pro-fascist Chilean and Peruvian groups.

A fiesta and commemorative meeting, with proceeds going to the workers of Spain, will be given by the United Societies Saturday, Oct. 16, at Native Sons' Hall.

Every "Western" Reader a "Western" staff member!

SAN FRANCISCO

Peace Forces to Picket Japanese Consul Saturday

Postponed from October 2 to October 9, the Communist Party picketing of the Japanese Consulate was enthusiastically endorsed by over 300 people at Frank Spector's lecture on "Events in China" last Sunday evening.

A call to mobilize for the picket line at 779 Vallejo Street, on Saturday at 10 a.m., has been issued. From Vallejo Street, the line of march will proceed through Chinatown to the Japanese Consulate, at 22 Battery Street, where a delegation on "Events in China" will present a resolution to the Consul General protesting Japan's aggression in China.

All members of the Communist Party, all friends of democracy are urged to participate in this action.

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In Words and In Action, Black Repudiates the Klan

JUSTICE BLACK asserts that the Bill of Rights is the heart of the Constitution.

He cited his record as a senator and a political leader to indicate that he believes in making this more than an assertion, but a guide to action as well.

He admitted frankly that he once belonged to one of the most rabid, anti-labor, prejudiced and un-American organizations this country has ever known. He declared that he resigned and never rejoined, that he never expects to do so.

In short, Justice Black has put the cards on the table. We think it is possible for a man who has once been a member of the Klan to have his eyes opened to its real significance and to combat, honestly, all that it stands for. Thousands of people today, once deceived into joining the Klan, are testimony to that.

What testimony has Justice Black given in his own case?

He has clearly repudiated all that the Klan stands for. He has made his stand for the Bill of Rights. That is unequivocal but not decisive. What is more important is that he has, as he says, repudiated the Klan in practice. This is far more than most of his accusers can say for themselves. There is nothing in Black's senatorial record to point to indicate that he ever discriminated against race or religion. On the other hand, to his positive credit, there is the record of a consistent fight against the real purpose of the Klan.

The role of the Klan was to terrorize the masses of people to advance the interests of that collection of monopolists known as Wall Street. Black fought this in the Senate investigation of the scandalous ocean mail subsidies. He fought it by supporting the wages and hours bill and the National Labor Relations Act. He fought it by support to the proposal to reform the Supreme Court to the end of stopping its autocratic, usurped powers. The only recent blemish on Black's progressive record is his failure to fight for the Anti-Lynching Bill, for which he must be criticized.

The American people will accept Justice Black's statement as a convincing answer to his accusers. For who are these accusers? They are the reactionary press and economic royalists of today, who stand for the same things the Klan does. It is clear that they have made no issue out of the Klan not to fight what it stands for, but to fight one whose record shows that he opposed its main purpose.

But the American people can not let the matter drop there. They will keep vigilant eye of the people will judge his actions on the high court bench. The real test of Justice Black will be in his stand on such issues as the Scottsboro case, the Tom Mooney case and in vital issues of society that are sure to come before the court in the session just begun. Here it is not by any means a question of Justice Black alone. There is Justice Sutherland, who openly defended the Klan in a Supreme Court decision. There is the whole reactionary clique in the court.

The campaign against the court must be carried on to break its usurped right to outlaw the acts of a congress elected by the people.

Justice Black would have merited greater praise if he had openly and directly admitted that it was the most serious mistake of his career to have had anything whatsoever to do with the Klan, under any conditions; if he had openly admitted that this connection was harmful to every standard of decent Americanism; if he had admitted this and proclaimed directly his determination to correct that mistake.

The enemies of the people are the very ones who carried on the biggest fight against Justice Black. For an attempt must not be allowed to have its intended effect!

Los Angeles' Latest Unholy Alliance

CITY, County, State and Federal officials are supposed to be the guardians of democracy. "Supposed to be" is the right phrase as far as Los Angeles County is concerned, for there the people have seen so-called public servants from the city cop to the U. S. Districts Attorney flagrantly violate their oaths of office by refusing to enforce the law against the "goons."

Several score of workers, members of Committee for Industrial Organization unions, have been brutally beaten and several severely crippled by armed blackguards paid by American Federation of Labor officials. The CIO has affidavits to prove this.

Yet Police Chief Davis has ordered no arrests. District Attorney Buron Fitts remains silent. State officials are without voice to speak out against these outrages. And the U. S. District Attorney regrets he can do nothing because it is "out of my province," and suggests that the CIO apply to Fitts for protection against the "goons."

This constitutes an obvious conspiracy involving so-called labor leaders such as Secretary J. W. Buzzell of the Central Labor Council, the law enforcement agencies, and the open-shop interests, to subvert the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of California. And this conspiracy is violently directed against all workers in the exercise of their democratic right, guaranteed by federal law, to choose their own collective bargaining agency.

Every honest citizen, every union member who believes in unionism and in democracy, every progressive-minded person must raise immediate protest against this unholy alliance against the principles of democracy, and must support the demands of the CIO Industrial Council of Los Angeles for:

1. An investigation by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury into the brutal attacks on CIO members, in order that those guilty may be brought to justice.

2. An investigation by United States Attorney General Homer Cummings into the violations and into the refusal of the U. S. District Attorney in Los Angeles to take action against the violators.

The policies of violence and terrorism instigated by AFL officials must also of necessity meet repudiation within the ranks of the AFL unions in Los Angeles. The AFL members have no quarrel with their CIO brothers; in fact they owe it to themselves and to labor in general, to join hands with their CIO brothers to drive "goon squads" out of the labor movement.

Labor in Los Angeles must unite on the question of democracy if democracy is to be preserved, for on the shoulders of labor most of all rests the entire future of democracy.

Let the smashing of the "goon squads" be the first step in the uniting of labor's ranks in Los Angeles County.

Shelley's Mandate At Denver

WILLIAM GREEN announces he will demand expulsion of the CIO unions, and will call for setting up of dual unions against CIO unions.

William Hutcheson, Carpenters' czar, demands expulsion of CIO unions and all unions and individuals leaning toward sympathy to the CIO.

But Green, Hutcheson, and the other potentates of the American Federation of Labor can not, no matter how they try, close their ears to the ringing demand of the AFL membership for unity. The rank and file will not be fooled by red-baiting and other smoke-screens; they will not be satisfied without unity.

The election of John F. Shelley as the San Francisco Central Labor Council delegate to the AFL convention in Denver, is another bit of handwriting on the wall for those AFL officials who would destroy all semblances of unity. Because Shelley introduced a resolution calling for unity in the labor movement at the State Federation of Labor convention, he was "defeated" by the Chamber officials' goons. Because he stood against the union-busting, splitting Vandeleur machine, Shelley was elected as convention delegate and the Vandeleur machine candidate, Fred West, was defeated.

Even with the Longshoremen's and Ware housemen's delegates ousted, and with other progressive unions expelled from the council, Vandeleur and his machine still can't get the endorsement they want for their murderous tactics of strike-breaking, splitting and "goon" violence.

The fight that went on in the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night, is being duplicated on a nation-wide scale in Denver at the AFL convention. On one side are the Greens, Hutchesons, Wolls, Freys and their Greens, Hutchesons, Wolls, Freys and their machine cronies; on the other side are those who will fight against further splits in the labor movement and will fight to gain one united labor movement. It is hoped that Shelley will play a leading role in this progressive camp, breaking the will of the organized labor membership in San Francisco for unity.

The Fascists Are Feeling The Blows of Democracy

THE PIRATE of the Mediterranean is feeling the pressure of the world front for democracy and peace more emphatically than ever before.

England and France, simultaneously, presented their virtual demands that Mussolini join a conference to discuss the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. The pirate was warned specifically that the presence of these troops constitutes a direct menace to the interests of these two countries.

The Soviet Union, which since the Nyon conference has emerged more clearly than ever before as the leader of the international peace forces, simultaneously launched a new campaign for the dropping of the entire farce of "non-intervention." It demanded that full permission be given to ship arms and ammunition to the legitimate Spanish government.

The force of these developments far overshadows the Phyrric "victory" of the fascists when they rallied enough votes of small governments to prevent the League as a whole from supporting the French-British proposals.

And the leaders of these small governments, notably President De Valera of the Irish Free State, may yet face the wrath of their own people.

The British Tories' pro-fascist orientation has been rebuked by an aroused British population. Sunday in London, coming out into the streets against the blackshirts of Oswald Mosley, masses of British people demonstrated against, convincingly, that they are determined on action against the fascist forces.

Clearly the peace forces of Europe are taking the initiative, guided and aided by the peace policy of the Soviet Union. It remains for the United States to become a part of this rapidly growing front. This must be the demand of the American people: to add America's moral and economic force to the fronts of the fascist aggressors in Spain, to see that America collaborates with the peace forces led by the Soviet Union.

American Doctors Saving Lives in Spain

LOYALIST soldiers, wounded in action, are shown being cared for by Dr. William Pike, American doctor who went to Spain with a unit of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. American contributions bought the ambulance, too.

THE NEGRO WORKER

By A. Phillip Randolph

A. Phillip Randolph is president of the National Negro Congress which will hold its second national convention in Philadelphia, Oct. 15-17. He is also International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the outstanding labor leaders of the country.

His article below was written for the Daily Worker.

The Negro people hail the second annual meeting of the National Negro Congress!

The liberal and progressive people of the country without regard to race or color, creed or nationality, all hail the Congress. The Second National Negro Congress comes at a crucial period in the life of the world and the Negro race. Problems of the gravest import challenge the progressive forces of modern society. All groups are faced with the necessity of taking decisive action on the significant and vital trends of social forces, for war is abroad in the world and fascism is rampant.

How Negroes Differ

The Negro is confronted with the task of holding on to the liberties he already has and fighting to secure those he is entitled to in the United States in particular, and the world in general. Different from other groups in the country, the Negro people have never secured the elementary civil and political rights that come with the establishment of democratic government, following the overthrow of the slave regime.

While the right to vote, to be voted for, and to participate in economic stake in the country, and to secure an education are the natural rights and privileges that come with the transition from an autocratic slave system to the creation of a democratic republic, the Negro race has never enjoyed these rights, and privileges, especially in the Southern states. Because he has never participated in the fruits of a bourgeois revolution which was achieved partially by the Civil War, Negroes have the problem of completing their incomplete political and civil emancipation.

Lily White Primaries

It is a notorious fact that in the Southern states, grandfather clauses are invoked against Negroes seeking to exercise the right to vote vouch-safed them by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. When grandfather clauses fail fully to bar Negroes from participating in national, state and municipal elections, the new device of the "lily white primaries" was invented and thrown into the balance against them.

But the Negro people are awakening. They are becoming conscious of their rights as American citizens. They are also sensing their power. They are turning their backs on the old Uncle Tom type of leadership which counsels "let well enough alone." They are courageously beginning to demand their place in the sun.

New Spirit

This new spirit is expressed in the Second National Negro Congress as it was expressed in the first. While there are many Negro organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which are ably fighting the battles of the Negro on the civil and political fronts, none has been able to rally the mass support of the Negro people, upon any vital and pressing issue. However, without the support of the Negro masses, the battles of the race can not be won. The masses possess the power. This is the supreme job of the Second National Negro Congress.

Now, the tactic and strategy of the National Negro Congress is to stir, mobilize and rally the masses in the development of a united front. The united front means the unity of all of the religious and various Negro organizations, together with liberal and progressive movements among the white population upon a minimum program. Because of the menace and threat of lynching to black Americans, all Negro organizations, regardless of their differing philosophies on religion and politics, are of one mind in their desire to wipe out this disgrace in America.

The right to vote and to be voted for and the abolition of disfranchisement through grandfather clauses and lily white primaries, together with enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment is the demand of all Negro people, alike. Peonage, too, a form of involuntary servitude which is a violation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution is also assailed and condemned by Negro leaders and movements in all camps.

In Labor Unions

The right to work and to join labor organizations that increase the power of the Negro people to improve their standard of living are, too, an important objective of the race. Adequate relief and the securing of justice in the courts provoke no differences of opinion among the Negroes as far as their interest in obtaining these results are concerned.

To the end of fusing and cementing the forces in Negro life together and the task of realizing the aforementioned demands, the Second National Negro Congress is born. The church, school, fraternity, sorority, fraternal lodge, home, trade union, social club, literary guild, and all of the various agencies that express Negro thought and action will be embraced in this Congress. Resolutions and proclamations bearing upon the consolidation of the Negro liberation movements will be presented and discussed in the various sections, leading to the directive and driving forces in the Negro struggle for emancipation.

Trade union and industrial organization for Negro workers, will occupy an important place on the agenda. The great drive to organize the mass production industries into the CIO, has its appeal for the Negro masses. Hundreds of thousands of Negro workers are embraced in these industries. They are ready for organization. They want it. They are willing to pay the price along with their white brothers the struggle, suffering and sacrifice, to achieve labor solidarity to protect and advance their rights. CIO, they are pouring in large numbers into the CIO unions that are organizing these industries. They are not only becoming members, but they are playing a significant and constructive role in the work of organization itself.

Playing Big Role

Some of the most aggressive and effective organizers in the Committee for Industrial Organization are Negro workers. They have done a great job in the steel mills, in automobile and rubber factories, and throughout the far flung mass production industries of the country. Participation in this momentous organization struggle is bringing a new prospective to the Negro people. They are realizing that they constitute an integral part of the working class of America and that they will rise or fall with this class. They are beginning to see that their hope lies in increasing their bargaining power so as to raise the price or wage of their labor. They are recognizing that this cannot be done alone, merely as Negro workers but only as a part of organized labor.

Thus, in unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or the Committee for Industrial Organization, Negroes are seeking membership if they are workers in industries covered by these labor movements.

The National Negro Congress will throw its weight behind the drive to organize Negro workers in all industries, mass production and otherwise. It will urge Negro workers to join hands with their white brothers and fight for trade union solidarity and democracy. It will counsel Negroes to turn their backs on the company union and partial, pale in the bona fide, trade and industrial unions of America affiliated with the CIO and AFL, according as they are in industries that are covered by these two sections of labor.

Fight on Lynching

The brilliant and significant fight against mob lynching through the effort to enact the Wagner Gavagan Anti-lynching Bill, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will receive the support of the Congress.

Negro business enterprises, especially of the co-operative form will also receive the impetus of revitalizing the aforementioned demands. the Second National Negro Congress will function with San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Gary, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis, Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Denver, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Youngstown, Akron, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Boston, Hartford, New Haven, Providence, Baltimore, Washington, Wilmington, Newark, Jersey City, Camden, Trenton, Atlantic City, Elizabeth, Paterson, Passaic, Bridgeport, Waterbury

CIO Wins Contract on World's Largest Poultry Far

VIGILANTES RAISE MONEY TO STOP UNIONS

Bankers Head Move to Smash Organization Of Farm Workers

(Continued from Page 1)

county is forced to rely upon the Bank of America for credit, the answer is obvious. Either remit—or else.

"The question of radical leadership is also a matter of greatest importance to the business men of California," the note from the Bank of America declares. "The state Chamber needs help and support to carry on and we are hopeful that you can see your way clear to contribute the amount recommended in the committee's letter."

Where will the money bludgeoned out of small business men go? Into the pockets of Ignatius McCarthy, San Francisco gas bomb salesman who supplied the Farmers Association in Stockton with the requisite ammunition to gas 60 workers last Spring? Or into the hands of U. S. Attorney General Webb and his cohorts who found no basis for leaders, including officials of the Bank of America, "not guilty" of the terroristic attacks on Green and Nitzberg last year? These are the questions workers in the two counties are now asking.

Members of "The Committee" plotting terrorism for Sonoma and Napa counties are: J. H. Threlfield, regional vice-president of the California Chamber of Commerce; Herbert K. Walton, regional director of the Chamber; Andrew Rocca, manager Bank of America, Calistoga; W. R. Haley, manager Bank of America, Healdsburg; B. R. Hennessey, manager Bank of America, Napa; A. P. Behrens, manager Bank of America, Petaluma; Ralph L. Hill, president Golden Eagle Milling Co., director Bank of America, Petaluma; Thos. Mahler, vice-president Bank of America, Petaluma; George R. Cadan, manager Bank of America, Santa Rosa; E. E. Paulson, manager Bank of America, Sonoma; A. Hoyo, manager Bank of America, Sonoma; P. R. Alexander, manager Bank of America, Healdsburg; Frank P. Doyle, president Exchange Bank, Santa Rosa; Harry B. Rahl, vice-president, Sebastopol National Bank; B. C. Corlett, vice-president, First National Bank, Napa; B. S. Stevens, proprietor A. F. Stevens Lumber Co., Healdsburg; H. H. Sawyer, president Sawyer Tanning Co., Napa; M. Vonson, president Napa Soda Springs; E. S. Vonson Co., Petaluma; Carl E. Brundage, manager Inglenook Vineyard Co., Rutherford; Dr. E. H. Crawford, Santa Rosa; George A. Pozzoni, Santa Rosa; Frank M. Butler, manager, Speas Manufacturing Co., Sebastopol; L. R. Hill, manager Sebastopol Apple Growers Union; Walter Metzner, St. Helena.

PRESS SILENT ON TORY'S PAST

Crocker Predicted Strike Would Destroy Unity

SAN FRANCISCO — "The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. Its solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs they won't have to worry about them any more. Labor is licked!"

Thus spoke San Francisco's "benevolent" capitalist, William H. Crocker, during the great 1934 general strike. Last week this same banker Crocker, now 76 years of age, lay dying in his $500,000 Hillsborough mansion, but San Francisco newspapers said nothing of his arrogant anti-labor past, but spoke tenderly of his "philanthropy," "benevolence" and "nobility."

Built Shoddy Houses

Son of Charles Crocker, who with Huntington, Hopkins and Stanford built the Southern Pacific railroad and robbed the West of millions of dollars through their vast interlocking empire, W. H. Crocker always had millions. The millions he had to doubled after the great fire of 1906 by financing the reconstruction of the city and by exacting his toll from the tenants ruined by the fire and earthquake.

Meanwhile his fortune, which spread through the boards of directors of all the key industries of the Pacific coast, grew and grew. Whereas the shoddy houses he built after the 1906 fire still deface great sections of San Francisco, into his own house went $500,000. Five years $50 bonus each on vessels touching Spanish ports. The line also agreed to continue wages of any ship crew interned in any foreign port, because of war conditions at that period of time.

'Shake Hands Like This,' Says Oakland's Best Party Builder

By CLINT DUFF

The swiftest Party Builder in Oakland also seems to be one of the best liked. Perhaps the reason for this is that he goes out of his way to make friends. Incidentally he makes such good friends that sooner or later they understand his viewpoint well enough to want to be in the Communist Party.

"Shake hands like this and say 'My Friend,'" Harry Brown of 1366 W. 7th Street in West Oakland instructed me. True enough, the warm handclasp and clap on the shoulder started to work on me. I began wanting to find out more about this Negro comrade. And I did.

Likes His Neighborhood

Harry Brown, in the twenty-ninth year of his life, works hard every day repairing Oakland's streets. He is a member of Hod Carriers AFL Local 304 and a good trade unionist. But he prefers to spend most of his time when off work in his own neighborhood on 7th Street in West Oakland. What he does in this neighborhood is worth noticing if we want to understand how he recruited nine Party members and nine YCL'ers during the single week of September 12 to 18th.

Getting off work at 4 p.m. he returns home where, usually does not stay there long. Instead he casually goes over and raps on some neighbor's door; sometimes he has talked to them before, sometimes he has not. But he prepares for all eventualities and does not set forth empty-handed. He carries with him a copy of the "Western Worker" or perhaps the attractive "Fight," "Labor Defender" "Soviet Russia Today."

"Western" My Front

"This material, especially the Western Worker, is my front," explains Harry, "you get almost anyone to look at these magazines and they get curious. They want to know what this or that is about. And then you talk plain.

"I don't stay too long the first time but after awhile I get up and say: 'Well so long, friend. Say you have a discussion on the book to give you next time I come. When are you usually at home?'

"This offering a book is very good technique according to our Party leader and comrades. Everyone likes something for nothing and especially a copy of Browder's "What is Communism" or M. J. Olgin's "Why Socialism?" Comrade Olgin's I recommend any particular book or pamphlet however, but said with each one a visit and a new friend. During the first visit one must get a line on the special interests and problems of his hosts.

More Visits

Swiftly Harry outlined to me the rest of that splendid process: winning new members for our party. On the second visit, you bring a pamphlet, on the third you have a discussion on the good and bad points of it, and on the fourth, perhaps, you invite him to some party gathering. Harry recommends a large social gathering such as a dance or picnic for the first time. This gives the new friend the feeling that he is being introduced to a real big organization. Under this stimulus of many people around and about, Harry does most of his actual signing up of new members.

But when one of Harry's friends sign an application, this act by no means ejects him from Harry's friendship. Indeed Harry's interest grows now that the new friend has become a new comrade. Harry makes sure that the new comrade attends his new member's class and mass functions of the Party—even to the point of escorting him to these meetings.

And if the new Party member lives in some distant section of the city, Harry arranges with a comrade in that district to shepherd the new member. Harry is always glad to reciprocate in this process.

These sure and simple ideas of Harry, if put into effect by all of our Party members as earnestly as he does, would result in drastically curtailing the horrible fluctuation—which so often sweeps away our membership gains. In fact, we can learn a lot of things from Harry Brown.

NMU Is Voting 98 Pct. for CIO

NEW YORK — Early returns in the National Maritime Union referendum indicate a 98 per cent vote will be returned in favor of CIO affiliation, announced Joseph Curran, general organizer for the NMU.

Ballots have been mailed 45,000 unlicensed seamen on 1500 vessels in the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and on the Great Lakes. An organizing war chest and relief constitution are also being voted on.

The NMU signed an agreement with the American Export Lines, providing a flat increase of $5 a month for every crew member on their ships and of $50 bonus each on vessels touching Spanish ports. The line also agreed to continue wages of any ship crew interned in any foreign port, because of war conditions at that period of time.

LAZARO CARDENAS delivering his address on the state of the republic in which he announced his country's intention of continuing the social revolution on the industrial and commercial fronts as well as on the agricultural.

Mexico's President Reports to New Congress

BEAT LOS ANGELES AND SEATTLE
(AN APPEAL TO S. F. PARTY MEMBERS)

Dear Comrades:—

Take heed! Don't be misled by the strange showing of Los Angeles of only "Seven Dollars" to date in the Daily Western Worker Drive. While the weekly drive table in the Western Worker shows LOS ANGELES ASLEEP, they are working feverishly to beat San Francisco!

On October 7th, this Thursday, there is scheduled in Los Angeles a gigantic mass meeting. We have inside information that plans are on foot to organize a unit which will bring enough cash to the meeting to make up at least 25 per cent of their quota.

Don't let San Franciscans going to let the Angelenos get away with it? A thousand times NO! Let the Party leaders and regular drive conference the comrades decided unanimously to have 30 per cent of our quota—$2,250—by Saturday, October 9th.

To date we have $1507.79—$742.21 to go. Can we do it? Of course we can.

We had a really good start in the first three weeks. All we have to do now is to speed up the tempo!

NOW FOR THE JOB.

This week's day's wages week for the Daily Western Worker drive.

Make a clean sweep.

1. Be sure to have a 100 per cent attendance in all branches and units.

2. Explain to the membership how we stand to date.

3. Ask every single member to turn in his day's pay.

4. Appoint a squad to visit at once all absent members for collection.

5. Visit your friends and sympathizers and collect their day's pay.

6. Turn in all cash on hand not later than Saturday, October 9th.

7. Ask while you are doing this, bear in mind constantly our Party Building Drive:

a. Bring all Subs up to date.

2. Recruit every shopmate, every fellow trade unionist, every neighbor into our Party.

Real Los Angeles!

Beat Seattle!

Keep San Francisco at the head of the Daily Western Worker drive!

Keep California's second place in the size of membership!

Fraternally and comradely,

S. F. COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Oleta O'Connor, Chairman.

Frank Spector, Secretary.

Jim Tracy, Drive Manager.

Jerry Finnigan.

Jack Shirai.

Block Brigadier.

SEEK DEMOCRACY

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Intl. Typographical Union ended its convention here by voting almost unanimously for a resolution suggesting the AFL amend its constitution so the federation would have nothing but advisory power over member unions. The way was left open for a CIO referendum.

NEGRO PARLEY SEEKS JOBS

Unionists to Map Drive Against Jim-Crowism

SAN FRANCISCO—"We must act to bring into the movement to the Negro people," declares the call to a Conference of Negro Trade Unionists to be held Sunday, October 10, 2 p.m., in the Inland Boatmen's Hall, Seventh St. Bldg.

Issues to be discussed at the conference are:

1. The organization of Negro workers with their white fellow workers into democratically controlled unions.

2. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages and the right to join all trade unions on an equal basis, the right to equal wages and equal labor conditions with other workers.

The conference call is signed by C. L. Lellums, vice-president Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; I. P. Flory, business agent, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters Union; Jack Waters, executive board, Longshoremen's Local 1-10; Leo Lacy, 38-79 Pacific Coast

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Featu

"Progress vs. Gangsterism in the AFL," an article on the recent California State Federation of Labor Convention---Los Angeles CIO demands Grand Jury investigate "Goons"---Wives of Banning Tunnel strikers win fight for relief---2000 farmers vote for CIO---Additional labor news on regular news pages.

Western Worker Identifies Thugs Hired by AFL Officia

EXPOSE SHOWS HOW "GOONS" OPERATE IN BRUTAL ATTACKS ON CIO MEN IN LOS ANGELES

Lists Descriptions, License Numbers of "Goon" Squad Cars; Many Thugs Wanted as Criminals

(Los Angeles W. W. Bureau)

LOS ANGELES.—Names, addresses and descriptions of thugs hired by AFL officials, was but one phase of details uncovered by Western Worker reporters here last week in connection with an investigation into the continued beatings of CIO workers by "goon squads."

First, and foremost step in the exposure showing how, through the use of only 80 thugs, Teamsters' Union officials are able to compel hundreds of honest workers to serve in the murderous "beer squads."

Crude and Ruthless

Once known, the method appears simple, for the bludgeon tactics of "goons" are crude as they are ruthless. And one needs to observe them in operation to appreciate fully their deadly intent.

For example, a picture typical of "goon" activities in Los Angeles began at their headquarters, which is the office of "Boss" Duggan, secretary of the Teamsters Union here, located at 1058 West 60th St.

Here the force of about 80 is divided into small groups. Each "goon" is armed with a revolver (though none of them carry gun permits) and a black jack or baseball bat. Instructions are issued concerning what sluggings are to be carried out on that particular day.

"Goon" Cars Listed

Some of the groups are then provided with cars—owned by Local 208, and which are used exclusively by "goon squads." Others driving their own cars will be named later. Descriptions and license numbers of the union goon follow:

Black 1936 Ford sedan, license 6M9116; Gray 1935 Dodge sedan, 7UB955; Green Plymouth sedan, 5VT645; Grey 1936 Chevrolet sedan, 6M1091.

One of these cars is marked with an "X" and is authoritatively reported to carry a Tommy sub-machine gun.

The "goons" then drive over the city to places where teamsters congregate. Workers are approached in an inconspicuous manner and the conversation goes something like this:

How They "Recruit"

"Goon: You, Jones, Smith, Brown, Kelly, come here. This is your day on the picket line.

Worker: Sure, what picket line?

Goon: You fellows all have jobs? Married? Kids? Debts?

Worker: Yes, certainly. Most of us.

Goon: Well, this isn't a picket line, exactly. We're going out and dump some of those CIO b——.

Worker: Not me, I haven't anything against those guys. They're trying to make a living same as we are.

Goon: Now look here, I'm not asking you, I'm telling you. Those who don't like it can turn in their union books and get all their jobs. Come on, let's go.

And thus the "goon squad" is formed. The next step is to savage attack upon CIO workers.

"Goons" Identified

Following are some particularly vicious "goons," their descriptions, and license numbers of cars positively known to have been used in "goon"-led outrages:

Mike O'Brien, 235 pounds; 5 feet, 9 inches; ex-pugilist; drives a green 1936 Ford sedan; lives near Pico St. and Western Ave.; said to be wanted by San Francisco police.

Richie, 190 pounds; wears cap and black mackinaw coat; has 1935 Ford sedan; wanted in San Francisco. Dave, wanted in San Francisco. Drives a dark green Ford roadster.

Paul McKnight, 1830 E. 20th street, arrested in Zellerbach Paper Co. "goon" terrorism; released by police. Jack McLain drives a gray 1934 La Salle roadster, no license, usually wears a gray coat and a dark hat.

"Prize Gorillas"

Herbert S. Bailey, 1122 North Euclid street, Ontario; drives a Buick sedan, license 2Y3176; Jesse Guy Cottle, 3426 8th avenue, Los Angeles; drives a Plymouth sedan, 1935, license 8N512; Burr Hoffmaster, Los Angeles; drives a Star, license 9D9536; Mark Oreb, 1347 19th street San Pedro, drives a 1936 Buick sedan, license 1W8886; William Cobb, 6210 Avalon, Los Angeles; drives a 1936 Chevrolet sedan, license 6U7496.

Watch coming issues of the Western Worker for other revelations and activities of AFL officials and their "goons" in Los Angeles.

CIO SEEKS GRAND JURY PROBE INTO 'GOON' ATTACKS

Affidavits Prove Los Angeles AFL Officials Culpable

LOS ANGELES — Exerting every pressure to spur county and city police into pursuance of their sworn duty to enforce protection to CIO workers against attacks of thugs hired by AFL officials, CIO officials here last week dispatched a letter to the grand jury, addressed to Foreman John Bauer, demanding an investigation.

"During the past six months between 30 and 40 men have been brutally beaten and slugged by gangsters operating within the confines of Los Angeles County," stated the letter. "In only one instance have any arrests been made. . . ."

"Miss Lottadough"

WHEN Joe Anderson finally reached "Page 11, Column 6," he discovered there a two-column statement by Harry Bridges. The front page had been given over to excerpts from the statement by a Republican official. That statement also was printed on "Page 11" beside a picture of the hamster official.

Next Joe read the comics. The frown left his brow, but when he turned to the marine page—so-called—it returned. There he read how Mr. Alex Lottadough's daughter had returned, via the "Matson luxury liner, Lurline," from a delightful vacation in Honolulu. She would attend Stanford University during the winter months, it seemed. There was a picture of Miss Lottadough, legs and all.

As Joe Anderson rounded the corner at Embarcadero and Clay Streets someone handed him a leaflet. It was signed by the officials and sub-officials of a maritime union. It called the ILA phoney, in so many words, and "Harry Bridges' stooges" and the "Commy newspapers." It read like a Hearst editorial, no less, so Joe crumpled it in his fist and tossed it to the gutter.

He also dropped the newspaper he had been reading.

Need "Western" Habit

He plugged in the board and joined a group of fellow stevedores by discuss conditions in Spain, China and the rest of the world. The sentiment was pro-CIO, anti-Green, anti-Matthew Federation, pro-unity. But there was a definite lack of specific information on practically every subject. Most of the group had read the morning paper.

The discussion was continued over a cup of coffee. There was confusion, confusion and more confusion. The confusion existed in direct proportion to the amount of capitalist press trash each man had absorbed.

The whole trouble with Joe Anderson and his fellow longshoremen, was they hadn't formed the Western Worker habit. The Western Worker is a semi-weekly. Things move rapidly nowadays. It is impossible for the Western Worker to keep in daily touch with everything.

Well, on January 1, 1938, this situation no longer will obtain. For on that date the Western Worker becomes the Western Daily Worker, six pages big, with full waterfront coverage, leased wires service and all the rest of the advantages enjoyed by daily newspapers.

No more need to puzzle over lies and twisted capitalist press reports. The latest and the true reportage of daily events on the waterfront, in politics, on international affairs. And daily interpretations and analyses of the most important events. Editorials that are written with no eye to the wealthy advertisers or the shipowner who owns stock in the paper.

Build a "Daily!"

Come January 1, 1938, there can be no excuse for a puzzled frown on Joe Anderson's forehead. Not if he reads the Western Daily Worker.

Of course, it takes money—plenty of it—to put out a daily newspaper. No donation is too small—and none too large. You can hand the cash to the fellow who first approaches you with a collection list, you can send it to 121 Haight street, or you can drop it in at the Embarcadero Book Shop.

Subscriptions and donations are being taken now and the line forms on the right.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

MR. JOE ANDERSON, average Longshoreman, bought a paper at the corner and boarded a car headed for the waterfront. It was 6 o'clock in the morning, but the car was crowded and so Joe stood in the rear and tried to read.

First he looked for the waterfront news. It was there, on the front page, misleading headlines, twisted quotations, perverted motives and all. But Mr. Joe Anderson knew that you had to read between the lines.

Nevertheless a puzzled frown wrinkled his forehead as he tried to separate the chaff from the wheat. The story said "Continued on page 11, Column 6," but Joe didn't bother to turn. Instead he read about China. It seemed the Japanese were winning and the Chinese were winning.

Then his eye caught an item on Spain. Franco had won a smashing victory. But buried in the middle of the story was a paragraph that told how the Loyalists had taken hundreds of prisoners and had advanced another quarter of mile on the Madrid front.

No Lemon Here

MISS MARILYN HUBER, Orange Queen at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, poses among some of the prize fruit that will be exhibited in the court of agriculture.

AFL 'ORGANIZER' GOT NO SYMPATHY IN CRESCENT CITY

Even Traveling Salesman Turned Out for CIO for CIO

EUREKA, Humboldt County — Although Crescent City lumber workers are practically 100 per cent organized in the CIO, this did not stop Don Cameron, representative of the Carpenters & Joiners, AFL, from attempting to sign some of the men into his organization.

A committee met with Mr. Cameron in a hotel lobby and informed him that neither himself, nor his ideas were needed or wanted in Crescent City.

He called the police who did nothing. He then told his troubles to a traveling salesman who turned out to be a strong CIO man.

Mr. Cameron has not been seen in this vicinity since that time.

Can Workers Union Has Closed Shop Agreement

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The Can Workers Union, Local 20278, is now operating under a closed shop agreement with workers demanding employment registering at the office of the union.

Write-in What You Think of The "Western" Editor!

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

WHENEVER the William Greens, the Ed Vandeleurs, the John L. McLaughlins feel hard pressed to defend their disloyal of labor, they always fall back on the old, worn phrase the "old -reliable." They red bait. They mouth threats against Communists. They order "purges", of Communists from trade unions.

It doesn't work like it used to, and in Montana the phonograph needle seems to be stuck permanently. Recently William F. Dunne, Montana state secretary of the Communist Party, was enthusiastically received when he spoke before the Silver Bow Trades & Labor Council on the expulsion of Professor Philip O Keeney as instructor of the University of Montana.

Dunne was hailed by the Montana Labor Record, state organized labor organ, as a "former resident of Butte and former member of the Electricians Union, now known throughout the length and breadth of the land as a fearless champion of social economic rights of the people."

And the Montana Labor News reproduced Dunne's complete speech in the most prominent spot on its front page.

Sad News for Green

THE Montana Federation of Labor, AFL, is instituting court proceedings to force Prof. Keeney's reinstatement. He was discharged because of his union activities.

While the Silver Bow council delegates applauded, Dunne declared:

"The discharge of Prof. Keeney clearly betrays action to organizing a local union of the American Federation of Teachers on the University of Montana campus, and for his frank views on academic freedom and progressive education, is one of those issues that clarify presently a long existing and increasingly intolerable situation in the state's chief educational institution."

This incident is sad, sad news for Green, Vandeleur, McLaughlin, etc. But it's the coming thing in the labor movement. More and more workers are learning that Communists are among the best fighters for unionism and for progress.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

2000 FARMERS VOTE 4-to-1 FOR CIO IN EASTERN OKLAHOMA

50 Delegates Hear President of CIO Agricultural Union

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Two thousand Eastern Oklahoma farmers, members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, have voted 4 to 1 to affiliate with the CIO, Odis Sweeden, district chairman of the SFTU, announced here.

Fifty delegates from Eastern Oklahoma locals heard Donald Henderson, national president of the United Cannery, Packing, Agricultural & Allied Workers (CIO) report on progress of the organizational drive in the south.

Field Union Sets Up New Headquarters in Mt. View

SAN JOSE—Formerly located at 72 North 2nd St. here, the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers Local 11, has new headquarters at Jurian Hall, Mountain View.

Goering Brings Colic

DRESDEN, Germany — If you have to eat Goering's 4-year plan bread, don't drink any water afterwards! The onetime pride of Berlin, is a Nazi, is full of all sorts of inferior grains. The mixture has caused a raging epidemic of colic which made it necessary for schools here to suspend classes. The health department sent out warnings about avoiding water while eating the bready concoction.

Workers Won Strike at Blubber Bay Lime Co.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Recognition of a shop committee, wage increase and end to discrimination were won by strikers at the Pacific Lime Co. plant at Blubber Bay, after seven weeks' strike.

RELIEF F WON BY W OF STRI

Pressure Forces Give Aid to F Of Tunnel

LOS ANGELES — A group of wives of Jacinto tunnel strikers, measure of relief officials here last Following many weeks of broken vow Administrator Harold the ten women and dozen children descended headquarters, 1 Flower St., demanding Animated by what sidered the outrageous relief authorities to strike, the strikers a huge majority to mediate action. They had been refused county relief.

The delegation finally sat Administrator, and such pressure that forced to place all the relief rolls.

Bob Randolph, strike member, declared weeks' struggle was to be brought to LA quarters after the battle of Quints. Translated, it proclaims:

"During the many weeks the members of the STATION at PINA, RODEN, MEDIANA, all have fallen to our power. to obtain relief, the of prisoners and a liberated population who have come over to our side. thunted back and to Riverside relief head- 7 miles, tens of machine guns and light machine guns, cannon and seven thousand those in Los Angeles ammunition. This is to the credit of the formidable work done by the FIFTH DI- both sides of us other forces are attacking conjointly. On the Teruel Sector, on Run-Arm- the fronts extends for 23 kilometers, the forces of the republic have advanced to a depth of They were con- conquering various towns and very strategic and important positions. THIS IS Los Angeles becom- TO VICTORY! Riverside County, in- brothers on the north that are resisting so heroically the foreign invasion: side, they were tur- LONG LIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S FRONT! LONG LIVE cause, though there THE ARMY! were resident of Ir- The 5th Division of the Army."

Besides, the ex- told at both police have to show ef- jobs for them at politan Water Dis- sity pressure was be- miners and other ef- ers to induce them

The delegation re- Angeles, appeared bearing posters and gans as "Stop Fascism in the country," "We Won't Starve," duct Brutality," and Settle—Save Tax Mo-

Vigilantes Fa Disrupt CIO Meeting in M

MODESTO, Stanisl With more than 1 of the Associated Fa and several Workers Union held a open meeting Wednesday 26. Although rumors of strong opposition to the meeting, it proved an disruption. In fact a farmers applauded speakers.

Vigilantes Pres

Present also were the Stanislaus Co a vigilante group the more reactionary farms here, and of the Motorcycle Club, Citizens' Protective Association.

The 800 Modesto members are deputized recently urged all to fight to have the city them with uniforms, other policemen's

The farmers and porters waited until the meeting began and then marched boldly into the auditorium while the CIO men looked on in silence. Many of the delegates for the organization agricultural workers sented.

Orderly Meeti

Later several prove resolutions were adopted, the question period, but filed out in an orde at the end, when th chairman announced.

Speakers were the following greeting agricultural workers of the valley, A. C. Shelley, California Director of ery & Agricultural Committee, and cock, CIO Agricultural for San Joaquin Valley cher presided.

Business

Bob Sc

JUST as the Teamste have come out a experts, it begins to the Teamster rank an "plow them under."

Progress vs. Gangsterism in the AFL

California workers, shocked and enraged by the gangster-type methods used by State Federation of Labor officials to retain their throttling grip on the recent convention in Long Beach, are turning their attention toward Denver where the American Federation of Labor convention is now under way.

Knowing that Vandeleur, McLaughlin, Dunnigan, Del Valle, Hutcheson of William Green, Matthew Woll, John P. Frey, Wm. Hutcheson and Andy Stein are looking for progressive forces to make a determined fight against reactionary forces in the AFL at this convention in Denver.

Following is an analysis of the recent State Federation convention, prepared by the State Executive Board of the Communist Party of California:

The 1937 State Federation of Labor convention opened with the most reactionary forces in the state labor movement in complete control and determined to use force and intimidation all opposition to their program. From the very start it was evident that the policy of the convention was to be dictated by the Teamsters' State Council and applied with the active assistance of the top officials of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and Secretary Paul Scharrenberg.

The entire proceedings of the Convention indicated very clearly that the officialdom were replacing their main dependence for maintaining their position on the support of labor in California on the use of gangster tactics and by receiving the active support of the employers.

Figures Exaggerated

Every attempt was made by Vandeleur to give the impression that the convention represented a powerful, growing labor movement. His report of the membership represented by the convention delegates was grossly exaggerated. The method used to compute the convention representation actually raised the number of delegates by one figure. The voting strength of each union was averaged on the basis of the 1935 per capita tax per member instead of the present basis of per capita payments of 5 per month.

Furthermore, a number of the more reactionary unions are credited with membership even above the point where they have been suspended for the above basis of computation.

There was a noticeable absence of certain liberal, progressive elements which usually attend the state Federation convention. The absence of the Los Angeles Union removed any strong center around which to rally the other progressive delegates.

In spite of these less favorable conditions, the progressive forces called by the California Conference of Councils the day prior to the convention, met with approximately 100 in attendance. However, when the reactionary machine launched its physical attacks and other forms of intimidation, only about 50 delegates who participated in the progressive caucus remained, and a few of the opportunistic elements went completely over to the camp of the machine.

Physical Assaults

The first move to eliminate and crush all opposition developed around the adoption of the credentials committee report. Through the strategy of the machine, after the reading of the report Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, moved that the credentials presented by the delegates from four of the smaller Central Labor Bodies, the credentials of certain other progressive delegates, as well as those from all CIO unions be re-referred to the committee.

The Central Labor Councils affected by this motion were those which had sent representatives to meetings of the California Conference of Councils. These delegates were requested to appear before the credentials committee.

When they appeared, the scene was prepared for a physical assault upon certain of these delegates who dared to intimidate any other delegates who might question the decisions of the Credentials Committee. A short time later a similar attack was made upon John Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council and leader of the San Francisco Can Workers' Union.

The result of these acts of intimidation was that the machine was able to have the credentials committee report adopted the next day without any serious opposition. This included a recommendation to unseat delegates from the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, certain progressive delegates from a number of unions.

Resolutions for Unity

To a certain degree, the machine was able to prevent the introduction of progressive resolutions. However, some resolutions dealing with unity of the labor movement and the democratic settlement of jurisdictional disputes, as well as one condemning company unionism were introduced.

It had been the intention of the progressive caucus to put forward support behind two resolutions; first, the one dealing with the settlement of jurisdictional disputes by democratic referendum; second, the one dealing with the condemnation of Vandeleur's program of company and dual unionism. However, the resolution which was introduced by Kidwell asking the Convention to go on record as endorsing a joint conference between representatives of the CIO and AFL was the first resolution of this nature to be brought before the convention.

Although there was apparently a wide sentiment among the delegates favoring this resolution, the vicious attack of the machine against the introducer of this resolution stopped any extended discussion. The motion adopted by the machine spokesmen on this resolution and similar ones was that the CIO did not recognize the CIO as a bona fide labor organization.

Program Railroaded

Their program was for an unqualified policy of reactionism, not only of the CIO unions but also of the militants within the State Federation of Labor who favored a program of working in harmony with the CIO.

The vote on this resolution, which was railroaded through, was overwhelming. A considerable support among the delegates for a program of unity with the CIO.

At every opportunity, the machine spokesmen launched vicious attacks against the National Labor Relations Board. Their main attack was occasioned by the reporting out of the resolution submitted by the progressive caucus which called for increasing the personnel of the California regional office. Their main objection to the actions of the Board was the fact that the board was forcing the officialdom of some of the reactionary AFL unions into a position where they must submit to democratic referendum in jurisdictional disputes between the CIO and AFL.

Railroad Democracy

The resolution sponsored by the progressive caucus on the democratic elections of the State Federation of Labor, was the most difficult for the machine to de-feat. Even very conservative delegates from the various districts spoke in favor of this resolution. However, the acting committee of the machine had it referred to the constitution committee for the purpose of burying it in a decision for non-concurrence for a number of technical reasons. A motion to adopt the committee's report was put through with considerable opposition.

There was no resolution dealing with political action. The only resolution which finally came before the convention along this line was one endorsing election of state senators on the basis of popular front, thus having a unicameral legislature. It was evident that the machine had no intention of acting on this resolution so even though the committee's report was adopted by the machine, it was referred to the executive board, the subject matter of the resolution was thereby adopted by default.

Byron Scott, congressman, one of the guest speakers, made a very strong appeal for progressive political action by labor and was favorably received by almost the entire convention.

Among the course of the convention, there were a number of delegates from various districts who, individually, took some very progressive positions on the floor in the face of the open threat of intimidation, it was impossible for the majority of such progressive forces to come to the central progressive meeting.

Delegates Disappointed

The disregard of any democratic procedure by the State Federation officials and their reactionary supporters divorced them from a great number of the rank and file delegates. The disapproval of their tactics was displayed mainly in the following manner; first, that although the delegates removed their delegate's badge as soon as they left the convention hall at the time of each recess; second, that at the last sessions of the convention, the workers had dropped by more than one-third.

The following are suggestions made by a number of the progressive delegates at the convention, which will be a number of these delegates who will recommend to their unions withdrawal from the State Federation. While the intentions behind such moves are caused by resentment against actions of the reactionary officials of the State Federation, they do not in any way come the main program of the progressive forces.

Recommendations

In order to crystallize the widespread resentment of convention delegates and other, individuals in the labor movement, the following recommendations are made:

1. Conferences that shall include delegates from locals in all unions which are opposed to the gangster rule in the state labor movement.

2. That the delegates who attended the San Pedro progressive conference should call a secret possible date be called together to work out a common program for two conferences, one centering around the progressive delegates in San Angeles, the other in San Francisco.

3. That adequate publicity be issued to the entire membership of the State Federation of Labor, giving the inside facts on the gangster tactics employed by the officials of the State Federation, including the use of the gangsters as strike-breakers.

4. That at this time we discourage all moves for a campaign of withdrawal of AFL unions from the State Federation of Labor.

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The 5th Division of the Army."

OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

Drive Out Fascists As Machine Guns Spit Death

LOS ANGELES COMES IN WITH BANG; 1600 PLEDGE TO BEAT SAN FRANCISCO

LOS ANGELES—Sixteen hundred progressives and Communist Party members met in Trinity Auditorium here Thursday night to launch a campaign to send 1,000 delegates from Los Angeles to San Francisco to meet them in the race to launch a daily Western Worker.

After hearing reports by Al Richmond, editor of the Western Worker, and Paul Cline, Los Angeles county secretary of the Party, the audience backed up its enthusiasm with—

An Amazement of $4,224 raised for the daily newspaper,

1. Pledge of 1,000 delegates to San Francisco,

2. Pledge of $10,000 by November 7, or 75 per cent of quota.

In addition to these startling announcements on the drive in the daily paper, the Los Angeles Membership Committee of the Communist Party turned over headquarters renewal of its pledge to bring 450 new members into the Party by November 7.

The telegram declared: "In answer to your call to action to maintain California as second largest district in America in competition with Chicago, we renew our pledge of 450 members and 1,000 dues payments by November 7. We further pledge ourselves to work individually to bring out units up to 100 per cent dues payments by November 7."

WRIT SOUGHT FOR C. S. LAW VICTIMS

SAN FRANCISCO — Application for a writ of habeas corpus for three Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin prison, to be filed Friday in San Rafael, Marin County, was announced by George R. Anderson, defense attorney.

"We have held off filing the writ," said Anderson, "in the hope that Attorney General Webb's office would reach a decision as to whether it would appeal the decision of the appeal court. It has taken no action. The conviction has been reversed and Pat Chambers, Pat Chambers, Jr., and Jack Crane remain in prison."

TORIES RAISE WAR CHEST TO SMASH UNIONS

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is raising a "fighting fund" to "put up a real battle" against union labor.

It was disclosed when the Western Worker procured a copy of a letter sent to business men and marked "personal and confidential."

The shake-down appeal was signed by Byron C. Hanna, the Chamber's president. It asked employers to "contribute substantially" and if they are "large employers," to "contribute a reasonable amount each month per employe."

In the letter, unions are referred to as "labor racketeering groups." Seattle, San Francisco and other union towns are spoken of as "Pacific Coast cities which have permitted their communities to be taken over and invisible government set up with more ruthless than Soviet Russia."

The convincing argument used to panhandle business men is that it would cost them less to fight the unions than to pay wages to union wage scales and working conditions.

Mexican and Argentine Labor Asked to Declare Douglas Airplanes 'Hot'

LOS ANGELES — Organized labor in Mexico and Argentina has been asked to declare Douglas airplanes as "hot cargo" until the Northrop Aircraft strike is settled, by C. H. Jordan, secretary of the CIO Industrial Council.

AFL Meet Hears Call for Unity Against War Peril

Predict Boycott On Japan as China Aggressor

DENVER—World War danger in most concrete form shook the 57th convention of the American Federation of Labor last Thursday like the 1906 earthquake shook San Francisco.

The most conservative gathering in the history of American labor was blasted from its complacency and well-fed security by a militant message from J. C. Little, the fraternal delegate sent by the British Trade Union Congress, calling for united action by labor against "aggressor nations, for collective security, for world peace."

These were almost the exact words of Joseph Stalin's famous speech to the 7th World Congress of the Communist International.

A cablegram from Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, reiterated the proposals in Little's speech.

Delegate Calloran at once hit the floor moving unanimous approval of both recommendations.

AFL President William Green notified the convention that the Committee on International Relations would handle this and bring recommendations back to the body.

There is not the slightest doubt of concurrence in the request of British labor.

This is the first time in the great historic moments when labor forgets differences, and it may be, for the first time in history, in action to boycott Japan for its undeclared war against China, for united action on sanctions, for stoppage of shipments to aggressor nations.

The convention incident Thursday was of the highest significance to Pacific Coast labor.

First Try for Democracy

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE

(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—The first feeble attempt to promote a little democracy in the 57th convention of the American Federation of Labor here failed. It was snuffed out by the bright slaughter house smell of President Green's "report."

The effort was made by President Mahon of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employers, whose international convention instructed its delegation to introduce certain resolutions favoring industrial unionism in the AFL.

The president, therefore, had a direct bearing on the main question before the convention. Mahon moved to amend the report of the committee on rules by increasing the number of delegates necessary to force a vote on closing debate from 50 to 100. Spokesmen for the committee cited ancient precedent and tradition against the amendment.

Tories In Meet Kill

Mahon's motion was voted down by a substantial majority.

A similar fate befell a motion by Delegate Hutcheson of the Carpenters' Union to limit debate on the report of the committee on resolutions to 10 minutes each.

Hutcheson's motion was defeated by a majority of 2 to 1.

The report of the committee on resolutions was then read by Chairman Frey. It was a long, dull document, which, in the main, endorsed the policies of the Executive Council.

The report was voted down, section by section, and the convention proceeded to the order of business.

Union Gives Full Support To Official Attacked by Parole Board

SAN FRANCISCO — Marine Firemen of the West Coast will begin voting on affiliation to the CIO and on participation in the January 17 national maritime unity conference, on October 14. Balloting will end on December 14.

Ballots on the first CIO vote were declared "illegal" some time ago by former Secretary Ferguson and a small clique since repudiated by the union membership.

At the MFOW meeting here Thursday night the rank and file pledged fullest support to Robert Fitzgerald, secretary pro-tem, whose right to hold the office has been challenged by the State Board of Prison Terms. Fitzgerald is one of the Modesto Boys, framed and sent to San Quentin in 1933, at the instance of Standard Oil of California. He is now on parole.

Expels Disruptor

A committee probing charges against two AFL factionalists, Jack Pehanich and H. McHenry, recommended expulsion of both, whereupon Tennant became so disruptive the membership had to expel him from the meeting.

Sentiment of the membership was again expressed when some one moved a vote of confidence for V. J. Malone, former Port Commissioner and a target of the clique that formerly held control. The motion was voted down by a substantial majority.

A slate of progressive candidates for international offices was nominated at Thursday's meeting. Elections are to begin in the near future.

FIREMEN SPEED VOTE ON CIO, NAT'L UNITY

TEAMSTERS SPURN MORE STRIKE PLANS

SAN FRANCISCO—Announcement that the Teamster "Stockton" against waterfront unions was being financed by the "embargo" recently instituted against the waterfront here. The membership again rebelled. A proposal for a three weeks assessment also failed to receive the voted down. Finally the membership allowed the officials a two weeks assessment.

The entire "strike" against the waterfront was branded phoney by rank and file members speaking from the floor. One teamster pointed out that the embargo was illegal according to the constitution of the union.

Another member declared that the calling off of the embargo by the officials was not a "betrest" but a defeat and had made the union a laughing stock of the whole world. "The officials had called off the embargo at the instance of the vigilante Associated Farmers on a pretext of "saving California crops."

NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERS ACCLAIM ROOSEVELT SPEECH AS BLOW FOR PEACE

National and local leaders of progressive and liberal organizations this week acclaimed the speech of President Roosevelt at Chicago as an important utterance in the cause of world peace.

The Communist Party, through its spokesman, Earl Browder, Communist Party secretary, greeted President Roosevelt's speech calling for international action against the fascist-militarist governments now raging war against China and Spain. The full text of Browder's statement follows:

"The Communist Party welcomes the President's declaration of a positive peace policy for the United States. There is not the slightest doubt that it embodies the essential features of what is the only way by which America can be kept out of war, that is by helping keep war out of the world; to isolate the war-makers, to help their victims, and to ORGANIZE peace. Such a policy the Soviet Union has been urging upon the world for several years. Such a policy has been called for in the United States by the Communist Party as well as by all clear-headed peace advocates. We can therefore only express our gratification that the President has given such a sharply-formulated and popular expression to such a policy, and put it forward as his own. We are confident that he will receive a great and growing wave of enthusiastic support for the concrete application of this policy.

"Let us have no illusions, however, that the mere enunciation of this policy, important as this is, solves the problem. We already saw in the last session of Congress how the President's own party contains important forces which do not hesitate to block and defeat the President's policies. This will undoubtedly be attempted on the peace policy. Such reactionaries can be defeated only by mobilizing the masses of the people into active support for this policy, and to immediately begin to apply it in life by a great boycott movement against Japanese goods, by mass meetings, by delegations, by resolutions and by all and every means of organized public expression. The working class and all democratic-minded and peace-loving peoples must become active to realize effectively and in life the policy given by President Roosevelt.

In San Francisco, labor and liberal leaders were hearty in their praise of President Roosevelt's historic foreign policy speech in Chicago Tuesday.

"He took a pretty courageous position," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast regional director of the CIO. "In view of the world set-up Roosevelt's stand should show the way to stand peace and put the war-like nations on the spot. It was a strong statement of policy in view of fear and hesitancy that exists in this country who on the surface declare they are opposed to war but behind the scenes work for war."

"Strict neutrality and a hands

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Dictator's Son Flees As Peace Talk Hits Fascists

LOYALISTS GAIN IN ARAGON PROVINCE; CHINA COUNTERS JAPANESE AIR RAIDING

SHANGHAI—General Iwane Matsui, Japanese Supreme Commander, Friday issued what was regarded as a formal declaration of war against China. Matsui declared: "The Japanese Army is prepared to use every means within its power to subdue its opponents. . . Against those who bear arms against Japan the Japanese Army will show no mercy."

SHANGHAI — Having replied to the speech of President Roosevelt with a new deadly wave of aerial offensive, the Japanese artillery and air forces were being vigorously combatted by the embattled Chinese on all fronts as the week ended.

More than 500 Chinese were reported killed by aerial bombing in Kwantung province in the South. Japanese warships in the Whangpoo were hurling high explosives against the Chinese fighting district, industrial area across the Soochow creek in the International Settlement.

Answering them, Chinese artillery was hurling shells into the Japanese portion of the International Settlement. United States marines and other citizens were in grave danger as the Japanese ships fired volley after volley over the International Settlement in an attempt to destroy Chinese positions in historic Chapei and around the North Station.

A Japanese air raid on northern Kwantung province, however, was reported to have turned back with severe losses. Although the 36 Japanese planes involved bombed a dozen railway towns and killed approximately 300, driving fighters by Chinese fleet which shot down eight planes, including two bombers, and drove the remainder off.

MADRID—Loyalist troops began a direct offensive on Jaca, strategic fascist-held town near the French frontier on the Aragon front, while at the same time they extended their gains in the general offensive throughout the region it was reported Thursday.

Capture of Jaca would virtually encircle a new road to the French frontier, over which supplies are expected to be shipped from France in the event of the opening of the frontier.

Hand to hand fighting was in progress on the outskirts of the town.

At the same time the government opened a drive against Saragossa, 80 miles east of Jaca.

A new shelling shook Madrid. Government agencies here learned that Bruno Mussolini, son of the Italian dictator who participated in the Ethiopian bombing, had led the squadron of Italian bombers that killed some 35 people in Madrid last week end and left a mass of debris from ruined buildings. The air attack had been launched directly from Rome.

Dispatches from Salamanca said that General Francisco Franco, admitting he was hostile, had pardoned the American aviator Herald Dahl who had been fighting for the Loyalists.

F.D.R. PLEDGES JOINT ACTION TO STOP WAR

U.S. Calls Japan Aggressor; Nine-Power Signatories Will Hold Meeting

SITUATION AT A GLANCE.

WASHINGTON—U. S. Government prepared to participate in Nine-Power conference.

NANKING — Chiang Kai-shek applauded President Roosevelt's speech as gratifying to China and all weak nations.

TOKYO — Japan announced defiance of any objection to its wars in China, terming "neutrals" U. S. to continue neutrality.

ROME—Semi-official reports say Italy will refuse participation in conference on withdrawal of "volunteers."

LONDON—Britain and France reiterate warning of opening French frontier.

MOSCOW—Soviet officials applauded Secretary Hull's action in declaring Japan the aggressor.

BERLIN — Foreign office spokesmen, mindful of German trade with China, were maintaining quiet on the Hull action.

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt plans to discuss the China-Japan war with the cabinet.

HENDAYE—A FL convention prepared to act on British trade union delegate's proposal to boycott Japanese goods.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt stirred the entire world, in a speech at Chicago in which he pledged the government of the United States to a policy of collaboration with the peace-loving nations against aggressors.

In rapid succession, on the impetus of his declaration, the League of Nations Council in Geneva passed a resolution condemning Japan specifically as an aggressor and violator of treaties, and the Department of State at Washington seconded the action.

Nine-Power Parley

Later Secretary Hull in Washington said that the United States can be expected to participate in the coming meeting of the signatories of the Nine-Power Pact of 1922, which guarantees the territorial integrity of China and to which Japan is a signatory. Great Britain and France were seeking to have this conference held in Washington, and Japan hinted she would boycott it and possibly renounce the treaty altogether.

Applause for the President's statement was forthcoming from leading quarters in England, France, Spain, China and the Soviet Union. Germany, Italy, Japan and Italy, against whom Roosevelt's speech was directed, became recognized as being directed, came protests whose vagueness concealed the sting of the speech from the people of those countries.

**It was clear that the President's declaration had marked-ly spurred the development of a joint international action against the three generally recognized aggressor countries of

Mass Meeting Called Against Anti-Picketing Ordinan

East Bay, L. A. Build Support to Negro Congress

State C. P. Urges That Organizations Send Delegates to Second Meeting in Philadelphia October 15-17

The East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress and the Los Angeles Council have issued calls to all organizations affiliated to those bodies and to all other organizations working for complete liberation of Negro people, to send delegates to the Second National Negro Congress at Philadelphia October 15, 16 and 17. The local councils are also raising funds California.

The work of the California councils of the Negro Congress, to insure a large delegation from and participation in the East Bay Council, has made important advances in carrying out the program of uniting the Negro people to fight against the hundred and one forms of discrimination and prejudice heaped upon the Negro people in California. They have joined in the campaigns the Congress has undertaken on a national scale in an effort to break through the wall of prevents 13 million American people from enjoying full citizenship rights.

For Union Equality

In the East Bay the Congress has fought consistently for admission of Negro workers into trade unions on an equal basis with other workers. This work has resulted in the organization of Negro workers into the longshoremen's union and the beginning of organization among Negro barbers. The most outstanding work of the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress was the support given the waterfront unions during the 1934 strike. By truthfully and correctly pointing out to the Negro people in the Bay Area the real issues in the strike and by fighting against the attempts of the shipowners to recruit Negro workers to break the strike.

Supported Anti-Lynch Bill

Discrimination against Negroes on WPA and on relief have met the strong protest of the Council wherever it has occurred. The Congress in California sent hundreds and telegrams to United States senators from California demanding the passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynch Bill sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Communist Party has given full support to the program of the National Negro Congress both nationally and in California. The Communist Party members are urged to support the work of this Congress in the unions and mass organizations and to give every assistance to the local councils of the National Negro Congress in the campaign to raise funds for a large delegation from California to the Philadelphia meeting.

Fraternal Greetings

The Communist Party in California sends fraternal greeting to the second National Negro Congress and congratulations on the splendid work done in this first year of its organization. The increased activity which will certainly ensue from the exchange of experiences of delegates from every section of the United States at Philadelphia will be based on the fight for a better life and build up ever greater unity between white and those reactionary forces now threatening the liberty and progress of the American people, Negro and white.

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FRAME-UP VICTIM

OAKLAND — Convicted on framed charges of "conspiracy to commit malicious mischief" following lockout of United Auto Workers by the National Motor Bearing Co.

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Sunday, Oct. 31st, 6 p. m. at 506 10th Ave (nr. Anza), 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, chairman speaker.

Thanksgiving Party and Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

East Bay

Trade Union Party, benefit Daily Western Worker, Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 p. m., Fermin Hall, 538 24th St., between Grove and Telegraph, Oakland.

Los Angeles

"IS THE SINO JAPANESE WAR OUR AFFAIR?" — Hear Paul Crouch, Thursday, October 14th, at 224 So. Spring St. Room 200. Admission free. Auspices 44th Assembly District C. P. To raise funds for the Western Worker.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 3rd floor, 1540 Market. 40c. Am. League Against War and Fascism,

Sukyaki Dinner, 35c. Coffee and cake free. 2108 Geary. Sun., Oct. 9 at 6 p. m. 22nd Assembly District Club.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy. I.W.O. Hall Ship Scalers. Druids' Temple, 321 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 30. Admission—Gentlemen, 90c; ladies free. Union music.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat. Oct. 30th, 9 p. m. Adm. 25c. Auspices Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Los Angeles

Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p. m., Oct. 20th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers. Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7926.

Mass meeting, three Flaherty Brothers, 1100 Lincoln Auditorium. Musicic Temple. 234 So. Broad Blvd. Glendale, 8 p. m. Friday, 8 p. m. Oct. 29, to be accompanied by premier showing of "9 Day With the Lincoln Battalion."

Pullman Porters' Grand Victory Ball. Elks Auditorium, 3616 Central Ave., Thursday, Oct. 28th. Howard Patrick's "Rhythm Boys." Auspices of International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Charles L. Upton, Secretary. W. B. Hartland, Secretary-Treasurer. Admission, 40c.

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Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Robert Minor, just away. Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium. November 5th 8 p.m.

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GOLDBLATT AND ANDERSON TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Mrs. January and Nugent Endorsed as Candidates Of Honest Gov't

SAN FRANCISCO — A mass meeting to arouse San Francisco's citizenry against the proposed new anti-picket ordinance will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, at 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium, it was announced here by the Honest Government Committee.

The same meeting will serve to introduce Honest Government's completed slate of four candidates for supervisor.

George R. Anderson, labor attorney, and Lou Goldblatt, Northern California director of the CIO, will speak on the proposed ordinance.

Admission is free. In addition to prominent speakers, the film of the Sacramento conference will be presented.

Two New Candidates Placed on Slate

Mrs. Marjorie January and Jim Nugent have been declared for supervisor by the Honest Government Committee at its meeting held Tuesday night, and will be introduced Sunday night at the Scottish Rite Auditorium mass meeting along with George Andersen and Supervisor Michael Sheehy who had been endorsed earlier.

Russell A. Powell, chairman of the Committee, announced that its candidates' investigating committee had studied the records of all 22 candidates in the race before completing its slate.

"In the case of Herbert Nugent," said the committee, "we find that he is widely known and that he is sponsored by the Workers' Alliance of America. We feel that as such he is the choice of the WPA workers and that they and the progressive organization which represents them should have representation on the board of supervisors.

Mrs. January Endorsed By 9 Progressive Women

"In examining the record of Mrs. January's candidacy we find that her stand has been consistently progressive. We believe that the women of the city as the main representatives of the consumer should have representation. Her stand on the anti-picketing ordinance is in line with that of our committee. She became a candidate only on the urgent request of various women's and other civic organizations in which she has played a prominent role."

PICKET LAW HIT IN COURT

CIO Issues Charter To Inland Boatmen

SAN FRANCISCO—The Committee for Industrial Organization has announced in Washington the issuance of a charter to the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, affiliated to the 2700 members. District headquarters of the IBU have stated a provisional charter had been received, with the full charter to follow changes in constitution and other details.

MASS LAYOFF FROM RELIEF AIDS GROWER

Refusal to Leave Families Used as Grounds for Denying Relief

By GEORGE ALAN

SACRAMENTO — Governor Merriam's recent promise to the scab growers that he would furnish them with a supply of cheap labor from the relief rolls materialized in a mass lay-off in Sacramento.

Without knowing their cases were closed, the people called for their checks. By 10 a.m. over 120 were told: "Your case has been closed by the accounting department. You evidently refused a job at the employment office." It is estimated that 200 were turned penniless by noon.

Men Were Ill

Men who were ill, old men hobbling with rheumatism, men with large families and men inexperienced at farm work had been asked to accept harvest jobs in other counties, too far from home to commute. The growers "who needed men to save their crops," were those who had been consistently boycotted by the regular agricultural workers because of poor housing facilities, poor food and water and miserable pay.

The Western Worker correspondent interviewed 21 of those men as they later came away from the SRA office, having been told there why their cases were closed.

Of these, eight had not been offered jobs by the Employment Service. They had simply been asked if they had a camping outfit. Then the Employment Service reported "job refused because he has no camping outfit."

Seven had refused to leave the county because they were under treatment at either the county or city clinic. Four had refused to leave their families to work for board and room and a few cents per day. Two were old men over 60 years of age who had never worked on farms in their lives.

It is reported reliable, but unquotable sources, that the SRA ramp-up episode is the signal for mass relief cuts all over the State during the month of October.

Womens Commission To be Formed in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — All women members of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County, are called to the special membership meeting and conference, Sunday, October 10, 2 p.m., at 1464½ S. Spring Street on the third floor. Men of the party are also invited to attend.

The meeting is called by the County Committee to form a Womens Commission. Adele Young will preside. Catherine Perry will give the report on the work outlined by the County Committee. The County Executive Committee will send a speaker.

Prominent artists have worked diligently on portraits of Communist women leaders of international fame and esteem, to be used for this occasion.

Hathaway to Talk In Big L. A. Hall

Olympic Auditorium Secured for First Time for November 7th Meeting

LOS ANGELES—With Clarence Hathaway, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker, scheduled as principal speaker, arrangements were begun here last week b ythe Communist Party for the November 7th celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the great Russian Revolution.

To be held in the Olympic Auditorium, largest indoor arena in this city, the meeting is scheduled to attract close to 10,000 persons. According to reports, it will be the largest and most colorful meeting ever held here by the Communist Party.

Defeat Intimidation

Indicative of the growing prestige of the Party, a signed contract for the rental of the Olympic was obtained after several weeks of negotiations. For years police "Red Squad" intimidation of large auditorium owners has forced Communists to hold their meetings in halls of limited seating capacity.

Strong opposition to the use of the auditorium by the Communist Party came from Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, vociferous mouthpiece for open shop interests in Southern California. Chandler owns a large interest in the hall and vigorously opposed attempts by the Party to secure it for its meeting.

Schneiderman on Program.

meeting will present William Schneiderman, California State Secretary of the Communist Party; Leo Gallagher, noted labor attorney just returned to the Soviet Union, and an impressive pageant entitled "Lenin Lives."

A member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Hathaway has played a leading role in the building of

CLARENCE HATHAWAY

the Daily Worker. His visit to Los Angeles will have added significance in view of the fact that November 7 is expected to set a new high mark in the Daily Worker Subscription Drive to raise $15,000.

Other speeches of Hathaway on the anniversary occasion will be given in Oakland Civic Auditorium Nov. 5, in San Francisco's Dreamland Auditorium Nov. 6 and in Seattle Civic Auditorium Nov. 10.

They Headed Labor's Slate

JUDGE GLENN L. PATTERSON JUDGE PATRICK O'BRIEN

LABOR PLACES ON DETROIT FINAL BALLOT DESPITE SPLIT BY AFL TOP LEADERSHIP

DETROIT—Labor's full slate of candidates for mayor and city council will go on the final ballot of the November 2 elections, voters of this city overwhelmingly decided Tuesday.

The labor ticket, sponsored largely by the United Automobile Workers and other CIO unions, won its positions on the final ballot in the face of a split by the reactionary leaders of the AFL Central Labor Council, who withdrew from the slate and endorsed former Mayor John W. Smith.

Despite this split, Labor Candidate Patrick H. O'Brien polled 90,129 votes, placing second to City Clerk Richard W. Reading, candidate supported by the reactionary forces of the city. Reading got 137,984 votes. The AFL candidate and two others were eliminated from the final ballot.

All five of labor's conciliman candidates, leaders of the Automobile Workers, placed on the ballot. They are Maurice Sugar, attorney for the union; Richard T. Frankensteen, vice-president; Tracy Doll, president of the Hudson local; Walter Reuther, president of the West Side local; and R. J. Thomas, vice-president. Sugar placed highest, his vote being surpassed only by incumbents.

A campaign employing union publications, union meetings and radio was utilized for the primary victory and will be extended in the campaign prior to, November 2. At the same time, the campaign will be intensified to draw the support of AFL unions whose leaders split the ticket.

SEATTLE DISTRICT PUSHES AHEAD ON RECRUITING DRIVE

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Northwest District of the Communist Party—District 12—is determined to have a membership of 2200 by November 7, and the way the recruiting drive is going—the 400 additional new members needed to achieve the new goal seems certain of attainment.

On November 10, Northwest workers will observe the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution; they will come by caravan from all sections of the Northwest to Seattle's Civic Auditorium, where Bill Dunne, Montana State Organizer of the Party, and Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will speak.

Builders Confer

That spirit of confidence marked the Northwest Party Builders' Conference, held here last Sunday. Lumber workers, longshoremen, agricultural workers spoke at the conference on their methods of recruiting, and on the Party's growth.

"There was for instance, "Heinie" Huff, Grays Harbor section organizer. "Heinie" himself has recruited 28 new members to date in the drive—from September 1 to September 30. "Heinie" leads the individual recruiters (experts is make that) in the state. Committee. The County Executive Committee will send a speaker.

