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1 DEAD AS FIRE TRUCKS CHARGE PICKETS

Militia Troops Circle Oviedo

General European Conflict Threatens, League of Nations Warned by Spanish Envoy, as Hitler, Mussolini Intervene in Spain

(By United Press)

MADRID, Dec. 11.—Government forces launched a new attack today on Oviedo, Spain's great munitions manufacturing center.

Official dispatches from Gijon said the militia had the city almost surrounded. Except for a road through El Naranco and El Escampero, the official reports said, Oviedo was cut off.

Government troops invaded the Fascist-held territory in Asturias, attacking rebel reserves with tanks and machine guns. The militia was reported to be meeting with success all along the Asturian front.

Heavy rains, snow and freezing weather continued to cause suffering among both Fascists and militia in the trenches.

Louis de la Pree, 34, correspondent of the Paris Solr, who was wounded when a French embassy airplane was shot down at Guadalajara Tuesday, died in a hospital early today.

International War Exists in Spain, Says Del Vayo

GENEVA, Dec. 11 (UP).—An "international war" already exists in Spain and threatens to spread into a general European conflict, Spanish Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo warned an extraordinary session of the League of Nations' Council today.

Del Vayo appeared in protest under Article XI of the League Covenant against the intervention of Italy and Germany in the Spanish civil war by their recognition of the Rebel Fascist regime of Gen. Francisco Franco.

"After Germany and Italy have succeeded in getting the upper hand in Spain and using the occasion to retain for themselves the Balearic Islands and perhaps other naval bases in the Atlantic or Mediterranean, the same game might be started again elsewhere," Del Vayo said.

Thousands of their troops are reported to be fighting with the Fascists with others ready to go.

The Foreign Minister said with this alleged breach of the non-intervention pact, the nations toward Spain's civil war, plus recognition by Italy and Germany of the Fascist "government," the conflict no longer was an internal civil matter.

Del Vayo declared that "international war" already exists in Spain, and said the Spanish Government appealed to the Council in the hope it would prevent the conflict from spreading. He added that Spain holds to her view that the international non-intervention agreement was ineffective.

The Spanish Foreign Minister warned the Council that the Spanish Fascist blockade of Government ports in Spain increased the danger of a general European war.

"The object of the Spanish Government in summoning this Council meeting was to nip this danger

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SOVIET ENVOY



IVAN MAISKY

U.S.S.R. ENVOY RIPS VEIL FROM INTERVENTION

Franco Faring Badly, Maisky Tells London Intervention Committee

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In a biting speech that tore the veil of hypocrisy from German and Italian protests about "foreign volunteers in Spain," Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to London, introduced before the London Non-Intervention Committee the Soviet proposals to halt the flow of "volunteers" to Spain.

"The gist of the matter," Maisky declared, "is that General Franco has been faring badly on the field of battle."

"That is why the foreign patrons of General Franco, around the beginning of December, found themselves compelled to send him what he now needs most—human material," he continued.

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These Unions Show the Way in Daily Worker Drive

Here's How to Enjoy Yourself and Help The \$100,000 Drive

Here's a way to enjoy yourself as help the \$100,000 drive. Attend the concert and mass meeting at Manhattan Opera House, 311 West 34th Street, at 2 P.M. tomorrow. You will hear the famous Freiheit Gezang Verein in new Biro-Bidjan songs and other music.

until the lock-out was victoriously brought to a conclusion.

"Enclosed please find a check for \$50 as a contribution toward your financial drive to make your paper

RALLY TODAY AT WPA OFFICE TO HIT FIRINGS

Representatives of 21 A. F. of L. Unions to Address Meeting

With several minor victories in the battle against layoffs already under their belts, organized WPA workers will mass today at WPA headquarters and demonstrate for the ending of the dismissal policy.

Gathering at 11 A.M. at 70 Columbus Ave., office of WPA Administrator Col. Brehon B. Somervell, will members of the City Projects Council, Local 453 of the Teachers Union and the Workers Alliance.

Today's demonstration will gather impetus from numerous signs that the official layoff front is slowly crumbling under pressure of the WPA staff and outraged public opinion. Yesterday Col. Somervell was quoted by a delegation of representatives of unemployed and WPA organizations as having admitted the possibility of rehiring workers fired during recent sit-down strikes.

Earlier in the day Col. Somervell announced that laid-off workers who can prove need will be re-hired. This opens the way for re-hiring of most of the persons who received pink discharge slips if the policy is fully carried out.

HIT FIRINGS

Workers of the Emergency Relief Bureau will have to work this afternoon in order to interview laid-off WPA workers. Pink slip cases will take precedence over other ERB work, it is understood.

Members of the supervisor's staff yesterday placed demands before Col. Somervell, threatening strike action unless three of their number, fired in recent sit-down strikes, were reinstated. The three are Hilda Tunk, Grace Hooper and Louis German.

The Federation of Supervisors Councils, which forwarded their demands to Col. Somervell yesterday, also informed the administrator that it could not "at this time participate in any program of curtailment or retrenchment of the Four Arts Project."

MEET WITH WPA CHIEF

After a half-hour conference with representatives of five unemployed and WPA organizations, Col. Somervell promised to set up an appeals board, where dismissal cases might

Migratory Labor Really a Problem, Says Miss Perkins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said today that a Labor Department survey of the migratory labor situation shows that it is a serious problem despite the improvement in general business conditions.

Perkins said her department will have ready to submit to Congress a report on migratory labor showing that such states as California and Florida are faced with serious difficulties in coping with the problem of homeless unemployed.

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Cold-Blooded Murder

AN EDITORIAL

Murder was perpetrated in the streets of Chester, Pa., yesterday.

The Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. is guilty of the crime.

John G. Pew, president of the concern, a Liberty League founder, is guilty of murder!

A deliberate, organized attack was launched upon peaceful pickets at the gate of the shipbuilding plant. Fire trucks were driven into the picket lines at 50 miles an hour, knocking men down, killing one and injuring many. The police followed with tear gas and blackjacks.

This crime is a deep dark stain upon the State of Pennsylvania. It gives a sample of what reaction plans for the working people, if reaction is allowed to get away with it.

The murderous attack cannot be permitted to go unchallenged. The police gangsters of Chester and the officials of the company must be put in the dock for murder. The workers of Pennsylvania, unitedly, are called upon to see that this reign of terror is halted with the greatest speed.

Governor George H. Earle also has a task cut out for him in this disgraceful situation. We call upon him to investigate, without delay, and to take the necessary steps to stop the Sun Shipbuilding gangsters.

Jobless in Sit-Downs In 5 Relief Bureaus

19 Jailed After 3-Day Siege in Brooklyn ERB Office—500 March in Rain to Present Aid Demands at Harlem Relief Depot

Police clubs fell on the heads of New York jobless men and women yesterday as the "stay-in" protest movement spread to five home relief bureaus.

More than 250 people still remained in two relief bureaus last night, determined to stay until their grievances are heard and corrected.

Demonstrators left one office voluntarily after 12 hours. A siege was called off in another bureau when clients won partial demands, and police forcibly ejected and jailed unemployed in a fifth ERB office.

CITY-WIDE PROTEST

The Workers Alliance announced yesterday that preparations were going ahead for a city-wide protest at City Hall on Dec. 19 against the dropping of needy clients from the relief rolls. A contingent of 10 trucks will carry members of the Lower Harlem locals to the demonstration. All the locals in the city are mobilizing for the protest. The Federation of Children's Organizations, and the Progressive Women's Council are supporting the action.

Cops swung into action at the Home Relief Bureau, 1652 E. 17th St., Brooklyn, jailing 12 women and seven men. A stay-in had been in progress there for three days and three nights. Yesterday afternoon when the relief clients, some of whom had been evicted from their homes, took up a chant demanding that Gerald Griffin, administrator, see them, a riot squad and three patrol wagons were called. Several women fainted as the police charged the group, swinging their clubs. All 19 arrested were charged with disorderly conduct.

500 MARCH

More than 500 persons, led by the Lower Harlem Workers Alliance, paraded through the pouring rain, from 113th St. and Fifth Ave. to the Precinct 23 Home Relief Bureau, 116th St. and Madison Avenue and jammed into the building. Adele Hamerschlag, administrator, received a committee of six, including representatives of Lower East and Lower West Harlem locals of the Workers Alliance

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500,000 HIT

Bosch, president of the national organization as well as the Minnesota branch, said that if the demonstration fails to bring the return of work relief to farmers, marches on other state capitals will likely be called. The association leader a few days ago sent a wire to Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, warning the administration that "farmers will not quietly submit to starvation."

Bosch said farmers are desperate in drought-stricken areas since work relief has been discontinued. Reports to the organization indicate that the Resettlement Administration has extended grants to even less than the small number which WPA officials said would be cared for.

"Half a million farmers have been thrown off relief rolls in the dead of winter with nowhere to turn," Bosch said. "If the administration thinks farmers are going to take that lying down, they must have forgotten 1932 and 1933."

Monday's Daily Will Carry Full Text of Browder Speech

The full text of Earl Browder's report to the recent session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party will be printed in the Daily Worker, Monday, Dec. 14.

Readers of the Daily Worker should reserve copies of Monday's Daily, in order not to miss this important speech. Don't fail to get Browder's report in Monday's Daily Worker!

DUE IN NEW YORK



HARRY BRIDGES

5,000 DETROIT STRIKERS WAIT WORD ON TERMS

Hundreds Joining Union—Soup Kitchen Set Up—Report Tonight

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—As conferences between a workers' committee and company representatives continued tonight, sit-down strikers in the Kelsey-Hayes and the Aluminum Die plants voted to hold tight until action is taken on their demands.

The sit-down strike at the Aluminum Die Corp. spread today to the foundry building, and now affects a total of 560 workers. Most of the strikers joined the Auto Workers Union. Their cards were handed to them through the windows.

The day shift of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Parts and Brakes Co. continued the sit-in which the night shift started yesterday afternoon. Walter Reuther, president of Local 174 of the Auto Workers Union, reported to the company offices at 9 A. M. for a conference and was told to return at 2 P. M. He reported to meetings of workers in the plants. They decided to continue the sit-down until action is taken on their demands. The strikers are asking a five-cent hourly increase scaled upwards, time and a half for overtime, and adjustment of the speed-up.

More than 1,000 are now sitting in the McGraw St. plant and about 700 in the military plant, affecting a total of 5,000 in all the shifts. A soup kitchen was set up as the conference was still on at 6 o'clock. The negotiations committee will report to the workers at a mass meeting tonight. Relief is urgently needed by the strikers.

Trans-Atlantic Plane And Crew of 3 Safe

PARIS, Dec. 11 (UP).—The French Minister of Marine announced tonight that the missing seaplane, Southern Cross, its pilot, Jean Mermoz, and his crew of two had been found floating 120 miles from St. Peter's Island. The survivors came from Fernando, Noronha.

Commons Amendment For Republic Asked

Communist and 4 Laborites Oppose Abdication Bill—Edward Leaves Way Open for Return to Britain in Radio Speech to World

LONDON, Dec. 11.—An amendment favoring a republic was introduced in the House of Commons today as William Gallacher, Communist, and four Laborites, voted against the abdication bill removing Edward VIII from the British throne. The ex-king was aboard a British destroyer tonight, taking him into exile.

The amendment was proposed by James Maxton, Independent Labor Party member, who said: "After the experience of the last week, Republicanism has become more of an issue in practical politics than for many years. The step this House is taking today is a reactionary step, attempting to set up again a governmental form pertaining to a past age."

MAXTON HITS MONARCHY

Major Clement Atlee, right wing leader of the Labor Party, spoke in support of the bill, declaring he was concerned with fundamental economic changes and would not be diverted into discussions regarding monarchy and republicanism.

Maxton referred contemptuously to monarchy, quoting "Humpty Dumpty" and his fall. Campbell Stephen, another Independent Laborite, said:

RESERVE WEAPON

"The problem that had arisen in the present instance may well arise again. I know that the new monarch is a married man. But so was Mrs. Simpson. As the prime minister has said, another happening such as that of the present time would end the monarchy."

Edward assented to his abdication.

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Bridges Speaks At Garden Here On Wednesday

Coast Leader to Tour East Coast Ports for Strikers

BOSTON HAILS VISIT TEAR GAS USED

Strikers March Today From the Battery to Union Square

Unity of East and West coast maritime workers, battling grimly for their union on freezing cobblestones of every waterfront of the country, will be symbolized in the flesh when Harry Bridges, famed Pacific Coast leader, speaks from the same platform with Joe Curran in Madison Square Garden next Wednesday night.

Bridges late this week accepted an invitation to speak to striking marine workers along the Atlantic coast, and notified Curran here that he will fly to New York, arriving at Newark airport Monday morning.

Coinciding with Bridges' appearance here will be the coast-wide conference of maritime strike leaders, with delegates present from every major port along the Eastern and Gulf Seaboard. The gathering opens Monday, Dec. 14.

MEETING MONDAY

The conference is expected to add greatly to the progress of the general walk-out, Curran predicted. Spokesmen for the striking maritime workers will assemble at the Manhattan Lyceum on Monday at 1 p. m.

Seaman predicted that Madison Square Garden Wednesday evening will be packed to the doors. Bridges made a flying trip here last September in an attempt to bring Joseph P. Ryan, president of the longshore union, into a mutual strike pact with the West Coast dockers. Ryan pledged united action and later betrayed the West Coast dockers when they were forced to walk out late in October.

The leader of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific will speak in four major Atlantic ports. His schedule, announced yesterday by the Strike Strategy Committee, will be Monday, Dec. 14: Philadelphia; Tuesday, Dec. 15: Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 16: New York, and Thursday, Dec. 17, Baltimore.

