Foster and Br Ask Action in L For the Daily Work

The great tasks before the Communist Party require special attention being given-NOW-to the Daily Worker financial drive. A call to that effect went out yesterday to every district of the Party from William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Earl Browder, general secretary.

"Imagine for a moment," the appeal said, "how our Party would look and work without the Daily Worker." Each district is called upon in the communication, to

work out a plan for furthering the financial drive at once, with the appointment of a special committee to carry this plan into effect.

Text of Letter

The letter from the leaders of the Party to each Party district reads in full:

This letter is addressed to all members of the District Bureau. It concerns our immediate tasks in the Daily Worker financial drive. It must receive your immediate

The Central Committee wishes to call to your attention that the tasks that confront us today require that we shall make secure the publication of the Daily Worker. We cannot mobilize all our forces for support of the struggle of the Spanish people without the Daily Worker. We cannot develop the support for the great nationwide marine strike without our paper. We cannot do all in our power to assure the success of the steel drive without our Daily Worker. We need the Daily Worker in the fight against the layoffs of WPA workers, in the fight for the workers' demands before Congress and the state legislatures, in the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, in every important task that we undertake.

\$100,000 Must Be Raised

Imagine for a moment how our Party would look and work without the Daily Worker. We know that we shall never let this happen. You will never let this happen. But yet there is always the danger. The Daily Worker cannot as yet get along financially without making up the big deficit every year. The \$100,000 that we must raise is the minimum that must be raised to assure the publication of the kind of Daily and Sunday Worker that we are publishing today.

We have just gone through the great election campaign in which our Party was called upon to raise large sums of money. Our Party, on the whole, did well in this undertaking. Now we are all engaged in the task of doing all in our power to help the fight of the Spanish people. We have to do much more than we have done up until now. Most districts have the task of raising relief for the marine strikers who are in great need and who must be given all possible assistance.

All this only emphasizes that the Daily Worker financial campaign must be given special attention; that the campaign must be organized and directed as never before. And that by doing this we can quickly raise the quota in each district so that we can assure the existence of the Daily and Sunday Worker in the service of the campaigns for the Spanish people, in the great economic and political struggles that are now on and the others that are maturing.

Plan of Work

We have confidence that you can solve these problems in your district. All that is necessary is that you organize yourselves to face these tasks.

We propose that the District Bureau shall discuss the Daily Worker Financial Drive, work out plans for the speedy fulfillment of the District quota, and assign a special committee with a member of the District Bureau in charge, to assure the execution of the plan.

The Central Committee has set up a special committee to guide the campaign. It consists of Comrades Foster, Browder, Hathaway, Ford and Mother Bloor. The committee will follow the work in every district and from time to time write to you regarding the progress of the campaign in your district. We hope that we shall be able to soon greet you upon your success.

We ask for acknowledgment of this letter together with a copy of the plan which you have worked out. Yours for a Speedy and Successful Campaign,

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman.

EARL BROWDER, General Secretary.

Public Sentiment Behind Coast Strike, Bridges Tells Press

By John Meldon

Harry Bridges, the dock worker who two years ago big picket line, under the protecemerged from the wharves of Frisco into international tion of Pennsylvania State Police. prominence as one of the most capable leaders American labor has produced in recent years—arrived here by 'plane yesterday to greet the embattled striking seamen of the

He was accompanied by Randolph Merriweather, leader of the West Coast marine engineers, one of the major striking unions comprising the Maritime Federation of the Pa-

Airport by Joseph Curran, chairman of the Strike Strategy Com-

Not a Ship Moves

In an interview at his room in the Hotel Victoria uptown a few hours later, Bridges spoke to newspaper reporters for almost an hour. Soft spoken, clear-eyed and completely confident, the famous maritime leader answered scores of questoins fired at him by the reporters. trip to the East, Bridges said: "My purpose is to report, on behalf of the West Coast strikers, the situation there. We will tell the dockers on the East Coast what we think of the situation on both coasts." In answer to an almost similar

estion, the leader of the heroic 1934 general strike in 'Frisco said: The walkout on the Pacific Coast is solid, not only among DeGrass of Mobile, Ala., were elec-

ing its influence among all of or-(Continued on Page 4)

Takes Emergency

Action Here

Continuing their bitter fight

At a coastwise conference of duly

and Gulf Sailors' Association rep-

resentatives of 14 ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, took offi-

cial action to establish legal con-

trol of the union, by the member-

against strikebreaking I.S.U. offi-

AR BRIDGES AT GARDEN RALLY TOMORROW

NEATHER: Partly cloudy; little change in temperature; West to Southwest winds.

