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C.I.O. CLEARS DECKS FOR STEEL DRIVE

Japan Rushes Troops After Attack on Soviet Border

Frontier Raid Is Repulsed At Hungchung

SHANGHAI, May 14.—Japanese-Manchurian troop reinforcements are being rushed to Hungchung, near the Soviet border, where Japanese forces were driven back when they made a raid over the frontier.

The Japanese military headquarters at Hsinking, Manchukuo, complained that their troops were fired on by twenty Soviet cavalrymen, but did not add that the Japanese-Manchurian units opened the assault when they crossed the Soviet-Manchuria border.

Heavy industry is approaching perfection, and the U. S. S. R. is becoming one of the chief countries in the world in this field. Light industry is also developing.

Townsend Asks Early Conclusion Of Investigation

WASHINGTON, May 14. (UP).—Dr. Francis E. Townsend today demanded that the House investigation into old-age pensions be brought to an early conclusion.

Dr. Townsend is under subpoena to appear next Tuesday to explain the set-up of the organization sponsoring his \$200 a month pension plan for persons over sixty.

Sunday Paper Gets Results, I. W. O. Finds

The Sunday Worker gets results! Deane Greene, educational director of the National Educational Committee of the I.W.O., writes as follows:

"We could ask for no better proof of the effectiveness of the Sunday Worker in reaching the masses of workers in America than the response we received from the advertisement we had in the May first issue. To date we have received in our New York and main office over 100 answers to our appeal for membership in the International Workers Order, our proletarian fraternal order. We have no record yet of the response received by our district offices throughout the country which were listed in the ad.

566,000 in Illinois Barred All Relief

Horner Democratic Machine Slashes Thousands from Rolls as Liberty League Forces Push Forward Plot to Starve Jobless

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One crisis after another, followed by drastic cuts in relief rolls and funds for the jobless, have left a total of 336,430 cases on the state lists, 25,000 more than listed last in May, 1935.

Vigo Workers Control City

Communist, Socialist Guards in Command of General Strike

VIGO, Spain, May 14.—Socialist and Communist guards assumed control of the industrial life of Vigo today as the general strike called to protest the shooting of workers by a fascist lawyer went into its second day.

Austria Eyes Fascist Moves

Starhemberg's Ouster Is Seen as Blow to Fascism

BERLIN, May 14. (UP).—Germans saw in the Schuschnigg-Heiter coup in Austria today a blow at Fascism and Nazism alike. It was believed here that Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg and Joseph Heiter, the peasant leader, feared that Prince Ernst von Starhemberg would swing his Heimwehr sharply toward either Italy or Germany.

'Red Hunt' Bill Passed In Assembly

Measure for Inquiry in Schools Adopted at Final Session

ALBANY, May 14.—Winding up the 134-day session in a blaze of reactionary oratory, the State legislature today adopted the Hearst-inspired McNaboe resolution creating a joint legislative committee to investigate "Communist" activities in schools.

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The Argonaut Steamship Line, which operates the vessel, feared the crew would join the strike here after being paid, strikers in touch with the crew reported.

Officials of the Colombian Line admitted that the scheduled sailing of the liner, Pastores was prevented yesterday when seven able-bodied seamen "failed to report back for duty." The company claimed that one member of the crew came aboard badly beaten. Strikers disclaimed any knowledge of the alleged attack.

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While the language of the resolution calls for an investigation of Communism, among reactionary legislators it is clearly understood that many progressive educators will come under the scrutiny of the committee. Particular attention will be paid to the peace activities of the American Student Union, high school and college undergraduate organization, it is understood.

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Steel Union Decision

Brophy, Murray Named to Confer at Once With Amalgamated

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—The Committee for Industrial Organization welcomed the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' decision to unite the industry and appointed negotiators today to confer at once on getting going.

We propose that it be the sense of this convention to proceed with a plan of organization of the steel industry under the following provisions:

1. Any and all rights or claims of jurisdiction in the steel industry be permanently waived by any and all interested organizations, in favor of the Amalgamated Association.

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The conference, to which some eighty-five prominent trade union and progressive leaders from all parts of the country have been invited, is to be held at the Hotel Morrison in Chicago on May 30-31.

The meeting also heard enthusiastic reports on organizational work in Eastern Connecticut cities.

Putnam Conference

It was reported that Putnam was holding a conference on Sunday at which the Farmer-Labor Party would be organized. A conference was also announced to be held in Jewett City next Sunday.

As a whole, the reports of delegates showed that the Farmer-Labor Party is making splendid headway in all centers and that the sentiment for it among textile workers and farmers is developing stronger than ever.

A resolution was unanimously passed protesting the investigation of the Townsend Plan and calling for a vigorous investigation of the American Liberty League.