OTHER LABOR LEADERS

In addition to Harry Bridges, a group of the country's most prominent labor leaders will address the Madison Square Garden rally Wednesday.

Among them are Charles Zimmerman, leader of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Louis Weinstein, District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters; Ben Gold, Furriers Joint Council; Congressman Vito Marcantonio; Heywood Brown, the Rev. A. Clay

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'It's Orders,' Fire Dept. Official Says in Sun Ship Yard Massacre

DAILY WORKER REPORTER GIVES EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF ATTACK

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Committee for Industrial Organization today telegraphed Governor George Earle of Pennsylvania asking him to take immediate action to protect the right of peaceful picketing at Chester, Pa.

By Art Shields (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 11.—I saw murderous fire trucks, finks, scabs and police attack the mass picket line in front of the Sun Shipbuilding Yards in the foggy dawn today.

John Young, a 65-year old striker, was killed. Peter Martin, another striker, may die from a fractured skull and internal injuries, the Chester Hospital reports. Scores of others were injured from tear gas and clubs.

But the strike against John G. Pew, Liberty League President of the Sun Company, goes on, with the great majority of the men still out.

It was a wild scene at the foot of Morton Avenue this morning as fire trucks charged back and forth, knocking down pickets. Police and finks fired tear gas pistols and hurled tear gas grenades and swung clubs.

UNDER GAS ATTACKS

The pickets, with seamen in the van with the shipyard workers, fought back. Pickets were weaving back and forth in three 100-foot rings when the cry rang out: "There they come!"

"Close your lines," shouted picket captains, as a long column of strike-breakers crashed in.

I saw the lines surge back and forth, the air was full of flying stones and sticks. Men were going down on both sides, and then the scabs began to give way.

At that moment gas grenades began to pop. We couldn't see. The gas was blowing in clouds from exploding bombs. The picket lines momentarily broke. A few scabs slipped in.

LEADERS IN FRONT RANKS

"Close your lines," bellowed Charles Renner, International Vice-President of the Industrial Union

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Swims Icy Sea to Save Crew of 36

(By United Press)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 11.—Hareld Hansen, 26, Norwegian seaman, swam through the icy waters of the Bay of Fundy early today, rigged up a breaches buoy and saved the lives of the crew of 36 of the Norwegian freighter King's County.

The vessel, lost in a heavy fog which blanketed the New Brunswick coast yesterday, went half a mile off her course and piled up on a rocky ledge at Lorneville, N. B., seven miles northwest of here. The entire bottom of the 5,000 ton vessel was ripped away.

The list of the vessel and the rough seas made it impossible to launch the life boats. Hansen tied a rope around his waist, plunged into the cold water and swam the 125 feet to shore. Half an hour later the entire crew had been taken off the rapidly sinking ship. Hansen hero of the near tragedy, whose home is at Skein, Norway, was recovering in a hospital today. The entire crew were brought here by motor car this morning.

Stop Intervention First, Soviet Press Answers on Spain

COLUMN LEFT!

An "Era of Good Feeling"
By Harrison George

IN CASE you are beginning to feel charmed by the sweetness and light shed over the land by the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, take our antidote. The N.A.M. has pledged an "era of good feeling," and the N. Y. Times says it is "in striking contrast to the bitter criticisms of the New Deal uttered by industrialists at previous meetings."

What magic is this that has transmogrified the N.A.M. into a winged cherub fluttering about the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel? Permit us, gentlemen, to sneer at your protestations of a "new, sound and progressive note in the industrial life of this nation." Until Mr. Weir of Weirton Steel begins to fire his army of thugs instead of union men, and the rest of you make your deeds sound something like your words—permit us to give you "era of good feeling" a rousing Bronx cheer.

Why did the Bendix workers, 4,000 strong, decide on a sit-down strike, but to fight a lockout designed to force your company union on them and bar the United Auto Workers Union? Nine thousand rayon workers had to strike to get a wage raise which was refused, and finally whittled down from 15 to 12 1/2 per cent.

Why didn't you show your "good feeling" to the 300 women rubber workers of Providence, R. I., who struck against speed-up and for wage increase? Where was your "good feeling" for 800 workers of the Plankington Packing Co. of Milwaukee who had to strike for their union, wage raises and 44-hour week? You! With your yellow-dog contracts, company unions and Chowderhead Cohens!

You promise to oppose child labor, yes? But figures show you are using more child labor than ever!

Listen, not workers, to this Lorelei. Mr. Colby M. Chester plays the Lorelei badly, though he comb his locks with a golden comb and chant lovely arien songs like the mythical maiden of whom Heine wrote: "Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten, / Ich weiss nicht was ihm heisst, / Ich weiss nicht was ihm heisst, / Ich weiss nicht was ihm heisst."

What it means, workers, is to lure you, Lorelei style, to destruction. And somehow it fitted in too well with Mrs. Roosevelt's speech to the League of Women Shoppers, in which she said strikes were very bad things and it was much better to "sit down together in a spirit of good feeling."

If you know what is good for you, workers, you will sit down, all right, but strike while you are sitting.

Pickets to Protest Nazi-Made Goods at Woolworth's Today

Protesting against the sale of Nazi-made goods by Woolworth's Department Stores, anti-fascists will picket two stores this morning at 11 a. m. at 14th St. and Fifth Ave., and 35th St. and Broadway.

The two mass picket lines, sponsored by the Jewish People's Committee for United Action Against Anti-Semitism and Fascism, will demand that the five and ten cent stores stop the sale of Nazi-made merchandise. Pickets will assemble at the office of the Furriers Union, 250 W. 26th St., and the I.W.O., 80 Fifth Ave., at 10:30 a. m.

Lyons Will. But Tammany Won't Honor LaGuardia

Mayor LaGuardia, who was 54 yesterday, almost got a birthday present when the Board of Estimate nearly voted favorably on his pet project, a power plant for Brooklyn College. Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons, the Board dog, began the festivities by seeking discharge of the Committee of the Whole from further consideration of the power plant resolution. Lyons' motion received eight votes, the members representing the other eight votes abstaining.

La Guardia promptly ruled the committee was discharged and pressed for a vote on the original motion but was met by parliamentary objections from Comptroller Frank J. Taylor, Queens Borough President George U. Harvey, who had voted to discharge the committee, ended the argument by changing his vote from "aye" to "no."

5,000 Mongol Troops Surrender to China

PEIPING, Dec. 12 (Saturday) (UP)—Chinese dispatches said today that 5,000 irregulars and 200 officers under Wang Ying, pro-Japanese Mongol warrior, had surrendered to Chinese provincial troops at Kweihsu. One report was that Wang Ying had been assassinated.

Cite Presence Of Nazi-Italian Troops in Spain

Plebiscite Issue Up to Spanish People, Say Pravda and Izvestia, Though U.S.S.R. Will Not Oppose It—Big People's Front Vote Cited

MOSCOW, Dec. 11.—The reply of Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, to the proposal of the British and French governments regarding Spanish affairs again reveals the clear line of Soviet foreign policy: to strengthen peace in Europe and throughout the world by collaboration with the other states.

The Soviet Union does not in the least consider that the Anglo-French proposal really shows the correct way out of the extremely dangerous situation which has arisen as a result of fascist intervention in Spain.

The new phase of intervention in Spain has disturbed the peace of the European governments," Pravda, organ of the Soviet government, writes. "At one time they consoled themselves with the hope that the comedy of non-intervention being staged in London would allow them to remain onlookers at the enslavement of the Spanish people by the Fascist states.

"These hopes, however, proved to be in vain. The continuation of their former policies by the governments of France and England becomes absolutely impossible after the insolent landing of German and Italian troops in Spain.

"It is to be regretted that the new initiative of Paris and London, the essence of which is tantamount to mediation for the purpose of carrying out a plebiscite in Spain, is the same incorrect path of ignoring the lawful rights of the Spanish people.

"Nevertheless, the Soviet government, basing itself on its unalterable striving for peace, and taking into account the position of England, France and other states, adhered to the aforementioned proposal of the French and British governments.

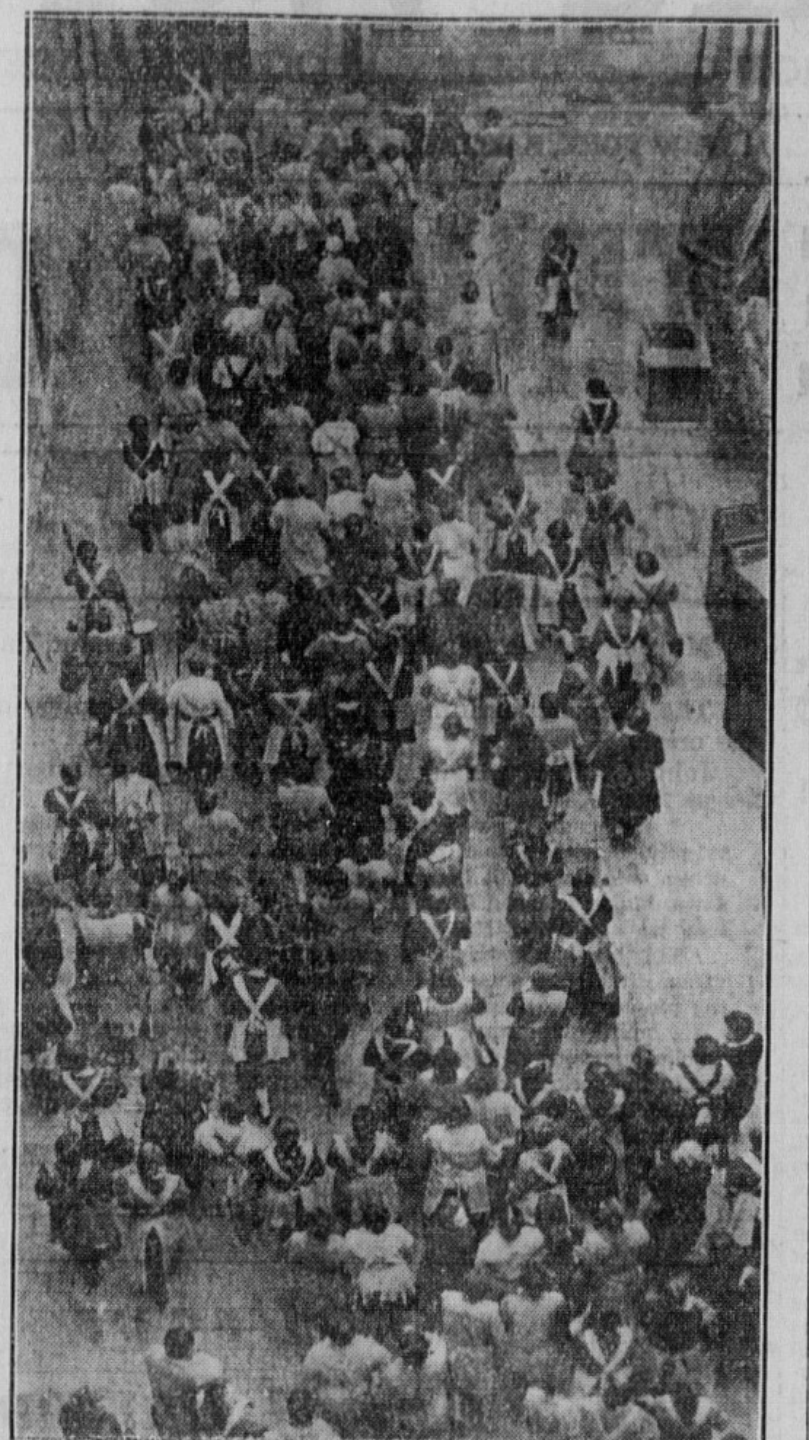
UP TO SPAIN "It is superfluous to emphasize, however, that the right to decide whether the plebiscite will be carried out belongs to the Spanish Government.

"The fact that the constitutional government of Spain, which was established as a result of the elections of Feb. 16, 1936, at these elections received a vote of confidence of the overwhelming majority of the Spanish people, should not be forgotten either."

Writing in the same vein as Pravda, Izvestia, the organ of the Soviet government, comments: "This new proposal is taking an incorrect path—for it, like the agreement on non-intervention, in contradiction to international law, places both camps in the conflict on the same footing.

"Of course no one should dispute that the Spanish people should be given an opportunity to express their real will. The Spanish people already had the opportunity to express its will, and did so with

Women Under the Swastika



No, this is not a concentration camp or a prison—it is the courtyard of a large office building in Berlin. These were Hitler's declarations about woman's place being in the home, these women rise before dawn to scrub the floors.

Tenement Fire Season On; 4 Dead in Two Days

With four fatalities in the past two days, the tenement house fire season is on full blast again.

The four victims brought this year's tenement house fire toll to 41. With winter winds blowing through the city again, the fire-trap toll is expected to mount speedily in the 136,000 tenements in New York City.

Yesterday's sacrifices to ancient housing for more than a million and a half families in New York City were Mrs. Elsie Kiernan, 48, and John Knobloch, 84. The latter died in the flames that swept a three-story wooden house in Brooklyn, built more than a half century ago.

Mrs. Kiernan was killed in a spectacular fire that swept through an old building at 167 Amsterdam Ave. Her husband, Adrian, and two children, Gladys and Bobby, were injured.

Two blazes Thursday morning took a toll of two lives and ten injured. One of the dead was 18-year-old Anna Eilenberger. The young girl lost her life going back into the burning tenement to find her mother who was already out in the street.

LIMIT KING'S AUTHORITY IN IRELAND

Irish Free State Is Now Virtual Republic in the Commonwealth

(By United Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 11.—The Irish Free State became virtually a republic tonight when the Dail Eireann (Parliament) passed amendment to the constitution completely removing the British King's influence in the nation's domestic affairs. The vote was 79 to 54.