Eastern New York State: Partly

Dailu Worker

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1936

Report Chiang Kai-Shek

Safe While Still

Held Prisoner

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.—While

many military warlords radioed and

telegraphed support of the Nanking

regime, W. L. Donald, Central Gov-

ernment emissary to Sian-fu, where

tive by Marshal Huseh-liang, was

reported to have opened negotia-

Late tonight Marshal Chang

Hsueh-liang radioed Gen. Sung

Cheh-Yuan, chairman of the Hopei-

Chahar Political Council, assuring

him of the safety of Gen. Chiang

Kai-shek, the government an-

REPORT CLASHES

Most reports indicated that in-

tial clashes between Nanking

troops and Manchurians under the

"Young Marshal," as Chang is

though military movements on both

sides continued through the day.

of Chiang Kai-shek to a safe neu-

Returning pilots reported to Loy-

MARTIAL LAW IN NANKING

perations today.

The Central Executive Committee

Martial law was declared in Han-

Off Negotiations

(Special to the Daily Worker)

shift workers of the two plants of

the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. re-

sumed their stay-in strike this morn-

ing when the company refused pro-

a minimum scale of 75 cents an hour

for all workers. Upon resumption of

work, negotiations were to begin on

demands of a flat increase of five

cents an hour, 40-hour week, time

BOO COMPANY MEN

At a mass meeting of night shift

vorkers held at a near-by hall, when the workers heard the report tonight that the company planned to move

dies from its plants to be used for

emergency production at another

factory, all marched in a body to the shop gates and decided to patrol the region. The Kelsey-Hayes Co.

produces wheels, brakes, rims and

nubs for the Ford, Pontiac, Chev-

rolet and Cadillac plants of the General Motor Corporation,

Graham-Page and Willys-Overland

A continued tie-up will threaten

seriously production at those plants.

Association, a company union, com-

is predominant. Representatives of

the company union weer booed off

to speak before yesterday's meeting.

and Walter Reuther, president of

Richard Frankensteen, organizer

pletely routed at yesterday's mas

With the Kelsey-Hayes Employes

and half for overtime and a slowing

up of the production line.

strike.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—Day

netimes called, had ceased

tions today for Chiang's release.

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SAFETY-AT-SEA?



Striking seamen show in real life what they mean by lack of "safety-at-sea." Raiph G. Smith, crippled on board ship, being carried by 10,000 marching strikers in New York last Saturday.

SunStrikers Hold Pew Guilty in Death of James Young

By Art Shields (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent) CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 14.-Chester shipyard strikers fantry and machine gun units passed their second big test today when the Sun Yards opened for the first time since last Friday, day of "Pew's mas-

"2,500" returned. But when you listened outside the gates you didn't hear the rattle of single rivet gun. They are not building ships.

MANY STOOGES

Some hundreds of scabs went into the plant this morning, past the But not many shipyard workers.

Marcus Hook, seaman, pointed out Sun Oil Refinery workers and finks from that refinery port four miles away. The funny thing was

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Counter Offensive Drives Foe from Pozuelo, Says War Office

MADRID, Dec. 14.—Government militia holding the lines in University City successfully repulsed fleets of fascist tanks, supported by inwhen they battered for two hour in an attempt to break Madrid's steel wall of defense

A bitter icy wind was howling down on the battle front from the Guadarrama Mountains when the Pew had said the yards would re-open almost at full blast.

The lying Chester Times boasted beaten off that the threatened "big push" of General Franco's fascists had not materialized.

> General Francisco Franco's fascists struck simultaneously at Pozuelo and Valdemorillo along the hightway to Escorial. The International Brigade ,holding the southern portion of Pozuelo, withstood a violent two-hour bombardment and met a surge of rebels with machine guns, mortars and grenades

COUNTER OFFENSIVE After repulsing the attack the Brigade staged a counter offensive and, according to the War Ministry, that many of the same faces kept drove the fascists from thhe town. appearing again and again. There At Valdemorillo Loyalist troops

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Both were greeted at the Newark Both were greeted at the Newark ELECT BOARD Mayor Calls Conference man of the Strike Strategy Committee, directing the general seamen's strike along the Atlantic-Gulf Coastwise Conference With 700 Facing Eviction