BAY COUNCIL OF MARITIM FEDERATION URGES LABOR BOYCOTT COMMUNITY C

Refusal of Aid to Recreation Condemned as Indication Anti-Labor Influence

SAN FRANCISCO—Boycott the Community make all charitable contributions directly to worki

This appeal was forwarded to all San Francisc he Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, the refusal of the Chest to grant any assistance to Union Recreation Center.

The refusal is paralleled by the Chest allotment of $14,000 annually to the Seamen's Church institute which maritime workers have completely boycotted because of its scab herding role.

The Council at the same time denounced the latest move of Chest officials which Director Gus Brown of the Recreation Center declared cynically an excuse to avoid contributing."

The research committee of the Chest, apparently anxious to forestall a labor boycott without giving aid to—the Center, announced that Chest funds would be withheld "pending reorganization." The Center had already agreed to meet all demands made by the committee.

The resolution pointed out that the Chest, "even though recognizing the valuable work and making a favorable report after an exhaustive research into the affairs and activities of the Union Recreation Center, did not give the Center needed aid because of anti-labor influence."

Oroville Club Votes for Boycott on Japan Goods

OROVILLE—The General Welfare Club No. 3 of Oroville last week unanimously adopted a resolution declaring a boycott on all Japanese made goods, "inasmuch as the Japanese Government has become one of the most aggressive militaristic nations of the world".

Sacramento Chinese Raise $150,000 Against Japan

SACRAMENTO — The Chinese people of the Sacramento area have already collected $150,000 for the fight against Japanese aggression in China.

A Chinese Relief Committee has been established, with Fred K. Fong of 1308 6th St. as general chairman. Reverend Hiram Fong is the English Secretary of the committee.

The Committee intends to ask for aid from the American people as well as from the Chinese.

RIVER PILOTS BEATEN

PORTLAND — Two Columbia River pilots, Hosford and Jacobs, were assaulted by their own house by AFL officials' "goons."

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Roosevelt's Peace Call Must Be Echoed in Action

BY EVERY American striving to keep war out of the world and out of the United States, the speech of President Roosevelt at Chicago and the subsequent declaration of the Department of State will be regarded with the warmest welcome.

The President definitely enunciated a peace policy which turns away from the false position of "neutrality" and recognizes that world peace, as well as our own prospect of keeping out of war, depends on collective action to stop those who break peace.

If he did not specifically mention Germany, Italy and Japan as the aggressors who must be quarantined by the peace-loving nations, it was nevertheless crystal clear that this was his meaning. Clear to America. Clear to all democratic countries where his speech was applauded. Clear to Germany, Japan and Italy, where the speech was attacked and denounced but concealed from the masses. Clear to Hearst, whose screaming attack that the President was "thinking like Woodrow Wilson" coincided almost exactly with the feeble and nervous answer of the Nazis in Germany.

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More important. Recall that the declaration of President Roosevelt put new courage and vigor into the non-Fascist countries of the League of Nations, which immediately and openly condemned Japan. The powerful international repercussions of this one speech are still in progress. The effects that can be exerted for peace when peace forces act together.

The United States can be an even more powerful factor for peace if it puts this policy enunciated by President Roosevelt into actual practice by joining the Soviet Union and China in a Pacific Pact of Non-Aggression. The moral and economic force of the United States must be aligned with the Soviet Union in its already brilliant and effective campaign to rally the world front of democracy.

Boycott Japanese goods! Kick the Japanese, Italian and German consulates! Enforce an embargo against Japan! Organize for peace in the world by mobilizing the masses in America behind the President's proposals for Democracy's quarantine of the makers of war!

The Difference Between Minus and Plus

THE American Federation of Labor Convention is in session now in Denver.

The Committee for Industrial Organization is holding a national conference starting Monday, October 11, in Atlantic City.

And the contrast between the two is that of pole to pole, the difference between minus and plus.

In Denver, a convention packed with yesmen for the AFL Executive Council is engaged in destruction. Its program is announced as war on the CIO and war on the National Labor Relations Board—the most reactionary program ever considered by the AFL. The guiding force is William Hutcheson, czar of the Carpenters Union, who was the "labor front" for the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon forces in the 1936 election. And in carrying out this program, President William Green has made thinly veiled and strongly worded pleas for support from the employer interests in America."

As day is to night, so will the CIO conference in Atlantic City be in comparison. Presided over by John L. Lewis, this meeting will canvass the mighty work of organization achieved by the CIO, which has placed it as the largest and most powerful labor center in the country. And it will plan how further to increase the present 3,700,000 membership of the CIO, on the basis of industrial unionism.

The CIO conference will also consider reports upon its policies, including cooperation with the working farmers and the middle-class people for mutual assistance, independent political action by labor, the question of labor unity, the fight against fascist forces in America.

The AFL convention is dominated by reaction; the CIO conference will be imbued with the spirit of progress.

It is sharply ironic that at the current AFL convention a feeble attempt to promote a little democracy—even to the extent of 30 delegates to move to close debate—was introduced by the ultra-conservative William Mahon, and was defeated.

The irony of Hutcheson, Green, Woll, Frey, Bates & Co. posing as defenders of democracy will not escape the attention of the millions of American workers in the AFL and CIO and those who are yet to be organized.

Honest Unionism vs. Company Unionism, is the Issue

"NO LAW or parole violations are involved. Obviously you are acting as the servant of discredited labor officials and forces hostile to progressive labor. This is a clear case of contempt." Will fight the edict before the bar of public opinion and the courts if necessary."

In a telegram from the Modesto Defense Committee and Z. R. Brown, Maritime Federation Delegate, to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles were thus emphatically challenged on their unprecedented ultimatum to Robert J. Fitzgerald either to resign as Maine Firemen's Union secretary pro tem or to return to San Quentin Prison for two years.

George Anderson, Marine Firemen's attorney, also branded the action as flagrant persecution of a man who was one of the nine Modesto Boys railroaded to prison in the infamous Standard Oil frame-up of 1935.

The board's ultimatum clearly shows the line-up of anti-labor forces coalescing against militant, progressive unionism. It was on J. E. Ferguson, executive secretary of discredited MFOW secretary and his reactionary clique, in united front with the labor-haters of the Prison Board. When you remember Ferguson was trying to split the Maritime Federation as part of the Teamster officials' dirty work in their recent blockade against the longshoremen and warehousemen, the picture is still more complete.

No reason was stated for the arbitrary order to Fitzgerald; none need be. It is obvious that this is another attack by open-shop forces against the waterfront unions, cooperating with reactionary AFL officials and anti-CIO elements on the waterfront. As in the Teamster officials' blockade, the issue is clearly one of honest, progressive unionism vs. company unionism.

If this latest anti-labor move is to be defeated, every honest union member, AFL and CIO unions, people's organizations generally, must act immediately to protest to the Prison Board along the lines of the Modesto Defence Committee's telegram printed above. The board members are Secretary Charles L. Cox, David F. Bush, Joseph H. Stephens and Fred Eesla. Their address is 1 Duboce Building, San Francisco. Let them hear the resounding protest of you and your union.

Victory in Detroit!

IN THE bailiwick of General Motors, near the home of the Ford Empire, Labor has scored a new and significant victory.

Labor's candidate for mayor of Detroit was nominated for the final ballot, out of a field of five. Labor's five candidates for council were likewise nominated. Labor is on the march to victory in the November 2 elections!

Victory has won in Detroit in spite of the split by reactionary AFL leaders who withdrew from the campaign and set up a rival slate. In the month of campaigning before November 2 the CIO United Automobile Workers will appeal more vigorously than ever before for the people of Detroit, including the rank and file of labor, to wipe out every vestige of disunity and to put into office the men who will preserve and extend, defend, rather than attack and destroy, the civil rights of the people of Detroit.

THE DAILY WESTERN AND PARTY BUILDING

By WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

William S. Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Communist Party of California, addressed a special plenum of Party functionaries and leaders Sunday, September 26, on the drive to build a daily newspaper and a powerful party on the Pacific Coast. The following statement is a digest of his speech:

Comrades: The subject under discussion today is Party building and the building of the Party Press, in the light of the political tasks we have before us. We have not given enough attention to the key question of how we are going to solve the organizational problems which arise out of the struggles in which our Party is engaged. We find that the decisions of the Central Committee of last June have not yet sufficiently penetrated down below to the membership of the Party—to every last unit of the Party.

We have had a number of achievements in our mass work, which have not been equalled, however, by organizational results. There is a lag recently in recruiting, together with the ever-present problem of membership-fluctuation. This organizational lag endangers our political successes, and makes more difficult the carrying out of the immediate tasks ahead of us.

The Party is now entering on the biggest campaign it has ever undertaken, one which will test the Party, in our drive to establish a Daily Western Worker on the Pacific Coast, which means not only to complete a record financial drive, but to make the necessary political and organizational preparations, so that the new Daily can be launched on Jan. 1st.

Side by side with the task of raising finances and increasing circulation, how can we tie in the question of Party building with the Western Worker drive? Why is it, that after several weeks of preparation before Labor Day, we find that in the first three weeks of the drive, we have such a dangerous lag which reflects a certain amount of passivity among the membership, and also a certain amount of, shall we say, self-complacency among leading comrades who do not see the size of the job we have, and think it can be accomplished in the same old way, as past drives were? Why is it, that we have come almost to take for granted the enormous membership-fluctuation, which almost eats up the entire Party recruiting in California?

Key to Problem

At the June Plenum of our Central Committee, it was pointed out that at no time in the history of the Party have we worked in such a favorable objective situation. There is a tremendous amount of activity of the masses. The masses are in motion, and, most important of all, the mass movements of the country today have generally adopted many of the slogans for which our Party fought almost alone, for a number of years. We have the task of not only becoming part of the broad people's front mass movement, but of broadening it and raising it to a higher level.

This can only be done if we learn how to build the Party in the Trade Union movement, to strengthen our connections with the non-Party masses in the united front movement, and conduct our Party work in such a way as to win all recognize for the Party and will see our policies being carried out in action, and see our Party members giving the active, leading role that they do; this is the key to the problem.

We are approaching the important 1938 state and congressional elections, and in California as elsewhere, political realignments are in the process of formation. We find that in the labor movement, there is a much greater political consciousness and activity on the outstanding political issues of the day. In the Democratic party, we see the small group of Democratic Anti-semitpromen who made up the progressive bloc in the last State Legislature, have become the nucleus of a growing movement of progressive Democrats who are working for the nomination and election of progressives in 1938.

New Alignment

Then there is the work of the California People's Legislative Conference, which has become a recognized political factor; as a result of the record of the last Legislature, which defeated nearly all labor legislation and did not allow a single progressive measure to be adopted, due mainly to a reactionary Republican State Senate, a movement has arisen, and endorsed by the State Federation of Labor convention, for a unicameral (one-house) legislature elected by proportional representation, which can become a major issue in California in 1938.

We also have the example of Eureka, where a group of unions banded themselves together in Labor's Non-Partisan League, and elected four out of eight candidates in the municipal elections. We can expect, in the future, that Labor's Non-Partisan League will take shape throughout the state, drawing in AFL and CIO unions.

We have discussed these questions at the top, but it has not sufficiently been brought down below to the membership. In the trade unions, particularly AFL, the movement for independent political action is still very weak. In the municipal elections, San Francisco and Sacramento, we have seen the passivity of the Party organizations which up to the present, only a few weeks before the elections, have not yet been mobilized for a real mass campaign.

Organization Tasks

We can trace down these shortcomings to the weaknesses in the work of the Assembly District Branches, down in the industrial units, and trade union fractions; a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. It is not enough to participate in a united front movement, but to bring forward the independent role of the party in each neighborhood, in each factory, in each union or other mass organization.

Let us take the issue of the attempted revival of the open-shop picketing ordinance in San Francisco, after it was repealed only last May by the voters.

The Party must come forward in this campaign as an active force, not only to defeat the new ordinance but to drive home the necessity for independent political action by labor, by showing how gains made in the trade unions through economic action must be re-inforced by political action.

Then we have to clear up confusion that has arisen because the distortion of correct slogans. Our fight for a Farmer-Labor Party has taken root, but there are some elements among the progressives raise the premature slogan of a third party in the '38 elections, it is our job to make them understand that the fight of our Party, adopted at the June meeting of the Central Committee, is to link the movement for a Farmer-Labor party with the progressive forces in the Democratic party, and create the premature, isolated third party groupings of the Thomas-Norman administration utilized the sentiment of the American people to "Keep America Free from War" by adopting neutrality legislation which aids the fascist aggressors, we have reached his union members. We want to see it will operate in union meetings, at shop gates; then we no reason why we have to sneak around back doors. We want it read and discussed in the union halls, and in the factories on the workers' lunch hour.

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Then there is the "Red scare." In the charge of the Hearst press and AFL Burecrats that the CIO is "Communistic," and everyone who fights for progressive policies is a Communist. This, of course, is not true and we have to answer it. The Communists are only a small minority; they are not the only progressives. But is it enough to tell the workers that red-baiting is only a subterfuge, and that they are that individual is O. K. because he is NOT a Communist? Is it not necessary to educate the workers that Communists make the best and most loyal trade union builders and fighters? That if an individual IS a Communist, all the more reason why he can be trusted and supported, because his policies are correct?

Beating the Scare

Is it not necessary to pick the time and place when some comrade can get up and say: "Yes, I am a Communist, but I do not and for a unified front." Vandeleur, or Green says I stand for. My membership in the Communist Party does not prevent me from being a good union man; on the contrary, it makes me a good union man, I couldn't belong to the Party, which is a workers' party, without the interests which are not the interests of the working-class.

We Communists stand for progressive policies in the union, and will work loyally with all honest progressives for those policies. We are not out to 'control' or 'capture' the union; we believe in control by the rank and file and in unity, and therefore, we do not doesn't matter what political affiliation, what color, what religion any man has, we are fighting for the same thing against the same enemy, we both belong to the same class."

Will this not strengthen us in the fight against the red scare? Yes, and it will be met, also by individual contact, by utilization of the Western Worker and Party literature and bulletins and leaflets, we will build the Party in the unions and industries. And we must go further; we must choose the time and place, when we can answer the slogan of "Communism in the unions. Where communism is the cause of the Party press, they have used it effectively and have utilized it to build their own party that must make this the goal of every unit and fraction: to see that the unions remain strong, that the Western Worker. During the boarding-up of the waterfront, the waterfront is literally flooded with leaflets and bulletins of the Party, issued by the CIO, by the AFL, by capitalist extras; but the Western Worker was conspicuous by its absence, and the workers we have to reckon, the transients, never get it at all; they are told they are "picketing against Communism," and that they are the ones we must reach.

Telling the "Western"

Of course there are difficulties in the face of "goon" squads. But this is not the main reason; our comrades do not see the Western Worker and the Maritime Worker as the most powerful instrument to break down the Red scare, and the means of building the Party in the midst of struggle. We broke down the red-scare during the last maritime strike; we took it down to such an extent that before the strike was over, the Western Worker was received on every picket line, in every union hall, and was in fact acted as the "Voice of the Federation." Yet we are told that there is no interest in the present struggle, we have to face the same problem all over again.

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As We See

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist

Two Conventions

CALIFORNIA progressives and labor already becoming active in the fight for the 1938 state and Congressional as is evident from two political conventions which will be held in San Francisco this month. According to the Union Labor News, a Los Angeles weekly, a meeting consisting mainly of progressive Democrats calling a statewide conference on and 17 to consider how best to unify farmer and progressive forces of California the 1938 elections.

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LETTERS

Wants Farmers to Write

Editor Western Worker:

The Merced Section, Communist Party, is holding an affair on October 10 at the Portuguese Pentacostal Hall at Livingston, and are going to raise our quota to make Western Worker a daily.

My sub bas run out for the Western Worker and I haven't got the money just now, but can keep the paper coming. I will have it by Sunday soon. There are five of us here and sometimes six who read each paper.

The Western Worker is the best paper to get to the farmer, the man who does not get dirt farmer, the man who does not get out in Hollywood and a brewery in St. Louis.

Comradely yours,
—B., Chowchilla.

What Daily Paper

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...Getter Jerry
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...g news of the week comes from that ...farmers in Merced County. That gang ...ve ken short on words and long on ... They haven't been saying much about ...e but they've been doing plenty. This ...ey completed 40% of their county quota ...E THEIR QUOTA TURNED IN IN ...IRTH OF THE DRIVE PERIOD!

...MEMBER of the State Drive Com...ets with bated breath upon the results ...OS ANGELES COUNTY membership held Thursday night. LOS ANGELES ...ed to turn in a real chunk of change. ...e in this issue you will find a telegram from the L. A. Drive committee stating ...mount turned in at this big meeting. ...ou will if such a telegram IS sent and ...WILL turned in.

...FEINGOLD, South-of-the-Slot Whirlpassed the $100 mark, having turned $119 on his individual quota of $500. ...e the state.) JERRY has a large group ...Builders now working for him and he is ...ampling the bit with impatience be...other party member will organize a ...Jerry's outfit can challenge them. ...JERRY slumping so badly, we know ...ast time what the Biblical expression ...d wailing and gnashing of teeth ...ans.)

Of Mind

...LAST COLUMN, this observation post ...n Los Angeles looked to be the winning Socialist competition between L. A. ...SO because of their superior organiza...e Drive. But now, we don't know. ...SAN FRANCISCO has completed ...$100 quota. In effect, the northern ...passed one-fourth of the quota in ...of the Drive time. Considering that ...ery county a week or so to get under ...ons to us that FRISCO'S achievement ...re good. Almost perfect, in fact.

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...SHELL HAS CRAWLED OUT OF ...ts sucks, snapped its galluses ...ed to the West in general that it ...ble part in the Drive. (Good going, ...ost beginning to wonder.)...A handing the name of Upton Sinclair, who last ...ll time District Training School, ...ected to lead the Drive. All units ...e quotas and shock briggades will be ...special work.

...EGO IS GETTING READY for the ...ern Worker already. They plan to ...e bicycle to the boy who sells the ..."Westerns" between January 1 and ...1938. The money for the bike will be ...e outside group of interested people. ...ll not a plan will really put the Daily ...streets of San Diego . . . which is ...should be.

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from the film colonists. Not only did prominent screen stars smile the pyramaniac, but Southern California progressives made the movie city anything but a Mecca for fascists.

"Progressive newspapers carried accounts of Vittorio's boastings in his conquest of the Ethiopian Plateau, in which the dictator's oldest son declares "War certainly educates. I recommend it to everybody." . . . War for us (the Fascists") has been a sport, the most beautiful and complete of all sports."

The book further unblushingly describes the young Nero's part in the bombardment of Addis Ababa, but like the capitalist press throughout the world, it almost entirely suppressed the details of that horrible slaughter of innocent people.

The Geneva "Journal des Nations" publishes an account of the horrible blood-bath in Addis Ababa on the 19th of Feb., 1937 and the following days, when at least 50,000 Ethiopians were massacred. This dreadful slaughter is described as one of the most horrible massacres in the world's history, fully equalling the destruction of Mexico in 1521 by Cortez and his bandits, believed that little or no information concerning these unheard of atrocities would leak out from Addis Ababa; but in this they underestimated the courage of the eye witness who in the "Journal des Nations" relates those terrible days. Every word and sentiment the meaning of the "Cultured" Jerry's outfit can challenge them. JERRY slumping so badly, we know ...ast time what the Biblical expression ...d wailing and gnashing of teeth ...ans.)

Breaks Up Festival

The eye witness relates: "It was St. Michaels day. Feb. 19, 1937. The Ethiopians had fast to old traditions, were preparing to celebrate their great Benedict victory. But General Graziana came to the city and broke up the festival. He had all the chiefs and native nobles, including the priests. For a long time he machine gunned the ...ed listen to one of the most shameless harangues ever heard in which, among other things, he accused them of having clevilized Italy. Then he had the books ...ed and burned. Finally, after expatiating on Italy's supremacy and Il Duce's superhuman qualities, he ordered the group to salute Il Duce; then the King of Italy, as the emperor of Ethiopia. . . .

The arms went up; but some one in the crowd threw a bomb, which struck Graziani himself and some of the higher officers. Several, these were more or less seriously. Graziani had a ...ght wound in the leg. . . . "Avenge me! Kill all of them!"

All outlets from the palace were closed by Italian Fascist machine guns. All Ethiopians found within the walls were killed with revolver shots, bombs and daggers by the soldiers who were called. Only a few, by climbing over the walls, succeeded in saving themselves.

had, for easily understood reasons, constantly decreased. At the moment when the above cited sentence was passed upon the unfortunate population of Addis Ababa, the number of inhabitants could not have exceeded 50,000.

Soldiers Protest

The regular troops showed signs of stubbornness, and opposition when the terrible order was conveyed to them.

A shift was then hurriedly arranged to use these troops to guard the outlets of the city, so that no fugitives might escape in that way. The Askaris from Eritria refused point blank to participate in the slaughter. They were soldiers, they declared, and not murderers of women and children. They were shut up in the barracks, therefore, and several of them were shot down.

The Italian Black Shirts—army of the Fascist Party—and the Askaris from Lybia, gladly accepted the invitation to act as executioners. They were plentifully supplied with revolvers, handgrenades, daggers and clubs, and so—"Avanti!" (forward).

At the same moment there arose from the flying field at Addis an enormous cloud, which circled the city dropping bombs that crushed houses, killing many Ethiopians and people in the streets.

Meanwhile, from the fortified points within and without cannon and machine guns began to rain missiles upon the houses, setting them to making fires. Thick clouds of smoke rose over the city, blotting the sky. The noise of volleys and salvos, now in crescendo, now in diminuendo, was punctuated by shrieks of men, women and children sprang in all directions, hoping to be able to escape. Instead they were there beaten down or shot. In a short time the streets were littered with corpses. Then began the ...ing and pillaging of the ...ed houses, including the ...ian, which was given over to the ...ers. Every soul found within ...ouses was murdered, including ...ildren, even babies at the breast. ...ose who sought to escape being burned alive by the flames were used, after ...ey had been tortured, as targets for rifle ...and bayonets, handgrenades, clubs and stones, as well as firearms.

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Everywhere blood was flowing in streams. Death shrieks of women and children blended with the infernal racket of the modern fire-arms.

"Three days went by during which this maniacal slaughter. The white town, which always seemed like a park decorated for a festival, was changed into a heavily ...ded cemetery. The corpses were ...ed in heaps and set on fire. Only ...ter this immense destruction. The stately church, however, had, in the interior, been completely wrecked.

None of the few surviving Ethiopians were permitted to bury the bodies of their kindred, or even to weep over them. If caught at this they were either shot, jailed or deported. It was only the Fascists that collected the bodies in trucks and hauled them away to be burned.

From different points the sound of shots, sometimes of whole volleys, was continually heard. This meant that groups or families were discovered who had hidden themselves under bridges, or in the stone quarries at Gulale.

12,000 Killed a Day

Seven hundred fugitives had taken shelter in the American Legation. They were lured out of there by promises that their lives would be spared. But no sooner had they passed through the gates of the Legation, than they were shot down, stricken down, or killed in some other way before the eyes of the personnel of the American Legation.

Later the French Legation, and other houses occupied by foreigners, were entered by force in the search for Ethiopians. All the corners and holes of the city were searched, and all natives found were murdered without grace or mercy.

During those three days more than 35,000 were massacred in Addis Ababa. For three tull days after the bloodbath, the streets in the city with corpses passed continually, going to the places of cremation.

The Italian authorities scrutinized the Romans to note whether all the intellectuals among the Ethiopians had been put out of the way. This death had already before been decreed; but up to this time occasional cases presented itself for the carrying out of the decision: Many of those intellectuals had received the most brutal treatment.

Intellectuals First

"The horribly mutilated bodies of Kefle Hetebeu, a young officer from the military school; Georg Henry, son of the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Tesfa Tsegue, director of the same office; Abbaka Pellicha, the emperor's barber; three sons of Doctor Martin; Mammo Gebru, a ranking military man . . . and many thousand other bodies bordered the streets.

"Further I saw among the dead: Bitwoded Wolde-Sadik, President of the Senate; Dedjac Wolde-Mariam, Governor in Jimma; Blatel Geta Woldemariam, former minister; Dedjac Wolde-Mariam Bebre, former president of the Appelate court; Ato Beshir Wereda, former director of the Finance department; Kegnasmatch Welde-Amlak, superintendent of the Royal palace; Belichew Adatie, comptroller for the French-Ethiopian Railroad . . .

A few thousand persons had been hunted down in the caves and hills. But many of these were bombed or machine-gunned from the air. Still hunted down by the cavalry and slain together with the inhabitants of the village where they were caught. In one little railroad town, called Modjo, 2,000 persons were killed in this way.

Black Shirts Boast

Just now the town looks like a battle field after the battle is over. One sees only groups of soldiers and patrol guards, as if on watch by a formidable antagonist were expected. The Black Shirts sing; they are proud. They are trying to narrate his exploits—to boast of the number of those whom they have succeeded in handing a passport to another and certainly, a better world.

Over the whole city reigns the silence of death. One hears only and there, in the outlying districts, a few surviving Ethiopians, wandering about, moaning, and murdered, among the charred stumps of the eucalyptus trees. They too perish, either from hunger or through the intervention of the Black Shirts. None come into the city any more. There is no market now, no food; and hunger will soon be felt by Mussolini's army.

The inhabitants in the districts surrounding the city have, by means of leaflets dropped from airplanes, been notified to provide themselves with grain and meat. But no one dares to enter the city, for a rumor is circulating among the natives that every one that goes to Addis Ababa is killed and devoured by the Black Shirts. The refusal or inability of the natives to supply provisions has prompted the Italians to pour out bombs and poison gas on the surrounding villages.

Destroy Children

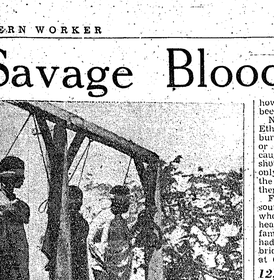
Every place where the Italians are stationed they terrorize the people. From reliable sources I have learned that in Gondar, Wellega district, 600 children were murdered. Their only crime was that, at sight of the Black Shirts, they took to their heels.

It will not judge the action of the young fascist in throwing the dead baby at Graziani. He, by this gesture, apparently, desired to call the attention of the world to the intolerable conditions created by the Italian domination of Ethiopia. "But it is better," remarked one of the few remaining intellectuals to me,—"It is better to die as a hero one day, than to live two days under the rule of this human scum."

This nerve-shaking narrative is dated Addis Ababa, March 14th, 1937.

—TOM PATTERSON

History's Most Savage Blood-Bath



THIS exclusive photo, suppressed by the "impartial" daily capitalist newspapers, shows how Mussolini is carrying "civilization" to the people of Ethiopia. The picture tells also why an unsubdued army of more than 50,000 Ethiopians are still carrying on guerilla warfare against the Blackshirts.

Mussolini Visit Held Affront to Movie Writers

By DON BLACKWELL

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Asia's People of Destiny

WHEN CHINA UNITES, an interpretive history of the Chinese by Harry Gannes. Alfred A. Knopf, $2.50.

"The story of modern China," says Harry Gannes, "is the story of one fifth of the human race striving to attain its nationhood, independence and unity. Gannes has told it in terms more interesting than fiction, and in such a way as to be an indispensable aid to an understanding of the struggle. The struggle that is the daily record of China's heroic fight today.

Begins With Opium Wars

No one can hope to understand the struggle today who does not understand their background, and in this book, Gannes has told the story from the Opium Wars beginning in 1840, down to the conclusion of the Sian incident. In short, he gives a lucid synopsis of the ...dependent ...ment which was ...on the "incident" at Marco Polo Bridge.

"For we are witnessing," Gannes writes in his opening chapter, "a cycle begun by the Opium Wars." . . . It is a long cycle, and that the Chinese people first suffered violent invasion and it was these wars which soon led to the first widescale uprisings against the ancient and decayed rule of the Manchu dynasty.

With a remarkable economy of words, Gannes tells the main outlines of these earlier struggles of the Chinese people, struggles that fight with the Taipings against capitalist penetration and exploitation is combined with the struggle against feud

CIO Council Helps Kill 'Back-to-Work' Move at Northru

PROGRESSIVES SUMMONED TO PUSH PEACE FIGHT AS LEAGUE CONVENTION NEARS

Roosevelt Speech Cited in C. P. Appeal As Aid for People's Struggle Against War and Reaction

The American League Against War and Fascism, most militant of all peace-seeking organizations, is organizing two congresses to be held in the near future—one in Los Angeles, October 16, 17; one in San Francisco October 24. In view of the need for specific action for peace and in view of President Roosevelt's recent speech, which contained the most forthright enunciation of a peace policy for the United States, the California State Committee of the Communist Party has issued the following statement, endorsing the two congresses:

Two conferences of vital importance to the people of California are to be held this month—the Northern and Southern California Congresses for Democracy and Peace, initiated by the American League Against War and Fascism. These conferences are a prelude to the national gathering of peace-loving forces in Pittsburgh, Pa., over the Thanksgiving week-end.

The bullet-torn bodies of men, women and children of China and Spain speak for the timeliness of these conferences. They shout: "The peace of the world is threatened! The peace of America is threatened! Do not delay to unite the peace-loving forces of the world to stop the plunder of the fascist barbarians."

No nation is safe while the German, Italian and Japanese fascist war-makers are allowed to flaunt the peace desires of the entire world in their murderous assaults upon the people of Spain—upon the people of China. For over a year, German and Italian fascism has brutally invaded Spanish soil while the democratic countries of the world stood by and watched their war of destruction. Arrogantly, the Japanese fascist military clique, ally of Hitler, encouraged by the war of plunder in Spain, has marched on Chinese soil to gain further conquests.

Need America

The peace and democracy of the entire world today is being threatened in China and Spain. With inspiring heroism, united Chinese people, united Spanish people are fighting fascist aggressors—fighting to the end for national independence, for freedom, for peace and democracy. They need the united assistance of the people of the world, of the people of America.

The American people want and hope for peace. But there can be no security for the people from the terrors of war and fascist reaction while fascism triumphs in Spain and China. The fascists must and can be stopped!

Upon fascist aggression rests the head also of our soil. The cloud of vigilante terror are again sweeping the skies of California in the present attempts of the reactionary forces to stop the Salinas strike, to smash unionism, to outlaw strikes, to prevent picketing. These require an immediate answer in a powerful movement against vigilante terror—for the democratic rights of the California people to organize, to make impossible a repetition of the bloody massacres of the 1934 general strike, of Salinas, of Stockton.

Communist Support

The Communist Party has from the first given support to the American League Against War and Fascism. It has recognized its splendid work in uniting millions of Americans in an active struggle for peace, in a struggle to preserve the democratic right of the people against the assaults of the American Tories.

But today this work must embrace tens of millions—it must embrace the vast majority of the American people who want peace, who are determined to work for peace. It must embrace every forward-looking person, in a movement to smash fascist vigilante terror at home.

That is why the California State Committee of the Communist Party wholeheartedly endorses the efforts of the Southern, Northern and Southern sections of the California American League Against War and Fascism to unite the people of California in a solid front for peace and democracy.

We Communists have for a long time emphasized that the only way to keep America out of war, is to keep the world out of war.

We shouted from the housetops that the false neutrality policy of the American government has given aid to the fascist war-mongers, encouraged fascist ...war of destruction, and is driving America, together with the rest of the world, into a new world war.

Urge Strong Policy

That is why we have urged the development of an effective peace policy by the American government, a policy of collaboration with the democratic countries of the world, the first place, with the Soviet Union, one of the most consistent defenders of the peace of the world, to stop the fascist murderers.

The United States can play a leading role in the fight to maintain peace. The Nine-Power Treaty which guarantees the territorial integrity of China, the Kellogg Peace Pact which outlaws war, can become effective instruments for peace. We have urged the use of these two pacts against the fascist aggressors. We have urged the initiation of a Pacific non-aggression pact to unite the first nation in China, the Soviet Union and the United States, in a front against Japanese militarism.

We welcome the fact that today millions of American people have taken up these slogans of the Communist Party. We welcome the fact that in his recent speech President Roosevelt which is a break from the traditional false neutrality policy, has gained the...tician government and echoes these sentiments of the American people. We welcome the official statement of the State Department in unison with other democratic countries of the world, designating Japan as an aggressor.

Rally Peace Forces

This is a step in the right direction—but only the first step. These words must be backed by action—collective action to isolate the fascist aggressors.

The congresses of the American League Against War and Fascism will be allowed to flaunt the peace desires of the entire world in their murderous assaults upon the people of Spain—upon the people of China. For over a year, German and Italian fascism has brutally invaded Spanish soil while the democratic countries of the world stood by and watched their war of destruction. Arrogantly, the Japanese fascist military clique, ally of Hitler, encouraged by the war of plunder in Spain, has marched on Chinese soil to gain further conquests.

C; P. Attitude

Setting forth the attitude of he Communist Party, earliest in denouncing "neutrality" and defending collaboration against fascism, Earl Browder said of he President's speech:

"There is not the slightest doubt that it embodies the essential features by which America can be kept out of war, that is, by helping keep war ...of the aggressors. America need a warning that reactionary circles will not hesitate to block the policy unless the masses in America are mobilized in time. They hesitate...urged an immediate boycott on all Japanese goods.

The Republican...his speech made little reference to "neutrality," except in a general remark that "There is no escape (for the U. S.) through mere neutrality or isolation."

Recall Spain, China

But called unmistakably to mind the invasions now raging in Spain and in China when he said:

"Without a declaration of war and without warning or justification of any kind, civilians, including women and children, are being ruthlessly murdered with bombs from the air.

"In times of so-called peace ships are being attacked and sunk without cause or notice. Nations are fomenting and taking sides in civil warfare in nations that have never done them any harm. Nations claiming freedom for themselves deny it to others."

Pointing to the violations of the Kellogg-Briand and Nine-Power treaties, the President then gave his clearest expression of adherence to the principle of collective action:

Quarantine

"When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of the disease.

"It is my determination to pursue a policy of peace and to avoid involvement in war." He had already said:

"It is true that the moral consciousness of the world must recognize the importance of removing injustice and of establishing the sanctity of treaties, of respecting the rights and liberties of others and of putting an end to acts of international aggression."

On Thursday, October 14, the Flaherty's are to appear speakers at a meeting in Wilmington, near San Pedro, also on Friday, October 15, at the Masonic Temple, 234 South Brand Boulevard, in Glendale.

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Fraternal Delegates

JOHN B. HAGGERTY (right), president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, is welcomed on arrival at Norwich, England, to attend the Trade Union Congress there by Carl E. Berg, Canadian representative.

F. R. SPEECH SPEEDS ACTION BY WORLD FORCES OF PEACE

Browder Lauds Declaration; Calls for Mobilizing Boycott Against Japan

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d'Italia" that "we fully understand and justify" the Japanese actions.

Response to the major turn in America's policy was heard from many quarters in America. Emphatically opposing it, the Hearst papers took almost the precise attitude of the Nazi government statements. A leading editorial recalled President Wilson and charged "involvement of the United States in foreign entanglements."

On the other hand a wide section of the conservative press, silent on America's role when Japanese bombs spread their...possibility on our Party, and especially on the Communist...

It is obvious that the Western Worker to fulfill its role must be a champion of a Party organ and a mass organ, a voice of the people; it must not "either, or"; there is no contradiction, it can and must be. Here we have to be knock notions on the head. Some comrades say: "It's impossible to have a mass circulation as a party organ. Maybe we should have a daily but will...some kind of

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off policy would seem to be a contemptible conception," said Rev. J. Herrick Lane, Presbyterian church leader. "My impression of Roosevelt's speech was that he was definitely taking a firmer stand toward international cooperation for peace."

Urges Economic Boycott

Declared John Wolters, president of the Oakland Typographical union: "The world will have to take a firm stand against the three aggressor nations. If the United States and Great Britain would work together against Japan by economic boycott they could pull her out of China."

William Schneiderman, California state secretary of the Communist Party, applauded the president's address: "President Roosevelt's condemnation of the fascist aggressors and the state department's branding of Japan's invasion of China, confirms the position which we have consistently fought for, summed up in the Communist Party slogan: 'Keep America Out of War by Keeping War Out of the World.' What is needed now to back up this declaration is a boycott and an embargo against Japan and all possible aid to the people of China and Spain."

'Will Get Workers' Support

A. F. Gaynor, state chairman of the California People's Legislative conference, was enthusiastic in his praise of Roosevelt's speech. "President Roosevelt is the greatest statesman in the world today. If Democracy is to survive we must support nations who stand against war and who are willing to fight against it. His speech will be endorsed 100 per cent by the working people of this country and of the world."

Herbert Resnick, attorney for the Mooney Defense Committee: "I thought the President's speech was one of the bravest I have ever heard. But Roosevelt has made a lot of brave speeches. What we are waiting for is to see what action will follow. The action must follow and I hope the actual policy pursued will be as good."

"I feel that the trend is inclining toward putting up barriers against fascist and warlike nations," Rev. Lane added. "These fellows in Germany, Italy and Japan are using a policy of grabbing all they can. They are just taking advantage of our weakness. It certainly seems that we must have some assistance—some coalition of the peace-loving nations against the war-like nations."

Fake Charges Are Revived Once More

WASHINGTON—Almost as regular as clock-work are the periodic charges by Hearst shop interests against Harry Bridges, Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union president and Pacific Coast CIO director, in an attempt to deport him. The latest entry brought to...has just been filed here. Complaint, signed by Dougherty of the immigration and naturalization bureau, announced Houghteling's charges that the "charges" were being "studied."...

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Daily 'Western': Our Tasks

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as we now approach a historic event of world importance, the 20th Anniversary of the Soviet Union. The special anniversary edition of 50,000, which will be out in time for mass distribution on the week-end of Oct. 30 and 31st, will be a test mobilization of the Party. The Party is not only the driving force in the mass movement, it is fighting for Socialism. And that fight will be strengthened by the broad popularization of the achievements of the Soviet Union, not only its economic achievements, but in the establishment of the highest type of democracy under Socialism.

Must Correct Lies

The capitalist press, to confuse the issue, has laid down a deliberate barrage against "all dictatorships," lumping together Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union. They try to make it appear that the issue is between democracy on one side, as against fascism and Communism on the other. But there is a world of difference, as we know, between the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union, representing the vast majority of the people and its interests, and a Fascist dictatorship which represents the iron fist of a minority, the rule of the most reactionary sections of finance capital, supplemented by the majority of the people.

While we fight for the maintenance of democracy in America, we must point out that the Soviet democracy is of a higher type which cannot be realized under capitalism; that in the fight between democracy and fascism on a world scale, the Soviet Union stands with those who fight for democracy and peace, gained freedom and war. We must also never fail to show that there is no contradiction between the fight for building a People's Front against reaction, and the fight for Socialism. If we fail to answer these questions, we only give ammunition to the Trotskyites to spread their confusion and disruption in the interests of their fascist allies. Nevertheless, there is a great responsibility on our Party, and especially on the Western Worker.

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We have accepted a challenge from the Chicago district on recruiting that by Nov. 7th we will retain our present place as the second-largest district, and that by Jan. 1st we will have 5,000 dues-paying members in California. We are confident that you who are attending this State Conference can go out and mobilize the entire membership, and through them thousands of non-Party workers, for the successful fulfillment of the biggest campaign we have ever undertaken.

AFL MEET HEARS CALL FOR UNITY AGAINST WAR PERIL

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ment was lost.

A survey of the resolutions on which the convention will act throws further light on the combination of causes impelling President Green to his hysterical and at times incoherent call for civil war against the CIO. A number of these resolutions—Machinists, American Federation of Teachers, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Masters, Mates & Pilots, Typographical Union and the Street & Electric Railway Employees—show only a few Hugueneots are still alive in spite of the year-long St. Bartholomew's Eve since the Tampa convention.

Intimidation

The warlike tone and content of Green's speech, his attack on President Howard of the Typos, the squelching of Mahon's effort to get more extended debate on the question of industrial unionism, in addition to expressing a general line of reactionary policy, were intended to intimidate the delegations sponsoring various progressive resolutions.

Another one of these vicious gestures was the distributing of a photostat copy of the Intl. Woodworkers Assn. (CIO) charter signed by Howard, together with copies of Hutcheson's Seattle sheet to all delegates and the press.

Since the main policy of the AFL as set forth in the speech of President Green and the Executive Council is to be one of civil war on the CIO and all its affiliated unions, and the convention is supposed to show no sign of disagreement with this suicidal policy, it is clear that great embarrassment could be caused for the execution of this strategy if free and open debate occurred on the proposal from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. It is of great importance to the entire labor movement:

Vital Resolution

"Resolved, that the 57th Annual Convention of the AFL be expel the CIO unions and call a unity convention for the purpose of defending labor from the...ject a resolution on industrial unionism, organization of the mass production industries and the question of the unity of the A. F. L. and the C. I. O.

so that the leaders in both camps may secure a clear mandate of action and policy from the organized workers in the nation as represented by the AFL and the CIO and such bona fide independent trade unions as may be invited to attend such a parley.

"A committee should be appointed by both President Green . . . and John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO, to plan the unity conference and the method and procedure of the referendum, for if unity is not worked for consciously, the country may witness a tragic, bloody intra-organized labor civil war which will set back the cause of labor immeasurably."

The Teachers resolution is less detailed and eloquent but the proposal is intended to get the results aimed for by the resolution. Even the Executive Council's proposal is deceptively mild. For the Executive Council it is just gentle dynamite.

Bureaucrats Are Nervous

With President Green resorting to the Hitler technique of Reichstag fire baiting, and Executive Council resorting to every possible parliamentary device to defeat debate on resolutions dealing with issues of life or death for the labor movement, it is evident that the moral case of the AFL bureaucracy is so weak on all these questions that it is extremely nervous even in a convention organized with the utmost care to prevent rank and file expression.

The report of the Executive Council makes clear the splitting program. The case of the agricultural and cannery workers is typical:

Agriculture Case

"The Tampa Convention . . . referred to the Executive Council several resolutions which called for the formation of an International Union of Agricultural, Packing House and Cannery Workers. A survey has been made of the situation existing in this field. Thus far it has seemed indavisable to call a conference of representatives of the trades for the purpose of setting up a National Council for that industry. However we are planning to call a conference and to establish a National Council or federal labor unions chartered in the agricultural, packing house and cannery industry in the very near future."

The AFL therefore is not even talking about establishing an industrial union among these tentifically exploited workers. It wants to operate with feeble federal labor unions completely under the thumb of the Executive Council. But the CIO sponsored a convention last July and formed an industrial union of some 100,000 members.

This one incident alone makes clear the intention of the Executive Council to continue its craft union policy even in industries where the crafts are conspicuous only by their absence. It is likewise clear that all of Green's bleating about democracy, democratic principles, majority rule as the real issue in the

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Liberty's Torch Signals Constitution Week

WHEN the nation celebrated the 150th anniversary of the signing of the articles of the constitution recently, smoke and fire poured from the torch of the Statute of Liberty in New York Harbor.

HAGGERTY'S LOCAL RAPS GOON SQUADS

L.A. Lathers Take Stand; AFL State President Not Present

LOS ANGELES — What rank and file building trades workers think about Dave Beck's "goons" was shown by a resolution adopted by Lathers' Local 42 of Los Angeles, an AFL union, on Friday, October 1.

Neil Haggerty, president of the State Federation of Labor, is a member of Local 42 but was not present at the meeting.

The resolution was:

Whereas, Numerous reports have appeared in the daily press about attacks on unarmed men by so-called goon squads, and

Whereas: Such violence does not belong in the labor movement and creates much unfavorable publicity, and

Whereas: The general public is all too apt to confuse such goon squads with honest rank and file unionists

Now therefore be it resolved: That Lathers' Union Local 42 goes on record against violence in the labor movement, and be it further resolved: That jurisdictional disputes should be settled by the Executive Boards involved, not by violence, and

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Central Labor Council, the AFL convention in Denver and to the press.

Re-employment Head Promising Low-Cost Labor

By a Cannery Worker

SANTA ROSA, Sonoma County—Santa Rosa, one of the dairy-picked up these two juicy morsels and hope you find them interesting (both reports came to me through the most reliable sources):

(1) Mr. Thomas, head of the re-employment office in Santa Rosa, has announced that next year he will have concentration camps where 5% of workers (outside as well as local) will be brought to work in the hop fields and the fruit orchards nearby. He finds there is plenty of help at attractive wages.

(2) Fred Cairns, "hero" of the tar and feather episode which took place in the streets of Santa Rosa, has announced that he is running money for the "Boy Scouts" here. He's a man of consistency—he's been a strike-breaking "Citizens' Committee" in every one of the labor disputes during the last few years.

Teamo Heads' Aide Has Bad Record

By a Worker Correspondent

SEBASTOPOL, Sonoma County—George O. Kennedy, Sebastopol rancher who signed the "pleas" of the Associated Farmers which Teamster officials gave as the reason for their defeat in the San Francisco dock "Big Bargo," has an unsavory record here in Sebastopol.

Said Kennedy was one of the main ring leaders in the Santa Rosa "tar and feather" episode of 1935.

Further, Kennedy's wife sat on the fake jury which tried the vigilantes in Santa Rosa as State Attorney General Webb's frame-up trial—an all-time low in legal scullduggery for this section.

Worker Wins Fight For Compensation

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—In one year fight between the British Columbia Sheet Metal & Stamping Co. and one of its employees for compensation for the loss of an eye has at last resulted in a $5,000 settlement.

The employee in question is only 21 years of age and, as a result of this accident while on duty for the above mentioned company, is an invalid for life. Numerous attempts to obtain legal aid and advice from various lawyers netted him nothing, and it was only after he did secure an Intl. Labor Defense attorney at first.

COMMUNIST PARTY "AIN'T LEGAL" TO SAN JOSE POLICE

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE—When asked by Communist Party organizer and organizer and another comrade for a license to sell the Western Worker on the streets of San Jose, Chief of Police Black replied with an emphatic "No." When asked as to why he refused them a license, he reported:

Black Raves

"That paper ain't fit to sell. It's trying to tear down our Constitution."

The applicants pointed out that by refusing a license Black was violating the self-same constitution which he was ostensibly paying lip service to. The bellicose chief's attention was called to the fact that the Communist Party is a legal party in both the United States and in California and that the Western Worker was freely transported through the U. S. mail.

"It ain't a legal party in San Jose," roared the chief, while his face took on the color of a boiled lobster, and his fat jowls trembled with rage. "Just try and sell that paper and see what happens."

"How do you know that the Western Worker isn't fit to read?" the chief was asked.

"Because it ain't," was the illuminating answer.

Never Read "Western"

"Have you ever read the paper?"

"No," he replied.

"Then how do you know it 'ain't' fit to read?"

"Because I glanced at a headline once," he replied, getting madder and madder.

"I think you should be a good judge of the fitness of things after such a thorough investigation," shot back one of the comrades.

Boo Lynching Recalled

Chief Black admitted that he thought the Hearst papers were all right ,but could give no definite opinion. Incidentally this is the police official who was chief of police of San Jose during the lynching, and who presided over the police department at the time some of our comrades were unconstitutionally run out of town and tarred and feathered.

'Great Men'

PIERRE DuPONT (1870-?)

By a Worker Correspondent

DuPont still inhales a breath. But dreams of regions after death, With all the stars in a cellophane warp, And the sun as General Motors Corp. And Mars with the armament plant as resident, And God perhaps as third vice-president.

Oh what a heavenly place to be, Just him and God and monopoly.

—DAVE WILLIAM.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Eureka AFL Council Votes Down Vandeleur's Command

Arrest of Salinas Company Union Stooge Exposes Vandeleur Set-up

No More Toasts to Rossi

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Arrested on the writer attended a house party of Italian workers where scores of toasts to Mayor Rossi were made that one worker got rather peeved and asked if he could say a few words about Angelo J. Rossi.

"Let's hear what you have to say," many voices shouted. "You have the floor."

"First of all," began the worker, "has Mr. Rossi given us anything? Do you think that your business was given you by Mr. Rossi?"

Living Taken Away

"Some of us here tonight made our fortunes bootlegging; so did Mr. Rossi. Yet those of us present here were honest. We didn't make our fortunes bootlegging, but workers—business men.

"We were engaged in selling wine and other damned prohibition law was installed, which made us all bootleggers—by this prohibition law which took away our means of making a living. So some of us here resolved to give in to this law, continued to sell wine, and became 'bootleggers.'"

Rossi Denied It

"We made it our business that we had to sell wine because we had to make a living for our families; either that or go into the agricultural fields and work for an average wage of 16c an hour! Or work in a cannery for an average wage of $11 per week."

"But we did not deny we were selling wine. But Mr. Rossi did, even though he was the 'big shot' of the San Francisco Liquor Dealers Assn. and the bootleggers and the Italian Swiss Colony Co.

"We found that Mr. Rossi was elected mayor because he appealed to the "little shots" of the Sons of Italy, a fascist organization and to the Italian Swiss Colony. Members of these organizations came to San Francisco and established residence there so as to vote for Mr. Rossi.

Rossi Promises

"Mr. Rossi promised us many things with his speech many questions were asked, which he answered very convincingly. He promised us why he refused to toasts to Mr. Rossi.

Alaska Cannery Union Votes for ILD Affiliation

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — After hearing Elaine Black, secretary of the ILD Defense, speak at a general membership meeting, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, the membership voted unanimously to affiliate with that organization at one of their succeeding meetings.

The per capita tax will be 1 cent per month per member; for this the union will receive legal support and advice, also support on the picket line when and if necessary.

Prior to sailing for Alaska last spring, the membership of the union voted unanimously to accept George Anderson as the union's official lawyer. Mr. Anderson will assist the 1938 workers agreement between the union and the packers.

EUREKA LABOR BODY WON'T KICK OUT CIO DELEGATES

Instructs Secretary to Mail Charter to Vandeleur If Requested

By a Worker Correspondent

EUREKA—The Federated Trades and Labor Council here broke into open revolt from the dictatorship of the AFL official clique when at a recent rousing meeting when they refused to unseat CIO delegates by a 26 to 6 vote. The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Vandeleur of the fact, and to further inform him that in case he should chance to come to Eureka, the local charter, that Eureka would be very glad to wrap it up and mail it to whomever he should designate as the custodian of revoked charters.

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For Unity

The few reactionaries refused to make any motion, so progressives made a motion to accept the delegates from the CIO locals. The CIO delegates declared they would withdraw rather than have the Council lose its charter. Delegates then insisted on the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Let's go down the line for unity regardless of what's taking place anywhere else, was the plea of all delegates.

Some 20 rank and file carpenters in the crowd cheered and clapped the progressive attitude along with the rest of the rank and filers. It was pointed out that the ILA local had walked out on a strike only a few weeks in 1935 for the striking Lumber Workers when not other local in the Pacific area would back them any support.

For Labor's Benefit

The Brewery delegates informed the council that the $25 prize fight between the big tug of war between them and the ILA was being used to the best advantage for the members of the two groups, that the feed was going to be the best ever put on by the brewers, and that if there were any smart boys around who wanted to try a go with them to go ahead. Dave Craig of the Teamsters' Union gave a splendid talk on the necessity of unity, and he explained that it was not for the benefit of the unions that this unity should be maintained, but for the benefit of organized labor itself. He was cheered by AFL and CIO delegates alike.

The president then ordered the secretary to prepare a secret ballot so that the utmost democracy would decide the issue, and the final tabulation was 6 yes and 26 no on the motion to unseat the CIO delegates. The action has the support of the majority of members in Eureka, and the support of the unorganized generally, who feel that members of organized labor are...

Scab Squad" Routed

A letter received from Crescent City which has a CIO Industrial Council with CIO and AFL delegates attending, commending the council on their action. The Arcata Local of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, has commended the council on their action.

An amusing prelude to the Council meeting occurred when Henry Tornwall appeared with a large and beefy looking individuals. They stood around the hallway while Henry, who is B-A for the local Teamsters, went into the room where the Council meeting was and informed the Brewers who were assembled in special session, that they would have to vacate the room, because he was going to occupy it.

The president of the Brewers evidently didn't even hear Henry's command, because he called the meeting to order, and the sergeant-at-arms gently but firmly took Henry by the arm and escorted him to the door without...

Not that anyone suspects that Henry would do quite the job but it would have been possible for him and his strange looking companions to have loosened the entire Council meeting from its particular room.

Council Will File Interest

Another strange thing is the action of the Council in voting to and file ILA, Brewers, Common Laborers, Lumber Workers, and Cannery Workers delegates in the council meetings of late. Every...

AFL-Chartered Scabs Expert in Double-Crossing

By An Agricultural Worker

SALINAS, Monterey County—The recent arrest of the expresident of the AFL-chartered company union here for abducting with 50 of the union money, only shows what the employers prefer to deal with.

The facts of the case are as follows: ex-President Browning was the first president of the... AFL Fruit & Vegetable Workers' Union 20973. He was not elected by the workers inasmuch as they have held few if any business meetings for the membership.

Mostly Scabs

As the membership was composed exclusively of strike-breakers when Vandeleur chartered them in July, they were hardly familiar with the business of running a union.

A few weeks after they received the AFL charter, they held an all-day election in their office on Main street, the same office in which the shippers had their hiring hall during the federal injunction closed it.

Notorious Fink

The majority of the strike-breakers wanted Browning elected inasmuch as he had not been in the district long enough to scab. Both the employers and Vandeleur wanted Markley, a notorious scab.

As there weren't many members who liked Markley, the Associated Farmers, 100 strong, came to town and joined the union to vote for Markley. After he was elected they returned to their ranks and Markley refunded their initiation ($5) by check.

Markley had been acting also as business agent and had a sum of $1,000 due in dues, but in the meantime has been drawing a salary of $175 per month and $25 expenses.

"Industrial Harmony"

This situation has created a rift among the strike-breakers, consequently not many of them pay dues.

On September 24 they gave a dance in the Native Sons' Hall and then got breakfast for Mrs. Rubinstein at 7:30 a.m. Because of the distance from home the worker found she would have to be there every minute of the time, and would not be able to leave before 8 o'clock at night. She complained to Markley that if she could not iron shirts that it would be taken out of her pay, and Markley replied, only $36.

Still Old Set-Up

Although the union was lost...that week and most of the members had never been in a union before, not one striker has been hired back to work in the months of the strike.

Strike leaders must appear in court to defend themselves against a vicious anti-labor injunction being sought by attorneys for the Association.

Restrained from mass picketing, the strikers have contacted every customer of the laundry and, by explaining the issues of the strike, have succeeded in reducing the business of the laundry more than 65 per cent.

who will help us do the job.

I am sending a clipping from the Mercury Register. (The clipping

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Featu

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Green Drops to New Depths at AFL Meet

SPEECH DEMANDING WAR ON CIO IS LARDED BETWEEN TWO PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Notorious Carpenters' Union Czar Now Dictates Policy in Fight Against Pacific Coast Marine Unions

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—Between two prayers for peace by a Roman Catholic and a Protestant clergyman, President William Green opened the 57th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor with a speech calling for war on the CIO.

Probably the best oratorical effort of Green's career, it could have been made in no worse cause. The new depths to which Green has dropped was shown best by his choice of a union and of its president—the brotherhood of Carpenters and the notoriously corrupt and exotic William Hutcheson—as an example of all that is best in the American Federation of Labor to whose defense, he said, the AFL must come with all its forces.

Green Threatens

Addressing himself directly to the leadership of the CIO without mentioning names, Green said:

"We will defeat you on the Pacific Coast no matter what the cost may be. We will establish the supremacy of the Brotherhood of Carpenters in its legal jurisdiction."

Extension of the civil war on the CIO to include the Intl. Typographical Union was indicated by Green's violent attack on President Howard of that union. This was ostensibly because his name is on the charter given by the CIO to the Intl. Woodworkers, and because lumbermen and sawmill workers whom Hutcheson had placed in Class B locals—were paying their union instead of one vote per membership—and their entire per capita tax payments to unite the shipbuilding crafts in the entire Brotherhood of Carpenters, fight industrial unionism and support Landon and Knox in the last election.

Hutcheson Dictates

The offensive of the Teamsters' officials against the industrial unions on the Pacific Coast has been revealed in many incidents. It pushed the opportunity to carry more pressure inside the Executive Council. It is no accident that Tobin and Dave Beck directing the Teamsters Union members as the fighting wedge against the CIO. It is Hutcheson and his policies, sullying the American labor movement for years, whose ring it derision from its enemies, that every honest trade unionist American workers are asked to follow.

Green in his opening speech announced himself as the errand boy of William Hutcheson and the Dictatorial Executive control and direction of the Carpenters' Union over everything which the AFL membership must fight to the death to defend.

In his attempt to make a case against the CIO—and here it must be said that the campaign of vilification of Communists and the Communist Party which entered its second convention period in 1923 and in many subsequent conventions while fascism and Nazism took the place of organization and struggle, were mild reminders compared to the unbridled denunciation of the CIO and its leadership President Green resorted to the most utter falsehoods and unfounded and unprovable charges.

Green Lied

To put it briefly, President Green lied shamelessly to support Hutcheson and his enemies of the entire labor movement and to placate the slipperiness of Matthew Woll and other possible rivals.

Green stated categorically that the CIO "has devoted their efforts to raiding established unions." This is not true. He said that the CIO had been engaged in a drive to "destroy" the existing unions. This is not true. He said that the CIO had been engaged in a drive to "disrupt" and even the reports of the capitalist press on which he fawns gave him the lie direct.

Allied With Bosses

But far more disgusting and outrageous than any of these false charges against Julminations was his statement that many employers are willing to aid the Hutcheson-Green civil war program. He equally unambiguous invitation for others to join the anti-CIO drive.

These are Green's own words as thrown open:

"Many former enemies are y beginning to understand the value of the economic philosophy of the AFL."

And:

Public opinion is crystallizing against this group (the CIO-W.P.D.) and public opinion properly crystallized, will defeat them."

Exonerated Girdler

Take these two statements in connection with the section of the report of the Executive Council attacking the National Labor Relations Board, one paragraph of which presents a conclusion that exonerates Girdler and General Motors of all blame for death and disorder. According to the Executive Council, now dominated by the Hutcheson faction, it is the NLRB that is responsible for the murder of strikers in Chicago on Memorial Day and the reign of terror initiated by E. T. Weir of National Steel.

The Executive Council says:

"If the Board at the outset of the automobile strikes and subsequently had limited investigated and certified representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining, as the law provides, plants involved it could have avoided much of the violence struggle. Then, too, by accepting charges against the independent unions and refusing to open to the charge of partisanship in that, while it had the power to act, it did not investigate the real cause of the struggle, namely the question of representation and which the steel unions asserted was the issue! In other words, the Board, showing partiality to the CIO, has failed to maintain the impartiality which it should have maintained."

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Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

"WHATEVER happens, I want you to remember that the boys down on the waterfront, the longshoremen, are fighting for the same things you're fighting for. Stand together with them and don't ever let anyone split you apart."

Every member of San Francisco Teamsters Local 85 remembers these words, even though the quotation is not exact. They were spoken by Mike Casey, long the leader in Local 85, at the last union meeting he attended before he died.

At the first meeting of Local 85 after McLaughlin and Casey called off the blockade against the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union to "save the farmers' crops," Joe Casey, son of old Mike, got up to "justify" the blockade against the longshoremen and its cancellation at the behest of the Associated Farmers.

In order to get his point over Casey pointed toward the heavens and melodramatically said he could feel the spirit of his father approving this program.

This, I am informed by a rank and file teamster, is an old standby trick of Joe Casey and—plus red baiting and "goons"—is one of his most important stocks in trade in maintaining his position in the union. Every time he gets put on the spot, Joe suddenly gets inspiration, authorization and approval by remote control from his father in heaven.

Best Advice

Old Mike Casey had little regard for democracy in his union, as the recent local elections—the 1934 General Strike—was overwhelmingly repudiated by the membership, but he asked:

But the words quoted at the top of this column constitute some time after 1934, constitute the best service and advice he has ever given to the truckers of San Francisco.

Every rank and file teamster should remember these words, particularly when Joe Casey tries to put over his splitting program with the purported authorization of his dead father.

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Negro Unionists to Confer in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Negro trade unionists in San Francisco are called to a conference to be held here Sunday, October 18, 2 p.m., in the Inland Boatmen's Hall, Frye Bldg., to take up a two-point program, as follows:

1. Organization of Negro workers into the CIO unions.

2. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages and the right to work; the right to an equal basis; the right to equal wages and equal labor conditions with white fellows.

The conference call was signed by 12 prominent Negro trade unionists in the Bay area.

Studios Lose First Bout With Writers

LOS ANGELES—With a million dollars worth of gold studded stars attending for the major movie studios opposing the Screen Writers Guild's drive for collective bargaining election, Trial Examiner William R. Ringer settled down hearings that may last weeks.

Initial demands by representatives of the film studios and "Screen Playwrights Inc." to dismiss the case on the grounds the industry is not engaged in interstate commerce, were overruled.

"Screen Playwrights" then asked that only film writers employed at the present time should be considered. This was also overruled.

Demand Wage Increases

SIX MEMBERS of the CIO Transport Workers' Union who met recently with Brooklyn, Manhattan Transit system officials, demanded higher wages and a signed contract, were refused and immediately voted a strike. Mayor LaGuardia however appointed a mediation board to investigate and the strike was postponed. Left to right, they are: John Santos, business representative; Austin Hogan, general secretary; Edward Pollak, organizer; Douglas I. McMahon, business agent; Joseph Fody, organizer, and President Michael J. Quill.

TEAMSTER OFFICIAL BOASTS BEING GOON AT STATE AFL MEET

H. Waterbury Tells Union He Beat Delegate

LOS ANGELES—"I am proud to say that I was one of those who helped beat up those convention delegates known as Communists!"

H. Waterbury, official of the Los Angeles Teamsters' Union, boasted before the membership of the union meeting, on his activities at the Long Beach convention of the State Federation of Labor.

Protest Union-Busting

Like teamsters in Oakland and in other cities, the Los Angeles truckers are protesting against the union-smashing activities of their top leaders.

Waterbury's pay was boosted from $65 to $95 per week in a recent meeting of the union. The raise was voted by a slim margin of 20 votes, however, showing that he is losing his influence over the membership.

Rank and file members have issued a rank and file bulletin, voicing the discontent now rife in the organization. The bulletin is called "The Gear Jammer."

Misuse Funds

A recent issue states:

"They (Teamsters Local 208 officials) have been misusing our funds to fight the AFL's battles with the CIO, instead of getting us the wage and working conditions which friendly employers have established.

"Heck's Pacific Coast Teamster czar) promised to support AFL longshoremen in San Pedro is an example of this. At a meeting held in San Pedro on out of 3000 longshoremen only 10 showed up. Our good money is being used to take two busloads of rank and file members to San Pedro, supposedly to 'protect' a meeting of teamsters, but actually to aid the AFL form a union among the longshoremen.

NEW MEXICO AFL BARS OIL UNION

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Intl. Oil Workers Union delegates from the oil fields were flatly denied seats at the recent convention of the New Mexico State Federation of Labor, on the grounds they were affiliated with the CIO.

AFL Officials Run Scabs in Cement Co.

CONCORD.—Contra Costa County—closed by a lockout against the CIO intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers last July, the Cowell Cement Co. reopened here last Friday with a crew of 225 men recruited by AFL State Federation of Labor reconstructives.

The CIO union had a 95 per cent representation, and its charges against the company are now before a National Labor Relations Board hearing here.

WORKERS' FIGHT

CLEVELAND—Denied citizenship last May because of membership in the Intl. Workers Order, Mrs. Dominica Dominici and Mrs. Hanus Jr. are continuing their fight in an appeal.

Business Agent Bob Says

DON BLACKWELL writes about a reported incident in Hollywood. The production head of a major studio called Bob Montgomery, Screen Actors Guild president, and requested expulsion of an actor for refusing a role. Montgomery stated the actor would be given a hearing and that the studio would have to abide by the arbitration board decision.

Later Wm. Bioff, Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees representative, and Montgomery were conferring with the same studio head, who remarked that the Actors Guild was not being run to his liking.

"Bill, when I want someone fired, how long will it take?"

"As long as it takes me to pick up the phone," replied Bioff.

Turnine to Montgomery, he exclaimed: "Now, there's a real union for you!"

San Diego Tailors Win 2-Day Strike

SAN DIEGO — Tailors Local 288, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, won all their demands after a two-day strike and is now back at work with a 20 per cent wage increase, time and a half overtime, a 40 hour week of 6 hours per day and working conditions which chiseling employers.

Local 228 has been organized only a few months, but it showed its strength during the 100 per cent walk-out when the strike call went out.

Organizing activities of Los Angeles was sent down by the International Union to help the local organization and had the employers' signature to a contract with in two days.

Trial of "Douglas 23" Is Postponed

LOS ANGELES—Retrial of 23 Douglas Aircraft workers, members of the Intl. Association of Machinists, on frame-up charges growing out of the sitdown strike early in 1937, was postponed until October 14 because one of the defendants, Matthew Tidaycan, is in the hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by a "goon squad" in the employ of local AFL officials.

CIO Cleaners & Dyers Organizers Seek 2000 New Members in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Four organizers for the Cleaners & Dyers local, Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) have entered the Los Angeles field determined to organize the 2000 workers in the local industry.

CIO leaders said there was no other union in existence in the industry, the workers are employed in 18 retail and 95 carbon tetrachloride cleaning plants.

Guild Accuses 'World's Greatest Newspaper' for Wagner Act Violations

CHICAGO—The Chicago Tribune "interfered with, restrained and coerced its employees . . . in the exercise of their right to self-organization," charged the American Newspaper Guild in filing charges against the newspaper with the National Labor Relations Board.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

IT WAS an ill wind the Teamster officials fanned up when they deliberately precipitated the recent dock crisis, but the ill wind blew some good, at that.

The Maritime Federation came out of the struggle united and with a clearer perspective of the forces at work in the labor movement today. The membership of the Marine Firemen's union took control of the organization again and stymied the AFL clique that has almost brought the Firemen to bankruptcy.

The membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, against the wishes of the leadership, voted with the rest of the Federation not to recognize Czar Beck's phoney picket lines.

A few of Ryan's men in the Longshore union were given a lot of rope and they obligingly hung themselves behind the potted palms at the Clift Hotel.

Healthy Rank and File

THE rank and file of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific is extremely healthy, progressive and militant. Despite the befuddled and downright disruptive maneuverings of some of the union officials, the majority of the Federation leaders and membership kept feet on the ground and voted the only way they could—for unity against the attackers.

There was a sour note though. Incredible as it may seem, the Voice of the Federation gave aid and comfort to the Teamster officials. The aid and comfort was dished out under the cloak of a "middle-of-the-road" policy.

As if there could be any "middle of the road" at a time when the very foundations of the Federation were being attacked by an outside agency, entirety foreign and absolutely opposed to the Federation and all that it stands for. This was a time when all the power of the Federation should have been turned against Beck and McLaughlin. The Voice could have been a major instrument for the welding of that power.

That it wasn't is to the everlasting shame of those responsible for the Voice. You can't alibi or excuse a stab in the back.

Now National Unity

Now that all the shouting is over it's time to look to the future. The Federation has to go or how you look you run smack up against the CIO and national maritime unity.

Here too there is no "middle-of-the-road" policy. Either you are for against it. The CIO is clearing the way for national unity. The obstacles in its East already have been removed.

The forces of labor are split—brought on section of labor but because a few AFL big shots are more interested in fat salaries for themselves than the working class. It's too bad some of the official leaders on the waterfront, knee deep in this, still lean toward the AFL dictators.

The sentiment for national maritime unity conference in San Francisco in January. The CIO has the backing of this conference possible. You couldn't ask much more of the CIO than that.

From now on it's up to the rank and file to put on the offensive unions to see to it that every maritime group on the Pacific Coast is represented at this conference.

FORD LOCK OUT MEN RICHMO

AFL 'Union' Opera To Fight CIO U Auto Workers

By a Ford Worke

RICHMOND, Cont County—We have a h our hands at the Ford Richmond. I'll just give as I have them so far:

Every fall the shuts down and a ma crew works for at le weeks preparing the ne new model car. The Fo shut down this year week in September, bu of putting the maximu to work, laid over cept the regular busine parts department and force; but with no ma crew at work.

Proof of Lockou

The Fisher Body plan Oakland started up l on the new Chevrolet Chevrolet plant starts week, and Ford starts pace with Chevrolet, if he puts the maximu to work tomorrow, he get going on the new a month.

In the Ford unit 76, CIO United Auto a letter was read be Beach plant union, ad conditions were the same there and cards in unemployment insurance stamps, stating they n to work for a short time AFL or CIO, which standing that unio Ford, and that they won't start up.

AFL Company

Now, a few words The American Fed AFL has its office Ave. at 14th St., Oakland. Ford slaves in cards mailed to them the addresses come fr Ford plant, and get information, al of meetings.

A worker dropped in ed a few questions. The ing that he was not in the union, and that the plant would never start CIO.

Strike Solid

COQUILLE, Ore.—On strike against the Smith-Coquille Lumber Co. here, the Coquille IWA is solid in daily picketing of the Smith mill. Recognized by the labor organization and had the employers' signature to a contract with in two days.

Vandeleur Perfects His Company Union

SAN FRANCISCO—A handful of picked stooges, some of whom were farmers, gave State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur their "okay" for a 1 cent per month per capita tax in the AFL-chartered company unions at their meeting here last Sunday. The per capita is to go for organizing more company unions among agricultural cameries throughout the state.

The company union set-up, which was formed in 1935 by Northern California cannery owners, is headed by elected officers headed by Charles V. Real. Teamsters Union czar in Oakland, is chairman of the California State Council of Cannery Workers.

Chinese Clerks Gain Union Rate

SAN FRANCISCO — Thirty Chinese workers, members of the Retail Department Store Employees Union Local 1100, are working under union conditions at the National Dollar Stores, and announced President Stanley Scott of the union. The agreement signed last week provides a five and one half day week and, $21 minimum for clerks.

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SPAIN—State Department officials indicated the U. S. attitude mission defined, the with the League

Spain and Great sinking of the Spanish island, Spanish insurgent ish torpedo-sink- British freighter and Britain to demand Japanese.

Bombing machine gunners from Generalissimo Franco's bases in the Balearic Islands, opposite International Settlement, Shanghai, machine gunned the Japanese flagship Idzumo, preventing the take-off of Japanese planes from the warship's deck.

Driven back in an earlier offensive in this sector, the Japanese resorted to the use of poison gas, the first to be used on the Chinese front since the World War. Health experts and news correspondents, examining the victims of the gas, said its effects of blisters and inflamed eye membranes were the effects of mustard gas.

The rest of General Lo to Nanking was believed to be a prelude to a general mobilization of forces in China, which has escaped the major brunt of the war to date but which has nevertheless suffered terrific aerial bombardments on major cities as well as provincial towns.

Fitzgerald Again Is Given Ultimatum

SAM QUENTIN—Again without citing any reason for its action, the State Board of Prison Directors last Saturday reaffirmed its decision to Robert J. Fitzgerald, secretary pro tem of the Marine Firemen's Union, to resign his union post or go back to prison for two years.