Ireland still will remain a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but the British Crown will influence only its relations with foreign countries.

Governor-General Donal Buckley, the King's representative, whose office the act abolishes, signed the bill. It was his last official performance.

The bill, technically an amendment to the constitution of the Irish Free State, would abolish the office of Governor-General, a part of whose functions would be absorbed by DeValera and the remainder by the speaker of the Dail Eireann.

Gets Pension Despite Dual Role on Job

Julian Wood, former deputy tax commissioner dismissed for cheating the city of approximately \$10,000 of work, was yesterday granted an annuity of \$2,000 a year by the Board of Estimate.

The Board, sitting as trustees of the New York City Employees Retirement System, voted the pension over the objection of Brooklyn Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll, Queens President George U. Harvey, Republican, joined with the majority.

CITES DOUBLE JOB

Briefs submitted by Commissioner of Accounts Paul Blanshard and William Miller, president of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, detailed how Wood had been on the payroll of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad while he was on the city job. In the period of 1926-29 Wood had cheated the city about 150 days of work, Blanshard told the Board.

Blanshard last week informed the Board and testimony in his possession showed that Wood had been paid to lower illegally a tax appraisal. During the period that he worked for the railroad Wood was also appraising its properties, Blanshard said.

The Mayor was not sitting with the Board when it voted Wood's pension.

How Youth Rushed to Aid Spain to Be Told

Four Young Leaders, All Under 23, Due Monday—National Tour Starts with Rally at N. Y. Hippodrome Thursday

Spanish college campuses today present a desolate picture since the day in July when fascists started their assault on Spanish democracy.

The dramatic story of the rush of young defenders of the government from classrooms and gyms into the ranks of the People's Front Army is being vividly brought to America by four leaders of the Spanish Youth Front. They will arrive in New York Monday morning on the liner Queen Mary.

These four who have been on the firing line since the outbreak of the fascist uprising come to this continent with a plea to workers and progressives to aid the Spanish republic.

Polish Court Rules Tuesday On Prytycki

Protest Needed to Save Anti-Fascist Student from Death

According to the latest information received by the Prytycki Defense Committee in New York, Sergeant Prytycki, 23-year-old White Russian student, twice sentenced to be hanged will be given his final trial before the Polish Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Prytycki was arrested Jan. 27, 1936, for shooting Strelchuk, a Polish spy, who through his lying testimony was responsible for the death of many Polish anti-fascist fighters. The Prytycki Defense appealed his case to the intermediate court where the original verdicts were upheld. This latest trial which will take place Tuesday is the final court of appeal and the life or death of Prytycki depends upon the outcome of this trial.

The only possible chance of saving the life of this heroic, self-sacrificing student anti-fascist, is through an immediate wave of protests from all over the world particularly from the United States.

Girl Dancer Clawed By Show Lion Dies in Hospital

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11 (UP).—Gladys Cote, youthful dancer, died in University Hospital today from injuries received when she was clawed by a 300-pound lion during an act at the Hippodrome Theatre here Tuesday.

The girl, who had been believed to be recovering, suffered a relapse shortly after midnight. Gas gangrene set in, and physicians hurriedly performed a blood transfusion. She died just before dawn.

At Tuesday's performance, the lion failed to return to his pedestal, after advancing on the dancer. He leaped on the girl, disregarding a rapid fire of blank cartridges, and clawed her face and body. Noble Hamiter, trainer, finally pulled the lion off the girl with his hands.

Socialist Call's Week-by-Week Record Shows More Eagerness To Defend Assassin Trotsky Than to Aid the Spanish People

By Harry Gannes

By their help to Spain shall ye know them.

For that reason the Socialist Call omitted a pained howl when the Daily Worker on Dec. 8 reminded this official Socialist organ that it had shown far more concern over the fate of the assassin Trotsky than it had over the battle against Fascism in Spain.

"We stand upon our record," boasted the Call in reply to the Daily Worker's charge that Socialist Party leaders had "sabotaged aid to bleeding Spanish democracy."

"Gentlemen, ye lie," is the defense of the Socialist Call.

A LOOK AT THE RECORD

Let's go to the record. Even he who runs may read for it is very scanty.

In fact, the Socialist Call didn't seem to realize that Spain needed immediate and immense help until it was reminded of its international obligations by the Daily Worker.

Only after a series of sharp criticisms exposing the Socialist Party leadership's failure to act in behalf of Spain did we find the Socialist Party moving to extend some concrete aid to Spain.

The fact of the matter is, of course, that disunity of views over Spain rankled and still shakes the Socialist Party.

More energy was spent trying to digest Trotskyist poison about Spain than in helping Spain defeat Fascism.

Not until the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee was there any really serious attempt to join with others really to help Spain.

THOMAS AIDS TROTSKY

"Is it possible that the editor of the Daily Worker," indignantly asks the Socialist Call, "who read our editorial on anyone for Trotsky did not see the National Executive Committee resolution of the Socialist Party against 'neutrality' and for 'aid to Spain'?"

Let the Socialist Call try to wipe out this stubborn fact: Norman Thomas joined a committee for the defense of Trotsky in the third meeting of the National Executive Committee, while he never up to that time

NO UNITED FRONT ACTION

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But Norman Thomas did appeal to all presidential candidates, including the Fascist tool of Father Coughlin, William Lemke, and to the Hearst candidate, Alf M. Landon—to act to save Spain for socialism!

Norman Thomas, who posed as the defender of socialism in the last election campaign, called on the Fascists' candidates to unite with others to bring victory to what the Socialist Call argued was a fight to establish socialism in Spain.

NO APPEAL FOR HELP

Now to the detailed record of the Call whose indignation is merely proof that the shoe fits.

The Spanish civil war was started on July 17. First mention of the Civil War appears in the July 25 issue of the Call. Not a word appealing for help to the Spanish people fighting Fascism, or to the Spanish workers can be found there.

August 1—No appeal for aid or funds for Spain.

An article by Herbert Zam, however, is concerned not with the question of arousing help in the United States to defeat Fascism but to attacking the People's Front forces fighting against France.

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Oct. 24—No editorial appeal for Spain. No articles reporting activities to assist the workers or people of Spain against Fascism.

Oct. 31—No editorial appeal to help Spain.

Only one report of united front activities, and that participated in by the Communists, other workers' organizations and liberals to greet the official Spanish delegation to the United States, a mass meeting organized by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Norman Thomas joined the committee to defend Trotsky but refused to join this committee to Aid Spanish democracy.

SABOTAGE OF CAMPAIGN

It was only after constant and repeated appeals by the Communist Party and criticism by the Daily Worker that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party finally decided to cooperate with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

An examination of the record of the Socialist Call, as published in the Socialist Call, its official organ, leads one to the conclusion that there was sabotage of the campaign to aid Spain.

True, the Socialist Party rank and file through their trade unions helped as all other workers did. But the responsible leaders completely neglected to aid Spain while the Spanish workers and anti-fascists were threatened with the severest calamities with Franco's attack on Madrid.

It was not until after the Soviet Union attacked the non-intervention scheme of the French Socialist leader, Leon Blum, and it was not until after the assistance of the Soviet Union buttressed the defense of Madrid that the Socialist Party of the United States took any serious steps to aid the Spanish people in their fight against democracy.

A BIG AT PEOPLE'S FRONT

If the action of the Daily Worker and the Communist Party goaded the Socialist leadership finally into some energetic show of assisting the Spanish workers we welcome it.

However, it must be remarked here that the same N.E.C. resolution takes a dig at the People's Front of Spain, the forces responsible for tightening the defense against Fascism and in whose leadership lies the hope of ultimately smashing General Franco and his cohorts.

The Trotskyite position of certain Socialist Party spokesmen on Spain has encouraged leaflets which put forward the chief slogan of General Franco: Down with the People's Front government of Spain!

And in the very issue of the Call containing the editorial so heatedly and self-consciously attacking the Daily Worker there is a column by Herbert Zam whose fundamental position for the destruction of the People's Front of France and Spain should give aid and comfort to Franco, de la Rocque and Hitler.

BROWDER NOT ANSWERED

The fact still remains that the Socialist Party never answered the appeal of Earl Browder to the S. P. during the election campaign for united action to aid Spain. Norman Thomas was too busy appealing to Lemke and Landon on the Spanish civil war.

The fact remains that the Socialist Party never replied to the official letter of the Communist Party for joint action in behalf of Spain.

Undeniably, both these appeals had the effect of stirring the Socialist Party into action. For that we and the Spanish people will be indeed grateful.

But then it would be better, if the Socialist Call which can now point to a brighter present and a more hopeful future, so far as aid to Spain goes, were to bury its unsavory record rather than to stand on it.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

The strongest points in its argument consist of actions that occurred after the Communist Party appeals pointing out the laggard tactics of the Socialist Party in aiding Spain.

All of the Socialist Party serious activities took place after the Soviet Union's actions in London, Geneva and in granting some quite

NOTED GERMANS TO SPEAK AT ANTI-NAZI GERMAN DAY RALLY

Klaus Mann, exiled son of Thomas Mann, will be one of the speakers at an Anti-Nazi German Day meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. at Hunts Point Palace, Southern Blvd. and 163rd St.

Others who will speak on "Is Hitler Germany?" include Ernst Toller, famous German playwright; Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, former Prussian minister of justice; Prince Von Lowenstein, exiled German Catholic leader, and Prof. Alphonso Goldschmidt, German scientist.

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HOLD TAMPA WITNESS FOR DEPORTATION

Unionist Is the Star Witness in Attack on Browder Meeting

TAMPA, Dec. 11.—Lorenzo Puentes, who is the main witness in an assault case against Lawrence Ponder, leader of a vigilante attack on Earl Browder's meeting here, was seized by Federal agents today and held in \$1,000 bail for deportation.

PROTEST TODAY WPA THEATRE DISMISSALS

Representatives of 21 A. F. of L. Unions to Address Meeting

Speakers representing 21 American Federation of Labor unions, whose members are employed on WPA theatrical projects, will voice their protests against curtailment of the projects and the dismissals at a mass meeting to be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P.M., at the Manhattan Opera House, 311 W. 34th St.

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Sewing for Their Sisters in Spain



Spanish women in New York at the Spanish Workers Club, 1490 Madison Avenue, mend clothes to be shipped to Spain. Like their sisters in their home country who are battling side by side with the men, these women do their share in the battle to save Spain from fascism.

Only the Shipowners Want Federal Fink Hall Scheme

By Vern Smith One of the main issues in the maritime strike of 70,000 workers is the hiring hall. Since 1934 the seamen and longshoremen of the Pacific Coast have secured their jobs through a hiring hall (employment office) which has been under union control—with union representatives dispatching the men to work.

Government "fink halls" prevailed on all coasts for years in the form of U. S. Shipping board hiring halls. It resulted in blacklisting, favoritism, grafting, unequal distribution of work and was in every way absolutely unfair to the seamen and suitable to the shipowners.

prosecute strikers for mutiny, in the rank and file strike earlier this year. He only dropped the scheme when things got too hot for him, and liberals and labor raised a shout of protest.

PROPOSED SCHEME

The plan is for settlement of the strike on the basis of "government control of hiring."

RECORD OF U. S. AGENCIES

The government agencies, all of them, have, on their record, done nothing to gain the confidence of the maritime workers.

UNION HIRING HALL

On the other hand, control of hiring by the union means that work is distributed, that all take their turn, that unemployment is abolished, that favoritism is abolished, that the militants get their fair chance to work, that the need for petty bribery of bosses and crawling and subservience to the bosses disappear—that the union contract will be carried out.

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Modesto Frameup Victims Are Given Immediate Parole

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (FP).—John Burrows and John Souza, Modesto tanker case frame-up victims, have been granted an immediate parole, while Robert Fitzgerald and Henry Silva are to be paroled after serving two and a half years of their terms.

Hutcheson Slurs CIO At Carpenters' Parley

Is Only Nominee for International President of Union—Says He Will Continue to War on Industrial Union Forces

SHIP TRIAL WITNESS IN PAY OF LINE

Tells Court in King Trial Shipowners Paid \$175 Monthly

(Special to the Daily Worker) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Joseph Jackson, second mate of the Swayne and Hoyt freighter Point Lobos, admitted yesterday on the witness stand in the King-Ramsay-Conner murder frame-up trial that he has been receiving \$175 a month from the ship owners since the maritime strike started.

His testimony was the first time in the trial of Earl King, Earnest Ramsay and Frank J. Conner, Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers Association members, that ship owners have been linked to the frame-up. The King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee has charged that the case was reviewed on instigation of the shipping interests when negotiations for new contracts were started in August.

The three union men are accused of the murder of George W. Alberts, chief engineer of the Point Lobos, found stabbed to death in his cabin March 22.

Relations between Ramsay and Alberts were described as "very friendly" by Vernon Howell, San Francisco water boiler expert, who testified he was present on March 21 when the two conversed for more than a half hour. That was the only time Ramsay has ever been on the Point Lobos.

Aimee Just Working Girl; Denies All

(By United Press) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—About all a red-faced attorney had today for his trouble in questioning Sister Aimee Semple McPherson was her word that she made \$180 a week in her evangelical duties.

Denies Citizenship Forever to Applicant Opposed to Militarism

HERKIMER, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The United States "has no use for anybody who refuses to bear arms," Judge Frank J. Kregg said yesterday in Federal Court as he denied citizenship papers to Vincenzo Pileggi of Dolgevill.