Delegate Anthony Brown from Jewett City gave a report on attempts of the Lawton Mills to secure an injunction against the strikers. It was decided to elect a committee to interview the selectmen of the town of Plainfield and state to them the opposition of the Farmer-Labor Party to any injunction being issued against the strikers.

The meeting heard Dr. Willard E. Uphaus, national secretary of the Religion and Labor Foundation, on the need for a Farmer-Labor Party today.

It was voted to have the executive board issue a Farmer-Labor Bulletin at least once a month.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided to elect delegates to the state-wide conference called by the Connecticut Farmer-Labor Party Committee and to hold the next executive board meeting in Putnam on May 31.

THE action of the convention makes possible the beginning of a serious campaign to organize the steel industry. Provided that those charged with the conduct of the business of the union will loyally carry out these decisions. The rank and file

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For An Immediate Drive to Organize the Steel Industry

CONVENTION DECISIONS OF STEEL UNION CAN BE BASIS FOR SUCCESSFUL DRIVE AN EDITORIAL

After almost three weeks of deliberation, the convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has made a decision on the basic question before it—the organization drive in steel.

convention to go this far. Undoubtedly, the Tighe-Leonard machine had no intention of administering even this blow to Green, Wharton and Company. The machine was forced into this position by the strength of the progressives at the convention.

onaburg have been more decisive. The C.I.O. preferred to wait until it was practically forced to take some concrete steps on the very eve of the convention. Furthermore, the vote of Dubinsky for the Green proposals which were offered to the A.A. as a substitute for the C.I.O. proposals (at the last meeting of the A. F. of L. Council which met while the steel convention was in session) gave the Tighe-Leonard machine a powerful weapon against the proposal of the C.I.O.

Irwin. It is these elements who conducted the fight at the last convention, and who carried on the struggle that in the main defeated the Tighe expulsion and wrecking policy.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 14.—Herbert Hoover invited the women voters of the nation to rally to the reactionary Liberty League-Republican banner in a speech last night before the Republican Women of Pennsylvania.

Carpet Firm's Plea Refused On Hearing Stay

Gets Rebuff in Attempt to Avoid Labor Board Inquiry

Another attempt by the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company of Yonkers, to prevent hearings before the National Labor Relations Board was rebuffed yesterday...

Electric Bill Voted WASHINGTON, May 14 (UP).—The House today approved a conference report on the \$410,000,000 rural electrification bill...

Thomas Charter Proposals Show Basis for Joint Action

Proposals for a more Democratic city charter, substantially similar to those made by the Communist Party, placed this week before the Charter Revision Commission...

and, specifically, the creation of united labor tickets in New York. Congratulating the Commission on rejecting the city manager plan...

move the characteristic American dread of throwing away one's vote and give the voters a chance to express their real preference...

Court of Appeals Upholds Board in Marks Case

The National Labor Relations Board was upheld yesterday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second District...

The Friedman-Harry Marks Clothing Company, operating a factory in Richmond, Va., had attacked the practice of the board in seeking an enforcement order...

Civil Service Firing to Be Test Case

Eva Sobol Discharged Under Ordway Plan from Laboratory

Awaited by Health Department employees as something of a test, the case of Eva Sobol, a laboratory assistant discharged December 26 last, will be reviewed by the Appellate Division today...

Minnesota Call Spurs N. Y. Action

Elmer Brown of Typographical Progressives Among Trade Unionists Invited to Chicago Conference May 30 to Form National Party

Inclusion of New York progressive trade union leaders in the invited list to the national conference called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party means that the Minnesota group "means business," the New York Trade Union Spontaneous Committee for a Labor Party declared yesterday...

New York will greatly stimulate interest in our New York Trade Union Labor Party Conference which will take place on Sunday, May 24th, at 1 P. M. at the Music Box Hall, 222 Fifth Avenue...

Villard Scores Deportation of Refugees

Endorses Protest Meeting Tonight at Rand School

Oswald Garrison Villard, former editor and publisher of the Nation and well-known liberal, has endorsed the mass meeting to be held at the Rand School, 7 East Fifteenth Street at 8:30 o'clock tonight...

NEWARK, N. J., May 14.—Robert Wood, secretary of the Southern District of the International Labor Defense, will speak Friday at 8 p. m. at Dreamland Academy, 30 Beacon Street, Newark...

AMUSEMENTS

MACBETH NEGRU THEATRE LAFAYETTE Phone TRInity 4-1314 121st Street & 4th Avenue

BITTER STREAM "No better picture of Italian Fascism exists today."—GEOURGE BELLES CIVIC REPERTORY THEATRE, 14th St. and 6th Ave.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC 11th Street SHIRLEY TEMPLE "BOULDER JANUARY" "CAPTAIN DAM"

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ANNUAL BALL & ENTERTAINMENT of Rebel Arts

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SPRING PARTY DANCE LEAGUE FOR SOUTHERN LABOR TONIGHT, MAY 15th, 9 P. M.