East Side Tenants to Meet with Owners of Condemned Tenements—Improvements Under Multiple Dwelling Law Refused

cials, seamen from all Atlantic and Gulf ports met here in closed con-East Side tenants will meet the banker owners of their ference yesterday and took steps slum tenements face-to-face at City Hall this afternoon at meeting of 1,500 strikers, sentiment to take over control of their own a special conference called by Mayor LaGuardia to discuss for the United Automobile Workers the new housing crisis. delegates of the Eastern

The crisis arose out of attempts on the part of the the platform when they attempted Dry Dock, Citizens, Bowery and 2 Central Savings Banks to evict be- the provisions of the Multiple Dwell-

ship. Frederick Nelson Myers of lies. Most of the ousters are sched-New York, Robert L. Desmond of uled to take place before Christmas the attitude of the banks. Marcus Hook, Penn., and Charles Eve.

maritime workers, but is extend- ted as trustees to take over the they cannot live up to recent orders ated the critical situation on the funds and property of the union of Tenement House Commissioner East Side and has begun a rent-Langdon W. Post that the buildings must be improved to comply with

tween 500 and 700 East Side fami- ing Law. It is cheaper to tear down Local 174 of the United, were in RENTS TOO HIGH

It is this situation that has cre-(Continued on Page 4)

Six hundred workers of the Aluminum Die Casting Corp. were still out today as the company refused to negotiate. Production at that plant was also tied up since last Thursday when the sit-down was

charge of negotiations.

Benefits the Japanese Invaders Charge Agents of Japan Nippon Mobilizes More Active in Revolt Against Nanking Government

Tokio-Nazis Plot in China Crisis;

Soviet Press Says Civil Strife

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek is held cap- Soviet Union Does Not Intervene in Internal ther into North China. Affairs of Foreign Nations, Pravda Says in Baring Hand of Japan in China

(By Special Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—The Soviet press today makes it clear that the explanation for the causes of the revolt of the troops of Chang Hsueh-liang must be sought in the plots of pro-Japanese elements in China which use every means of facilitating Japanese imperialism's enslavement

A tremendous process of the consolidation of all forces aiming at uniting China is proceeding throughout the country. This process is developing under the pressure of the anti-Japanese movement which took on sharper forms in

INCLUDES VARIOUS GROUPS

Thirty swift Nanking war-plane The front of struggle against the flew from Central Government aggression of Japanese imperialism headquarters at Loyang, 100 miles includes the most varied social south of Sian-fu, to the Shensi strata and groups. provincial capital dropping leaf-Recently, this front was joined lets demanding immediate removal

by means of soldiers who bear on their shoulders the entire burden of the useless, internecine militarist wars which rend China and ruin ng that all was quiet in Sian-fu. its population. The forces of reaction, inspired by the agents of the enemies of the Chinese people. offer stubborn resistance to the attempts to unite China, to gather its divided parts, and to rally the ince the onset of the crisis, was

said to be considering a plan to send a delegation of high Nanking officials to Sian-fu. It was declared that the plan would not be put into It is no accident that the name effect until word was heard from of the notorious Japanese agent, Donald, Chiang's adviser acting as Wang Ching-wei, is closely connected with the revolt of Chang The Lunghai East-West trunk allway line no longer ran trains Sian-fu, Western terminus. of his foreign masters, Wang Ching-Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, known wei is trying to create new chaos as the "Christian General." assumed control of Nanking military troop

the enemies of China. Speculating on the anti-Japanese kow and Nanking during the day. movement, Chang Hseuh-liang

professedly against Japan, but he murky situation. really helps division and sows further chaos in China, dooming it

MOVES TO UNITY

Under the pressure of the rapidly growing anti-Japanese movement the Nanking government lately bedirected towards the unification of

the Japanese in South China was seriously resisted. The Canton miltarists hiding behind the slogan of the anti-Japanese movement but really acting in the interests of Japanese imperialism, were exposed

JAPAN FEARS UNITED CHINA people, and its growing influence on the policy of the Nanking govern-

in the country which is beneficial ment, all created serious difficulties only for the plundering plans of for the Japanese imperialists. The Japanese attempts to crush

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4 Spanish Students To Plead for Aid

Youth Delegates to Speak at Hippodrome Meeting Kelsey-Hayes Walkout Is Resumed as Firm Breaks Thursday Night—Declare Workers Are Backing Government

> Four young Spanish students directly from front-line activity in the fight of the People's Front against fascism arrived in New York yesterday afternoon on the giant liner Queen Mary for a nationwide tour to appeal for help for the Spanish people.