Publishers' Association Seeks To Halt Pacts with News Guild

With the Unions Some Questions Answered and One Asked: Funds Needed in Daily Worker Drive for \$100,000—Answer to This Column

Our phone kept ringing all day long yesterday. Union members reported on activities. Questions from workers, planning to buy this or that product, who wanted to make sure it was union made. Others call up to find out the phone number of a union which they could have found listed in the directory.

There seem to be a number of union members who place bets on whether we'll be able to give the name of the union, if we are given the initials. "What's the I.A.T.S.E. stand for? What's the A.F.S.C.M. E.?" (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, for your information.) But no phone call to inform the "With the Unions" that money was coming for the \$100,000 Daily and Sunday Worker Drive.

WOODWORKERS PLAN VICTORY CELEBRATION

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CHARGE PICKETS ARE INTIMIDATED

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WIN A SIX WIN OUT OF SIX

Four out of six to date, is the good record of the Hollow Metal Door and Buck Workers Union, in the series of strikes recently conducted. The union is now putting up a strong fight in the two remaining shops to bring its scoring average up to 100 per cent. The newly formed union, which will be

Urges Boycott of News-men's Union as 15 Newspapers Sign

"The only thing new here is that they are saying this publicly," the American Newspaper Guild declared yesterday in answer to the warning issued to all publishers by the Board of Directors of the American Newspaper Publishers Association not to sign any contracts with the union.

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4,000 Cheer Spanish Envoys at Philadelphia Mass Meeting

250 SPANISH PEOPLE MARCH INTO MEETING

Palencia Tells Audience Fight Is to Save Democracy There

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Packing the Metropolitan Opera House to capacity, nearly 4,000 cheering trade unionists and anti-fascists enthusiastically greeted three delegates of the Spanish government touring this country at a mass meeting last night.

The audience contributed \$2,670 to aid the Spanish people in the battle against fascism. In ringing appeals for aid, the three strongly denied that the Spanish Civil War is a battle of fascism against communism. Isabel de Palencia, Spanish ambassador to Sweden, declared the fight of the Spanish people was a struggle of democracy against fascism.

PRIEST WELCOMED

The government is a union of republicans, socialists, communists, anarchists, syndicalists, she declared. Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party, decried the group of generals who had arisen to try to overthrow the legal government of Spain elected by a majority of the voters.

In spite of the attempts of the reactionaries under the leadership of Catholic church officials and St. Joseph's College faculty members to declare the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola "apostate," the Catholic priest was given a rousing welcome by the audience that pledged to aid the cause of democracy in Spain.

BRIDGES TALKS IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY

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ton Powell, Jr., and Francis Gorman, United Textile Workers, other outstanding trade union figures among them David Dubinsky, International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Telephone conversations between strike headquarters here and Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore yesterday revealed that the news of Harry Bridges, impending trip to those ports has been met with enthusiasm. A delegation of two hundred Boston longshoremen were reported to have visited striking seamen's headquarters to confirm the report that Bridges will speak. When they were told that he will address a Boston mass meeting Tuesday, the dock workers cheered and immediately broadcast the news over the waterfront.

RYAN INVITED

Bridges' visit here is expected to have an important bearing on the status of the dock workers who have been held in check by Ryan. Bridges' presence will probably accelerate the growing sentiment among rank-and-file longshoremen for active support of the general maritime walk-out. Ryan incidentally has been invited to appear at the Madison Square rally, by his own rank-and-file membership.

Striking seamen yesterday prepared for today's mass parade which will begin in Battery Park, at 2 p. m. and proceed up Broadway to Union Square where a mass rally will be held. Five striking maritime unions of the Atlantic Coast will join in the parade. Outstanding strike leaders will address the Union Square rally at the wind-up of the march.

In the meantime, several thousand collectors will mingle with the Saturday street crowds. Headquarters last night sent out a hurry call for more volunteers among sympathizers of the striking seamen to help with the collection. The collection will be continued all day Sunday. Funds are to be turned into the Spartacus Club, at 25th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Seamen called upon all trade unionists and sympathizers to collect food and send letters to the main offices of the chain stores, demanding food contributions for the strikers. Aid of this nature is badly needed, heads of the strikers' commissary said yesterday.

[Communist Party members are requested to collect food in the same manner and turn it into their Section headquarters, to be sent to the strikers from there.]

Roosevelt in Trinidad

PORT AU SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 11 (UP).—President Roosevelt arrived in this British crown colony today to make his last stop before reaching Charleston, S. C., on Dec. 14 or 15.

N. C. Executes Negro Youth In Gas Room

Martin Moore Affirms His Innocence Up to Last Moment

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11.—Stoutly maintaining his innocence to the last, Martin Moore, Negro hallboy convicted of killing Helen Clevenger, New York girl, was executed today in North Carolina's lethal gas chamber.

The young Negro was strapped into the chair at 10:30 A. M., and fifteen minutes later he pronounced dead. He professed his innocence up to the moment the bluish death fumes enveloped him. A valiant fight was put up to save Moore's life, based on the fact that his alleged "confession" was tortured out of him by whippings and brutality.

But the United States Supreme Court refused to review his case, and Gov. Ehringhaus, early this week, declined to intervene. The Governor was approached by a number of prominent Negroes, who after having talked with Moore, and studied his case, became convinced of his innocence.

Helen Clevenger was found dead in a Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, last July 16. After several unsuccessful attempts to pin the crime on other Negro employees of the hotel, Moore was finally singled out, tried, and sentenced to die.

At first state officials claimed that Moore had assaulted the girl, but the charge fell flat when medical experts declared that there was no evidence of assault.

2,200 GREET SPAIN ENVOYS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 11.—In the biggest indoor meeting of labor and progressive forces held in the City of Pittsburgh, 2,200 people jammed every seat in the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland last night, as well as standing room in the top balcony, to hear the representatives of Spanish Democracy bring their message to the American people.

A collection in excess of \$1,755 was featured by a donation of 100 single dollar bills by an anonymous friend and a contribution of \$110 from the City Committee of the Communist Party and a contribution of \$50 from the Ambridge Unit of the Communist Party.

Other contributions were \$100 from a local of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union and \$65 from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union; \$100 from a Serbian progressive organization and \$50 from the IOCR of Pittsburgh.

Two special buses brought the entire membership of the Spanish Boys Club from Fairmount, West Virginia.

A large number of labor, progressive and liberal leaders were in the crowd, including twelve Roman Catholic Priests. Among those who expressed full solidarity with the struggle of Spanish Democracy against the fascists, was a police lieutenant, who was particularly outraged at importing of Moorish troops from Africa and also German and Italian fascists.

The whole assembly applauded Father Sarasola when he declared that in Spain the Socialists, Communists and Catholics are fighting side by side against the fascist invasion into Spain. Senora Palencia described the heroic struggle of the Spanish people for the defense of democracy in their country and declared, in the midst of tremendous applause, that the People's Front will be victorious over the fascist hordes.

On the platform were several prominent citizens of Pittsburgh, who constituted the sponsoring committee for the meeting. Among them were Professor Jose Alemany, a Spaniard, and a teacher at the Carnegie Institute of Technology; Mrs. David Turets, wife of the Magistrate; Dr. H. Valinsky of the American League Against War and Fascism; and Burgess Richard Lawry of West Homestead.

JOBLESS IN SIT-DOWN IN ERB BUREAUS

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The Italian Unemployment Association, and the All People's Party. After a conference, she announced that 12 cases would be immediately reopened, 14 cases would be reinstated on an emergency basis, and that she would transmit the rest of the grievances to the central ERB offices. Among the demands presented to her by the Workers Alliance were an immediate allowance of \$15 per family and five dollars per dependent, for clothing; increase of 25 per cent in rental allowances; and cessation of the case-closing drive. Miss Hamersching admitted that such a drive was on, and expressed concern about growing demands on the bureau in the wake of WPA dismissals.

Sale of revenue funds in the amount needed was authorized.

\$25,000 More Voted For Drukman Probe

The Board of Estimate yesterday unanimously voted \$25,000 to defray current expenses of the Drukman case investigation. The figure does not include fees of Special Assistant Attorney General Hiram C. Todd and his aide, J. Edward Lumbard, Jr.

At Precinct 90, 1100 Myrtle Ave.,

There Will Be 20,000 of Them in Line Today

This is the picket line staged by WPA workers at WPA headquarters, 70 Columbus Avenue, on Wednesday. Today they will be back 20,000 strong to raise their demand — "NO PINK SLIPS!" Militant actions throughout New York City have put a brake on WPA officials, but the workers are determined to stop the layoffs entirely.



ASK COMMONS ACTION FOR A REPUBLIC

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tion in a formal gesture in parliament, which met amid medieval pomp and fanfare. He passed on his crown to his brother, the Duke of York, who becomes King George VI. On Saturday the Privy Council will confirm the accession of George, and heralds throughout the kingdom will proclaim the new king.

Edward bade his former empire farewell in a radio broadcast which was transmitted on a world-wide hook-up.

The ex-king stressed that there "never has been any constitutional difference between him and Baldwin." Later in his short speech he

British Fascists Appeal to 'Windsor'

LONDON, Dec. 11.—David Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII of England, was urged tonight by Lady Houston, wealthy English publisher, to enter politics and help Britain go Fascist.

In a signed editorial, Lady Houston called upon the former King to "do for Britain what Hitler and Mussolini have done for Germany and Italy."

opened the way for his possible return in the future, a course of action which the London Daily Worker has pointed out as highly infeasible. The Communist newspaper said that Edward still remains a "reserve weapon for British capitalism in case of an emergency."

Edward, at that point, said: "But I shall always follow the fortunes of the British race and empire with profound interest and if at any time in the future I can be of service to his majesty in a private station, I shall not fail."

NAZIS OFFER CASTLE

Reports from Rome and from Berlin said that the ex-king and Mrs. Simpson had been offered protection from the press if they decided to live in Italy or Germany. There were rumors in Nazi circles that Hitler had offered them refuge in a castle belonging to Prince Philip of Hesse, son-in-law of the King of Italy.

In Baltimore, the Association of Commerce was aroused over reports that Bert Nevins of New York had offered to buy Mrs. Simpson's old home there and place it on exhibition in a New Jersey amusement park. Mrs. Simpson's home has become one of Baltimore's principal attractions to visitors.

Brooklyn, 50 persons, dismissed WPA workers and relief clients dropped from the rolls, remained inside, intending to stay through the night. They entered at 10 a. m. after a mass picket line. Police were guarding the building, preventing anyone from bringing in food.

At Precinct 11 Home Relief Bureau on Avenue D, between Second and Third Sts., 200 men and women and 18 children, remained last night. They entered the office at 4 p. m. Police were called, but did not attempt to eject them. They prevented anyone from entering the building to take food or blankets in. Thirty unemployed, who went into the Home Relief Bureau at 318 E. 32nd St., yesterday at noon, left early this morning.

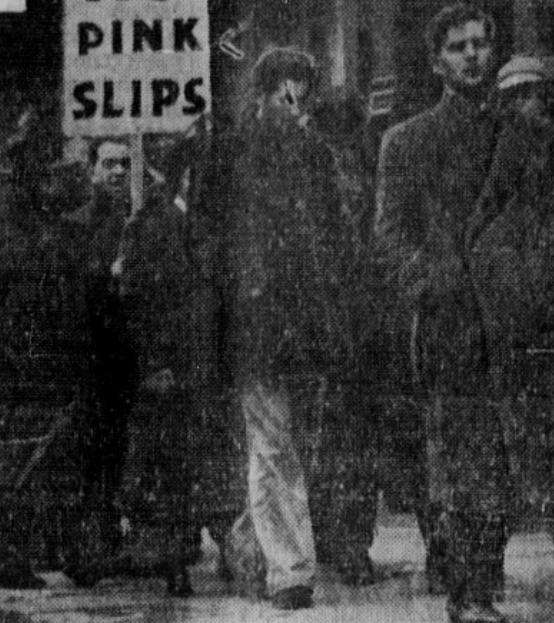
Nazis Spread Terror Abroad, Swiss Murder Jury Is Told

CHUR, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—Nazi Germany is trying to extend its terror over Germans in every country, even if they are not German citizens, Dr. Eugene Curti, attorney for David Frankfurter, 27-year old Yugoslav Jew on trial here for murder of the Nazi Swiss leader, Wilhelm Gustaf, charged today.

The purpose of this penetration,

1 Dead as Fire Trucks Charge Ship Pickets

Union. "The workers won't forget. They will fight till they win."



PEW'S MASSACRE

Said Vice-President Renner: "the union is determined to bring to justice all those responsible for this slaughter. A small minority went to the yard, most of them not workers but professional strikebreakers. They can't build ships."

"Pew's massacre is the blackest spot in recent industrial history. It was carefully planned and staged against peaceful men."

Strikers, many with bandaged heads, applauded every fighting slogan.

They applauded again and again when Bernard Childs of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee talked about the big C.I.O. movement that was behind them.

NEW SOUND TRUCK

Childs had been speaking from the strikers' sound truck, with Van Indignation was displayed by Block of the artists group, who charged that Col. Somervell had advised artists to seek other work if jobs in private industry were not available in their field.

Telegrams protesting layoffs on the writers project were sent Federal WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins by local and national officers of the American Newspaper Guild.

"Your statement and statement of administration that no one in need will be dismissed from relief jobs is being violated by dismissals this week of newspapermen on arts projects," Guild president Heywood Brown wired. "We demand their immediate reinstatement. Curtailment of already meager quota for newspapermen and women is indefensible and irresponsible."

Carl Randau, president of the New York Newspaper Guild, and Milton Kaufman, local secretary, signed a waiver to Hopkins pointing out that "non-relief newspapermen here have all signed certificates of need." Their discharge, they said, "is tantamount to throwing newspapermen on the streets," since there is "no immediate prospect re-employment in newspaper field."