One of the Modesto Boys railroaded to prison in the Stanislaus County frame-up of 1935, Fitzgerald was paroled last spring to the union. Recently he was elected secretary of the union, ousted as secretary for packing non-members into a MFOW meeting.

Branded Persecution

A Maritime Federation delegation appeared at the meeting to protest the ruling as persecution, and as aiding and abetting reactionary elements grouped around the MFOW.

Prison directors met with the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, but because David Bush, Fitzgerald's parole agent, was absent, decided to meet two weeks later—to decide if Fitzgerald has violated his parole.

Signed by Vito Marcantonio and Anna Damon, officials of the Intl. Labor Defense wired Fitzgerald from New York that the Intl. Labor Defense had mobilized its forces to defend your right to carry on trade union work and fight on basic issues of right to work and union parolees to carry on their legitimate activity."

New UAW Office, L. A.

LOS ANGELES — Regional Directors Homer Martin and Wyndham Mortimer of America, CIO affiliate, have been moved from 1228 Trust Bldg. to 823½ West Pico St.

Nothing Too Tough for Them

WHILE a heavy rainstorm drenched them to the skin, Chinese infantrymen, defending their country against unwarranted Japanese invasion, take positions behind a sandbag and wire barricade in the path of Japanese units invading the Capei area at Shanghai.

CIO MAPS FIGHT ON PICKET BAN

Big Committee Organized For Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly organized CIO Industrial Council took steps for an active campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance being sponsored by the open-shop Committee of One Hundred, at a committee meeting Friday night at 1179 Market St., headquarters of the Industrial Council Hall.

The council called together a broad committee of five members from each affiliated union, including Harry Bridges, Local 12, at the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union Hall at 149 Mason St.

Seek Cooperation

Each affiliated union is also asked to contribute 25 cents per capita for its membership, in order to finance a broad publicity campaign against the picket ordinance.

The CIO committee was expected to seek cooperation with the Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, set up by the AFL Central Labor Council.

Labor's fight against the proposed ordinance was also endorsed by the San Francisco Property Owners League, which stated:

"Labor's constitutional right to picket in any dispute peaceably is an advantage to San Francisco."

Candidates Pledge Fight On Picketing Ban

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 700 people in Scottish Rite Auditorium Sunday night applauded and cheered as the candidates of the Democratic Government Committee pledged their support to the campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance.

The enthusiastic meeting was opened by the showing of films of the Chicago Memorial Day Massacre. George Anderson, labor attorney and member of the Committee's endorses for election to the board of supervisors, Rudolph Nugent and Mrs. Marjorie Jannary. In response to the appeal of Supervisor Bib Tolins, the audience contributed $125 to campaign expenses, a large group volunteered for neighborhood campaign activity.

FLASH AND DOUBLE FLASH!

State Drive Committee for the Daily Western Worker announces with pleasure the awarding of the first lifetime subscription of the daily newspaper to JERRY FEINGOLD!

FEINGOLD reached the 100 dollar mark last week and by this time is rapidly on his way to the 200 mark. TWO-TIME LIFER with $150 turned in on the drive.

Jerry says "IT WAS A CINCH!"

First to attain its quota in the drive to the Laborer's Unit of the Industrial Section of the Communist Party, which this week turned in 100 smackers for the Daily Western. At its next meeting, the Laborers' Unit is expected to accept additional quota. One Comrade in this unit raised fifty per cent of his total, a LIFER, a HALF-A-LIFER, and may be a LIFER before the drive ends.

NEW PLOT ON FIREMEN SEEN

MFOW. Meet Brands New Reactionary Move

SAN FRANCISCO—The latest effort of discredited Marine Firemen's Union officials, working in collusion with the reactionary AFL machine, to split the union and disrupt unity, was seen at a special headquarters branch meeting here on Monday afternoon.

A resolution emanating from the Seattle branch requesting that an investigation of "splitters" be set up was branded as a union smashing, unconstitutional and disruptive by 250 men from the ships at the special meeting.

The so-called "emergency" arose several weeks ago when headquarters branch agent A. E. Ferguson, secretary, for packing a meeting with 100 non-union members.

Associated with Ferguson as prime movers in the present attempt to regain control, according to rank and file members, are Bill Sullivan, Red Pedro agent; V. J. Malone, ex-Port Committeman; Bert Colson, Seattle agent, and Ole Oldenburg, Portland agent.

The charges were made at the meeting that this clique was working with Harry Lundeberg, anti-CIO secretary of the Sailors Union, and reactionary AFL officials to remove the firemen's progressive leadership, and that a scheduled referendum on CIO affiliation

A previous referendum went overwhelmingly for CIO but the Executive Board was given the right under the guise of a technicality.

J. Galvan, sent to San Francisco by the San Pedro branch for the "emergency" said that as far as he saw the union was in no danger, he disassociated himself from it.

SAILORS REJECT GREEN'S BAIT

SAN FRANCISCO—The "promises" of William Green, AFL president, didn't mean much to the Sailors Union of the Pacific rank and file at their meeting here last Monday night.

Green's offer of a "best offer" letter sent by Harry Lundeberg, SUP secretary, to both AFL and CIO, Green said, "I am doing everything, including compulsion, to prevent the Sailors Union from going over all unlicensed seagoing personnel.

Sentiment of the Sailors was overwhelmingly against the bait held out by Green, which would mean violation of the basic principles of the Marine Firemen and the Marine Cooks & Stewards, and all action on Green's letter was suspended until the CIO answer was received.

Joe Casey Tries to 'Buy Off' E. Bay Rank-File Truckers

OAKLAND—Seven members of Local 70 will ignore verbal summons to appear before the executive board to face charges growing out of their activities for rank and file control of the local, unless they receive written notice by registered mail in accordance with the constitution, and assurances that their case would be submitted to the rank and file.

Their demands, embodied in a letter to Joe Casey, local 70 international representative, received full endorsement of the membership at a meeting of the rank and file last Friday night.

It was revealed Casey had tried to buy off the seven men by promising to let them go back to work if they would keep their mouths shut.' Charges against two other teamsters were dropped.

The meeting decided against sending Clifford Lester, deposed by the international officials as Local 70 president, to Indianapolis to face charges before the Teamsters General Executive Board. Instead, a written statement in his defense will be submitted in an attempt to head off action signed by members of the union.

The meeting also voted to continue publishing the Rank and File Bulletin as a continuous weekly meetings at Carpenters Hall.

"No Change of Scenery"

SAN FRANCISCO—Threats of Teamster officials to set up an "outlaw" local, Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union No. 10 on the Pacific Coast, claimed by Joe Casey to have been voted last week by Stockton Teamsters for an unlicensed future date, received brief comment from Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director.

"A change of scene, but no change of scenery," said Bridges. "The problem is exactly the same as it was in San Francisco. The same men, the same tactics, the same inevitable result. We still have a National Labor Relations Board, and the board has made it quite clear what the law is.

"If there is any question regarding the organization Stockton warehousemen want to belong to, let the men vote and express their preference. We'll stand by the result, the same as we did here."

CIO WINS POINT IN ORTEZ CASE

OAKLAND—As a result of the Industrial Council, five union men will be allowed to appear before the Alameda County Police Board on behalf of Faustino Ortez, Filipino worker recently sentenced to six months in jail for "battery" as a result of a fight with a Filipino during which the recent cannery strike.

The announcement was made by District Attorney Earl Warren who said that in return the Industrial Council had pledged not to place obstacles in the way of the Alameda County Court.

LABORERS' 304 FUNDS SHORTED

Suspicion Is Cast Against Tyrell, Reactionary

OAKLAND — A shortage of $731 in the treasury of the Laborers' Unich, Local 304, was disclosed at the union's regular meeting here last Friday.

When a bill for auditor's services was presented, officers members were reminded there had been no auditors' reports for approximately a year since Secretary Wm. H. Tyrell became business agent of the local.

Suspicion Cast

Suspicion was then cast on Tyrell's own admission.

Auditors Asked

When asked for an explanation, **Robinson said none of the members of the local were "clever enough" to keep the books, in view of developments, some of the members are wondering just what their president meant by this remark.**

Robinson claimed the shortage in the funds occurred under Tyrrell's administration there was "not much" in the treasury when he took over the reins of office.

Tyrrell's administration there used to be regular quarterly auditors' reports, and the whole trouble would have confused and warned against a war on the Laborers' Union by the Carpenters of Tennessee, president of the Printing Pressmen, voted against the committee.

Expelled in Shortage Case

Tyrrell was expelled from the Electricians' Union, of which he was business agent, when a shortage in the funds of that organization was discovered last year.

A member of the small clique of reactionary top officials who dominate the Laborers' Union has been made the chief agent of the Laborers' Union over the heads of the membership. Meetings were then suspended for two months, during which time a large number of new members were recruited. When meetings were resumed, ratification of Tyrrell's appointment was railroaded through by taking advantage of the confusion of the new members.

Tyrrell has secured complete control of the union, according to members, by the same methods used in other unions, which have built the rank file confusion, and swept out the reactionaries.

Stooges Shout

Whenever a rank and file member gets up to speak from the floor, Tyrrell's stooges begin to shout "throw him out, throw him out," creating so much confusion the member is unable to continue.

The Laborers' Union has the largest membership of any union in the state, according to Tyrrell's own admission.

CIO to Negotiate With Spreckels Sugar Plant

SALINAS, Monterey County—The Committee for Industrial Organization will open negotiations with the Spreckels Sugar Co. on demands for wage increases, following an employees' election naming the CIO for collective bargaining agency, announced James Patterson, CIO official.

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Santa Clara Labor Fights Injunctions

SAN JOSE—In order to fight five anti-labor injunction and damage suits filed against local unions and the central labor body, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council has appealed to affiliated unions for funds.

This wave of injunctions against picketing involves every union in Santa Clara County and the State of California—for if these cases are lost, a dangerous precedent will have been set," states the council's appeal.

The damage cases are similar to the infamous Danbury Hatters' case" now over a quarter of a century ago.

Frey and Woll Go Witch-Hunting

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to Western Worker)

DENVER—Last Monday's session of this American Federation of Labor convention compelled me to leave the press box and go to the convention floor to witness the witch-hunting days of the Palmer "red raids" of 1919-20, when Frey and Matthew Woll, of the executive council, put on a show that would have done credit to Hitler.

The anti-CIO efforts here are so incredible, so devoid of ordinary trade union logic, that no newspaper reporter could send a dispatch on the basis of his own notes until he received the verbatim reports.

A Degenerate "Alice"

Alice in Wonderland seems to have dictated the reports of Woll and Frey; they are so revoltingly vicious and disgustingly degenerate.

In a world where honest men of all shades of opinion are uniting against the Hitlers, Fords, Hitlers, Mussolinis and Hirohitos, Woll and Frey called this convention to order with the cry:

"The whole thing is unreal, but I must quote Frey in full."

Frey, in establishment of the CIO, concurrent the Communist Party was being used by orders from Moscow to scrap its entire program and work with the CIO.

Four months after the Steel Workers Organizing Committee began work in Pennsylvania, William Z. Foster of the Communist Party had opened offices there."

Childish Drivel

John L. Lewis, said Frey, with...

Jim-Crow Kress Store Agrees to Hire Negro Salesgi

"UNION LABOR" PARTY PICKS NOMINEES

Ed. Vandeleur Once Led Group to Seat Rossi Regime

SAN FRANCISCO—Ignoring requests from the CIO Industrial Council for joint consideration of political questions and candidates, the Union Labor Party Saturday night endorsed a full slate of candidates for city election.

The brief meeting adopted virtually without debate the proposals of the executive board. It had not been called together since the 1935 elections when E. A. Vandeleur led the movement to align it behind the Rossi machine. Notifications sent to the locals in calling the meeting had said that no candidates would be named.

Those endorsed for Supervisors were James B. McSheehy, John M. Ratto, Andrew J. Gallagher, Joseph C. Sharp and George R. Reilly.

Mass Meeting to Aid Polish Jews

SAN FRANCISCO — Vigorous protest against Fascist anti-semitism in Poland will be voiced at a mass meeting to be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium Wednesday evening, Oct. 27. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Polish Conference committee organized by the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Dr. J. J. Weinstein, prominent San Francisco educator and head of the School for Jewish Studies, will relate recent personal observations of Polish oppression of minority groups and discriminatory legislation.

Other speakers will include Rabbi Saul White and I. Bib Tolin. Marjorie January, candidate for supervisor, will be chairman.

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Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m., at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Celebration and Program. Daily Western Brigade No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat. Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 127 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 31, 1937, Jan. 1, 2 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

Congress Dance Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall. 110 Page St. Adm., 40c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Leon E. Malamut on the Concertina. Freiheit Gezang Ferein in new songs. Dancing until 1 p. m. Refreshments Saturday, October 23rd, Redman's Hall, 3053 16th St. Admission 35c. Freiheit Gezang Ferein.

Benefit dance for Defenders of Spanish democracy. I.W.U. Sip Sealers, Druids Temple, 44 Page St., Sat. night, Oct. 23. Admission: Gentlemen, 40c; ladies free. Union music.

Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St., Sat. Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm. 25c. Aquiles Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

December 5th taken by Freiheit Gezang Ferein. Jacob Shafer Memorial Concert at the Jewish Community Center.

Los Angeles

Mass meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p. m. 18th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers. Auspices Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets on sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7826.

Mass meeting of Flaherty Brothers, from Lincoln Battalion. Masonic Temple. 234 So. Broad Blvd. Auspices Friends of the Lincoln Battalion.

Pullman Porters' Grand Victory Ball. Elks Auditorium, 3616 Central Ave., Wednesday, October 27. Howard Patrick's Orchestra. Auspices of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Charles A. Upton, President; W. H. Boland, Secretary-Treasurer. Admission, 40c.

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway. Daily Worker editor of New York. Civic Auditorium November 5th 8 p.m.

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Monument to a Great Leader

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N. Y. PROSECUTOR HITS BRUTAL POLICE TACTICS AGAINST WORKERS ON PICKET LINE

BALTIMORE — Hard boiled police chiefs, accustomed, to regarding all strikes as a racket requiring the use of nightsticks, were told that "violence is bad nonsense" in a speech by Thos. E. Dewey, special prosecutor of New York.

Speaking to an audience of the convention of the Inter-National Association of Police Chiefs which included Commissioner Allman of Chicago, who defended actions of his force during the Memorial Day massacre at the Republic Steel plant, during the Senate civil liberties committee investigation, Dewey told the police heads they should stay out of strikes.

"Night Sticks"

After sharply criticizing political influence in police departments, Dewey declared, "Some people would like to settle questions with night sticks and indictments . . .

"This is plain nonsense. A strike by honest workers is no evidence of a racket and the prosecutor or police officer who thinks that it is, or that he is called upon the use some extra legal means to interfere, will receive a well deserved rebuke from which he will not quickly recover."

Massacre Attacked

Preceding Dewey's speech, five messenger boys walked through the audience with 600 distributing copies of the Senate civil liberties committee report on the Memorial Day massacre. Attached to the cover of the report was a copy of the telegram from former District of Columbia Commissioner Col. Gen. Pelham Glassford to the president of the police chief's association, blasting the actions of the Inter-na chief police.

LAWYERS' GUILD TO FIGHT PICKETING BAN

SAN FRANCISCO — Giving support to organized labor's fight against the anti-picketing ordinance placed on the November 2 municipal ballot by the open-shop Merchants' Committee of 43," the National Lawyers' Guild last Thursday announced it would actively campaign against the anti-labor proposal.

Speaking for a committee of attorneys which will cooperate with the organized labor forces campaign against the proposed ordinance, Leland Lazarus declared:

"It is our purpose to give the voters a real interpretation of this ordinance. It should be understood that the effect of this law are so far-reaching as to threaten to censor the press of San Francisco.

"The voters of this city will not give up their constitutional rights for an ordinance which not only fails to give minimizes opportunities for disorder at industrial disputes. We warn the voters that the ordinance in the obscure legal phraseology of this ordinance carries a threat to their personal freedom."

The AFL announced that a "conspiracy" clause in the proposed ordinance makes illegal participation in peaceful picketing punishable by imprisonment in San Quentin.

PROGRESSIVES OF CALIFORNIA TO ASSEMBLE

Fresno Conference Sat. and Sunday to Prepare for 1938 Election

With an even hundred sponsors from the ranks of liberal, labor and progressive forces "as the initiators, a statewide conference looking to the 1938 state elections will be held in Fresno Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17.

Included in the list of the "California Committee of One Hundred for Political Unity" are eleven assemblymen, Wilbur Gilbert, Augustus F. Hawkins, Elmer E. Kerr, George Miller, Ellis E. Patterson, John B. Pelletier, Jerry Voorhis, Phil A. Richie, Ben Rosenthal, Jack B. Tenney, and Samuel Yorty.

Labor appears as a large factor. Twenty-two AFL leaders and six CIO leaders are on the sponsors' list.

The call to the conference stresses that the group is "not another political party," but that "irrespective of party affiliations there is today a clear demarcation between progressives and reactionaries. The combination of reactionary forces should be challenged by a coalition of progressive, liberal, farmer, labor and pro-Roosevelt forces."

CIO HEAD MAY ASK LEGISLATIVE PROBE IN BANNING STRIKE

Protests Arrests of Pickets By Police and Deputies

LOS ANGELES — Threatening to demand State Legislature Committee investigation of the relationship between police activities and strike-breaking forces, J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director, has addressed a sharp telegram to Mayor Sharp of Banning, as follows:

"Reports reach us that your police threaten to arrest legal pickets as vagrants. Any such arrests will be followed again immediate demand for a legislative committee to investigate the relation of your local law enforcement department to strike breaking activities."

The move to arrest pickets is the latest, provocative strike-breaking gesture by the police and deputies of Banning, declared leaders of the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union. Over 60 arrests have been made since the strike began on the 20th of September. Charges against the pickets range from "disturbing the peace" to "criminal syndicalism."

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L. A. CONGRESS FOR PEACE IS PLANNED SUN.

U.S. Condemnatio of Japan Surs Organizations to Send Delegations

LOS ANGELES — Plans for rallying all Southern California forces for peace and democracy were being pushed forward here today by the American League Against War and Fascism, with added impetus given to the movement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent condemnation of Japan.

Spokesmen for the American League declared hundreds of representatives from liberal, labor, religious, civic and political groups will gather at the Studio Carpenters' Hall, 5164 Santa Monica Boulevard, on Sunday, October 17, for a Southern California Congress for Peace and Democracy.

Keynote of the congress, it was stated, is expected to be based on President Roosevelt's plea for world cooperation to isolate aggressor nations.

Vigilantism, legislation aimed at crippling labor's free trade union action, slashes in WPA, the Sheppard-Hill mobilization plan and other movements attacking democracy will come in for sharp analysis, according to the League's call for the congress.

A general session in the morning and two afternoon sessions under way, with commentary expected to be forthcoming from outstanding speakers on major issues facing the world.

For Spain, China

Invasion of Spain and China, "neutrality," labor's fight for civil rights, fascist activities in Los Angeles and the role of the American League in the battles of democracy will be scheduled," it was announced.

The afternoon session of the congress will find the delegates breaking up into four commissions, consisting of labor, business, professional and religious; youth and national minorities.

Following the commission meetings, present plans call for reports from commission spokesmen, with adoption of a minimum program for effective action to guarantee the congress's aims.

Public Session

A public session in the evening is scheduled to end the event, topped off by remarks from a nationally prominent speaker and election of delegates to a national congress called for November 26-28 in Pittsburgh.

The national congress, also called by the American League, will aim at coordinating action on the part of democratic forces the nation seeking peace and democracy.

FARM LEADER'S APPEAL DENIED

SACRAMENTO—Arrested on framed-up charges growing out of a demonstration of 300 farmers against forcible tuberculosis testing of cows by Mayo Stanislaus County, William S. Standridge of Hilmar, leader in the Cow Testing Association Dairymen's Union, found here last Wednesday that the 3rd District Court of Appeals was standing with the large dairy owners. His appeal for release on a union pus was denied, and he was ordered held for trial.

The Dairymen's Union has been leading a fight against condemnation of cows without proper adequate compensation. Standridge was arrested on the ranch of John Borba, who had over 90 per cent of his cows condemned and who was alloted only about 25-30 per cent of their value with which to replace them.

Labor Party Goes Into Election In Buffalo, New York

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The American Labor Party will have a complete slate of candidates for city and county offices here this fall, the great majority being independent nominees.

Thomas Higgins, veteran member of the Typographical Union, is the labor party nominee for mayor. Although the owner of the Holling Press, the largest printing business in Buffalo, which is a 100 per cent closed shop, he continues in good standing in his union.

Holling contested the Democratic party primaries as an independent, defeating a conservative City Hall administration candidate by a 2-to-1 majority.

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LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE EXTENDS ORGANIZATION THROUGHOUT THE U. S.

WASHINGTON—Moving further towards the establishment of a firm basis for political activity on the part of organized labor, Labor's Non-Partisan League is preparing for an organization drive which will put a permanent functioning branch in almost every locality of the union.

"Every municipal primary victory for league candidates in recent weeks has also resulted in a larger volume of requests for information as to how to set up local league branches," the League announcement said.

The League's procedure for setting up a local league calls for a meeting of interested individuals and the election of temporary officers, request for formal recognition from the state league chairman and the national office, and the contacting of all local labor organizations requesting affiliation.

ASSEMBLYMEN PLEDGE ANEW TO HELP REPEAL OF C. S. ACT

Unions Call On Webb to Drop Action Against Three in San Quentin

SAN FRANCISCO—Assemblymen Ben Rosenthal and Fred Reaves are among a large number of prominent individuals who have renewed their appeals for action to completely remove the Criminal Syndicalism law from the California statutes, it was announced here by the California Conference Against the C. S. Act.

Others taking the same action include Revels Manfield and Vincent Modesto framed-up victims, and Dirk de Jonge, whose conviction under the Oregon C. S. Act was reversed in January by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Protests Reach Webb

Meanwhile, the conference announced, protests are flowing in to Atty. General U. S. Webb's office in San Francisco against the continued imprisonment in San Quentin of Jack Crane, Pat Chambers and Martin Wilson after their Sacramento convictions had been reversed by the district court of appeals.

Webb Dallies

Webb has not yet declared whether or not he will stop all further attempts to keep the three prisoners. Under the law, the Attorney General's office has 20 days after the appellate court's action to decide whether he will drop the case or go to the State Supreme Court.

The protests from unions and other organizations pouring into Webb's office demand the unconditional freedom of all eight of the Sacramento defendants.

The spitefulness of Webb in holding up the brief release from San Quentin of defendants still suoremely confident that the workers and progressives will effect their release, visitors from the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and of the International Labor Defense, declared today.

While the demands on Webb are being made, George Anderson, ILD attorney, has filed a writ of habeas corpus in Marin county in an effort to effect their early freedom.

Jordan Laughs at 'CIO-Split' Yarn

LOS ANGELES—Laughing at his "dope" story in the L. A. Times predicting "revolt in the CIO camp," C. H. Jordan termed the thing "too funny for words."

"They wish it was so and they write it that way," the CIO council secretary said. "They're just doing everything they can to split us but they may as well stop trying."

Jordan glanced swiftly through the column that has the CIO neatly doped into a pro-Bridges split.

In Complete Harmony

"As a matter of fact we have never been more closely knit. We are really working in harmony now. Of course any organization where democracy prevails, there will be free and fair references of opinion. We expect that.

"But we are in complete harmony, and we're growing fast. We're now busy finding how to handle the hundreds of new people who come into our organization daily.

"On October 15 we're coming out with our own union paper, the Industrial Unionist. We expect to get 30,000 paid subscriptions to that paper. So you can tell the boys on the Times they don't have to worry about the CIO. We'll get along."

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Alliance Leader Tours for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO — Hilliard Bernstein, national executive board member of the Workers' Alliance who has returned to the United States after four months in the trenches of Loyalist Spain, will speak in Coast cities within a month on his experiences.

His tour will be sponsored by the Alliance, said Alex Nonal, its state organizer. He will talk in San Francisco Oct. 30, in Oakland Oct. 31; in Los Angeles Nov. 1 and 3, and in San Diego Nov. 4.

Social Service Workers Go CIO In Los Angeles

SAN FRANCISCO—The local Social Service Employees Guild will take action on whether to hold a referendum on CIO affiliation, at its next meeting on Monday, October 19. Guilds in San Diego, Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento have already affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization.

LOS ANGELES—Local Relief Administration employees voted last Monday to affiliate with the CIO. Seventy-five per cent of the Los Angeles Social Service Employees Guild membership expressed their desire to join the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, applying immediately to national headquarters for a charter.

During the past few weeks since the SC&MWA has established itself in California, 68 locals with a membership of 30,000 workers have been brought into the union. Full-time representatives are now working here.

For Mutual Welfare

"Through collective negotiation, education and legislation, we will secure the benefits of trade-unionism for all employees in the public service of our state," declared John Jeffery, local field representative.

"The union will at all times strive to promote a better understanding between the public employee and the general public for their mutual welfare."

By a 95 per cent vote Los Angeles County employees transferred their affiliation from the AFL to the CIO recently.

A state-wide conference of Social Service Guilds will be held on October 16 and 17.

Roseville Students Picket Theater Over Price Raise

ROSEVILLE—The school children of Roseville are picketing the Roosevelt Theatre to win back the reversal of student privileges of 25 cents admission. The issue was first raised by grammar school children, who were joined by high school students.

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Soviet Planes to Brave Polar Night

MOSCOW—Despite the onset of the polar night, the search for the missing Soviet fliers continues, and is even expanding as four specially-equipped planes, including the famous ANT-4, roar from Moscow under Chukhnovsky, famed for his rescue when the Italia crashed.

Chukhnovsky considers the best chance for search is not the stormy September, when temperests mark the transition from day to night, but during the first part of the polar night between the 15th and 20th, with then use this as a radio beacon and cover a square mile every hour over 60,000 square miles of polar waste.

Up to now the polar expedition in which four scientists are adrift on an ice floe, entering its 4th month at the pole, seemed the most amazing Arctic exploit, but now it is now dwarfed by the stupendous picture of a plane landing amid the polar winter night of unknown ice floes as a take off point for continuous weeks of search.

Levanevsky's flight was part of a planned conquest of the Arctic, the present search for him still further promotes. Levanevsky is currently hastening the completion of the pole this winter, whatever his fate may be.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

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of War" Indicates Attempt at New lished; Opposition Grows to Nazi Aides of Dictator

JANEIRO—Threat of new series of acts of pression and violence against remaining democratic ition organizations of Brazil was injected into the ation campaign by the minister of justice of the dministration.

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What will Mussolini do next? Will he retreat before the growing unity of the democratic powers? Will he back down before the demands of these powers that he withdraw his "volunteers" from Spain? Or will the Italian despot force France and Britain to arms in order to defend world democracy from the mad dogs of fascism?

These are the questions every newspaper reader in every country is asking today. Questions which cannot be answered without an understanding of the forces motivating the behavior of Mussolini.

Discontent of the Italian people is the most decisive of these forces.

Now loaded in addition with the burdens resulting from the Ethiopian conquest and the present Spanish invasion, the Italian masses are seething with discontent, the more than two decades of Fascist oppression. But this is not a new trend at the Italian workers and middle classes, and the growing rebellious spirit has also been suppressed.

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Needless to say these adjustments continue to be made. The latest available reports on unemployment in Italy were made in 1935 when the official figure was 1,101,711 (but 2,500,000 if estimated at twice this). Mussolini has sought to solve the deeper phase of the economic crisis by a new series of wage cuts for the entire toiling population of Italy. A general wage slash of 16 per cent was ordered as wages already lower than at any time since fascism came into power. But all this was to no avail, and the Ethiopian adventure piled new burdens on the people.

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S. F. CHINESE DEMONSTRATE

Pickets Outpouring Calls for Anti-Japan Boycott

Japanese imperialist bombs crashing in Shanghai echoed along Grant Avenue Saturday in the most militant impressive display of anti-Japanese sentiment San Francisco's Chinatown has ever seen.

Picket lines were thrown around more than twenty Japanese stores demanding that customers refrain from buying Japanese goods.

Organized by the Chinese Workers' Association and, supported by the Communist Party, the picket lines originally consisted entirely of Chinese boys.

Reinforcements

When policemen intervened over forty adults, Chinese and American, were thrown into the breach. They were supported by nearly 1,000 Chinese and Chinese boys and girls who marched up and down Grant Avenue bearing placards asking visitors to refrain from purchasing in Japanese stores.

Police again stepped in and drove two wagon-loads of pickets to the Kearney Street Station. Here, after a short lecture, they were released and returned to the picket lines.

As fast as one picket was arrested two other stepped into his place. At one time nearly 250 pickets participated in the picketing, the cries of "Boycott Japan" and shouting to Chinese sympathizers who thronged the streets.

Resist Police Attack

Whenever police attempted to arrest the pickets, a large crowd would gather that traffic would be completely blocked. One group, smartly dressed in riding boots and breeches did police duty among the crowd of youngsters and when they threatened to, led a charge of the hundreds of boys and girls to the police station.

"Arrest us all," he shouted, "I'm within my constitutional rights and I'll make a fool of any Judge I come up before.

"Arrest us all, I suggest, and the young Chinese then stood up and sang the national anthem of Chinese Nationalist Party.

Diary of an American in Spain

How We Captured Fascist Fort Under Enemy's Barrage

Britishers Wary As Fascist Waves White Flag; Description of Town Held By Enemy

By ADDISON KEELER

August 28, 1937.

One of the disadvantages of reporting a battle from the standpoint of a participant in that battle is the fact that you can describe only that small sector in which your own unit operated. It is after the battle, sometimes several days afterward, that you see and talk with friends attached to other companies and battalions and so begin to see the picture as a whole.

Yesterday I described briefly the taking of the fortress on the hill which dominates the City of Quinto and the valley in which it is situated as well as an important highway. Last night my outfit camped again with the 15th Brigade and I was able to pick up some additional details which may be of interest to you.

Plan of Attack

The general plan was to storm the fort after a concentration of tank and artillery fire scheduled to start about six a. m. and to last an hour. The assumption was that the enemy machine guns would be almost silenced and our troops could then advance under cover fire from the tanks. But the enemy was much more strongly entrenched than anyone realized, their guns well hidden and well manned.

As soon as our artillery lessened its fire theese enemy machine guns laid down a perfect wall of constant hail of bullets. Although our forces advanced per schedule up the slopes of the hill they were soon obliged to retire to cover, so great was the enemy fire which I can only describe as a veritable sheet of the fast-flying steel. An American comrade who advanced with the American section of the English Battalion told me that their commander realized almost immediately that it was impossible to make headway without terrific loss of life and so ordered his troops back into partial shelter.

The Spanish Company on our right flank, advanced into an exposed portion and would have suffered many casualties had not the fire of our machine guns covered its retreat. Several Spanish comrades were wounded, my own company laid stretched out near the summit of a knoll from which we were ordered to give cover fire for the Spanish and to follow them at 40 metres distance. Our light machine guns and rifles were placed at the disposal of the English. Here is an instance in which which shows how quickly even inexperienced men grow accustomed to being under gun fire. The attack having been abandoned and there being no sense in providing cover for many of our men, tired out by the previous night's march, fell asleep in the open. I exposed hillside undisturbed by the din of artillery and the rattle and the bullets whistling overhead!

Surrender or Ruse?

Along about noon the enemy fire dieg down and a fascist appeared on the parapet of the fort waving a white flag. I myself went out to cease fire but it was some time before the machine gunners on the valley and our tanks could be notified and for a while it looked as though the battle might continue. Some of the English comrades were of opinion that the showing of the white flag was a ruse to draw our men into the open where they could be mowed down by the enemy machine gunners.

But this was not the case. Some hot heads even argued for fighting it out despite the offer of surrender.

At the question was settled by a determined sally led by the leader of the American section of the English Company, Captain Frank O'Toole and a small group of men with their rifles flung over their shoulders up the hill and through the fascist offer of surrender. The rest prepared to give him cover in case of treachery, fingers on the triggers of rifles and machine guns, but the offer was genuine and all of our forces followed on up to the fort.

One more word about the church in Quinto—and a correction. Yesterday I said that it could be tenaciously were not finally ousted as a result of our nitroglycerine bombs as previously reported in my letter of yesterday. On the morning following the raid thirty fascists appeared in the doorway of the church, their arms raised high in surrender. But when our comrades of the International Battalion approached to disarm the fascists whipped revolvers from their belts and opened fire. They followed, I leave to your imagination.

But the bludgeon no longer suffices and the Government has had to grant fighting concessions. The new meagre wage increase cannot, however, prevent the Italian working people from realizing that Mussolini's regime has not brought any benefit to the mass of people but on the contrary Il Duce's suicidal war alliance with Hitler is leading them to new disaster. Therefore the people cannot be prevented from manifesting their hate against this regime until it is finally overthrown.

One-fourth of the Drive Is Over,

But... Only One-fifth of the Money Is In!

The Drive Is Exactly $1182.00 Behind!

What does this mean? Mainly that most counties face a much harder task NOW than they did on September 6, when the drive started.

WHY?

The figures below tell the story. There were 17 weeks in the Drive. We list the counties below and alongside of them the amount now raised; the average amount they had to send in EACH WEEK at the beginning of the Drive in order to fulfill quotas by Jan. 1; and last; the average amount they must send in EACH WEEK for the remaining 12 weeks.

If your county is not in heavy type, your part of the drive is in danger! Take this question up at once with leading party members and active drive workers.

Raise the October slogan everywhere: "At Least 50 Per Cent of the Quota by Nov. 7!"

County	Quota	Raised	% Raised	Average needed each week start of Drive	Average now necessary to catch week
San Mateo	$ 250	$148.15	59.2	$ 14.70	$ 8.49
Merced	150	70.00	46.6	8.80	6.60
Los Angeles	12500	4232.00	33.8	735.30	647.30
Santa Barbara	350	108.48	31.0	20.60	20.10
San Francisco	7500	2118.89	28.2	441.10	442.50
Monterey	300	83.08	27.6	17.60	18.00
Sonoma	300	81.40	27.0	17.60	18.10
Santa Clara	250	58.25	23.2	14.70	16.00
Alameda	3000	450.21	15.0	176.00	212.50
Stockton	100	14.00	14.0	5.90	7.17
Tulare	100	10.00	10.0	5.90	7.50
San Bernardino	250	24.50	9.8	14.70	19.00
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2	14.70	19.20
San Diego	1000	61.13	6.1	59.00	78.25
Sacramento	500	37.20	5.4	29.40	38.60
Fort Bragg	200	5.00	2.5	11.80	16.25
Utah Section	250	5.00	2.0	14.70	20.60
Miscellaneous	3500	38.00	1.0	203.00	283.00
Contra Costa	150	.....	.....	14.70	20.80
Fresno	150	.....	.....	8.80	12.50
Bakersfield	150	.....	.....	8.80	12.50
Arizona	100	.....	.....	5.90	8.30
Nevada	100	.....	.....	5.90	8.30
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Mussolini Grabs at Straw As Hate for Fascism Grows in Italy

Communist Party Gains Among Italian People In Drive to Stop Dictator's Attack on Living Standards

FLAHERTYS SPEAK AT L.A. MEETINGS

LOS ANGELES—Having been received by a large welcoming delegation of friends headed by the Los Angeles liberals, the Flaherty brothers, on tour for the American Committee for the Spanish government were scheduled to address a mass meeting in the Philharmonic Auditorium here Wednesday, October 13.

John, eldest of the county supervisor, was scheduled to preside. Expected on the platform with the visitors was a large group of the official reception committee including Rube Borough, Judge Robert W. Kenney, Carey McWilliams, Assemblyman Charles Thomson, Assemblyman Sam Yorty, and A. L. Entenza, the latter a past national commander of the Spanish war veterans.

Crowds in North

Advices from San Francisco told of overflow meetings which greeted the brothers, Charles, Frank and Edward Flaherty who returned from Spain after two years of service in the ranks of the Lincoln Battalion.

At the Irish-American Hall in San Francisco an overflow meeting was addressed by Edward Flaherty and the Americans now in Spain. Included in the list of speakers was Dr. Katz, who sat on the platform. A resolution condemning the presence of Vittorio Mussolini in San Francisco was passed. Other Bay Area meetings were similarly successful.

To Show Film

The Philharmonic Auditorium meeting will include the showing of a film of battle scenes involving the Lincoln Battalion.

The Flahertys' tour will be continued the following night, October 14, with a meeting in Wilmington Bowl for the benefit of San Pedro, Long Beach and Harbor area. Friday night, October 15, they will speak at Masonic Temple, 234 S. Broad Boulevard, Glendale.

Miners' Union to Organize Independents

MEXICO CITY—A special organizing commission of the Industrial Union of Mining and Metallurgical Workers is being sent to the Territory of Lower California for the purpose of bringing several independent miners' groups into the national union.

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"An Empty Wagon Rattles the Loudest"

EDWARD D. VANDELEUR wants a bigger puddle. He is tired of being the biggest frog in the murky puddle made for him by the California employers, and wants to extend his field of operations as a No. 1 strikebreaker.

That's the story of the trip made by the State Federation of Labor secretary to the American Federation of Labor convention at Denver. Needless to say, such devotion to the labor-splitting and union-busting campaign of William Green and the AFL executive council, did not go unrewarded. Vandeleur has been named "organizer" on the Pacific Coast to set up a national council of cannery and agricultural "unions."

What the AFL convention is doing, is thus brought home particularly effectively to all West Coast workers. In that convention of outspoken strikebreakers, Vandeleur's threats were outdone by none!

"If the American Federation of Labor will come forward now, in 30 days we can destroy forever the Committee for Industrial Organization in California, Washington and Oregon."

Vandeleur bragged that the State Federation bureaucrats had spent $100,000—in per capita from AFL workers—to fight the workers in the CIO, and that the CIO had money from the AFL for the same purpose. He promised to "organize" two-thirds of the 300,000 cannery and agricultural workers on the West Coast within a year.

Benjamin Franklin said: "An empty wagon rattles the loudest."

Vandeleur will not be able to make good his boasts, either to "destroy the CIO" or to "organize" the cannery and agricultural workers.

The voices of the cannery workers at Stockton and Sacramento, the Salinas lettuce workers—brutally beaten and shot in fighting for their rights, only to be betrayed by Vandeleur—will cry out too loudly for this stooge of the employers to fool many more workers.

Vandeleur may sign "agreements" of the yellow dog variety in closed rooms with his friends of the Associated Farmers and the Canners' League, but the workers are demanding real unions and are turning in everincreasing numbers to the democratic CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Two Congresses to Rally California for Peace

TWO congresses are scheduled in California with a vital bearing on world peace.

They are called together by the American League Against War and Fascism. Appropriately they are called Congresses for Peace and Democracy. One will be held at the Studio Carpenters' Hall in Hollywood next Sunday, Oct. 17, and the other at Scots' Hall in San Francisco a week later, on the 24th.

It must be recognized that neither President Roosevelt's speech, nor the action of the U. S. government in branding Japan as an aggressor, will in themselves guarantee that America will be kept out of the war. But the speech and the action of the government do give the American people a tremendous opportunity to speed the unity of the labor and progressive forces.

These are the forces whose unified mass opinion can make America a force for peace in the world and keep war out of America.

But to put President Roosevelt's speech into action, to mobilize America for cooperation with the peace-loving nations of the world, means at the same time to fight the reactionary forces who would destroy both Democracy within the country and peace without.

William Randolph Hearst led the pack of opponents of the President's speech. The same reactionary forces who led the attack on the social legislation of the New Deal have attacked the proposal for the U. S. to aid the defeat of fascism and militarism abroad.

Vigilantism has run rife in California. The epidemic of terrorism and Orange Countiesin Stockton and Salinas, were aimed at destroying the trade unions. The congresses for Democracy and Peace must combat these forces in their efforts for world peace.

Every trade union and progressive organization should elect delegates, and prepare also to support the coming national Congress at Pittsburgh from November 26 to 29.

The way to peace is to unite those forces who want it!

A Joyous Event For All Humanity

TWENTY YEARS ago, on November 7th, the Russian common people united behind the Bolshevik slogans of "All Power to the Soviets," and "Peace, Land and Bread."

They smashed the capitalist government that had held power since March of that year and set up their own government—a Soviet government, a government for the people.

Immediately the capitalist world raised a howl. It sent armies to crush the people's government. It set up lie manufacturing plants at Riga and other cities and launched a campaign of slander and filth against the Soviet people that has not stopped to this day. And it's been howling ever since.

But the Soviet people knew what they wanted and got it. Despite almost insurmountable opposition from the landlords and industrialists within and without the country, they succeeded in building Socialism.

Today, twenty years later, the magnitude of that success is a cause of continuous wonder and astonishment throughout the world. Capitalist governments abuse and vilify the heroes of the Soviet Union, and seek to minimize the stature of their achievement, while the masses of the world's population look more and more toward those achievements as the one promise of happiness.

Today, on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Revolution, the Soviet people are rejoicing in a bumper harvest, a new and democratic constitution, a land freed of exploitation, and a far-reaching program dedicated to a fuller and happier life for everyone.

Today, throughout the capitalist world, millions of workers long for abundance, liberty, and the opportunity to live happily. This is why, on November 7, all over the world these workers will come together to celebrate an occasion which brought these things within their reach.

For today as never before, humanity marches determinedly toward its universal goal—world socialism.

Japan Is Vulnerable; Boycott Japanese Goods

"MADE in Japan," says a tiny label on countless thousands of small and large articles sold in this country.

Don't buy these goods.

Buying Japanese goods means to give Japan economic support to carrying on its murderous invasion of China. It means to strengthen the most dangerous enemy of world peace today.

No one-country could be forced more readily to come to terms through a boycott. Japan's foreign trade, in which it can compete in world markets because of the terrifically low wages paid to its workers, is a veritable Achilles heel. Japan is vulnerable. America is one of its biggest markets. Stop that market!

The British trade union movement has already taken action, and has appealed to the American Federation of Labor for the same action. But this boycott must not be confined to the labor movement. It is the responsibility of every individual and group that wants to aid in the campaign for peace to stop the purchase of Japanese goods.

Watch for the "made in Japan" label, especially on these products: Cotton twine and sheeting, cotton yarn, raw silk, silk pongee, silk tissues, knitted goods, canned goods (especially sea food), pottery and glass, rubber soled and canvas shoes, manufactured light metals, toys, brushes, rubber boots, machine parts, novelties.

Stores will try to sell you Christmas toys from Japan.

Don't buy silk in any form.

Get your organization to take action supporting the boycott! Spread it.

"Don't Buy Japanese Goods!" must become an active cry in the fight for peace.

Get the Campaign Out Of the Committee

THE leadership of the San Francisco Labor Council is clearly shirking, or evading, on of the gravest responsibilities it holds from the rank and file of the affiliated unions.

With little more than two weeks remaining before the November 2nd elections, the local unions know virtually nothing of what is being done to defeat the vicious new anti-picket ordinance that is on the ballot.

This means only one thing: that whatever resolutions the top committee entrusted with this responsibility may be passing, it is not carrying on a campaign of any proportions.

Last year the campaign was undemocratic enough. A delegated body from all locals met regularly. It could make suggestions, but could not govern policy. That was entrusted to an appointed committee. Nevertheless, this delegated body did result in making the membership alert and able to carry on a wide and militant campaign.

This year no delegated body of any kind is functioning. Nominally the campaign is directed by the executive boards of the Labor Council and Building Trades Council plus a few additional appointees. The locals are not brought into action. The campaign is virtually buried in committee, so far as official Labor Council activity is concerned.

It is not too late. Before President John F. Shelley left for Long Beach, he made a proposal to revive the delegated body. Do it now!

Further. The Labor Council could strengthen the campaign tremendously by cooperating with two other agencies which are involed in the same campaign: The Honest Government Committee and the CIO Industrial Council.

Make it a joint campaign! Make it a mass campaign! Every union member an active

These Are the Men Who Saved Labor's Unity

SEATED left to right: Jack Price, R. H. McLaughlin, William E. Maher, W. W. Faelps, A. M. Donnelly, Harry Bridges, H. C. Adams and Walter Meehan. Standing, left to right: C. A. Philippi, Pete Garcia, Jack Scahill, Tom Brown, Walter Mahafey, D. C. Mays, Henry Schmidt, Bruce Hamon, George Miller and R. O. Powell. They form the District Executive Board of the ILWU. They met to plan the fight against the recent dock embargo instituted by officials of the Teamsters' Union.

JUSTICE BLACK'S SPEECH AND THE FIGHT ON REACTION

IN ESTIMATING the radio speech of Justice Black, and the renewed fury of almost the entire press against this nomination, the American people cannot lost sight of the basic, really fundamental issues.

The Black case is not an isolated case concerned with the personal history or limitations of Black alone. The Black case is another phase in the deep-seated political struggle which reached such a high pitch in the presidential fight of 1936 between Roosevelt and Landon, and which has continued in various forms up to the present moment.

Behind the anti-Roosevelt drive of the groups which Roosevelt himself has characterized as the "Tories and Lord Macaulays of today," the people can see the hard-bitten multi-millionaire crowd that wants to smash all labor and farm legislation, wreck the social insurance program, dismantle the WPA projects, cut off relief, stop federal housing and junk the whole idea of social legislation.

This clique, with its organization stemming from the duPont-Hearst circles, today takes the lead in all moves designed to terrorize the labor movement and progressive movements of every shade whatsoever in order to protect its privileges and huge fortunes.

Its fight on the Supreme Court proposals of Roosevelt and of Justice Black's appointment is the embodiment of its fight against everything constructive and progressive in American life.

Tory Strategem Against Progressives

In 1936, the American people overwhelmingly rejected the outlook and proposals of these reactionaries. The people rejected by a huge majority the idea of a government protecting the rich in order to help the poor, the idea of "priming the pump," the political platform of Coolidge, Hoover and Landon.

In 1936 the people gave the administration a historic mandate against the privileged few, against the clique of inherited wealth and power.

But, having lost the 1936 elections, the Economic Royalists of the giant corporations and big fortunes did not give up the battle. They retreated the better to renew the attack. The Tories of America decided to turn their 1936 defeat into a victory by a series of maneuvers after the elections, and in this way to turn back the tide of social legislation and reform.

The case of Justice Black is another engagement in this historic battle between the multi-millionaire minority and the hard-working, honest majority.

When the Black issue arose, the Daily Worker work of the whole case. It declared in its September 16th issue that "the appointment of Justice Black offers a much-needed opportunity to clarify the fundamental principles of Americanism. Such clarification, if the progressives do not permit the reactionaries to stampede them into quilting their chestnuts out of the fire, can greatly help in wiping reactionary influence from American lives. Justice Black can contribute toward this end by repudiating in unmistakable terms his past connection with the Klan and by making clear his present position... The progressives—the whole American people—await the answer."

Now that Black has spoken, how evaluate his speech?"

He admitted membership in the Klan—an ignoble admission to have to make. But he disavowed allegiance to the principles of Klanism, to the bigotry aimed against Negro, Jew and Catholic. He pledged support for the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, and all the rights of American citizens. That was the positive side of his address.

Weaknesses in Speech

But it is Justice Black's reluctance or incapacity to strike sharply and hard against the unscrupulous reactionaries who engineered the present battle against him which has unloosed the new barrage of reaction.

The weakness of Justice Black's speech was that he did not seize on the magnificent opportunity which the occasion offered him to unmask the dangerous and fascist-minded forces which are now trying to stampede the country once more. Justice Black could have torn the disguise off the enemies and shown them to be none other than the very forces now organizing Black Legionism, Klanism, vigilantism, "citizens' committees," mob violence, and religious prejudice in their fight against the trade unions and the people's movement generally.

Had Justice Black branded and repudiated the Klan by name, had he affirmed his determination specifically to enforce the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, had he warned the country against vigilanteism and Black Legionism and the Tom Girdlers, Henry Fords, duPonts who are organizing these movements, Justice Black would have sided in rallying the Negro people, the American trade unions, the farm, civic and religious groups against the bigoted, big-business reactionaries.

His weakness was his conciliation with the reactionary conspiracy which, in being aimed against him, is really directed against the hopes and desires of the American people in factory, farm and office. This conciliatory note casts doubt on the degree to which he can be depended upon to fight the dark forces of reaction within and outside the court.

Tories Aim to Block Court Reform

The strategy of the gang that was defeated in 1936 is concentrated on killing the Supreme Court reform. If they can retain the present court, then the McReynolds, Butlers, Sutherlands, and Hughes, will be in a position to knife the mandate which the people gave the Administration for a new program of Federal social legislation.

Hence their fury in the Black case. With the Black issue, the Tories hope to confuse and disorganize the people's movement, they hope to befuddle the liberal opinion of the country, and trick it into the camp of reaction.

In gunning for Black, the Tories of the Wall Street offices are gunning for the coming fight in Congress on court reform, social legislation and civil liberty. They want to kill such measures as the wage and hour bill, farm legislation; they want to smother the LaFollette investigation of vigilanteism. The Black issue is the camouflage of their attack.

It is the same enemy as 1936—but with a liberal mask on. It is the same as when Hitler used the mask of "Socialism" to foist fascism on the German people.

The American people recognize the enemy in 1936—they were not tricked then. They must not be tricked and close their ranks as never before against the latest schemings of their enemy which knows how to disguise itself so shamelessly.

In the political struggles of the hour, with reaction on the offensive, what can guarantee the realization of the people's mandate and the protection of civil liberties? An American People's Front, gathering all of labor, the farm folk, the middle-class, the progressives in every walk of American life, into a united movement for social progress. In the fight on the court issue that must be the lesson and the goal of our efforts.

As We See

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

When History Is Written

THE Law and Order program is full of the spirit of love for our city, a real appreciation of the wonderful opportunity of her people, a belief in her great destiny. The Law and Order program insists upon a respect for the constitution of the United States, a respect for that it may not, with impunity be violated. And it insists upon respect for the American flag. All it represents of the spirit of true

The above-quoted phrases of patriotic piety are not from a statement of the American Liberty League or the Republican Party. They come from the "Law and Order" platform adopted by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in 1916, which proudly hung and put the infamous anti-picketing ordinance on the city's statute books in that year, where it remained for 20 years.

Draped in the Flag

What were the high and noble principles of the "Law and Order" Committee of 1916? Let us look at that time? This is a verbatim quotation from their printed program: "Board of Directors San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Comrade E. MILLER at Santa Cruz is the Chairman. The SANTA CRUZ comrades, by the way, are doing just about the best single job in the State, and not barring little Alameda City Unit, either."

Which brings the thought: "What happened to Reeds City, anyway?")

Winner?

The Contra Costa County will win the AB Dick Autocratic Mimeograph Machine? As the Drive gets under way, 4&e competition for this valuable prize in any county's technical equipment is going to get hotter than hot. Right now, SAN DIEGO, MERCED, MONTEREY and SANTA BARBARA seem to be the chief contestants. But things are going to . . .

Every unit or branch will also win one of these mimeograph machines by doing the best job in the Drive? So far, there aren't many mimeographing units or branches (at least we don't know of any) who have entered the competition. It is to be sad if the State Drive Committee has to return an auto-feed mimeo machine because a Communist unit or branch in the State isn't worth working for? And that gets us to . . .

Behind Present Vigilantism

. . . It is too much to assume that the drive to put the anti-picketing ordinance on the statute books in 1916, are behind the present drive to place a more vicious ordinance on the books after the people of San Francisco have voted the 20-year-old ordinance in the May, 1937, election.

The "Law and Order" Committee boasted of other "achievements" besides the anti-picketing ordinance. They were the Mooney frame-up. They drove out the anti-picketing longshoremen back to work on open shop. They broke the civil liberties' strike in the same year. They proudly boasts: "Members of the Crafts Strike and Restaurant Association declared for the Open Shop Breaking the Strike." They broke the agricultural steel workers' strike under the conditions. They broke the Bay shipping Boatmen's strike under open-shop conditions. They would do the same today, if they could, these "first citizens" of San Francisco.

Today, these employer-interests are making an attempted revival of vigilantism in California. The war chest is being raised by the associations of growers of Sonoma County. Similar drives are reported from Southern California. The blood brothers of the nationwide vigilante movement organized by the Johnstown, Pa., "Law and Order Committee," the steel barons who smashed the steel strikers." The fact that the "Law and Order" crusaders of 1916 are today forming agreements with unions is not because they have changed their labor-hating philosophy.

"Handle Workers With Bullets"

Their pious talk about "the integration of contractual relations" was exploded when they showed their eyes to the deliberate strategy of the Associated Employers' attempt to break the power of the CIO in Los Angeles—by the use of gunmen, vigilantes, Black and McLaughlin-type the port of San Francisco and the longshoremen and warehousemen, and the cry about the Teamsters Union "violation of contracts" then!

The patriotic high-mindedness of the San Francisco's "first citizens" can be judged by the statement of Captain Robert Dollar, J. D. Spreckels, Bankers Wm. H. Crocker were on that committee. All three of them are also on the "Committee of 43" set up by the San Francisco Industrial Association to carry on the fight against the maritime unions and the unions were behind the recent ill-fated attempt to set aside the waterfront. Other names on the committee which have a familiar ring are Giannini, Captain William Matson, Herbert Dollar, J. D. Spreckels, Bankers, shipowners!

COPS FREED WHO STRUCK SMALL BOY

Judge Acquits Police After Fifty Eye-Witnesses Press Charges

LOS ANGELES—Nine witnesses testified today in Judge Odd Fauleoner's Court that Hollywood Motorcycle Policeman Harold Witty knocked a 16 year old boy unconscious without provocation.

Two witnesses testified that it was not Witty but his sidekick, Officer George Sibits who hit the boy.

Judge Faulconer decided that "because some of the witnesses declared it was Witty and part of them said it was the other officer, George Sibits who struck the boy, Don Johnston, the prosecution did not prove a prima facie case. There was no doubt the boy was hit, but I could not legally place the blame upon Officer Witty in the face of the evidence."

Crowd Reports Cops

Witty was acquitted.

Both cops testified they had not, touched the boy at any time, though all the witnesses agreed the boy had been knocked down by one of them.

The incident occured on the Venice pier last September 2nd. More than fifty people were there when it happened. The crowd was so indignant when the boy was knocked down that nine eyewitnesses went right down to the Venice police station and offered to tell what they saw.

All the witnesses agreed that the boy had said nothing to insult or injure the officers. It saw the officer swing the roller seems that he laughed when he scooter.

Exemptions Fought By Radio Operators

SAN FRANCISCO—Hearings on the application of 37 Pacific Coast shipping firms to get exemption from national and international law requiring radio operators only on coast-wise vessels, started Monday before the Federal Communications Commission in the Post Office Bldg.

Radio operators now working under agreements renewed recently to September 30 1938 would be exempted by the grant of a radio operator during the life of the agreement, stated Roy Pyle, chief counsel of the CIO Communication Workers Organizing Committee.

Anti-Labor Attempt

"If the companies are successful in getting favorable action, when the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. present contract expires, a new one will not be negotiated," said Pyle.

"Shipowners still have the ambition that radio operators will work for the owner's price and under conditions dictated by the owner or no operator will be carried."

The ARTA filed a petition of intervencion claiming future collective bargaining rights will be placed in jeopardy and that U.S. meteorological, Coast Guard and hydrographic service would be crippled.

CIO Victory

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Hygrade Packing Corp. signed no agreement with the Buffalo CIO local.

PROGRESSIVES AID BANNING STRIKERS BY PRESSING WATER DISTRICT CITIES

LONG BEACH—Banning tunnel strikers, leading progressive legislators and influential organizations have combined in an direct offensive to bring the pressure of city governments of the 13 member cities of the Metropolitan Water District, on District officials to end the costly strike on the San Jacinto Aqueduct.

A committee headed by Congressman Byron Scott appeared before the board meeting here to demand it instruct W. M. Cook, Long Beach member of the district directors to use his influence toward beginning negotiations between the District and the striking Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Workers Union, on threat of withdrawing from the District.

Scott Flays Officers

"The officers in Riverside County will not give equal protection," declared Scott. "They join with those who are seeking to break the strike. This is not according to the intent of federal law. It is my decision that discrimination against men on strike legally, is taking place."

George E. Shibley, prominent local attorney, declared:

"Tunnel work is expensive work. At the present time, instead of making progress on all headings, work is only going on at one heading.

"The District is paying the salaries of approximately 380 gangsters. These men have deputy badges placed on them. They are old-time 'Hi-Jacks' and old-time strikebreakers.

"There have been tear-gas bombs thrown, 67 cases of men attacked, and the water cure has been used. While I was there they came in and carried a man up. He had four fingers smashed in a vise, caused by the gangsters. He was covered with blood. They took him to a doctor who works for the District, Dr. Leonard Wood. He asked if the man was a striker. He replied that yes. He said he couldn't do anything for him but to wrap his hand.

Strikers Friend Threatened

"There is an effort to get, there, Judge Truby, who has been a friend of the strikers. Since the strike, all of his fine horses have been shot, his car stolen and his life threatened."

The council decided to take no action until the District presented its case.

Scores MWD

LOS ANGELES—Reporting its investigation in the Banning tunnel strike, the L. A. Municipal League sharply criticized the Metropolitan Water District of its Board of Directors for failure to confer with the strikers.

"The committee said it received "voluminous evidence both through verbal statements and affidavits, clearly establishing the use of brutal and illegal force against strikers by law-enforcement officers."

It further stated: "In the last analysis if the labor policies of the Metropolitan Water District Board have resulted in the denial of modern rights of collective bargaining and in brutal violence in the process, the guilt rests squarely upon the voters of Los Angeles and the dozen other cities included in the district."

Latest Fascist Battleground

A MAIN STREET in Santander, seaport of nort hwestern Spain, cut off from Loyalist Spain. It fell to the fascists after a heroic defense an d Mussolini's newspapers, discarding all pretense, boasted loudly of the victory as a "tri umph for blackshirt arms."

Disabled Canadian Vets In Drive for War Bonus

Official Charges Canadian Legionnaires Being Duped By duPont Interests

SAN FRANCISCO—"The imperial governments can scrape up $350 easy enough to put a soldier on the front, but they can't seem to scrape up $2,000 for these soldiers after the war is over. That's damn inconsistent.

The speaker was Irvine C. Poole, president of the "Disabled Veterans Association," at 980 Market street. He is the head of an organization of Canadian veterans which is increasing rapidly among the estimated 46,000 Canadian Veterans in California.

State Aims

The sole aim of the organization, according to Poole, is to see that the vets get the $2000 promised each veteran by the McKenzie Government in 1919. Poole charged that the hand of the Canadian Legion, Alex Ross, now on a "good will trip" in Nazi Germany, is entirely dominated by the duPont International Nickel Company and is consequently against the Veterans receiving their bonus although he is the supposed head of the main Canadian veterans' organization.

Canadian veterans in the United States have never received any compensation for their service as have the American soldiers. Roy Lumsden, a member of the Longshore and Warehousemen's Union inquiring at the Disabled Veterans' office stated: "Often there is at least 1000 waterfront workers in the San Francisco area who served in the war. Many of them are unemployed."

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EQUAL MATCH, 'GOON' STYLE

Lightweight CIO Leader Is Attacked in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO —Robert Gray, 25, Teamster officials' "goon," six feet two inches, weight 198 pounds;

Vs.

Sadie Rabih, business agent of CIO United Cleaners & Dyers, five feet three inches, weight 130 pounds.

However, in spite of the unequal match, when Gray attempted to "put the boots to" Rabin late last Saturday night, the CIO leader vigorously defended himself when his car, in which he and his wife were riding, was forced to the curb by a car containing Gray and Chester Vienot, business agent of the dual AFL "union."

In self-defense, Rabin grabbed a souvenir swordfish bone from his car and struck Gray on the head. Rabin suffered a black eye.

Police refused to arrest Vienot and Gray. Vienot already has an assault charge hanging over him as a result of his pulling a knife on two CIO pickets, one a woman.

GREEN PUTS OVER HIS WAR PROGRAM

(Continued from Page 1)

ed and dined at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. He was photographed with the Soviet ambassador, said the speaker mysteriously, but the photographs are only circulated in Russia.

The reports of Wol land Frey, with at this kind of childish stuff, were then launched against the morale of a large number of Irish Catholic union officials, whose rank and file are restless.

Green Okays Vandeleur's Company Unionism

By JOHN F. McMANEE

(Special to Western Worker)

DENVER—Campaigns to undermine the CIO unions in the agriculture and cannery industries, as well as the office worker and newspaper fields, were made public by William Green at a conference of Federation officials here Sunday morning.

The conference with Edward Vandeleur and his associates "from California and the Pacific Coast," Green announced yesterday, "and arranged to set-up a National Council of Cannery and Agricultural Workers."

It was surprised to learn that the national membership of such a council is so large. There are 3,000,000 agricultural workers, I am told, who can be organized."

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Pedro Stevedores Get CIO Charter

SAN PEDRO — At a mass meeting of over 2000 members, the Longshoremen received their CIO charter here last week, becoming a local of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

The meeting convened as IL-A 38-82, then adjourned and excused the officers from the room and reconvened as an open session. Henry Schmidt, president of ILWU Local 1-10 of San Francisco, installed the officers.

Named president pro-tem of the local, Ernie Bowen said delegations would be presented to the Waterfront Employers Assn. for recognition of the CIO local for bargaining agency for longshoremen.

The technicalities of the meeting were necessary to circumvent a court action instituted by a handful of longshoremen trying to keep the workers out of the CIO.

Norwegian Crew Wins War Bonus in Sitdown Strike

HOUSTON, Tex.—A sitdown strike by the Norwegian freighter Vestvard's crew—first sitdown under a foreign flag that this port has seen— won a $250 war bonus for the seamen.

tion is a CIO trick. They do that to make it appear that there is collusion."

Green could not explain how it is that the active spirits in the so-called AFL movement's organization in Los Angeles are Donald Parsons, high-priced publicity agent for Hearst's friend Marion Davies, and Sig Eisenberg, Chandler Spulweda Pignatelli.

Speaking emphatically, Green declared the AFL leadership agreed with Joseph Padway of Milwaukee that the contract made by the AFL with employers even though signed by officials of the employees would be binding. His publicity representative hastened to assure newspapermen that no such contract had as yet been entered into in Los Angeles.

San Francisco

GOV. MARTIN'S 'CHARGE' BASED ON '1-ACT PLAY'

Bridges Exposes 'Proof' in Revived Deportation Threat

SAN FRANCISCO—Last June Harry Bridges and other maritime leaders at the Maritime Federation convention in Portland, discovered a dictaphone planted in Bridges' room, moments they staged a hilarious "one act play" for the benefit of the dictaphone, with newspapermen as audience.

Last week Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon announced he had obtained proof "right here in Oregon" that Bridges is a Communist, and demanded deportation of the Pacific Coast CIO Director.

Manufactured "Proof"

Last Saturday in San Francisco, Bridges replied:

"I shall be gratify interested in any sworn statement touching on my citizenship which Governor Martin may have in his possession. After four years of attempting to manufacture such evidence, it will be interesting to see what sort of 'proof' they have finally produced. We have affidavits in our possession which conclusively prove attempts have been made to have men perjure themselves.

"If Governor Martin would spend as much time on the merits of his time seeing that the National Labor Relations Act is enforced in his state, his labor difficulties would vanish overnight.

"Some time ago when I was attending the Maritime Federation convention in Portland, a dictaphone was planted in the room next to mine, with the wires concealed in the wall. Sneak thieves entered my room and went through my belongings. We were aware of the dictaphone long before we reported it to the authorities."

"Words and Music"

"We called in some newspaper men and spent an evening of good, clean fun staging a one-act play. We thought have given the snoopers plenty to talk about. As I said, we called in the newspapermen so we have plenty of witnesses.

"We are in the unique position of having written both the words and music for the song that the governor sings."

S. F. LABOR BODY IS SPLIT AGAIN

SAN FRANCISCO — With even less respect for American Federation of Labor laws than in previous expulsions of unions, the central labor council ousted the Inland Boatmen's Union as a CIO affiliate, in the last few minutes of last Friday night's session.

On a surprise motion introduced by Marguerite Finkenbinder, Waitresses Union vice-president, Lawrence Palacios ruled discussion out of order and another expulsion was steamrollered through the council.

Miss Finkenbinder is controlled by Marine Firemen delegates. Before the Inland Boatmen's Stack was ordered out of the meeting by Palacios for challenging Carl Tillman, AFL boss longshoreman of the Pacific, on slurs cast on the Bridges case.

Fight Frame-up

Stack also called for assistance in preventing the frame-up scheme from returning Robert J. Fitzgerald, recently elected MFOW secretary, to jail on trumped up charges he has "violated" his parole by accepting office in his union.

"We're going to fight this frame-up to the end," Stack declared.

Stack likewise called for an AFL boycott against Japanese goods. The boycott request was met with resounding applause but no action was taken.

"Charges". Exploded

After Stack's explanation from the hall, charges brought against Jack Simmons, Tillman and Captain May of the Masters, Mates & Pilots were answered with a smile. Stack explained the removal of J. E. Ferguson as union secretary for the MFOW in Milwaukee by the regular MFOW meeting with over 100 MFOW members there. Ferguson had been "framed."

San Francisco

Subway Bonds Hel Burden on Worke

Communists Want Subway But Think Rich Should Pay

"Defeat the subway bonds." With this as one of the main planks in the platform of Anita Whitney, Communist-endorsed supervisorial candidate in San Francisco's November 2nd elections, the Communist Party enters the campaign against Proposal No. 1.

Defeat the subway bond issue because it will impose a crushing burden upon those least able to bear it. The $49,250,000 bond issue on the November ballot threatens small home owners and rent payers alike with increased taxes and higher rents.

The Communist Party favors a subway system as the solution to San Francisco's traffic problem, but proposes that the burden of financing such a system shall be borne by the rich owners of banking and mercantile interests which stand to profit most by a subway.

Considerable confusion exists around the issue. An aggressive radio campaign is being waged by the Carmen's Union, Local 518, controlled by Dan Gray, while the Central Labor Council, controlled by the head of the Tunnel Workers' Union, has voted by a narrow margin to support the proposal.

Much Confusion

Business and Industrial interests, who will profit by the subway bonds take out of the pockets of San Francisco's low-income and working class groups. The proposal of the Public Utilities Commission calls for the issuance of $49,250,000 in bond allotigation bonds, a forty-year mortgage on the property, income or whatever property he possesses.

By the tax year, 1939-40, the increase in the tax rate would amount to 11.8 cents per $100 assessed valuation. By 1942-43 the increase would amount to 41.6 cents.

These figures were compiled by Harold J. Boyd, Comptroller of the City and County of San Francisco. On the basis of these estimates the property owner paying property valued at $2000 would pay $82.80 more in taxes in 1942-43 than he does today.

What Worker Would Pay

Actually the threat to the working man's pocketbook is more drastic than it appears. For the subway, if it can be built within the estimated cost of $49,250,000, will cost with interest and redemption charges added, $89,262,700!

Not to this all. Other bond proposals which will appear on the November ballot would increase the total indebtedness, including initial cost, interest, etc., by $101,935,700, which figure would be raised over a period of forty years. The total increase over the tax rate for 1936-37 would amount to 51.1 cents if the bond issues pass.

Yet another feature of the subway bond issue is that its

NEGRO TRADE UNIONISTS MOVE TO END DISCRIMINATION IN L

Thirty-five Negro trade unionists met in the Inland Boatmen's Hall here Sunday and established a temporary apparatus for attacking jim-crowism in the labor movement.

Members of the gathering unanimously approved the action of the East Bay Council of the National Negro Congress in calling the conference, and pledged membership in the Congress. To a man, the gathering denounced the policy of discriminatory unions.

A fund was collected to finance publicity for the broadcast of A. Philip Randolph over a national radio hook-up next Sunday. Randolph, Congress president and leader of the Sleeping Car Porters, will speak over both red and blue networks at 11:30 Sunday morning, Pacific Standard Time.

To outline the tasks and program the attack on discrimination against Negroes, the members elected temporary officers and a temporary executive committee.

They are Revels Cayton, Negro Co-ordinator of Steel Organization; Ed Mc-Gowan, secretary-treasurer of the Bill Williams, ILWU; Henry Nisby, ILWU; Wesley Nisby, ILWU; Theodore Williams, Shipyard Workers, Local 97; F. Lopez, Alaska Cannery; John L. Hunter, Marine Cooks & Northern California Waiters Guild; T. Jones, Building Trades Council; Harry Williams, Building Trades, Local 261; Union of Professional Maids and Workers; John R. Wallace, Bay State Laundry; Miss Beauteath, Marine Cooks Auxiliary; A. C. Ray, Granger; Mrs. Lee Ethridge, Negro Co-ordinator; Marjorie E. Williams, and Mrs. Greer.

Timber State Party Builds Members

Dues Payments Increase 370 in Mon Comrades Recruit 350 New Membe

SEATTLE, Wash.—The recruiting drive of the Communist Party of District 12 is going forward with a bang.

When the drive started on Sept. 1, the District had recruited 3,350 new members. By October 1, 350 new members had been recruited, and 73 old members brought back into the Party.

Compared to 217 recruited in the months of June, July and August, 423 were thus recruited in the month of September alone.

The goal of 800 new members by November 1 thus seems sure of achievement.

Simultaneously, dues payments have increased from 1320 in August to 1700 in September.

Gains in the drive include:

Grays Harbor section (lumber) membership increased from 94 to 125.

Coeur D'Alene (mining and lumber) increased from 25 to 45.

Bellingham (lumber)—increased from 39 to 56.

Olympia (agricultural-lumber)—Increased from 40 to 56.

King County (Seattle) increased from 602 to 850.

Bay Commi Choose Leac

Election of an mittee and dis daily Western featured the speci the new members tute of the Party October 5th.

Following this procedure, including lot, the county committee of elected delegates each unit and settl George Hauser is b executive secretary, C ers elected include secretary, Ed Greer; ship director, Jack W trade union directo Barnes; and financi Dick Wasdahl.

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Worker Tells How Mexican People Oppressed in L. A.

ollywood Workers Fighting Attempt at Dictatorship

SS SILENT MINISTERS' IKE PROBE

ists' Stand on San Laundry Strike Censored

Worker Correspondent
MENDOCINO—In am enclosing a letter that was sent to daily papers in San Francisco Union and Trades Council, and the Methodist Ministers Association, some of the letters I will give you points:

Workers at the Pullman have been out on strike months. The strike was against the laundry when the president and two other officers were fired. Most of the union was made to raise in pay before the ministers within the city. Mr. Haniman stated that the wages of the men were willing for him to be would abide by

the same day the ministers sent a letter to Mr. Haniman that he would have to form the questions of the committee, the chairman of the committee, the calling of the letter to Mr. Haniman 13. No answer received.

I do not presume to pass on the merits of the affair. We admit that we do not have all the facts involved. But in view of better harmony in community and justice to employer and employe, it is our conviction that the matter be submitted to some body agreeable to both to the controversy.