posals made by the United Auto-The four make their first appear- last night in the Hotel Commodore mobile Workers of America today and broke off negotiations. A total ance at a mass meeting Thursday that democracy in Spain with the of 5,000 workers is involved in the under the auspices of the United Work was resumed at the two Youth Committee to Aid Spanish plants after the workers stayed in for three days and were promised

Vividly picturing the current war situation in Spain and the heroic the populace has had to undergo in struggles of the Spanish militia, the four told reporters at a conference

night in the New York Hippodrome backing of the great majority of peasants and workers would defeat the "invasion" of mercenaries. WOUNDED AT FRONT

They testified to the dangers that

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War Department Lines Up SenatorsBehindWarPlan

Senate Leaders Already Committee to Scheme to Draft Labor, Gag Press and Enforce Universal Draft in Time of War

By Alan Max

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The War Department already has a number of leading United States Senators committed to its scheme to have the next session of Congress provide for a virtual military dictatorship in war time It was reliably learned today that the revised industrial

bilization plans, Thursday by the War Department and which it hopes to have enacted into law at the coming session, was quietly passed around in mimeographed form to several Senate leaders shortly before elections. Their agreement to push the plan was assured before the War De-

made it public. PRESS GAG AND DRAFT It is believed that it was at the suggestion of some of these Sen-

ators that the War Department took the tactical step of withholding "until revision is completed," the most obnoxious sections of the plan. These would provide for a draft of labor, a universal military draft and complete censorship of the press.

A government official, who had partment finally printed it and been connected with the Nye investigation which pried the lid off the old mobilization plan, gave his

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Troops for Further Invasion of China

TOKYO, Dec. 14.—Mobilization of by the crisis in China to drive fur-

The Japanese Foreign Office kept in constant touch with Berlin throughout the day, as informed circles believed that intervention. first concrete result of the Tokyo-

Berlin pact, was imminent. Meanwhile high officials of the Japanese army, navy and Foreign ment was made of concrete measures taken, but it was expected that drastic steps would be taken at the meeting scheduled for to-

Further developments in Chiang Kai-shek by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang Saturday seemed to indicate that Japanese influence had been early at work in the

The internal strife fomented by Brings Total to 17 of **USSR** Vessels Stopped by Franco

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Dec. 14 .- With four

Spanish Fascists during the past The collapse of the Japanese at- week, a total of 17 Soviet ships tempt to seize Suiyuan Province, the have been stopped and searched by the naval forces of Gen. Francisco Franco, Spanish Fascist generalissimo, during the course of the civil

The Stepan Khalturing, the Divicoles, the Kuzbas and the Avenesov were the ships stopped last week, Fascists went to the point of open-ing of ballast tanks in the holds in search for alleged hidden arms destined for the Spanish Govern-

Commenting on this illegal seizure, Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, said "This desperate and unavailing search for arms in Soviet ships would be simply laughable, if systematic attacks on merchan ships had not reached the point of impermissible interference normal commerce with all coun-

Norway Warns Fascists Not to Unload Ships

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 14.-Norway last night sent a sharp note of protest to the Fascist junta at Burgos, Spain, protesting against the seizure by Fascists of the Norwegian steamer, Einar Jarl, Saturday, off Cape Finisterre. The Fascists were

WPA Women End Sit-Down; Go on Relief

than a week, voted today to lift the siege of the town hall and go

They started their protest "sit-down" when the WPA sewing projects on which they had been employed were abolished.

In retaliation against their treatment by the town administration, the women propose to continue picketing gambling dens which the mayor declares "do not exist."

Stachel's Report on A. F. of L. Convention In Tomorrow's 'Daily'

The report of Jack Stachel on the problems facing the trade union movement following the Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker Stachel's report was delivered

at the recent meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Order your copy of the Daily

Spy Admits Framing Modesto Defendants for Standard Oil

COLUMN LEFT!

The Battle of Park City Buffalo Bills and Dollar Bills

By Harrison George

THREE THOUSAND I striking silver miners of Park City, Utah, showed a marked disregard of tradition, maybe, but they turned back the scabs sent from nearby Heber

Long years ago a gent who wrote songs for the Church of England put out one of those old hymns our forefathers sang. It began: "The son of god goes forth The songwriter was named Heber

Heber C. Grant, growing up at that time, became a bigwig of the Mormon church. Heber City has long been a center of Mormonism, notably so even in Mormon Utah.

Heber C. Grant was a Mormon high priest about the time of the Civil War, when the Mormons waged war, literally, against "Gentiles," using what was called "The Danites," a sort of shock brigade of the Mormon church. They were called "Danites" after the lines in Genesis XLIX, verse 17, where it is said:

way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward."