21 HELD

John Green, National President of the Shipyard Workers, was there too. They communicated the massacre facts to John L. Lewis, chairman of the C.I.O. in Washington and to Governor Earle's office in Pennsylvania.

Further meetings and demonstrations and mass picket lines are planned. This afternoon Sheriff Pechin of Delaware County forbade picketing, but he told me that "I imagine I'll permit picketing tomorrow." Pechin is a Democrat. City officials are few Republicans.

Police are holding 21 pickets under \$2,500 bail each under charges of assault, etc.

COMMUNIST PARTY REGISTRATION IS SET FOR JANUARY 5TH

Tuesday, Jan. 5, has been designated as registration day for all Communist Party members in the State of New York. On that night at the unit and branch meetings throughout the State, every Party member will present his old Party book and receive the new 1937 book.

A prerequisite for obtaining a new book is a fully paid up 1936 book, and between now and Jan. 5, the State Committee urges every Party member who is in arrears on his 1936 book, to make every effort to attend unit meeting regularly and catch up on this obligation.

The Communist Party is looking forward to as nearly a 100 per cent registration at the beginning of the year as is physically possible, and urges all Party members to set this day aside for one purpose—to register and receive 1937 Party books.

RALLY TODAY AT WPA OFFICE TO HIT FIRINGS

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GET FEW CONCESSIONS

Dismissal notices dated Dec. 11 have been pushed up to Dec. 20, the delegation quoted Somervell as saying. "This was confirmed later by an official bulletin issued by the works chief."

Wiseman, speaking on behalf of the group, pointed out that Somervell has made few concessions. The conference will be resumed Monday at 2:30 P. M., Wiseman said.

Indignation was displayed by Block of the artists group, who charged that Col. Somervell had advised artists to seek other work if jobs in private industry were not available in their field.

Telegrams protesting layoffs on the writers project were sent Federal WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins by local and national officers of the American Newspaper Guild.

"Your statement and statement of administration that no one in need will be dismissed from relief jobs is being violated by dismissals this week of newspapermen on arts projects," Guild president Heywood Brown wired. "We demand their immediate reinstatement. Curtailment of already meager quota for newspapermen and women is indefensible and irresponsible."

Carl Randau, president of the New York Newspaper Guild, and Milton Kaufman, local secretary, signed a waiver to Hopkins pointing out that "non-relief newspapermen here have all signed certificates of need." Their discharge, they said, "is tantamount to throwing newspapermen on the streets," since there is "no immediate prospect re-employment in newspaper field."

HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?

"There are persistent reports that at least a certain portion of them—a German detachment of 6,000—are actually German regular troops. They somehow received permission to leave the country. They somehow found themselves supplied with the required means in foreign currency."

"Somehow on the same steamer there was a big shipment of arms of the most up-to-date types. Somehow these German ships with German citizens and German arms, were escorted by a convoy of German war vessels from German ports to Spain."

BRITON ALARMED AT INFUX OF FOREIGN TROOPS

GENEVA, Dec. 11.—Viscount Cranborne of Great Britain, declared at an extraordinary session of the League of Nations' Council today that the entrance of foreign troops into Spain now has reached "alarming proportions."

Lord Cranborne, parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in England, followed the Spanish Foreign Minister, Julio Alvarez del Vayo, who warned that an "international war" already exists in Spain.

After saying that the influx of foreign soldiers was dangerous, Lord Cranborne suggested three-fold action by the Council:

1. Advocate strict enforcement of the international non-intervention agreement in Spain's civil war. 2. Endorse the recent Franco-British peace project by which these two powers hope to lead to an armistice in Spain before Christmas. 3. The League lend its secretarial technical service for a humanitarian effort to diminish the sufferings of the civil population and ultimately help reconstruct war-torn Spain.

At least 6,000 German regulars have been landed in Cadiz, Fascist-held port in the South, and one report states that another 19,000 Germans, in the guise of "volunteers," have been landed there. Mussolini has been reported reliably to be preparing an expeditionary force of 60,000 Italian Fascists to aid his faltering hireling.

Jerome Davis Scores Oaths for Teachers

Spanish Envoys Guests of Honor at Dinner of American League Against War and Fascism—Daily Worker Editor Is Among Guests

A denunciation of loyalty oaths and a defense of democracy in the education system formed the keystone of the principal address of Jerome Davis, former Yale faculty member, at the Peace and Democratic dinner of the American League Against War and Fascism last night.

The event took place in the Hotel Commodore and was attended by H. C. Tuo, Chinese delegate to Brussels Peace Congress, Oswald Garrison Villard, former editor of the Nation, Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, and other noted writers and authors.

A telegram was read from Albert Einstein, world-famous scientist, who urged all peace organizations to band together for "international security."

"There are fascist forces which would take away freedom of the teachers, would curtail freedom of the press, and deny the student the right to think in certain areas of social life," said Davis, who was ousted from the Yale faculty because of his vigorous defense of democratic rights.

Foremost among the guests of honor were Isabel Palencia, the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola, and Marcelino Domingo, distinguished representatives of the Spanish People's Front Government, now touring the country in the interest of Spanish democracy.

Davis urged supporters of democracy to organize in cooperative movements and to support "not only the American League Against War and Fascism" but also political parties making for necessary economic and social changes in keeping with changed conditions in American life.

"MUST ORGANIZE"

"Teachers must unionize from kindergarten to university," Davis said.

Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League, declared that the Soviet Union's peace proposals and its new constitution placed it on the side of the world's democratic forces.

"Those who must end war must end fascism," Dr. Ward stated. "The situation in Spain, Dr. Ward pointed out, indicates that the people may be forced to defend democracy by force of arms."

Others who attended the dinner were: James Waterman Wise; Prof. Robert Marj Lovett; Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Paul M. Reid, executive secretary of the New York American League; John Gunther, author; Prince Lowenstein; Luigi Antonini, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

SPAIN MILITIA CIRCLES OVIEDO IN NEW DRIVE

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in the bud and prevent the growth of this evil to unmanageable proportions," he said.

Pope Confers On War

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 11 (UP).—Pope Pius conferred at length this morning with Archbishop Goma y Tomas of Toledo on the affairs of the church in Spain arising from the civil war.

Take 4 Towns Near Oviedo

MADRID, Dec. 11.—Government forces launched a new attack today on Oviedo, Spain's great munitions manufacturing center.

Official dispatches from Gijon said the militia had the city almost surrounded. Except for a road through El Naranco and El Escamplero, the official reports said, Oviedo was cut off.

Government Planes Bomb Fascist Post

TALAVERA DE LA REINA, Spain, Dec. 11.—Eight Government Martin bombers early this morning carried out the sixth successful bombing raid in two weeks against this important fascist position. The railway station was badly damaged.

Sub-Zero Weather Halts Madrid Defense

Operations along the Madrid front were practically halted by sub-zero weather. All sections of the capital were quiet during the early morning hours except for scattered rifle fire in the Moncloa and Rosales districts in the Northwest section.

The militia staged an unexpected counter-attack against a Fascist position at Buitrago on the Madrid front Friday afternoon. Reports said bitter hand-to-hand fighting occurred. The fascists maintained their position.

Sporadic fighting occurred on the Asturias and Aragon fronts. Intense cold practically halted operations everywhere, and kept planes grounded, although Government ships bombarded Fascist headquarters at Talavera de la Reina yesterday for the sixth time. The Government reported the 11 bombs caused considerable damage and wrecked a number of Fascist planes.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1936

This Morning:

A WPA Zero Hour

This morning is a big moment in the WPA fight.

Twenty thousand WPA workers will then mass before the headquarters of the Works Progress Administration, at 70 Columbus Avenue.

From these 20,000 will come the thunderous demand: "END ALL LAYOFFS!"

We greet the WPA demonstrators. We urge them to a continuance of the fight. We urge that their demonstration this morning be supported by all of New York's workers. For their battle is the opening gun against the new attempt of Reaction to trample upon the conditions of all the working people.

Reaction Decides to Take the White House in Charge

The National Association of Manufacturers has decided to take Roosevelt in charge.

For the last few days, its die-hard members have been meeting in New York. They have looked at the election returns and have decided to sneak into the White House.

In the days before the Deluge of Nov. 3, they made horrific faces at the New Deal. They hurled bitter invectives at it. These are now to be replaced with sweet words and with smiles.

Of these bitter labor haters, we read in the news items: "The keynote of the convention, as expressed in the opening address of Colby M. Chester, chairman of the association, was one of cooperation with the government in social and economic progress instead of the bitter attacks on the Roosevelt administration which have characterized the conventions of the association in the last few years."

Honey words flowed from the lips of all the speakers. Yes, even from the lips of E. T. Weir, president of the National Steel Corp., the man who wrote the anti-labor plank in the Liberty League-Republican platform. To top off the whole performance, a Code for Industry was produced, "to support the aims of the New Deal."

THE tune was different. But the song was the same. New words were used: "Better living. Better housing. More of comforts, necessities and luxuries of life." But these new words masked the same old policy.

They spoke in tearful tones of helping the unemployed. And then they struck out against the "parasitism" of all WPA and all relief.

They expressed concern for collective bargaining and the wage worker. And then they revamped the old strikebreaking plank of the Liberty League-Republican pirate crew: "We believe in the correlative right of the employer to be free from the coercion of any one."

They held the hand of the farmer. And then hit out against that just taxation of the rich which will aid him in his drought-stricken and depressed condition.

They dwelt on the need for social security. And then brought out the sham of the private insurance funds and laid plans for scuttling even the inadequate social security that now exists.

They expressed concern for the youth. And then drew out of the bag the old fakery of "opportunity" to head off real security for the young.

They spoke of "steadier work" and of improving the workers' conditions. And then hit out at the 30-hour week, 6-hour day without cuts in pay as "drastic and unhealthy legislation."

THERE is serious danger in these siren songs. Did not Roosevelt declare, on the eve of the election, that against these anti-labor forces he "had just begun to fight"? Will he now throw up the sponge, give up this "fight," and return smile with smile? Will he compromise with these Enemies of the People?

One thing is certain: Labor cannot be satisfied to remain on the defensive. Long before the election, the Communist Party declared that Roosevelt cannot be relied upon. That statement now comes out in its strongest light. The Party's proposal for national and state conferences on labor

legislation becomes now all the more urgent. The united political front of all progressive forces—opening the road for the Farmer-Labor Party—is labor's need of the hour. That is the way by which labor can meet successfully these maneuvers of its enemies of the National Association of Manufacturers.

What Will Bring Peace To War-Torn Spain

The Soviet Union's answer to the British and French proposal of a plebiscite in Spain to end the civil war was direct and to the point:

Let us carry out the first task that will bring peace quickest to Spain. Stop the shipment of fascist arms and men to Spain.

If that can be achieved, then it is up to the Spanish Government to consider the question of a "plebiscite."

But we are of the firm conviction that if Britain and France take the first steps proposed by the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Maxim Litvinoff, and shuts off arms and armies of the fascist countries to Spain, the next step of conducting a plebiscite would not become necessary.

Speaking of plebiscites, didn't the fascist Gil Robles, assisted by his cohort Lerroux in February 16, 1936, conduct a national election while they controlled the government? And didn't the overwhelming majority of the people, organized in the People's Front, solemnly declare their support of the Republic headed by the People's Front Parties? And didn't the fascists and monarchist scum then take up arms to wipe out the people's plebiscite? What do the British and French foreign secretaries propose now to guarantee that the fascists would not again repeat their criminal assaults?

The immediate issue in Spain was placed by the Spanish Foreign Minister del Vayo before the League of Nations:

"An international conflagration daily becomes more of a menace."

Why? Because the fascist dictators are sending armies to Spain to bolster Franco and save him from inevitable defeat if he and his present mercenaries are left to settle the issue with the legitimate government the fascist butchers are trying to overthrow.

By fighting to keep fascist foreign troops out of Spain, by increasing our support to the lawful Spanish Government, we work not only for a victory of the democratic government of Spain, but to avoid what del Vayo sees brewing in Spain, a world war.

George H. Earle— Before and After

ON LABOR DAY: At Pittsburgh, 200,000 miners and steel workers gathered to hear Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania. In the presence of that great mass of workers, Earle pledged himself to support organized labor to the utmost. Enthusiastic waves of applause swept across South Park as he made this pledge.

ON THIS LAST WEDNESDAY: At Reading, the leaders of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers asked Governor Earle to fulfill this promise. With the Nazi-owned Berkshire Knitting Mills at Wyomissing throwing strikers into jail and holding them in solitary confinement, union leaders requested that the State of Pennsylvania close up this citadel of the open shop. Earle refused. "Conditions," he said, "do not warrant such action."

CONCLUSION: The pre-election promises of George H. Earle are apparently quite different from his post-election performance. To him Labor can well say, vigorously: "LIVE UP TO YOUR PITTSBURGH SPEECH! LABOR EXPECTS DEEDS, NOT MERE WORDS." The Communist Party has warned Pennsylvania's workers that it will be fatal for them to rely on this Rooseveltian middle-of-the-roader. Is not that warning now confirmed?

Does not the Reading incident—with the workers in a life or death struggle—underline the urgency of an immediate, united State conference on the part of the labor and other progressive forces: to carry through their battles independently, in the Legislature and otherwise?

The Biggest Racket In the United States

If you want to get the average American mad about the domination of finance capital, discuss the gouging of the utility companies, the high cost of gas and electricity.

The biggest racket in the United States is the game of the giant utilities trusts. They cut their pound of flesh out of every family in the country.

Because of their contacts with the utilities trusts, the capitalist press usually keeps its hands off the real stories about the power trusts.

The Daily Worker has begun one of its most important exposures by a series of articles about the utilities. The aim of these articles is to get action, to arouse the people to do something about the swollen gas and electric bills besides swearing about them.