Church Position

The Methodist church stands right of employees and the right to organize." This is the position of the Pope for 30 years. In this one side is strongly with the employees, while the Pope is trying to organize and the Methodist church is trying to meet with the two for bargaining pur-

The interest of fair play and justice we believe that both should submit their differences to a board of mediation. Frank S. Williams, C. J. Sherman, Secretary of the meeting was Rev. Special meeting on

ly Workers

MENDOCINO—The Highway Patrol of Schuyhkill County, Pa., has been charged with illegal by the CIO County & Municipal

Mendocino Lumber Workers Ended Up Owing Contractor

Three Loggers Worked Like Slaves Under Intolerable Conditions and Were Robbed in Rank Overcharging for Food

By a Logger

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—We of the Pesula bark camp located on Union Lumber Co. land near Camp 3, recently experienced a terrible an dcostly example of the practice of hiring on a padded contract basis.

Hired out through Jack Etsel of Pop Ma rshall's pool hall at $6 per cord (paid off at $4.50 per cord), three of us worked like sla ves under intolerable conditions—walking two and five-tenths miles morning and evening, chopping trees, peeling bark and swamping the bark on ground so steep a mountain goat would resign, fighting the most blood-thirsty mosquitoes north of the equator every evening, consequently getting little sleep.

Real Discomfort

Our food was cooked over an open camp fire while flies, ants, beedles, dust, bits of twigs, trees and other filth constituted the main seasoning thereof. We slept jungle fashion; while endless pecks, scr apings, weasels, skunks and other varmints shared our blankets by night and day. Nothing unusual to shake a belated scorpion out of a shoe every other morning.

Where it gets firmly We secured a temporary injunction, but the number of pickets and placing other obstacles in the way of a permanent is now being heard by Los Angeles representing the Pullman-priced lawyers Angeles representing

Pullmist letter follows: ond Committee

weeks ago our attention called to the fact that strike now going on Pullman Laundry, a unit of the Labor's Voice' suggested there be formed a three impartial to the mediation of these existing between and the strikers.

Methodist ministers of Los Angeles that meeting agreeable to the parties be called by Mr. Haniman Pullman Laundry to make mediation plan Mr. Haniman said that leaned the matter over Landrymen's Assn. and he was not free to act consulting them. This is to ask that you call a meeting at once and to notify the two

ve passed and no word Mr. Haniman. The Methodist ministers A Committee of three was selected to appear before the Methodist Ministers Association to make appeal for justice with the strikers.

Ministers Didn't Answer

Committee called on Mr. and again appealed for mediation of a mediation plan. Mr. Haniman stated that the laundry office said did not personally deal with the strikers. He suggested the plan to the Laundrymen's Association. The ministers within the city. Mr. Haniman stated that he would be glad to meet with them if they were willing for him to be would abide by

Still Silent

Ministers' Assn. is the fight against the are determined to break it. If it gets firmly They

A Special Page Analyzing 57th Convention of AF

War Clouds Sobered Delegates at Denver

Almost Quoted Stalin's Exact Words In Urging Unity "For Collective Security and Peace"

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE
(Special to the Western Worker)

DENVER—A great and decisive moment of history came and passed last week in the American Federation of Labor convention here. It took the dark shadow and ominous thunder of a world war cloud to blast away the complacency of the well-fed, well-clothed and securely placed delegates to this convention. It strength-ens one's confidence in the labor movement to say the response was fine.

The consciousness of the imminent danger of another world war came about in this way (and the way it came about is no less important than the danger itself):

The British fraternal delegates were introduced with the usual formal expressions of "interest in their problems" and "ties binding us together," by President Green.

Little Speaks

John C. Little, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union—slow speaking, solid, with years of trade union responsibility behind him, and more ahead—spoke for a total of his detailed economic, social and political problems of the movement, he hoped to lead. With hardly a change of tone, he came to the end of his speech.

Then came the moment and the response—to be multiplied in fervor and force many times—the next few minutes—when, with restrained but rising feeling, British Fraternal Delegate Little, fitter by trade, appealed to the American labor movement, in fraternal cooperation with the British trade union movement and the trade union movement of the world, to join hands "against the aggressor nations, for collective security and peace."

He was given the greatest ovation of the convention.

Spoke for Spanish People

British Fraternal Delegate Little had said that "it is no longer a civil war in Spain, it is an invasion of Spain by Italy, Germany and Portugal."

President Green had not mentioned Spain in referring to the war danger in his opening address. The majority of the delegates are Roman Catholics but there were no expressions of approval for Little.

Speeches of other fraternal delegates intervened but nothing seemed to swerve the convention from the determination to do something on the one main question—what to do about the undeclared wars by the fascist powers.

"No Claps for Green"

At the end of the speeches of the fraternal delegates from Great Britain and Canada, a conference was held with President Green. He put it aside and launched into a formal and modest speech about peace. He took pains to include the Soviet Union with the "nations" with whose policies American labor was opposed.

There was not a single handclap.

President Green at long last read the cablegram—from Walter Citrine secretary of the British Trades Union Congress. It asked for cooperation by the American Federation of Labor in boycott of Japan, for its cooperation "against aggressor nations, for collective security and peace."

Stalin's Words

Few if any among the delegates and even few among the newspapermen strung along for 70 feet when Green's paging knew that Pitter John C. Little and Walter Citrine had come to the same words, proposed for the world trade union movement by Joseph Stalin (Vol. 6 No. 39) in the press of the Communist International urged by Communist policy Stalin urged upon the labor movements of the world in the democratic countries a united world-famous speech against "aggressor nations."

Yet this moment President Green came to the end of Citrine's cablegram. Whereupon Woran was on his feet to make a motion. The motion was: **That the 57th Annual Convention of the American Federation goes on record in unanimous vote as accepting the cablegram and endorsing the proposals.** No one, of course, under parliamentary procedure, can make a motion for unanimous consent. Every delegate is unrebuked by President Green and applause broke out.

Referred to Committee

President Green, plainly under great nervous tension, asked that the cablegram and the proposal of Fraternal Delegate Little be referred to the Executive Committee on International Relations to bring in a recommendations. He asked Delegate Callaran to withdraw his motion. Callaran assented.

But nothing is more certain than the nervous tension. Callaran's commendatione devite in any important way from the proposal for

Special Congress Session to Consider Wage, Farm Bil

FR OUTLINES LEGISLATION OVER RADIO

Reaffirms Willingness of U. S. to Participate In 9-Power Parley

WASHINGTON — President Franklin D. Roosevelt called a special congress to convene November 15, and in a "fireside" radio speech outlined a legislative program including wages and hours legislation, crop control, regional planning on the order of the TVA, anti-trust legislation and government reorganization.

The president said he called the special session "in order to give congress an opportunity to consider important legislation before the regular session in January and despite the fact that 'many enemies of democracy will say that it is bad business.'"

Defending the crop control proposal against attacks calling it an "economy of scarcity," he pointed out that "manufacturers never hesitate to shut down their own huge plants, throw men out of work and cut down the purchasing power of whole communities whenever they think they must adjust their production to an oversupply of goods into order."

Boost for "Lowest Paid"

On the wages and hours proposals, which congress allowed to die in committee at the close of the last session, he declared his purpose to be that of "increasing the pay of the lowest paid labor—those who are on the most numerous consuming group but who today do not make enough to maintain a decent standard of living or to buy the food clothes and other articles necessary to keep our factories and farms fully running."

Peace Stand Reaffirmed

Without proposing any specific action for the congressional session, Roosevelt made a brief reiteration of the foreign policy outlined in his Chicago speech, emphasizing the willingness of the United States to participate in a conference of the Nine Power Treaty signatories, including China and Japan. "Aloofness from war is not prompted by unawareness of war," he said. "In a world of mutual suspicions, peace must be cherished, conserved and fought for. It cannot just be waited for. It cannot just be waited for."

Two Maddest Dogs of Fascism

MUSCLEMEN Mussolini and Hitler reviewing German troops during the recent visit of the Italian despot to Germany. Agreements reached by the two are declared by statesmen to be the gravest menace to world peace.

SEATTLE THOUSANDS DEMAND USE OF NINE-POWER PACT

Pickets Parade Through Streets and Surround Japanese Consulate

SEATTLE, Wash.—More than 1000 men, women and children, demanding invocation of the Nine-Power Treaty against Japan for her invasion of China, marched in a peace parade here Saturday to join a picket line of additional hundreds before the Japanese consulate.

The action took place under the sponsorship of the Committee Against International Aggression. In a speech as the marchers were mobilizing, Howard C. Costigan, secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, declared that action to enforce the Nine-Power Treaty is "the only means of preserving world peace."

Demand of F. R.

Only a few days earlier, Washington Commonwealth Federation placards championing the Treaty and stigmatizing Japan as the aggressor were seized by police. "Our only crime," Costigan said at the mobilization Saturday, "was agreeing with President Roosevelt in his speech in Chicago."

Uniting for Peace

"It is another example of the way in which the people of the United States are uniting for economic and social welfare and peace and in line with the policy outlined by President Roosevelt.

The parade then proceeded from City Park to the Japanese consulate, where the marchers left the line of march to take up picket positions. The demonstration was the demonstrative parade to the grounds of the University of Washington.

Sit-Down Ends

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—After a three-day strike, women employees won wage increases and reduction in hours under an agreement signed by the CIO United Office and Professional Workers with the D. Graff & Sons Co.

INCREASE OF WATER RATES IS PROTESTED

L.A. Citizens Demand That Proposed Ordinances Be Rejected

LOS ANGELES — More than 200 people and representatives of a dozen organizations crowded the chamber of the City Council Wednesday, Oct. 13, to oppose passage of ordinances which would increase the water rate two and a quarter million dollars.

The protest was effective to the extent of postponing action one week.

Expressing the sentiment of tax-payers throughout the city, Lillian Day, founder and organizer of the National Widows Protective League which claims a membership of 42,000 women declared on the floor of the Council:

"The consumer is being robbed by the servants of the people."

Mrs. William Jacobson, speaking for the Women Shoppers League strongly opposed the ordinance.

"We neighbors," she asserted, "will be compelled to cut down on the milk to their babies in order to pay their water bills. The other utilities have lowered their rates and the water company wants to increase its rate. Our membership, composed of housewives throughout the city will certainly fight this thing tooth and nail."

Mass Meeting Protests

A mass meeting, held at the Belmont High School Monday night, Oct. 11, thoroughly discussed the question of increases in the water rate. The meeting was sponsored by the Municipal League, the "California Progressives and the Thursday Discussion Club.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution to be transmitted to the city council, opposing any increase in the water rate.

Negligence Threatens To Cost Labor a New Anti-Picketing Law

By TOM PATTERSON

Last March the people of San Francisco wiped off the statute books a 20-year-old anti-picket law, and some thought that the matter would rest there, a settled issue.

For one thing, it is assumed by many that inertia works both ways. What was decided will not be changed, they say. San Francisco had 20 years of an anti-picket ordinance. Twenty years of experience. And at the end of that 20 years the voters said they were through with it.

Unwarranted Confidence

Downtown mercantile interests and the enemies of labor generally are convinced they see a flaw in the pat and self-satisfied reasoning which seems to be the point of departure of the slow-moving campaign of the Labor Council against the new anti-picket ordinance now on the November 2 ballot.

Apparently these rather dilatory gentlemen of the Labor Council are moved only to yawn at the provisions of the new law. Labor's contention has always been that any anti-picket law is a violation of constitutional rights. What does the new one say?

Putting it Mildly

The literature of the anonymous committee sponsoring it compares it to the previous ordinance, speaking suavely of its "strengthening and closing up of loopholes" as might have existed in the previous ordinance.

"Strengthening" is a mild way of putting it. The proposed ordinance would merely prevent picketing in any conceivable way. It would not allow the sale of newspapers telling of a strike or boycott.

We may assume that police will exercise discretion in permitting Call-Bulletin Examiner or Call-Bulletin should these two Hearst sheets mention such news.

Complete Prohibition

It would prevent any form of inducing, verbal or written, to prevent customers from entering a given place of business. Except the climax, it places no restriction on free discretion, as to what constituted such "inducing." **In short, it makes anyone subject to arrest if the police see fit.**

Free press, free assembly, even the right to walk on a street, are thus denied. Clearly the law is unconstitutional as the Honest Government Committee contended in its suit to have it ruled off the ballot.

But its passage would be a disaster to labor and Democracy nevertheless.

It's defeat is **not** assured as altogether too many assume.

With every precedent in American politics to justify them, the forces supporting the new ordinance are assuming that a dilatory self-satisfied campaign on the part of Labor, plus a light vote, will put over the new ordinance. Let Labor then chafe that it is unconstitutional! Let strikes be broken and thousands spent defending labor prisoners! The courts have ways of evading the constitutional issue.

Out of Sight

Who sponsors the new anti-picket ordinance?

One Sylvester J. McAtee, attorney, who refuses to disclose the names of his clients, is the nominal head of the committee "for" the anti-picketing ordinance. He appeals to the "citizens of San Francisco" for "a fair chance" to vote on the question of whether or not they want labor to have the right to picket.

But the strategy of the argument lies not in the effort to be novel. Its makers are counting on apathy, on a light vote. And the inactivity of the official Labor Committee against the ordinance is grist for the mill. A light vote has always meant a stronger proportional representation of the reactionary machine-controlled elements.

It goes virtually without saying that a campaign to arouse the people of San Francisco on the anti-picketing issue has been and will continue to be one of the principal phases of the Communist Party election campaign and one of the issues emphasized most definitely in the campaign speeches of Anita Whitney, Party candidate for supervisor.

For An Active Campaign

The same can be said for the Honest Government Committee and its slate of candidates, who have constantly urged the Central Labor Council to cooperate, to organize a joint campaign, or, at any event, to take the election campaign to the local unions where it belongs. But the failure of an appointed committee which has kept itself in almost complete isolation from the rank and file of the union membership.

With a large turnout in prospect Labor could afford to be confident of the result.

But that large turnout must be aroused, and brought to the polls!

STARVATION FOUND RE ARIZ. SCH

Health Superintendent Appeal to Gov For Relief

By THOMAS I. C

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Typhoid and pestilence lurks in Arizona public schools of Pima county, the startling report of Stanford's state board of health, Dr. Cox declared in following a demand by relief and medical Santa Cruz and Pima asking the governor prompt action to prevent those counties to prevent starvation of old age pensions, Dr. Hughes declared.

"The public has seen the deplorable conditions in public schools throughout fourteen counties," he stated.

Need School Lu

"I regret to report that it appears to be a degree of malnutrition school children in said Dr. Hughes, "that could be corrected by the supplying of wholesome lunches. are unable to obtain wise . . . There is that many of the public schools receive one wholesome meal

"It should not looked," continued **"that the undernourished is the breeding pla incubator for tuberculosis that attacks the and particularly in childhood** and **in the daily schoolroom** and **the germs are spr partially."**

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SEATTLE, Wash rayon stockings will end the Japa of China if certa the Women's Le Washington Commonwealth Federation declared in its call for a one-day strike of workers in the local textile industry.

Provinces Support French Government

PARIS — The provinces of France reaffirmed and extended their confidence in the People's Front in Cantonal elections throughout the country Sunday. The parties supporting the government won continued support despite the fact that reactionary forces have always looked to the provinces for their main base of support.

Communists gained two seats for a total of 20. Runoff elections will be required in 467 out of the total of 3892 seats in local governments. Radical Socialists and Socialists, whose major strength is in the provinces, won respectively 32 per cent and 13 per cent of the total number of seats.

California Victory Held Job for Los Angeles C. P.

L.A. Communists Adopt Recruiting Contract As Device for Party Building

By PAUL CLINE

Will Illinois oust California from its coveted position as the second largest Party District in the country? The answer will be forthcoming on November 7th, when the Socialist Competition agreement between the two districts expires.

Our California State Committee has set a quota of 1000 members to be recruited by November 7th. Of this total, Los Angeles County is charged with the task of recruiting 480 new members.

But to date, with Nov. 7th only three weeks off, Los Angeles has recruited only a little over 125 new members. It is clear that unless Los Angeles intensifies its Party building activities and puts on an intensive drive for new members, we are likely to bear the main responsibility in the event that California is defeated by Illinois in Socialist Competition!

Comrades, we cannot possibly overcome our present inertia to objective difficulties. It is undeniable that the recruiting of new members today is easier than it has ever been in the history of our Party. Nor can we by subjective difficulties—that the Party membership is inactive or lacking in spirit. Our excellent showing in the Daily Western financial drive proves that Party membership is willing to work, able to get results.

What then, accounts for our failure in Party Building as contrasted to our good work in the Daily Western campaign? The answer is: in the Daily Western Drive we have had a proper mobilization of the Party and a correct organizational set-up.

Therefore, our job in the short time left before November 7th, is to mobilize the Party on the question of mass recruiting, and to take the necessary organizational steps to carry it on. Our slogan must be: Recruit new members for building the Daily Western Worker! We especially, to those large sections which have done exemplary work in the Financial Drive, to take hold of the Recruiting Drive. This applies to the Industrial Section, San Pedro, East Side, Hollywood, Professional, and Studio Sections.

Comrades of Los Angeles! Every Section, every branch, every fraction, every member must buckle down as never before to the job of realizing the following three slogans:

450 NEW MEMBERS BY NOVEMBER SEVENTH!

$10,000 for the Daily Western by November 7th.

TO THE OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM ON NOVEMBER SEVENTH!

Anita Whitney to Speak Over Radio Monday, Nov. 1st

SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, will speak over the radio on the eve of the elections, it was announced here by the Party's County campaign committee.

The broadcast is scheduled Monday, November 1, at 5:15 p.m., over Station KGO.

To carry out their pledge to maintain California as the second largest district in the U. S. A., each delegate to the L. A. County Committee has entered into a written Contract with the State Committee of the Party and is under-taking as the personal obligation of the following:

1. To link our recruiting with our campaign for the Daily Western and to recruit at least one new member from his or her trade union and mass organization.

2. To set a definite quota of dues payments and recruiting before the next meeting of the County Committee, arrange discussions on dues and recruiting during October and order dues weekly from Section and County.

3. To organize volunteer committees in his or her unit or branch to visit all members not in good standing.

4. To organize at least one open unit meeting for recruiting purposes.

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Mexican Govt. Is Disarming Fascists

MEXICO CITY—More than 10,000 armed followers of the fascist general, Cedillo, are being disarmed by the command of the 7th military district in various parts of the state of San Luis Potosi in order to assure the peaceful distribution of land.

After Yucatan, San Luis Potosi is the next state on President Cardenas' schedule to develop its land reform program. This state, however, has for many years been under the absolute control of Saturnino Cedillo, one of the former minister of agriculture. Gen. Cedillo, who has been said still is carrying on an opposition as well as an underground opposition to the president's agrarian program.

Himself Large Landowner.

Cedillo has always closely cooperated with the rest of the state's landowners to keep land reform outside the borders of San Luis Potosi.

With the well-equipped private army the fascist general is said to have been plotting open rebellion. Quietly and methodically, Cardenas is step by step eliminating the danger.

On Sept. 8, he deprived Cedillo of his prized possession of airplanes, two weeks after the Communist Party newspaper El Machete had exposed the fact that the general had bought 14 new planes. This step was followed. Sept. 14, by a replacement of the military commanders of San Luis Potosi. And now the followers of Cedillo are being disarmed.

Teachers Aid Government

The rural school teachers are actively cooperating with the military authorities in the disarming of the Cedillistas.

MEXICO CITY — The CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers), it was announced on September 20th, would initiate special action through its Department of Peasant Affairs on behalf of its rural members whose petitions for land have been buried under mountains of red tape in official offices during the past few years.

Soviet Press Lauds League On Its Stand Against Japan

MOSCOW — Acclaim for the report of the Far Eastern delegate to the Committee of the League of Nations, stigmatizing Japan as an aggressor, was written in a leading article of Izvestia, Soviet government newspaper.

Izvestia termed the report, which was later adopted by the League Council and approved by the United States Government, was a definite step toward international resistance to Japanese invasion in spite of British-French resistance to a more forthright declaration.

"It is not enough to mention that there is not a single mention of aggression," Izvestia says. "Similarly the report avoids mention, for instance, of Article 16 of the League of Nations Covenant in regard to the application of sanctions against Japan."

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r-Busts End When s of Trucks Take kees on Big Push

By ADDISON KEELER

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GREEK PEOPLE CAUGHT IN WEB OF FASCISM

German Influence Behind Oppressive Government of Metaxas

Events in Greece since August 5, 1936, when a coup d'etat by General Jean Metaxas established a semi-Fascist military dictatorship, show that country leading swiftly toward the establishment of a complete Fascist state following the pattern of Italy and Germany.

Reviewing the situation before the Metaxas regime, we find the economic conditions of the large majority of the Greek people, and especially the peasants, intolerable. Wages of industrial workers vary from 30 to 60 drachmas a day (a drachma was worth about 1 cent in August). The peasants were hopelessly in debt to the banks and under existing conditions there was no possibility of ever being able to pay their debts. Their was, and still is, extreme under-consumption of all food stuffs, and as a result one out of every six Greeks suffers from tuberculosis.

The Fascist Support

The mainstay of the present regime is the army. That General Metaxas is a dictator, without popular support is borne out by the returns of the last elections. Metaxas received 49,-741 votes out of 1,119,380, and seven seats in a chamber of 300. The methods of suppression follow closely those of Germany and Italy. An estimated 3,000 people have been sent to the prison islands of the Aegean during the past year.

The press has been completely fascized, only the publication of copies of headlines to be used by government propaganda articles, times articles, rarely by a screech-reporters about Mussolini. Hitler and Franco may be permitted. Anything else is regulated. Mail is censored.

Liberal books, newspapers and magazines are confiscated in the public squares. The University of Athens has been purged of its liberal and radical elements. The numbers, efficiency and brutality of the secret police has increased.

Hitler's Fine Hand

The German influence can be felt seen everywhere. The most important part of the foreign trade is in the hands of Germany. Whereas in 1935 Greece imported 1,096,000 drachmas worth of German goods, and exported 2,109,368,000 drachmas worth of its products to Germany, figures had reached the unprecedented totals of 2,674,353,000 and 1,500,000,000 respectively, in 1936. Although the English still train the Greek army, Germany spends about $22,000,000 of the $54,000,000 rearmament orders outright.

The students are organized in fascist schools publicly give King George the Fascist salute. Orders have been issued that the Greek Boy Scout movement to be organized on the plan of the Hitler youth. When Dr. Goebbels visited Athens in September, 1936, he made a donation of 200,000 drachmas to the funds of the secret police. This fact was published in the Athens Greek newspapers.

The influence of the pro-Fascist Metaxas regime has penetrated into a portion of the Greek population of the United States. Atlantis, The New York mouthpiece of the Greek Government, began on July 24, 1937, on its editorial page, a campaign to "clean up" the activity of military equipment, including eight tanks, 15 armored cars, five trucks, two machine guns and 30 rifles. Earlier it had requisitioned 1,000 tons of Sochow, taking 200 prisoners.

program. Atlantis is the oldest Greek daily in America. It has been known as a Royalist organ since its inception. And it is at present openly Fascist.

Mme. Sun Yat Sen Appeals to CIO For Aid in U. S. Boycott on Japan

WASHINGTON—An appeal to the Committee for Industrial Organization for a boycott of Japanese goods and to prevent the loading of ships destined for Japan was received here from Madame Sun Yat-Sen, widow of China's "George Washington."

"For the sake of peace and justice I urge the undersigned members of the National Salvation Association, strongly appeal to you to initiate the movement to boycott Japanese goods, to prevent loading any products destined for Japanese ships and to have them utilized against China and to accord all possible support to Chinese resistance against Japanese destruction of civilization," the cable reads.

It was presented to the Atlantic City meeting of the CIO along with the resolution of the National Maritime Union asking for an embargo on goods to China.

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Nanking Okehs Guerrilla Fight Against Japan

(Special to Western Worker)

SHANGHAI — The guerrilla tactics being used by the Eighth Route Army troops of General Chu Teh, Communist military leader, are well adapted to the necessities of the resistance against the Japanese invaders in North China, a report of the Chinese general staff declared.

Latest reports from Japanese indicate that the Eighth Route Army, the reorganized Chinese Red Army forces, is fighting in three different groups in Shansi, Charhar, and Hopei Provinces.

The first group is operating behind the rear of the Japanese armies in small guerrilla detachments, disrupting Japanese communications and cutting off and destroying isolated bands of Japanese.

Detachments of this first group are cooperating with the Chinese irregulars who have been harrassing the Japanese for more than a month.

A second group is at the battle front in Shansi Province, sharing with Shansi provincial troops the defense of the front from Wutaishan to Taichow, south of Taichow.

A third group is operating in the region northwest of Yanminkuan. It recently captured from the Japanese a large quantity of military equipment, including eight tanks, 15 armored cars, five trucks, two machine guns and 30 rifles. Earlier it had recaptured the town of Sochow, taking 200 prisoners.

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If you have not given your day's pay yet, your payment is overdue on an investment that will bear interest for years to come---a daily people's paper.

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A state conference of Party leaders set the week just concluded, Oct. 10-16, for collection of these contributions.

If you haven't made yours, you are overdue!

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THE SOVIET UNION TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 9th—Manifesto of the Central Committee of the Bolsheviks in connection with the railway strike, entitled "Help the Railwaymen."

October 10th—General oil workers' strike begins in Baku.

October 14th—Lenin writes his pamphlet "Will the Bolsheviks Maintain Power?" **From Lenin's article:**

The proletariat, we are told, will be unable to wield the state apparatus.

Russia after the 1905 Revolution was ruled by 130,000 landlords.' They ruled by the aid of unremitting violence perpetrated on 150,000,000 people, by subjecting them to endless humiliation, and by condemning the vast majority to inhuman toil and to semi-starvation.

And yet we are told that Russia cannot be governed by the 240,000 members of the Bolshevik Party, governing in the interests of the poor and against the rich. These 240,000 already have the support of not less than 1,000,000 votes of the adult population, for that is the proportion between the number of members of the Party and the number of votes cast for it, as established both by the experience of Europe and by the experience of Russia, as, for instance, in the August elections to the Petrograd Duma. And here we already have a "state apparatus" of one million persons, devoted to the Socialist state not for the sake of a fat sum every twentieth of the month, but for the sake of an ideal.

Moreover, we have a magic means of increasing our state apparatus tenfold at one stroke, such as no capitalist state possessed or could ever hope to possess. This magic means is to get the toilers, the poor, to share in the day-to-day work of governing the state.

American Citizens in U. S. Terrorized by Mussolini's Consulate

JOHNSTOWN, Penn.—Angelo V. Jannelli, Mussolini's consul in Johnstown, threatens to deport American citizens to Italian fascist prisons for their anti-fascist work in this country.

An amazing record of fascist political activities under the cloak of consular immunity was made public here in three signed articles in the New York Daily Worker, written by Art Shields.

Shields submitted legally attested affidavits and photostats of consular letters to clinch his charges that Janelli conspired with the fascist secret police to intimidate, browbeat and spy upon Italian-born American citizens who supported the Loyalist government in Spain.

Valerio Bellone, Italian-born American farmer of Ebensburg, Penn., has repeatedly expressed his sympathy with the legal government of Spain. For this "crime" an attache of the Italian consulate-general sent Janelli this personal letter:

"Re Bellone, Valerio, Mr. Consular Agent:

In reference to our preceding correspondence, I beg you to inform me about our fellow national, who was the object of our previous correspondence, whether he still resides at the present time at the same address, and if the affirmative, what political activities he has been carrying on lately.

With distinguished consideration.

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Linked to Steel Co.

Shields intimated that the activities of Mussolini's spy and intimidator might be linked to the anti-union tactics of the Bethlehem Steel Co., whose headquarters is in Johnstown. Jannelli's coercive activities commenced during the height of the strike against Bethlehem led by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, affiliate of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Through the Daily Worker Shields called for a Congressional investigation of Janelli's activities and commander of the Italian Legion of the International Brigade. As Baron Arnold Friedrich Von Voith von Voithenberg, a German army officer for more than 10 years, having fought against Spain. For this "crime" an attache of the Italian consulate-general sent Janelli this personal letter:

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"Union Labor" Ticket Is Hiding Something

BY JUST such a meeting as that which foisted the endorsement of Mayor Rossi on union labor in the last election, the Union Labor Party of San Francisco has again acted in utter disregard of democracy and unity in the labor movement.

In a recent meeting, without any discussion, endorsed a set of candidates. The daily press had been used in advance to promote the theory that local AFL officials "wanted" unity with the CIO, but didn't think the CIO wanted unity.

The CIO Industrial Council had expressly asked that no candidates be endorsed at the meeting of the Union Labor Party. Earlier it had asked for a joint conference in an effort to arrive at an agreement on candidates.

But it was clear that the AFL officials wanted no agreement, no even a discussion of its possibility. They came to the meeting with a slate already picked. They rammed it through. This slate included such open reactionaries as Supervisors John M. Naito and George R. Reily who refuse even so much as to make an honest statement against the anti-picket ordinance. More damning still, the official communication of the Union Labor Party "selling" the candidates to local unions does not even pretend that they are opposed to the anti-picketing ordinance and **does not even mention it!**

Unions were given no opportunity to discuss either candidates offer issues. What is **more, several of the candidates interviewed by the executive committee in advance of the railroaded endorsement were asked how much they would give to the campaign.**

What ever basis was used to select those who were finally endorsed, it is clear that their record with respect to the labor movement had little or nothing to do with it.

Union locals have no need to accept such endorsements. Let each local union invite all candidates with progressive records before it. Question these candidates on their stand. Examine their records in office and public life.

Let each local union endorse candidates on the basis of their records, not on the basis of a steam-rollered "convention" where a cut-and-dried slate was shoved through and there was a deliberate refusal to confer with other progressive forces such as the CIO council and the Honest Government Committee.

The latter groups made every possible effort to arrive at a unified program and slate. The heads of the "Union Labor Party," on the other hand, did more than ignore these efforts. They went out of their way to evade the issue or any joint discussion of it. This is the method of those who have something to hide, whose candidates can not bear up under investigation.

You, Too, Should Celebrate On November Seventh!

LESS THAN a month hence the peoples of the world will hail the twentieth anniversary of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

Americans too will rejoice in the achievements of these twenty years.

Many a worker and farmer in the factories and fields of the Pacific Coast will look with joy to the land which knows no want, where there is more opportunity for leisure and culture, more security, more genuine liberty and happiness than in any other land under the sun.

Already, on this page, the Western Worker brings you a story of the decades and years and months and visions of the emancipated people of the Soviet Union—the epic of RED SQUARE, fresh from the pen of one of the Soviet's greatest writers.

In the few remaining issues before its great Socialist anniversary edition, the Western Worker will bring you other stories, articles and features, describing and explaining the achievements of the Socialist State, the role of Socialist economy, the meaning of the new Constitution, the changing of human beings, the elimination of racial and national hatreds, the victory of man over the baffling power of nature.

All these things are vital to us—issues bound up in our daily lives. We too find ourselves on the verge of momentous decisions. We too are moving toward the final tions. We too are moving toward the final collapse of capitalism. Therefore, we must know what comes when capitalism goes, and what is more important, HOW it comes.

Read your Western Worker!

Order your bundle of the Anniversary edition and distribute copies to your friends!

This will be your way of sharing in the historic event of November 7.

Mr. Green Has a Choice— To Put Up or Shut Up

THE Committee for Industrial Organization conference meeting in Atlantic City has shown once more that it is the CIO which is the main stream of the American labor movement, bringing into life the ideals, needs and aims of the working class. It has brought forward a practical proposal to heal the breach created in the ranks of labor by the craftistic American Federation of Labor executive council—that 100 AFL representatives and 100 CIO representatives meet in a national conference "to consider methods and means whereby a unified labor movement could be brought about in America."

John L. Lewis, CIO chairman, stated the situation in plain words:

"This offer gives the American Federation of Labor one more chance to participate in the forging of a modern labor movement responsive to the will and desires of American workers. . . The offer will bring unity to the labor movement, or forever strip the American Federation of Labor of its cloak of hypocrisy."

In the past two years William Green and his cohorts have made numerous "peace offers," each one of which has been in effect a demand for unconditional surrender, to accept which would have meant rank betrayal of the millions of American workers in the AFL, CIO and unorganized fields. The CIO justifiably ignored these "offers."

The AFL executive council stands condemned for splitting labor's ranks. It now bears on its shoulders the responsibility for continuing that split, if such be its action. Perhaps by the time this appears in print, it will have acted. Early comments by members of the executive council in Denver, where the AFL convention is in session, indicate that action will be to reject the CIO's fair and above-board proposal. In fact, Green indicated that the offer for unity will not even be submitted to the convention, but will be handled by the "15 old men" of the executive council.

All honest workers want unity. The CIO wants it, the AFL membership wants it. The only possible stumbling block is the AFL executive council, which should immediately hear in wires and resolutions the voice of the rank and file demanding unity.

It is up to Green, Woll, Frey, Hutcheson & Co. "They can fish or they can cut bait," as John L. Lewis so aptly phrased the situation.

The Question of Unity Is Uppermost at Fresno

NO LESSON should be more clear to California progressive forces than this: that the legislature is dominated and the governor's chair is occupied by representatives of the most reactionary forces of the state; that this condition exists not because reactionary voters are in an overwhelming majority, but because progressive voters are not united.

The conference called by the "Committee of 100" in Fresno Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, represents one of the most promising and unifying efforts to date to correct this situation. Yet despite this effort for unity, there remains a group of those identified with progressive movements who are seeking to develop a "third party" at a time when the vast majority of progressive voters are unready and unwilling to leave the Democratic Party.

The Fresno conference is not a conference to elect candidates. The meeting in Fresno is called only for the purpose of adopting a program and tactics which offer the best opportunity for a crusading campaign to sweep reactionaries out of office and to place them by candidates whose sympathy with the labor movement and whose defense of the economic demands and civil liberties of the people have been thoroughly tested.

With such a progressive coalition there is room for anyone who sincerely wishes to break the reactionary hold on the state's political machinery. But any one who wants this will make a tragic mistake if he breaks up the main body of progressives and appeals for support to a "third" party which at this time could have no other effect than splitting.

Sinclair and Haight, each making a progressive appeal, split a majority in 1934 and Merriam was elected with a minority. In 1937 it is even more definitely established that the progressive forces are not ready to leave the Democratic Party where they are in a majority. Instead, that majority must be organized and aided to take control of the party mechanism.

To Friends and Enemies In Los Angeles

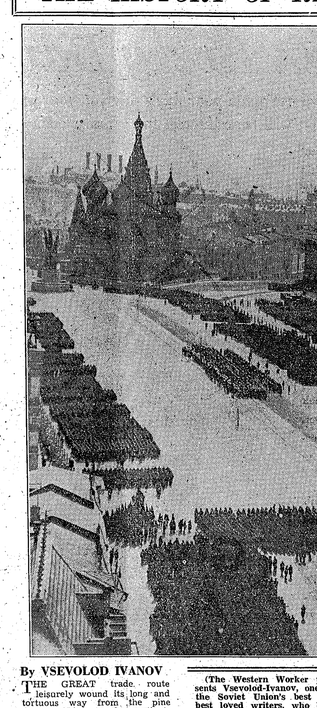
MR HARRY CHANDLER of the Los Angeles Times Shaw must be having Fitts and no Hynes will help him.

It seems that several thousand residents of the city he has ruled lock, stock and barrel are thinking for themselves. And now that $4,000 is needed to defeat Sheriff Traeger, the city can call back its hounds, can give even if you have to stretch slightly the old phrase about a man biting a dog, for each dollar is a figurative bite.

Rather than gloat over Mr. Chandler, we wish to congratulate all our friends in Los Angeles who donated this money and helped to raise that sum. We know this money was raised in response to a need, a daily people's paper. We are still short of the mark in funds needed.

Feeling confident that Los Angeles will maintain the pace it has set, we say to other localities, "go thou and do likewise."

FAMOUS SOVIET WRITER TELLS THE HISTORY OF RED SQUARE



By VSEVOLOD IVANOV

THE GREAT trade route leisurely wound its long and tortuous way from the pine covered North to the captivating, lush, warm South. On its way the route crossed the Moscow River, deep and rich in its great flow of water. Right near the crossing, two other rivers, Neglinka and Yauza, poured their rich trade waters into the Moscow River. Here were landings, crude ships and log rafts would anchor here. The visiting tradesmen would stop here for their well-earned rest.

And here, on a rising hill, in the midst of a great pine forest, ancient Russia (Rus) built a fortress — a wooden Kremlin, stockaded and surrounded by deep moats. The guards, dressed in fur skins, and bearing wooden clubs, would march on top of the earthworks, amid grey, long turned stumps. In the princes watched the trading throngs beyond the fortress.

Trading was indeed flourishing there. The surrounding villages, nearby towns, the great trade route, poured most of its populace into the trading center beyond the fortress. They came to trade, to gossip and to hear the news. It was here that they held their great gatherings and councils; here that the people used to elect their rulers.

Market Place and Forum

The last Council gathering took place at the time when Prince Vasilii the Dark" was captured by the Tatars. Around the Court and the noblemen ran away from the Kremlin. The Council hastily extinguished the fire. It was one of the usual fires. They happened almost regularly—and every time the fire would practically change the streets and the entire appearance of Moscow. After putting out the fire, the population "established" a few looters, repaired the walls of the fortifications and got "down to the business" of defending the City.

On hill, right where the Spassky Gate stands now, they used to trade their slaves. Here they sold their kraut and of the stinky barrels. The "shearers" (barbers) clinked their tools, inviting all comers to get their hair cut. In the moats the screams of lost and abandoned children were often heard. And the poor—ancient wooden Russia was notorious for its poor—the poor sang their songs about pilgrims, wanderers and robbers.

Saved by Fire

And those very robbers—the men—of whom they sang songs of glory—weakened from hunger and fighting, were often brought here, wooden yokes around their necks. They used to beg their food here.

The Tartars invaded Rus (Russia) frequently. Whenever their rapidly moving hordes would appear in the forests, the Great Trading Square with its shops of gold and tents would be carefully set on fire. This was done in order to prevent the Tartars from setting Moscow's wooden wall and fortifications on fire, as the Tartars would certainly have done had they burned up the Great Trading Center. It was due to save the Trading Center which was the shield, first of the feudal princes, later of the Czars (the rulers over the slaves, the "rabble," the "black" people of the nobility, the towns and towns. The merchants, too, would take their goods and slaves and hide back in the forests.

As soon as the Tartars would leave, the Great Trading Center would be rebuilt. The people would again hum, sing and cry. The lumbermen would sound the smithies, the horses neigh, the wagon wheels squeak. At the Lobnaya Place they would resume the burning alive of the "witches" and "sorcerers," women alive for killing their husbands, impale, break on wheels, torture and hang. And the gallows would sway with the wind. And the flocks of crows and the buzzards would caw and groan over the place!

And the wooden Kremlin, constantly in flames, now became a menace and useless for war purposes. Masters builders were brought over from foreign lands. In 1485 Ivan the great began to rebuilt "to withstand the fire of battle, to withstand the artillery of that time. Italian masters built stone walls with "sharp points" (battlements) and "sparrow"), towers just "like them" are of the Milan fortifications." Thanks to this reconstruction, Moscow was victorious in a few battles with the Tartars.

Tents and Adobe Houses

But the Great Trading Center, or more correctly, "The Fire Trap," with its tents and adobe buildings were such a rarity in Moscow of the XIV century, that the builder of the first home by the "guest" merchant Tarakanov, was considered the history of that period together with such important events as the capture of Kazan and the Crimean Khan Tokhtamish.

The houses all over the country were "smoky," which meant that the smoke came through the doors. Linen took the place of glass; sometimes it was on bladders. Nevertheless, the English travellers of 1553 already compare ladies of Moscow with those of that period. They speak of the area of Moscow, over 50 square miles, and of the "arts" or households numbering almost 40,000.

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When Is a Labor Party Not a Labor Party?

THE "UNION LABOR PARTY" of Francisco, has just gone through the endorsing a so-called "Labor Slate" for the Board of Supervisors. This "Union Labor Party" which under misleadership of Vandeleur and O'C sanred the re-election of Mayor Ros odorous administration in the midst when the memory of "Black Friday" murderous strike-breaking acts of the riam regime were still fresh in the Francisco workers.

To progressive trade unionists who cerely working for independent pol tion by Organized Labor, this "Labor Party" is a farce. It follows the policy of Gompers and Green to vote to the highest bidder.

The Vandeleur-O'Connell clique is knee deep in the corrupt gang that city administration, and a long list leaders" have just given a glowing ment to Pete McDonough, the "Sa of corruption," to retain his license tinue in business.

There is nothing in common between Labor Party and a genuine independ party of labor, which would nomi candidates to run on a genuine labo The Union Labor Party's action in ing roading through an endorsement Slate" constitutes the worst possible the interests of the people of San F does not represent the real sentiment ganized labor movement. It was not at a conference called on a few days was restricted to only two from each since most of the locals had no opp meet to elect delegates or discuss the sisted of officials or hand-picked appo

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Wake Up the Labor Co

The AFL officials ignored the op CIO unions and the Honest Governme tee for a joint campaign against the an ordinance. The Labor Council has b ously inactive in this campaign. Th sivity may yet result in the passage ous anti-picketing ordinance. unless aroused and the entire vote of labor sive, minded people is mobilized to the polls as they did last May to defeat

It is high time that progressive unions shall take up the challenge a thing about it!

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Welcome to the C. S. U.

THOUSANDS of people in Sa fought the Criminal Syndicalist will welcome Pat Chambers, Marin Jack Crane to our ranks as free as last Wednesday, over re-election peals Court and the Attorney Gene Warden of San Quentin.

And welcome also to the other are freed from parole, Caroline Hu Norman, Nora Conklin, and Al Hoag fight and sacrifice was not in vain. domitable spirit was an inspiration carried on the fight outside the p while they were inside.

Thousands of Californians will opportunity they have been expecti for, to greet them and hear them the mass meetings being arrange International Defense, and they will invited guests of honor with Clarence away on the platforms of the mass meetings called by the Committee for the 20th anniversary of the Union: Friday, Nov. 5th, Oakland Auditorium; Saturday, Nov. 6th, cisco Dreamland Auditorium; Sun 7th, Los Angeles Olympic Auditor

But in our enthusiasm let us not the fight to repeal the Criminal Syndi must go on, and that we will not rest ful every comrade who got subscriptions and activize his subscribers.

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Labor Board Warns L. A. 'Goons' Against Terrorism

LEWIS' SPEECH ON UNITY

Here is the full text of John L. Lewis's speech on the CIO unity offer to the American Federation of Labor officials:

I think the statement of the Committee on Resolutions is timely and advisable. I think it is a statesmanlike offer to the American Federation of Labor to participate constructively in a great national conference to determine whether or not in this year of 1937 American labor has leadership of sufficient intelligence to effectuate a program of cooperation and unity.

You will note that the Committee's statement is devoid of details; insofar as the machinery of meeting is concerned it merely proclaims the physical existence of the Committee for Industrial Organization as a fact which cannot be ignored in the light of its existence, its principles and its accomplishments, and it concerns itself with the principle of possible unification of the forces of labor here in our country.

JOHN L. LEWIS

One More Chance

This offer to the American Federation of Labor gives that organization one more chance to participate in the forging of a modern labor movement here in America responsive to the needs and the desires and the will of the men and women of labor. They can accept it or they can reject it. Upon their shoulders and upon their heads be their responsibility for their decision.

The Committee for Industrial Organization, like a certain great pro-consul of Rome, advances today and offers the American Federation of Labor either peace or war. They can take their choice.

Candidly we prefer peace. The ways of peace are the best for all men at all times. If intelligence can predominate over passion and over selfishness and over the petty bickerings of a labor hierarchy, the time has come and in the language of Mr. Green himself, "the hour has struck." He can fish or not bait.

But let the AFL through its 100 champions in the forensic arena assemble around the conference table facing an equal number of the representatives of the Committee for Industrial Organization and its affiliates, and let us see whether in the American labor movement reasonableness, the formal checking out, getting and hat and a t start life anew. Quentin Reynolds whisked way to the sphere of an Assoc of greeting at Gene ant in San Francis

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Strike More Effective

Ray Haskins, of the strike committee of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, gave a definite proof of brutality and terrorism by the District's armed thugs, of how bail is denied arrested strikers, of how it is impossible for union attorneys to get convictions against those guilty of brutalities against strikers.

He told how the strike is now more effective than at any moment at a change in rock formation encountered in the tunnel, how that in only one face was any progress being made, despite claims of the district superintendent.

He told how the miners attempted to make important concessions and were met by stubborn directors to appoint a negotiating committee, to work out a basis for settling the strike, and how they were given no consideration by the directors.

Denied Relief

Alice Orans, of the American League Against War and Fascism, exposed an unholy alliance between the Relief Administration of the county and the government agencies. She related it had been agreed that no single person receiving need for relief, would be able to get it at Banning, but that the attempt has been made to live up to that agreement.

When strikers asked for aid, they were denied on the grounds there was plenty of work in Los Angeles, when in most cases Los Angeles County, if they wanted it.

Orans said she had seen a woman in the pangs of childbirth while her husband was picketing, refused aid or transportation. When appealed to, the Banning Relief Office said they had all appeals for merciful consideration.

Demanded Justice

George Shibley, CIO attorney, in a most forceful and irrefutable speech, showed the criminal terrorism heaped on these miners because they dared demand better pay and better legal rights.

He concluded with a statement that the workers expected the councilmen to come to the aid of the strikers, and that justice was demanded.

Councilman Carl Fletcher then moved as a minimum program that the Los Angeles Council send a letter to the district directors asking the negotiating committee to work for a strike settlement. However, this proposal was made by radical for Councilman Campbell, who quickly made it a subterfuge to delay action until the district officials could be heard from. His substitute motion prevailed.

Unclean Hands

In this city for the last 110 days the Auto Mechanics Union has been on strike, and no considerable progress except two. And the councilmen, at least one of them, have been involved with the employers, went to special effort to pass the most oppressive anti-picketing ordinance ever to disgrace a city's record.

ness. And it needs action to progress! The kind of action, for instance, that will abolish the slave camps—picketing the state relief offices—letters of protest to your city governor, your mayor, your governor, Harry Hopkins and Roosevelt. By such action we would soon see this stop dead in its tracks.

I miss the Western Worker and hope it won't be too long before I receive another copy. On to a smashing successful financial drive for a "Daily."

SAFEGUARD WITNESSES IN HEARING

Prove Paper Warehouseme Coerced Out of CIO by Teamster Officials

LOS ANGELES—Stern warning that any acts of violence or intimidation brought to the attention of the National Labor Relations Board during hearing of the controversy over jurisdiction of the Gerlach Paper Co., will be referred to the U. S. District Attorney for prosecution under the criminal section of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, highlighted the opening session here.

Trial Examiner Clifford D. O'Brien issued the warning when Carey McWilliams, attorney for the CIO Warehousemen, vigorously objected to AFL Attorney Otto Emmie copying names and addresses of 38 workers who had given statements registering themselves as CIO members.

Workers Endangered

The statement was offered in evidence and Emmie insisted on his right to copy the names, contact the men and find out whether the signatures were bona-fide.

"I wouldn't want to vouch for the safety of the person who circulated that petition," said McWilliams when he indignantly objected to copy of the names being made.

"I intend to prove intimidation and coercion. Those 38 men who were willing to state openly that they supported the CIO did so in spite of intimidation and I don't think their names should be exposed."

It was at this time that O'Brien solemnly announced that if any form of intimidation of witnesses ceased, the federal government would show it had put teeth into the Wagner Act.

Surprise move was McWilliams' demand that a number of witnesses be subpoenaed, including Police Chief James Davis and Captain William F. (Red) Hynes.

According to the petition, Hynes can "testify concerning a special squad of 20 men held in readiness in connection with the dispute between the petitioner and the Intl Brotherhood of Teamsters."

"Goons" Listed

Officers T. M. Gorey and George Thedens, declared eyewitnesses to the assault on Zellerbach workers by teamster thugs, were also among those for whom subpoenas have been requested.

A number of "goons" and people known to have been driving the cars in which they rode, are also listed. They are: Lee Owens, Mike O'Brien, Mary Cleaveland, Chivo Nelson, Carl Vindshanz, Bill Williams, Ray Smith, William Johnson.

The Board took the supoena question under advisement.

Witness on Stand

Among witnesses summoned to the stand by the Warehousemen were J. R. Robertson, CIO Regional Director; Phil Holland, CIO organizer; and Lieutenant W. Phelps, official of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. Martin L. Mahler, company employee at the time was ordered by Teamster officials' "goons."

It was clearly brought out in testimony that the Warehousemen had been organized 100 per cent in the CIO. Negotiations between the union and a committee representing the majority of the paper companies of Los Angeles, including the Zellerbach, were proceeding favorably at the time when the Teamster czars put "picketers" out at the Zellerbach plant.

Holland said the "pickets" first were handed out by AFL teamsters. On the third day of the picketing all the men signed with the AFL. Fourth day again their was a picket line

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THE CIO'S UNITY OFFER

Following is the full text of the CIO telegram proposing labor unity to Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor in convention at Denver, Colorado:

It was authorized by the unanimous action of the conference of the Committee for Industrial Organization now being held at Atlantic City to transmit through you to the American Federation of Labor convention the following statement:

The Committee for Industrial Organization formed just two years ago presented to labor a basic idea. Today a magnificient record of achievements and an overwhelming mass support establishes the CIO as the most powerful and progressive labor force in the country. The CIO will be the instrumentality whereby labor will achieve industrial and political democracy.

Program Maintained

The program of the CIO, as originally announced, has been consistently maintained—to organize the unorganized workers. To accomplish this end, it was necessary to initiate an intensive organizing campaign throughout the country on an industrial basis.

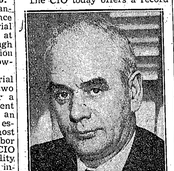
To obtain response from the heretofore unorganized workers it was also necessary to free them democratic control and administration of labor organizations. Both of these messages had been traditionally opposed by the leaders of the AFL.

For many years the progressive forces in the AFL fought desperately to obtain recognition of the basic principles of the CIO from the executive action in order to accomplish organization among the millions of unorganized workers in the country. But the leadership of the AFL was content to keep labor shackled to decrepit craft unions and in its numbers and strength.

Was Impotent

At the AFL convention in 1935 it was clear that there was a definite intention to change the policy. The original leaders of the CIO were compelled to withdraw and the Committee and initiate its activities, immediately following such convention, in order to prevent the AFL leadership from destroying the clear opportunity to organize millions of workers.

The CIO today offers a record



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of achievement which proves with finality that its principles and its leaders have correctly reflected the desperate needs and aspirations of Americans who work for their living. This record reveals:

1. From the original membership of one million, it has grown to three million, eight hundred thousand.

2. From eight original international unions, it now has affiliated thirty-two national and international unions.

3. From a situation of complete absence of unions in the basic industries, unions affiliated with CIO now have over three thousand wage and corporation agreements in steel, automobile, textile, petroleum, electrical and radio, rubber and marine transportation industries, embracing the largest industrial corporations in the country.

These wage agreements have resulted in wage increases during this short period in excess of one billion dollars. Unorganized workers have also been the economic beneficiaries of the CIO.

Organization Essential

The CIO reasserts that the organization of all workers is essential to the protection of any labor organization. Until the CIO through its activity organized the basic and allied industries, the labor movement was vulnerable to any concerted action from the traditional enemies of labor. For this reason the CIO is fully appreciative of the desirability of having a unified labor movement in this country.

The CIO therefore states, as its very definite policy, that it is entirely in favor of a unified labor movement. However, the CIO has proven conclusively during the past two years that its basic policies are essential for the organization of labor. Any compromise of the principles of the CIO would in effect be compromising the very existence of organized labor.

For Sake of Unity

The CIO has added over four million workers to the organized labor movement. A unified labor movement in this country, with the present combined strength of approximately eight million workers, offers vast possibilities for the future strength and position of labor.

Wilson Spooner, Labor Council secretary, Griffin, and D. Korn, business agent, took turns and he was thrown bodily out the door.

Griffin said the charter had been lifted illegally in order to "weed out the radical element" and that the elected negotiating committee was composed largely of "racketeers and ex-convicts."

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATUR

Teamster officials victimize Filling Station Workers in San Francisco with fake "Partnership" scheme---Hollywood Studio Guilds fight jurisdiction clain gangster-ridden IATSE---"Foc'sle & Dock" Column---Other labor news on regular news pages.

Green-Vigilantes Plot to Break Steel Strike Bare

Letters Show AFL Chief in Agreement With Butcher Girdler

By GEORGE MORRIS

NEW YORK—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, secretly conspired with Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the open-shop National Civic Federation, to cooperate with Tom Girdler, head of Republic Steel, and the Johnstown Vigilante Citizens Committee to break the recent steel strike.

He also plotted with Easley to spread a false report throughout the country last summer that John L. Lewis, CIO leader, received $75,000 "from Communist sources."

Sinister Double Cross

The Daily Worker, New York Communist organ, has secured documentary evidence, photostat copies of letters in an extended communication between Green and Easley which reveal a sinister double cross of labor such as finds no parallel in the history of this country.

Last August 6 Easley wrote, a "confidential" letter to Green, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Green:

"I am enclosing a proof of an article that I want to send out next week to 1,000 representative citizens; also a draft of the covering letter.

"Let me have your reaction upon it before I leave for Cleveland next Tuesday to see Mr. Girdler.

"Also, I hope to hear from you regarding my proposal for a capital-labor luncheon, the moral effect of which should be to help the AFL in its fight against the CIO."

On August 10 another "confidential" letter to Green stated:

"I talked to Mr. Woll (Matthew Woll, AFL executive council member—Ed.) today about the propositions we have been discussing and he will take them up with you.

"Yesterday I had a talk with the Johnstown Committee people. They have a lot of big fish on the line. They will get nowhere; they are anti-labor.

"The only way to bring the two forces together is the one I suggested to you, regarding which Mr. Woll will confer with you tomorrow. I am sure that if we can employ our side into harmony with that plan.

"Sincerely yours,

"RALPH M. EASLEY.

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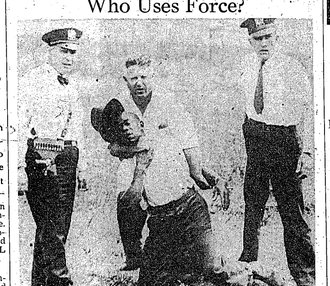
Worker Exposes S. F. Sweat Shop

SAN FRANCISCO—Sweating conditions in the linen supply trade here in San Francisco, linked to the Western Worker office a few days ago came a worker with two pay checks issued by the Dover Rose Products, manufacturers of underwear. After working 94½ hours in a week, Rivera received 92 cents; for the same period Mrs. Betty Perry received only 73 cents! The plant is unorganized.

Who Uses Force?



HERE IS WHAT happened when a New Jersey farm worker joined a strike against 16c-an-hour pay. The Tories say it's the men who strike that use force and violence!!!

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

FOR THE first time in this country, the preamble to the American Federation of Labor constitution is being put into effect—by the Committee for Industrial Organization!

William Green, Matthew Woll, John P. Frey and other members of the AFL executive council would like to forget that preamble. They are unwillingly participating in the CIO drive made by Francis Gorman, international president of the United Textile Workers of America, before the Wisconsin CIO convention recently.

Gorman elaborated on this statement that the CIO is putting the preamble into effect for the first time:

"We never question any union member's religion and neither should we question his political views here. It is sincerely in the fight to make this country a better place to live in and he fights for a better existence, that is all we ask of him."

It is enough to remember the red-baiting blasts at the Denver convention of the AFL and the attempt to smear Lewis and Hillman by linking them up with the Communist Party.

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Business Agent Bob Says

A BROTHER forwarded me a clipping from the "Letters" column of a Detroit capitalist paper, which deserves reprinting. Signed by Wm. A. Smith, the letter states:

"Boy, oh boy, do I hate this guy Lewis and his CIO racket. Couple of months ago they organized the factory where I work and made everybody join the union. We used to get 60 cents an hour, but our latest agreement was signed our new rate was 70 cents an hour with time and a half for Saturdays and Sundays. My raise amounted to 80 cents a week, or $3 a month, and out of that I must pay $1 a month in dues.

"So I hate him and John L. Lewis and his dirty CIO!"

1500 CIO Men Locked Out in Richmond

OAKLAND — On behalf of 1500 workers locked out of the Ford plant in Richmond, United Auto Workers Local 76 has issued an open letter to all people in the East Bay area, which stated in part:

"We, the 1500 employees of the Ford Plant who are your neighbors, who spend our dollars with you, who pay taxes, and who must depend upon this community for the support of our families, want you to understand what this lockout means to us and how it affects all of us. When we work we spend our money with you. When Ford Plant is closed down it affects the whole community.

Plant Still Closed

"Since last May we have had only seven days of steady employment out of five. Fifteen hundred men, heads of families, have been denied the employment from the Ford Motor Co. for over three months and none of us know how much longer the plant will remain closed.

"To continue Ford's yearly relief system at your expense? Other communities do not provide for it. Why should we? The average daily Ford wage in the East is more than $10 per day, which is among the lowest in the industry. The average wage in the Richmond Ford Plant is about $6 per day. WHEN WE WORK.

Expose Racketeers

"We, the Ford workers, who want employment and not relief, are sometimes the victims of racketeering. Mr. Balwinkle, the manager of the Ford plant, established a policy of favoritism concerning a couple of small town racketeers who are trying to collect money from anyone they can upon the promise that they have the right connections to put them to work in the Richmond Plant. Of course that is not a fact. Ford Committee is recognized as the sole collective bargaining agency and no one else. Any such move would only cause trouble with the majority of the employees in the plant.

"To our neighbors, we sincerely appreciate your support in the past. We have already made some real gains in this Plant. Support the Ford CIO Unit of the United Automobile Workers of America in order to eliminate Henry Ford's Plant Union Relief System at your expense."

NMU DEMANDS FRIED OUSTER

NEW YORK—Charging Capt. George Fried with being "biased, unfair and belligerent" while presiding at trials of seamen accused of "unorganized" the National Maritime Union has demanded the removal of Commerce Roper remove him from his post as secretary of the Merchant Marine Inspection and Navigation.

Fried permitted attorneys for shipowners to cross-examine witnesses, while refusing the same right to cross-examine the counsel for the entire crew of the liner Seatrain Havana, charged with mutiny on the Standard.

In a subsequent trial of 14 seamen of the S. S. California, Fried took the role of prosecutor, charged Standard.

23 Years a Barber, Still 'Apprentice'

SAN FRANCISCO—Reactionary officials of the Journeymen Barbers International Union now refuse a member the right to transfer from one state to another.

Giulio Fiorillo, for 23 years a barber in Connecticut and New York, charged in court he refused the right to practice his trade in California without first acquiring the "apprentice" school for from three to six months.

Fiorillo has the full license to practice issued by the state examining board in Connecticut, and the system has decreed that he must be "trained" before he can work in California.

FILM UNIONS FIGHT IATSE JURISDICTION

Hollywood Guilds Plan Joint Action Against Producers

By DON BLACKWELL

HOLLYWOOD—Opposition to the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical & Stage Employees drive to assume jurisdiction over all studio workers is increasing here.

Interior decorators, set designers, scenic artists, costume designers, Actors Equity and American Federation of Radio Artists, all voiced their intention to resist IATSE domination and maintain autonomy.

Mutual Assistance

At a meeting of an inter-talent council, representing the actors, writers and directors Guilds, plans were laid for "mutuality of purpose," implying mutual assistance on the two big issues facing the Guilds—recognition by the IATSE and producer-recognition for the Screen Writers and Screen Directors Guilds.

The council also passed a resolution refusing to take in representatives of company unions and significantly started by barring delegates from the Screen Playwrights, Inc.

The council's position was strengthened when the Screen Publicists and the Society of Motion Picture Film Editors elected delegates. The immediate effect of this was the producers' willingness to resume negotiations for recognition of the cutters which were stopped when the IATSE made its claims, indicating the producers' fear of unity.

AFL Condones Gangsterism

The IATSE demand brings sharply to the Guild the question of the American Federation of Labor's position. The Screen Guild is battling the unions AFL affiliates.

What has the AFL Executive Council done to settle the dispute? Nothing, absolutely nothing which is tantamount to a tacit approval of the claims of the racketeer producer controlled IATSE.

Salinas Labor Raps State AFL Czars

SALINAS, Monterey County—"It is with feeling of deep regret that we are forced to report that in our opinion not a single accomplishment of legislation was enacted at the recent 1938 annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor," states the report of the Salinas Central Labor Council delegates, made here recently.

"In truth, the convention was under the full control of dictatorship from beginning to end and measure or proposition to help or meet the approval of the dictator had no chance of becoming effective, and in fact, met alone passage by the convention body.

Refuse Redbaiting

"All resolutions looking to condemn the activities of prominent members of the AFL and the CIO were bitterly denounced by the presiding chairman, Delegates of Los Angeles and Joe Casey of San Francisco leading the attack against such one in turn.

Any delegate who introduced such a resolution, and there were a good number of them, were branded as fools, insincere, Communistic or CIO.

"In fact, the whole theme of the convention was that any person who did not agree with the dictatorship was a Communist, and no one was sincere except those who took program and [illegible]

ILWU Inaugurates Listeners' Open Forum Via Radio

SAN FRANCISCO—A listeners' open forum and a question and answer department have been added to Radio Station KGGC's, the radio newspaper now being broadcast over station KGGC by the Intl. Longshore men's & Warehousemen's Union, Locals 1-6 and 1-10.

Starting Thursday, October 14, this program of news, commentary and features is now on the air five nights a week, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 9:45, to enable listeners, by tuning in for 15 minutes, five nights a week, to get the full story of the events and the events and issues of organized labor.

All locals and individuals are requested to phone news and announcements to EXbrook 0985.

Picket Lines Are Non-Existent to Wallace Beery

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—A resolution to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council (AFL) from the Culinary Workers Union has requested that Wallace Beery be put on the unfair list for going through picket lines.

He, like some other actors, has been frequenting the struck Brown Derby Restaurant, despite request from the Screen Actors Guild that its members stay way from there. Beery, previously suspended by Actors Equity for refusing to join the Guild has made application for a Guild card since the 95 per cent Guild shop went into effect.

Columnist Also Finky

The Culinary Workers are not only asking local censure of Beery, but also a national boycott, which will be put up to the AFL convention.

Sid Sullivan, columnist for The New York Daily News and syndicate, who replaced Sidney Skolsky in Hollywood, is also a frequenter of the Derby. He tells intimates daily on lunches there with such people as Louella Parsons.

Sullivan's column, besides flaunting the crossing of picket lines, has been viciously anti-labor, pro-Mussolini and reactionary in every way. There has been a flurry of protest about it to the Hollywood Citizen-News, which carries the Sullivan column locally.

6000 EAST COAST STEVEDORES SIGN CIO PLEDGE CARDS

Rathborne Reports Strong Move Against Ryan Rule

NEW YORK—Revolt within the ranks of the Intl. Longshoremen's Association, headed by Joseph P. Ryan, president of the AFL union, is growing stronger daily, Edward Mervyn Rathborne, secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee.

Over 6000 longshoremen have signed CIO pledge cards stating they will support the marine and harbor workers and the formation of an industrial organization for the entire time industry, announced Rathborne.

A force of 35 CIO longshore organizers are active in all East-Coast and Gulf ports from Portland, Me. to Galveston, Tex. Groups of rank and file dock workers meet every night in committees for CIO Affiliation, have been formed in many ports, and a paper, which is appearing daily, is being published in New York, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Seek West Coast Conditions

Rathborne declared today that he is now in the process of trying to see in the program of the CIO the answer to their problems of the past. They want "working conditions," said Rathborne. "Other unions on the waterfront have already united in a program of unity for all maritime workers, with the exception of Ryan, and a national Industrial Maritime Federation.

"The dock workers want such a Federation because they realize that it was through such unity of organization on the West Coast, the powerful Maritime Federation of the Pacific, that longshoremen were able to better their conditions, to win the hiring hall, overtime, larger gangs and lighter loads."

Bridges Scores Tobin's Attack

SAN FRANCISCO—Cries by Teamsters President Daniel Tobin, at the AFL convention in Denver against Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, brought a reply from Bridges:

"The statement made me of attempting to dictate on the shipment of war cargoes from the United States, he declared I sought to use my position in the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union to halt war shipments to Japan.

"It is with much interest that I find that President Roosevelt advocates such a policy."

Vandeleur Stooge Held As Filcher

SALINAS, Monterey County—Just what kind of men are chosen by State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur to direct his company unions in agriculture, was strongly demonstrated at the Leroy Brownlee, professional strikebreaker and Vegetable Workers Union No. 20073, on a charge of stealing $50 from the company union's treasury.

Filling Station Me Victimized by Plot Boss-Teamo Comb

Bell and Armstrong Help Em Put Over Fake "Partnership" Knife CIO Union

(Filling Station Employees Local 410, Intl. Oil W ion, Press Release.)

SAN FRANCISCO—The people of San Franc had occasion in the last few months to see how g works in the labor movement. The officials in the Union have exercised dictatorial powers, have porting beef squads and sending them out to beat up

Forty sworn affidavits are now in the hands of the U. S. District Attorney, showing how the Teamster officials have been conducting a reign of terror.

Conspiracy Against Workers

The latest strategy being used by the Teamster officials is a further violation of law, and is calculated by trickery and cunning to accomplish the same results that the Teamster officials attempted to accomplish by the use of violence.

Officials of the Garage Employees Union, a Teamster affiliate, have entered into conspiracy with filling station employers, whereby employees are absolutely deprived of the right to choose any CIO union as their collective bargaining agent.

The employees are told they do not need any union because they have been made partners in the business. A contract is signed whereby the workers are given an interest in the business, which is to be bought at the rate of $1 per month.

Fake "Partnership"

In one case, a worker has been given a contract which gives him 25 per cent ownership in the business for $6000, to be paid for at the rate of $1 per month over a period of 5000 months. The worker is told that he is employed as a partner. However, he is not entitled to any of the profits, but continues to receive his same wages.

There is a sample contract issued on October 6 last:

"Re: Owners Duty Concern:

I, George Redford, sell and transfer to C. W. Renshaw (one-quarter) 25 per cent of ownership in Redford Super Service, Fillmore & Broderick Sts., a going concern, for the consideration of five thousand dollars ($5000) in American Dollar or its equivalent—Terms one dollar ($1) each month for four hundred months and ninety-nine (4999) months.

This clever conspiracy is being engineered by Hugh Armstrong, officials of ster affiliate, Garage Union.

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Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

I WONDER if those AFL big shots at the Denver who allowed passage of a resolution calling for a Japanese goods, realize who will bear the brunt the boycott effective.

I wonder if they are well enough versed in t geographic to realize that practically all goods from Japan enter this country through some Pacific Coast port.

I am sure they realize, by this time, that the West Coast maritime unions, the majority of them—are either in the CIO or are extremely sympathetic to the CIO.

The day previous to the passage of the above resolution, one of these AFL big shots again broke into print with one of their stereotyped blasts against Harry Bridges and the West Coast maritime men.

Well, I'm sure the CIO union won't quibble about who is responsible for a boycott. I'm sure the CIO is heartily in sympathy with any move that will help to stop the rape of China by Japanese militarists.

The longshoremen and seamen of the West Coast are acutely conscious of the war danger. They will back President Roosevelt's clearly stated anti-war policy to the hilt.

I don't think as much could be said for William Green, John Frey or Mr. Hutcheson.

"Stand-by Jobs"

LAST WEEK there were some 200 men working at various stand-by jobs on the Matson docks. They were all members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

Some of them were working at such "stand-by" jobs as scraping off paint from benches on the dock. A few worked in the rigging loft.

Harry Lundeberg, you know, signed an agreement soon, giving the SUP over-seeking work on docks.

Lundeberg quietly putting across a tremendous victory. He who would "vote the union" was enabled to do their voting.

There's a pretty stantiated story that and the members of that they've got to the right shrine a Matson grand $6.40 per day.

It is said that Lun went after the scale the Dollar Line enabled him to make the Matson Navigation Co. "Management" of the Dollar Line. Cards were printed to Maintenance Work work on the West men known to be

Another angle is during the late Union was picketing Dollar Docks, Lundeberg leaflet declaring "would never recog- ize' line set up by Dollar."

Yet, Harry Lundeb had his way. Would the SUP membership the picket line? Or officials? Intl. Longshoremen's Intl. Longshoremen's leaflet, the SUP seamen's union, voted to self had no right to grind, and voted to stevedores and wate

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"In the eyes of the membership of Local No. 70," the letter read, "the high officials are guilty of treason to the labor movement as a whole.

"The International Executive Board has already convicted itself of these charges. The crime has already been carried out; they were caught in the act convicting themselves until they take action to remove the traitors from office.

Reviewing the history of the controversy between the membership of the ILWU and the international officers, the letter stated that the real issue involved was the democratic principle of democracy in the labor movement. Only in this way, it declared, this question would "to a large extent determine whether or not the membership of the ILWU-WFOU will continue to exist in this part of the country."

Ask for Vote

In reply to accusations filed against him by the executive board, which convicted him of leadership in the first principle of the land of democracy is the freedom of opposition. That is a crime, then I said guilty and unrepentant of that crime. I believe that the fundamental right of workers to manage the affairs of their own organization is a crime. I am already convicted."

He challenged the international officers to leave this issue squarely up to the membership of the local union involved. He demanded that Local No. 70 of Alameda County, CIO, decide this question by a DEMOCRATIC SECRET BALLOT.

Let not one man, nor one small group of men, rule in this matter. Let the principle of democracy guide us."

'Employers Responsible' Says Committee Sifting Banning Strike Facts

Investigating Body Declares Company's Open Shop Policy and Thugs Cost Taxpayers $3215 a Day

LOS ANGELES—Blame for the lengthy and costly Banning strike of 1,000 members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter workers was laid squarely at the door of the Metropolitan Water District last Tuesday, October 12, when a special investigating committee of the Democratic County Central Committee delivered its report.

Irrefutable facts, assembled only after strong opposition from the District Board of Directors, forced the committee to "come to the conclusion that the strike could have been easily prevented and the violence and expense to the taxpayers of the District avoided had the officers and members of the Board of Directors used their undoubted legal discretion and more conciliatory methods in dealing with the Union and its committees."

Strike Blame on Company

Headed by Judge Christopher F. Holland, the investigating committee consisted of Assemblyman Jack B. Tenny, Irl D. Brett, attorney; R. A. Heinlein, A. B. Calhoun and Mary E. Shaw.

Emphasizing his official report, Judge Holland, in an interview with the Western Worker, strongly stated that "the strike could certainly have been prevented."

Assemblyman Tenny, in a statement to the Western Worker, declared:

"In my opinion, from evidence heard by the committee, the matter could have been settled with the members of the District—merely a technical one—was poor.

"The entire blame for it can be placed on the policies of the Board of Directors," he added.

Chief cause of the strike, which lasted from May 1 until August, was the refusal of the Colorado River Aqueduct and has cost the taxpayers of Southern California hundreds of thousands of dollars, was the refusal of the District Board of Directors to sign an agreement of recognition with the union.

Company Dictated Law

Refusal to sign, the Board claimed, was based on the "illegality" of the union recognition provisions signing any agreement with a trade union.