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Welcome Krumbeln BANQUET Excellent Dinner Entertainment. Nov. Anti-War Play by New Theatre League. FRIDAY, MAY 15, 8 P. M. Ambassador Hall 3675 Third Avenue

Chicago Tunnel Co. Expected to Fight I.C.C. Jurisdiction

CHICAGO, May 14 (FP).—The order of the Interstate Commerce Commission placing the Chicago Tunnel Company under general railroad legislation jurisdiction and efforts of the National Mediation Board to have the company bargain collectively with railroad brotherhoods are expected to be challenged in the courts by the company...

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THE STRUGGLE OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE IS NOT ENDED! HEAR J. A. ROGERS Only Negro War Correspondent sent from Africa Miss PAULA LECLER War Correspondent, International News Service, who has just returned from Ethiopia REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES DR. C. FLEISCHER EARL BROWDER REV. WILLIAM L. IMES Musical Program of Negro Spirituals FRIDAY, MAY 15 MECCA TEMPLE 136 West 53rd Street

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Manhattan: Army-Navy Stores, Chiropodist-Podiatrist, 14th St. Furniture Exchange, Groceries and Dairy, Optometrists, Paints, Physicians, Restaurants, Typewriters, Wholesale Service, Window Cleaning, Wines and Liquors. Brooklyn: Baby Carriages, Haberdashery, Luncheonettes, Printing, Shoes, Stationery-Typewriters, Pharmacies. Bronx: Beauty Parlor, Drug Store, Moving and Storage, Optometrists, Restaurant, Shoes.

Leaflet Tells Reason for KKK Flog-Murder

Business Interests Feared Growth of Modern Democrats

TAMPA, Fla., May 14.—Fear of the growth of the Modern Democrats into a popular movement drove the business interests...

Party Supports New Move It pointed out that although Poinot, Rogers and Shoemaker are not Communists...

While the trial goes on at Bartow, millions of workers the world over will march in unison to voice their undying determination...

Florida Citrus Workers Plan Union Drive

TAMPA, Fla., May 14 (FP)—Because the fruit turns golden ripe in Florida, there are likely to be A. F. of L. citrus workers' unions in Florida...

Fur Workers Strike Easton Runaway Shop

EASTON, Pa., May 14.—Eighty workers of the Queens Premier Fur Dressing Shop, here struck yesterday. This is a runaway shop from Brooklyn, N. Y., and a factor in the drive that locals 88 and 85 of the International Fur Workers' Union...

Tampa Dock Firings Revealed to Board

Clyde-Mallory Line Discrimination Against Negro Longshoremen Who Joined ILA in Organizing Drive Before Floggings Bared at Hearing

By Jack Jameson TAMPA, Fla., May 14.—The people of Tampa, Florida, read in their local papers yesterday the long delayed disclosure of a leaflet issued by the Communist Party of Tampa, Florida...

They are hired on a day to day basis. There is no binding contract. Laborers are recruited, Bartlett claimed, from those "hanging around terminals or in the streets" as the arrival of boats call for the employ of working crews.

Organized by Henderson The Florida ports were organized early this year by Frank Henderson who was arrested in Tampa the night of Nov. 30, 1935, when the murdered Joseph A. Shoemaker and his Modern Democrats had their meeting "franked".

Testimony Sent to Washington Holt Ross, I. L. A. organizer for the American Federation of Labor, and Frank Henderson were informed by the chippers that the workers' demands could not be met...

9-Month-Old Child Burned to Death LOS ANGELES, May 14.—Nine months old Elsie Fay Miller was burned to death while her family toiled in the fields near by.

Cap Workers Win

ST. LOUIS, May 14 (FP)—Three hundred and fifty workers in nine plants and ten factories throughout St. Louis returned to work when their demands for the 40-hour week and minimum wages of \$15 a week were granted.

Chicago Doctor Praises Soviet Medical Care

Walsh Tells Tri-State Assembly Benefits of Socialized Medicine

(By Federated Press) CHICAGO, May 14.—American medical care of the population and that given in the Soviet Union were contrasted in an address by Dr. William C. Walsh of Chicago to the Tri-State Hospital Assembly of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

The Soviet Union is the only country in the world, he said, where the whole system of medicine is unified and where prevention of disease and cure go hand in hand. He urged that preventive and curative medicine be coordinated in the United States on the Soviet model.

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Advisory Committee To Attend Premiere Of Theatre Project

Prominent educators, historians and writers have banded together to form an advisory committee which will serve in an advisory capacity to the WPA Federal Experimental Theatre's production, "Battle Hymn," a play by Mike Gold and Michael Blankfort.

Final French Vote Shows People's Front Gains at Expense of Fascists

By THEODORE REPARD This result is not a victory for the Right but a victory for the Left. People's Front Shift At the same time, a reshuffling took place among the left parties, with Radical Socialist votes and seats going to the Communists and Socialists.