We ask our readers to send in information on their experiences with the public utilities pirates.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Ireland has been a Spanish fascist concentration point to win world Catholic sympathy for General Franco.

Through Ireland, the fascist propaganda experts reason, they can reach Catholic sentiment in the United States, in Britain and throughout the British Empire.

Comrade Sean Nolan of Dublin sends us the following exclusive description of the campaign in Ireland in behalf of Butcher Franco as "defender of the Catholic faith" by virtue of his mercenary Moors, his anti-Catholic Nazi Storm Troopers and his Italian murderers of the Christian Negroes of Ethiopia:

"With the commencement of the fascist onslaught on democracy in Spain, the reactionary elements in Ireland began to intensify their campaign to silence all expression of progressive or militant opinion.

"The chain of newspapers controlled by the Lombard Murphy family, which played such an infamous part in the great 1913 General Strike in Dublin and again in 1916 during the heroic Easter Week Uprising against British rule—these newspapers were immediately at the service of reaction in spreading slanders against the democratic forces in Spain.

"In a country like Ireland, of course, the main point stressed is the so-called 'war on religion' in Spain.

"The whole point of reaction's drive in Ireland is, not so much to assist Franco and his fascist mercenaries, but rather to utilize the situation to bring about the curbing of every democratic right here in Ireland.

"Under the influence of this wild orgy of daily slanders it has been made almost impossible for the working class movement and a section of the Republican movement to hold public meetings. All attempts to hold public meetings are accompanied by organized gangster attacks.

"One daily newspaper was supporting the Spanish Government in the early weeks of the Civil War. In its editorials it endeavored to explain the issues at stake in Spain. Reaction immediately directed its attention to this paper and the moneyed people behind it were influenced (or threatened) would be the better description) to alter its attitude, that is, to the extent that all editorial comment on the Spanish question cease. The paper only publishes news of events in Spain as same is received over the news tickers. Thus, as far as the newspaper weapon is concerned, reaction has a completely free field to pour out its poisonous lies against democracy.

"The so-called Republican (de Valera) Government has pursued a policy of keeping silent about the Spanish Civil War; it is committed to the so-called Non-Intervention Pact. But it has not endeavored one bit to curb the efforts of the reactionary and dark forces to stifle democratic rights; it has not formally banned meetings or withdrawn democratic rights for any section, but it turns a blind eye to the open incitements made from pulpit and platform to prevent the free expression of democratic rights by those who are critical of or opposed to the present capitalist system.

"In this situation, the greatest importance is to be attached to a meeting held in Dublin on Nov. 5. This meeting was convened by a number of prominent Republicans for the purpose of answering the press campaign and the endeavor to represent Ireland as being in sympathy with the present world-wide fascist drive against Republican Spain. The meeting was most enthusiastic and unanimously agreed to send greetings to the Basque and Spanish Governments.

"The chairman of the meeting was Eirne O'Malley, one of the most prominent leaders of the Irish Republican Army during the Black and Tan and Civil War days. Recently he published a book entitled 'On Another Man's Wound,' which has been hailed as the best story of the Black and Tan days yet published. His association with the meeting immediately caused alarm in the camp of reaction, but his statement in simple terms of the issues at stake in Spain and the duty of Irish Republicanism not to allow itself to be whipped into the service of fascism in its drive to crush Republicanism in other lands has had a great effect in strengthening the bonds of solidarity between the forces of Irish and Spanish Republicanism.

"In the course of his speech he said: 'Spain was like Ireland in many ways. It was essentially Catholic and there was no liberal action there. All thought was action or reactionary. There were reactionary forces in Ireland, too, and it was from these sources we have the present stories of what was happening in Spain.

"It had been made to appear to the Irish people as if the revolution was caused by the burning of churches, but the cause of the Spanish revolution was not because churches were burned. That was never the cause of any revolution."

New Masses

25th Anniversary

On Dec. 10, the New Masses celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

This quarter-century mark of the New Masses is an important event for the whole labor and progressive movement.

The Daily Worker warmly greets the New Masses as it enters its twenty-sixth year of struggle that has left a distinct mark on American progressive organizations and thought.

Throughout its 25 years the New Masses had addressed itself chiefly to the middle-class allies of the proletariat.

Now with the danger of fascism more and more threatening the middle classes, the role of the New Masses becomes even of greater importance than throughout its significant history.

To celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday, the New Masses has surpassed itself by issuing a special anniversary number. The double-sized edition of the New Masses, now on the newsstands, has a number of choice articles from some of the most outstanding writers in the United States, England, Spain, Mexico, France and the Soviet Union.

Really to learn the significance of the New Masses, we urge our readers not to miss the Anniversary Number.

We look forward to a growth in the influence and power of the New Masses as a guide and leader of the middle class and intellectuals in their alliance with American labor for the struggle against fascism and war, and in the ultimate victory of Socialism.

HEAPED HIGH

by Ellis



Inspired by the example of the heroic fight for WPA jobs put up by his brother artists, Fred Ellis has decided to go on the front firing line in the campaign to safeguard and build the Daily and Sunday Worker. There is no reason why America's best cartoonist should not be a money getter, particularly when the contributor sending the most money each day to Fred Ellis for the Daily Worker drive will receive the original Ellis cartoon for the day. Enough said. Rush money to Fred Ellis, c/o the Daily Worker, 35 East 12th Street, New York.

Press Comments on King Edward's Abdication

What will be the effects of Edward's abdication on world peace? On the rigidly maintained empire status of Great Britain? Military and trade alliances? On the shaky, antiquated institution of monarchy?

Hearst's New York American mournfully comments in a front-page editorial: "The young King was a hard worker, loyal to his duty; the British people were proud of him, and proclaimed their admiration and loyalty. . . . The discarded King of England had worked faithfully for his Empire and his people; a King well-behaved, devoted to duty, he had earned the title 'the best salesman in England.' . . . The world knows and respects him now. . . . and it sees him thrown aside by Baldwin like an empty beer bottle or yesterday's newspaper."

A hint of what was feared by some of the ruling class is seen in this paragraph from Arthur Krock's Washington column in the Times: "An impending and certain struggle between Edward as the exemplar of personal government and the Commons and Cabinet as the symbols of popular rule has both been averted and extinguished in the prologue."

Possible international complications are brought out by Krock, who says further:

"Edward's dislike for a French alliance, and his outspoken influence in favor of resuming the rapprochement with the Teutonic nations which his grandfather did so much to dispel, are now reduced to a minimum (?) in the British diplomatic situation."

American diplomatic officials and foreign envoys feel that "the masses in the United Kingdom and the dominions needed such a monarch—young, attractive, compassionate and in most things dutiful," Krock says, and continues:

"British tradesmen will miss their inspired hard-working super-salesmanager. In the city slums and where the poor of the country dwell there will be mute a loved voice asking them to 'carry on' in the name of government and empire."

"Prince Charming comes but rarely in the life of a nation. The observers at Washington fear that, with peace at bay and many human beings dwelling in hardship, this is a grievous hour for Prince Charming to ride away."

HERALD TRIBUNE
The Herald Tribune correspondent in Rome says:

"It is feared . . . that the King's renunciation of the throne for a woman might undermine the whole idea of monarchy, which is be-

lieved here to be sacred. . . . Italians hate to see the throne shaken, especially at a moment when Italy herself feels the subversive action of Communist propaganda in the world."

Silent during the preliminary stages of the Simpson affair, the Nazi press in Germany yesterday was permitted to carry only comments sympathetic to the British royal family. The attempt of British Fascists to present Edward as a "workers' king" finds echo in the Berlin Tageblatt, which states:

"It is a grave fact that this man, who in a few months had taken root in the broadest classes that have been pursued for years by the specter of unemployment is not entering private life."

"Although a grave crisis of the country and the empire has been averted nobody in England will deceive himself that complications cannot arise from the extraordinary events which externally ended with his abdication. . . . It had been hoped he would initiate more modern methods in contacts between the government and the people. . . . The world is again reminded how the foundations of its peace and orderly cohesion are affected by every peril to the British empire. The British crisis is a reminder of the strength that proceeds from that great island."

Letters from Our Readers

'A Soviet Accounting'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The fearless accounting of his stewardship which Stalin has made to the Eighth Congress looms monumental when it is compared to the flowery, untruthful accounts which are made to us by the stewards of capitalism. On the one hand is a recounting of methods and purposes which have led to ever greater benefits for the majority of the people. On the other hand, is a juggling of facts with fancies and finally the assurance that everything will turn out for the best, please God. We, the people, are always conscious of secrets which are kept from us by those whose rule is our misfortune. Although we never know the de-



tails of the successive betrayals of our trust, we know the results—5 per cent of the people own most of the wealth. The rest, the democratic majority, are exhorted by them to have faith, hope and give charity. Especially charity. Somehow all the lawmaking, justice, etc., lead to the same result. Many of us are getting wise. Maybe the hot breath of Moscow which the Liberty League says it feels on its neck, is really the hot breath of the betrayed American people busy forging a Farmer-Labor Party in 48 states.

Maybe the people want a truthful accounting. If there are 4,000,000? 8,000,000? 15,000,000? unemployed in America, there must be something rotten. And it isn't in Denmark.

We want a "Soviet accounting," not capitalist bedtime stories.

J. B.

Puts WPA Play on the 'Must' List

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just seen "It Can't Happen Here," and I must say that it is the only play that I have ever seen that lived up fully to my expectations. I suggest that the theatre department of the Daily Worker put this play on the "must" list of every anti-fascist and all of his or her friends.

It is a powerful, gripping drama, rooted in American soil. A traditional liberal who misled his readers to vote for fascism, then sees no way out. After a struggle, he joins in underground work against fascism.

The main value of this play, however, is that instead of waiting till it happens, Sinclair Lewis wrote it as a warning lest it happen.

It is both a pleasure and a duty for one to see this play and take one's friends along for education.

M. F.

Charged With 'Peddling'

Lindsborg, Kansas.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Jailed at 5 P.M. Nov. 23, charged with peddling. Was passing out old issue, No. 4, of Consumers' News, in street in Lawrence, person to person. Spent night in jail, no opportunity for getting in touch with outside. My wife not notified, although sheriff's office promised to do so. Suffered much anxiety. Bailed out Nov. 24 at 4 P.M. Nov. 25 police judge informed me I "had just as well plead guilty and get it over." Ten days' suspended sentence given. Took out peddler's license for fifth issue.

Such is the price of liberty in Kansas, as well as Indiana and Florida.

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Lessons in Communism

Why Dollars Follow the Flag

Export of Capital Is Subject of New Installment in Daily Worker Workers' School Educational Series

By Edward Smith

(Asst. Director Workers School)

There is no port too distant, no climate too hot nor cold for capitalist trade and commerce. With the rise and development of capitalism, ships laden with goods began to penetrate all corners of the globe. "The need of a constantly expanding market for its products chases the bourgeoisie over the whole surface of the globe. It must nestle everywhere, settle everywhere, establish connections everywhere" (Communist Manifesto).

Trade between the more advanced and industrially developed countries, and the more backward countries with little or no industrial development grew to very large proportions. Let us see the nature of trading and world commerce during the 19th century. England became a capitalist country before any other. In the middle of the 19th century, Great Britain became known as the "workshop of the world." British manufactured products were exported to other countries. These in turn kept British manufacturers supplied with raw materials.

Now we can say that under the old capitalism, that is during the period of free competition the export of goods was the characteristic feature of international trade. But with imperialism this changed. During the 20th century with the rise of monopoly capitalism the export of capital grew to huge proportions. Let us see what this means and how it came about.

The advance of monopoly in the leading capitalist countries, Britain, Germany, France, United States, etc., resulted in the very rapid enrichment of the capitalist class. Millions of dollars were at the disposal of the richest capitalists. No capitalist allows his money to remain idle and so they found a way to make use of this "surplus capital."

"Surplus" Capital

Of course this wealth could be used for improving the welfare of the people and raising the living standards of the masses. In spite of the tremendous advance in technique and scientific knowledge, poverty, starvation and cultural backwardness still abound everywhere. If this wealth were used to raise the cultural and material level of the people, there could be no talk of "surplus" capital. But then this could be against the very nature of capitalism.

The capitalist class did develop a profitable source of investment for their "surplus" capital. It became exceedingly advantageous to ship their capital to foreign countries, particularly to the industrially backward colonial and semi-colonial nations. This was done in the form of loans and financial transactions of various kinds. In addition there were direct investments in railroads, lands, plantations, mines, oil fields and other enterprises. This became one of the richest sources of booty monopoly-capital.

In backward countries profits are usually high. Land is cheap. Raw materials are close at hand and can be purchased at low prices. Furthermore, native workers can be forced to toil long hours at low wages. As a result through the investment of "surplus capital" in backward countries the capitalists can realize much more than their "normal" rate of profit but in addition, tremendous super-profits are made possible. (The remainder of this lesson will be published early next week.)

BOOKS of the DAY

By EDWIN SEAVER

Writing in the special anniversary issue of the New Masses—out this week—Granville Hicks says: "Though no one can deny the originality and the technical skill of Auden, Spender and Lewis (English revolutionary poets), soberer judgment does suggest that their work expresses a not particularly representative type of revolutionary impulse."

These "soberer judgment"? And what is this "particularly representative type of revolutionary impulse" that Hicks is talking about? I confess, I don't know what he's talking about.

Spender writes for the British Daily Worker, C. Day Lewis is a constant contributor to "Left Review" (the British New Masses), and Auden has just left for Spain.

In addition, the influence on these three poets—the political influence—on the younger English writers and older writers as well, is very considerable. This influence is due solely to their activity—for it is the activity of poets to write poetry.