In connection, the committee's report stated:

"The members of your committee who are attorneys, have made an exhaustive search of the law and have come to the legal staff of the District to substantiate their claim that the said agreement would be illegal. But they have failed to find any law which prohibits action of any court holding that such an agreement would have been illegal.

"We are, therefore, forced to the conclusion that the refusal of the District is due to the illegality of such an agreement is not well founded and that with a less impetuous attitude on the part of the District a compromise could and would have been effected.

Union Leaders Fired

Union members charged that prior to the strike 68 workers on the aqueduct job were discharged for union activity, a charge denied by the committee in its report declared:

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Labor's 'Vote No on 8' Campaign Grows in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO — While joint meetings of both AFL and CIO representatives to combat Proposition No. 8, the anti-picketing measure, in the November 2 election, were being scheduled, new organizations announced opposition to the measure being sponsored by the open-shop "Committee of 43."

The Building Service Employees Union announced their position on the side of organized labor against the measure.

Vigilante Threat

Mrs. Marie Bradley, treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Veterans of the Republic and past president of the United Spanish War Veterans, announced she had "appealed to members of the organization to vote against Proposition No. 8.

John A. O'Connell, AFL Central Labor Council secretary, issued a statement charging sponsors of the anti-picketing ordinance with attempting "to introduce vigilante rule in San Francisco."

The California Industrial Welfare Committee is going forward on a pamphlet exposing the forces behind Proposition No. 8, to be issued for mass distribution throughout the city.

BAY TEAMOS CHARGE CZARS WITH SABOTAGE

Lester Challenges Officials To Let Local Unions Vote Own Problems

OAKLAND—Charges of "deliberately helping the employers to carry out a campaign of union wrecking" were leveled at the General Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in an open letter signed by Clifford Lester, former president of Local 70.

The letter was a reply to charges brought against Lester by the international officials following his refusal to obey orders to carry out an order from Daniel Tobin, international president, to call a strike and to pass through cannery workers' picket lines last April.

Letter in Detail

It had the effect of placing the top officials of the union on the defensive, and in the open, for the first time in its history.

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MUSCLE MEN FLOUT U. S. WARNINGS

Hyans Testimony Shows Up Rotten Tactics of AFL Officials

LOS ANGELES—Flouting the stern warning issued by Trial Examiner Clifford O'Brien that criminal proceedings under the Wagner Act would be instituted against either party using coercion or violence, teamster officials sent their hired goons to the Zellerbach Paper Co. and forced a number of the men to shift their affiliation to the AFL.

It is reported that the AFL will now file for a reopening of the case which was closed at noon last Thursday.

Desperate at the flimsiness of their case before the Board, the teamsters resorted to their old goon tactics while the Board was still weighing the evidence in the case.

The National Labor Relations Board hearing on the Zellerbach Paper Company election closed unexpectedly without subpoenas being served on Captain William Hynes or James Davis, Chief of Police.

Hyans Called Witness

Surprise move of the day was the calling to the witness stand by the petitioner's attorney Ben Williams, of C. J. Hyans, Secretary Treasurer of the General Warehousemen's Union, AFL, a known goon.

Throughout the hearing Hyans was sitting beside Joe Ford with the intervenor's attorney, Otis Emme. It was he, who quickly rushed to the scene with the 38 warehousemen who had signed with the CIO, in a reaffirmation of their preference, when these names were offered in evidence.

Hyans admitted that though Warehousemen's local 598 was the contracting party to the AFL local could prove it had 51 per cent of the employees.

Contract Question

On the basis of this "contract" employees were inveigled or forced into joining the union. Conditions of the agreement were that all grievances be arbitrated by a committee composed of one teamster and one employer. Both parties must agree that there will be no lockout or strike for the term of the contract. However, since no expiration date was set for the agreement, this could be interpreted to mean that there would never be any strikes or lockouts.

AFL applications were submitted in evidence. Across the face of many of these six men were turned in CIO book." It was explained by witnesses that the initiation fee for each of these men was made, but an extra $2 was collected as dues. The AFL card was sufficient.

Hyans admitted under close questioning that he was receiving a salary from three separate locals, two teamster locals and the Flower Pedal and General Workers Union. In all he receives $75.00 per week.

Sluggers Identified

An eyewitness of the goon squad slugging, Gerald Binkerd, told what he had seen. His own car was run to the curb by eight goons, who, armed with baseball bats were in each car.

He identified men by the names of Bill Williams, Lee Hyans, the name was Ted E. Halsey. He was not a member of the Teamsters Union. He was a "contact" man, however, as a "contact" man. Asked what was meant by the term contact man, he explained that he contacted men to join the union. Binkerd was another of the so-called independent union with the United Auto Workers local.

Progressive Political Unity Charted at Fresno Meeting

168 Representatives of Diverse Labor and Liberal Groups Unite On Program to Seek Victory Over Reaction in 1938

FRESNO, Calif.—Unity of California's scattered army of progress in the 1938 state elections was much nearer to realization this week following a conference of 168 representatives of diverse liberal and progressive groups and labor spokesmen, both AFL and CIO, in this city over the past week-end.

Called together by the California Committee of One Hundred for Political Unity, the gathering adopted a set of objectives, created a temporary organization and decided to call a delegated convention early next year.

Unity, which was the keynote address of J. Stitt Wilson, former mayor of Berkeley, remained the keynote of the two-day proceedings and the conference adjourned with ranks solid.

TIME TO UNITE

"It is now time for the liberals and progressives of all schools and all sects, and all parties to unite for further action," said Wilson.

Recalling the past divisions in liberal ranks, he cried:

"This time we don't want a fight. We want victory! Nothing less should be the goal of liberal democracy now in California."

Acting as a leaven was the offensive of fascism and reaction on a world scale and its entrenched position in this state.

FASCIST DANGER

Speaking of the conflict between fascism and democracy in other countries, Wilson added:

"The conflict deepens and ripens all over the world, and in its own peculiar form this conflict constitutes the real issue in the politics of the United States."

With this understanding, the conference adopted a set of principles which included the extension of civil rights, the guarantee of labor's rights, an extensive social security and old age pension program, and support, in effect, of President Roosevelt's peace policy as enunciated in his Chicago speech.

Provisions were also made for special planks on youth, the farmers and unemployed.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

An executive committee of five officers and 14 others, each from a different Congressional district

C. P. Endorses Three Candidates in S. F.

Meetings Scheduled in Anita Whitney Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, spoke before the LaFayette Club on the major issues of the campaign Saturday night, having been invited in company with all other candidates.

Among other meetings where Communist spokesmen in the campaign are scheduled to be heard are:

Thursday, Oct. 21—779 Vallejo, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21—25 Assembly District C. P. forum, Sokol Hall, 735 Page. All candidates invited.

Saturday nights—Street meetings at Fillmore and O'Farrell Street and at Stockton and Vallejo Streets, 8 p.m.

Sunday afternoons—Jefferson Park meetings. Scheduled speakers include Bill Schneiderman, Frank Spector and Oleta O'Connor.

Sunday, Oct. 28—23rd Assembly District C. P. Forum. Speakers to be announced.

Headquarters were scheduled to be opened this week for "Anita Whitney for Supervisor" in the 36th, 23rd and 20th Assembly Districts.

Union Removes Official Who Aided McDonough

SAN FRANCISCO—In a recent issue the Western Worker reported that officials of the Laborers' and other unions came to the defense of Pete McDonough in his application for a bail bond license. While this was true, members of the Laborers' Union have called attention to the fact that Harry E. McCormick, the official involved in their local, was since defeated for reelection as dispatcher.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" - Editor!

Painters of S. F. Fight Picket Act

SAN FRANCISCO — After hearing the talk of George Anderson, supervisorial candidate of the Honest Government Committee, Painters' Local No. 1158 voted a 50-cent assessment on all members to fight the anti-picketing ordinance and contributed $50 to the Honest Government Committee campaign.

The action took place at a special meeting Friday night which also witnessed a showing of the Chicago massacre film.

Supervisor George Reilly spoke at the meeting without taking any stand on the anti-picketing ordinahce.

Vito Marcantonio Hits Tampa Verdict

NEW YORK — Procedures of both the trial court and the prosecution in the Tampa Five murder trial at Bartow, was denounced today by Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense.

The action of Rex Farrior, special prosecutor, in asking for dismissal of the murder charges against Ed Sapp and Willie, Dean of Orlando, was denounced by Marcantonio as "weakness in the face of political pressure, if not worse."

Permission by Judge Dewell of the defense counsel to question prospective jurors on their views of the Committee for Industrial Organization, was characterized as "eminently unfair, and direct aid by the court to the provocative tactics of the Klan defense."

The case involved the Ku Klux Klan killing of Joseph Shoemaker.

Records of Nugent, Anderson, January Are Applauded

SAN FRANCISCO—The Communist Party of San Francisco, through action of its County Committee Monday night, endorsed the candidacies of George Andersen, Marjorie January and Herbert Nugent for supervisor.

"Not only the campaign promises of these candidates, said County Secretary Frank Spector in making the announcement, "but their public records as well show that they merit the support of labor and progressive forces of San Francisco."

Spector called attention to the fact that the Communist Party has placed only one of its members into the race for supervisor, and, is now carrying on a widespread campaign with three new "Anita Whitney for Supervisor" headquarters to be opened this week.

One C. P. Candidate

"We put up only one of our own candidates," Spector stated, "because we wanted to make it possible to secure the utmost unity of all progressive and labor forces in the city election.

"We have endorsed these three candidates today because their records closely. We are investigating others as well, but all are welcome to our endorsements only in the event we can be assured that these candidates will fight to carry out the planks of the progressive platform to which they are pledged.

"Mrs. January, Andersen and Nugent have conducted excellent campaigns and winning support independently. Each has already secured the endorsement of a number of organizations including the Honest Government Committee. Collectively, they are pledged to the Honest Government Committee's program which calls for defeat of the anti-picketing ordinance, upholding the civil rights of labor, defeat of the subway bond proposals and use of city hall prestige in the fight against high living costs.

Records Stand Up

"Their records in public life bear out this progressive united program.

"The Union Labor Party has done a great deal to harm the political unity of labor by its disgraceful record. Andersen and Nugent are part and parcel of the Rossi machine. It did so without discussion and in steamroller fashion. Labor and all progressives have no alternative but to select and endorse candidates on their merit, without reference to the so-called labor ticket."

"Examine the Record"

"We urge every trade union local to invite all candidates to speak before them and to examine the records of these candidates. This examination cannot help showing that the candidates who really merit progressive support are those we have endorsed and our own candidate for supervisor, Miss Anita Whitney."

While the three endorsed candidates were each conducting a separate campaign, they were at the same time supported by campaign through the Honest Government Committee.

Spokesmen for the Committee, bringing with them a film of the Chicago Memorial Day Massacre, have already spoken before 20 trade union locals, receiving financial support from many.

Union Locals Aid

The Fur Workers gave $25, Warehousemen and Longshoremen's locals of the ILWU are giving $50 a week for the duration of the campaign. Locals 8 and 101 of the ILGWU gave $25. Paint and Varnish Makers gave $25 and Millinery Workers' $10.

A separate campaign is being conducted for Herbert Nugent by the Workers Alliance, which has also endorsed the entire Honest Government slate. Andersen has been endorsed by the Marine Firemen and by the Maritime Federation District Council. He received a standing vote of confidence from the ILWU locals.

The League of Women Voters is conducting a separate campaign for Mrs. January. This week the Committee scheduled a special mass meeting for women at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Sutter Street entrance, for Friday night, Oct. 29, with Mrs. January as speaker.

Minister Jailed for Protesting Beating

OAKLAND — Ben Holliday, minister in Judge Rutherford's Society of Jehovah's Witnesses, was arrested here Oct. 17 when he protested the beating of a worker by an Oakland police officer. His protest consisted of saying, "Officer, officer, you can't do that," and the policeman arrested him and hooked him on a charge of interfering with the duties of a police officer.

Holliday was released on $100 bail pending a jury trial. He requested the East Bay International Labor Defense to defend him on the charge.

Target of Reactionaries

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The Archbishop said in silencing Coughlin that the latter's statements might give the "impression that there is a basic opposition in principle between the Catholic Church and the CIO."

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Assembly Group to Probe Beef Squad

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G. M. Changes Tactics After Labor Victory In Detroit Election

By CARL HAESSLER

DETROIT — Union negotiators with General Motors representatives found a markedly different atmosphere at the end of the week than they did in the beginning. The GM big shots were cordial and willing to meet the United Auto Workers somewhere more than halfway. Organizers they had altogether refused to see were greeted with outstretched arms.

Dickering is going on for a united front between the AFL and CIO to put Judge Patrick H. O'Brien into the Detroit mayor's chair Nov. 2. O'Brien, a new deal Democrat who ran on the labor slate, is opposed by Richard Reading, old line Republican.

The smashing primary victory for the CIO slate for mayor and a majority in the Detroit city council Oct. 5 was the reason. That tremendous demonstration of the extent of CIO support among the citizens, reaching 100,000 votes for Judge O'Brien for mayor, was a signal that the motor magnate swiftly heeded.

Like a Demonstration

The 100,000 voters looked to them like 100,000 pickets or 100,000 sitdowners or renewed 100,000 massed in Cadillac Square. And they voice in the auto industry, not the warfare they at first thought they could pro-

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Messages of sorrow and condolence were received from Communist leaders of numerous countries including one from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S., signed by Earl Browder and William Z. Foster, and another from the Daily Worker in New York, sent in the Russian way.

"Under Comrade Vaillant-Couturier," said Hathaway, "your papper made tremendous advances, setting a brilliant example for Communists in all capitalist lands."

Vaillant-Couturier was an outstanding lawyer, novelist, poet and leader of war veterans as well as a Comunist leader and journalist.

Auto Union Gains

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Democracy Provides Strongest Bulwark Against Fascism's Onslaught Against Dreams of Jefferson

By CLINT DUFF

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spectator who knew nothing of the world, and who was put into it merely to make his observations, he would take a great part of the old world to be new, just struggling with the difficulties and hardships of an infant settlement."

These words are applied to the progress for and the overcome of the American revolution in comparison to the continued backwardness of the monarchical countries, applies today with great force to the progressive outcome of the Bolshevik revolution in comparison to the continued backwardness of the capitalist countries.

Who living under the warcrazy governments of Hitler, Mussolini or the Japanese militarists could not easily believe that they were in some primitive tribal state who understood no other course than to conquer and administered no other fate to their opponents than death! Who could believe that such a "spectator" to then move with the progress of the socialized Union of Soviet Socialist Republics where he would be treated as a fellow human life, liberty and a joyous life!

The tremendous daily successes of the 1917 revolution, forged the "breach in the world's social system" which was wider. The spot for those to stand upon who would raise the world is hourly becoming firmer and broader.

1776 and 1917

Thus the revolution of 1917 far from contradicting the effect and spirit of the American revolution of 1776, carries on the torch of progress into the era of decadent capitalism. Of course, the proletarian revolution carries the people of Russia to heights of economic and political achievement never to be dreamed of under capitalism. It is this reason why we should overlook the tremendously progressive effect of the 1917 on the American revolution? Or is it a reason why we should hesitate to speak of 1776 and 1917 in the same breath? Of course not.

From our Twentieth Century vantage point we can characterize the break of 1776 from England's semi-feudal colonial oppression with exactly the same words which Tom Paine characterized the long past and very incomplete English revolution of 1668:

"What it was noble for the dark and slavish times in which it was acted is greatly to their new world was overturned with tyranny the least removed therefrom was a glorious cause. But that it is imperfect and subject to convulsions, and incapable of producing what it seems to promise is easily demonstrated."

("Common Sense")

Now we find the order which Paine fought for is "subject to convulsions," and incapable of producing what it seems to promise" is easily demonstrated."

Why? Because the world is suffering from ef all progressive sections of the population is needed—the need for a united front. In these depressions falls on the shoulders of the working class, on the shoulders of monopoly-capitalists. Such a front is mediate interests of the people and to prepare them for the final decisive struggle against their oppressors.

For: "In such a situation, and with examples already existing, revolutions are to be looked for."

DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN
'Tonight We Move Up... Tomorrow We Capture!'

By ADDISON KEELER

We drive through streets lined with people. Everywhere the clenched fist salute, even the babies in arms shake their tiny fists at us. The people of this metropolis seem to have expected us though they don't know to what unit we belong.

"Que brigada?" calls a woman from the crowd ."15th Brigade," one of us yells back. "Viva Los voluntarios! Viva el Brigada!" The shout is repeated. We roll on into quieter streets.

It's funny to be in a city again, to see street cars and plate glass windows and traffic cops and women in summer clothes. There are the cafes where we used to eat. But disappointment! We are forbidden to leave the trucks. However, an ice cream vendor with his wagon alongside and we buy four or five boxes per man—orange, lemon and chocolate.

Rings Have New Use

American volunteers will never forget the bull rings. At one time or another they are assembled in the bull rings of every town in Spain—for registration, for review, for reorganization. And here we are in the bull ring of the big city

AN ADVANCE unit of government troops, moving through a street of shell-torn Belchite after its capture from the insurgents, in a search for snipers concealed in houses along the road.

posted at every entrance to keep us in here.

"Better get some rest, boys, a hard trip ahead." Intense gloom, and we quarrel. Spike is present, but after a while he disappears—and is gone two hours. There are a few cheers at that.

I manage to wrangle a half hour's permission to secure medicine. The streets are crowded with people, girls promenading, workers, civilians. Here is a headsman bar, all brass and mahagany. In rapid succession I consume three cognacs, a beer, a tall lemonade and two portions of hard-boiled eggs and mayonnaise. I find the medicine is unobtainable.

For two other comrades and myself I purchase a bottle of cognac and one of anis. At the last minute I decide to invest the remainder of our money in emergency rations—raisins, hard nut candy, a pound of powdered chocolate, several cans of sardines .

Journey Begins

When I return the battalions are lining up. There seems to be terrific confusion, officers from Merriman down dashing about in the unlighted arena issuing orders. But a short time later we are marched, unit by unit, down to the waiting trains.

The train is packed with soldiers of the International Brigade. At night comrades sleep on the floor underneath the seats, on the baggage racks, sprawled out in the aisles, on the back platforms. A never-ending trip—all night long, throughout the day, another night. "Where the hell are they taking us?"

There is plenty of water but not enough food. We are forbidden to leave the train at stops, but miraculously there is always plenty of bread and march vicinity around. All of the interests me not at all. I am learning that you shouldn't try to cure a case of Spanish apathy by drinking cognac. Almost I cannot appreciate the voices of our Slavic comrades of the Dimitrov battalion singing their revolutionary songs.

Of all the singers of the brigade, those of Slavic origin are the best. Hear ten or a dozen of them grouped in a corner of the coach! The leader sings a stanza and the rest join in the chorus, full-throated, harmonious Duonia.

Camp Near Front

We are camped in a beautiful countryside, rich and fertile, with vineyards traversed by deep irrigation ditches in which we bathe and wash out our clothes. All our comrades are here, those of my Brigade headquarters as well as those from the training camp. We saw the last of them in March yesterday. Sprawled at ease in the shade of the olive trees we greeted them with the traditional "Rip-lip——" (the Spanish silent) and with cries of "Burro! Burro!" as they filed by loaded down under heavy marching equipment (yesterday we went through that gruelling, never-ending march ourselves).

Our brigade kitchen has at last caught up with us. The food is getting much better; we have received an issue of Luckies. It is too good to last.

Late in the afternoon the captain calls us for a meeting. There is an unaccountable tension and suppressed excitement.

"Comrades, I have important news. Tonight we move up to the front; tomorrow we will take the important town of ——."

Mopping Up After Spain Loyalist Victory

The ABC of Propaganda, or How to Carry the Western Worker to the People

The State Conference on September 26 decided to mobilize the entire Party membership in a Red Sunday over the weekend of October 30th and 31st.

This work will consist of the membership going into the neighborhoods, to the shops and factories to personally contact workers and sympathizers with the Daily Western Worker Drive as a basis.

Objectives of the Red Sunday

The main objective of the Red Sunday is to reach, by personal contact, a large number of people and to acquaint them with the coming Daily Western Worker. Funds will be raised, the paper sold, subscriptions obtained and contacts made for future recruiting to the Party.

Materials to Be Used

In the work, we will use the special edition of the Western Worker (50,000 copies) which will be on the 20 years of Socialist Construction in the USSR.

In addition, a four-page printed folder has been written by Comrade Richmond, editor of the "Western," explaining to the workers what the Daily will be like and what it will mean to them.

All Red Sunday workers will of course carry collection lists, coupon books, punch boards, sub blanks, etc.

How to Organize the Work

A discussion must be held immediately by each County Executive Committee and the question of the Red Sunday thoroughly examined in consideration of local conditions. The County Executive should work out a definite plan, simple but effective, to be followed by all units and branches. One member of the County Bureau, preferably the County Red Sunday mobilization.

Unit and Branch Work

Here are a few suggestions as to Unit and Branch work:

A thorough discussion should be held by the membership with special emphasis by the leadership in explaining to every member the necessity and importance of doing personal contacting work. It is not only for the good of the Drive, but also for the good of the Unit; not only for raising funds, but also for making contacts for recruiting by the Unit.

Select Your Place of Work

Unit Bureaus should select the locality for house-to-house visiting. Generally, experience shows us that visiting workers who know something of our movement and press get better results than to work at random. We should select work along the following lines:

One: Areas of homes around a big factory or industry.

Two: The homes of members of mass organizations like the ILD, IWO, etc., should be visited. There are a great many FORMER members of mass organizations whose visiting will bring good results. Get lists of names from the mass organization secretaries.

Three: IN EVERY COUNTY, every single former Party member who has dropped out should be visited, not only to get their contribution for the Drive, but also to bring them back into the Party.

SPECIAL NOTE: **Strong emphasis** should be placed on asking the dropped members to contribute a day's pay. See that the day's pay asked for is earned by the comrade who is visiting. In most cases, it will pleasethese workers to be approached for a day's pay just like any other Party member. It shows them our party has not forgotten and lost interest in them.

These units should make up lists of fellow shop mates and unionists. Although they may be scattered over a fairly large area, concentration on them will bring the best of results.

Prepare the Work in Advance

The most important thing to do before the Red Sunday is to prepare the workers for our coming.

1. In neighborhood work, the folder and copies of the "Western" should be left at doors a day or so in advance of the week-end.

2. On the morning and noon of Saturday, Oct. 30, both industrial and neighborhoods should select a factory or shop gate and mobilize the membership to pass out the folder and the Western Worker.

How to Work

The members of the unit should be paired off in twos by the Unit Bureau. New comrades should go with older, more experienced ones. Comrades with a language accent should be paired off with American born comrades, etc.

Meet in Advance

On both Saturday and Sunday, whatever the nature the work is to take, THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD MEET AT A CERTAIN PLACE TO RECEIVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS, BE PAIRED OFF AND PROCEED TO THE VISITING.

Unit and Branch organizers must personally supervise the work. Each pair of workers should report back to the organizer when they have finished their assignments at a definite hour.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CANVASSERS ARE NOT GIVEN TOO MUCH WORK and trade union contacting will be about right.

How to Use the Materials

If the "Western" and the folder have been distributed in advance, our approach is easy. When someone answers the door, we can simply say that we left them a copy of each and ask the worker what he or she thinks of the paper.

If this work has not been done, simply say you are introducing the Western Worker, the only working class newspaper in the West. Ask them if they have ever read it. Tell them about it and what it stands for. Try to get the worker to do some of the talking also.

BEFORE YOU GO OUT, READ THE SPECIAL EDITION FROM COVER TO COVER. If the worker tells you he belongs to such or such a union, the chances are you can find something in the "Western" about his union or industry to show him right there and then.

If the worker is inclined to talk (and most of them will be once they find you're not selling vacuum sweepers or Boiler Brushes) go into more details about the Daily Western Worker, what it will mean to the workers, about the $35,000. BUT DO NOWAIT TO FORCE THE ISSUE, or try to say everything in one breath.

IF the worker is NOT inclined to talk, simply leave the folder with him, sell or give a "Western" and ask him to read them.

However, most workers will show interest and sympathy. Show him your coupon book, ask him for a donation. Take up the question of a subscription, either for the rest of the year or for the Daily. The rate will be only 60 cents from November 1st to January 1st.

Who Publishes the "Western"?

Use your own judgment in turning the talk to the Communist Party and our movement. Do not hesitate, if a worker asks who publishes the paper. Tell them the C. P. That the C. P. is the ONLY party willing to do the hard work and make the sacrifice necessary to bring the truth to the workers everywhere.

BY ALL MEANS, EACH TEAM OF COMRADES SHOULD KEEP A BRIEF RECORD OF EACH VISIT THEY MAKE. A few simple words about the worker you have talked to makes a very valuable record for your unit or branch in future work.

Working Under Handicaps

In some counties, because of organized reaction and vigilanteism, it will be impractical for our membership to do house to house work. These counties can nevertheless carry out the Red Sunday in other ways. They should visit every known sympathizer, raise funds, subs and recruiting. They should make up lists of people to whom they can mail or distribute in some other practical method, the Red Sunday folder, the Western Worker, etc.

This method of work may be followed by some trade union units, but every effort must be made to do as much personal contacting as possible.

After the Red week-end, each Unit and Branch Organizer should make up a report to the County Drive Director. Give the amount collected, number of papers sold, number and kind of subs obtained and finally, the general result of the work.

Conclusion

It is the opinion of the State Committee of the Party that such a broad mobilization of the membership will be a healthy stimulus to the entire Party. This Red Sunday, properly and conscientiously carried through by the whole membership will mean thousands of new friends for the Daily Western Worker and hundreds of new prospects for the Party.

COMMUNISTS MUST GO TO THE MASSES!" said Lenin. Forward to a mass mobilization of every party member for the Red Week-End! Forward to a mass base for our Daily Western Worker; to mass recruiting to the Party!

Brazil Anti-Fascists Fight for Loyalists; Vargas Terror Grows

Two Army Officers Escape From Prison

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Deeds Must Fortify Words For Labor Unity

LABOR unity can not be forged with words alone, but must be fortified with deeds. That's the situation in the American labor movement today, and it's proving a mighty hot potato for the American Federation of Labor executive council to handle.

Once again the Committee for Industrial Organization has proved that it wants unity of labor, by its proposal for a conference of 10 CIO representatives and 10 AFL representatives to take place in Washington next Monday. Secretary Frank Morrison, William Green and his cohorts have not definitely accepted, and are wriggling and squirming as their loud-spoken cries for "unity" at the recently concluded AFL convention are boomeranging on them.

Green cries about the conditions attached to unity by the CIO, and tries desperately to make the issue entirely one of "unity"—that is, his kind of unity. Green would bless real unity with the kiss of death.

What are these conditions of the CIO? They are recognition in principle of industrial unionism for the mass production industries, without which there can be no real unity in fact. In the many years before the advent of the CIO, was there real labor unity in the AFL? Hardly, with only the few million members in the AFL, and some 35,000,000 workers outside the AFL with no semblance of union organization.

The unorganized workers in these huge mass production industries can only be organized on the basis of industrial unionism, as the CIO has proved by its great victories in steel and rubber, by its great advances in other industries. Today, because of the CIO's program of industrial unionism, over 500,000 steel workers are organized and working under union conditions, and over 400,000 union workers similarly organized. And remember, the AFL "leaders" declared steel and auto were "unorganizable." The CIO today has nearly 4,000,000 members and has become the main stream of American labor.

These great organizing achievements would not have been possible without the principle of industrial unionism. To take up the question of unity without this principle, is to make of unity a hollow and empty word, devoid of meaning. To forge unity one must use this principle, to consolidate the forces of 8,000,000 organized workers for organization of 30,000,000 as yet unorganized workers.

It is of utmost importance at this time, therefore, for both AFL and CIO unions to take a firm stand for unity on the basis of industrial unionism. The CIO wants unity on this principle, and the majority of the AFL membership wants the same thing. Let the "15 old men" of the AFL executive council know the sentiment of the rank and file.

An Urgent Task for The People of Banning

RECENTLY the Board of Directors of the Banning Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution stating that they "do hereby commend the local law enforcement officers, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, and the police of the Metropolitan Water District for their splendid work in protecting life and property, and preserving law and order in this district. . ."

Investigation of a number of citizen's committees including that of the Municipal League, headed by Dr. Ryland, and the recent committee headed by Congressman Byron Scott, have revealed the following facts:

More than a score of strikers were beaten, tortured, shot down by armed deputies since the outbreak of the strike. More than seventy-five strikers have been arrested and jailed. Booked on minor charges of vagrancy and misdemeanor, bail has been set as high as $5000.

And the Chamber of Commerce of Banning District Attorney and the Judge of the Banning court have ridden rough shod over the civil rights of the strikers, have instituted a reign of licensed terror.

And the Chamber of Commerce of Banning "commends these fine fellows "for their splendid work in protecting life and property, and preserving law and order."

What fine cynicism and callous skins these gentlemen display! They sit in their swivel chairs and pen resolutions of commendation while the hired thugs who are their police beat lawful strikers down in the streets.

The Metropolitan Water District owns the deputized thugs, the district attorney of Riverside County and the Chamber of Commerce of Banning. But the people of the thirteen cities of the Water District own the Metropolitan Water District.

The citizens of these thirteen cities must compel the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District to withdraw the hireling thugs, to negotiate with the strikers, and to recognize the right of its workers to collective bargaining in accordance with the law, of the land. . .

That Way Lies Victory

"WE WANT victory. Nothing less should be the goal of liberal democracy now in California."

That's what J. Stitt Wilson, keynoter of the Committee for Political Unity Conference in Fresno, said.

That sums up the problem facing California progressives, for the time is not only ripe for a real battle against reaction—it is ripe for victory!

In our opinion, the conference took the first steps on the road to victory.

It was able to unite on a progressive program of policies and tactics despite the divergent views represented. It created the mechanical apparatus to carry that program forward. It provided for a broad convention to enlist the support of all progressive groups behind that program and to further specify that program. It recognized that the best hope for progressive political action today is the instrumentality of the Democratic Party.

With its course charted, the battle is on.

If the unity established is maintained and broadened to include greater sections of organized labor and the farmers, progress will win over reaction.

The price of victory is unity.

A Legislative Program of Labor in America

"EACH worker has a right to a job and must be guaranteed security of employment."

Be this the rallying cry of Labor in America and let it ring in the halls of congress!

It was proclaimed as the basic feature of the legislative program put forward by the Committee for Industrial Organization at the conference in Atlantic City. Answering its call the eight million already organized workers of America and 30 millions unorganized can and will become the greatest political factor in the country, aiding and getting aid from the working farmers, the small business men.

The CIO outlined a concrete program to achieve this goal. Besides its direct, incisive approach to the main political tasks of the people of America, the feeble self-seeking attempts of the AFL officialdom at Denver to state labor in the back cannot help being shown up for what they are.

The CIO proposes: Licensing of all business enterprises in inter-state commerce, forcing compliance with a code protecting the public; establish a federal wage and hour legislation, guaranteeing a minimum decent standard of living; **Federal recognition of the right of every worker to have a job, with** WPA and PWA appropriations sufficient to guarantee this; amendment of the federal social security legislation in order to extend its operation and to increase the benefits under it.

Compare the attitude of the CIO toward the National Labor Relations Board with that of the AFL.

The Green-Woll clique, because workers voting have largely shown that they prefer industrial unionism, demanded amendments which would, in effect, cripple or destroy the workers asunder, regardless of any preference the workers might have. Clearly they were thinking of nothing else but their own efforts to regain a death grip on the labor movement, can what it may.

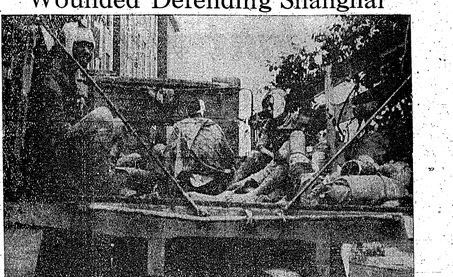
As opposed to this the CIO supported the act and its purpose. It did criticise, and sternly so, the recent decisions of the board which disregarded the overwhelming election victory of workers in certain industries to organize industrially.

In short, the CIO exercises the right which labor must develop more fully: to support every progressive feature of the administration while striving to vigorously oppose every backward step taken in the interest of the economic royalists.

This is the program around which labor can and will rally.

To every worker—security!

Wounded Defending Shanghai



CHINESE SOLDIERS, wounded in an engagement with invading Japanese on the outskirts of Shanghai, arrive in a truck at an army hospital in the French concession.

FAMOUS SOVIET WRITER TELLS THE HISTORY OF RED SQUARE

By VSEVOLOD IVANOV
(Continued from last issue)

WOODEN Rus (Russia) was raging and becoming senile. Stony Europe was threatening its very existence. Slowly, clumsily, Russia exchanged the bow and arrow for the halberdine and gun. The old method of individual hand to hand fighting gave way to battle line formation. It was difficult to bring about these changes. The Czar's bodyguard, Sophia's soldiers, supported the old customs and the "holy religion." Even in May 1682, the guards broke into the Red Square and the Kremlin and killed some of the reformmen who were innovators. They were even sufficiently powerful to compel the construction of a monument in celebration of this event. All of this was taking place in the very same old Red Square.

Reaction Suppressed

Sixteen years later, Peter, the landowners' Czar, set up gallows in place of this monument, set up many and terrible instruments of torture. The rebellious nobles were dragged to the Red Square, with ropes around their necks. They were then forced to carry bloody heads on their own execution. Taught by previous instructors, Peter conquered the old, conservative nobility. Upon distant northern swamps, Peter erected a new city, St. Petersburgh and transferred his capital there.

There remained in Moscow the discontented nobles with their slaves, and the merchants, those who still found it more profitable to do their trading in Moscow. But Moscow was no longer the capital of the country. With the birth of the Empire came the new royal and imperial center. Karamzin, the bard of Russian autocracy, wrote about the walls of the Kremlin:

"This sacred enclosure was often the stage of horrors. Waves of army revolt stormed here. Here died the impaled Matveiev. Here one could see Sophia's treacherous smile and the 10 year old Peter surveying the scene with the eye of a stern ruler. This great Czar glorified Russia, although he deprived the Kremlin of the glory of a royal residence. It was here the Czars received their crowns from God and their fatherland. It was here that they appeared before us from time to time, during the most solemn, decisive moments of their rule."

The Red Square now became a place for promenades, commerce, fist and stick fights. During Maslianaya (winter festival) there were circus tents and even a peoples' theater, "A Comedy House." The streets were "spruced" with round pieces of timber laid close to each other. In May 1771 it was rotting or already rotted. The ditches were full of cadavers of animals, often of human bodies too.

Slave Population

In Catherine's days all Moscow had only 30 street cleaners "to keep the streets in order." In 1795, the Red Square was ordered "to be paved—but all of it. Only a narrow strip "for parade purposes." Moscow was even something like a merchants' arcade at that time. The structure was quite low, with many columns, the stores rather small and narrow. Tall, aristocratic looking carriages with plate glass windows would be driven up by a liveried driver and some fore-rider postillions. The carriages were always accompanied by hussars, huntsmen and lackeys, wearing triangular hats.

Moscow at this time had a population of 217,000, of which 170,000 were slaves. At night the streets were dark. Just as in ancient days, there were gates throughout the city. Great barrels of water stood at every corner. As in the olden days, Moscow frequently suffered mass fires. At the Lobnaya Place there still were many diminishing fives, and the cannon still stood there, rusting.

In the days when Catherine flirted with European philosophers, even with Diderot, the Red Square was literally chained and roped. This healer of another mighty peasant revolt, who was likewise subdued by Catherine's best generals, only after much difficulty, was brought to the Red Square caged and exhibited like a wild animal, for the delectation of the landowners, bureaucrats and merchants, and in order to terrorize "the rabble."

And about the same time, frightened by the revolutionary and "disorders," Catherine was compelled to publicly execute another prince, the unfortunate creature of feudal aristocracy, the noblewoman Saltychikha, who had killed incredible numbers of serfs, 138 of her slaves tortured to death.

Napoleon Enters Moscow

On that very spot where the Museum of History is now situated, stood the first building of the Moscow University. A few years later, Moscow became a "secret court" house. Close by there was a very small building, housing Novikov's printing shop. The shop did not last long. Novikov was imprisoned and banished. His books were nearly all burned.

The Red Square changed sharply after the Franco-Russian War of 1812. The Russian Armies and generals fired from the Great Army, just as the rest of European armies did. They were afraid to defend Moscow because defeat there could have brought about a revolution. Moscow was surrendered and, "Napoleon allowed to enter—at his peril."

On September 2, 1812, Napoleon entered Moscow and occupied the Kremlin. He reviewed his army on the Red Square and ordered the destruction of all adjoining buildings "in order not to interfere with the view."

CIO Board Given Power To Call National Parley Of Affiliated Unions

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—When it becomes "advisable and expedient, the executive officers of the Committee for Industrial Organization are authorized to issue a call to a national convention, under a resolution adopted by the CIO conference concluded here last week.

In the meantime, preparations are going forward for the conference between CIO representatives and American Federation of Labor spokesmen, to take place in Washington starting next Monday, October 25. This conference is to discuss the question of a united labor movement.

The resolution on the CIO convention stated:

Authorizes Convention

"Whereas: This conference of representatives of the national and international unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization has recorded remarkable achievements in the organization of millions of heretofore unorganized workers; whereas the organization of approximately four million workers in 32 national and international unions and 600 local industrial unions establishes the necessity for the creation of machinery to consolidate the existing situation and to afford opportunities for the continued organizational activities;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the executive officers of the Committee for Industrial Organization are hereby authorized to issue a call, at such time as they deem it advisable and expedient, to all the national and international unions, local industrial unions and city and state industrial councils affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, to attend a national convention."

Other actions of the CIO conference were:

Flays Gov. Davey

1. Condemning the willingness of local authorities in the steel strike area to cooperate in the destruction of the rights of industrial rights of the steel workers by the invasion of homes without warrants, arrest of strikers without provocation or cause upon flimsy pretexts, and the destruction of union property and quarters, and condemning without reservation the action of Governor Davey in summoning the National Guard of Ohio for the purpose of breaking the strike."

2. Supporting a five-day week for government employees and a minimum annual wage to assure a decent standard of living, and favoring extension of civil service "to the end that all persons employed may enjoy security of employment and that selections in government positions may be made on a non-political basis of merit."

3. Condemning the anti-labor policies of the Federal Communications Commission, as influenced by communications companies, and urging a congressional investigation of the commission and the lobby of the communication companies.

For Anti-Lynch Bill

4. Endorsing the principle of a federal anti-lynching bill "as against lynching of persons, whatever their creed, class or color, as an abhorrent evil, and against the indifference of local public officials to lawless mob action, and against the connivance of such officials in such acts, and providing remedies in cases completely eradicate the shameful scourge of lynching from our national life."

5. **Scores the Department of Commerce "strike-breaking activities" in the administration of the Copeland Sea Act.**

6.—Favoring boycott of Japanese-manufactured goods, approving economic boycott of Japan, and condemning all aggression against China.

Political Action

Speaking to the conference, E. D. Oliver, president of the Pacific League executive vice-president, urged development of political organizations capable of coping with a lot of our opponents.

"I am sure that we'll see an increasing congressional representation of labor in Congress and more city governments controlled by labor."

Vandeleur Trying To Blockade CIO Cleaners & Dyers

SAN FRANCISCO—Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is trying to duplicate the recent Teamster officials' blockade against the warehousemen and longshoremen, by setting up a blockade against the CIO United Cleaners & Dyers Union, declared officials of the latter union last Monday.

Vandeleur met with the employers in the cleaning industry Friday at 11 a.m. CIO leaders said, and adopted plans to boycott all plants who have signed up with the United Cleaners & Dyers, starting with the West Coast and Borello's plants. Teamsters are being instructed to respect "pickets" sent out by Vandeleur in collaboration with the employers and the dual AFL union; all supplies needed by cleaning plants are not to be delivered to CIO plants.

Shipyard Union Gains

CAMDEN, N. J.—Showing 100 per-cent growth in the last year, the CIO Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers recently held a convention attended by delegates representing 20,000 workers in 14 states.

A.F.L. MEMBERS URGED TO PUSH LABOR UNITY

Hudson Tells How Shelley, Vandeleur Behaved At Convention

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for another month."

Hudson declared that from surface indications, Vandeleur got something for his trouble at though the Council was not officially pleased by the plea for funds. After his speech he conferred with Green on the convention platform and later with Dave Beck and several other AFL leaders.

Shelley With Reactionaries

Another West Coast man provided a surprise. He was Paul Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council," said Hudson. "In view of the stand he has generally taken and his experience at the Long Beach convention where he was dragged, progressives will be surprised to learn that he voted for the report empowering the executive council to expel the ten CIO unions and joined with the council to exclude Howard of the Typographical Union.

"**Outside of voting with the reactionaries on these two issues Shelley has established by his silence and failure to take a stand on any progressive proposal.**"

Another California gentleman mingling in Hudson's report was Aaron Sapiro, who served as attorney for the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and is pressing several suits against CIO affiliates.

Birds of a Feather

"It is unknown whether Sapiro was there by invitation or what his exact business was," said Hudson. "But in view of the fact that he was seen in the company of Teamsters union officials and the Hearst press, the following is significant:

Wage increases of $1 per day up to $5.75; 48 hour week, instead of the old 60-hour week; all employees working for the Associated Farmers one year shall receive seven days vacation with pay at the regular established scale.

The victory on the Sunnymede Farms, reputed largest poultry farms in the world, is expected to spur on the organization drive of the CIO among San Fernando Valley agricultural workers.

Poultry Workers Gain Under CIO

RESEDA, Los Angeles County Valley, Poultry Workers Union, Local 17, of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, has just completed negotiations on its closed shop contract with the Taylor Rumnymede Farms here, winning the following gains:

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For Love of Home and Children

THESE CHINESE girls take their places beside their brothers and husbands to hold off the Japanese invaders. Hundreds of Chinese women and girls have abandoned the traditional role of woman to enlist in the ranks of China's heroic defenders.

COMMITTEE BLAMES EMPLOYERS FOR STRIKE AT BANNING

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other departments of work."

The committee further adds that "altogether, discrimination seems to have been sufficiently evident to justify the contentions of members of the Union that it was the intention of the officials in immediate charge of the work to gradually displace those who were the more active in unionizing the employees."

Discrimination Cited

"This opinion is also substantiated by the fact that the officers of the District still refuse to treat with the Union men and assert with perfect apparent confidence that the strike is over and settled so far as the District is concerned," continued the committee's report.

On the question of discrimination, Assemblyman Tenny was plain-spoken.

"There is no doubt of discrimination—undoubtedly the men laid off were laid off because of union activity," he declared.

Through imported thugs, and armed deputy sheriffs hired by the Metropolitan Water District, violence made the Banning strike one of the bloodiest in the history of Southern California. Workers were beaten wholesale. Close to 100 were arrested without cause.

Brutality Condemned

Condemning this lawless brutality, the committee reports "your committee is convinced that the deputy sheriffs were instructed either directly or indirectly either by the officials of the district or by the sheriff of Riverside county, to create such a reign of terror in and about the works and neighborhood as would force the strikers to desist from picketing and move away from the District."

Philip Murray, leader of the Peace at Banning, according to the report, "states that he has been informed that the officials use his fixed the bonds of strikers at exorbitant figures and that he has been continuously underespionage by deputy sheriffs and followed wherever he goes."

Cost to Taxpayers

The Banning strike has cost San Bernardino, California taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. The investigating committee found that "in the record of the proceeding for an injunction before the United States District Court, the verified complaint of the District recites that the extra cost of guard service for deputy sheriffs is estimated to be $1,000 per day, and the difference in the average rate of progress of the tunnel before and since the strike, by reason of the delay in work caused by the strike, is estimated at $191.6 making a total loss to the taxpayers of $3215 per day."

When he attempted to enter the tunnel to make a personal investigation of the situation made by workers employed since the strike, Judge Holland declared that the District refused to allow him to take a union member in with him.

"Naturally," the Judge declared, "I wanted a union member to go with me in addition to the District men in order to have an impartial understanding of where the work left off at the time the strike was called."

District at Fault

The committee ends its report with the following statement:

"As to the progress of the work since the strike, the difference between the contention of the officers of the District and the strikers is so great that it should be a matter of public concern to the taxpayers of the Metropolitan Water District that the truth be established, for the reason that if the contention of the Union is correct, the district is bound to cost the taxpayers of the District several millions of dollars."

On the question of the cost of the strike to the taxpayers, Judge Holland held the District responsible:

"It is the District's fault," he said, "by reason of the strike which might have been avoided."

San Francisco Moves Up In Daily 'Western' Drive

San Francisco outstripped its two chief competitors as it jacked up its contribution in the Daily Western Worker drive to $3,014.84, 40.1 per cent of its quota, last week.

Trailing behind is Los Angeles, with Alameda making a poor third, and last in the contest among California's Big Three counties.

Other developments in the drive were the attainment of more than 50 per cent of their quotas by three counties, San Mateo, Sonoma and Monterey.

A full table follows and the lagging counties should biplease take note:

DAILY WESTERN WORKER DRIVE STANDING
As of October 18, 1937

County	Quota	Raised	% Raised
San Mateo	$250	$192.66	77.2
Sonoma	300	173.15	57.7
Monterey	300	153.58	51.0
Merced	150	70.00	46.6
Tulare	100	41.00	41.0
Santa Clara	250	101.95	40.8
San Francisco	7500	3014.84	40.1
Los Angeles	12500	4237.00	33.8
Santa Barbara	500	139.33	27.8
Alameda	3000	830.28	27.6
Fort Bragg	200	38.00	19.0
Bakersfield	150	25.00	16.8
Sacramento	500	74.55	15.0
Stockton	100	14.00	14.0
San Bernardino	250	24.50	9.8
San Diego	1000	97.61	9.7
Eureka	250	23.10	9.3
Contra Costa	250	19.80	7.6
Utah	250	5.00	2.0
Miscellaneous (California)	2450	17.00	.6
Fresno	150	.....	.....
Arizona	100	.....	.....
Nevada	100	.....	.....
New Mexico	100	.....	.....
Washington District	2775	.....	.....
Miscellaneous (Over Quota)	1525	.....	.....
TOTALS	$35500	$8,292.75	26.5
Yet to be Raised		$25,707.25	73.5

Dollars for Limericks!

SAN FRANCISCO—"Labor on the March" the newspaper Labor Day issue being broadcast five nights weekly over KGGC, has announced the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Locals 1-8 and 1-10, has announced a prize limerick contest.

Write your limericks on the union subjects and mail them to "Labor on the March," station KGGC, San Francisco. They give the following as an illustration:

The program of Green is a wonder,
A mixture of blunder and thunder;
Abandon your labors,
Make war on your neighbors
And tear all the unions asunder.

One dollar will be paid for each limerick read over the air. The program, which gives up to the minute news and comment on the labor world, is broadcast Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Friday 6:30 to 6:45.

8000 So. Atlantic Dockers on Strike

SAN FRANCISCO — Approximately 8000 longshoremen, pickers, checkers and clerks are on strike in ports from Wilmington, N.C. down the Atlantic seaboard and up the Gulf Coast to Tampa, Fla., demanding wage increases, the eight hour day and other points.

Average pay for the workers was reported at 37 cents an hour, and the shippers only offered a 5 cent increase or five cents an hour for regular time and five cents an hour for overtime.

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San Francisco Party Must Wo Much Harder in Drive to Ke Lead From Illinois, Says Spec

By FRANK SPECTOR

The second position of our California Party organ is at this writing seriously threatened by Illinois. The ist competition between these two states is the burning question: Who will be second in size membership. To retain our hard-won second place California must finish this month, with 4500 dues paying members. But that's not all. There is the second condition: 100 newly recruited members by Nov. 7th.

Our San Francisco organization looked its horse with King County (Seattle) around the goal of 1000 dues paying members by November 1st, and 350 new members by November 7th.

Score to Date

What's the score to date in San Francisco?

Dues: The September 1000, in first half of October 513.

Recruiting: September 120, in first half of October 94.

What is our job by November 1st and November 7th respectively?

On dues payments: Encouraged by the figure of our dues payment—in August 1075; in September 1006—the last General Membership Meeting resolved to finish by Nov. 1st with 1200 dues payments for September and October. This means that we must finish this month with at least 1400 dues payments.

Get Dues Paid

Can this be done? Indeed it can! We must bear in mind our very poor dues record of 766 average during the first half of this year. We therefore have an unexploited reserve to draw upon. Because of our faulty work, many members fell behind, some as much as three to four months. Many seamen and Alaska Cannery comrades fell behind as far as six to eight months, due to their absence from the city. By now all the Alaska Canners have returned and are eager to pay up their dues. It's up to the Waterfront Section and County Committee to see that all are provided with dues stamps.

Seamen comrades must be provided with the best facilities to pay up their dues at once when their ships dock.

Every delinquent party member must be visited and urged to square up his dues.

And all that can and must be done by the end of this month. Then to kick Illinois! On Recruiting: Our job is to recruit 136 new members by November 7th. Knowing as well as we San Franciscans do the wonderful recruiting capacity of our San Francisco Party, we

A confidential appeal to the Party membership in San Francisco, to which all friends are invited to listen and respond.

Two Campaigns

The San Francisco Party is now in the throes of two major campaigns: The Daily Western Worker Drive, and the Municipal Elections. I say we are fortunate in having these drives on, cannot for a moment doubt that we can reach our goal by November 7th.

It is through them that we can recruit hundreds of new members. Workers and professional people are deeply impressed by our Party's daring project to build a Party newspaper on the West Coast.

They are more and more impressed by our Party's role in the San Francisco people's fight against the pack of reactionaries who pollute the City Hall and more realize that the Communist Party's awakened organized labor at the menace of small and times unions, strike-breaking picketing bill. Thousands realize our Party's splendid work in defense of Soviet Chinese people.

Recruit Now

By our work we engender good will of thousands of workers and middle class. What is needed till the elections is every Party member to talk to every Party work is does.

In the remaining three weeks each unit and branch bound to examine its record, and take immediate to double it.

The Waterfront, Industrial and Professional Sections the major share of work as befitting these units our organizations.

All Party members are no longer delay turning the dues and full fledged members.

Keep before you our goal: 1400 dues paying.

And while dues are coming in, we must get new members. Meet them on the grounds. Let's roll up the Daily Western Worker quota on the night of Nov. 7th.

Keep California's place Best Seattle! Build the Daily Western Worker!

Jury Disagrees In Cal-Pack Fra

OAKLAND — The frame-up of Frank Ri and Joseph Chimbeno, charged with murder charges of "attacking" a picket during a cannery strike, ended in a disagreement after the jury had been deliberating a few hours.

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RED BAITERS PLOT CONTROL OF PAINTERS

File Charges Against Four Progressive Leaders of L.A. District Council

LOS ANGELES — Widespread efforts of reactionaries in the Painters Union here, to gain control of Painters District Council No. 36, were seen last week when charges of membership in the Communist Party were filed against four progressive council leaders under a red-baiting clause in the Painters International constitution.

Filed by Nathan Roe, a renegade former Communist party, the charges were leveled at James Meeks, chairman of the council; Hugh Campbell, secretary; Don Healy, business agent, and Sam Gold, business agent.

Reactionary Drive

In line with a general drive by reactionary officials to oust progressives, Samuel Schultz, member of Painters Local 831, is threatening with expulsion on similar charges.

Though none of the four council leaders were mentioned in the Western Worker, progressives condemned the move as a direct result of the recent Painters convention in Buffalo when they were attacked by reactionary international officers.

Built Union

The men have been actively engaged in building the union from 400 members two years ago, to the present membership of over 2000. In recent District Council elections, are known to have a majority of rank and file votes placed them in office.

The reactionaries headed by Roe and Pacific Coast Organizer Lee Husson, formerly identified with the progressives, have been making concerted attempts to replace present progressive delegates to the council with their own stooges.

However, Local 5, one of the largest, voted resounding confidence in Campbell. Only Local 434, one of the smallest, threw the reactionaries swung the vote their way.

Hanson temporarily removed Meeks from office until he has been tried, and replaced him with a known reactionary, F. Vernon.

Maneuvers to elect a reactionary trial board to frame charges against Healy, were completely routed last Friday, when progressives were elected on a trial board of five.

Trade unionists, here, place great importance on outcome of the trials. A victory for the men would, observers declare, go a long way toward wiping off the constitutions of several AFL international unions the archaic prohibition against membership in the Communist Party.

Charges against Schultz were brought by W. B. Cullen, Local 831 business agent and discredited chairman of the committee that sprung

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Open Shoppers Trying New Set-Up In the Inglewood Area.

of S. F. Cleaners is Against Open Shop.

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How Japan is Saving Asia from Communism

A STREET beside the Palace Hotel in Shanghai littered with wreckage and bodies of victims of Japanese Imperialism's "crusade against Communists." Strange that the Japanese bombers should pick targets more than a thousand miles away from the Chinese Communist provinces.

BRAND AFL HEADS IN SANTA BARBARA AS STRIKEBREAKERS

Officials Order Disregard of Laundry Union Pickets

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA—The record of the reactionary AFL officials in attempting to squash every move of the workers whether in AFL or CIO, is further brought out in the strike of the laundry workers now in progress here.

Teamster rank and filers are being forced to go through the picket lines of their striking, fellow AFL members by delivering oil under orders from high union officials to struck laundries.

Poor Pretext

Barbers continue to patronize scab laundries for linen, so do the Butchers. It is all done under the pretext of not wanting to inconvenience the public. That is also supposed to be the reason only four laundries are struck, with all others unfair.

The strikers, many unemployed, are carrying on bravely to win something better than a starvation wage, and also union recognition.

But what do the officials do during the strike? They threaten that the CIO and "radicals" will come in and "cause violence" unless a settlement is made by the owners, who refuse to negotiate. "Fraternal" laundry owners," seems to be the latest strike tactic.

Laborers on Trial For 'Voting Wrong'

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA—Reactionary officials in the local AFL unions have taken their cues from the higher-ups and are trying to railroad through the expulsion of two members here in the Building Laborers Local for advocating unity of CIO and AFL.

Smith, international representative, attended the Local 185 meeting to make sure that it would concur in the AFL State Convention's resolution attacking the CIO and its members. For misrepresentation and slander Smith's red-baiting speech was unequaled.

By intimidation, his local stooge officials got a motion carried to place on trial the three progressives who voted against the resolution. Because these progressives voted as they did, the officials demand their expulsion.

In other words by the officials, let no one even think of interfering with our plans to company-union the AFL and destroy the anti-company CIO union.

Marine Engineers And Pedro Clerks Affiliate to CIO

SAN PEDRO—Meeting in Wilmington Bowl, members of the Marine Clerks Union voted to join the CIO, with only one dissenting vote. The results of the ballot have been forwarded to the office of the Pacific Coast heads of the union. The Los Angeles Harbor waterfront is now overwhelmingly CIO.

SAN FRANCISCO—By a vote of 1618 to 1166, the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Assn. has voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization in building its progress since July 15, announced Secretary Randolph Meriwether.

The MEBA withdrew from the AFL in 1925 and has functioned as an independent union since then. It has a provisional charter from the CIO.

Student Tries To Give Hearst A Few Lessons

By a Worker Correspondent

VENTURA — Some three or four months ago a news item appeared in the San Francisco papers to the effect that one James Poole, formerly a student of Ventura J. C. and now attending one of the Bay Area colleges had just been chosen editor of the student paper at that particular college.

While a student at Ventura J. C., James Poole was editor of the school paper and in that capacity wrote some of the most vicious un-American Hitleristic editorials it has ever been my misfortune to read.

In the issue of the school paper the week before Christmas two years ago we find this choice gem from the pen of Mr. Poole in regard to teachers pay in taxes:

"The teachers pay in taxes that are now being passed all over the country is a necessary gesture to be indulged in until such time as the state and national legislatures can pass necessary laws curtailing and abridging the right of free speech."

And again regarding the April showers he writes: "Passing thru Pasadena J. C., where two more Japanese students were given Legion badges and overseas hats, beat two 17 year old girl students unconscious with clubs borrowed from the police. Mr. Poole had this to say:

"The high school and college students will have to abandon these violent methods for more peaceful political tactics."

I am hoping that the Western Worker will publish the fact that all liberty-loving Americans and especially the Young Communist League will gladly bring pressure to bear on this young man to teach him the essence of Americanism while there is yet time.

S.F. Cooks Protest Labor Council's Ouster Action

SAN FRANCISCO — Cooks have protested the action of the Labor Council's ouster of Sam Jaye, of the Miscellaneous Employes Local 110, as a member because of membership in the Communist Party, stating the action was "un-American and violated the fundamental rights of the union."

GREEK WORKERS IN LODI STRONG FOR CIO ORGANIZATION

Boycott Anti-Labor Owner to Support Labor Editor

By a Greek Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—The editor of the Greek labor paper, brother Mike Daniellos, was here recently on a drive for new subscriptions for his paper.

His visit was very short but we had the chance to tell him of our activities of the last two years and our struggles under the victorious banner of the CIO.

75 Per Cent Joined CIO

Within the last month 300 out of the 400 Greek workers here in Lodi joined the CIO and became members of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers, Local 205.

Through our solidarity we raised our wages from five to 15 cents per hour. Last year we were paid from 25 to 35 cents per hour; this year from 40 to 55 cents.

The same day the editor of the Ampros went to the Liberty Cafe at 114 North Sacramento St., which is patronized exclusively by Greek workers, and asked permission to talk to the workers about the paper Ampros. They gave him permission to talk, but as soon as he mentioned the name of the CIO, the bosses got mad and threw him out.

Boycotted "Liberty Cafe"

All the workers went out with him; they went across the street to the Busch, Inc. winery, and friendly to the workers and very progressive, and held their meeting in peace.

We took action and boycotted the Liberty Cafe. Not a single customer went to eat there. Then the boss came to us to go back to them, but we refused. They came to us on their own initiative and signed up with the union and their business went down to one-third. They came on their hands and knees asking us to go back to them, but we refused. They signed a union agreement with the workers and became united.

S. F. Municipal Carmen Press Wage-Hour Claim

SAN FRANCISCO—Demands for municipal railway carmen for $1 an hour and the 40-hour week will be pressed before the Public Utilities Commission, announced Street Carmen's Union 518.

CAL-PACK PLANS LABOR-SAVING DEVICE—AT EXPENSE OF WORKERS

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND — After waiting until the night-shift went to dinner, officials of the California Packing Corp. plants recently tested the canning machine they have been experimenting with for the past two years.

With the pitting, peeling, grading, syruping and cooking of peaches done entirely by machine, the only remaining process left unmechanized has been the canning. And now that is about to be eliminated.

Resembling a cement mixer or a huge mixing machine, the machine the other night canned sliced peaches as fast as you can click your fingers.

How It Works

The slices are dumped into the machine which is tilted at an angle to keep half of it out of water. The first hand of the bowl is spaced at intervals with openings into which fall the slices. The bowl is like a sieve with the proper amount of slices when they are dumped into the tin can which is picked up off a belt and held flush against the bottom of the sieve.

Simple Process

The peaches are forced into the sieve and leveled off at the correct weight by a simple process of water pouring through the sieve and sucking the slices in with it. The water then flows into a pump which forces it up into the bowl to be used over and over again.

The sieve full of peaches is revolved out of the water area and dumped into the can which slides out to the other end, all ready for the syrup machine. The sieve then moves back into the water which sucks in another can of slices.

This is done in a single turn of the bowl and can be kept up all season without stopping as long as it is fed cans and peaches.

Not Perfected

What is interesting this machine from being applied throughout the canning industry is the fact that thousands of girls will become permanently unemployed, but the obstacle of obtaining a uniform weight per can.

It seems the machine has a habit of giving short weight, perfect weight, and over weight consecutively like it is not yet being perfected as to produce a uniform weight per can, per hour.

When this is accomplished however, the row after row of young girls in blue frantically grabbing slippery peaches from slimy cut water will have disappeared, and endless lines of tiny cans moving at a machine and coming out full of peaches will have taken their place.

Long Beach Oil Union Votes Boycott of Fascist Nations

CIO CLEANERS' STRIKE IS VS. OPEN SHOPPERS

Jurisdiction Not Involved Declares Worker of S.F. Walkout

By a Cleaner

SAN FRANCISCO — For the past seven weeks the workers of the cleaning and dyeing industry here have been on strike. Many people are wondering what the situation is all about.

Many reports have been made and many people think that this fight is no more than a struggle between two rival business agents. Some people seem to get the impression that this is a dispute concerning jurisdictional rights between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization. That these statements are not correct is amply demonstrated by every picket.

Won Increases

Many months ago, the workers in the cleaning industry decided by a referendum vote to affiliate to the CIO. In the due course of time a charter was applied for and granted. Functioning under this charter, the United Cleaners & Dyers Union succeeded in signing contracts with the cleaning plants and gaining wage increases ranging from 25 to 40 per cent.

The AFL however, stepped into the picture by organizing a dual and company union and by proceeding to establish picket lines around those plants which had signed an agreement with the CIO—picket lines which were not for the purpose of gaining wage increases or bettering the conditions of the workers in general but merely to fight the CIO.

These illegal picket lines of the AFL were protected by the "goon" squads of the officials of the Teamsters' Union. Thus the United Cleaners & Dyers members were threatened, intimidated and terrorized simply because they desired to remain in an organization of their own choosing. The only course of action left open to the United Cleaners & Dyers was that of a general strike.

Referendum Denied

An offer to take a referendum vote on the entire industry was repeatedly made to the officials of the AFL organization, but this was refused point blank. As a result, the workers of the CIO plants were put back to work and those plants which persisted in refusing to recognize the CIO unions were picketed.

In those plants now under strike by the CIO, the wages and conditions existing prior to the strike are still in force. In these plants controlled by the AFL the wages of the workers have been cut and the hours of work lengthened.

A worker who formerly received $30 a week is now receiving, under the AFL $20 a week. The pay-check of a worker in a plant for a week's work was $71 it was formerly $20.

Unionism Is Open Shop

From these statements—all of which can be verified—it is plain that the fight being waged by the United Cleaners & Dyers is not a fight between officials of the AFL and the CIO, nor is it any more primarily a fight between the AFL and the CIO. It is today a fight between the workers who are trying to maintain decent hours, wages and conditions and the employers who are attempting to destroy all organization of the workers in the cleaning industry.

That the workers of the industry realize the basic issue in this fight is very plainly seen. They have no fight with the AFL as such, but they also know that the AFL is being utilized by the plant owners to break the CIO in order that later on the AFL union can also be eliminated.

As a result of this understanding, the workers of the cleaning industry are flocking into the CIO union, confidently expecting that it can and will maintain organization in the industry and gain for them higher wages, shorter hours and improved working conditions.

Plants that were at one time compelled to sign with the AFL are once more returning to the CIO. This indicates that the AFL has lost the confidence and respect of the workers and is on the down grade. The CIO United Cleaners & Dyers Union is here to stay.

New Industrial Council

NEWARK, N. J.—Allan Haywood, New York CIO regional director, presented a charter to the Newark Industrial Council at a conference attended by 150 delegates from 90 unions.

Women in Inglewood Didn't Fall for the 'Neutral Thousands'

By a Worker Correspondent

INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County—This writer attended a meeting held in the Woman's Club House here recently, at which a Mrs. Ochs, representing the Neutral Thousands, 903 Cutts Bldg., Los Angeles, spoke on the settlement of strikes and lockouts.

From the worker's standpoint this idea in itself is basically sound but this movement started on the wrong side of the fence. Instead of asking working men and women to the meeting, they should have had all the employers and business men, members of the Chamber of Commerce, etc., and give them the education they need. They are responsible for most of the strikes and lockouts in this great U. S. A.

Mistaken

The chairman, a Mrs. Millikan, said workers considered only their wives brainless. (Mrs. Millikan was probably giving her own opinion.) Perhaps from their wives is how she was never so mistaken in her life. We are not brainless, we are not fools

Answer to 'Neutral Thousands'

The "Neutral Thousands" tips its hand when it states: "Let us work with employers to secure two years' truce on lock-outs and strikes." It proposes to substitute the "conference table." Naturally trade unions are willing to negotiate and never walk out on strike except as a last resort to win their demands, but this doesn't suit the "Neutral Thousands," which wants to outlaw labor's right to strike.

Similarly, the "right of every man and woman to work," stated in the leaflet, seeks to give the employers a free hand to ship scabs into a struck plant, under a "right to work" guise.

The leaflet further calls for "establishment of reasonable wages" and "improved working conditions," and for "payment by employers of good living wages, decent working hours. Good living wages, reasonable hours (note that the 30-hour week is not mentioned) and improved working conditions are wanted by every worker, but this is the smoke-screen for the "Neutral Thousands" anti-union propaganda. The "during employment" clause is a strike-breaker hitch; if a worker is laid off, "apparently this organization is quite content to forget all about him.

Finally, the leaflet calls for "payment by unions of good living wages to strikers' wives who have children to feed if strike be so-called." This is an attempt to kill strikers' rights to unemployment insurance, unions do give strike benefits to their members, and in addition solicit funds, sometimes large donations in solidarity from other unions, as in the 1936-37 maritime strike.

In brief, the sugar-coating on this bitter anti-union pill which the employers' "Neutral Thousands" would have you swallow, is very, very thin. Workers Correspondence Editor.

Cop Still "Organizing" Warehousemen for C.I.O. Teamster Union Czars

SAN FRANCISCO—Dan Flanagan, police lieutenant who is attempting to "organize" warehousemen for the Teamsters Union officials, was revealed here last week in a resolution adopted by the Warehousemen's Union, ILWU Local 1-6, protesting to the police officials. In reply, Deputy Chief Skelly said Flanagan was still "on vacation" and they could do nothing about his activities.

Pledges Not To Purchase Japan Goods

Workers in Favor of U.S. Embargo Against Aggressors

By An Oil Worker

LONG BEACH—The Oil Workers International Union Local 128, CIO, in regular business meeting on October 11, took a definite stand against fascism—Japan, the enemy of peace and democracy, the destroyer of trade unions of Germany and Italy.

The oil workers declared in favor of a boycott against all fascist governments and pledged themselves to discourage the use of Japanese products in particular.

Any member of the local that handles, sells or uses Japanese goods or materials, is subject to disciplinary action by the union.

For Blockade

There is no doubt that this local will enthusiastically support an economic blockade as soon as one is declared by the government; regardless of the fact that it may cause a loss of working time. Scores of members, or whether employers approve such a program.

This action, while it is news today, in your reporter's opinion will soon become a universal procedure in the American labor movement.

Let's outlaw the fascist warmongers and organize for peace among the workers of all countries.

AFL OFFICIALS NOW OPENLY AID CANNING FIRMS IN SAN DIEGO

Promote Company Unionism to Combat CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO — The blight which has withered bona-fide unionism in the canneries of the northern sections of California has finally struck San Diego.

Following the presentation of agreements to the canners of $2.50 a case by the United Fish Canners Workers, Local 64 of the CIO, the American Federation of Labor, in the open organization of the canners, started an organization campaign of its own, so called, of today, who is keeping alive the Bill of Rights of the Constitution.

"Great Men"

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST
(1863-?)

By a Worker Correspondent

When Hearst departs this vale of tears
And goes to high and heavenly spheres,
He'll start a pornographic press
And fill the gods with great distress;
Scandal, slander, forge and shock,
And a chance to peddle his phoney stock.

Oh what a heavenly place to be,
Just him and God and monopoly.

—D. W.

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURE

Marine Firemen expel Ferguson, rap Lundeberg for dickering with William Green---Alaska Cannery Union condemns fake WPA "Union"---Prove WIL Green plotted with Cowell Cement Co.---CIO parley supports Fitzgerald, urges fight to aid Mooney---Additional labor news on other pages.

COWELL BOGUS UNION FORMED BY BOSS, AFL

Prove William Green and Vandeleur "Assisted" Cement Company

OAKLAND—Definite proof of collusion between the Cowell Cement Co., State Federation of Labor Secretary Vandeleur, and AFL President William Green in setting up a bogus union has been revealed by testimony before the National Relations Board, declared a report made by Chase Powers, international representative of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, to the CIO Industrial Council here.

Gave Blank Charter

William George, general manager of the cement plant at Concord, Contra Costa County, boasted of having been given a blank charter by Green, and of having a contract okayed by Edward D. Vandeleur with no AFL men in the plant, and specifying no wages or working conditions, evidence submitted showed.

Green promised George that if the Contra Costa Central Labor Council interfered with the fake union, he would revoke the council's charter, which he later did when that body refused to seat delegates from the "union."

When the CIO began to organize the plant, George wrote to Green about setting up a dual AFL union. Green instructed him to obtain eight membership blanks from local AFL officials, which George did, being told to be "damn careful who you sign up."

"Closed Shop" for Seabs

Green then sent a charter, which was dated previous to the date of the membership applications, at a time when there were no members yet signed up.

Upon arrival of the charter, the cement company manager drew up a closed shop contract, which was signed by Vandeleur with only slight changes—employ we were required to join the "union" within 10 days instead of 30 days as originally specified.

Teamster Czars Split Council

SAN JOSE—Because the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, AFL, refused to remove its president and secretary from office, local Teamster Union czars headed by Jack Crilley proceeded to split the unity in the ranks of labor by withdrawing from the council.

The officials, President Earl Moorhead and Secretary J. J. Anderson, were refused seats at the council by a vote of 46 to 37. Labor convention in Long Beach absence of Secretary Antles, due, to the fact that they took a firm stand against the reactionary policies of the state machine headed by Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur.

On hearing their report on the convention, the local council ordered the officials to resign their offices, whereupon the Teamster officials served an ultimatum on the council to remove Anderson and Moorhead from office or else they would withdraw. The council refused to take such action.

CIO Organizes in Insurance Offices

SAN FRANCISCO—The CIO United Office & Professional Workers of America has launched a national campaign to organize the 100,000 Industrial Insurance Agents in the United States and Canada, the CIO Atlascio the drive has met with great success. Four offices out of 11 have been won, more than a majority organized and every office has been visited. Drive is organized within a period of three weeks.

The organizational drive has been slowed up at present by opposition from the company management and the union urges cooperation and support of all organizations at once to organize 90 per cent of the policies in force in the industrial companies.

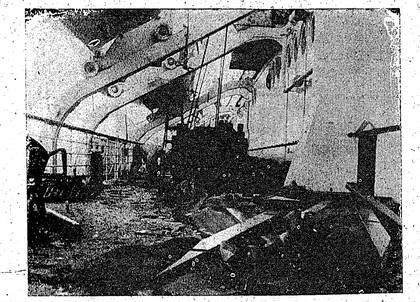
Metro. President John Hancock and Actuarian National—are in working class families and these companies must depend upon the workers for existence.

The Insurance Workers Organizing Committee of the CIOWPA urging agents to refuse to pay his insurance premium to or sign up insurance company agents unless they show their union card.

PROTEST TERROR

HOUSTON, Tex. — National Maritime Union officials Wednesday against the pistol toling of a seaman by special police in the office against tugboat crewmen, assailing city officials.

An American Seaman Died



CHINESE airmen mistook the President Hoover, Dollar Line steamer, for a Japanese vessel, bombed it near Shanghai, later apologized and promised indemnity. But one American seaman was killed and seven others injured. Incidents like this back up the demand of American seamen for a $250 bonus per voyage for going into war zones.