YOUR HEALTH - By - Medical Advisory Board - Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise.

Pleurisy D. A. Boston, Mass., writes: "What is pleurisy? Is it chronic? Can it be cured? Is it easier to combat when one is young? I should like to know something about this disease."

The lung is separated from the chest wall by a very narrow space called the pleural space. This space is lined by a continuous smooth lining, the pleura, which covers the outside of the lung and the inside of the chest wall.

A small amount of fluid present when the pleura becomes inflamed is of some benefit in that it separates and protects the sensitive inflamed pleura in much the same way that a soothing ointment protects a sensitive skin.

Under certain conditions, the pleural fluid may change to thick pus. This is the condition known as empyema, and is a very serious one.

All pleural thickening and adhesions are scar tissue, and like scar tissue, there is a tendency to shrink. It may seem that a very dark picture has been painted here. This account, however, merely describes what may take place in complicated cases, over a long period of time.



TUNING IN

- 12:00-WEAP-Ranch Boys, Songs WJZ-Jack Loretta Clemens, Songs WOB-Studio Orchestra WABC-Voice of Experience

WOMEN OF 1936 - Ann Rivington

The Progressive Women's Councils of New York are holding a celebration on the 22nd, a week from tomorrow, at the Central Plaza Hall in honor of Clara Shavelson.

I am telling you this, not simply to bring you to that celebration if you happen to live in New York. I am telling it chiefly because the story of Clara Shavelson is so full of meaning and strength.

It was not long till Clara had her first strike experience. In 1907 came one of the first big strikes of the needle trades. The workers of Wiesand and Goldstein's shop, in which she was employed, went out and stayed out for twelve weeks.

Later, there was a strike meeting in Cooper Union. It was Clara who asked for a general needle trades strike. Three thousand hands were raised as one. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was during this strike that Clara made up her mind what she was going to do with her life. Up to this time, she was studying, preparing herself for college.



Send FIFTEEN CENTS (an additional cent is required from residents of New York City on each order in payment of Unemployment Relief City Sales Tax) in coins or stamps (coins preferred) for this ANNE ADAMS pattern.

A Letter from Oregon

By MRS. WALTER E. BAER

WALTER BAER, Portland, Oregon, Civil Engineer, facing deportation to the outstretched arms of Hitler, sent in this letter, never before made public, and which authentically briefs his case through the eyes of his wife. Although air-mailed, registered and known to have been delivered to Miss Perkins nearly a year and a half ago, the Secretary of Labor has as yet failed to reply. (Editor's note.)

Portland, Oregon, January 25, 1935.

Frances L. Perkins, Sec'y of Labor, Washington, D. C.

I have been told that to address a letter to a Secretary of Labor on a deportation case is, for various reasons, useless. Nevertheless I feel that no woman can let the plea of another woman go entirely unheeded.

Eleven years ago, as a girl of 18, I met and loved a man whom I married two years later. Previous to my marrying him I heard rumors that he had been in prison. We settled down, bought a small house and continued to live there in peaceful happiness for over seven years. We have three lovely children, a boy, George, now eight, and two girls, Lois, six, and Marlene, three.

The advent of the great depression threw my husband, who had just begun to be recognized locally as a competent engineer, out of work. Like so many others we lost our home and were forced to go on the relief. I, a daughter of a local pioneer family, accepted this tribulation quite cheerfully, as the promise of the New Deal bespoke better times ahead.

MY HUSBAND, however, has inherently a nervously dynamic nature. He would go to unemployed meetings and try through different schemes, like the self-help and scrip, to work out some solution. But the results never repaid the efforts. In 1933 he conceived the idea of having the Unemployed League propose some big public jobs to be built with R.F.C. money. This they did, and he worked out the plans and details of a big six million dollar sewage plant and sewage system for Portland. He worked night and day for months, talking every night at meetings, leaving the children and me alone, to which I often objected. But at least his efforts were rewarded because the City voted a bond issue on his plans by a big majority.

All this time the newspapers, people and different organizations praised him for this work, and when the time came that more complete plans were to be drawn he applied for the job. This must have been a terrible crime, for an unemployed engineer who almost single-handedly made a \$6,000,000 project, to apply for a job on it with wages, for since that time every effort has been made to discredit him.

I have never been interested in politics, but I dimly realize that this sewage project has some political significance. I also know that for many, many years the politics of this town have been dirty and downright crooked. Naturally anyone would know where \$6,000,000 are involved the politicians are going to try to grab some of it. My husband has consistently opposed such attempts on his project, and thereby earned the hatred of persons close to the City Hall.

ALSO, he was connected with the unemployed organizations and participated in activities that reduced the discriminations practiced by certain of the relief agents. For these reasons he has been labeled a Red and a Communist. It seems a popular custom nowadays to do so. Especially when the labelers have vicious designs on the labeled.