YET HICKS goes on to say: "To us in America, who are used to seeing revolutionary writers take part in the revolutionary struggle, the apparent isolation of these three writers from the working class movement is an ominous sign."

Stuff and nonsense! Name me three American poets of the stature of Spender, Lewis and Auden who are more active in the revolutionary struggle than these Englishmen. Name me three who have had greater influence on their contemporaries. When one considers what a stuffy, hot house, middle-class affair British poetry was before these boys threw open the windows and let in some fresh air, one is amazed to find so much self-righteousness on the part of an American writer. To say, as does Hicks, that "one cannot feel sure of either their future development or their influence on revolutionary poetry," seems to me to be presumptuous. Presumptuous because their present development and influence is so obvious.

Incidentally Spender's new book, which will be published in England in January, and which is entitled

Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

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- 9:00-WABO—Efron Zimbalist, Violinist
- 9:18-WOR—Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Frederick Block, Conductor
- 9:30-WABC—Symphony Orchestra
- VARIETY SHOWS, DRAMA, TALKS, COMEDIANS
- 9:30-WEAF—Edward Everett Horton, Comedian
- 10:00-WJZ—Nickelodeon Melodrammer
- 10:30-WEAF—DANCE MUSIC
- 9:30-WEAF—Vic Young's Orchestra
- 10:00-WABO—Your Hit Parade; Ballera Orchestra
- 10:30-WABO—Gluskin Orchestra
- 11:00-WJZ—Riley-Fairley Orchestra

WPA Cuts Lives and Quotas On the Living Newspaper

By Beth McHenry

You can feel the tenseness in the air along 48th Street, west of Broadway. The people who work on the Federal Theatre Project look worried, moving in and out of the Ritz Theatre, where the Living Newspaper has its home. Pink slips are coming through and there's no telling who is going to be laid off next.

Morris Watson, the director of the Living Newspaper, was telling me the greatest thing the Federal Project could ever present would be a drama about the fight against the layoffs that the Administration has ordered. He laughed a little, saying he guessed that was one that would never get by the big boys. Watson, who is still a young man and obviously an enthusiastic one, spoke pretty wholeheartedly about the people on the Project. He said it was a beautiful thing to watch, this unity of action and militancy of reaction to the news of cut. Watson himself is a new hand at being interested in the organization of professionals. He's the fellow the Associated Press fired for his Guild activity—after seven years of conscientious work.

Nine pink slips have already come through and there's no telling what day the rest will bring to the project workers. Nineteen per cent are scheduled to be laid off on this one project. That means about 30 pink slips. "It probably means a lot more than that," Watson told me. "Because we can be pretty sure there'll be a second cut and then a third one unless something is done to stop this one now."

Supervisors Rebel

Morris Watson and the other supervisors refused to pick the men for slaughter. Their refusal to help pin the pink slips on the worried WPA workers was their protest against the cuts. The Federation of WPA Supervisors' Council voted to strike in any one supervisor were disciplined for making protest against the layoffs. Three supervisors were fired for insubordination following the demonstrations. The Executive Committee of the Federation has recommended that a committee of 100 call on Colonel Somervell and insist that every one be reinstated before Jan. 1 and to remind the Colonel that they have the power to call a strike.

Director Watson said it's a shame for a lot of reasons that they're cutting down the Living Newspaper. In the first place, it's the beginning of the end for WPA. It means that the Liberty League and the reactionaries are getting some response to the pressure they're exercising down in Washington.

It's a shame, too, to discontinue the work of the Living Newspaper which has been doing "Nobody who saw it will ever forget 'Triple A Plowed Under.'" Everything these project people have worked out has been in-

Your Health

—By the Medical Advisory Board—

Exercise for Round Shoulders

B. H. ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, writes: "I should like to know what physical exercises would improve round shoulders. I am self-conscious about my appearance and would like to improve my posture."

"ROUND SHOULDERS" is a term which covers a number of different conditions. In its simplest form, it may mean merely poor posture of the body. More often, the deformity is due to a softening of the bones of the spine. This softening occurs particularly in adolescents and in elderly people. Sometimes round shoulders come from curvature of the spine, which comes on in adolescence. (This curvature is lateral or sideways in contrast to the backward curving of the spine which occurs in other conditions). Once any deformity of the bones of the spine has occurred, there is no known method of treatment which will restore them to their original shape.

Although we have little knowledge as to the precise causes of these softening, it is considered likely that they are caused by a combination of diet deficient in calcium and vitamin D, overwork, fatigue, and faulty posture. As would be expected, spinal deformities are less frequent in the upper economic levels of our society.

Aside from attention to matters of diet, rest and recreation, exercises will help a great deal toward the prevention of a deformity already present. The best single exercise is performed as follows: Stand with your back to the wall, heels, head and buttocks touching the wall. Then, by pulling up the front of the pelvis with the abdominal muscles and pulling down the back of the pelvis with the buttock muscles, straighten out the hollow of the back until it touches the wall.

After one has mastered this movement, one should practice walking with the stomach and the buttocks "tucked in." A note of warning should be sounded with regard to attempting to correct this deformity by throwing the shoulders back, or by wearing apparatus sold for this purpose. Usually this merely serves to increase the hollow of the back and to increase the deformity of the bones of the spine.

NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

Believers in Santa Claus



Bing Crosby and Edith Fellows look quite jolly while Madge Evans appears rather staid in Paramount's latest picture "Pennies from Heaven."

The Body of Pirandello Follows a Long Dead Mind

Italy's Philosophic Dramatist of Skepticism Accepted the Lies of Fascism in Order Not to Know the Truth

By CHARLES E. DEXTER
Pirandello is dead and no one weeps! Not for bitterness, but for pity are eyes dry, for when the name Pirandello flashed across the dramatic sky twenty years ago, it was a welcome sign. But he still couldn't make up his mind. Il Duce wants men who think straight. They must not deviate from the true faith—which is that men must not think at all. And men must not think at all. Then, as the phalanxes of Italy were beaten back at Caporetto, he began to reflect. He thought of the beautiful world in which he lived, exquisite Italy, with its warm humanity and its deep blue skies, of mountain tops and gorges and the wine of a thousand blends of grapes. It was torn with war. Pirandello was not a realist. He was a victim of his own introspective temperament. His inquisitive mind clashed within itself. He longed for languor, for romance, for patience steeped in sunshine and ripe living. But there was only the clash of passionate men and futile killing. The trouble with Pirandello was that he could not face the world and think about it. He wanted to laugh, to be droll, to delight himself with his own whimsies. But he couldn't make up his mind. So he assumed the mask of a skeptic. A skeptic in a skeptical world. A man who would refuse to face facts and having attained logical conclusion to the syllogism of life would still deny the Quod Erat Demonstrandum. Nevertheless Pirandello made great strides forward. His six characters in search of an author

Quick, Watson, The Needle

Sherlock Holmes Play Poor Despite Good Acting Company

"THE HOLMESSES OF BAKER STREET," a melodrama in three acts by Basil Mitchell, adapted for the American stage by William Jordan Rapp and Leonardo Bercoff; staged by Reginald Bach; settings by Kate Don Lawson presented at the Masque Theatre by Elizabeth Miele. The cast: Shirley Holmes..... Helen Chandler Dr. Watson..... John Parrish Dr. Watson..... Conway Wingfield Inspector Withers..... Stuart Casey Dr. Holmes..... Cyril Root Dr. Watson..... Don Dillaway Mrs. Watson..... Cecilia Loftus Inspector Laker..... Raymond Bramley Miss..... Berice Graham Joe Murray..... Arthur Marlowe Tom Briggs..... Jack Lee Arthur Singer..... Murray Stephens

Once again the poverty of the New York stage is illustrated in "The Holmeses of Baker Street," an English comedy based on the Sherlock Holmes tales, which Elizabeth Miele has imported into the Masque Theatre. Unquestionably basing her production on the theory that a cast of well-known actors can save a poor play, we are permitted to witness performances by Cyril Scott, of long-distant "Prince Chap" fame Cecilia Loftus, Raymond Bramley, Helen Chandler and Conway Wingfield. This is enough talent to create the greatest hit of the decade, but all of it is wasted upon a dithering tale of bees, clues and kidnapping, all of it wishywashy and preposterous. Sensitivity has come upon Holmes and his dear Watson and they maunder through three acts in what the detective does nothing at all. The delicate charm of Miss Chandler, which has been useful in many delightful plays of the past, is employed to create the impossible money to Miss Miele or her backers. Why she should have chosen this futile resurrection of a once-popular figure of fiction it is difficult to understand—unless Miss Miele never reads the newspapers.

How about it, Miss Miele? Subscribe to the Daily Worker and learn what's happening in the world. In that manner you may be able to find a play which will appeal to audiences—C. E. D.

The Ruling Clawss

—By Redfield



"He's like the system—tottering"

The Movies Mark Time Until Christmas Rush

Three Routine and Undistinguished Offerings Grace the Screens of the Radio City Music Hall, the Roxy and the New Criterion

"MORE THAN A SECRETARY," directed by Alfred Green, Everett Riskin, assistant director. Produced by Columbia Pictures.

Carol Baldwin..... JEAN ARTHUR Bill Houston..... Reginald Denny Fred Gilbert..... GEORGE BRENT Malina West..... Dorothea Kent Ernest..... Lionel Stander Mr. Crosby..... Charles Hall Helen Davis..... Ruth Donnelly Edna..... Geraldine Hall

The liabilities of "More Than a Secretary" which is helping the Radio City Music Hall mark time until the Merrie Season, far overbalance the scanty assets. The sum total shows a bad debit side, and this is easily explained.

Consider the assets: Jean Arthur, an expert comedienne, in the role of the secretary who wants to marry her boss; Lionel Stander as a ferocious health fiend, and who insists that every office install an eleven o'clock cob-web chaser, callisthenics, you know, a satire on health faddists and health fad magazines and people who eat potatoe and nutose instead of meat and bread and drink butter milk for luncheon so that the food won't affect the workings of their brains; and lastly the gushing performance of Dorothea Kent as a totally but perly moronic secretary.

Consider the liabilities; a satire which stops being a satire in the middle and attempts to justify itself, gags which ceased to be funny during the reign of Charles the First of England; a characterization by George Brent of the health fiend incarnate in which Mr. Bent simply cannot manage to convince himself that he really believes all the silly things he is supposed to believe; forty extra minutes during which nothing new is disclosed, in view of the fact that everyone knows all along that George Brent is really going to marry Jean Arthur, and everyone is going to be happy.

And bearing all these things in mind, we can only sit back and say that the fact that Christmas comes but once a year, is something to be thankful for when you're in this sort of business; and we hope that when the Old Year is rung out and the New Year rung in, the movies will celebrate the occasion with some pictures not checked on the red side of the ledger.

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"Banjo On My Knee" was announced as the "first motion picture dealing with the turbulent and exciting lives of that lusty group of people who live on the Mississippi in what is known as 'shanty-boats'." We therefore came prepared to see a "story a-throb with emotional thrills and a-glow with romance" one that possessed the "elemental force" of Tobacco Road and the warmth of Steamboat Round the Bend, the ads for which boasted it had Buddy Ebsen, Anthony Martin, Barbara, Joel and the Hall Johnson Choir and with such support a film couldn't be half bad if it tried.

What we saw was something so painful it hurts to describe. It was a-throb and a-glow with probably the gosh-awfullest acting of the screen since the silent era of William Martin who warbles at least one good song, and the Hall Johnson Choir who give a lusty rendering of St. Louis Blues, provide at least fifteen pleasurable minutes of sitting in the theatre. Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea will probably feel thoroughly ashamed of themselves if they ever get to see the film, they're that bad.

"Love In Exile" "THE LIFE OF KING EDWARD VIII," a compilation of newsreel shots and other pictures of the King since his birth, presented by Gaumont British Pictures at the Criterion Theatre.

The New Criterion has taken advantage of the fuss about the ex-King and is showing "The Life of the Prince of Wales" and "Love in Exile," a story about a mythical kingdom, a mythical king, his mythical commoner fiancée and a mythical abdication. The newsreel account of the now David Windsor's life, his traveling salesmanship for the Empire, his love of sports and his spills from numerous horses, are fairly interesting. The fictional story with Clive Brook as the King and Helen Vinson as the fiancée, is dull and tedious and its only justification is that it parallels the headlines of the press with amazing accuracy.

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"YOUTH OF MAXIM" AT RADIO THEATRE
The heroes of the October Revolution are partyed in America's "Youth of Maxim" playing today at the Radio Theatre. The music and songs in the film were written by Shostakovich. The story of Lenin's activity in 1905 is presented in this picture. The Radio also presents two regular features, "China Clipper" with Pat O'Brien and "A Son Comes Home" with Mary Boland.

MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA CONCERT TONIGHT
The all Beethoven concert of the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra will take place tonight at Washington Irving High School, under the direction of Samuel Firstman. The concert was originally scheduled for Dec. 5th, but was postponed because of the death of Conductor Jacob Schaeffer.

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SHOSTAKOVITCH TO VISIT HERE
Dmitri Shostakovich, gifted Soviet composer, will arrive here in the early Spring. He is at work on a new composition and he would like to get the tempo and rhythm of American life before he completes it. There is also the possibility that he will write the original opera for Marion Anderson. The fate of the opera will probably be decided when the composer arrives.

RIEGGER SUITE FOR GRAHAM
The music for Martha Graham's new suite of seven solos and group dances to be presented at the Guild on Sunday evening, December 29 and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27 was composed by Wallingford Riegger and has been orchestrated for a seven-piece wind and percussion ensemble. The decor has been designed by Isamu Noguchi, the sculptor.