ALASKA UNION SCORES FAKE WPA "UNION"

Brands 'American Assn. of WPA Employees' As Scab Outfit

SAN FRANCISCO—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union branded the "American Assn. of WPA Employees" which was used several weeks ago to pick a Marine Firemen's meeting, as "company union and as a strike-breaking and scab-herding organization," in a resolution adopted at a recent ACWU meeting.

Stating it regarded this organization as "an attempt by the Industrial Shipowners and Draymen's Assn., and certain officials in the labor movement to use the WPA as an instrument through which to destroy the labor movement," the ACWU demanded that the WPA make a thorough investigation of the "American Assn. of WPA employees."

Back Fitzgerald

The union stated it acted on information supplied by the Workers Alliance, headed the organization of unemployed and WPA workers, which includes the unemployed and foremen are actively initiating and organizing bona fide organization on certain projects.

Another resolution protesting the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles in giving Robert J. Fitzgerald, Modesto frame-up victim, the ultimatum of resigning as secretary or going to prison; and urged all affiliated unions to give active support to the fight to free Tom Mooney. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas: The California Board of Prison Terms and Paroles has ordered Brother Robert Fitzgerald, secretary pro-tem of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders & Wipers' Assn. headquarters branch in San Francisco, to resign his position with the union or go to jail, and

"Whereas: Brother Fitzgerald is on parole from a prison sentence imposed on him in the infamous Modesto case frame-up against union men, which has been denounced as a frame-up even by a California legislative investigating committee which recommended his immediate pardon and complete exoneration, and

"Whereas: The precedent which would be set by submission to the order of the parole board in the case of Brother Fitzgerald would work incalculable harm to the entire labor movement, and is an unbearable affront to every union man in the United States, now therefore be it

"Resolved: That the union unanimously condemn the action of the California Board of Prison Terms and Paroles in the Fitzgerald case, and urge all labor and all friends of labor, in the light of this latest action, and be it further

"Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to Joseph H. Stevens of the Board, Merchants National Bank Building, Sacramento; to David F. Bush, of the Board, Oakdale, California; to Governor Culbert Olson, Ferry Building, San Francisco, California; to Governor Merriam, of California.

Men Get 50c Daily Pay At Olive View Sanitarium in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Over 150 workers in the Olive View Sanitarium near here are working in conditions of virtual slavery.

They are employed at wages of $15 a month plus inferior food and lodging, according to investigation of the CIO United Public Workers and Municipal Workers of America, Local 84.

Thirty-five to 40 men work in the kitchen and are forced to do other workers in their departments. About 50 men work in the laundry for $15 a month. Many men are qualified as master gardeners.

Cheap Labor

These men are all furnished by the State Employment Service, but inasmuch as they do not have an established item number, they are forced to work at these low rates of pay.

Regular gardeners, working side by side with the men, gets a day workers, receive $4.50.

Dining Car Workers Hold National Parley in Omaha

OMAHA, Nebr.—To take up problems affecting their union membership and to map plans to improve their working conditions and wages, a national conference of Dining Car Workers will be held here October 25-28.

CIO Woodworkers Plan Convention

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Intl Woodworkers of America, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, will hold its first constitutional convention since its formation last summer, convening Friday, December 3, at Portland, Oregon, at 10 a.m.

The convention will map further organizational plans throughout the country.

The official convention call urges all unions to send their full quota of delegates.

CIO Handbill Union Wins 1st Contract

OAKLAND—The CIO Advertising Distributors Union has obtained its first signed agreement with a department store, for signing up all employers.

The agreement concluded with the American Advertising Distributing Co., provides for a 35-hour week, no wages, closed shop, time and a half for overtime, and 10 cents an hour extra for "double shooting"—distributing two handbills at once.

Although other advertising companies have not yet signed the agreement, they are observing its terms.

CIO Conference Backs Fitzgerald and Mooney In Strong Resolutions

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Committee for Industrial Organization conference here unanimously condemned the California Board of Prison Terms and Paroles in giving Robert Fitzgerald, Modesto frame-up victim, the ultimatum of resigning as Pacific Coast Marine Firemen secretary or going back to prison; and urged all affiliated unions to give active support to the fight to free Tom Mooney. The resolutions follow:

"No case in the history of any of our states compares with that of Tom Mooney as an example of the absolute domination by powerful, vested interests of the courts and other institutions of a state. Mooney has been in prison for over 20 years on charges of perpetrating the Preparedness Day bombing in California in 1916. No reasonable person who has even casually examined the facts in the case has ever come from such examination without a certainty that Mooney is a victim of the most bare-faced frame-up that has blackened the record of American courts—a victim because he was the most active and effective labor organizer at the time of the bombing and as such the object of the unremitting hatred of certain of the public utility and other powerful business interests in California among whose employees he was carrying on his organizing efforts.

"Dirtiest Job"

"Judge Griffin who presided at the Mooney trial has declared the conviction of Mooney was the dirtiest job' ever put through American courts. Prosecution following Mooney's conviction that it was based upon the perjured testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution has led Judge Griffin tirelessly to investigate the case and to attempt to bring about a complete review of it. Similarly the surviving members of the jury that convicted Mooney have asked that he be pardoned. Two Federal government commissions —the one appointed by President Wilson in 1917 and the Wickersham Commission in 1930 —have investigated the case and reported their conclusion that the case is a frame-up from beginning to end.

"But Mooney, because he was a hard-hitting labor organizer seeking a larger share of justice for his fellow workers on the Pacific Coast, still remains in prison. Now, therefore,

"Be it resolved that the CIO pledges its unqualified support to Tom Mooney in his continuing fight for an unconditional pardon and recommends to its affiliated unions that they actively cooperate with Mooney Campaign in all ways thought likely to achieve his speedy vindication."

Contra Costa Labor For Japan Boycott

RICHMOND — The Contra Costa Central Trades & Labor Council voted to support the boycott on Japan, as adopted by the American Federation of Labor convention, at the regular council meeting here last week.

The council meets again Wednesday, October 27, at the Warehousemen's Hall in Crockett to hear a report on the AFL convention. Still meeting as an independent council, the body is maintaining its fight to retain its AFL charter, which was arbitrarily jerked by Roland Watson, AFL representative, a number of weeks ago.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

FERGUSON IS EX-FIREMAN AFTER TRIAL

Meeting-Packer Expelled By MFOW; Embargo On Japan Urged

SAN FRANCISCO — Having "willfully and knowingly packed a meeting" of the Marine Firemen's headquarters branch with non-members, in an attempt to pass resolutions detrimental to the membership and to bring the union into ill repute, E. E. Ferguson, ousted as secretary of the MFOW several weeks ago, was ousted out of the union at a headquarters branch meeting Thursday night.

Meeting as a committee of the whole, the branch tried, convicted and unanimously expelled Ferguson, who did not show up for the meeting.

Ask Embargo on Japan

The Firemen adopted a strong resolution supporting the U. S. government action in demanding Japan the aggressor nation in China, and calling for an embargo on all economic transactions with Japan and a boycott of Japanese goods. Another resolution demanded a war bonus of $250 per man on ships sailing into war zones, including Japanese ports.

A firmly-worded resolution adopted unanimously demanded that Harry Lundeberg, Sailors Union of the Pacific secretary, cease trying to secure an AFL charter which would infringe on the Firemen's jurisdiction. (See next column for text of resolution.)

A resolution forwarded by the National Maritime Union, condemning the California State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles for its ultimatum that Robert Fitzgerald resign the MFOW secretary pro tem or go back to prison for two years, was concurred in.

The meeting took the position it would not accept Fitzgerald's resignation, pointing to a national campaign by labor to secure him his rights, and forced that James Engstrom, Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast vice president, MFOW member, act in an advisory capacity on the secretary's duties until Fitzgerald's case is settled.

The prison board is to reconsider its ultimatum to Fitzgerald, on November 1.

65,000 Await CIO's Advent

SAN FRANCISCO—Organization of 65,000 sugar, pineapple and cannery workers is the goal laid down by Harry Bawlsha, leader of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America (CIO), declared Ed Berman, CIO organizer here, before his recent departure for Hawaii.

"The CIO, by including Hawaii in its organizational drive, is doing what the AFL never thought of doing," Berman declared.

"It is bringing hope to the thousands of native Hawaiians and to the additional thousands of Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Puerto Rican and Negro workers who were imported by the sugar planters as merciless tools for extracting their greed for profits."

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Urges Unity of Organized Labor

By a Worker Correspondent

HOLLISTER, San Benito County—As I am only a working man and do not now belong to any union, I feel that I can express my opinion in this labor paper so that it may be acceptable to both sides.

Mr. Workingman, undoubtedly, you can see the cause of the trouble; scissor-tail Hearst and his kept henchmen, Commerce are tickled pink. As long as they can keep labor apart, their success is secured. What Hearst and the Chamber of Commerce wants is to prevent labor from being organized.

This has been the trouble ever since the union was first organized in America. Boys you must quit fighting among yourselves and all work together. Organize the unorganized.

FIREMEN RAP LUNDEBERG'S AFL DICKER

SUP Sec'y Hit for Seeking Charter Covering All Unlicensed Seamen

SAN FRANCISCO —Attempts by AFL officials to promote a dual union of unlicensed seamen, and moves by Harry Lundeberg, Sailors' Union of the Pacific secretary, to dicker with William Green for a charter covering all unlicensed personnel, were sharply scored in a resolution adopted by the Marine Firemen's headquarters branch here last week. The resolution stated:

Whereas: Harry Lundeberg has written a letter to William Green of the AFL asking him to "offer the SUP a national charter covering the unlicensed personnel," and

Whereas: Mr. Lundeberg knows that most of the unlicensed seamen nationally are already in the CIO, such as the East Coast Sailors, Firemen and Cooks, and the West Coast Cooks and Inland Boatmen, and

Whereas: The Firemen are now voting on the CIO and will undoubtedly uphold the previous vote which was burned, and

Move Against Unity

Whereas: Such a move to deal with the AFL by sending Brother Lundeberg to Denver to get a charter from Carpenter, Sailors and Cooks is against the program which the Firemen's Union is putting on its ballot; that is, the Preparedness Day lynching of the Tom Mooney frame-up industrialists, will be put on the spot by organized labor here Monday night, October 18.

Resolved: That we ask the membership of the Sailors' Union to cooperate with the Firemen and Cooks and the East Coast to set up a unified national organization.

Prove "Fordism Is Fascism" in Boston Hearing

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Labor Fighting Hoover in S. F. Hospital Case

SAN FRANCISCO—Ex-President Herbert Hoover, Harry Chandler, owner of the Los Angeles Times; Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad; and other "big shot" industrialists will be put on the spot by organized labor here Monday night, October 18.

Resolved: That the Stanford University board of trustees, they are being asked to attend the Central Labor Council executive committee meeting as a result of the refusal of the Stanford University Hospital to sign an agreement with any union. President Ray Lyman Wilbur of the University is also invited to attend.

The Hospital & Institutional Workers Union has organized a

Mother Goose Up-to-Date

By DAVE WILLIAM

Sing a song of fakers,
Reaching for the pie,
Four-and-twenty goon squads
Pockets filled with dough . . .
When the pie is eaten
And the rye is drunk,
Won't they be a pretty mess
To sweep out with the junk?

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

SINCE "BILGE" SMITH, of "Pacific and Dock" fame, is on a few days' leave, I'm going to risk a jurisdictional dispute by putting in a waterfront slant.

You've heard of the "best offer" letters sent by Harry Lundeberg, Sailors Union of the Pacific secretary, to both the AFL and the CIO, demanding jurisdiction over all unlicensed seagoing personnel on all coasts.

Last week as the Sailors' headquarters meeting in San Francisco, Green's answer offering such jurisdiction and everything else demanded, was read to the membership. Also, as if Aladdin's magic lantern had been rubbed, there appeared telegrams from Lundeberg's chosen followers in other ports asking that the SUP secretary immediately go to Denver and take the matter up with Bill Green in a personal heart to heart talk.

This proposition was booed down by the membership so bad that it bounced. And Lundeberg's discomfiture was not decreased when one of his best friends asked for a division of the vote, which went over 10 to 1 against sending him to Denver.

Lundeberg's only comeback was a feeble and

the CIO, let's join the Wobblies," which aroused not even a ripple of enthusiasm.

It seems to be fairly obvious now, even to Lundeberg, that he can't trick the sailors into following the AFL or into a fight against the CIO unless licensed seamen's unions, but he's still persistent in trying to keep them out of the CIO. Hence the reference to MWW, a strategy which flopped.

Maybe he didn't go far enough back in history; maybe if he had gone back to the days of Gompers, Labor, or the Molly Maguires, he can stir up a mass movement on a ship or two. Quien sabe?

Need "Western"

"BILGE" SMITH, who is an IWW agitator in the vigilante-ridden belt of Central California and he writes:

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Exhibits Pull In Labor Ho

LOS ANGELES—Introduction of 76 exhibits on the inter-state commerce charges against Guild attorneys continued Tuesday on testimony crucial, petition before National Labor Relations Board, as collective bargaining agent.

Protesting Trial Examiner Phillip Bloch's admission of exhibits, were attorneys for the Longshoremen's Union, "Screen Playwrights," the company union.

Producers Fight Bo

Producers are claiming labor board has no jurisdiction in the case since the labor disputes act does not come under the Wagner Act provisions, attorneys were scheduled to begin presentation of their case.

Among exhibits, already in 113 exhibits, showing the labor board's jurisdiction.

Ten were excluded.

Directors File Fe

Meanwhile the newly-formed Screen Directors' Guild petitioned the labor board to act with the board asking for hearings regarding petitions requesting that a hearing immediately following the Screen Directors' Guild petition so presents 97 per cent of the directors, assistant directors.

The Directors' Guild asked the board to delay decision on the SWG hearing after its case had been

Fleishhacker Suit, Awaits Judge's Re

Hearings in the case of Lazards vs. the Anglo California National Bank (Fleishhacker) have been postponed to October 18. Judge Roche, whom the case is to be heard, has not returned from vacation. It is whispered that the case will be settled before it will touch the case.

Business Ag Bob Says

I HEARD about the big corporation about knifing the business larger corporation and individual" deal and giving to the poor."

"What poor?" asked retary.

"Us poor."

Negro Congress Maps Fight for Democracy

Delegates Urge Unity of Labor as Powerful Weapon Against Jim-Crowism

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.—"We want one powerful and united labor movement."

"We want a united front against the attack of war and fascism!"

"We demand an end to race discrimination!"

With these stirring resolutions still ringing in their ears hundreds of delegates to the Second National Negro Congress left for their homes Tuesday nights which have kept the Metropolitan Opera House ablaze for three days were turned down.

The Second Convention of the National Negro Congress is over.

But in it's three over-flowing days of session the Congress took great strides towards formulating a working basis for the more than 14,050,000 members of the oppressed Negro people of the United States.

The Congress heard Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor James F. Kennedy, representing the CIO, declare:

"If the Negro people of this nation are completely organized in industrial organizations—joining with their white brothers for progress on every front—very few seasons of unity learned here can be spread into other avenues. This will aid the solution of other problems which confront the Negro people. It will open up opportunity not only to every other walk of life."

Ford Cheered

The audience of 4500 people gave James W. Ford, Negro Communist leader and vice-presidential candidate in the 1936 elections, a tremendous ovation as he spoke on the Negro problems which confront the Negro people today. Ford made a stirring address with the famous words, "John Brown's body lies a-mould'ring in the grave, but his soul goes marching on."

Out of the welter of business which marked the Congress' work when it convened 174 resolutions were adopted in the final business session. Among these were resolutions condemning discrimination, calling for a united labor movement and Fascism headlined the Congress' closing session.

Other resolutions sharply condemned WPA curtailment, and approved of the Social Security Act as a security to keep the peace.

Randolph Speaks

The keynote speech of the opening session was given by A. Philip Randolph, vice-president of the Congress and head of the powerful Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

He bitterly denounced "fascist governments which are now in power in large areas of the world in the flames of war, and called for a united front of Negro people against the warmakers.

Speakers were strong in their denunciation of unprincipled aggression of the Japanese people. Many called for an embargo and boycott of Japanese goods.

In the following sessions the Congress broke up into round tables to discuss the principal

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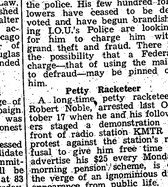

HARRY BRIDGES

Returns With Pledge of Support From Lewis

SAN FRANCISCO—"The CIO will immediately redouble its organizing activity on the Pacific Coast," declared Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, last Thursday on his return from a visit to the CIO conference in Atlantic City.

Commenting on the fact that the AFL executive council restrained from taking any action against the CIO, Bridges declared: "The AFL executive council refusal to ban the CIO is a victory for the CIO. It was impossible for the AFL executive council to take any other action in view of the fact that the CIO has been functioning for more than a year and has established itself as a permanent factor in the labor movement.

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Pension-Plan Messiah Eludes L. A. Police

LOS ANGELES—He had visions of hundreds of thousands of followers. In his dreams he saw long queues of workers and dimes and dollars pouring into his bank account. He thought of the Townsend Old Age Plan—perhaps even of Hitler and Mussolini.

Today he is in hiding from the police. His few hundred followers have ceased to call at his grand theft and fraud. There is the possibility of a charge of using the mails to defraud—may be pinned on him.

Petty Racketeer

A long-time petty racketeer, Robert Noble, on October 17 when he and his following gathered in the Shrine auditorium for a protest against the station's refusal to give him free time to advertise his $25 every Monday morning pension scheme, he was one of an ignominious disappearance from public life.

Slated to appear in court November 3 to stand trial on charges of grand theft from Noble's appeals, will be greeted by a new charge of fraud. Noble, who is out on bail, is expected to add to the pile of charges already against him.

Creditors Jubilant

Instead of making him a martyr in the eyes of his followers, Noble's arrest has only turned them into angry creditors.

Last Wednesday, police received a note for $100 from a woman who declared she advanced Noble the money on condition that it would be repaid in ninety days.

"I asked him for my money and he turned to his secretary and told her to write a check for $25," the letter read.

"I said I want my money and he said 'If you get too smart I'll call the bank and have this check cancelled.'"

Police in their attempt to lodge new complaints against Noble have been unable to locate him. Though guards have been placed at his home at 1920 North Highland Avenue and at the home of his secretary, he has been found.

RIGHT TO JOIN UNION FACES COURT TEST

Progressives Force City to Try Goon Squad Hoodlums

LOS ANGELES—Whether working men can join unions of their own choice and still escape bodily harm at the hands of thugs will be one of the questions before the Municipal Court on Nov. 2.

On that day the court will hear charges of "assault and battery" lodged against alleged "goons" carrying Teamsters Union cooks' Leo Owens, Carl Windshanz, Bill O'Brien and Silve Moore, Jr.

City's First Move

With progressive opinion aroused at the unchecked reign of "goon squad" terrorism in the city's streets, the arrest of the four was the first move of city authorities to cope with the outbreak of violence. They were hauled into court last Monday on complaint of Joe Mandernach and Eli Epstein, organizers of the CIO United Cracker, Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, who were seriously beaten recently in front of the L. A. Bun House, a candy-making establishment.

The four accused thugs were freed by the court on their own recognizance. The leniency of the court in failing to set any bail made progressives apprehensive of an attempt to whitewash the "goon squad" as it was treated by higher county authorities.

Long Evasion

Only after vain efforts before the Grand Jury and the District Attorney were Mandernach and Epstein able to force the City Attorney's office last Friday to issue warrants for the arrest of the thugs.

Grand Jury members evaded investigation of the outrages for two beaten men on their political affiliations rather than on the facts in the case.

Further threats against his life have been made since he took the case to the City Attorney, said Mandernach last week.

"I feel that my life is not safe if ever go near the L. A. Nut House again," he declared, "and I've had been told that I won't need an ambulance to take me away in."

According to Mendernach, efforts are to be made to secure a grand jury investigation against failure of law enforcement officials in the case of the attack on the peace parley is sincerity.

Bridges declared the conference had gone on record to back up the CIO West Coast campaign in general, particularly and pledging full support for future CIO drives in the area.

Pointing out that the conference had authorized the holding of a mass conference in Los Angeles early date to decide upon a constitution and other things necessary for the CIO in the area, Bridges said:

"We have frequently been charged with not having a constitution. Naturally we do not have any constitution since we hoped to do our organizing work within the AFL. But in view of the attitude of the Greens and Vandeleurs in the AFL that has become necessary for us to become independent."

Pretty Picture—Or Wouldn't You Say?

IT'S THE stockings we're speaking of. They're cotton. And the reason for them is the Japanese invasion of China. The girls are members of the Washington Commonwealth Federation women's league. They think "Off with Silk and on with Cotton" will undermine Japanese silk sales in the United States and force the Japanese imperialists to abandon their plans for enslaving the Chinese people. The girls are, left to right: Margaret Haglund, Mary Thompson, Sylvia Keese and Mrs. Howard Costigan.

SPAIN TO TRY HIGH TRAITORS

General Betrayed Army At Malaga Accused

MADRID—Gijon, last Loyalist stronghold on the northern Spanish coast, surrendered to the fascist army of Franco at the end of a long campaign by Loyalist troops on Friday. Its capture.

The fate of Gijon had been sealed earlier with the capture of Bilbao and Santander, but heroic Asturian miners and Basque nationalists fought on in spite of their isolation from the main Loyalist forces by land and the fascist sea blockade.

VALENCIA—Generals Toribio Cabrera and Jose Asencio, who were protected in high government military commands during the Caballero government, were charged here Thursday with treason against the Republic" and put on trial for their lives before a military tribunal.

Another general, Fernando Monje, was under similar charges in Barcelona.

The accused generals had been kept out of responsible posts since the advent of the Negrin government. They had repeatedly been exposed by the Communist Party for suspicious actions, and for their treachery in allowing the fall of Malaga.

The charges in the case of Cabrera were based directly on the Malaga events, especially the part he played in command at the time of its capture by the fascists.

Republican officers had long since been pointed out by the Communist Party of Spain, as deliberately ordering a strategic retreat" from impregnable positions around the city, causing Republican troops to fall back to a supposed line of fortifications that had never been built.

After the fall of Malaga, when the rebel army corps had been wiped out and thousands of civilians slain, Cabrera had remarked, "It is of no importance. It reduces our front."

Despite a popular wave of resentment, Caballero as premier refused to carry out investigation despite his promise to do so.

Longshoremen Fight Ban on Picketing

SAN FRANCISCO—The Longshoremen of ILWU Local 1-10 have voted to assess each member $6 cents a carry on the battle to defeat the proposed anti-picketing ordinance in the November 2 election.

CIO Office Union Strikes Safeway, Western States

SAN FRANCISCO — Under leadership of the United Office Workers of America Local 34, CIO, some 200 office workers are on strike at the Oakland offices of Safeway Stores and Western States Grocery Co., with the support of the Warehousemen's Union, ILWU Local 1-6.

Harry Bridges stated:

"Employees in these two offices were forced to strike by the refusal of employers to bargain collectively, to engage in negotiations by the manager over a period of four months."

The employers refused to meet with workers after last Monday, and on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., the strike action was voted unanimously.

Wm. Conboy Blocks Cleaners' Peace

SAN FRANCISCO — "Don't have any peace talk—we're not going to go for any referendum," instructed William Conboy, local Teamster czar, last Thursday night with members of the meeting of the AFL Cleaners & Dyers dual union was railroaded through a motion turning down any peace moves with the CIO Laundry Workers Union.

Chester Vignot, AFL business agent, had agreed on Wednesday night to hold a city-wide referendum under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board to determine which union would represent the workers in the industry.

China Consul Thanks U. S. People for Aid

More Than $3,000,000 Raised in America to Aid Defenders

SAN FRANCISCO—More than three million dollars has been raised in the United States to aid the Chinese people. Of this $1,600,000 was collected in San Francisco.

These facts were revealed by C. C. Huang, Chinese Consul-General in this city, when he called in the press on Thursday "to express the gratitude of my government and my people for the generous aid of the American people."

Letters Flow In

"Since the war started in North China and Shanghai," he said, "this office has been receiving messages daily from American people expressing sympathy with the Chinese people, particularly those in cities bombed by the Japanese air fleet. Many of the letters are accompanied with money with the request that it be used for refugees and to alleviate the suffering of women and children in bombed cities."

Practically all the money has been donated by Chinese residents in America. San Francisco has been gathered by the Chinese War Relief Association, 843 Stockton street.

"But," said Mr. Huang, "I understand that organizations like the American League Against War and Fascism are considering a campaign to raise funds for the Americans for Chinese refugees."

Japanese People Muzzled

In his opinion, Generalissimo Roosevelt's Chicago speech was "a reflection of American public opinion" as expressed in the numerous messages of sympathy he has received.

Japan Anxiety Grows As Chinese Lines Hold

SHANGHAI — While holding their own positions in the face of continued heavy artillery and infantry attacks, the Chinese defending forces today launched a series of counter attacks

Japanese have been in an attempt to take the strategic North Station in the Chapei section by sheer weight of numbers, holocaust of artillery fire leveled at positions around it.

The drive started continually by the Japanese artillery fire for the past week. At least one heavy shell fell in the International Settlement an area bounded by foreign troops including U. S. marines.

Alleged Writers Allege All Writers Crack-Pots

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DeNutt, who said he was fired from Fox Studios because "Mr. Zanuck didn't have time to get to know me," elaborated on his profession as writing: "My secretary gets paid for overtime but I don't. It's a 24-hour job. It's a profession with dignity, but it's a ditch digger's job mentally."

Brain Racketeer

Continuing the policy of aiming less and trying to convince, Labor Board that writers aren't worth bothering about, Jones said:

"Nobody in Hollywood knows a damn thing of what he's talking about and the man who puts up the best bluff gets $3500 a week. I think I know what I'm talkign about, but most of the time I don't. It's a gamble, a terrific gamble."

Bay State C. P. Victim of Tories

BOSTON—Seizure of all Communist Party records in Massachusetts, including membership lists, was ordered by the state legislature after investigating "subversive activities" in the state.

The Party immediately appealed to all friends of democracy to send protest telegrams and letters to Sybil Holmes, chairman of the committee, at Room 450, State House, Boston.

The Party's statement declared that it had cooperated voluntarily throughout the hearing, but that violation of its civil rights was involved in the committee's ignoring the widespread demand of prominent citizens and some newspapers to be heard, and acts against the foes of democracy, and fascist forces organized within the state.

CIO Pickets Framed in Contra Costa County

MARTINEZ, Contra Costa County—Two CIO pickets were convicted here last Wednesday on frameup charges of beating and resisting a police officer during the Felice & Perelli Canning strike last July in Richmond.

Motion for a new trial for Ralph J. Conley, Mateo Lucchesi, John Chiorno and Frank Estrada, was filed before Superior Judge J. Bray.

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Chinese Official Slated to Talk at S. F. Mass Meeting

CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY & PEACE MEETS

Menace of War, Fascism On Agenda for Study Sunday Oct. 24

SAN FRANCISCO—P. P. Sun, deputy Chinese consul in San Francisco, was scheduled to address the concluding mass meeting of the Congress for Democracy and Peace extended Sunday, Sunday, Oct. 24 at Scioto Hall, 3400 Sutter Street. Other leading participants of the congress were also scheduled to speak and delegates were to be chosen there to participate in the national Congress for Democracy and Peace scheduled in Pittsburgh Nov. 26 to 28.

The public was invited not only to the evening mass meeting, but to the sessions of the congress, although in the latter only accredited delegates will have voice and vote.

The morning session at 10 a.m., before the congress divides into commissions, was to be addressed by Prof. Robert Brady on the international war and fascist menace, and E. P. Dillon, official of Machinists' Local 68, on the effect of fascist trends on labor in this country. Dr. Eric Thomsen, former regional director of the Resettlement Administration, is to speak on the agricultural areas, and by Bert Leech, editor of the Voice of the American League Against War and Fascism, on the League's role in the fight for democracy and peace. The American League is the initiator of the congress.

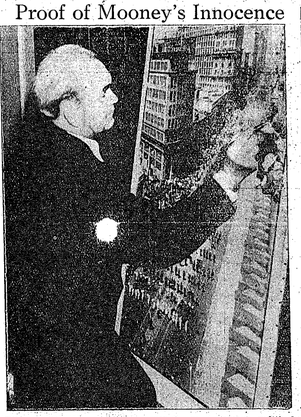
The following were proposed by the arrangements committee to head the various commissions: Clarence Toby, labor; Ray Studt, business and professional; Eunice Bradley, youth, and Mary Crawford, national minorities.

Nathan Straus Heads Housing Administration

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt announced here that he had appointed Nathan Straus at head of the housing administration provided in the Wagner-Steagall Bill.

"The appointee has long been associated with semi-public slum clearance surveys and projects in New York City, and has

Proof of Mooney's Innocence



TOM MOONEY, one of the world's most famous political prisoners, is shown pointing out the figure of himself on the top of a building miles away from the scene of the San Francisco preparedness day bombing he was accused of. The clock in the picture is further proof of the "frame-up" against Mooney. It was impossible for Mooney to get to the scene of the bombing at the time it occurred from this building

S. F. Property Owners Hit Anti-Picketing Ordinance

Claim Previous Ordinance Aided Unfair Employers to Provoke Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO—Among the first to answer the appeal of the Organized Labor Committee Against the Anti-Picketing Ordinance was the San Francisco Property Owners League, it was announced by Campaign Director Paul O. Gaffney.

The league sharply condemns the proposed ordinance as a promoter of strikes which would otherwise be settled around the conference table.

"Since the anti-picketing ordinance was repealed last March, league dues, 75 per cent of San Francisco's labor difficulties have been settled at the conference table without recourse to strike.

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HALLOWE'EN PARTY — Community Singing and Dancing. Oct. 30th, 8 p. m., 546½ S. Spring St. Adm. 15c. Prog. 74th Cong. Dist. Br. C. P.

Let's go to Hayward to celebrate! Hallowe'en Parade, Oct. 30th. 771 Cherry Way. Bonfire, dancing, turkey auction and games for all.

Chambers, Wilson and Crane to Talk at S. F. Rally on C. S. Repeal

Maritime Federation, ILD, Assist Repeal Conference as Sponsors; Mooney Praises Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—A mass meeting in celebration of the release of the criminal syndicalism prisoners from San Quentin Penitentiary will be held in Scottish Rite auditorium on Wednesday evening, October 27th.

The affair is under the auspices of Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation, the International Labor Defense, the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and more than 200 other progressive and labor organizations.

Principal speakers will be Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, who were released from San Quentin penitentiary last week, after serving nearly three years under the act for labor activities.

The three labor organizers and five others on parole were ordered unconditionally released by the Third District Court of Appeals which reversed their conviction.

Patterson to Speak

Other speakers will include Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, of Los Angeles, and other leaders in the fight to repeal the measure.

Hundreds of congratulatory messages concerning the reversal of the verdict are coming in up on the California Conference for Repeal. The following was received from Tom Mooney:

"Enclosed you will find a check for $5.00 from our committee to help carry on the splendid work you are doing. The magnificent success you have recently had in obtaining the freedom of Jack Crane, Pat Chambers and Martin Wilson and in reversing the criminal syndicalism decision, has been one of the most encouraging and inspiring victories that the labor defense movement has had in California for some time.

Mooney's Praise

"The splendid work of your conference contributed to the freedom of these men. The work you are doing warrants the support of all lovers of freedom and democracy. You are really the contemporary exponents of the true spirit of American democracy. Keep up the struggle for workers' rights and eventually all classand labor frame-ups will be ended.

"I send my heartiest greetings of working class and trade union solidarity to the fighting members of your Conference and to our many friends who are fighting valorously for our defense during the period of the long fight we have been making for freedom and vindication."

U. S. Sues to Stop Sale Of City Power to PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States government opened its suit here to stop the sale of city-generated power from Hetch Hetchy to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Under the arrangement, consumers who paid for the construction of Hetch Hetchy have to buy its power through the PG&E distributing system. The government suit was instituted after Secretary Ickes' charge that the arrangement is illegal under the Raker Act.

It is widely charged that one of the objectives of the San Francisco subway bond proponents is that of bonding the city too heavily to enable it to purchase the PG&E distributing system.

186,000 Petitioners Ask Single House Legislature

Assemblyman Yorty Files Signatures Calling for Statewide Vote

LOS ANGELES—A petition to place the proposition of a single house legislature before the electorate at the next general election has been signed by 186,137 people.

The petition will be filed with the secretary of state, according to Assemblyman Samuel W. Yorty.

Yorty, who initiated the little Wagner Bill in the last legislature, has been one of the staunchest fighters for a unicameral house.

The question of curbing the power of the senate, which is elected on a territorial rather than a population basis, is one that has clearly divided the extreme reactionaries from those who like the senate's claim of being progressive or supporting the people's measures.

State Federation Support

The State Federation of Labor Convention, unable to ignore the anti-labor record of the senate, voted unanimously to support a unicameral legislature. In this it extended a position that has long been taken by California labor against the existing set-up.

On the other side are ranged the State Chamber of Commerce, Governor Frank Merriam, C. C. Teague of the Hoover-era Federal Farm Board, California Bankers' Association, the Industrial Association of San Francisco, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Assn.

The history of the senate has been that it served as the guillotine for all progressive and labor measures passed by the Assembly.

'Refuge From People'

Said Yorty when he announced that the unicameral petition will soon be circulated throughout the state, "The Senate is the refuge from the power of the people. The fight is not between the cities and the rural population, but between the reaction-ary corporate interests and the people who are exploited by the State Senate."

STATE CIO CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — A state convention of CIO unions in Minnesota will be held in Duluth in November, according to plans drawn at a preliminary conference held September 20.

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Market Fall Declared Deliberately Planned

WASHINGTON — Evidence that stock market manipulators in the higher brackets have deliberately sought over a period of months to lower them the prices of stocks was disclosed here by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Short selling was the method used according to the commission's investigators who have been in New York collecting information.

Identity of the short sellers was not disclosed.

3 Italians Come to Heckle, But Lose Their Fascist View

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo.—Having come to heckle the speaker and the showing of the film, "Heart of Spain," three local Italian fascists remained to be entertained and to contribute to medical aid for the Spanish Loyalists.

Martin North, who is one of the speakers on the tour, told further of local support being organized for Spain wherever the touring company stops. In Yakima, Washington, local police and city council tried to drive them out of town, but were forced to allow a meeting to be held when citizens came to their support.

Another factor in Yakima was the action of Rev. W. R. Robinson, CIO organizer and Washington Commonwealth Federation member of the state legislature. He pointedly warned city officials that an election was in the offing.

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Women Fight Paper Fomenting Mob Violence in Los Angeles

Shopping News Joins "Neutral Thousands" In Drive To Keep Open Shop Conditions

LOS ANGELES—The Downtown Shopping News has gone berserk again on a big union-baiting campaign.

In a series of vicious editorials and suspiciously unrealistic anonymous letters, the Shopping News has become the spearhead of the Merchant and Manufacturers open shop drive.

The connection of the Neutral Thousands, the so-called women's organization for the promotion of better labor-capital and labor-recently exposed in the Western Worker, with the whole set-up is too, too obvious.

Women Break Strike!

Last July the Shopping News published an editorial entitled "Women Suffer Most." It said in part:

"We have just learned who really licked the steel strike back east.

"It was the women—the wives of the workers.

"Then further down—

"So the wives of the steel workers got together and talked things over. They agreed that everything had been calm and peaceful during the strike, that wages had been good, work plentiful—and everybody happy. They agreed to ask their husbands several questions, the first of which was 'Why are you on strike?' The other questions are unimportant because when the husbands got through trying to answer the first one, the 'back to work movement' was well under way."

Mrs. Ochs Awakes

The editorial winds up with the statement:

"Maybe it's time for the wives of the workers in Los Angeles County to do a bit of organizing."

It is a strange coincidence that some time after the editorial Mrs. Bessie Ochs woke one night with a vision, of peace between capital and labor. How was this thing to come about? Through the wives of the workers. She like Woodward Clun, had heard the pitiful appeal of the women in the steel strike.

So Mrs. Ochs left the furniture manufacturing business and went in China to its fate, and sponsored by a heavy list of wealthy, influential women of Los Angeles opened an elaborate suite of offices in the Cutts building, downtown Los Angeles.

Big Shot Sponsors

Included among the sponsors are Mrs. Mae Carvell of the Broadway Department Store, Mrs. Ruth Sterry, formidable publicity director for the TNT (The Neutral Thousands) is a sister of the attorney for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

The Downtown Shopping News is the advertising sheet of the big downtown department stores. It clutters the Union Station's 65,000 homes in Los Angeles County. It is these stores that are the source of working people and there is no reason why they should submit to receiving these outrageous open-shop editorials, the propaganda of the Merchants and Manufacturers.

Recently the Merchants and Manufacturers Association circulated a letter to employers asking for contributions to a slush fund to fight for open shop conditions.

Women Shoppers Object

The Neutral Thousands and the Shopping News, are flank movements in this central campaign for keeping Los Angeles open shop.

The League of Women's Shoppers has taken up this fight against the anti-labor attitude of the Shopping News. Under the auspices of the League thousands of penny post cards have been distributed protesting the use of the Downtown Shopping News for the dissemination of propaganda against labor and trade unionism." These cards are pouring into the offices of the Downtown Shopping News and to the department stores, demanding that the stores withdraw their advertising unless the editorials are stopped.

"Once before," said Mrs. D. L. Prescott, executive secretary of the League, in a recent press interview, "the League conducted a campaign against a similar set of articles in the Shopping News. When the articles were discontinued we wrote to Mr. Clun commending him

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Rev. Heist Hits... Refusal to P... Workers' F...

LOS ANGELES—A drive against "goon" activities was launched last Tuesday night, when [illegible] meeting in the auditorium established the Citizens' Committee for Civil Liberties.

Called by the Rev. Southern California Director for Civil Liberties, voiced a determined against the refusal of enforcement officials "the lives of working citizens."

"Right now, we have got to face the fact that our policemen are not servants," declared Rev. Heist. "Ryland, military aide to Inter-Religious Committee, is chairman of the League Committee.

Represented at [illegible] were twelve labor unions, religious organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union, War and Fascism, International Workers' Order, Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, and the United Front for Peace and Fascism.

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Supreme Court Upholds Securities Exchange Act

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court refused to [illegible] involving the constitutionality of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in the case involving investment [illegible] against the refusal [illegible] change Commission [illegible] poenaing [illegible] ceived [illegible]

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DR. WELLINGTON KOO, able Chinese diplomat, who told the assembly of the League of Nations that European and American commercial interests in the Far East are afraid of Japan conquers China in the present conflict.

SONORA GOV'T UNDER ATTACK

Workers Demand Dissolution; Land Distribution

MEXICO CITY—Dissolution of the present government of the state of Sonora on the grounds that its governor, General Roman Yocupicio, has violated the constitution in denying labor its right of free association and subjected them to persecution, is requested of President Cardenas by the Mexican Federation of Labor of the State of Coahuila.

The Federation of Labor of Sinaloa Federation at its congress proposed to the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) a nationwide demonstrations "to help in protest against General Yocupicio's attempt to impose on the life of Vicente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the CTM, during his recent visit to Sonora. At the same time the Sinaloa Federation demanded that the government begin the partitioning of haciendas in the Yaqui and Mayo valleys, states of Sonora, whose owners have suspended all work in an effort to induce famine which can be blamed on the federal government.

Governor Enrique Calderon of Durango was among leading Mexican political figures supporting the condemnation of Yocupicio and his policies.

Non-Partisan League Explains Procedure

WASHINGTON — In response to inquiries from all parts of the country, the Labor's Non-Partisan League has released a leaflet entitled the procedure of establishing local units of the organization.

The leaflet sets forth in simple language the initial steps to be taken by individuals and organizations interested in forming a league branches in "any city, county, township, legislature district or other political subdivision."

It calls for a meeting of interested individuals and organizations and the election of temporary organization officers. It directs that a letter be written to the national office, William Hotel, Washington, requesting formal recognition. It advises that after formal recognition is granted, all local labor organizations should be contacted to invite their affiliation.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

League Warned

Diary of an American in Spain

Take Town Without Losing a Single Life

By ADDISON KEELER

Again we are riding twenty-four men and equipment in trucks. But this time our rifles are not placed in one pile; we hold them ready at hand and make sure of the safety locks, because every piece is loaded. And our men of our group carries a long bulky object carefully wrapped in a poncho, a Maxim light machine gun, a beautiful weapon.

No Smoking

Again we are riding but this time there's a difference; this time we know where we are going, even to the name of the fascist town we have been ordered to capture. There is a tension among the men; how many are asking themselves the question "How will I react under fire?" Only our Portugese comrade who speaks no English and little Spanish is unconcerned—he soon falls asleep in the bed of the truck. Perhaps he doesn't know enough to be concerned about action, but very right or perhaps he doesn't care.

Our truck jolts against the highway now and bumps slowly and without lights along a road which winds through hills rising sharply rising foothills. No smoking. At times we pass other trucks loaded down with artillery pieces and ammunition, a long line of ambulances, columns of tanks. The Brigade means business!

When we finally stop and climb out we have arrived at a river and a railroad track. We are marched down the track to the foot of a high hill up which men are climbing in single file.

Held In Reserve

Must be very close to the front now—the sound of rifle fire is sharp and clear. Inaccountably we are marched back down the track, back on the road, away from the front. The Gods at G. H. have ordained that we be held in reserve during the first two days of the battle.

Come on, Western Worker, have a grandstand seat," shouts Brad. And what a grandstand seat it was! We were in formation on the brow of a high hill, from behind which our artillery rained a hail of shells upon the defences of the beseiged fascist town.

Before us lay the panorama of the battle: in the center, a vast plain which stretched without a break from our vantage point five hundred meters on the outskirts of the town (direction almost due north); on the right, a distant line of hills (where lay the trenches from which we had been marched away on the previous night); to our left, more plains, here and there broken by low hills; in the far background hills rising behind the fascist town. Of the town itself, nothing was discernible except for one building with a tower standing on an elevation.

Fascists Fortified

"That's the church which the fascists have converted into a fortress," explained Brad, who had had access to field glasses. "On the left of the church, that blank wall there, is a cemetery also fortified. The fascist trenches lie directly in front of it. The town is in the hollow behind—on the one side of the river. We've come to last night." Far down the plain it was possible to make out small bodies of men in motion—our advancing infantry—but whether of the Lincoln-Washington, Dimitrov Spanish, it was impossible to guess.

Loyalist Squadrons

Overhead, at regular intervals whistled the shells from our artillery, sounding for all the world like gigantic skyrockets in flight. Where they fell near the fascist fortifications great clouds of dust, followed by a few second later by the sound of the explosions. "Here come our bombers!" A squadron of Loyalist bombing planes winged across the sky and deposited their "eggs" near the town.

Great geysers of smoke and dust would shoot high in the air; the noise of the explosions was repeated and tremendous. We've got the technical equipment with us this time and no mistake!" "The fascists won't be able to take much more of that bombing!"

By nightfall our men had occupied the fascist trenches and reached the outskirts of the town. The magnificent cover fire from artillery and aviation had prevented the dangerous and courageous feet of advancing five hundred meters in open ground—with hardly the loss of a man!

WISCONSIN COUNCIL

MILWAUKEE—Unions with a total membership of 90,000 are represented in the permanent Wisconsin Industrial Union Council covering the whole state.

Widowed by Japanese Bomb

THIS CHINESE woman, widowed by a Shanghai air raid, hurries toward the International Settlement balancing a pole supporting the basket holding her baby and a bundle containing her possessions.

Soviet Citizens Pick Boards To Rule December 12 Voting

MOSCOW—District and precinct election boards are now being selected throughout the Republics of the Soviet Union.

The excitement attendant on these preliminary details is but a prelude for that expected when nearly 100,000,000 Soviet citizens go to the polls on December 12 in the first general election ever to be held in the Union.

The elections, to be held by secret ballot, are the result of the recently ratified Soviet Constitution.

All soviet organizations, unions, cultural, social and sports clubs, collectives, the Communist Party and Young Communist League are permitted to nominate citizens for the local Soviets and the All-Union Soviet.

Members include Peter G. Moskatoff, Central Council of All-Union Labor Federations; Professor Otto Schmidt, celebrated Arctic explorer; President of the Academy of Science; George Malenkoff, Professional Union of Political Education; representatives of the Communist party and Young Communist League, the Soviet Air League, two collective farms, two factories, the Pravda editorial department, the Union of Soviet Writers and various other organizations.

Many Countries to Join Celebration of Revolution

MOSCOW—Fourteen countries will be represented by delegations at the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the October Revolution.

David Lasser, chairman of the Workers Alliance of America, will lead the delegation from the United States. Among other American delegation members are Mother Bloor, famed working class leader, and Andrew Dahlell, chairman of the legislative committee of the Farmers' Union.

Great Britain, Spain, France, Mexico, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Cuba and Outer Mongolia will likewise be represented.

The British delegation will include Tom Mann and Ben Tillett, veterans in the British labor movement and a number of members of the executive committee of the Miners' Federation.

Another member of the British delegation is E. E. Shinwell, M. P., and former secretary of Mines in the Labor Cabinet.

Train Crews Will Race

MOSCOW—The longest railway race the world has ever seen is being staged by the workers on the Trans-Siberian Railroad as a part of the celebrations attendant to the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Crack crews of Stakhanovites are racing each other across the 7,000 miles of track from Moscow to Vladivostok. One train started from Moscow, the other from Vladivostok. Their time of departure has been synchronized by wireless.

RCA Signs CIO Contract

CAMDEN, N. J.—The United Electrical & Radio Workers (CIO) became the sole collective bargaining agent for 10,000 workers employed by the RCA Mfg. Co. here as an agreement between the company and the union was consummated. Payment of $100,000 in 1936 vacation pay withheld from members workers for their strike activity that year was written into the pact.

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Japan Strategy Foiled By Superior Aviation, Morale of Defenders

Nipponese Plan Merciless Slaughter of Civilians As China Troops Block Advance on Three Fronts

As the war in the Far East progresses the most notable revelation concerning Japan's supposedly "invincible" military machine has been the surprisingly inadequate strategy employed by the Japanese general command.

Foreign commentators are almost unanimous in believing that the blind adherence to strategy of the type employed in the World War is responsible for much of the difficulty the Japanese imperialists have encountered in their invasion of China.

Original Strategy

The original Japanese plans called for the capture of Peiping and Tientsin followed immediately by the driving of a mechanized wedge westward into Shansi province and the consequent division of China and the disruption of Kuomintang's defense plans.

Chief among the Japanese blunders in the early stage of the war was their under-estimation of the popular unity of the Chinese people, a unity which has at the present put a stop to the westward drive. Secondly, the Japanese general staff counted upon the capture of the Nanchang and Mongol armies to protect their northern flank from the possibility of Soviet action.

Both of these blunders have been costly. Though the capture of Tientsin the Japanese have won only one important victory in North China. That was the capture of Nankow pass, effected at the cost of heavy losses in both men and machinery.

Outmaneuvered By Chinese

While their troops have continued their advance to the South the policy of the 29th Route Army here has been to withdraw back without a major engagement, thus drawing the Japanese troops further and further from their base and opening the way to a pincer attack from the Chinese army in the West.

On the second of the Northern front, the Japanese general staff's misjudgment is likely to prove still more costly in time. There have been constant revolts among the Manchukuans, Koreans and Mongolian mercenaries. The Japanese now have so little confidence in their "allies" that they have been forced to deploy several hundred thousand of their picked men in the Northern provinces to keep down revolt. This has put a serious crimp in their offensive plans for Central and South China.

Slaughter of Civilians

Disgusted by the slow development of the Northern fronts and well aware that Japan's internal structure cannot bear the weight of a protracted campaign, the general staff devised a new and "novel" plan—the unprincipled attack on civilian Shanghai and the ruthless bombings of Nanking and Canton.

The invasion of Shanghai has three purposes: (1) to keep the best Chinese troops in the South and thus hinder the Chinese defence in the North, (2) to disrupt the financial center of China and to blockade at least half of the nation, and (3) to lay the base for the attack on and seizure of Nanking, the capital of Nationalist China.

From a military point of view these objectives are logical enough, and as the Japanese bandits have no "democratic" scruples as to the number of civilian lives lost in such a campaign they launched it with extensive and murderous air raids on the centers of population, hoping by this means to terrorize the population and provoke dissension in the Chinese ranks.

Morale Heightened

It is becoming increasingly apparent that precisely the opposite result has been produced. Given a foretaste of the kind of "mercy" they may expect from the Japanese war lords in case of defeat, the Chinese people have rallied to a man to the standard of Chiang Kai-shek.

The Japanese gains around Shanghai have been notably costly and at present seem to have been equally unsuccessful. One reason for the very limited progress they have made around Shanghai is the tactical blundering of the directing staff.

Japanese generals insist that infantry attacks may only be attempted after a preliminary artillery barrage. This tactic, proven ineffective has under special conditions during the world war, has been extremely unsuccessful in Shanghai.

Chinese Advantage

They have also found the many narrow and crooked streets in Shanghai for heavy artillery to be very disadvantageous. Chinese have taken full advantage of the terrain to defend their positions with strategically placed machine gun nests. In street fighting artillery is practically useless save for the noise it makes.

However, it is not at all impossible that the Japanese may ultimately attain their objectives around Shanghai. Because of the unique position of the Chinese armies in this sector such a victory might have very serious consequences.

The railroad lines feeding the Shanghai area form a triangle with Nanking at the vortex and Hangchow as another point of resistance. Within this area live some 5,000,000 people. The intimation has already been received in Shanghai that Japan intends to send a bombing fleet of over 200 heavy planes for the purpose of sweeping this area of every human being and bringing about the complete capitulation of the Nanking government.

Favorable Factors

The Japanese authorities are no doubt ready to go to the most brutal lengths to crush the resistance. Only the strongest protests against this unprincipled murder of millions of innocent civilians will halt the plans for this massacre.

However, the arrival of many new and superior planes at China's airdromes may force Japan to curtail her bombing activities. These planes, according to all accounts, are greatly superior to Japanese planes.

If the Chinese armies are thus enabled to make a bid for supremacy in the air, the plans of the Japanese general staff may very well collapse and throw the entire Japanese campaign into a very difficult position. So far they have suffered tremendous losses on the ground and if these catastrophes are repeated in the air it may spell a rapid end to the South China expedition.

A final factor which has greatly strengthened the Chinese defense has been the close cooperation effected between Nanking and the Chinese Soviet areas. Chou-En-Lai, one of the principal political leaders of the Soviets, is at present in Nanking where his counsel carries a very great weight with the Kuomintang government.

Oakland CIO Votes Boycott of Japan

OAKLAND—A resolution favoring a nationwide boycott on all financial transactions with Japan and a boycott on all Japanese goods, was unanimously passed by the CIO Industrial Council here at its regular meeting last Monday night.

Another resolution condemned the closing of WPA projects in San Joaquin County, and urged to force project workers into the fields at scab wages.

Negotiations with newspaper publishers for settlement of the news vendors' strike, are being conducted by Sam Kagel, of the Pacific Coast Labor Bureau, E. P. Ward, council secretary reported.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

China Asks League Aid Against Gas and Disease

GENEVA — Poison gas and dum-dum bullets, and possibly disease germs, are being used by Japan in its invasion of China, Chinese delegates here charged in making a request for the dispatch of foreign health officers to help check epidemics.

Cholera is already spreading in the wake of the war devastation, the delegates said. The danger of pneumonia, plague, small pox, meningitis, diphtheria, scarlet fever and malaria is increasing among the homeless and ill-fed civilian population of Shanghai and other beleaguered cities.

The Chinese statement and request, accompanied by statements from Red Cross and League of Nations medical officials in Nanking that Chinese soldiers were found suffering from effects of poison gas, was presented to the League by Dr. Victor Hoo.

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Do the Sailors Want to Buy the Brooklyn Bridge?

ACCORDING to legend the city slickers who inhabit New York regularly sell the Brooklyn Bridge to visiting rubes.

But it took a small-town man with a small-town mind like President Green of the American Federation of Labor to put over an even more phantastic transaction on the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. The Brooklyn Bridge is small change to Mr. Green. He offered the sailors jurisdiction over King Features and if unlimited words were used for commercial purposes he would have thrown Davy Jones in under a special charter.

He offered them national jurisdiction after the manner on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and repudiated, overwhelmingly, him and his stooges. He offered the sailors jurisdiction over all unlicensed personnel when unions of a cooks and stewards, and black gang men are already in existence.

He offered them something he KNEW he did not HAVE THE POWER to GIVE.

"In other words, Mr. Green was too anxious and in his anxiety he slipped like many another man.

Compare this strip-tease of Green's with the calm and reasoned proposition made by John L. Lewis for the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Lewis made no promises. He frankly told the Sailors that if they come in they would retain control of their own affairs and in addition would have a better opportunity of cooperating with brother unions in the industry, most of whom are either in the CIO or on the way, in forming a National Maritime Federation.

That is a statesmanlike offer. . . All affiliation to any labor federation can offer is the closer solidarity of other unions and the better opportunity to cooperate with them for mutual benefit. Nothing more. Nothing less.

There is only one obstacle to real unity in the ranks of labor, which of necessity means unity on the basis of industrial unionism in the mass production industries, as stated by the CIO. The lone barrier is the reactionary and splitting program of the Denver convention, but has only been placed in a more defensive position due to the initiative taken by the CIO in seeking unity.

The answer to these questions does not come from these gentry of the AFL, though their lips may unwillingly give satisfactory answer at some future date. Let no one be deceived—no small boy accompanied his father to the wood shed may be hallucinated—that the AFL delegates going to the unity conference with the CIO leaders on Monday, October 25, in Washington, D. C. The AFL executive council has not abandoned its reactionary and splitting program of the Denver convention, but has only been placed in a more defensive position due to the initiative taken by the CIO in seeking unity.

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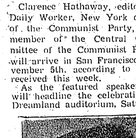
The answer is clear

S. F. TO HEAR NOTED EDITOR NOVEMBER 6

Syndicalist Law Victims to Speak on Soviet Anniversary Program

Clarence Hathaway, editor of Daily Worker, New York organ of the Communist Party, and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party will arrive in San Francisco November 5th, according to word received this week.

As the featured speaker, he will headline the celebration at Dreamland auditorium, Saturday



CLARENCE A. HATHAWAY

evening, November 6th, observing the twentieth anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Nationally Known

As editor of the Daily Worker, Hathaway built a national reputation and established the Worker as one of the nation's outstanding newspapers. Capitalist and Worker's press alike have accorded him recognition.

The November 6th celebration, planned in conjunction with the drive for a daily Western Worker, will offer other interesting features in addition to Hathaway's talk. A dramatic pageant, portraying the role of the Worker's press in defending the rights of the people, will be presented. California's victims of the notorious Criminal Syndicalism law, recently released from the state's over-crowded, hate ridden prisons, will appear en masse. Frank Spector, County Secretary of the Communist Party will present briefly the case for a daily paper. Dave Witherdon, State Secretary of the Party will preside at the meeting beginning at 8 p. m., and ending promptly at 10. A dance at 121-Haight Street will follow.

Caroline Decker to Speak At L.A. Hathaway Meeting

LOS ANGELES Caroline Decker, recently freed victim of the Criminal Syndicalism law, is scheduled to appear on the November 7th celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution to be held here in the Olympic Auditorium under the auspices of the Communist Party.

Miss Decker served approximately two and one half years in Tehachapi Prison for her work among agricultural workers in California.

Main attraction at the November 7th meeting will be Clarence Hathaway, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and editor of the Daily Worker.

Quill Elected President

NEW YORK.—Closing its first national convention after the adoption of a constitution and many resolutions of a broad progressive nature, the Transport Workers Union (CIO) elected Michael J. Quill president.

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Costigan Confident of Seattle Defeat of Dore

W. C. F. Secretary Sees Beck Terror Driving All Support Away From Reactionaries

By TOM PATTERSON

Events have made Howard Costigan confident. The dynamic secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, who paid a brief visit to San Francisco en route to Fresno, told the Western Worker:

1. That Mayor John Dore will be beaten decisively in the next election, and with him the racketeering "unionism" of Dave Beck.

2. The next mayor of Seattle will be endorsed by the Commonwealth Federation and will run on a platform including strict enforcement of the Wagner-Connery Act and will defend the right of small business men to refuse to enter "protective associations" of Dave Beck.

In a brief ten minutes before he hurried away for a meeting, Costigan gave facts, figures and details to explain why he thinks so, and why a progressive victory in Seattle will have an important bearing on politics of the entire Pacific Coast.

Progressives United

"First of all," said Costigan, "the Washington Commonwealth Federation is the undisputed major progressive political movement in Washington. There are no divisions. Its unity is solid. It might be called a Popular Front.

"This is the positive side of the picture. The negative side is that Dave Beck's tactics are virtually driving small business men to the Federation in self defense.

"Beck doesn't organize workers. It is his boast that he organizes employers and he admits that he does it by promising to guarantee their profits." How? Costigan cited two examples.

Chain grocery companies were first invited in to form an association, establish its by-laws and enter into an "Agreement" with Dave Beck as to union wages and hours. Then small grocerydealers were invited in under the threat that if they refused they would be unable to hire union labor, their stores would be picketed by goons.

But to join they had to agree to 6 o'clock closing and other conditions which virtually destroyed their business and intensified the monopoly of the chains. And with Mayor Dore in his camp, Beck has the entire police department in the position of station down the throats of small business men and threatening to ruin their business if they refuse to join the association.

Against this racketeering unionism, which recently said that it costs a third more to live in Seattle than in Washington, D. C.

Auto Dealers "Organized"

Auto dealers have been forced into the same line. Already the results that trade-in values of used cars are one-third lower than the standard "Blue Book" prices and auto sales are being driven out of existence.

Against Back and Dore, Costigan says "labor forces in Seattle are the backbone of the Washington Commonwealth Federation. And while Beck with his goons and police keep many unions from taking official action, Dore won't even

HOWARD COSTIGAN

poll 50 per cent of the Teamster vote.

Where else does the Federation get its support?

"Small business generally and a good many larger enterprises are against Dore and Beck," said Costigan. "It is even possible that he will be defeated in the primaries since there will be other candidates against him, but one who wins the support of the Commonwealth Federation, the Commonwealth Federation has by far the largest support of all the opponents of Dore and Beck."

Rebuilt Old Age Group

As an example to show why, Costigan pointed out the Old Age Pension Union, which the Federation sponsored and helped to build on the ashes of the crumbled Townsend movement. Today there are 20,000 old people organized in the state, on a program which fights for the immediate needs of the old people and which has already won enforcement of minimum old age compensation laws of the state. Costigan pointed out that to defeat Beck in Seattle is to shatter whatever inroads he may have made in other parts of the West Coast.

"Seattle is the key to its base of operations. He has to have the freedom of the city of Seattle in order to entrench as labor's dictator on the Coast. If he faces defeat in the heart of his empire, then his grip will be taken.

"If he can't deliver agreements which he signs for workers, then his power is gone. And he cannot deliver when unions like the warehousemen's are forced to fight for their very existence."

NEGRO PARLEY MAPS FIGHT FOR LIBERTIES

Delegates Urge Unity of Labor as Weapon to Fight Jim-Crow

(Continued from Page 1)

problems confronting the Negro people.

Clarence Hathaway, editor of the New York Daily Worker, addressed the symposium on war and fascism. He took issue sharply with a speech by Norman Thomas, Socialist Party leader, which warned that collective security "might lead to war."

Attacks Thomas

"We face reality," Hathaway declared. "There is war and there is fascism. Concretely our tasks are how to stop them from spreading throughout the world. All the pretty speeches will not make any difference unless backed by clear-headed action. Ultimately the decisive anti-war force is the peace-loving people of the world, but every force against war must be united now to stop the present reality of growing war and fascism."

"We have advocated for years —even as now—the unity of the Socialist and Communist Parties," Hathaway said, amidst a burst of applause. "We have advocated and still advocate the unity of the trade union movement."

In the concluding session Randolph was re-elected president of the Congress. John P. Davis was re-elected as executive secretary. Gladys Stone, young Negro trade union leader, was chosen financial secretary, and U. Simpson Tate, of Washington, treasurer. Max Yergan, International Committee on African Affairs director, and the Rev. William Jernagins, Washington, D. C., were named vice-presidents.

Numerous Speakers

Scores of people, both white and colored, prominent in national affairs, addressed the Congress. A message of greeting from President Roosevelt tendering the congress his best wishes, was read to the opening session.

Among the many leading speakers were Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism; C. S. Chang, Chinese leader and outstanding figure in the American Friends of the Chinese people; the Rev. William Lloyd Imes, New York Negro minister; Dr. Malaku E. Bayen, of the World Christian Education and personal representative of the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia; Dr. Frank Patterson, who explained the peace policy of the Soviet Union; Norman Thomas, Mrs. Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense; Edward E. Strong, leader of the national youth division of the Congress; Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Charles Wesley, professor of History at Harvard University; President F. D. Patterson of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Crystal Bird Fauset, Philadelphia Negro woman leader; Carl Brannin, Texas prominent Chicago attorney and John P. Davis, executive secretary of the Congress.

Before adjournment the Congress registered its stand on major policy which it took in Chicago last year.

Firemen Condemn Minority Paper

SAN FRANCISCO—The "West Coast Firemen," minority group paper, this week was roundly denounced in a resolution adopted by the Marine Firemen's headquarters branch last Thursday night, with only two votes against the resolution.

The MFOW declared the paper was "against the best interests of the Pacific Coast firemen and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific," and denounced the paper's reactionary policies as "aimed at attempting to prevent seamen from voting on the CIO ballot and creating disunity between the branches and headquarters."

Francis Mulderig and Jack Fremont were elected from the MFOW for assisting ex-Secretary J. E. Ferguson in packing a meeting of the union with non-members.

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He Looks the Same Coming or Going

AFTER William Green finished fuming and sputtering about the CIO in his opening speech at the AFL convention at Denver, John L. Lewis replied that the millions of workers in America declared Lewis to organize the unorganized. "He looks the same coming or going,"

See Unity Growing In Pedro

Teamsters, Longshoremen & Warehousemen Hold Joint Meeting

SAN PEDRO—"Real possibilities of unity coming from the rank and file" were seen by Dr. A. A. Heist, CIO educational director, in commenting on a meeting of more than 500 members of the AFL and the CIO held here last Monday.

Represented at the meeting, which had been called to discuss labor unity in the harbor area, were longshoremen, warehousemen, and teamsters. Speakers were Dr. Heist and Lee Guyer, representing the American Federation of Teachers, AFL.

Sees Unity Developing

In a statement to the Western Worker, C. H. Jordan, CIO Industrial Council secretary declared:

"From attendance of the first unity meeting, which was attended by about 150 teamsters, to the second meeting, which was attended by about 350 teamsters, it is evident that the rank and file of the teamsters wish to cooperate with the CIO.

"It a series of these unity meetings are held frequently, it will bring about a condition of unity."

Following talks from Guyer and Heist, the meeting was thrown open to discussion from the floor. Strongly voiced was the determination by rank and file members of unions to end the disunity which has overtaken the Teamsters' officials and the longshoremen.

Will Aid Truckers

It is reported that a well formed movement is underway in the Teamsters' Union to call a strike which will terminate the question of affiliation with the CIO.

At the same meeting, longshoremen present voted unanimously to give both financial and moral support to the teamsters if they are forced to go out on strike when their contracts expire in the near future.

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Banquet Will Say Goodbye To Surgeon

Dr. Bloesser to Leave in Advance of Other Volunteers for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO — Dr. Leo Bloesser is scheduled to leave for Spain, possibly within the next week.

This announcement was made by the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, together with the notice of a banquet in his honor Sunday night, Oct. 24, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 7 p.m.

Others to Follow

Dr. Bloesser will leave in advance of the full West Coast medical unit which he is organizing to take to Spain. Six additional members of this unit have already been selected. Two of them, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Purviance, will accompany Dr. Bloesser immediately. Mrs. Purviance is an expert laboratory technician.

Other members who will follow are Dr. Franklin Bissell and three nurses, Miss Alice Elizabeth Wagnon, Mrs. Mary S. Tranter and Miss Evelyn Andell.

Charles G. Norris, Kathleen Norris and Frederick Thompson, in addition to a large representation of the San Francisco medical profession, made reservations to attend the banquet.

More than $2000 has already been contributed to finance the West Coast unit, the Medical Bureau announced, although a formal campaign has not yet been launched. A recent contributor to the fund is the Musicians' Union, which gave $25.

Be a Life!! Get the Daily "Western" for Life by Raising 100 Dollars

Aid Won for Family Near Starvation

Workers' Alliance Forces Charity Officials to Abandon Red Tape

LOS ANGELES—Intervention by the Workers' Alliance, here, broke through red tape barriers last Tuesday, October 19, and forced the County Charities Department to grant aid and medical attention to Mrs. Beatrice Beck and her nine starving children.

No Money for Two Weeks

With her husband in jail on a 180 day sentence for drunkenness, Mrs. Beck had had no money since her last SRA check arrived on September 29, she told relief officials last Monday.

She and her children, who came from three months to 14 years were "slowly starving to death," declared.

Last, according to department officials, she was not eligible for self-supporting resident of the county for the last three years, despite the fact that she has lived in Los Angeles for sixteen years.

Private charity agencies, the county department declared, were her only hope.

But on Tuesday a Workers' Alliance committee went with her to the charities department. Committee members demanded to see Rex Thomson, county superintendent of charities, were told that he was not present, but refused to take the whole case to the Board of Supervisors.

Faced with a formidable supervisorial frown, charities department workers immediately promised food, milk for her children, and medical attention for Mrs. Beck.

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Big Gains for CIO

NEW YORK—One third of all basic contracts in the United States have been enrolled in the CIO Maritime Committee, Sec. Mervyn Rathborne reports.

Sacramento City Official Tries to Imitate Mussolini

By a Worker Correspondent

SACRAMENTO—We are trying to determine whether Sacramento is a part of the U. S. or a city possessed by Germany or Italy. We were not sure whether we were talking to Hitler or Mussolini or Ray Oakley, assistant city manager.

Being in the city hall office of Mr. Oakley, and hearing the words flowing from his lips, did have us fooled for a while.

In our conversation on constitutionality of the city ordinance which prohibits free use of public parks to all labor organizations, and gives the city manager power to arbitrarily determine who shall or shall not use the parks, Mr. Oakley told us that Sacramento, under the present law, makes it impossible and doesn't have to abide by the laws of the federal government or state government.

Mr. Oakley, however, got bigheaded when he told the administration tries to pattern the city laws as closely as they can to those of Italy.

As far as he or the city manager and the administration is concerned, says Mr. Oakley, they are going to follow the policies they are now and not allowing any labor organization, AFL or CIO, or Unity, Communist Party to use public parks or any public place for meetings of any kind.

We think it is time the people of Sacramento should have something to say about what laws the city council makes. The people believe voting time is here.

Ask Candidates

1. How can Dan Doyle stands on civil liberties, free speech, free press and assembly, for, all labor unions, and the Communist Party.

2. How does candidate stand on the anti-picketing ordinance.

3. How each candidate stands on electing every city employee in the city administration, such as the Board of Education.

Speed-up Caused Restaurant Fire

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—Who ever wrote that saying, "Haste makes waste," should had a mouthful.

For example, on the afternoon of Columbus Day, business had increased at the Famous Riverig Restaurant at Stockton and Union Streets. Waiters and waiters in the kitchen had not been sufficiently reinforced to take care of the tremendous business due to so many extra customers who had come to witness the parade, and also due to the fact that it was Sunday. The result was a fire in the kitchen.

Damage was slight but the loss was great as the publicity has led to close-up and lost the patronage of many diners who come in the evening.

"Great Men"

By a Worker Correspondent

Here's to the ghost of Alfred Sloan,
Whom, day of days, his soul goes home.
He'll take one look at the Golden Hoard,
Then give these demands to the Lord:
"I want the key to the Pearly Gate,
And, as usual, I'm not going to arbitrate,
In the future I'll run this place alone,
So hike yourself down off my throne."

What an awful fight that's going to be,
Just God against Sloan and monopoly.

—J. M.

Cotton Pickers Get Less in '37 Than Last Year

By an Agricultural Worker

CORCORAN, Kings County—The workers in this San Joaquin Valley are very disgusted with the wages that the bosses force on them. Picking cotton they get only 90 cents per 100 pounds, 10 cents less than last year, and the prices of the more essential things of life are higher.

Conservatively, there are, 10,000 workers who, according to the last year's rate of pay, are losing about $7000 monthly, and much more in paying cut-throat prices. Then most of the packers are heads of large families, with many thousands of children of school age.

I think the Western Worker will be a big help in organizing these workers, if you give it a chance by adding to it one or two full pages in Spanish, and tell the workers plenty of what is happening in and around regions where they live and where they came from.

I send one dollar for the Daily Western Worker fund.

RAILROADER GIVES IDEAS FOR DAILY WESTERN WORKER

Wants New Name, Larger Type, More Pictures

By a Railroad Worker

SAN JOSE—So the Western Worker wants a new name? I don't think it should be Western Daily Worker, because there are already two Daily Workers in the U. S. and adding another may only make it confusing to some people who are not thoroughly familiar with one of the Daily Worker, Chicago Daily, and the Western Daily.

I am in favor of a distinct and different name—The Proletarian. If necessary any additional words could be used such as Western Daily or San Francisco Proletarian.

As for a further improvement I think the small type should be a thing of the past. There is no pleasure in eye-strain, even if it is from reading truthful workers' news.

Wants Pictures

I note that when the Editor wants his say, he puts it in large type on the Editorial Page. In this manner he cannot be afforded, the small print now used could be discarded and this black type substituted.

I think the "Western" should keep up with the other newspapers by having more pictures. The modern trend seems to be for pictures, and more pictures, and nothing is too good for the working class.

I think it would be swell if a special labor page could come out on Sundays when workers don't work on Sundays and therefore like to have a full page or section devoted to them. Make this Sunday edition larger, so it could be mailed to each subscriber as to whether or not he wishes the Sunday. Then charge accordingly.

Speakers Feature ILD Meet in L. A.

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The struggle between the AFL and the CIO is of great importance. So is the international situation, especially the fascists' invasion of democratic Spain, and of China. These subjects will be dealt with, respectively, by Anita Whitney, latest CIO public relation director for Southern California, and W. W. Robertson, lecturer on subjects of international significance, at the mass meeting and rally to be held under the auspices of the Mooney-Billings Brady case in the Labor Defense at the Progressive Trade Union Club Hall, 545½ South Spring St., Wednesday, October 27, 8 p.m.

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"RELIEF" $3 PER MONTH IN ARIZONA

News Briefs on Struggles Of Miners and Small Cattlemen

By a Worker Correspondent

PHOENIX, Ariz.—It took the death of an aged Negro worker to waken Arizona's Governor Stanford to the critical situation in the relief setup. S. S. Edmonson, executive secretary of the Santa Cruz County Social Security Board, reported the man died of starvation. Arizona papers called it "malnutrition."

$3 Per Month

At a special conference here October 9, it was found the various counties had funds to provide an average of less than $3 for October for each individual.