The alleged crimes for which he was imprisoned and for which he must have paid his debt to society, occurred seventeen and fifteen years ago, according to your records. And since that time no person, not even me, has discriminated against him in any way on that account. No, even the Government didn't care about it. Until, that is, this activity on his part in trying to help reduce unemployment; for in February, 1934, just when the agitation to prepare detailed plans for the sewage plant was at its height, after the \$6,000,000 Bond Issue had been passed, a Mr. Boyd Reynolds, an Immigration Inspector, came to the door and asked me where my husband was born.

But to conclude, questions arise, questions I am afraid you, my dear Madam Secretary, cannot answer without revealing that it has been and still is the policy of big interests such as the big paper companies, to use the Immigration Department to remove men and women who oppose them or who create ideas that might cost some of them some of their ill-gotten profits.

QUESTIONS like this, for instance: Why deport a man now for something that happened seventeen years ago? Why deport a man who for all his childhood and youth was motherless and had but little parental care to keep him out of mischief? Because you want to subject his three children forcibly to a like fate, that is, the probability of becoming criminals? Why deport a man, the only support of me, his wife, his three children and his aged, crippled father suffering from two broken legs, hit by a drunken fool of a driver who never spent a day in jail and skipped out to avoid paying even the doctor bill? Why deport a man who as a member of the Army offered if necessary, to get himself shot... in the Mexican Border Campaign in 1917? Because he swore allegiance to the government and the flag? Why deport a man who is a good enough engineer to have worked twice before for the government and who at this writing is a chief of Party for the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey? Why deport a man who has paid all his penalties? Because the Constitution says something about punishment being for reformation and not revenge? Why deport him and leave us objects of charity—homeless, penniless and fatherless?

Why deport a man to a country where in all likelihood he would either be put in a political prison or shot—according to all I've read about Germany? Because you have no legal method of shooting him yourself? Why deport a man who has friends without number, here and everywhere—as you may know—who don't want him deported? Why deport a man who—for all the evidence—was born in this country? Because some Immigration Inspector made an entry in a record 30 years ago purporting to show a Walter Baer was born in Klein-Lenten, Germany? Or, are Irvin Goodman, Ernest Cole and Mr. Gross right when they said in their brief, "you will deport him under a smoke screen charge because you've been ordered to do so by the petty cliques here who resent the activities of the leaders of the unemployed?"

Honestly—Mrs. Perkins, you couldn't, you wouldn't dare submit this case to public opinion or an open tribunal, and that is why I ask you to exercise your authority and follow out your own good conscience and drop this deportation proposal against my husband, and me, and the children, and grandfather—now.

Thank you.
(Signed) MRS. WALTER E. BAER.

LITTLE LEFTY

Time to Retire*

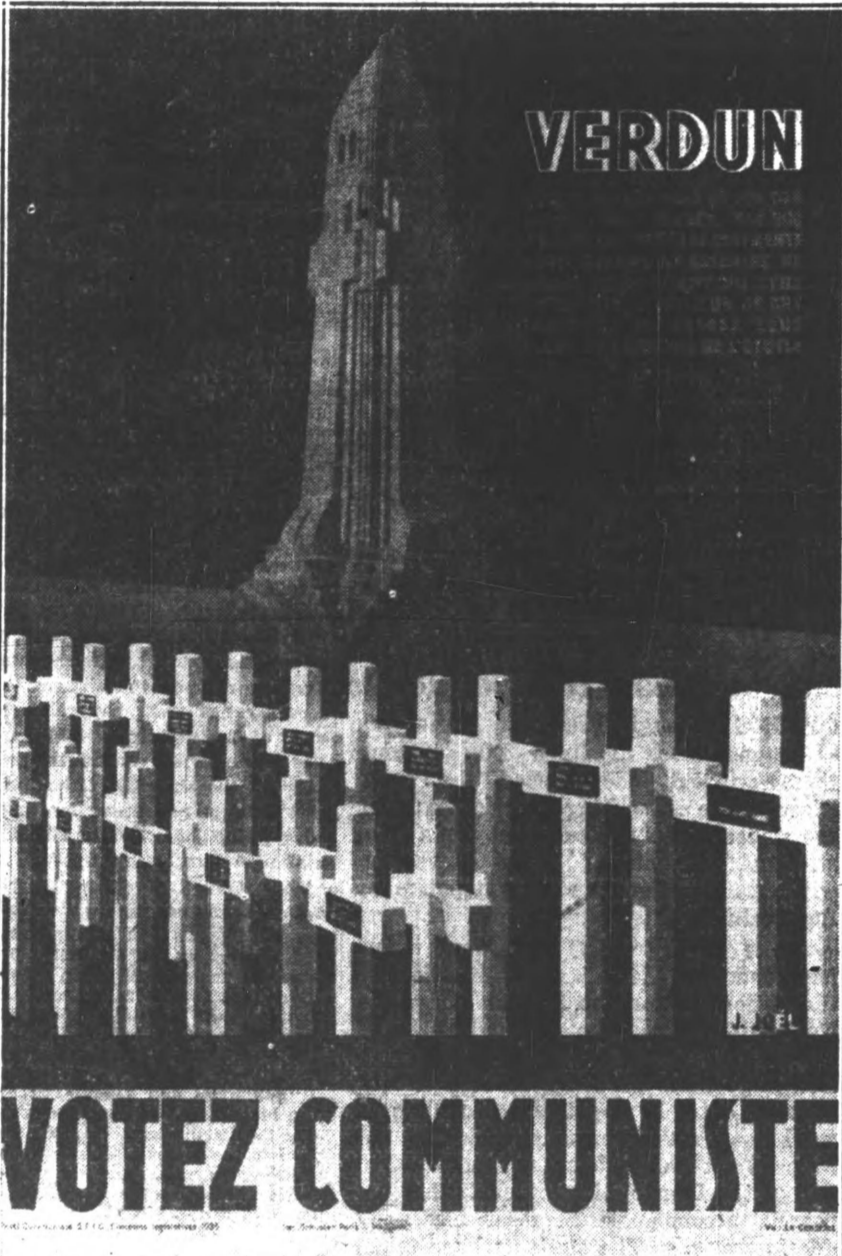
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Posters and Slogans That Helped People's Front Victory in France