JOE SIDETRACKED IN BRADDOCK BOUT

By Ted Benson

Joe Jacobs twisted his big cigar in his mouth and muttered: "De rumors wuz all cockeyed."

For the first time in his history he failed to insist in clarion tones that "we wuz robbed!" The reason for his happiness was the fact that Joe is recognized again as the manager of the very aryan Moxie, the Foxie. Schmeling.

He has deep cause for happiness in this respect for it looked, "a while, like Joe was going to be out in the cold, cold world while Moxie wrapped himself around all the loose cash he could take back to convert into Hitler's non-movable currency."

Yes, my friends, it seemed that Mr. Jacobs was getting what the boys inelegantly called the old heave-o, but Mr. Jacobs is somewhat of a reynard himself. Mrs. Jacobs' son Joe knows all the angles, like a billiard shark, and he is no lad to let anyone take his meal ticket away.



MAX SCHMELING

Joe Puts on Pressure

The word has gone out that Joe put a little pressure on the proper parties and Max was informed that if he wanted to take a little U. S. dough home with him this trip, he'd have to do it through Joe. So Joseph is in again.

Another reason for joy in the Schmeling ménage is the decision handed down yesterday by the New York State Athletic Commission, a group of supernumerary geezers whose rulings have made more laughs than any six comedians you could name.

Solemnly, and without batting an eyelash, the czars of the boxing world in this state ruled that champion James J. Braddock must tear up his contract for a no-decision bout with Joe Louis and substitute a fight with Schmeling either in February or March.

However, the commission partially rescued itself by ruling that the promoters of the fight must post the first \$50,000 received from the sale of the tickets with the commission as a guarantee that Schmeling will defend the title, if he wins it, within six months and in the United States.

And now that all the flurry is over, the only loser in the deal seems to be Joe Louis.

The Brown Bomber seems to have been sidetracked and it brings to mind the stories of the sidetracking of other Negro heavyweights. Sullivan had his Peter Jackson, Dempsey his Harry Willis and it is beginning to look as if James J. Braddock might have his Joe Louis.

It is just another goody act on the part of the Grim Gray Geezers who run boxing in these parts—with the help of Tammany Hall.

How about it, fans? You'd better speak up if you want to see Joe fight Jim. Tell that Hitler-ridden Boxing Commission where to get off!

TODAY'S EVENTS

BASKETBALL
I.L.G.W.U. tournament games at Stuyvesant High School, 25th St. and Second Ave. Metropolitan Labor Athletic League tournament at Seward Park High School, Grand and Essex Sts., N. Y. C. N.Y.U. vs. St. Francis at home; City College vs. Providence; Brooklyn College vs. Manhattan at Hippodrome.
BOXING
Redwood Grove—Eddie Maguire vs. Casper Lakosa, Mosny Condon vs. George Red Kinsella, Jack Lenthall vs. Jimmy Murray, eight rounds each; Phil Sommers vs. Jim Howell, six rounds; Patsy Calani vs. Johnny Coyne, Joe Lynch vs. Charley Schmidt, four rounds each.
Rockland Palace—Lorenzo Pack vs. Salvatore Ruggierella, Willie Eley vs. Eldridge Davenport, eight rounds; James J. Johnson vs. Andy Hudson, Rudy Marshall vs. Billy Mosca, Havana Kid vs. Buddy Bastien, six rounds each; Jimmy Payne vs. Jimmy Coyne, four rounds.
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Labor Teams Go to Town In Court Games

Big Schedule in ILGWU and Met League Shows Growth

By MIKE KANTOR

Today marks another chapter in the developments of labor sports in New York City.

The two largest and best organized labor leagues swing into action with some of the finest court games on tap for the rabid fans. The I.L.G.W.U., initiators of the fast-maturing worker's athletic movement brings its schedule to a climax when the quintets representing Local 40 Beltmakers and Local 102 of the Truckdrivers Union take the floor at the Stuyvesant Gym, 15th St. and First Ave.

In the other group, the Metropolitan Labor Athletic League, the feature court event finds the two arch-rivals, the Furriers and the Teachers, playing the court game to the hilt. These teams took labor basketball fans by storm in a pre-season game when the Furriers snatched the game from the favored WPA's in the last split-second of the contest. The teams will play at Seward Park High School, Essex and Grand Streets.

The feature game in the I. L. G. W. U. league will have both teams fighting for the leadership. The quintet have yet to be beaten and on their comparative showings against the same opponents, figuring the winner is a job for a seer, not a sport writer. The contest should be replete with sizzling court play. Both agencies are high-scoring machines who use typical college play and use them well. With Ed Lok, star on the Crescent A. C., throwing them up and laying the ground work for set-up shots, you can expect the belt-makers to exhibit some fancy court stuff. However, Local 102 is a slick combination which keeps carrying the play to the other team without a let-up. The five is composed of former high school and club stars with some of the boys performing at present for the Bronx YMHA. It's a close contest and the fans will be coming out in droves to see these two ace labor outfits put on a swell basketball show.

GIRL TEAMS TO PLAY

The preliminary I. L. G. W. U. games which start at 3:30 will have four girl quintets matching their shots against each other. The fans always get a kick out of the keen competition and clever ball handling that the girls exhibit. The preliminary games will pit Local 89 of Harlem against Local 89, Bronx girls; Local 22 vs. Local 32, also of the Bronx; Local 40 vs. Local 89, Washington Heights, and Local 91 vs. Local 82.

A. L. P. JOINS LEAGUE

In the opener, Local 158 of the Amalgamated, a hustling, clever quintet meets a newcomer to the labor athletic movement, the American Labor Party of the 6 A. D. Little is known of the quality of the A. L. P. basketball team, but they are reputed to be a very strong combination. The entry of the American Labor Party into the Metropolitan Labor Athletic League is another indication of the growing influence labor sport groups are exerting on workers in the city.

The games today are important not merely for their competitive value but for their magnificent display of worker's interest in their own athletic ventures.

New Negro Heavy

Lorenzo Pack, who disputes Joe Louis's claim as the foremost Negro heavyweight, returns to the ring tonight when he takes on the veteran Salvatore Ruggierella in the main bout at the Rockland Palace. Pack who also hails from Detroit has compiled an enviable record since he turned pro after capturing the Golden Gloves title. His record is generously studded with knockouts which give sufficient proof of his punching power. In his last fight Lorenzo made quite a hit with the fans with his spectacular four round knockout over Jack Van Noy, a huge Texan bruiser.

LITTLE LEFTY



Here Comes Cookie-and Woody

Those Brooklyn Dodgers think they are going to have a cracker-jack infield next season after the trades Manager Burtleigh Grimes pulled in Montreal last month.

Here you see the reason. That husky looking youngster taking a cut at the ball is Cookie Lavagetto, young second baseman acquired with pitcher Ralph Birkhofer from Pittsburgh. The baseball men do say that Cookie has a real future.

The other guy is Woody English, erstwhile bench riding captain of the Chicago Cubs. Just turned thirty, the hard hitting veteran shortstop is expected to help Grimes where he needs help most.

Buddy Hassett on first and Jumping Joe Stripp on third complete the infield that Burtleigh Grimes said "may be the best in the league." And he wasn't smiling.



Cookie Lavagetto

Ecuador Threatens Bronx Knights' Lead in League

By JOSEPH SMITH

With the battle for the league waxing hotter as the season is nearing its half-way mark, Manhattan Soccer League elevens will devote tomorrow afternoon to another round of point games.

Heading the list in importance is the clash between the Bronx Knights and the Irish Trumpeldor. Certain meanwhile, their nearest competitors, the Ecuador, are at present leading the first division by two points ahead of the Ecuador.

KNIGHTS TESTED

In Trumpeldor, the Knights are facing their hardest test, as the newcomers are still undefeated and are regarded as one of the strongest squads in the loop, which makes the outcome of this clash quite uncertain. Meanwhile, their nearest competitors, the Ecuador, are tackling a much easier assignment, in the Brownsville I.W.O. who will furnish the opposition at Betsy Head Park. Brownsville, a recent graduate from the second division, is not expected to snap the winning streak of the South Americans.

Continuing on its own march toward the pennant, the third place Scandinavian A team is expected to move another step nearer, when they square off against the Yorkville Hungarians.

In the second division, the Young Zion S. C. will engage in a battle for the third place with the Spartan F. C. crack colored soccer squad. Another slam-bang battle is in the offing, when the Scandinavian B's and the Hanasher get together. Leading the attack of the East Siders, will be William Yaner, former Seward High star who leads the list of goal-getters with twelve markers. Both clashes are listed for 12 noon.

Strong Heckscher Team in Action

The Heckscher Foundation quintet goes into action tonight against a strong Grand Street Settlement House team on its home court, 104th St. and Fifth Ave. Fans who like their amateur basketball can be expected to find the Heckscher five right on top of the basketball heap when the season comes to an end. They have registered in the A.A.A., and the best teams in this leading athletic organization will provide some of the competition for the Heckscherites. The proceeds from these games go to the Foundation's activities for the benefit of the neighborhood's under-privileged children and is an added reason why the Heckscher court events should be supported.

Two Big Games Start Hipp Off

By Lester Rodney

The first big event of the year for the omniverous basketball hounds of New York City takes place tonight when C.C.N.Y. meets Providence and Manhattan tangles with Brooklyn, at the Hippodrome.

The sudden impact of leather mittens and the trill of an operatic soprano give way tonight to the swish of the nets, the blast of the referee's whistle and the tension of an important foul shot.

They're two great games. C.C.N.Y., after several subnormal seasons, is back with another good Holman outfit and is on the way up. It's a good team, with unusual smoothness for this early in the season. In trimming strong St. Francis and Brooklyn College fives, the Lavender school, MacGuire, McNally, Ryan, Volpe and Kenny are the starting veterans. Brooklyn has disappointed to date. With a sprinkling of vets including the high scoring Perpel, the Kingsmen were expected to make trouble. Maybe tonight they will begin to make good on the predictions.

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Strike at Howard Arouses Alumni Clinton Moves Up

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—The alumni of Howard University, Negro college of Virginia, aroused by the recent football strike and the conditions that caused it, have decided to take action toward the solution of the troubles. An investigation committee was the first concrete step taken. The strike occurred a week before Thanksgiving and resulted in the cancellation of the traditional game with Lincoln University. The lack of a training table for the players and inadequate equipment were the direct causes of the outbreak, which was supported by a majority of the students.

Says Doc:
Trading Ends
The Fans Beam
Everything's Swell,
For the Other Team

Hitler's Moxie Gets Big Bout

Schmeling Awes Boxing Commission—To Fight Braddock for Title—Louis Go Is Sidetracked —Jacobs Denies Guarantee Tale

By Ted Benson

Max Schmeling, Hitler helot, came to New York yesterday, and with the help of Tammany Hall as represented by his on-again, off-again manager, Joe Jacobs, forced the New York State Boxing Commission to side-track Joe Louis in his scheduled fight with Champion Jim Braddock.

As predicted by the Daily Worker, the fact that Joe Louis is a Negro will be used at every turn to ban him from the championship shot that is rightfully his.

Under the ruling of the Silly Solons, Max will tangle with Jim for the heavy title sometime in February or March, thus effectively short-circuiting a Louis-Braddock bout in Atlantic City.

The only sensible order passed by the fuzzy-headed fascist fathers was that the promoters must lay \$50,000 on the line to guarantee that Max Schmeling must defend his title (if he wins it) in the United States within six months after the proposed bout.

JACOBS DENIES IT

But Joe Jacobs even threw cold water on that. In an exclusive interview with the Daily Worker, Jacobs said that no such stipulation was signed and that it might have been suggested but it wasn't in writing.

Indications all point to an attempt to sidetrack Joe Louis permanently when it comes to a championship bout.

The only way fans will ever get to see Louis fight for the title is to demand the bout and to boycott any other bout which passes up the man the fans want to see wearing the heavyweight crown.

STARS COME FORWARD

Two more stars of that popular game, called Table Tennis, today agreed to participate at the Daily Worker "Game for the Spain" next Wednesday at the Social Dance Group, 94 Fifth Avenue.

They are Frank Spinka, who holds the civil service employees championship of New York State, and David Engelman, title holder of Flushing. These ranking players will perform together with several state champs at this outstanding sport event which is being staged for the heroic Spanish workers engaged in a life and death struggle against Fascism.

There are still some tickets to be had — but you'd better get them now—because they are going fast.

Violets Face St. Francis

Is N.Y.U. a serious threat for local court honors? The question will be answered tonight when the Violets are tested by a good St. Francis quintet at the N.Y.U. gym.

Coach Cann lost a lot of regulars last year and has been further handicapped by the absence of Ivy Witty, one of the most promising and polished centers hereabouts.

Terjerson and Schulman are the scoring aces of the squad but with Scerjave, St. boardman and the Carnevale, St. boardman, Jerry Tar-former Clinton the combination, it looks like Cann's fears are a little bit on the safe side.

Coach Conroy has done a swell job at the Brooklyn school and his boys are coming along at a fast pace. The Terriers, always a team to be feared, have a particularly smooth outfit this season. Gleason, Lynch and Corlett are fast, sharp-shooting courtstars.

The St. Francis squad will tell local basketball fans just how much Coach Cann's doubts may be believed. Or else, the game will put N.Y.U. right up with L.I.U., City and Manhattan as the best in town.

Coach Shows All

The art of playing basketball will be shown by Clair F. Bee, will be staged by L.I.U.'s phenomenally successful quintet, at the Hippodrome this afternoon following the scholastic doubleheader.

With the aid of the members of his squad Coach Bee will make a survey of the fine points of the game. Owing to the time limit Bee will not be able to make a detailed study but he will touch on the highlights of the game.

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