Here is the estimate of county officials on the money they can spend per individual in October: Santa Cruz, $3 per person per month; Gila, $3 per person; Apache, $3.50; Yavapai, $3 and similar estimates from Maricopa, Navajo and Coconino.

Already in Nogales, apparently worst hit by relief cuts, an application for a Workers' Alliance charter has been airmailed to Washington.

To Build Alliance

Several Nogales "unemployables" are ready to begin work building the local up, as soon as an answer is received from the Alliance.

Governor Stanford told the Social Security Board officials that he "might" find a way to give the counties more money. Workers in the state will soon be ready to see that he does.

Promise Betrayed

Over in Cochise County, the Central Labor Council played false their recent "ERA" promises to aid the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO, in its campaign to organize Bisbee district and the Phelps-Dodge mines.

The council, whitewashed Sheriff Pruitt's attempts to intimidate Bisbee workers engaged in leaflet distribution at Phelps Dodge mines.

The council gave silent approval to an article in its official journal, Cochise County Labor News, which stated committee investigated charges by asking Sheriff Pruitt for the "truth."

Took Sheriff's Word

The sheriff kindly informed the committee there was nothing at all to the union's claim. A miner wrote the council chiding them for refusing to accept the word of fellow workers and asked whether the latter was a labor-hating sheriff, whose record as a strikebreaker in 1935 is well remembered by every Bisbee miner.

The F. B. I. refers editor of the paper, replied that the miner had acted too hastily and proposed withdrawal.

Vickers should have time to learn that the workers really are on the CIO organizing Phelps Dodge.

For CIO

He should learn that Douglas craft union members working in the Phelps Dodge smelter have expressed their readiness to join the CIO miners and already are actively at work in the smelter preparing the workers for organization.

Small Cattlemen Organize

Cattlemen, capitalists say, are individualists. What do they say about the spontaneous self-organization of small cattlemen in Yavapai and Santa Cruz counties with the purpose of forcing the CCC to cancel the permits which the big cattle barons get from the Forest Service, permitting them to run cattle on forest land?

The small ranchers claim there is overgrazing of forest land aplenty to give each man permits for at least 200 head of cattle. Right now there are run as many as 15,000 cattle on the forest. Some of the permits of large ranchers be whittled down so each may have room to run the cattle for a living.

Yavapai forest officials responded to organized pressure and moved to grant the small man his rights. Word of the victory in the northern Arizona increased determination of Santa Cruz ranchers to win.

CIO Council Near

NOTES: CIO locals in Arizona are rapidly moving toward a State CIO council. A full time organizer, E. A. Kope, gave new impetus to CIO spirit in the state.

Desperate efforts of the planters have so far failed to secure enough cotton pickers at wages far below those paid within the past few years.

The AFL is rapidly organizing State Highway Employees. Presence of prominent Stanford men in the highway union supports the rumor that state AFL leaders have become part of the Stanford machine.

Timber workers in northern Arizona have refused to listen to AFL Organizer Bartels, and are anxious for CIO.

Longshoremen Remember This

THIS MOUNTED and masked San Francisco cop was one of several who charged meetings of workers along the Embarcadero shortly before the general strike of 1934. The masks protect the horse and cop from gas to be thrown at the workers. After seeing this in real life it's easy to understand how a convention of California police officers resolved to go "relentlessly" (meaning "ruthlessly") on the CIO, now organizing workers in the mass production industries throughout the state.

REP. SCOTT SAYS PEOPLE ANTI-FASCIST

Predicts F.D.R. Will Ask Neutrality Repeal for "Search for Peace".

By an Oil Worker

WILLOWBROOK, Los Angeles County—At an informal "get together" of the Roosevelt-Scott Democratic Club of Willowbrook held in the old Willowbrook grammar school, Congressman Byron Scott said that in last November's elections the American people took a definite stand against fascism.

Seated cross-legged on the top of an old school desk, Scott looked for all the world like a school teacher.

"The great majority of the people of the United States," he said, "sympathize with the Loyalist Spanish government and with the Chinese people. How ridiculous then, that we apply the embargo provisions of the amended neutrality law so we actually take sides with Franco."

Scott predicted that President Roosevelt will call Congress to repeal the neutrality laws so that we can actively engage in "search for peace."

Scott drew a vivid picture of Representative Tinkham of Boston—the only Congressman with a Square beard—and a 20 year old hat. Tinkham intends to ask for the impeachment of Roosevelt at the coming special session of Congress.

For Labor Unity

Regarding labor, Scott said: "I don't think there is any great antagonism between the rank and file workers of the CIO and the AFL."

Reminded of the "49 masters" of the United States, Scott declared that the power of one fascist group must be destroyed.

San Diego Germans Hold Back From Fascist Salute

SAN DIEGO—Only 250 German-Americans attended the German Day celebration here to be addressed by the terrorist Manfred von Killinger, general consul of Germany in San Francisco. Previous attendance at such meetings has been about 750.

Only about 15 responded to the Nazi salute of the chairman, C. T. Buelow, while about 20 responded with a Communist salute.

In an emotional appeal to German patriotism, the terrorist von Killinger proclaimed the 'right' of German people to stay in the fascist movement in America.

Taxpayers Hit In Retrial of Frameup Case

Faked Charges Based on "Conspiracy to Commit Two Misdemeanors" in Last Spring's Strike

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The taxpayers again started to shell out money to the official strikebreaking organization, when the retrial of the leaders of the Douglas Aircraft Co. sit-down strike started the 14th of October.

The charges against these men were manufactured at the request of Donald Douglas, the would-be dictator of California, during the strike last spring at his plant. On the basis of nothing but hearsay evidence a felony if the right legal words are used, indictment was produced, to break the strike. Exactly 347 men were originally arrested. This April 14 are to be "made examples of."

Legal Trickery

The charges against these 23 men reach a new high in legal trickery. "Conspiracy to commit two misdemeanors" does look legitimate, on the surface, but upon closer inspection it shows its fallacies.

A murderer in itself is a minor violation of the law, like spitting on the sidewalk, parking wrong, or jay-walking. This misdemeanor charge against the strikers was not strong enough to send in police to break the strike, so the word conspiracy was attached.

The more word "conspiracy" raises the level of the charges to a felony, placing it in the same category as murderer and kidnapping. With this conglomeration of strong words the police arrested the 23 sit down strikers.

Strikebreaking Proved

The irony of the entire situation was heightened by the rejection of the defendants' request to bring the first trial. They charged between the strike breaking activities when, in substance, they said:

"We will have to prove that the 23 defendants actually committed the misdemeanors, but they were inspired to do them. We do not have actual proof that they conspired, but we will attempt to prove it by circumstantial evidence."

The first trial ended after seven weeks when the jury remained deadlocked for 22 hours, not on the guilt or innocence of the defendants, but on whether there was a conspiracy.

Justice

Mr. Packard, one of the defense lawyers, opened the legal farce by presenting a motion for dismissal on the first count. Before he had closed his mouth the judge denied the motion. Ambrose had already overruled, and set aside the motion.

Objections and arguments flew back and forth on the questioning of every juror. Do you believe in strikes? Objected by the D. A. objection sustained by Judge Ambrose. Do you own Aircraft stock? What paper do you read? Are you prejudiced against sustaining the participant in a strike? Objected to by the D.A. Objection sustained.

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CIO WOODWORKERS MOVE FORWARD IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY

Companies Cut Hours When NLRB Action Was Sought

By a Timber Worker

STANDARD, Tuolomne County—Things are on the move here. Some months ago the employee representatives of the West Side Lumber Co. of Tuolumne and the Pickering Lumber Co. of Standard, stated that no labor organization was making any headway.

But now it is a different story. The Int. Woodworkers of America, Local 84 (CIO) protested against the long hours in both mills, a protest which was ignored at the time.

Then Moving

Then came the demand for CIO recognition. Also this was also denied. But when the open shoppers heard that an IWA representative was on his way to San Francisco to file charges with the National Labor Relations Board, things at Tuolumne and Standard commenced to move.

At once the long hours were cut down and the company union started the organizing campaign with the bosses pushing it, telling the employees that they had better sign up or else they would have no vote in the coming NLRB elections.

The AFL at Tuolumne has refused to consent to an election, and has come out with slurring remarks that the better working conditions of the CIO are only a decoy.

Ice Broken

But, Mr. H. H. Ensign, AFL organizer, the CIO is more than a dream; this is 1937, Mr. Ensign, and not 1902 as you seem to think.

The ice has been broken in the neighboring town of Sonora where Local 84 secured the Sonora Union high school and held a labor meeting.

Recent Pay Raise Too Low in R. R. Operating Dept.

Union Too Busy for Such Nonsense, Says IBU Member

By an Inland Boatman

OAKLAND—At a recent meeting of the Inland Boatmen's Union, I was quite surprised, if not shocked, to hear the cry of "Communist" raised. In all my nearly three years of pretty regular attendance, this was the second time I've heard it raised. And, it fell flatter than a bachelor's pancake! The one who raised it said he had good information that some of our nominees for office were Communists, and that we would do well to bar them from the ballot and the union as a motion to that effect. It didn't even get a second.

Ridiculed Red-Baiter

But after a short lapse of time one member popped up and said he would amend the motion to include Republicans and Democrats. Then another member asked to be excused as he was tired of the question, more with ridicule than attack.

Several members were very outspoken on their disapproval of the question being raised at all. Such remarks as these were heard: "We do not have to bring that up." "What's he driving at, anyway?" "What the hell do we care if they're Communists?" and "I thought that matter was past the last stage," and various other expressions of disapproval.

The chairman listened awhile, then ruled that inasmuch as we are here to CIO and not AFL, we care not about members' political or religious beliefs and that the whole question was unnecessary, foolish and out of order. That about killed the issue.

Too Busy for Nonsense

The member who raised it must have felt badly let down. Not one other member came to his rescue. The whole thing was a flop.

Now that is something, don't you think? A year or so ago it might have gotten more support by Judge Ambrose, but not because our union is full of Communists but because we are progressive, too busy participant in a strike? Objected to by the D.A. Objection sustained.

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CIO RESOLUTION SPURS BOYCOTT AGAINST JAPAN

Condemns Fascist Nations As Aggressors in War Moves

Preparations for a broad boycott movement against Japanese manufactured goods as a blow against Japan's aggression in China are going forward with renewed vigor following the adoption of a resolution calling for such a boycott, by the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference in Atlantic City, N. J.

The CIO resolution stated:

"Whereas during the recent years the civilized world has witnessed the continuing aggressive action on the part of the fascist nations of the world to impose their vicious principles and policies upon other peaceful countries, and

"Whereas such encroachments by the fascist nations have been extended to wars of aggression with smaller nations and subjugating the peoples of such weaker nations in the most brutal and inhumane manner, and

Condemns Japan

"Whereas the Japanese nation, of these fascist aggressors, has during the past few weeks culminated its policies in its undeclared war upon the Chinese people with the most uncivilized and barbarous tactics in brutally bombing non-military centers, cities, and killing and maiming thousands of women and children, destroying hospitals in unprotected zones.

"Now therefore be it resolved, that this conference of representatives of labor organizations affiliated with the CIO does hereby most severely condemn the viciousness of these fascist nations, particularly the Japanese, for their barbarous and uncivilized policies and principles, and specifically condemn the Japanese nation in its unprovoked and unjustified attack upon the Chinese people, and

Further resolved that the labor organizations affiliated with the CIO do hereby approve and call upon the labor organizations and other liberal organizations throughout the world to participate in a boycott of Japanese manufactured goods in this country."

REP. BERNARD NOW CIO HEAD IN MINN.

Plumbers Cheer Call to Fight On

IN NEW YORK CITY, more than 1,500 striking plumbers turned down compromise wage proposals and voted to continue their struggle for a $10 daily wage and $6 for helpers.

ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS GO CIO BY BIG MAJORITY

933 to 23 Is Vote; Charter to Be Installed Monday

SAN FRANCISCO — By the overwhelming ballot of 933 to 23, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has voted to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization, announced George Woolfe, union president.

The union will receive its charter next Monday at its regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the Ship Scalers' Hall, 32 Clay St. The charter is being issued by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Balloting on CIO affiliation has been carried on for over a month, and the votes were not tabulated until the last ship returned from Alaska, so that all members would have a chance to express their opinion.

Ford Workers Poll On Separate Local

OAKLAND—A referendum of employees of the Ford Motor Co. in Richmond will be held here Saturday, October 23, to decide whether to separate from Local 76 of the United Auto Workers and, set up a separate local, as recommended by international officers of the union.

W. Wells, international vice-president, Dick Coleman, regional director, and Irvin Gerver, international executive board member, here will explain the proposed change, which is intended to facilitate organization of Ford plants throughout the country.

MAYOR DORE IS OPEN-SHOPPER, CHARGES ILWU

Violates Oath of Office, Declares Seattle's Longshoremen

(ILWU Local 1-19 Press Release)

SEATTLE—The Seattle press on October 14 quoted Mayor Dore as follows: "If you keep the CIO off the Pacific Coast it will never be a national organization and the end will soon come."

By that statement Seattle's mayor condoned the numerous beatings and outbreaks of violence which have occurred here and in other Pacific Coast cities while the American Federation of Labor has been carrying out its "war" on the CIO.

Dore Fights Wagner Act

By those words Mayor Dore repudiates the Wagner Labor Labor Act, which gives American workers the right to join the union of their choice.

The A.F.L. has pledged itself to a bloody war against the CIO and against the national law. Mayor Dore also pledged himself to a bloody "war," a pledge which, if carried out, means that the mayor has declared "war" on the national law.

Mayor Dore is further quoted as saying, "Seventy-five per cent of the Seattle Longshoremen would desert us tomorrow if they could get control of the hiring halls."

He Lied

Mayor Dore either spoke from ignorance or deliberately lied. The mayor knows the rank and file Seattle longshoremen control the hiring hall. He further knows the referendum vote, by secret ballot, on CIO affiliation carried by a 3-1 majority.

Seattle's mayor advised the A.F.L. to concentrate their campaign through the Teamsters Union. The entire Pacific Coast A.F.L. unions have been besieged "war to the finish" in San Francisco, a battle in which Teamster officials defended their membership off their jobs to break a trade union, the San Francisco longshoremen.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

MUSSOLINI used to be a Socialist before the World War. Trotzky, now Hitler's valued ally, once paraded as a Communist. Doriot, who also posed as a Communist at one time, is now one of the leading Fascists in France, another ally of Hitler.

Some of the cleverest and shrewdest agents of the employing class today are renegades from the working class and from the Socialist and Communist Parties.

Therefore, you won't be surprised to learn that Dave "Goon Squad" Beck of Seattle, the Teamster czar whom Mayor Dore refers to as his boss, professed to be a Socialist many years ago. However, Beck soon lined up with the employers and their organizations; in fact, he is said to be very friendly with Dore in Seattle by puffing the Elks, then bankrupt, on their financial feet.

I can't quote Beck on his past career, but it comes from very reliable sources.

Teamsters Pro-CIO

FROM another reliable source, also impossible to name except to say that it has a high position to know, comes a very interesting analysis of CIO sentiment among the rank and file teamsters of San Francisco.

"Seventy-five per cent of the members of Teamsters Local 85 are pro-CIO, I was told.

Undoubtedly the CIO sentiment of the Teamster membership was crystallized considerably by the recent bloodshed against the Int'l. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union on the waterfront, particularly when the Teamster czars here—John McLaughlin and Joseph Casey—called him a Communist and that are calling the CIO "Communist."

Moreover, the growing political role of the CIO and other AFL progressive unions is bringing about very progressive legislation. The CIO's political influence could establish discriminatory legislation against labor, against the workers, against small national minorities like the Filipinos.

Therefore, the CIO is the Filipino workers' way to better economic and social life.

Lock-out in Redwoods

CRESCENT CITY—A strike and lockout that may be the opening skirmish in the struggle to unionize the redwood lumber-mill area, held the center of interest in Del Norte County over last week as the result of accumulated grievances between Local 61 of the Int'l. Woodworkers of America and Hobbs, Wall & Co., major operators in this county.

Non-union truck drivers, hauling logs from the woods to the mill here and employed by an outside trucking concern, are held responsible for the immediate cause of the strike.

Charge Intimidation

However, charges of intimidation and discrimination against Local 61 members, and subversive activities of company bosses in endeavoring to set up a company union have complicated the issue, and it is probable that these questions will require adjustment before the trouble is settled.

The difficulty arose when the non-union drivers refused either to reinstate themselves in the Teamsters Union or to join the CIO Workers Union.

The woods crew went out Thursday noon in sympathy. Saturday night C. W. Jonas, managing director for the company closed down the mill.

Declared Lock-Out

The action of the company has been declared a lock-out by the union, and a picket line has been established covering all gathering activities of the company.

Longshoremen have indicated their intent to respect the picket line, and since there is no railroad connection with the community with the markets, all operations will be at a standstill until the dispute is adjusted.

The CIO and the Filipino Workers

AN ARTICLE BY J. MENSALVES

Filipino workers, numbering 35,000 in California alone, as a small minority group, exercising no political influence in the public life of the State, of the country and of even their own county, occupy a very precarious position in the rapidly growing labor movement of America.

Like other workers (although they are affected most), they are constantly threatened by starvation wages, long hours of work, unemployment or economic insecurity.

See CIO Advance

This condition is often overlooked by them, in their hard struggle to keep up in the functioning of a "dog eat dog," "exploitation of man by man" system of society. Furthermore, social and economic discrimination against them as a race, adds another weight to their struggle.

The line of the Hearst newspapers, magazines, radios and other capitalist means of propaganda still hide the basic cause of their problems and their way out.

Why the CIO

But experience has taught them; they see the progressive forces showing them the way out. They see the CIO and its achievements. But seeing is not enough. The Filipino workers should join and help build the CIO.

Why? Because the CIO is organizing the millions of unorganized workers in America, regardless of color, race, nationality, creed or political beliefs; because the CIO organizes on industrial basis—one strong union in one industry.

In agriculture, the Filipino worker could handle almost any kind of work. He can afford to join one union only and not three or more. That is true, too, in the cities. That is why the A.F.L. is not the place for him. And there no industrial organization such as the CIO is the only logical type of unionism fitted for America, fitted to survive, fitted to withstand the attacks of the reactionaries, the open-shoppers.

Role of Rank and File

Even William Green of the A.F.L. favored industrial organization in 1917-1918 as shown in the American Labor Year Book of that year. But when he saw the democratic and progressive nature of the CIO as only expressing the will and the militant spirit of the American working class, he realized that his power and job were in danger.

Therefore he joined the forces of Tom Girdler, the industrialists, financiers, the Randolph Hearsts, the Liberty Leaguers, Republican reactionaries, because they don't believe in unions; they believe in keeping the workers down, keeping the workers in making workers criminals, prostitutes, making workers groups deny relief to the unemployed, don't care about the millions "underfed, undernourished and ill-housed"; these groups of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO, has established a workers' forum meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 316 Jackson St., on the waterfront, particularly when the Teamster czars here—John McLaughlin and Joseph Casey—called him a "Communist" and that are calling the CIO "Communist."

Moreover, the growing political role of the CIO and other AFL progressive unions is bringing about very progressive legislation. The CIO's political influence could establish discriminatory legislation against labor, against the workers, against small national minorities like the Filipinos.

Therefore, the CIO is the Filipino workers' way to better economic and social life.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

I DON'T believe you could find anyone on the S.S. Republic here in San Francisco who is going to vote for picketing ordinance the employers have cooked up for the November ballot.

Of course there may be a few stool pigeons and company finks who will vote the way they are told. But they won't be boasting about it.

I've been to who work on the front and who have friends up and down the coast, which applies to those friends that are going to vote the right way.

It looks like the entire working class of the city to repeal the old ordinance and it will take that same overwhelming vote to defeat this one, which, by the way, is worse than the old ordinance and would absolutely forbid picketing of any nature whatsoever.

Political Action

And this brings us again to the question of labor's political power in politics—on their own hook. Some of the waterfront men still have the old idea that "Labor Don't Butt I wonder how many of them will recognize the need for the waterfront to climb into the political arena on the question of this anti-picketing ordinance, if on no other issue?

And if you have to get into politics in order to defeat a vicious measure, what about getting in to the extent of electing representatives who won't allow anti-picketing ordinances and other outrages and who insures a place on the ballot?

If you recognize the fact that Governor Merriam are reactionary and against the working class and anti-labor, what argument can you put up against rooting these parasites out of office and electing our own men—men who we know will work for us and not against us?

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LABOR UNITY TALKS OPEN; AFL HEAD SUES

Move Made to Smash CIO Longshoremen in Suit Filed by Sapiro

SAN FRANCISCO—As AFL-CIO peace negotiations opened in Washington on Monday, Pacific AFL officials took another step in their avowed war against the CIO and its strongest affiliate on the Coast, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Aaron Sapiro, attorney, filed suit on behalf of M. Frederickson as "an individual and as president of the International Longshoremen's Association."

Tacoma local, to enjoin the ILWU from exercising any rights under existing contracts with the shipowners.

Reports from Seattle indicate that the suit was filed with the sanction of William Green, AFL president who has watched the CIO's progress in peace. Also interesting to observers was the fact that Sapiro, who is closely identified with Democratic Party politics, is a recent Denver AFL convention delegate and counsel for Democratic officials who are the spearhead of the attack on the CIO.

Sapiro has been hired to ask for Joseph P. Ryan, Green-appointed czar for the shipping industry.

Still another factor, indicating that the suit had been premeditated and widely discussed, was a letter from the Waterfront Employers to the San Francisco local of the ILWU, protesting against "unhiring hal lysetem and arriving on the same day that the suit was filed.

Unity Issues Are Discussed

WASHINGTON—Basic issues upon which a united labor movement must rest were being discussed by top-flight leaders here last Tuesday at the conference of delegations from the American Federation of Labor and from the Committee for Industrial Organization, following preliminary meetings Monday which

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OUST KENNEDY, NMU DEMANDS

BALTIMORE, Md.— Removal of Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy and Daniel S. Ring, members from the U.S. Maritime Commission because of "their bias and prejudice against organized labor" was demanded by the CIO, as asked by the National Maritime Union in a petition to President Roosevelt on Monday.

The NMU took action after 14 members of the CIO union were arrested last Saturday on trumped-up charges of "conspiracy to incite a mutiny" on board the ship in a foreign port.

Shipowners' Agent

Patric Whalen, local NMU chairman, said the charges declared that Kennedy and the commission were acting on the request of shipowners in depriving seamen of their rights for collective bargaining.

"The action regarding the Algic were "such compounds of falsehoods as to expose the complete character of the commission and its chairman as unfit to play any role as a 'judicial body,'" declared Whalen.

When the Algic docked at Honolulu, Uruguay, the crew refused to work until a new steward, reporting them so incompetent that "between 7 and 8:30 o'clock on the morning of September 10, a number of accidents both to gear and to the inexperienced stevedores took place in the handling of the cargo."

Cops Crush Skull Of Helpless Youth In L. A. Outrages

Citizens Plan Drastic Action As Officials Begin Whitewash of Sadists On Police Force

By BOB HALDEN

LOS ANGELES—Indignant citizens prepared action against police brutality here this week following an attempt by the police commission to whitewash the merciless slugging of a helpless worker by policemen at the Lincoln Heights Jail.

Victim of the outrage was Harry Mahoney, 29, of 1524 S. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills.

Arrested last week on a drunk charge, young Mahoney is now critically ill in the Queen of the Angels Hospital, suffering from internal injuries and a fractured skull.

Account of Beating

A vivid account of the treatment given young Mahoney by the police was made public last week in a letter of Arthur H. Sweetman Jr., who was arrested at the same time as Mahoney.

According to Sweetman:

"Mahoney could not stand. He was dragged from the way on and allowed to fall to the pavement. As he lay there helpless, a police officer kicked him in the side twice. They were hard kicks.

"I stepped to the officer and said:

"That boy is hurt pretty bad. Let me give you a lift with him.'

Cops Slug Bystander

"The officer let the money drop again, as he pavement, turned toward me and struck me on the left side with his fist. As I threw my arms up to protect my face, another policeman, who stood behind me, struck me on the upper my arms and half turned. A third policeman struck me across the eyes with an object which appeared to be a blackjack.

"This was about 3 or 3:30 a. m. Mahoney lay about 5 a. m., when the same jailor entered the cell and kicked him. Failing, the jailor kicked Mahoney in the small of the back and ribs three times."

More Involved

A. L. Wirin, Civil Liberties Union attorney hired as counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney at the Police Commission hearing Friday morning, declared:

"There is more involved here than the beating of Harry Mahoney," declared Wirin.

Along with Wirin and the Mahoneys were Dorothy Clinton J. Taft, director of the ACLU, here, and Rev. E. P. Wyatt, representative of the Inter-Religious Committee of Southern California. Professor Sumner Slichter, Municipal League, and Anthony Pratt, also of the Municipal League.

Investigation Denied

Wirin requested a committee of three to investigate charges of private citizens and members of the police department that Mahoney was beaten up by the Commission to investigate the beating of Mahoney and other similar beatings. Such a committee had been appointed by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, Wirin declared.

Denying the request, Harry Seagar, speaking for the Commission declared:

"We don't do things like that here."

Wirin, members of his committee and the press were then excluded from the proceedings, which included the chambers. Although Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney were invited to remain, they left with their counsel.

Want Brutality Ended

Appearing before Mayor Shaw, the Mahoneys again declared that they want the brutality to end.

"Not only because I am hurt that they are not beaten up because it will stop things they fought for—full trade union rights, better working hours, more democracy—are more important than they ever were. Surely every progressive citizen and every patriotic American citizen will participate in this struggle.

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LABOR HEROES TO BE HONORED ON ARMISTICE

Flowers to Come on Haymarket Martyrs' Monument on 8Hour Day

On November 11, a day of five years, wreaths will be placed in front of the Haymarket Monument, in Waldheim Cemetary in Chicago, by a group headed by Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert, who was executed in the famous frame-up case in Chicago for the fight for the eight hour day ago.

"I think your calling attention upon the day to donate the price of a laurel wreath in honor of the last martyrs of our martyrs in Waldheim 50th anniversary of the tyrdom of Mrs. Parsons told Union Sunday.

More Alive Today

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INCUMBENTS EVADE ISSUES OF S. F. VOTE

C.P. Endorses 4 for Stand Against Picketing Law and Subway Bonds

San Francisco voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 2, to ballot on propositions and candidates, among which four major issues stand out: graft, high living costs, civil liberty and bonded indebtedness.

Five supervisors will be elected from a field of twenty-two candidates. All five incumbents are candidates. Four municipal judgeships are being contested along with the positions of city attorney and city assessor. The voters will go through the rite of "approving" two nominees of Mayor Rossi for the school board, the city's charter denying them a direct vote for candidates of their own selection.

Subway Bonds

Among propositions on the ballot are four proposed bond issues totaling $8,700,000 for $950,000 for a new ferry slip, the estimated cost of building the "inland link" of a subway and transit system.

While the issue of civil liberties in general and labor rights in particular are directly involved in the candidates and propositions, it appears as a direct issue in Proposition No. 5, an initiative ordinance calling for the complete prohibition of picketing in any form including even the sale of newspapers advertising a strike or boycott.

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The latter three of these candidates were endorsed also by the Democratic Government Committee, a united front body initiated and supported by what is now Labor's Non-Partisan League, and comprising a wide representation of labor and fraternal organizations, trade unions and non-labor progressive organizations.

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Progressive Merger Heralds People's Victory in the West

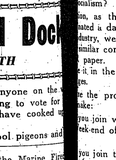
E. L. Oliver Says Prospects In East Brighten National Picture for Progressive Political Action

By TOM PATTERSON

E. L. Oliver came to California bringing with him the status of permanent state affiliation to the California People's Legislative Conference, which forthwith adopted the name of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Mr. Oliver is the executive vice-president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and he arrived here much later than expected because he found the labor movement and the farmers getting into politics all across the country and calling for more of his attention than he anticipated.

But the day after he arrived in San Francisco he met with a special session of the state executive board of the Legislative Conference from which emerged the announcement: "The national organization of Labor's Non-Partisan League is glad indeed to welcome the California People's Legislative Conference into membership."



E. L. OLIVER

Local Autonomy Assured

He told the Western Worker that the action of the conference dence and earlier conferences, capped by a vote of the national executive of the League. The official announcement said that the objectives of the two organizations are identical and added:

"It should be stressed that this affiliation in no way subjects the California Conference to the domination of the national organization. Instead it enables the resources of the national behind the California organization to carry forward its progressive program."

The new branch of the Non-Partisan League is headed by A. L. Wirin, attorney, with Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Hoover Secretary of Interior, as honorary chairman. Wirin is also chairman of the executive committee of the League.

The Honest Government Committee was initiated by the com-

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SUB SINKS SHIP AFTER DUCE'S SPAIN GESTURE

Soviet Press Warns Delay Favoring Mussolini In Spain

LONDON — The French government, definitely reaching against British Tory support of Mussolini, Monday dispatched warships and a fleet of ammunition-laden destroyers to the Mediterranean, following three successive "pirate" attacks on French shipping and the machine-gunning of a French air mail base by an unidentified seaplane.

A complete repudiation of the country's acquiescence in the British Tory policy was expected at the Wednesday meeting of the Non-Intervention committee, where France was expected to demand an immediate agreement for the withdrawal of all "volunteers" from Spain and a lifting of the blockade that has advocated by the British dele-

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Japan Stopped As Chinese Unity Grows

SHANGHAI—Japanese invaders in China faced difficulties throughout China Monday as the consolidation of the nation's defense lines, it was generally recognized that nearly a month of fighting since the "incident" near Peiping on the night of July 7 had aroused the Chinese people as never before, which seriously threatened Japan on many fronts.

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Added to this was the international complication arising out of the killing of a British soldier Sunday by machine gun fire from a Japanese naval aviator as the soldier stood guard in the British portion of the international settlement.

British authorities on the scene rejected any conciliatory moves by Japan that threatened to remove the matter to the home government for settlement.

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Spain Hero Home Again, Brings News From Front

By CLINT DUFF

The fight of the Spanish Loyalist people on the north coast of Spain "was expected by the Government to receive a large amount of immaterial to the general Loyalist campaign" according to Frank Jones, wounded Spanish volunteer who returned to his home in San Francisco last Saturday.

Martin, well-known member of the Young Communist League in this city was wounded by shrapnel and concussion of a bomb dropped by a political fascist airplane. But, he is still able to recognize the true nature of his "International Volunteer of Liberty" (Voluntarios Internacionales de la Libertad) when he presented to him by the Loyalist Government upon his honorable discharge from the army.

Californians Well

When this fighter left Madrid on the morning of September 30, California boys were fighting, quite well for themselves. Captain Robert Merriman, formerly of the faculty of the University of California, is now at the head of the Lincoln Battalion, presented to him by the Loyalist Government upon his honorable discharge from the army.

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"More of the wounded men are now in New York and will soon be sent to the country which they came from. They are need hospitalization and rest—and then jobs."

The "Friends" office is located at 220 Market with phone No. 8786. The organization is now starting a drive through friends and relatives of the fighters and trade unions to secure help for these wounded champions of democracy.

PG&E Labor Poll Begins As AFL Union Withdraws

SAN FRANCISCO—Meetings have been held at the Labor Temple here by officials of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the CIO unions, ordered a week ago by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

Conferring with Mrs. Alice M. Rossetter, regional board director, were Paul Scharrenberg, officials of the California Gas and Electric Employees, a company union, and officials of the A.F.L. affiliated Radio and Electrical Workers Union, during a recess.

It is understood that the AFL affiliate in the field, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, although certified on the ballot, officially informed Mrs. Rossetter said that they do not wish to enhance a possible company union victory by making it a three-cornered race.

The election is of wide significance to labor in the whole Pacific Coast utilities corporation in the United States, serving northern and central California, and employing 7,600 workers.

The Labor Board ruling ordering the election also contained broader application of the Wagner Labor Act's jurisdiction. It was held that the PG&E comes under the act's jurisdiction because because its functioning is a vital necessity for the flow of interstate commerce. A tie-up of the company plants would halt practically all water and rail shipments in the Bay Area.

P. G. Downing, company spokesman, has issued a statement declaring a new company election but there has been no definite confirmation of such a move.

Foreign Fleet Drive Is 75 Per Cent Completed

The Coast's drive to start a daily mark this week reserves and Comp members have ed a total of 75 according to ment made on the State Drive

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High Court Rejects Scottsboro Appeal

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Supreme Court Monday dealt a death blow to Haywood Patterson's hopes for a new trial when it refused to review the ruling of the Alabama Court sentencing the Scottsboro victim to 75 years in prison.

Justice Hugo Black did not participate in the decision of the high court.

Subway Bond Cost Falls on SmallOwners

C. P. Urges Defeat; Calls for Plan to Make Those Who Will Get Profits Bear Heaviest Cost

By TOM PATTERSON

It is one thing to say that San Francisco needs a subway system, and the daily press of San Francisco is saying that very loudly and very dramatically. It is not a hard thing to say, for it is obviously true that Market Street cars move along Market Street at a snail's pace.

If dilapidated rolling stock and dumpy road beds on the Market Street Company's cars were not annoying and dilatory enough, San Francisco has proved itself thoroughly disgusted with that company's one-man cars and its hiking of fares by the recent transfer system.

To quote the San Francisco Communist Party's earliest statement in the current campaign:

"The proposed subway system is from a technical standpoint a splendidly progressive, modern rapid transit plan, which would immeasurably improve San Francisco's outmoded and inadequate transportation facilities."

What is left out of the propaganda of the proponents and most of the opponents of the subway bond issue, however, is the method of financing.

Small Owners Pay

No bond issue over the present assessment ratio in San Francisco is a fair bond issue. It simply means that the major and important portion of the cost over the great majority of small home and small business men and interest cost on the subway bonds alone is nearly double the 40 million dollars which is the estimated price of building the subway.

Figures issued by Controller Harold J. Boyd show that the subway bonds alone would result in a tax rate boost of nearly 50 cents per one hundred dollars.

But while San Francisco's small citizens groan under the butterment of their transportation at that cost, the downtown mercantile interests back the bond buyers stand to take the cash benefits of the bonds. When you add to this the fact that the subway bonds would be an almost prohibitive obstacle to the city's purchase of the P. G. & E. distributing system for city-produced Hetch Hetchy power, you may guess that the reactionary support for the subway bonds is not based on any concern for the workers and small owners.

At Whose Expense?

In short, they want a rapid transit system which would repay them heavily in cash dividends, they want it and they need it.

And they are trying to get it, but not at their expense.

It is not to oppose the eventual subway that the Party and the Communist Party vigorously oppose the bond issue. It is because a new financing plan must be brought forward to put the burden where it belongs. This is particularly important in view of the fact that the subway would be the smallest city ever to undertake such an extensive transit system and the proportionate cost is far higher than in other cities with subways.

I.W.O. Lodge in Oakland Holds Funeral for Member

OAKLAND—Funeral services for Joe Tonon, who died after a two-day illness from an attack of acute appendicitis, were conducted Monday, 2 p.m. by Hungarian Lodge No. 1038, International Workers Order, with 23 years of service. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Pension Union To Ask U. S. For Increase

SEATTLE — A demand that Congress, at its November 15 special session, match dollar for dollar, without limit, the appropriations of individual states for old age assistance, will keynote the first annual convention of the Washington Old Age Pension Union at Broadway High School, Seattle, November 6 to 7, Roy Everett, general secretary of the Pension Union, predicted today.

The present federal social security law provides that the government match state grants only up to $15 per person monthly.

Everett declared that under the present system states are able to grant old age pensions higher than $30 monthly because the federal law limits the government grant to this figure.

The convention will be the Pension's Union first gathering as a statewide organization. The group sprang from a mass meeting of but 1,000 persons here July 19 only three months ago, its membership now numbers 20,000 in all parts of the state. Five hundred delegates from 150 locals are expected.

Commonwealth Federation Wins H.O.L.C. Concession

SEATTLE—Local offices of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation were informed this week that the administrative regulations of the HOLC have been relaxed to "low home loan recipients who have become delinquent in their payments to repay deliquencies over the entire period the loan has to run.

This reform is a major objective in the six-point program of the HOLC defense committee of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

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Dance to be held at 779 Vallejo St. Sat., Oct. 30th, 8 p. m. Adm., Men, 25c; Women, 10c. Ausp. Alaska Cannery Branch No. 5.

Reception to A. B. Victor, well known author and lecturer. Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p. m. Scottish Rite Temple, 44 Page St., near Market. Refreshments, good program. Auspices Jewish Bureau.

One cock-eyed night! Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 30. Refreshments. Entertainment by assorted Cain raisers. 1364 Fifth Ave. Adm. free. Benefit Daily Western.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 5:30 p. m., at 1848 Pine Street, 20th Anniversary Russian Dinner and Program, Daily Western Bridge No. 1.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Polish Hall Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, speaker.

Thanksgiving Carnival & Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

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Other Affairs

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary Russian Revolution. Speaker, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York. Civic Auditorium. November 5th 8 p.m.

Let's go to Hayward to celebrate! Halloween masquerade, Oct. 30th. 771 Cherry Way. Bonfire, dancing, turkey auction and games for all.

Los Angeles

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AMERICAN LEGION visitors in New York pass by a picketed automat after reading messages of greeting on their banners. Earlier in the convention some Legion playboys took the signs as an occasion for fun-making, but after the union directed its appeal straight to the Legion, most of the delegates saw a new light in their struggle for a living wage.

VICTIMS OF C. S. LAW TO TALK IN S. F.

Mass Meeting Scheduled in Scottish Rite Hall Wed. Evening

SAN FRANCISCO—Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, all three recently released from San Quentin after winning their appeal against conviction under the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will speak at a victory mass meeting Wednesday night, Oct. 27, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, one of the leaders of the legislative campaign to repeal the law, and Herbert Nugent, secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act, will be other speakers.

The meeting is sponsored jointly by the Maritime District Council, the International Labor Defense and the Conference for Repeal, all of whom will be represented on the platform.

Grand Jury in L. A. Quarrels Over Vice; Ignores Conspiracy

Jury Filled With Employers Connected With Politicians; Disregards Violence Against Labor

By IRVING KREITZBERG

Hear ye! The grand jury of the County of Los Angeles is now in session. Solemnly it sits, but not very silently, conducting hearings.

For the past few weeks it has been deliberating over charges made by the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigating Committee that there is an "unholy alliance between vice lords and the public officials" of Los Angeles. The head of the Citizens' Committee is himself a juror, Clifford E. Clinton.

Advertised Raids

There have been spectacular raids on bawdy houses (always accompanied by press cameramen), grave pronouncementses and charges and one-man investigating committees and threatened exposures of officials, and nothing has happened, except that Dr. Wilkinson, himself a member of the Citizens' Committee, is facing ouster from the County Charity Board for taking bribes from Guy McAfee, reputed gambling boss. This action was taken not by the jury, but by officials seeking revenge.

In a letter to Dr. R. L. Smith, Mr. Clinton admitted that all his moves were being blocked by political intrigue, that he couldn't trust them. He named John E. Bauer, foreman, as the principal obstructionist and accused him and others of being tied to the corrupt political machine.

Public Suspects

John Public has begun to suspect that certain parties were more interested in securing public graft than in suppressing vice and corruption.

During the past few months another series of violent, brutal and direct violations of the city's criminal statutes have occurred with the apparent knowledge of the public officials and police.

Members of the CIO have been cruelly beaten by goon squads hired by the top officials of the Teamsters' Union. Police have knowingly closed their eyes. A number of times police were present when the assaults took place. In the one instance where arrests were made, the district attorney's office failed to prosecute.

Because here was evidence of an unholy alliance between certain top officials of the AFL, the open shoppers and public officials, and because here also authorities were neglecting to perform their duty, criminals were being harbored and the law flouted, the CIO requested an investigation by the grand jury.

A score of victims appeared and Fitts machines.

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Forced Labor Being Extended, Says Roy Noftz

OAKLAND — Refusing even to hear representatives of the Workers' Alliance who had come to protest the Alameda County board of supervisors voted to establish a labor camp for single men at Regional Park in the Berkeley Hills.

OAKLAND—The forced labor camps for single men, that have been established in the southern part of the state are extended throughout the state, Organizer Roy Noftz of the Workers Alliance said here. The Alameda County Supervisors Thursday morning will consider the establishment of such camps in that county and the Workers Alliance has called for a mass protest at that meeting with as many organizations represented as can be reached in time.

These camps are strong reminders of the Hitler labor camps of Germany, he said, and are for single men who will work eight hours per day for their food, clothing, shelter and a small tobacco allowance but no money.

Ventura Also

The same WPA program has been put into effect in Ventura county where projects have been closed, including all white collar projects and all workers forced into the fields.

This is in direct violation of the signed agreement the Workers Alliance has with the State WPA office and those standing on their rights are being told that they will never again be granted relief if they do not accept these impossible conditions. Despite this men responding to the orders of the state employment office usually find no job.

In the Noftz said workers are being forced out into the fields by police terror, being driven out of their homes of workers, especially Mexicans, telling them to take their children out of school and go out into the agricultural fields or starve.

The harvest these workers are being forced into is that of picking walnuts for which they receive only 25 cents per sack minus rent for tents unless they stay the whole season. In this case they are supposed to receive 50 cents per sack and rent free, but the practice in the past has always been to fire most of the workers just before the season ends and that they never receive their bonus. At best these workers with their the law of the State of California $1.00 per day for each person working.

Treated as Jailbirds

In the camps already established in Los Angeles County a small number of these men receive from $2 to $7 in cash per month. This cash is supposed to be "for personal use" but as a convict becomes a trusty in prison, but here these workers are expected to find in spending up the work and to act as stoolpigeons.

The clothes furnished by the camps, according to Noftz, consist of blue denim jumper and jeans, and army hiking shoes. The food is large and there is no medical care provided. No worker can leave the camp without a permit. The southern camps are at Pocoima, Tujunga, Alondra and the infamous Glen Helen Hog Ranch.

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Anita Whitney Radio Talk to Close Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, will make her closing campaign speech over Radio Station KGO on the eve of election.

Her talk will be broadcast at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1.

The Twenty-third Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party will hold an open forum on the election Thursday night, Oct. 28, at Equality Hall, 141 Albion Street. Gordon Williams will speak.

In the Twenty-second Assembly District, the final open forum meeting on the election will be held Thursday night, Oct. 28, at 2109 Geary Street.

Memorial Planned To Haymarket Dead On November 11th

NEW YORK—On the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Haymarket Martyrs in Chicago, plans have been perfected to erect a monument in Chicago under the auspices of the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense.

On that day, November 11, 10,000 flowers and a mountain of wreaths will be placed on the monument by a sponsoring committee including Lucy Parsons, widow of the martyred Albert Parsons, and prominent trade unionists.

Calling every friend of labor to participate, Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, said: "This memorial is a symbol of the challenge of the living to those who murdered our heroic dead." Twenty-five cents to the national office of the I.L.D. at 80 East 11th Street, New York, will place a flower on the monument.

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productivity incomparable to anything in America and Europe and comparable only to the Chinese Asiatic standard. A factory survey of 1936 showed that the average wage was 20 rubles and 50 kopeks—about $12 a month—with a work day from 7 to 8 hours. Trade unions were suppressed and the country's resources belonged to private capitalists, chiefly foreigners. There were 30,000,000 poor peasants concealed in the army of the unemployed and pressing on the labor market.

The World War further exhausted the country, which recovered economically only about 1928. Hence the chief gains in the living standard are attributable to the two 5-year plans of the past decade.

Today, as a result of the victories of socialist planning, twenty-three million workers belong to trade unions possess 5,653 club buildings, 13,000 libraries, hundreds of sanitoriums and sport stadiums. They also administer gigantic social insurance funds ...ributed in the year 1936 ...ers reaching, in 1936, nine billion rubles, or one-tenth of the whole national income. It includes over a billion rubles for disability and pensions. Health resorts served 1,500,000 workers. Maternity benefits grew 10-fold in the last four years, reaching nearly a billion rubles.

Besides social insurance, other vast sums, which come under the state and union social services, included student stipends, free medicine, cultural services, totaling 600 rubles annually per worker, thus adding the equivalent of two to three months' wages.

Whither America?

What has happened in the United States during the same period? The United States is the richest and most productive of all the capitalist countries and in many respects still surpasses the Soviet Union in the volume of production and standard of living.

But where is it going? Is it improving under capitalism or is it getting worse?

Right now industrial production figures show that production is hovering around 101, or in other words, after eight years of struggle we have only managed to regain the 1929 level! At the same time we have a permanent army of unemployed amounting always to 10,000,000 persons.

And prices? We do not have to introduce figures to know that commodity prices are sky-rocketing. But the conservative National Industrial Conference Board reports that during the last year wholesale prices have risen throughout the nation to the tune of 11 per cent.

But do the big monopolists absorb this price rise? Judge for yourself. The first quarter of 1936 United States Steel announced a net profit of $3,376,000. In the first quarter of 1937, the same company announced a net profit of $25,692,000.

In other words, in one year this company enjoyed a 746 per cent increase in profits. Is it any wonder it did not want to risk a strike with its 225,000 workers? This is but a sample. Other corporations made advances almost as startling.

The American people are being caught between the pincers of lowered wages and less employment on one hand, and mounting prices plus an "economy" scarcity" on the other.

Moscow Workers Study Jumping

JUMPERS dot the Sqviet sky as massed parachute jumps become common-place in the USSR. In America, where aviation is now a monopoly of finance capital, three huge airliners have recently crashed.

Eighteen Groups Back People's Peace Congress

NEW YORK—Eighteen national organizations representing an important cross-section of the American people have endorsed the People's Congress for Democracy and Peace, which has been called by the American League Against War and Fascism to Pittsburgh for Nov. 26-28.

The national groups which are supporting the people's congress are: Workers Alliance of America; United Rubber Workers of America; United Electrical, Radio and Machinists Union; National Maritime Union; International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for Defense of American Democracy; American Federation of Teachers, and American Communications Association.

The national affiliates of the American League Against War and Fascism, which are endorsing the People's Congress, include: Methodist Federation for Social Service; International Workers Order; American Youth of America; Communist Party, U.S.A.; National Farm Holiday Association; International Labor Defense; New America; Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Young People's League of the United Synagogue.

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...with Standard of California, Texas Corp. is the export part controlled by the very interests which control the cotton export and shipping business with Japan.

Not far behind are such giants as Union Oil of California, Shell, Union Oil and Tidewater Associated Oil. Significant is the connection of both Tidewater and the Shell group with the international banking house of Kuhn, Loeb, which itself has conducted important banking transactions for Japanese interests, and many of whose industrial connections, such as Westinghouse, are prominent in the Japanese picture.

There can be no misunderstanding the meaning of Japan's purchasing the export gasoline, gold shipments to their country. This gold has been financing the purchases of strategic war materials like oil, upon which Japan relies if her war is to continue.

HINT DUKE IS GROOMED FOR FASCIST COUP

Observers See Interest In "Working Conditions" As Demagogic Buildup

NEW YORK—The impending visit to the United States of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor has stirred up a whirlwind of controversy over the motives of his trip.

Since his deposition last year as King of England the Duke of Windsor has been noticeable for an alarming tendency—to pose on one hand as "a friend of the working man," and on the other hand to hobnob closely with the rulers of Nazi Germany.

He is scheduled personally to confer with Adolph Hitler, bloody ruler of Germany, some time this week.

Has Nazi Friends

"The Duke's choice of Nazi Germany as the first country of his 'studies' is significant," declares Harry Gannes, international commentator for the New York Daily Worker. "Edward by the English has skirted the borders of Germany on various occasions, but this time he will enter the Reich as a guest. Goering is personally arranging the visit. Ribbentrop, Nazi ambassador to London, has been in constant attendance upon the Duke and Duchess during their stay in England.

"What these 'important friends' are is best indicated by the enthusiastic ovation given the Duke and his American-born wife during their visit to Germany—an ovation that was certainly in effect an official reception.

To What Purpose?

"The Nazis have chosen David Windsor as "their man." For his part, Windsor does not seem at all reluctant to bask in the light of Nazified glory. And his purpose?

"It seems almost certain that if Edward is recalled by British it will be to keep the British left wing in bounds," remarks the reactionary but well-informed Wall Street "Whaley-Eaton Service."

Frederick Birchall, the conservative New York Times Berlin correspondent believes that Windsor's grand tour "will strengthen Germany is calculated to improve Anglo-Nazi relations, particularly among the fairly broad section of the English lower middle class which feels sentimentally that Windsor represents the British "forgotten man."

Windsor's familiarity with the Nazis has caused Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild and noted fallen soul and is gently snoring. Down the line other comrades are asleep. Later I learn that there on that warm hillside throughout the din of bombardment, with bullets whistling close overhead, over half of our company fell sound asleep.

The din of the bombardment reaches a crescendo and both the English and the Spanish battalions attempt to advance. But the enemy machine gun fire redoubles; it is impossible to go forward in the face of it. The Spanish are caught in a bad spot; it is dangerous to stay where they are, equally dangerous to withdraw to their original position.

Saved By a Tank

At this time we see one of the tanks descend the hill on our left and perform the seemingly impossible feat of crossing the deep ditch by the highway. It disappears from view, then comes into sight again to our right, mounting the very hill upon which we are deployed. It moves in advance of our Spanish comrades, covers their withdrawal to a more sheltered position. A beautiful maneuver, beautifully executed!

Orders come for us to bring our light machine gun up into the position occupied by the English. We skirt the brow of the hill, come to a spot where space and reach the bank behind which the English comrades have sought cover and their machine gunners take over our gun and we are told that we can rest. What to aim at? No movement can be discerned on the rocky hillside.

"Fire where you see the dust rise from our artillery shells bursting," advises an English comrade. We fire away until the gun gets too hot, whereupon we go to the touch, without once seeing a fascist or spotting a machine gun nest upon which to draw bead. I am reminded of some information given me by a former buddy at the training camp.

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Will the fascist machine gunners open up suddenly and wipe them out? We, back behind the embankment, grip our guns, take up the trigger slack with our forefingers, prepare to give these comrades cover fire in case of treachery. But there is none, and soon we all of us go up on the embankment, round the shoulder which joins the two hills and arrive at the barricaded fascist fortress.

Diary of an American in Spain

Through a Hail of Lead To Capture a Fortress

By ADDISON KEELER

We are lying on our bellies near the brow of a hill. On the other side lies the hill on which is the fascist fort. With the naked eye the enemies' concrete fortifications are practically invisible—so cleverly are they camouflaged that they blend naturally with the rocky terrain. All we can see is the stark summit of a high hill upon which our artillery shells burst, raising clouds of dust and smoke.

The artillery has been pounding away for more than half an hour and we lie there watching. Orders are to give cover fire as soon as the bombardment lessens and the English company which is forward to our left and the Spanish company on our right, advances.

Again we are in a grandstand position to view a battle—only there's a difference. Today we're not in reverse. Overhead there is a sheet of flying steel from enemy machine guns, into which it would be unhealthy to thrust your head.

There is the sound of motors. "Airplanes!" guesses someone. "No, tanks," corrects a second, and sure enough up over the crest of the hill from behind we heave five of our tanks. They move swiftly into position and soon commence banging away at the fort.

Sleep to Bullets Hum

The din is terrific, and what a sight! The bursting of the fascist shells over and around the crown of the fascist hill. How can anyone live through such a bombardment? Yet when it lessens, over our heads flies the answering fire of fascist machine gun bullets.

For many of us this is our first experience in battle, first experience under fire. Good reason for us to be nervous and high strung. I raise my head and look at Henry, who lies three yards to my left. To my amazement I see that he has fallen soound asleep and is gently snoring. Down the line other comrades are asleep. Later I learn that there on that warm hillside throughout the din of bombardment, with bullets whistling close overhead, over half of our company fell sound asleep.

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It's Like Meeting an Old Friend!

Martin Wilson, Jack Crane and Pat Chambers, Criminal Syndicalism prisoners freed from San Quentin by the recent Appeals Court decision, are here seen with their first copy of the Western Worker after their release.

Two and a half years is a long time behind the bars. A long time to remember and a long time to forget. There is one thing the CS boys did not forget and that is the paper that did not forget them—the Western Worker. They urge that all those thousands of men and women who made their freedom possible pitch in to make impossible the repetition of such a crime against human rights by building A DAILY WESTERN WORKER.

Have YOU Done YOUR Share?

MURDER STIRS MEXICO DRIVE ON FASCISTS

Peasants' Ire Grows As, Cedillo Assassins Set-up Reign of Terror

MEXICO CITY—The murder of Tomas Tapia, Mexican peasant leader, at the hands of fascist gunmen of General Saturnino Cedillo in San Luis Potosi this week has thrown Mexico in a state of general excitement.

The Cardenas government, with the active backing of the trade unions, is making all possible steps to inaugurate the Fascist insurrection which is generally expected in the near future.

Gangster Methods

General Cedillo, an avowed Fascist, controls the province of San Luis Potosi with an iron hand. He keeps a large private army and in defiance of repeated orders from Mexico City to disband it.

Tapia, secretary of the Agrarian Action of the Mexican Confederation of Peasants, was riddled with bullets while walking along the streets of San Luis Potosi, the provincial capital, in broad daylight. He had been active in opposing Cedillo's brutal repression of workers' organizations.

The murder of Tapia followed close on the heels of the assassination of five Indian peasants and the wounding of 21 others when Cedillo's private police charged a peasant meeting in the city of Valles, state stronghold.

These shootings have caused alarming repercussions throughout Mexico. Mass demonstrations were called in Mexico City and responsibility for the murders was placed squarely upon the shoulders of General Cedillo. These demonstrations were recently supported by Secretary of Agriculture Graciano Sanchez.

The Confederacy has made no secret of his Fascist aspirations, and it is widely rumored that German and Italian capital is backing his proposed coup.

Deputy Charges Plot

MEXICO CITY—"The Fascist generals are preparing for Mexico a bloody bath such as that in which they have engulfed Spain," charged Deputy Graciano Bello at a giant mass meeting called here in protest against the fascist murder of five peasants in San Luis Potosi province.

"Cedillo has on several occasions spoken to German and Italian diplomats who promised him aid in the event of revolt for rebellion once they consolidate victory in Spain," Bello asserted.

U. S. Consuls Report

The charges brought by Bello were coincident with a report issued by United States consuls meeting here that American investments in Mexico had shrunk from two billion dollars to about three quarters of a billion dollars during the last few years.

The consuls charged that the land seizure program advanced by President Lazaro Cardenas was responsible for a large part of the loss. They likewise attacked Cardenas for encouraging workers to strike against American companies for higher wage increases.

The consuls declared this policy was driving many American firms out of business. They called particular attention to the recent strike of oil workers and threatened that the United States state department might take some action.

President Cardenas has consistently advanced the slogan of "Mexico for the Mexicans" and has not hesitated to be appropriate and for the peasants without compensation.

Observers believed that disgruntled American capitalists might be behind General Cedillo's fascist plans.

Push Agrarian Reforms

SAN LUIS POTOSI—Gabino Vasquez, head of the Mexican Agrarian department, arrived here this week to push plans for agrarian reforms in San Luis Potosi province.

So far reforms have been seriously impeded by the sabotage of General Saturnino Cedillo, strong man of the Province.

Vasquez has been instructed to carry out the government's progressive program in full.

Nazis Further Plans To Seize Czechoslovakia

BERLIN—Adolf Hitler's Nazi government officially proclaimed its right to support a Nazi party in Czechoslovakia which demands autonomy of a large section of western and northern Czechoslovakia.

The Nazi statement came in the form of a "warning" after Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German (Nazi) party, had written a letter to the Prague government demanding autonomy.

Unofficially, the German Nazis have long been known to be directly financing and supporting the Nazi movement in Czechoslovakia.

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Labor Has Every Reason to Boycott the Chest Drive

THE Community Chest in San Francisco asks labor and the friends of labor to help finance a knife in their own backs.

The issue on which the Maritime Federation District Council has declared a boycott against the Chest is a clear issue. For years the Chest has contributed to an open scab-herding outfit, the Seamen's Church Institute. Nor was there any attempt to disguise the Institute's activities.

This would certainly be enough in itself, but the Chest's refusal to aid the Union Relief Station clinches the case. Even its own research committee said the Center fulfilled all that the Chest was supposed to support in the way of recreational facilities for the waterfront community, that the Center offered its alternative, especially for seamen, to beer halls and dives.

Only one reason for Chest refusal remained. It had been clear sooner. It was crystal clear now. The Chest is anti-labor.

But the Chest is anti-labor in more than the Recreation Center situation, in more ways than its open aid to strikebreaking—deliberate strikebreaking, with malice aforethought.

Is it not remarkable indeed that the outstanding open shoppers and reactionaries of the city offer the facilities of their payroll department to take your contribution out of your pay check?

And the same reactionaries fight tooth and nail against decent relief to the unemployed; they fight to cut WPA and force workers to accept the misery of agricultural wages or complete unemployment.

In short, the Community Chest is a valuable weapon in their hands to make a show of "charity" while using every weapon at their hands to prevent the working class from getting any real relief.

In short, the deliberate support of strikebreaking flows directly from the purpose which reactionaries have in mind when they support the Chest in the first place. It is far cheaper for them in the long run than any program which would substantially benefit the working class. And it is used to stand in the way of such a program.

The District Council's resolution urges that contributions be made directly to institutions which actually serve the underprivileged, and there are some within the Chest organization. But to contribute to the Chest directly is to contribute to a knife in the back of labor.

The Western Worker urges labor and its friends to support the boycott.

The Tories to the Aid of Mussolini and Franco

TRUST the British Tory cabinet to come to the relief of Mussolini when he needs it most. It has done so again, and the headlines say that Mussolini has "backed down."

Instead, Mussolini has been given what to him is a welcome delay as time when he needed it badly. That is the actual meaning of his agreement to a "token" withdrawal of troops after a commission has studied the matter and suggested a basis on which the withdrawal should be made.

Firm opposition of the Soviet Union prevented the British cabinet from going the whole hog and granting belligerency status to the Italian, German and Moorish army which is nominally commanded by General Franco.

Delay was the objective. Delay, the Tories got for him.

First the Mussolini agreement was branded as a concession, then as a master stroke of strategy. Only a little time, supposedly, was necessary for Franco to finish off the "civilian" government armies. Strategy it was, but not a master stroke. It is the strategy of assassins who are being beaten and who want a breathing spell.

No one realizes any better than Mussolini and the British Tories that the indignation of democratic forces everywhere against the fascist invasion is a rising tide. They know that the demand for the withdrawal of all Italian troops, which is the demand of the Soviet Union and of the masses everywhere, is one which neither the Tories nor the open fascists can ignore completely.

The Soviet Union is the staunch advocate of this demand in that **all the Italian troops from Spain!** Or cut out the false nonintervention pose altogether and allow the government of Spain to get arms and support from wherever they are available.

The Drive Against Labor Through the SRA

LABOR striking to drive up its wage scales has another offensive to combat.

Forced labor camps in Los Angeles, Kern, Ventura, and Alameda Counties have just been opened. Paralleling this, relief has been almost entirely cut off in Kern County and is being trimmed elsewhere.

The State Relief Administrator in Bakersfield makes no bones about it. He boasts that he is cooperating with the Associated Farmers to "guarantee" a plentiful supply of agricultural workers—at scab wages.

This isn't the private problem of the agricultural workers and the unemployed. It is a stab at labor and the organizations of labor, and the officials of the state, entrusted with federal funds, are deliberately and openly carrying it out.

And the only reason they can go so far as they have, is this, that the labor movement and its allies have not become alarmed at it, have not flooded relief heads with protest, have not sent delegations to demand the restoration of relief to those in need, have not picketed the offices of the relief stations, have not voiced their collective protest with sufficient vigor in Washington and Sacramento.

Cutting off relief means that the government is acting as a strike-breaking agency.

Forced labor camps for single men, with a pay of $2.50 per month only on condition of "good behavior," i. e., acting as stool pigeons, is not only a disgusting and miserable insult to labor, but it is a dangerously fascist method.

The labor movement cannot afford to be silent, and its protests must be immediate and positive. There will be buck passing. But a flood of protest resolutions should be addressed to Harold G. Pomeroy, state relief administrator, 785 Market Street, San Francisco; to the State Relief Commission at the same address; to Governor Merriam and the State Welfare Board at Sacramento, and to Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins.

We Want a Touchdown

IT'S FIRST down and two more first downs to go for the goal line in the Daily Western Worker drive.

Or, to translate the language of the season into more common-place English, the $10,000 mark has been passed in the $35,000 drive!

That, undoubtedly, IS something! But, to revert to the language of the season, there isn't very much time left to play.

It took seven weeks to go over the first $10,000. There are ten weeks left to raise the additional $25,000. The simplest of mathematics show that a faster pace is needed from now on if the goal is to be reached. Even discounting the fact that it took some time to get under way and gather momentum, the drive has been lagging behind in its race with time.

The most heartening feature of reaching the $10,000 mark is that it shows that money can be raised, that people are willing to contribute for a daily progressive paper.

That token is the best stimulus for further effort.

Second down, or $20,000 must be reached by November 7th.

Let's go in there fighting. There are fresh reserves who have been sitting on the bench until now, ready to take place in the game. There are many plays up our sleeve which haven't as yet been used.

Let's give it everything we've got. We want a touchdown!

Herndon—The Negro's Answer to Fascism!

FASCIST bullets tinged blood-red a name on memory's scroll of heroism last week.

Lifeless on the Zaragossa Front in Spain lay young Milton Herndon, while the winged name of Herndon flew faster 'round the earth, defying all hated tyranies and prophesying freedom for peoples long oppressed.

Precisely on that day when Herndon fell, five thousand of his people listened while another Herndon urged them to carry on their century-old battle for democracy and progress. It was Milton's brother, Angelo, he who dared the terror of a Georgia chain gang—speaking to the second convention of the National Negro Congress in Philadelphia.

The convention heard and acted. They cheered beloved Angelo. They resolved to carry on the struggle, to fight for liberty and peace, to oppose fascism and war.

Here was an answer worthy of the name of Herndon.

Here is the answer of the Negro people to the chauvinists and war-makers—Angelo leading the struggle for liberation, Milton lying dead on a Spanish battlefield, with his gun-muzzle aimed at the flag of international fascism.

For the world's enslaved and suffering people, the name of Herndon is a synonym for hope.

IN RED SQUARE LIES THE BODY OF BELOVED LENIN

By VSEVOLOD IVANOV

(Continued from last issue)

OCTOBER, 1910. It is over a year that Moscow has again become a capital. This time it is the Capital of Labor. There is a parade on the Red Square. Red Army commanders on review. Among them we can already find the leaders of tanks and armoured cars. After the review, the paraders leave to put in their last "subbotnik" (a Socialist work day), before boarding trains—before going out to vanquish the enemies who are invading the country on all sides.

Hard days await these Red Commanders. They will be rapidly thrown from the Northern to the Western Front. They will be shipped south to the Caucasian Front. The Turkestan sands will burn them. The Siberian cold will freeze them. On the numberless fronts, wherever Stalin's tireless energy, iron will and military genius constantly prepare deadly blows for the enemy, the Proletariat has decisive victories. The Red Commanders, those mighty leaders, joyously look upon the Red Square covered with pools of water, mud and torn out cobblestones. They look upon all the pedestrians, armed with spades, upon this grey sky, and cheerfully think: "Very well, the root must have been torn out by now!"

The Red Commanders were not the only ones out on the "Subbotnik." The whole country went out to work—repairing streets, unloading freight cars, felling trees. In 1920, the First of May was celebrated as a Subbotnik all over the country. There was no parade on the Red Square that day. The Party announced: "We will celebrate the great day by organized joyful work."

They were cleaning up the Kremlin. In the yards, near the Kremlin walls, there was a sea of mud. Smashed wagons piled up, guns abandoned by the White Guard Junkers, half rotted sandbags, matting, boards and beams. Groups of people busy piling all this rubbish into carts.

"Ilyitch, Ilyitch!" . . . runs through the crowd.

"Where, where is he?"

A group of eight men are carrying a great heavy log on their shoulders. Among these eight, carrying the log, was Lenin.

The rifles, thoroughly cleaned, stand idle in their racks. The artillery is covered up. Shells are now used only in drills. The newspapers no longer have "news from the fronts." Many parades on the Red Square grow ever younger. The Red Folks have returned to their machines and lathes, to new, creative and marvelous labors.

The country is working and studying, singing and happy. But the terribly cold January of 1924 brings this country almost grief. The Red Square is lit up

V. I. LENIN

by the misty, red flames of bonfires. A biting leaden-grey wind blows over the crowd standing by the bonfires, over the Red Army men, immobile, like frozen statues. All over the Red Square—the sound of falling axes, the squeak of wagons, bringing over new supplies of fuel.

There are bonfires all around the House of Trade Unions. Nurses circulate through the throngs to treat foot-bitten people. There is a line-up of people for many long blocks. They have come to pay homage to Lenin, lying in state . . . Lenin is dead. His body is in the great Hall of Columns. The Marshals of the Revolution stand in continuous

(The Western Worker presents Vsevolod Ivanov, one of the Soviet Union's best and best loved writers, who describes the caravan of Russian history as it moved through Red Square—a brilliantly written history, the major portion of which is devoted to Russia since the revolution. We offer to our readers as an absorbing explanation of events since the Revolution of 1917 whose twentieth anniversary will be celebrated next month. —ed.)

guard over his bier. Great throngs of people flow past Lenin's immobile face.

Towering high, near the Kremlin Wall, a speech is rising. It is completed. Its doors are wide open. Over its outer wall is one single word: "LENIN."

Row upon row of stern faced Red Army soldiers on guard. Tears are rolling down their weather beaten faces. Ilyitch is coming through the Kremlin gates for the last time. Tenderly upon shoulders of devoted, trusty friends . . . Ilyitch is Coming into the Red Square.

At exactly 9:30 a.m. the funeral cortege enters the Red Square. Loving hands lift the heavy casket to a great pedestal, and cover it with the large banners of the Central Committee and the Comintern.

The extraordinary Congress of Soviets reads "The Appeal to Toiling Humanity" . . . Columns upon columns of mourners march by the casket. With trembling hands they lower their banners. Tears freeze upon their cheeks. While the Northern wind howls and whistles . . .

At 3:55 p.m., the banners are removed from the casket. The marching columns stop in silence.

"Attention"! The Red Army ranks are in a silent salute of honor . . .

Stalin with his comrades, Nadiejda Konstantinovna, Maria Ilyinichna (Lenin's wife and sister) approach the casket. . . .

A few lowered banners,

A rifle salute.

The Red Square is singing "You fell a victim in the fatal struggle" . . . Singing . . . and Crying . . . There are no speeches . . . No one can speak . . .

Hereafter humanity's roads will merge here, upon this Red Square. To flow on from here in a single, ruby-red stream . . . The great leader and guard of the new humanity rests here . . . From this moment, the Red Square will ever be the indestructible symbol of Communism, the unity of the Proletariat.

The flaming words of Stalin's oath, like thunder, sound over the Square:

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to hold high and preserve the purity of the honor of membership in our Party. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to use all of our strength for the unity of our Leninist ranks. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to preserve and strengthen the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall not spare any effort also to fulfill with honor this, your commandment!

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to use all of our strength for the unity of workers and peasants. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to be ever true to the principles of the Communist International. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall spare no effort, we shall live in order to strengthen and broaden the union of the toilers of the entire world—the Communist International!"

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TO CALIFORNIA SOCIALISTS

Comrades and Friends:

Six months ago, and a year ago, we appealed to the rank and file of the Socialist Party and its sympathizers to cooperate with the Communist Party on a program of unity of action in the labor and progressive movements of California. We asked for joint activity against vigilantism and the suppression of civil liberties by the open-shop reactionary employers. We appealed for support of the Spanish people's fight against fascism. We urged Socialists, and Communists together should work for the development of independent political action by labor, leading to the eventual building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

But we also warned our Socialist comrades of a disturbing factor in the situation. We told them, from our own experience, that the entrance of Trotskyites into the ranks of the Socialist Party is to be saved.

Progressive Step

The expulsion of the Trotskyites by the New York Socialist Party is a step in the right direction, and in the Fourth International Executive Committee of the S. P., in suspending the California Socialist organization, re-organizing it, will only be effective if it carries out those disruptive elements who have plotted to create a national split in the Party, and places it back in the hands of the Socialist rank and file.

Socialists who have become disgusted with the wrecking work of the Trotzkyite clique that has control of the State organization, members who have dropped out in despair, should support the efforts of the International Executive Committee. They must see to it that the branches and the organization is cleansed of the Trotzkyite workers, and that control of the Party is not allowed to fall into the hands of the members.

We renew our offer of unity and joint action with the Socialists. There are many issues on which such a united front is necessary: Spain and China; civil liberties; organizing the unorganized, building the CIO, fighting for labor unity; and many others. The Socialist rank and file must answer the question whether they will stand by and see their party ruined by a handful of disrupters, who have so badly discredited it, or whether they will take decisive steps to clean them out and re-build a Socialist Party on the basis of participation in the front ranks of the labor and progressive movement of California.

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMITTEE,
COMMUNIST PARTY,
U. S. A.

FRENCH FLEET CIRCLES SPAIN

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gates and had immediately been denounced by the Soviet press as a deliberate evasion, saying the Italians time to continue its invasion while tying the hands of any supporters of the Loyalists.

Pravda and Izvestia printed dispatches which said that "Mussolini, in no way tied down, will have as formality the possibility of sending to General Franco's assistance troops and arms without hindrance."

The warning was immediately borne out in the increased Italian activity in Spain, with 300 Capreni bombers mobilized in the Biscay province to carry out a "Guernica" massacre of civilians after the capture of Loyalist Gijon.

Soviet Proposal

It was borne out in the new "pirate attacks" which included bombing and sinking the French steamer Oued Mellah Sunday near the Balearic Islands, the attack on the main base in the Minorca Islands and attempt by a Spanish "insurgent" vessel to capture the French freighter Procida.

The Soviet delegates denouncing the British policy under which the Italian fascists have increased rather than decreased their activities, demanded that a 7-to-1 proportion be established as the basis for troop withdrawals from Spain.

Yvan Maisky, Soviet delegate, declared that his government has "absolute knowledge" that General Francisco Franco's fortress troops number 160,000 men, while the Loyalists have only 10,000 or 12,000 foreign anti-fascist volunteers.

Ambassador Dino Grandhi of Italy renounced even the terms of the British proposal which he had formerly accepted and under which Italy gained every advantage, and announced flatly that Italy would not agree to be bound by the census of foreign combatants which would be reported by a proposed neutral military mission to Spain.

Persistent rumors in the wake of the British aid to Mussolini said that the Tory government had decided to bank definitely on a Franco victory, molding its foreign policy on that basis.

As We See

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Comm

Wanted,—Speakers for Jefferson Park

San Fra

Dear Comrade Schneiderman:

May we call to your attention facts?

Place .....

Date .....

Weather .....

Crowd .....

Speaker .....

Result—Great disappointment in disgust at failure to have a speaker per obligation.

This is a bare statement of the does not perhaps show the seriou issue. Which can only be appreciated ering the background of the affair.