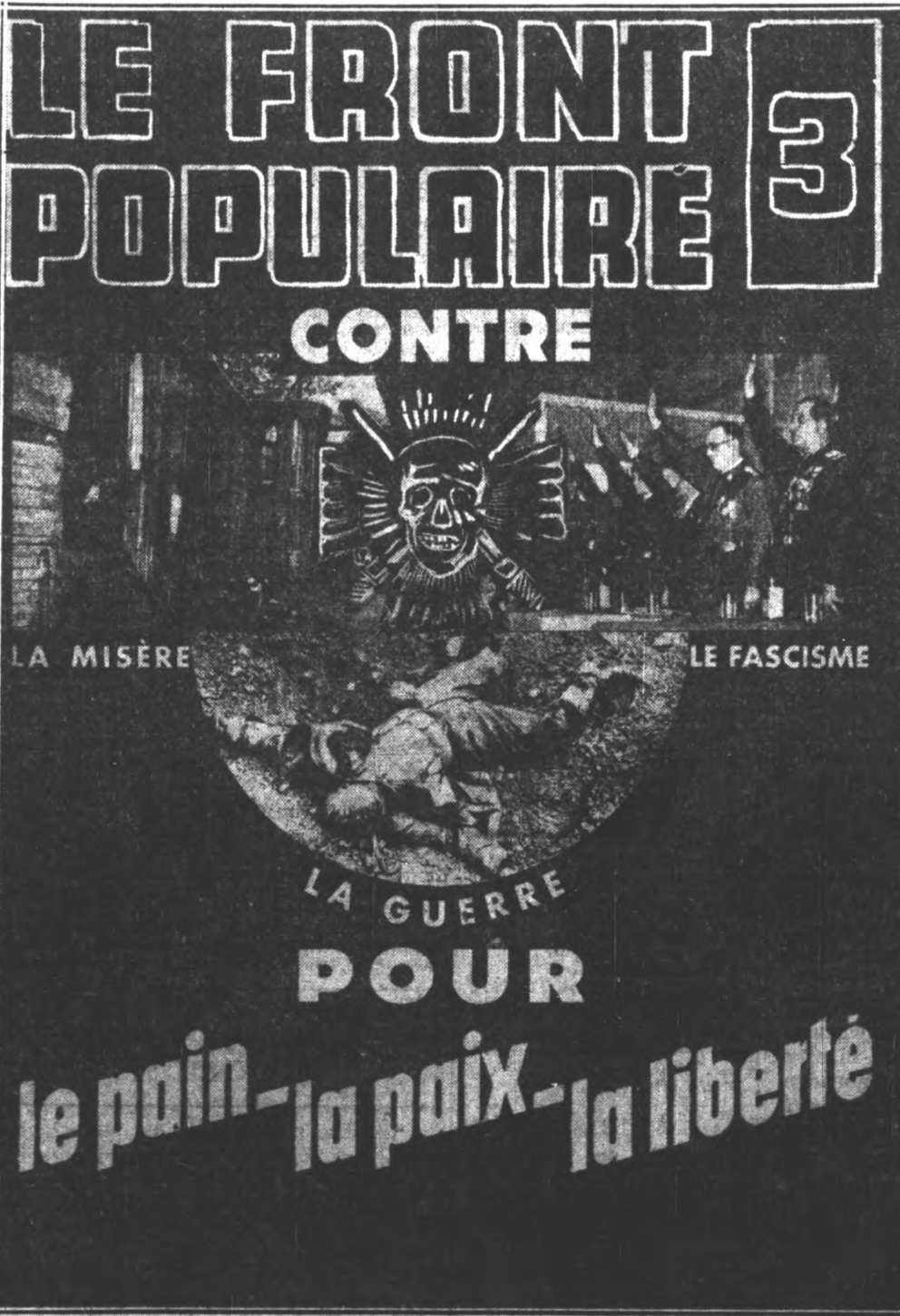


(Above) MAKE THE RICH PAY: On September 26, 1933, Mirabeau said: "Here is a list of the richest French land owners. Choose the richest of them, in order to sacrifice the fewest number of citizens. But let us go ahead, and choose! These 2,000 nobles possess the means with which to pay for the deficit. Restore real order in finances, peace and plenty." Today, as in the time of Mirabeau, the oppressed people must also stride forward and exert pressure to change all this. Vote Communist!



(Above) VERDUN. More than seven hundred thousand men are buried at Verdun. One hundred and fifty thousand of them, whose bones and skeletons have been plowed up, could not and never will be identified. It is one of these soldiers, murdered during the last war, whose remains are buried under the Arc de Triomphe. To prevent such mass graves in the future, Vote Communist!

For Bread, Peace and Liberty!



Workers School Will Exhibit French Posters

The successful building of a People's Front in France, especially the outstanding contribution of the French Communist Party to the success of the world-famous Front Populaire, is given ample testimony by the special posters and magazine covers reproduced on this page. Throwing all of their resources into the struggle to elect a People's Front government, the Communist Party of France produced hundreds of posters, tons of printed matter, thousands of colorful pictures and appeals in a tremendous mass agitation campaign which succeeded in touching and stirring deeply the hearts and minds of millions of Frenchmen. The posters reproduced today are merely a sample of the deluge of similar pictures which flooded every city, town and farm district of France in the months preceding the recent elections. With such agitation successfully carried on, with the French Communist Party devoting all of its strength and ability to the creation of an effective United Front with the French Socialists, it was inevitable that the stirring People's Front victory occurred. American Communists and all true opponents of war and fascism can learn much from the methods of the French comrades. An effective campaign for peace, against armaments, against fascist encroachments upon the elementary liberties of the people which now threaten American workers at every turn, can also be carried on successfully here if the great and inspiring lesson of the French agitation is borne in mind. An opportunity to view the many and varied examples of French agitation art will be available to every worker in New York City beginning next Friday, May 22, at the New York Workers School, 35 East 12th Street, when the walls of all the classrooms and halls of the school will be decorated with French election posters, leaflets and magazines.