1. Long hard fighting of the 22nd the freedom of speaking in the park.

2. The obligation of the park agreement to furnish speakers for 22nd. A. D. to furnish chairm erature, etc., which is always done.

3. Previous failure of County to and letter sent.

4. Importance of the park meetings of election campaign, Western Work

5. Demoralizing effect on comra pathizers in park from failure of ap pear, after advertisement; speaker cifically mentioned.

This letter was composed after le sion at Branch meeting.

(Signed) Secretary of Th Dist. Branch, C. P.

(Note: The question raised is have been taken up with the C mittee to investigate, and effe will be done to correct this situati

LETTERS

What Happens When The People Own Industry?

Editor Western Worker:

Flyswatters and the sugar daddies have their own way with banks, merchants and farmers who cause but those arrogant millionaires a use bank funds as they please, a and concern, smart money, using funds before the doors close.

Men of small minds, who call vestors, buy stocks recommended derers, and after receiving divi years find that their entire prin invested. Then comes the shock. siders secure another rake-off. F been, and always will be, a sucker is inexhaustible.

Pacific Mutual, Dollar and Adm Monte Properties through Southe in Fleishhacker's case) means th hand at government money and t payer gets the bill, for these p how to dodge inheritance, incom taxes—Skeptic, Santa Barbara.

Japanese Miss Bomber. Destroy House-Boat in Rece

Editor Western Worker:

What appears to me to be a fin the insane viciousness of the Japa war of aggression against China is that occurred while the President Shanghai. A Chinese plane made a tack on a small fleet of Japa and battleships.

We who watched the attack were the dare-devil bravery of the Japa swooped low over the ships, eithe slithering anti-aircraft fire. The was then banged away at him, filling shells. He paid absolutely no atte barrage, deposited his bombs on the away.

When the plane was out of the the gunners, in a fit of spiteful impot their guns on a Chinese Sampan. Th little houseboat and its occupants ins

The war-mad imperialists who are for Germanies, and Shanghai, have ev own graves with these shells. They to be treated like mad dogs.—A

Comradely.

An Idea to Raise Money

Editor Western Worker:

My wife is finishing up a crochet (it is white) and will donate it to Western Worker. If you wish it, I will it in, and if you raffle it off, it coul in about $25, so if you will accept send it over as soon as completed. be by 54 inches, not counting the fri

Please let us know as soon as p oblige,

—MR. AND MRS. J. A.

Sees Improvement in Paper

Editor Western Worker:

I was delighted to find you reporte fascist meeting here.

I'm adding my testimony to the fact is a rapid improvement shown in t Worker, which promises well for th tion of a Daily Western Worker.

Think I'll be able to concentrate on rial Drive next week.

Comradely, —R. Santa

SEEING RED with MIKE QUINN

GRANDFATHER was sitting on the front porch one day with his pipe when the newsboy came by and socked him on the with the daily paper. It was all rolled up in a hard the boy could hurl it at the front door as he rode by on

Leapt my grandfather and roared like a lion. His drowsy ency disappeared in a flash. Instead, there was a man to the dangers and injustices of life, churning the air fists and screaming indignation. The impact of a single explosion of energy and action:

was, my first glimpse of real journalism. And it is seldom that I have seen an editor achieve such results as that one newsboy.

But a dulled sense of reality; tired, rut-flowing minds that distinguish between what they read in the papers and what they see in the movies; an illusion of detachment; a weary sense of fatality that accepts life as an inexplicable scenario written by Wall Street, and in which we are bit players.

Hitler's Year of Fog

God Almighty, directed by Wall Street, and in which my man is a lost and unimportant extra.

is the blanket of fog through which the modern journ the eleven.

a course of a narmol symphony concert, you can beat on ch, whip the violins to a higher pitch, and rouse the least listener out of his drumme and giving it all its got for been bewildered by the rapid succession of events that almost unbelievable catastrophes have become ner.

nobody believes what they read in the daily papers

The American public long ago closed the doors and ed to the commercial press. At one time what they **read in the papers with a grain of salt.**

ply pickle it in brine.

Mullins sells the S. F. Chronicle, not Chester Rowell. ogie courses the bottom of the S. F. Examiner, drag- editorials as a dead weight behind him.

to gain entrance to the public mind through the door, trying to climb in through the sewer. Hideous sex every other consideration into the background. Exe more of a rape, editors and reporters pages and send of photographers rushing to the scene like peeping-toms.

Look at the magazine racks. Good heavens above! Raped, stripped and murdered; painted, crippled, painted and drawn; buxom-

ged figures being whipped, attacked, kidnaped and There's where your sex-crimes are manufactured. Lurlike these dangled in front of thousands of men bug- ex-starvation.

ers I'm not a prude. But when it comes to fiends, ds and strangling children, I draw the line. The com- n doesn't.

ple of apathy has almost reached the stage where you y a man head on the end of a stick the length of nt and not excite any attention. We need that ho socked my grandfather in the face. If anyone knows ents, tell him to report to the Western Worker. That's

Hitler's Year of Fog

ATTACK of the producers who front for the bankers, the National, Atlas, etc., is decidedly not being limited to suppression, however. There are increasing signs of ism and a vicious tendency to squeeze out more profits g small salaried employees, as demonstrated by Universal's ble discharge of more than a 100 office people and forcing tweek stenographers to take a day off a week without pay. ow, when Adolph Zukor, Paramount head, gets into Holly- n New York, he will bear instructions from his board of s to cut salaries $100,000! Thus the office workers, who recently been forced into so-called independent unions, to ly been forced by the CIO, will get their most convincing ganization the "benefits" of company unionism.

BEHIND the SCREEN with DON BLACKWELL

Hollywood

SOMEWHAT horses' arse agahast. Something incredible has ened to their profitable charges. Something as this dis- ing, something alarming them even more is the these supposedly pampered creatures have actually dem- the mental ability to put two and two together and get

SPY OVERHEAD, the story of the American espionage system by Ulnich Calkins, Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, $2.50; THE BLACK RACKET—by Leo Huberman, Modern Age Books, Inc., New York, 50 cents. Reviewed by Don Russell.

I SUPPOSE there have been spies in the labor movement ever since the beginning of organization. Today in San Francisco alone there are at least 15 detective agencies sending spies, provocateurs, stool pigeons into the unions. They send them to the unions, to prevent unions from organizing, to set union members against each other, to get inside information for employers, sheriffs, cities and police departments. They work on the docks, in factories, shops, offices and every other known place that people work.

Senatorial Body's Proof

Some time ago the La Follette Senate Civil Liberties Committee investigated espionage in the underground and above ground activities of these stool pigeons. Even the LaFollette Committee unearthed as told in Ulnich Calkins' book, pages of transcript of testimony given by workers, detective agent heads, spies, operatives and company officials are quoted.

Ulnich Calkins devotes a chapter on activities of Ignatius McCarty, tear-gas salesman in San Francisco. It makes excellent reading and gives excellent information for all those interested in labor organizing and in civil liberties of the rank and file of America.

If see by the morning papers, he writes in her chapter entitled 'Is Gas Politer Than Guns?" "that Mr. Ignatius McCarty is on a speaking tour in California, throwing tear-gas bombs at the striking carworkers. This is new stuff to me. Indeed, I should be shocked if it were not commonplace.

These spies often become friends of union organizers. How they are fooled is told by Huberman and Calkins.

Sometimes the detective agency sends in a spy to size up trouble and then sends its salesmen to sell its services. They put down the trouble that it itself has brewed.

Provocateurs

"This technique for getting business is so fantastic that it's almost unbelievable," writes Leo Huberman. "But it's true. Take the word of Senator Wheeler of Montana. On April 17, 1937, on the floor of the Senate Chamber, Senator Wheeler said: 'I have had a great deal of experience . . . with the industrial spy system. I was a newspaper reporter . . . I was a newspaper secreting attorney I had occasion to investigate some of these cases and that was what happened would be that industrial spies would get into a union and then would go out and try to get decent unions to commit violence—to blow up a union; to throw a dynamite under a building, or blow up something—or they would drive nails into logs or set fire to mines in order to get company men to longing to the unions to do these very things, for the purpose of creating jobs for the spies' particular organization.'

The testimony, of the company officials and the detective is so brutal that some of it hits you right in the face. And yet, here it is, somewhat softened, and sometimes told with amazing frankness.

Miss Calkins and Dr. Huberman have rendered labor an invaluable service in these two exposes of methods of the employers. Every worker should read and be forewarned. The strength of organized labor will have a good deal to say without that of corruption within.

Scandalous Career of a Hungry Man

By DONALD COLFAX

HIS NAME was Hibbs and he was very, very nibbly to the touch and he first attracted public notice by violating Ordinance 1111-11-L Chapter 2 Section 4 Paragraph 4. He stopped a well dressed man on a busy corner and said, "I'm hungry." When the well dressed man advised him to get a job and go to work he burst into tears and fled down a side street.

The police immediately set a drag-net combed the city for the shabby man, but Hibbs was not seen again until his sudden and dramatic appearance before the City Council.

The city hall was a massive granite building with a glazed dome. Hibbs flitted through the entrance and found himself in a long room resembling a corridor in a castle, with a marble topped counter seventeen feet long. Behind the counter stood two clerks, busily working on a huge ledger full of accounts and figures. One clerk wrote a line in this ledger and handed it to his neighbor, who carefully erased the line and passed the book back. The first clerk industriously wrote in another line and returned it to the other, who meticulously erased the new figures and passed the ledger back again. The first clerk then wrote over the erasure and the second clerk erased that, too. Getting the ledger between the first clerk wrote something else, which the other promptly erased.

Hibbs passed through this weird quite unnoticed and entered the council chamber where twelve city councilmen and the mayor were assembled to sit down at nine every morning and wait until two stenographers served. With the stenographers they proceeded to the order of business, which is the most impressive things at each other in that vast and vacant chamber. Then the two stenographer's table took shorthand notes of all that was said.

At the end of the day an office boy would wheel in the great ledger from the clerk's counter, the councilmen would sign their names in it, the mayor would do something, and they all went home.

WHEN Hibbs appeared before the council the chamber was as noisy as the inside of a drum in no way. Hibbs removed his broken-brimmed hat and waited nervously for the mayor to notice him.

The defeaning uproar in this place came not only from the politicians but also from the peculiar echoes which tossed between the high ceiling and the glassed dome overhead like a bubbling spring of sound.

Hibbs was speaking. "This lady is an eminent sculptress and she has fitted for the to be bellowed.

"This lady is a wheeze-wheel wheel" echoed an echo.

"Yeah, you mean that blonde of yours on Telephone Hill," inquired another councilman. "That dame is good. She did a buttermilk ad for the milkmen."

"Gentlemen, gentlemen!" The mayor rapped them to order.

"That dame is good . . . genuine."

HE MANAGED to elude the police long enough to enter the bank, a massive granite building with frosted plate glass windows.

Over the entrance was a gold leaf sign bearing the one word: "Silence." Within the marbled hallway soft lights struck indirectly at the sky blue ceiling, casting a restful artificial twilight.

Here stood an individual in a deep blue uniform and visor soled shoes who carried a machine gun with a chromium plated silencer. Above his head the words in gilt paint: "Quiet, Please!"

Unhappily enough, the attendant was facing the wrong way when Hibbs entered and missed the first, two shots, which inched thick, on the floor.

At the exact center of this room stood a polished mahogany desk with thirteen supernatural leakwood chairs. On the desk were thirteen ash trays and thirteen boxes of cigarettes with seven rows of ivory push buttons. Seven blonde secretaries stood at intervals about the walls, as motionless as the furniture. Each girl had a stenographer's notebook in her hand, a pencil in her hair and was nicely wrapped in a cellophane. Whenever one had to leave her post she went on tip-toe with a finger on her lips. The very files that flew in that sanctum were of a breed that didn't bite.

On the mahogany desk reposed a white marble inkwell upon which was engraved the one word: "Hush!"

On the hour of ten every morning the thirteen financiers of the city entered the room and attended to their affairs until three. Each one exactly like the other, they came in one by one soled shoes, gave their hats to the attendant and canes to the noiseless secretaries and proceeded to the desk.

They worked with the push buttons, each man quietly intent on his job; push, push, push. With the punch of a button a price went up; another button and rents went up; a third button and interest rates fell; a fourth, foreclosed a mortgage. At three o'clock they would all rise, put on their hats, their canes and their secretaries and go home.

NEVER once was this routine interrupted or interfered with until Hibbs sent his thick shoes into the nap of their rich carpet, confronted them, hat in hand, quite unaware of the fact that he was disrupting the peaceful progress of the solemn stock-taking with awe in his pitiful thin clothes, working up his courage to break the silence of silence.

At last he said, "I'm hungry."

The vibrations of his strident voice jarred a little dust from the handsomely carved rafters, high up under the vaulted roof, and it trickled down in a powdery cascade. A cobweb loosened in a fluttering dive. The thirteen secretaries fainted, falling without a sound into the deep carpet.

A banker, in the very act of punching his most expensive button, slipped and pushed two at once. They both stuck, and he made a noise. Very definitely it made a noise, fully as loud as the hum of a lady-bird's wings. Then the second button quivered a trifle and from it came a heavier buzzing, like a bee in a bottle.

The imperturbable bankers gave no sign in the midst of this outcry and disaster. They rose, took their hats, canes and secretaries and went home, as if nothing could ever disturb them.

The mayor was left, alone and dreary spectacle of tatters in a velvet and teakwood den of business. With leaps and tricking through his stubbly beard he shuffled out the door and into the arms of a squad of police officers.

THE court room in the hall of justice was as immense and desolate as the devil's reception room. Its east wall was pierced by a series of arched, windows. Its west wall was covered with blue velvet drapes hanging in folds. Before this velvet backgound stood thirteen bars of justice in a row, the center bench being occupied by the chief magistrate, with twelve black-robed judges seated subordinately at their places six on either side of him.

Hibbs was brought before the chief magistrate himself. Since he was such a dangerous character, an officer held a firm grip on his greasy coat collar.

His honor glared at him sternly. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

But Hibbs didn't seem to hear. He just looked dreamy and vacant, as if he might be something that would go back to the court room after while.

"Well?" the judge banged his gavel impatiently. "Are you guilty or not guilty? Plead one way or another."

The sound of the gavel seemed to rouse the man somewhat. He removed his hat, in the manner of an absent-minded silk worm emerging from its cocoon.

"Pleases the judge," he said, "I'm hungry."

His honor was nonplussed. In his forty years at the bar, he had never heard such a plea. It was without precedent. Furthermore, the prisoner did not follow the custom of hanging his head and looking quite ashamed. He behaved more like a man in a dream than a prisoner at the bar.

"Collect yourself, sir!" the court warned this wraithlike defendant, "or you will be cited for contempt."

"Of course."

With a flip of his robes his honor half rose and gave Hibbs an admonishing smack on the head with his gavel. The results were unexpected. The prisoner collapsed like a folding cup and lay on the floor, unconscious and uninterested. Efforts to revive Hibbs merely indicated he would take some time to accomplish a return to normal. Having no time to waste the busy judge called the jailer, who swept up the defendant, hauled him to a tray door at the end of the room and dropped him down a chute.

What happened to him after that no one knows, for Hibbs never came back. It is safe to say what was at the end of it.

How Scientist Fared with Workers and Peasants

The farther the Soviet film goes afield in its interpretation of the events of 1917, the richer it becomes, producing such brilliant films that even the cinema is given a new meaning. The latest of this cycle of films to come from across the sea is "Baltic Deputy," now playing at the Clay Theater in San Francisco.

In its early days, the Soviet film tried to portray the events of 1917 in its entirety, to register and swift and sweeping manner at it. And the earliest films like "The Fall of the Romanoffs" and "Ten Days That Shook the World" which power was contained in their broad generalization.

Recent Trend

In recent years, there has been a trend to the specific, an effort to register the reactions and activities of individual people, representing definite sections of society, in the revolution. "Baltic Deputy" is such a film. It poses an interesting problem: How did the revolution affect the life and experience of a 75 year old scientist—whose whole life had been devoted to the advancement to science, who has won the highest honors and recognition in the world, of science?

The answer is written in such a rich and human manner that it is more than measures up to the question. The story is based on the life of Professor Timiriazev who in the film is renamed Professor Polezhayev.

He is a man of science whose sympathies are with the people, with the Bolsheviks. Unfortunately, in those early days the revolution set fire to his own colleagues and pupils were with the opposite camp. He refused to join the revolution. Shall he break with all his old associates and cast his lot with the people? Polezhayev chooses to do the latter and therein lies the underlying drama of the story whose telling is a marvel of simplicity.

Does he lose or gain in such a bargain? Here, too, the answer is given so convincingly that you leave the theater with no doubt in your mind.

In an early sequence of the picture, a Bolshevik sailor, not knowing who Polezhayev is, carelessly brushes his manuscript, the summation of his life's work, onto the floor. Vorobiev, Polezhayev's crotchety pupil kneels to the floor with reverence to gather up the scattered pages of the manuscript. In a late sequence, the same Vorobiev, incensed at his master's Bolshevik sympathies, deliberately scatters the manuscript's pages on the floor, and this time it is the "ignorant" sailor who kneels with reverence and tenderness to gather them up.

Story's Main Thread

Between those two scenes, lies the main thread of story which hits high spot after high spot. Those who have followed the career of the sailors of the Baltic Fleet in their quarters aboard ship; the meetings of the sailors; the telephone call from Lenin greeting him on his birthday and informing him about his work and personal comfort, and finally, the climactic scene where he addresses a meeting of the Soviets to which he had been elected a deputy by the Baltic sailors.

Bourgeois intellectuals have long mocked the ignorance of the people in matters of science and culture. But here in the film, as in the actual progress of the Russian Revolution and the present Civil War in Spain, the people display such genuine love for men of knowledge who are with them, such a high appreciation of science that all academic awards of the bourgeois world are empty commonplaces. And this holds true from the sailor of the Baltic Fleet to Lenin, leader of the Soviet State.

Powerful Effects

If you can appreciate a genre which is not generated by gangsters, love and clichés, by green, brass band music at a set tempo, and emotions that are lifted from the movie formula to the hero who invariably, and at the right moment, has a line or gesture, then you will find that "Baltic Deputy" is a powerful experience. Not since "Thunder Over Mexico" has there been a film which has so many powerful effects.

You can see "Baltic Deputy" and enjoy it, even though you do not understand a word of Russian. The film is so expertly made that the meaning is clear without the aid of titles.

THAT DAILY PAPER

Echo
From the Enemy
What Now Soliciter?
Coffin Corner

AHA! For weeks we have been vigilantly watching for comment on our coming Daily Western Worker from the camp of the enemy. Here's the first item we found. It is taken from the "ASSOCIATED FARMERS OF CALIFORNIA BULLETIN" of September 15th:

"Western Worker," Communist newspaper published semi-weekly in San Francisco, is soon to begin issuing daily. It is also announced that a Communist daily is to be established at Chicago. In addition, there is the Daily Worker published at New York and 300 or more Communist weeklies and magazines published in the United States, and literally thousands of pamphlets. THERE IS NO DOUBT THE RED PERIL IS INCREASING IN THIS COUNTRY." (Our emphasis.)

This is a swell sheet. It demands that workers be thrown off relief in the cities to force them into the fields at whatever price the big landowners want to pay; it supports the new and ominous Anti-Picketing Law before the voters of San Francisco in November; it attacks the Maritime Unions and the CIO; it hints that the recent Soviet flights to this country were made by spies on the way for war against the United States . . . (No, they're not really that ignorant but they **HOPE** their readers are. . .); it attacks the Labor Relations Act and the purges in Russia, the People's Front, Earl Browder and the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee. . . .

DID WE SAY IT WAS A SWELL SHEET? Sure, it would be swell to have every Party member, sympathizer, every honest trade unionist, every agricultural worker, every liberal and progressive person in the state subscribe to it.

I'D MAKE EVERYONE SO HOT UNDER THE COLLAR
YOU COULD START **TWO** DAILY WESTERN WORKERS ON JANUARY 1st!

Challenger?

Take a look at this fellow. His name is Dan Hibbs and he hails from Los Angeles. Why do we put his picture in the paper?

L. SHRIER

Because he is one of the few persons builders in the state capable of giving Champion JERRY FEINGOLD a run for his money, in the Financial Drive for a Daily Western Worker.

He came runner up to JERRY in the Sub Drive, coming through with 52 subs after a late start. So far, we don't know what he's done in the $35,000 drive.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PRODUCE A CHALLENGER FOR THE PRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO, "GENTLEMAN JERRY" FEINGOLD?

SAN BERNARDINO breaks into print this issue with a chunk amounting to $52.00 which brings them up to 31.9 per cent of quota.

Coffin Corner

to the tune of slow and direful music. CONTRA COSTA, SAN DIEGO and EUREKA, Counties referred to with solemn honors as "THAT DAILY PAPER GRAVEYARD." The elaborate tombstone had been tastefully inscribed for the occasion by ANGELO HERNDON. BURD

CIO ACTIVITY WINS RAISE FOR PICKERS

Finance Companies Forced To Advise Farmers to Pay $1 Scale

SAN FRANCISCO—CIO activities in San Joaquin Valley has won a general wage increase of 10 cents a hundred pounds for cotton pickers. A month ago picking began at 90 cents a hundred, at least half the growers now pay $1, with the others falling rapidly into line, announced the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Finance companies, who advance total crop costs to 90 per cent of the farmers, refused to allow over 90 cents per hundred, but some farmers did meet the union scale.

Under union guidance, pickers promptly quit 90 cent jobs for $1 jobs. Soon, after urgent demands by farmers, the companies grudgingly advanced the $1 rate to a few farmers. This week, however, the companies capitulated by advising farmers to meet the $1 demand.

A completely unpredicted shortage of pickers hastened the increase. Earlier thousands of impoverished dust bowlers streamed into the Valley, so the cotton growers' conference in Fresno in September voted to pay 90 cents, 10 cents less than last year, despite the fact cotton acreage this year is 25 per cent over 1936.

Unexpectedly, dust bowlers began returning to the mid-west drawn by reports of good crops. One stage depot in a small town registered 352 tickets to Oklahoma in one week. Also farmers lowered their estimates of experienced pickers would not work at 90 cents.

Most farmers receive a bonus of up to $5 a bale over all cotton delivered before rain hits the crop. When it became apparent bonuses would be lost without more pickers, several farmers offered $1 and the first conformists were intimidated into again reducing wages but the "pioneer" spirit grew rapidly for control.

Farmers who originally paid $1 have now lost their advantage; $1.10 offers are appearing. Despite considerable unrest, the CIO agricultural union is responsible for the wage increase. When farmers offered $1, union organizers arranged to supply full picking crews. The news spread rapidly among workers, and scores of walkouts occurred as pickers demanded $1. Frequently the demand was met. When it wasn't, the pickers walked out, even though forced temporarily to work in another field at 90 cents.

Soon second picking will begin. Union members demand $1.25 a hundred, a slight increase because pickers will average less poundage.

Successes in cotton tremendously increased the prestige of the UCAPAWA, which is growing rapidly.

LABOR UNITY TALKS OPEN

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had down procedure for the discussion.

Scheduled to be discussed was the four-point program of the CIO, which is to be:

1. That the AFL agree to a joint unity conference comprised of labor and progressive elements from each side to analyze all issues which have split the labor movement.

2. That the AFL agree to endorse industrial unionism and promulgate organization drives along these lines in the mass production industries.

To Defend Unions

3. That the AFL guarantee not to partition CIO into a series of craft unions but allow it to retain intact in the re-united labor movement.

4. That, in return, the CIO will begin the AFL drive in order to get every strong objections to President William Green's continuance in office.

After the first day's session, Paul Morgan, vice-president of the foreign CIO delegation and head of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, stated: "We call a temporary conference. We will take up the main questions in order to preserve unity."

Julius M. Hermann, chairman of the five-man AFL delegation and president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, declared: "We are a full-fledged conference and are willing to negotiate a final unity."

In addition to Murray, the CIO delegation includes Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky, Harvey Fremming, Thomas H. Greer, Hugh D. Delaney, Joseph Curran, Michael Quill, Joseph Curran, and Max Zaritsky.

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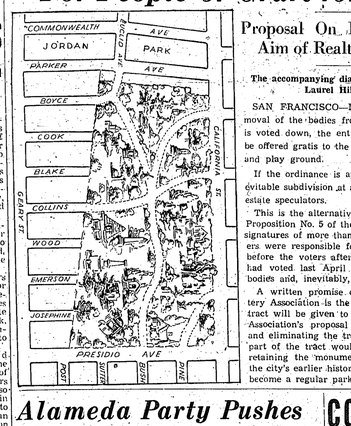

Proposal On Ballot Conceals Aim of Realty Speculators

The accompanying diagram shows the site of Laurel Hill cemetery.

SAN FRANCISCO—If the ordinance for removal of the bodies from Laurel Hill Cemetery is voted down, the entire tract of 54 acres will be offered gratis to the city for a memorial park and play ground.

If the ordinance is approved, it will mean inevitable subdivision at a profitable figure for real estate speculators.

This is the alternative offered to the voters on Proposition No. 5 of the November 2 ballot. The signatures of more than 50,000 San Francisco voters were responsible for putting the proposition before the voters after the board of supervisors had voted last April to order removal of the bodies and, inevitably, subdivision.

A written promise of the Laurel Hill Cemetery Association is the voters' assurance that the tract will be given to the city for a park. The Association's proposal calls for opening streets and eliminating the traffic obstruction. A small part of the tract would be kept as a memorial, retaining the monuments of pioneers famed in the city's earlier history. The largest part would become a regular park and playground.

Alameda Party Pushes Drive for Funds, Members

Building Trades Unit Tops All Others in Progress Toward November 5 Goal

Mr. A. L. Kennedy of the Industrial Department of the Oakland Chambers of Commerce attributes the efficiency of production per man-hour to climate. He says that Labor in Oakland has reached as much as 15 per cent greater efficiency than labor in the East.

Judging by the records of our Party in San Francisco and Los Angeles, in the Western Worker Drive and Recruiting, the political climate must have, at least recently, been more stimulating than in Oakland and the Alameda county cities.

But something is happening in our East Bay Metropolitan area —we're increasing. Progress is after a slow start; and if this rate continues we can prove that the "climate" is indeed good—or better — for politically productive purposes in our county.

Where Do We Stand?

In 1936 we raised $350 for the Western; early in 1937—$950.00, almost three times more.

Now we are raising $3000.00 at least, for our Daily Western. We have already turned in $1600 —raised in seven weeks. But 40 per cent of the drive time has passed—and only one-third of our quota raised.

The enlarged county committee meeting on Oct. 12th we decided to raise 60 per cent of the fund by November 7th (in less than that percentage of twelve days). September we voted to have a dues paying membership of 450 by November 7th and to recruit 150 new members by that time.

Present Status

Last January we registered 320 members; in the next six months recruited 215 (an average of 36 per month). Yet our average registration per month is only 330 members. The average dues payment for the first six months was $70, for the next three months, 278. The fact that some 50 members, especially miners, left town and were transferred is only a secondary factor. In September we recruited 49 new members, but two "Party Builders." Only, were responsible for most of these: comrades from Cannery and Building Trades units. In July and August we averaged 40 per month. For the first three weeks in October we recruited 37, and 390 dues stamps have been sold. This means that there are scores of comrades who are behind two, three and four months in their dues—as reported at the membership meetings last week. A number of our branches and industrial units must sell 50 and 100 dues stamps each—THIS week in order to get every member in good standing.

We must recruit 65 more new members by Nov. 7th.

Alameda Has Meeting

OAKLAND—The Bay Area International Labor Defense is sponsoring a mass meeting at which all of the Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners will speak. The meeting will be held Oct. 31st at 8 p. m. in Carpenters' Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland.

This meeting will mark the renewal of activity in the East Bay, to repeal the anti-Labor Criminal Syndicalism Law.

San Bernardino

Celebrate
20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution and
Welcome Home
PAT CHAMBERS
Who will speak with
Caroline Decker
Nov. 8th, Mon., 8 p.m.
Lincoln Hall, 925 Third St.
San Bernardino

COPS CRUSH YOUTH'S SKULL

Citizens in Drastic Action To Stop Whitewash

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been victims of brutality practiced by police at the Lincoln Heights jail.

Appointment of a committee similar to that formed by Mayor La Guardia was also asked of Mayor Shaw. Two names were proposed to head the committee: Judge Lester Rolfe and Judge Isaacs Pacht.

Late Friday afternoon, official announcement from the Mayor's office stated that:

"No decision will be made by the Mayor for probably two or three days. It will be necessary for him to have a report from the Police Commission as to the result of its investigation before he makes any decision."

Probe charges of an organized protest campaign to be directed against police brutality were seen when Borough called for cooperation of all progressive and liberal organizations to take action for an investigation into the beating of Mahoney.

Full support to any move against police beatings was given by the American League Against War and Fascism.

Sadists Among Cops

The Police Commissioner's hearing, Wirin made a strong plea for adequate police protection for Sweetman.

"Special police protection," said Wirin, emphasizing the word "special." "Not the kind of police protection that young Mahoney got."

Blame for police beatings of drunk prisoners was laid to Sweetman by Mahoney.

"I do not make a blanket indictment of all the police officers in Los Angeles," he said. "But I do know that somewhere among them in the Lincoln Heights Jail or sadists who are practising their perversion on these helpless ones who fall into their hands."

Sac'to Celebration

SACRAMENTO—This city is holding the Anniversary Celebration of the Soviet Union on Nov. 7th with the C. S. prisoners as the main speakers. The meeting will be held in the Forresters' Hall, 716 Eye St.

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Seattle Plans Hathaway Meet

SEATTLE, Wash.—The big Northwest mass meeting, November 10, with Clarence Hathaway and Bill Dunne as main speakers, will celebrate both the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution, and the 150th anniversary of the American Constitution. The theme of the big Civic Auditorium meeting will be "Communism is 20th Century Americanism."

The mass meeting will also be in the nature of an opening gun for the March city election campaign, in which the Communist Party is leading the campaign to unite all progressive forces for the defeat of strikebreaking Mayor John Dore. Defeat for Dore will mean a serious crack in the brutal rule of Dave Beck, West Coast "Teamster" czar.

Carl Ross to Address Young Communist Meet

LOS ANGELES — The high point in the Young Communist League convention to take place here November 5, 6, and 7, will be the appearance of Carl Ross, national secretary of the league, at the conclave.

Ross was formerly state secretary of the YCL in Minnesota and an acknowledged leader of the Farmer-Labor youth movement in that state. At the national convention of the YCL last May, he was elected to the leading post in the League. Gil Green, former national secretary, is now one of the three secretaries of the Young Communist International.

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LABOR VICTORY SEEN IN MERGER

Progressive Action Prospects Bright Says Oliver

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ty organization of the Legislative Conference, now the Non-Partisan League.

Victories in East

Oliver was aware of and interested in the recent conference of progressive forces called by the Committee of 100" in Fresno, which he said was "not at all inconsistent with the program of Labor's Non-Partisan League."

But Oliver's trip across the nation has put him directly in contact with Labor and farm organ-

SAN FRANCISCO—Labor's Non-Partisan League of California will hold its first convention under that name Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, in this city.

The announcement was made following the designation of the California People's Legislative Conference as the state branch of the League and the change in the latter's name to conform to that of the national body.

The convention, to which calls have been sent this week to all labor unions and progressive organizations in the state, will confine its agenda to the adoption of a constitution, arrangement for per capita tax of affiliates, allocation of state strength and election of officers.

Conventions on a county-wide scale will probably follow. An issue of the new California bulletin of the League, formerly the People's Lobby News, is being issued featuring the convention announcement.

izations going into politics with a real energy. Primary victories in Detroit, Akron, Canton, Cleveland and other cities are only part of the indications which in his opinion "have borne out completely the plan of organizing of the League."

Victories in Detroit during the primary victory and believes that Labor will elect a mayor. Most of the automobile workers were closed during the primary campaign, which in Detroit generally leave town at that time, he said. Now they are running full blast.

Main National Interest

Oliver will now go to Seattle, then to Portland, and return to San Francisco this week. After that, two weeks of conferences with political and labor leaders in Los Angeles. But he will have to cut his tour shorter than he expected because of the coming special session of congress.

"Our main effort there," he said, "will be on behalf of the wages and hours bill and for an adequate farm bill.

"We have taken a definite stand in support of farmers' objectives. We have found that the main problem so far as legislation is concerned, is to get a bill written to answer the needs of the farmers themselves rather than of the reports."

Oliver disclosed that the League now has organization in every state, with organizations of permanent status in 30 of them. Indiana preceded California in getting permanent organization, he said, with the conservation of existing forces who fall in to their hands."

20th Anniversary Meets To Have C. S. Speakers

SAN FRANCISCO—The former Criminal Syndicalism prisoners will be greeted in all parts of the state by a series of 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution meetings. The schedule with speakers follows:

Oakland—Nov. 5th: Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Caroline Decker, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin and Al Hougardy.

San Francisco—Nov. 6: Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin.

Sacramento—Nov. 7th: Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin.

Los Angeles—Nov. 7th: Caroline Decker.

San Bernardino—Nov. 8th: Pat Chambers and Caroline Decker.

San Berdue Plans Welcome for Chambers

The San Bernardino section of the Communist Party is preparing a "Welcome home reception" for Pat Chambers, who with Caroline Decker, will appear in Lincoln Hall the evening of Nov. 8th at the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Russian Revolution.

Comrades and friends in San Bernardino welcome the opportunity to celebrate three great events on one great occasion.

Incumbents Evade Issues

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McSheehy, who had made the motion in the Board of Supervisors which placed the previous ordinance before the voters who repealed it.

Bright spot of the campaign was the last minute acceptance of the AFL Labor Council of the proposal of the CIO council for the conduct of a joint campaign against the anti-picketing ordinance.

This joint campaign, coupled with the formal establishment of Labor's Non-Partisan League in San Francisco and on a statewide scale, held out for the future the prospect of fully united campaigns in the political field.

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Los Angeles	12500	4831.06	38.6
Alameda	3000	1115.47	37.1
San Bernardino	250	78.00	31.2
Sacramento	500	150.95	30.2
Stockton	100	30.00	30.0
Santa Barbara	500	140.33	28.0
Bakersfield	150	32.00	21.3
Fresno	150	30.00	20.0
Port Bragg	200	38.00	19.0
San Diego	1000	188.58	18.8
Utah	250	35.00	14.0
Contra Costa	250	29.80	12.0
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2
Misc. Calif.	2450	17.00	0.6
Misc. Over Quota	1525		
Arizona	100		
Nevada	100		
New Mexico	100		
Wash., Idaho, Ore.	2775		
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Peace Congress Ac Stand Against Agg By Roosevel

SAN FRANCISCO than 110,000 rea Northern Californ their organized stre hind the movement to Japanese-Fascist goods, elected representatives gress for Peace and ha last Sunday voted supp the most effective measure for peace.

Called by the League Against War and the Congress, was a 150 delegates, repre trade unions, both C CIO, and 28 fraternal women's and youth gr a total membership

Unions Back Mo

Most significant viewpoints of immediate action was the endo like boycott of Japanese ment launched by the unions, banded in the Council of the Maritime ation of the Pacific, ions Council has ta for a conference of all labor unions to groups to make plans lizing the boycott. The was endorsed.

The Congress adopted resolution petitioning Roosevelt to instruct ican delegation to the conference of Nine-Power Nations to take a for an economic against Japan throu wide embargo as a to and from that petition movement, and of creating greate such as policy will by the League.

An evening mass meeting, the Congress heard Chinese Dep P. Sun relate the background to the in the Far East. Oth were E. G. Ward, Ge in Alameda County ters, head of the Ge graphical Union, an Benjamin Wilson, ba of the Honest Gover mittee presided.

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FRANK SPECTOR
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Tuolumne County's Timber Workers Are Advancing With CIO

By a Lumber Worker

JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—The union movement here in Tuolumne County has taken a new impetus under the guidance of Walter Rogers, the new organizer for the CIO international Woodworkers, and has arrived at the point where charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against plants at both Tuolumne and Standard demanding an election.

These are the West Side and Pickering Lumber companies, respectively.

Predict CIO Win

The timber workers have appointed Rogers organizer for one month; he has succeeded in bringing the union affairs to a head. The membership feels confident that any elections held in the above plants will give a rousing majority to the CIO 20th Century form of unionism.

The West Side Lumber Co. has exerted every form of pressure upon the workers of their plant, but has failed to shake the determination of the workers to stick to their program and demand that their union shall be recognized as sole collective bargaining agency.

The CIO hall has been watched by the bosses to find out which men belong to the CIO. The men would walk out without going in, leaving the bosses a fruitless vigil.

Men Blacklisted

The predominantly CIO night shift has been laid off and men have been blacklisted for union activity. I was hired by the Pickering Lumber Co. to go to work on the night shift. I was to report at 7 p.m. I was on the job at 6:40 p.m., but the boss had hired another man in my place at 6:30 and had gone home.

Since then, I have it on good authority that they have a blacklist a foot long, listing CIO men who have built a better, with a "Do Not Hire" notice on top of it.

The way I reconstruct it, the boss knew me and then got suited the list. No doubt he found my name right on the top of it. In a small community such as this, no one who was even a little bit progressive could escape being termed a red and a radical.

To illustrate—I met a man, I knew him and he knew me, and began to talk politics. He was against the CIO and all that this is the first time in the history of the Filipino workers ex- cultural workers. A Filipino workers or- ganized on a plan for the eight-hour and a two-dollar a day. the Hawaiian sugar plant- ers. The sugar plant- ers' association knocked a cane- arrow that would make like an amateur. Finally, Rapsac, was murdered in cold Rapsac, Kauai, by the enlisted men of the ing with young fas- recruited from the from the Philippines a surplus of planta-

Strike Broken

The strike was broken, Man- ilatsky, Filipino leader, was torn from an American- five small children. Filipino workers were the steerage of a Dol- and sent back to the

Filipino workers have not the 1924 terror. Today ganizing again—but things are different. They Have Support

They have the support ganizers, Today they support of Hawaii's powerful unions, the Longshoremen's Asso- ion Hilo Longshoremen, Union, Territorial Fed- unions of all the races ed an union for Fili-

The Local 76 of the Cannery, Agricultural, & Allied Workers of America unite all of workers into one big regardless of race, color, nationality, or affiliation.

It will be difficult for planters to enlist one- nds on another or to ker to shoot another in the back.

Continued
Tuo-Toling AFL
in Oakland

AFL—Preliminary hear- charges against Lin- Culinary Alliance agent, accused of ing CIO organizers with a ing continued until Monday, November 1 following the first Hall Wednesday, Oc-

Unfurl Labor's Banner

Labor, Labor, must unite,
In unity, there is might!
Stand together, stand as one,
There is work that must be done.

No boss, no master can prevent.
Let the masters know your strength.
Turn the tables, get a hold,
You can, you must the cast remold.

Without workers no wheels turn,
Without you, no candles burn;
It is you, and you alone,
Who must sit upon the throne.

You slave and build, but for whom?
You dig and weave at the loom,
You eat stew, they eat roasts—
The few masters get the most.

It isn't fair, it isn't just,
For masters turkey, for you a crust.
Discard your fear, stand erect,
But as one unit you must act.

All inventions you introduced.
All the wealth you have produced.
Labor's banner must be unfurled.
It is you who feed the world.

—H. S., Los Angeles.

TIMBER UNION MEN FIRED BY RED RIVER CO.

Labor Board to Hear Cases Of Discrimination in Lassen County

By a Timber Worker

WESTWOOD, Lassen County—A boy distributing CIO Labor Heralds was stopped by another youngster on the streets of Westwood last week and asked this question: "Say, Bill, are those CIO papers?"

"Yes," said Bill.

"Holy smoke, you'd better not pass them out, your old man is going to get fired."

This is only a sample of the fear that the Red River Lumber Co. has brought into Westwood in order to strengthen its pet company union known as the IEU, and to kill the strong CIO sentiment which already exists here.

Union Members Fired

International Woodworkers of America members of Local 53 are being fired and demoted in large numbers.

The Red River Lumber Co. has stopped selling the workers that their reason for firing and demotion was because of non-membership in the company union. The company now gives as its excuse that the IWA members that the orders are slack.

Yes, it might be true that there is a lack of orders, but never in the history of Westwood has there been a man fired, they have always been laid off. Not so now.

Anti-Union Discrimination

IWA members who have been working here for eight to 13 years are being fired, and company union members who have only been employed for three or four months are taking their places.

But up here among the sugar pines, we of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' Union are going to the Red River boys' tell us to quit a good union and join the company union in order to get our jobs back. Charges have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board against the company's unfair labor practices.

The labor board has already notified our union of an impending hearing of this case. We

to attract the public's attention to this monstrous injustice.

I have advised him to picket the WPA. In the adjoining counties a higher wage is paid on the WPA to do the same work. Here the men work "hammer and tongs" all day. The newspapers are fond of saying that the WPA workers lean on their shovels, but it is not so.

They Earn It and More

Whatever these poor aged people, past a useful age in industries, earn they earn every penny over in blood, sweat and labor. A society which sets forth such a meager wage for their bread in their declining years should be heartily ashamed of its men and not be making quips about some poor old under-fed, ill-nourished, emaciated, clubbed and beaten individual when he stops for a moment to rest his aching bones.

Forced Labor

The man in charge of the WPA in this county is named Fiblrick, and he told this old man in my hearing that unless he take the transfer to the lower pay or leave it. The man said that he would go on relief instead, and Fiblrick told him "of course, if we offer you a job and you refuse it, you have to be given any relief."

In other words, work or starve.

I asked Fiblrick if this were a case of work or starve. After beaming and hawing about the bush, I finally elicited the starting information from him that things would be better if it weren't for the unions, and the CIO especially.

He formerly owned a lot of property, he was quoted as say- ing, but in the first two min- utes of our acquaintance, and still less in the direction of his former glory and has lost none of the ideology of the "rugged individualist."

Union Dance

The timber workers' local at Tuolumne gave a dance at Columbia on October 16 and had a good attendance. The advertising they got was worth a thousand dollars to them.

They had a walkout on the Standard side last week. The walkout should stimulate matters.

I have tried to win the business men of Sonora and James- town to a realization that their interests are much the same as ours, and have had some success.

Auxiliary Joins District Council

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time in the history of the Waitresses' Federation District Council No. 2, a ladies auxiliary, that of the Longshoremen, was seated in the council last week.

Local 7 voted 5 to 1 for a CIO charter, and also voted to take in women relatives of all Federation members, in a recent referendum.

Lumber Co. Starts Up Fake Union

By a Timber Worker

STAYTARD, Tuolumne County —Latest news from the Pickering Lumber Co. started a company union this week. Louis like Hitler, J. C. Raisenfoss, vice-president of the AFL, is following the lead of the 1937 AFL.

I'm not sure who started it but it looks like his work. He is falling in line with his pal, Fred Ellis, manager of Westside Lumber Co. of Tuolumne, who also has a company union.

Pressure by the Pickering Lumber Co. officials is being used against the green chain crew, which is 90% of the men are CIO. Six men are required to do the work of 10. They are trying to get rid of all the CIO men by the speedup system.

The men are told by the organizer to stick to the job, as the National Labor Relations Board man is due here for investigation, and will be here for three or four days and give this lay-out a good shake-up.

Lodi Field Union Gets CIO Charter

By an Agricultural Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—The charter for our union in Lodi has been installed. We are known now as United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, CIO, Local 203, located at 215 North Sacramento St., Lodi.

Please let me know as soon as possible if we can send money for the Lincoln Brigade through the Western Worker.

(NOTE: The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion should receive all donations, located at 715 Ashbury St., San Francisco.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Westwood Union Men Fired By Red River Lumber Co.

ctimization of Seamen by S. F. Hotel Is Exposed

First CIO Strike on Great Lakes

THESE SEAMEN are Some of the CIO Lake Seamen whose strike tied up the Great Lakes Transit Corp's freighter, H. A. Scandrett, and several other vessels.

SAILOR URGES BOYCOTTING OF SUNSET HOTEL

Clothes Seized by Mgr. in Violation of U. S. Statutes

SAN FRANCISCO—One often hears at the business meetings of the Sailors Union communications from landlords and other creditors, complaining that some sailors have not paid their debts or contracted during the last strike.

To a certain extent they are justified to demand that members of the Sailors Union discharge their obligations. However there is a story to this that the other way around which calls at a precedent as to how greedy landlords victimize poor sailors under the false pretext that they owe money, using the rapacious tactic of holding personal belongings until the said victim pays up a fictitious debt.

Raps Hotel Manager

As an outstanding example, we find the manager of the Sunset Hotel, Market St., fits into this classification. As a matter of fact this "union following" individual would have to be placed behind bars if it were not for trusting seamen who patronize him instead of shunning his hostelry like a plague.

A few days ago, I had a shi experience with this vulture, after staying over a month in this dump, where this brave individual threatened to do me physical harm, work me over with his feet a French-Canadian style, about bloody murder for cops and refused to hand out my suit case. About two weeks before this incident occurred, I had the misfortune to get hold of the Sunset Hotel if they could not want to get in with a landlord that will try to trim them. The Honest Hotel should be boycotted.

Landlord Claimed Rent

This is how the argument started: He claimed that I still owed him $18 for one week's rent, and naturally I refused to cough up because I had already paid him for seven days that I didn't even owe him.

The consequence was that he became abusive and rough, knowing that under the law he could not keep my clothes, as we are Federal wards. I went to the Sailors and Firmens Union and appealed for support. I managed to get a fireman and a sailor to help me to collect my clothes, but nothing was accomplished.

Urges Boycott

The reason that I finally paid him the dollar was because I couldn't get hold of the marshall on Saturday afternoon, so I got my clothes.

This should serve as a warning to all seamen to avoid the Sunset Hotel if they do not want to get in with a landlord that will try to trim them. The Honest Hotel should be boycotted.

L. A. Office Union Growing Rapidly

By a Worker Correspondent

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WORKERS SHUNNED S.F. COLUMBUS DAY PARADE THIS YEAR

March Lasted 50 Minutes Less Than Last Year

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — I have viewed the Columbus Day Parades for the last three years. Prior to that I viewed it a number of times, but not consecutively. I have noticed that the enthusiasm for participation in this parade is falling very noticeably.

For example, last year the parade started promptly at 10 a.m. and finished at 12:10 p.m. This year it started at 10:15 a.m. and ended at 11:37 a.m.—about 50 minutes shorter this year than last.

No Enthusiasm

This lack of enthusiasm in the Columbus Day Parade, according to some workers who formerly participated in it, is that workers are realizing more and more that this parade here is nothing but a bourgeois flag-waving parade that nets them nothing.

The only "important" groups participating this time were the fascist Sons of Italy, certain parts of the American Legion, Independent Order of Foresters, National Guard, Boy Scouts, and the Fascist Order of Cincinnatus.

Marched Labor Day

Many of these workers that have refrained from participating in this bourgeois flag-waving Columbus Day" Parade eagerly and gladly participated in the Labor Day Parade which lasted about five hours.

Two of the "floats" of the old truck carrying national guards had to be abandoned. The Columbus Ave. at Kearney because they refused to have anything more to do with the parade. One float began to smoke and back so much it had to be taken out. The other float was an old Model T Ford, representing an old order of maybe extinct "49ers." That had to quit the parade.

We need not be surprised if the next Labor Day Parade lasts a whole day—the next Columbus Day flag-waving semi-fascist parade only one hour.

Prune Pickers' Kids Can't Go to School

By a Worker Correspondent

COLUSA—Here is a good one I heard the other day while visiting friends who are picking prunes in Colusa:

Boss: "Where are all my prune pickers?"

Fathers of large families with children of school age picking prunes: "They saw a big shiny car on the lane and thought it was the truant officer, so they did a quick vanishing act."

Boss: "I have heard of the Vanishing Americans but this is the first time I have heard of vanishing prune pickers at one time."

Hearing Exposes Fascists

PITTSBURGH—Anti-vigilante hearings concluded in Pittsburgh under the sponsorship of the American League Against War & Fascism put the spotlight on the workings of the Fascist Association of Cleveland, revealing that the organization was founded for the express purpose of "fighting labor."

Men Cheated on San Diego WPA

By a WPA Worker

SAN DIEGO—Dr. Wegeforth, sponsor of the local Zoo project and director of the Wegeforth Bowl, took a trip to India where he will stay for a year, but before going he hatched out a clever scheme with Zoo project officials to take away the structural steel rating work from WPA workers there by their strike of September 15.

They found that their hourly rate for this work had been $1.38 to $1.01. Zoo project workers immediately started a two-hour meeting by having their job and going to WPA offices with their Alliance job steward.

They were told that the "ornamental steel work" at a lower rating.

Put Officials On Spot

The workers wanted to know why work should be officially called ornamental on one day and not on Monday, and frankly told the officials this was only to cheat them.

The Alliance obtained another appointment, and the men went back to their jobs, where they demanded the right to make up time lost in protesting. This was quickly granted them.

Seniority Ignored

A day or so later 40 men were transferred because of lack of funds, and the supervisors ignored all seniority rights; men 16 months on the project were transferred and friends of the supervisors or foremen were kept, even though many had not worked a week on the job.

WPA officials have promised to investigate and correct this favoritism. The Workers Alliance state office is handling this mass transfer and favorable action is expected.

The CIO Way

By a Worker Correspondent

Working man, wake from your dreaming,
You don't know the power that you own.
With wealth all around you, you're starving,
There's misery and want in your home.
Why should the rich man's children
Have all the good things today?
You labor and do the producing,
To them, life is nothing but play.
Why should your wife be a drudge?
Denied the good things of life?
Why should you fear the future?
And bear all the burdens and strife?
Awake, arise from your dreaming,
Join with your comrades today;
The CIO shows you the way.

—B. M.

FISHING RULES ARE BRAZENLY FLOUTED BY JAPANESE SHIPS

U. S. Packers Ignore These Violations, Says Canner

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Many safeguards have been thrown around the Bristol Bay fisheries of Alaska and Bering Sea to prevent depletion and possible extinction of the salmon run in that area.

During the run which lasts about 30 days, there are two closed periods in each week—Sundays and Thursdays. Inclement weather also allows fishermen additional holidays due to their spawning grounds. Fishing is limited to small sail boats of 30 feet maximum beam.

Violate All Rules

Japanese invaders in the Bristol Bay and Bering Sea have completely ignored all these rules of preservation. They use motor boats. They fish 24 hours each day. They use four mile deep-water nets for such small undersized fish, and use one mile long trawls-lines.

Yet the packers have at no time made the feebiest of complaints. Why do the U. S. packers condone this criminal invasion?

Why do they ignore these invaders thus threatening extinction of Alaska's greatest basic industry? Is it because they don't know about it?

Unions Protested

We know such is not the case, as almost every maritime union in the U. S. has already protested this invasion of an industry that means the life of Alaska and the future and welfare of at least 7000 Alaska canning workers of the U. S., and about 1500 more cannery workers, men and women, in the territory.

This industry means life to the natives of most parts of Northwestern due to the fact that trapping has been over done and the Alaskan's non-profit business due to the fact that it has been criminally exploited by the packers, so the only 40 cent means of a livelihood to these natives is the salmon fishing season.

Hallowe'en Party

HAYWARD — A Hallowe'en masquerade party for the benefit of the Daily Western Worker was announced here by the Hayward Branch of the Party to be held at 771 Cherry Way in Hayward.

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A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATUR

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PREDICT CIO WILL WIN IN L. A. POSTAL

Radio Telegraphists Assn. Official Cites Low Average Wage

(ARTA Local 32A Press Release)

LOS ANGELES — More than 530 Postal Telegraph workers in Los Angeles, Southern California and Arizona are prepared to support the action taken by the CIO through the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. in filling with the National Labor Relations Board a petition for a national election to determine bargaining rights of the employees under the Wagner Act.

The petition was filed directly with the NLRB in Washington, D.C., by Lee Pressman, chief CIO counsel.

Predict Victory

ARTA members here expressed certainty that the election will be won by a smashing majority in this district, and were sure the national vote could be at least 5 to 1 for the CIO.

L. F. Dalby, local secretary, said Postal workers throughout the country are underpaid, overworked and realize their salvation lies only in the CIO.

Wages Are Low

"The average salary of a Los Angeles Postal employee is approximately $16.50 per week," he said. "We work an average of 48 hours per week.

"These hours and wages are far from those the nation as a whole believes workers should be paid.

"All we ask at this time is that the company recognize our union as the sole collective bargaining agency for the entire United States. We are certain that once this recognition is won, negotiations leading to a contract favorable to our demands will be instituted."

William Spooner Takes Beating in Own Union

OAKLAND—William Spooner, reactionary AFL Central Labor Council official, took a beating in his own union, Cooks & Waiters No. 31, recently when a progressive, John Lee, was elected to the new organizer's job. Lee received 196 votes to 169 for Jack Campbell, Spooner's candidate.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

WHEN a man is hit, he fights back. That's what everybody thought John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, was going to do after getting badly dumped by the Teamster officials' goons at the Long Beach convention of the AFL.

Because the council delegates thought Shelley stood against vigilantism and terrorism in the labor movement, they elected him as their delegate to the AFL convention.

It must have been a big shock to those delegates when they read Shelley's comments on returning from Denver.

Referring to the AFL-CIO peace discussions in Washington, D. C., Shelley said:

"There is a strong possibility of settlement if the discussions are held on a reasonable basis and the disputants listen to reason. The delegates were all hopeful and there was a strong sentiment for an early truce leading to permanent peace. **The AFL will not sacrifice either principle or position, however.** (My emphasis—J. B.)

William Green, Matthew Woll, John P. Frey and William Hutcheson (to say nothing of Dave "Goon Squad" Beck) have said substantially the same thing, seeking to knife real unity under cover.

Real labor unity can not be achieved except on the basis of industrial unionism for mass production industry, and the CIO does not intend to sell out the workers by agreeing to "unity" without that basis.

Licks Green's Boots

BUT THAT isn't all Shelley said. He has suddenly discovered that Green, who he thought in the past was a "quiet, almost colorless personality," is "a different man now, forceful, filled with boundless energy, seemingly changed almost overnight into a fighter and a leader."

Shelley voted to empower the AFL executive council to expel the CIO unions and voted with the reactionaries in denying a convention seat to Charles P. Howard, Typographical Union president.

In other words, instead of fighting back against the unprincipled men who hired "goons" to beat up himself and others, Shelley surrenders. He expresses admiration for Green, who called for unprincipled war against the CIO, who called for a fight against the best piece of labor legislation ever seen in this country—the Wagner Labor Act.

The willow bows before the storm.

30,000 GREAT LAKES SEAMEN ARE UNIONIZING

Nat'l Maritime Union Plans Organization Before Jan. 17 Parley

NEW YORK — The National Maritime Union announced inauguration of a drive to bring 30,000 seamen employed on Great Lakes ships and harbor craft into the CIO.

In charge will be M. Hedley Stone, secretary-treasurer of the NMU Great Lakes Division, and Adrian Duffy, regional organizational director.

"We hope to have the entire lakes district organized before the January 17 unity conference of all unlicensed maritime unions in San Francisco," said Joseph Curran, general organizer.

Plan National Federation

"At that conference, the frame work will be set up for an organization which we hope will develop into a huge National Industrial Maritime Federation. Such a federation, if present plans go through, will eventually include some three-quarters of a million persons engaged, directly or indirectly, in the marine transportation in the U. S.

"Plans for the federation were outlined at the national conference of the Committee for Industrial Organization in Atlantic City.

"Formation of a federation will solve one of the most pressing problems now confronting marine and harbor workers—the problem of unity. Unity of purpose, unity of program, unity of action."

The NMU has a temporary agreement with the Poker Fleet on the Great Lakes.

ASK CIO CHARTERS

DECATUR, Ala.—Applications for CIO charters have been made by the Boxmakers & Woodworkers of Alabama, and by the Lumber Workers of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Green 'Promises' Sailors But CIO Deeds Show Path

Harry Lundeberg, in his famous "best offer" letters to William Green and John L. Lewis asked, in effect:

What do you PROMISE to do?

Many rank and file sailors would like to know, in addition: What HAVE you done?

The answer is not only of interest to sailors but to other union men, as well, for it reveals what the attitudes of the CIO and AFL council are toward the workers' struggle and their efforts to organize. Here is the record on some important matters:

AFL Record	*CIO Record*
COPELAND FINK BOOK	
No member of the AFL council raised his voice against the fink book. In fact, the only AFL big shot at the hearings was Paul Scharrenberg who heartily endorsed the fink book to which all seamen were opposed.	**John L. Lewis in an open letter to the Senate Committee hearings on the fink book, put the CIO on record as opposed to it and thereby threw the moral strength of the CIO behind the seamen's fight to kill the fink book.**
GREAT LAKES ORGANIZATION	
The AFL never made a real effort to organize the industrial carriers on the lakes for it involved cracking the big steel and auto companies, a task which the AFL council always sabotaged.	**The Lakes, never really organized, are the traditional source of scab labor in the maritime industry. The CIO threw money and organizers behind the drive to organize the lakes this past season and 4,000 Lakes seamen were unionized.**
EAST COAST STRIKE	
The AFL convention last year declared the strike illegal and its stooges in the maritime industry, Ivan Hunter and Joseph P. Ryan, were the shipowners' chief weapon against the strike in their effort to wreck the growing solidarity of East and West Coast seamen.	**East Coast seamen originally struck last year in support of their West Coast brothers. Their strike was of great concern to the Pacific Coast seamen. CIO unions in New York gave the strike financial support although these seamen were not affiliated to the CIO.**
SEAMEN'S RIGHTS	
The recent AFL convention in Denver took no action at all on the Maritime Commission's infringment upon the seamen's right to strike. It took no action at all on any threats to the seamen's unions by government agencies.	**The CIO conference adopted a resolution in Atlantic City condemning efforts of the Maritime Commission to break strikes through "mutiny" charges. It also protested ruling of the Parole Board restraining Robert Fitzgerald from assuming duties of secretary of the San Francisco branch of the Marine Firemen's Union.**

Fight Open-Shop On Pennsy R. R.

WASHINGTON—Long an open shop stronghold, the Pennsylvania Railroad shops are now the object of an organizational drive by the AFL Railway Employees' Department. Crafts involved are machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, carmen, stationary firemen and oilers, coach cleaners, power house employees, shop laborers.

S. F. SCALERS RECEIVE NEW CIO CHARTER

SUP Officials Muscling in On Scalers' Work in Matson Line

SAN FRANCISCO—The new CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union charter was installed at a recent membership meeting of the Ship Scalers' & Painters' Union, formerly ILA 38-100 and now known as ILWU 1-2.

Through cooperation of the rank and file and officials of the Marine Firemen, the Scalers are now doing work below decks on Matson Line ships. Firemen refused to do this work while in port.

SUP Heads Uncooperative

Sailors' Union officials recently renewed the SUP agreement with Matson giving the deck gang jurisdiction over chipping, painting and other work on deck, which also is recognized by most companies and seamen as Scalers' work, particularly in this port.

Not content with the Matson work the SUP officials recently allowed a gang of sailors to paint over the side of the American Fisher, despite the fact this work is specifically alloted to the Scalers agreements with fish reduction ship operators.

While fish reduction ships are in port it has been the practice to knock off the sailors for a period of ten days or longer. When contacted, the SUP officials refused to cooperate and kept the paint gang working although ship operators declared they were willing to hire Scalers.

Memorial Endorsed By Maritime Body

SAN FRANCISCO — District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, has endorsed the Haymarket Memorial exercises being sponsored by the Intl. Labor Defense, to take place at the Haymarket Monument, Chicago, on November 11. The tribute will honor five workers who gave their lives in the fight for the eight-hour day.

Business Agent Bob Says

AN IRISH brother who belongs to the Workers' Alliance was given notice of eviction by his landlord, and thinking something was phoney, went to the W. A. office where he found out that under the law of the State of California, he was entitled to some 30 days grace. So Pat went home and wrote to the landlord as follows:

"Dear Sir: I remain,

"Yours truly."

No. Beach Is Against Picket Ban

Italian-American, Slavic-American Rap Proposed Open-Shop Law

SAN FRANCISCO — "Italian-American citizens will defend the constitutional rights of their country as energetically as its native-born sons and daughters," declared Dr. Robert Grosso, leader in the North Beach section, on the proposed anti-picketing ordinance on the November 2 municipal ballot.

"We are emphatically against this repressive ordinance."

Unheard of Law

John J. Batistich, attorney and Slavic-American leader, declared:

"Freedom seeking foreign-American citizens will not vote for an ordinance which takes away from them all the protection their adopted country gives them. Such an ordinance is an unheard of law in an American city."

With CIO and AFL committees cooperating in the fight against the anti-picketing ordinance introduced into the election by the open-shop "Committee of 43," the campaign for labor's constitutional rights is gaining broader support as November 2 nears.

Tories Pay for Tear Gas

PHILADELPHIA — Pierre S. duPont and other prominent Philadelphia eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas against CIO organizers and union members, The Philadelphia Record revealed in a copyrighted story after investigation of an organization known as the "Minute Men & Women of Today."

RED-BAITER STILL ACT IN PAINT

Two More Union M Combat Charge Los Angele

LOS ANGELES—Tri Healy, business agent ers' District Council N charges of Communi membership was post Friday, October 16, wh charges were leveled a members of the trial b Abrams and Frank Kad

Along with five oth ers' Union members, At Kadish have been cha membership in the C result of their progre ord.

Tool for Reaction

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S. F. Meet to M Maritime

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This was announce York last Thursday b Lewis, national CIO and Thomas Ray, M Maritime Council secre

The March Forward of the CIO—As Told by John L. Lew

(Following is the second and concluding installment of John L. Lewis' closing speech at the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference held in Atlantic City:)

So CIO is here. Its conference has adopted a resolution expressing that factor. It is physically here. It is not something that can be wiped away from the attention of an individual by a scornful remark or a hostile gesture.

It is here because it offers the workers of the country practical modern machinery to bring about the things that they strive for, the things that every man and woman who works desires.

Too much credit cannot be given our officers, our organizers, our field agents, our headquarters' staff, and our members for their courage and their contributions in whatever amounts to a great crusade here in our own country—a great crusade to lift the machinery of labor out of the ruts of its traditions and out of the inadequacy of its structural formation in the past.

No Lessening of Effort

You may be assured that in the conference that may or may not eventuate with the AFL, your representatives will do nothing that will in any way circumscribe or limit the influence or the trend of our movement or in any way contribute towards a lessening of the effort of our mutual enterprise, or to cause any member back in his home locality to think for a moment that there is going to be any lessening of this work of organization here in America. This movement must go on. We are practically 4,000,000 strong today in less than two years of actual organizing effort. When two years more elapse we will have more millions of members in our great movement.

If the AFL chooses to lay aside their prejudices and join the CIO in working out a program of unity, 'tis well. If they elect not to do so, the responsibilty for that decision will be upon their own head, and their own shoulders. But the CIO will go on and it will go on working out its own destiny and its destiny is to [illegible] true some of the dreams

JOHN [illegible]

of its millions of members.

Heretofore during the past year or so, every time that the newspapers of the country carried a headline about somebody proposing peace with the AFL, or some one in the AFL proposing peace to the CIO the organizing work slowed down in a perceptible way.

Lost Confidence in AFL

Why? Because unorganized workers in America's modern industries had lost confidence in the AFL, because for a life time millions of them have been looking to the AFL for some help and succor, and because for that lifetime the AFL did not give them that help in any way in which they could avail themselves, and because they could not believe that the Federation could do that job.

Let that not be the thought now. Because the representatives of the CIO if these conferences eventuate, and if the August American Federation of Labor executive council sitting this afternoon in Denver, Colorado, should finally decide they will unbend sufficiently to meet us, we will not agree to any program which will limit or prohibit or prevent this great work of enrolling American workers in a modern labor movement from going on.

For Political Freedom

We are not only fighting for economic emancipation of the millions of Americans who work for a living but we are fighting also for their political emancipation and political freedom of action, the right to live in communities free from corporations' domination to a point that limits and circumscribes their political rights and political actions.

The work performed by the CIO in that respect was made apparent in the campaign of 1936 when President Roosevelt was overwhelmingly elected. He received the strongest support from the industrial regions heretofore known. In Pennsylvania, in West Virginia, Ohio, in New Jersey, in New York and elsewhere, industrial community after industrial community, for the first time in their history the workers dared to come out and publicly support a liberal candidate for high office in American politics. That record is unique in itself.

Political action on the part of American workers will be a natural by-product of economic freedom obtained through the right to organize and through economic bargaining.

I have confidence that the workers of this country, given the right to do so, will in the future work out their own method of political participation with an intelligence that reflects their understanding of their own problems and their desire to make a contribution to the perpetuity of our form of government and the preservation of American institutions. The fact that labor wants an increased participation in the natural bounties of our nation and in the increased efficiency in its great industrial enterprises, does not mean that labor is opposed to the government or desires any change in our form of government, and labor desires to uphold and maintain those institutions in America that contribute toward the economic and political emancipation of its citizens with the right of equal participation by all.

Explain Objectives

So do not let yourselves be diverted for one moment by this gunfire of criticism from hostile sources that seek to divert the principles, ideals and objectives of your movement. You know what those objectives are, you know what those policies are, because they are policies in which you participate. Explain them to the workers, to the point of their understanding and when you have opportunity to explain them, you may rest secure in the fact that those workers will avail themselves of that great privilege, of improving their condition and exercising their natural prerogatives as workers and as citizens of our country. It is well that labor in America is organizing because there are disquieting signs to be read by all who will read as betokening trouble for the future.

Not Out of the Woods

The United States of America, economically speaking, is not out of the woods. There are certain fundamental economic questions in this country which need attention from the American people and from the American Congress. In five years of experimentation no progress has yet been made toward composing what is one of America's greatest economic questions, namely, the question of unemployment. Technological displacement of labor in America is proceeding apace. The very increased prosperity, increased sales, increased profits which corporate industry has been enjoying during this past year or more carry with them seeds of a greatly increased unemployment condition, because as these corporations increased their credit ratings they were able to place into execution plans for modernizing plant equipment and facilities to a degree never before brought about.

And the modernization of these facilities the adoption of new formulae, the utilization of new energy displacing human hands is proceeding to a degree that the nation will not realize the full impact of that change until some time next year, and as a result we already have a slowing down of industry. We already have a slowing down of consumers' goods industry now. We already have a slowing down of some of our capital goods industry and in most industries that have increased their dividends, those who have reduced their bonded indebtedness, and those who have paid off their preferred dividends on their preferred stocks have taken their money from the accelerated operation of their industries, and divided it among the stockholders and creditors.

Now there is not a dollar available for those men in those plants and those mills who have been turned out by their employers and who must live or die as they will or can without any help from corporate industry or from the government, because be it known that the government relief situation is now at a point where it is impossible for a man who has been thrown on the idleness rolls to get public assistance or public relief. One of the great principles for which labor in America must stand in the future is the right of every man and woman to have a job, to earn their living if they are willing to work.

A citizen of the United States of America has a right to live. He has a right to work.

Right to a Job

We have heard much about the right to work. Well, let our people work. They have a right to a job. If the corporations which control American industry fail to provide them with that job in their management of industry's affairs, then there must be some power, somewhere in this land of ours that will go over and above and beyond those corporations with all their influence and power and provide a job and insure the right to live for that American.

The longer the Congress of the United States and the administration in power dodges that fundamental proposition, just so long will America be in economic turmoil. And it is up to the organizations of labor in our country in this day of your and my existence to demand action on that thing, to demand security for our membership. Hundreds of thousands of men have joined the organizations affiliated with the CIO in recent months and now they are being turned out of the plants and mills and they are being told that industry has nothing for them, and they are told that the government has nothing for them, that there is no relief because some people are objecting to the payment of the necessary taxes to provide relief.

Hope in Organization

They only have one hope for the future, and that hope rests with their union and their organization. If their union cannot help and protect them, their experience has been that no one else will and it becomes the responsibility of the union, and it becomes the responsibility of the officers of the union, and it becomes the responsibility of the American labor movement to see that it becomes the responsibility of the American People and the American Congress.

I sometimes get a little wearied of these wails and these lamentations from some people who have much who object to paying some taxes for protection of all that they have. The taxation on property and incomes here in our country is as nothing compared with what some of the older countries in Europe levy upon their nationals. In England, which is regarded as one of the best governed countries in the universe, the average citizen who makes over $1200 per year has to pay 25 per cent of his income in this form of taxes for the necessary protection of English citizens and English workmen.

Tax the Rich

I presume that seems terrible to our corporations, to our banks, and to our industries, and to our great captains of finance and industry. Yet let me say that the desire to live and the desire to eat and the desire to be secure in our old age is just as strong in the hearts and in the minds of the men and women who work for their living as it can be in the hearts of any banker or any industrialist or coupon clipper in America, and American labor is determined to see that this economic situation here in our country will be remedied.

There is work for our movement, and because there is work for our movement, there is support for our movement. There is the support of countless numbers of Americans who for decades of time have been denied their rights, their privileges and participations, who have seen their children die from malnutrition and from diseases which followed, who have been unable to live decently, who have been unable to give proper medical attention, who have been unable to give proper education to their children, because those who have been the masters of this country in the realm of industry and finance and corporate powers have not given them sufficient consideration. You know that the Department of Public Health has made public figures which reveal that the death rate of American workers progressively goes down or up according to the debased or improved wage standards of the workers.

Sharecroppers

Do you know that because a man is underpaid, his child has more chance of dying than a man who gets a reasonable wage? Do you know that the sharecroppers of the South who live on their $170 or $180 a year are neither economic, social nor political assets to this nation because they get $170 or $180 a year. A sharecropper can contribute nothing to the prosperity of the city of Detroit, or the State of Michigan which has an automobile industry, because he cannot buy an automobile. A sharecropper contributes nothing to the prosperity of the furniture industry in Grand Rapids because he cannot buy furniture. A sharecropper contributes nothing to the prosperity of the people of New Jersey because he cannot buy a radio. They cannot even contribute to the prosperity of the Deep South, because they cannot buy enough cotton garments to protect their nakedness.

Up to Labor

Economically, socially and politically they are nothing and yet they are human beings and they are citizens. It is for the labor movement to demand a participation by these people in the bounties and the blessings, material and otherwise in our country which are ample for the provision and participation of all.

No one else will do it, because just as long as American insurance companies are free to do so, they will continue on those great Southern tracts of land, exploiting in the same heartless fashion, those unfortunate human beings who are quartered there on—just that long will we have a segment of the population who can make no contribution to America's greatness or America's destiny.

The same is true in those other industries as you measure the mathematics of the situation against the industry; it is for labor here in our country to take up the task of representing these Americans because these Americans for long, like Rachel in the wilderness, have been lamenting and wailing and no attention has been paid by those who in the smug security of their own good fo saying "the poor we with us—they will al

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Let This Fight Go

For my own part I to have contributed strength associating many millions of other changing of this situa to the bringing of a in America.

Let this fight go on, be no sacrifice, let the suspension of effort. is organized on a bas there will be no termi its efforts. There will an increase in the si instrumentality and the ment of its field fo nothing discourage you ing on, and carry the to our people who ar to hear it, and I am that when the message ered, they will recomp by associating themsel this great forward mo