Musicians Plan To Issue Volume Of Negro Songs

By M. M.
An event of almost sensational importance in the history of American culture will be the publication in a few days of "Twenty-four Negro Songs of Protest," or Volume One of the collection of Lawrence Gellert. Lawrence Gellert lived in the deep South for many years, and his collection numbers hundreds of these songs, which will be published for the first time anywhere. Although the Songs of Protest are authentic folk songs, they have been prominently absent, for good reasons, from previous collections. Negroes on chain gangs, flanked by guards, will not sing these songs for collectors on officially-conducted tours. The "Twenty-four Negro Songs of Protest," which will receive a detailed review in these columns, are effectively arranged for voice and piano by Elie Siegmeister. Langston Hughes writes an Introduction, and Lawrence Gellert contributes a Preface. Hugo Gellert's drawing will illustrate the book. The volume, which will sell for thirty-five cents, is published by the American Music Alliance, 154 Fifth Avenue, New York. Schneider's Poems on Sale at People's Bookshop
A book of poetry by Isidor Schneider under the title of "Comrade Mister" is now available at the workers and peoples book for the reduced price of \$1.25. These poems have been collected from the New Masses, Dynamo, American Caravan, Nation, Herald Tribune Books, New Republic and the Menorah Journal. Including in this handsomely bound volume are pen drawings by Gyula Zilzer. The book originally sold for \$2.00.

Questions and Answers

Question: Are there facts to confirm the belief that the middle class is disintegrating?—J. M.
Answer: Yes, there are many facts to indicate that the middle class, as a separate economic grouping, is disintegrating.

The American middle-class does not represent a homogeneous group, but embraces various strata of the population with varying and conflicting interests. It includes both propertied and propertyless elements; individuals whose incomes are derived from ownership and individuals whose income is derived from labor; groups whose basic interests lie in the preservation of capitalism and groups whose only hope of survival lies in allying themselves with the working-class for the overthrow of capitalism. And the cleavage between the two has become increasingly sharper under pressure of the economic crisis, with the great majority of the middle class being forced irresistibly into the ranks of the working class.

One of the most significant indications of how middle-class incomes have suffered during the crisis is to be found in the income-tax figures of the United States Government. These figures reveal that, from 1932 to 1933 (the last year for which complete figures are available), there was a drop of 3.8 per cent in the number of persons filing individual tax returns and a drop of 5.5 per cent in total reported income, despite big increases in the number of large incomes reported, as the following table shows:

| | 1932 | 1933 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Incomes over \$1,000,000 | 20 | 25 |
| Incomes over \$500,000 | 106 | 130 |
| Incomes over \$100,000 | 1,826 | 2,047 |
| Incomes over \$50,000 | 7,735 | 8,972 |

In the three years, 1930 to 1932 alone, 578,000, or one out of every six independent enterprises in industry, trade and the professions, were ruined as business men. This total has since risen to about three-quarters of a million, according to the Nation of Aug. 14, 1935. Approximately 500,000 storekeepers and some 68,000 manufacturing establishments (roughly one-third of the total) have been wiped out by the crisis. Long-term trends are indicated by the fact that while, in 1870, fully 74 per cent of the middle class were in independent enterprises, only 21 per cent were in this category in 1935, while the proportion of salaried employees rose from 26 per cent to 79 per cent during the same period. Cash, savings, bank deposits, insurance, stocks and bonds of middle-class persons with incomes of less than \$5,000 a year shrank from \$27 billions in 1929 to only \$4 billions in 1932, it has been estimated by the Labor Research Association; the same source indicates that the relative share of the middle class in the nation's liquid wealth fell from 17 per cent to only 4 per cent in the same period.

Official estimates of the U. S. Dept. of Commerce indicate that nearly 35 per cent of all salaried employees were out of work in 1933, with those still employed receiving on an average 16 per cent less than they had received in 1929. The Labor Research Association's estimate of unemployment in November, 1935, disclosed a minimum of 1,500,000 unemployed among the middle class, with \$59,000 of this number in professional service, the remainder being salaried employees, independents and owners.

One of the most striking developments among the farming population (which forms so large a section of what we call the middle class) has been the growing propertylessness of those engaged in agriculture. Lewis Corey in "The Crisis of the Middle Class" estimates that nearly 60 per cent of those engaged in agriculture are today wholly propertyless, compared to only 30 per cent 60 years ago. This development has been further accentuated by the economic crisis: while a total of 4,100 farms were taken over in 1933 because of mortgage defaults, in 1934 the number had increased to 4,900; during the first ten months of 1935, a total of 6,400 farms were thus taken over. The gross income of the American farmer has likewise decreased, being in 1935 at a level 22 per cent lower than in 1929.

Increasingly larger numbers of the middle class have come to realize that their only hope for successfully resisting the onslaughts of monopoly capitalism lies in their joining in the movement for a national Farmer-Labor Party. Such a Farmer-Labor Party would inherit the best traditions of the middle-class struggle against corporate wealth, and would successfully unite the wide masses of the people in the fight for immediate needs and in the struggle against war and fascism.

For a lucid and factual account of how the middle class is being relentlessly forced out of existence under pressure of the accelerated growth of monopoly capitalism, the newly-published "Rulers of America," by Anna Rochester, is to be recommended.

RADIO

News—Views—Reviews

By LUCIEN ZACHAROFF

They Did Their Part: Don't blame the broadcasting moguls for the comparative failure of the Nazi propaganda jaunt of the dirigible Hindenburg. The industry did its elaborate bit to help, both aboard and ashore and in the studios on terra firma. Hearst's good man Edwin C. Hill, for instance, waxed ecstatic Saturday.

Stale, But Going Strong: Despite the frequent charges from the left of the fascist tinge of the March of Time—WABC, 10:30 P. M.—Hearst regards it as a Communistic menace. Hence, the order not to list the CBS program in the chain's broadcasting schedules. The mention of the magazine Time and affiliated publications is likewise forbidden in the Hearst sheets. A Lively Show at Last: WNOX of Knoxville kept its mikes open to the outer proceedings against City Manager George Dempster for five hours—no less. With a merry volleying of "liar," "damn" and "hell," the program proved such a success that when in about a week the City Council takes the outer vote, the enterprising station will broadcast the session again, in the hope of an even livelier performance. There is an idea for some other cities—out the undesirable office-holders and broadcast it if you like, but by all means out.

Farmer-Labor in 1940? While feverish preparations proceed apace for national nominating conventions, H. V. Kaltenborn, veteran CBS news observer, says: "As a rule only one party has a big fight in any one convention year. Four years ago it was the Democrats. In 1936 it was the Republicans. In 1940 it may be both." Does that last sentence mean that both major parties will receive a battle royal from the Farmer-Labor Party? Will Mr. Kaltenborn object if his prophecy comes true four years earlier?

It Was an Error—Sorry: Impression was conveyed to readers of this space last Tuesday that Jeremiah Mahoney favors the Nazi Olympics. That is incorrect—Mr. Mahoney has demonstrated by word and deed that he is opposed to this country's participation in the fascist carnival.