But, it seems that the silver miners of Park City scoffed at the adders who came from Heber City in trucks. The sheriff had previously taken guns away from these "serpents by the way." And the miners held a strategic position on the road where it enters Park City through a narrow can-

"No pasaran!" cried the strikers, as they dragged the scabs from the trucks, and gave the whole lot of 100 modern "Danites" a swell assortment of black eyes and bloody noses in a plain fist fight, without any Marquis of Queensberry rules. Meanwhile the strikers' women cheered and got in a few licks themselves.

'MHEN my Daily Worker VV comes," says A. C. S., cheerfully chipping in one Buck, "the first thing I read is Spain, the next is Column Left. That really is a compliment, you see, as I am unemployed and the doings in that field vitally con-

A. P., sending a dollar seconds S. on the idea that it is hard to choose between the different splendid features (orchids to you, World Front!). And in fair play we doff our bonnet to the high quality of our competi-

But, Column Left gets the dollar bills from the individual proletarians, while some of its competitors seem to have "bushwah" contacts, from the way they grab up \$100 contributions in one mouthful. All we ask is a sporting chance. Unlike Edward Windsor, we refuse to abdicate, and though we've been moved to Page Two, we are assured of staying there as long as we pay our rent. And all in one piece, hurray!

When we announced the formation of "Friends of Column Left, INC." our competitors sniffed skeptically. They insist there is no such organization. Well, we'll show 'em! But what of Page Seven's claim that they have "Jim Bridger" to bat for them? Huh!

Some more huhs! We deny the extantness of Jim Bridger! All Americans whose knowledge of America goes west of Jersey City, know that Jim Bridges was a famous frontiersman, trader and trapper who fought Indians to keep his hair in the Rockies way back about 1840. How come Page 7 resurrects him as a radio crooner

Anyhow, Friends of Column Left have lifted us to the sum of \$64.50 so far collected. Bring on your Jim Bridgers, Buffalo Bills and what have you! We'll get by with Dollar Bills!

WHAT'S ON

Chicago, Ill.

Hit Lecture of the Season! Joseph Freeman, Editor of New Masses, will speak on "Spain and the Middle Class," Sunday, Dec. 20, at 8 P.M., at the Capitol Bidg., 159 N. State Street. Ausp.: Friends of New Masses.

Baltimore, Md.

Daily Worker Benefit Dance. Hot Orchestra, Good Refreshments. Odd Pellows Hall, Lanvale and McGulloh. Friday Nite, Dec. 18, 1936. Boston, Mass.

Chess, Bridge and Social, Saturday evening, Dec. 19, 1936. Dancing, en-tertainment, refreshments, at 330 Newbury St. Adm. 25 cents. Ausp.: Progressive Labor School. Philadelphia, Pa.

Newark, N. J. Dine! Wine! Dance! Lift the Lid! requesting that the New Year's Eve. Cabaret and Ploor Show, at Kruger's Hall.

Detroit, Mich.

Mussolini Says Will Defend Fascist Spoils With Force of Arms

ROME, Dec. 14.—Italian Fas-cism will resort to the sword before it will relinquish any of its imperialist spoils, Premier Benito Mussolini declared today in a speech opening a session of the

"This session coincides with complete occupation of the Empire," he said. "Those frontiers, as well as those of the homeland, will be validly defended at every moment by a tempered sword, firmly grasped."

Tribunals Have No Legal Authority, Political Prisoners Hold

An unprecedented step in the annals of legal history, the boycotting of tribunals as illegal courts of law by the political prisoners facing trial next week before special tribunals in Rio de Janeiro, the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People learned yesterday.

The political prisoners, among them Luiz Carlos Prestes, leader of the National Liberation Alliance, have unanimously decided to boycott the tribunals which, they declare, have been set up by the Vargas government in violation of the Brazilian constitution which specifically prohibits the creation of such tribu-

To try the thousands of citizens who have been imprisoned on political charges during the past year and held incommunicado, special tribunals have been created composed of five members, civilians and military officers with no representative of the law, all appointed by President Vargas. The number of defense witnesses is limited to five. Defendants are denied counsel of their own choosing and no appeal from the tribunal's verdict will be

Discussion of the bill creating the tribunals was forbidden on the floor of the Brazilian Senate and Chamber of Deputies. In protest against this prohibition, the minority bloc in both houses walked out of parliament, and among the majority members 35 deputies voted against

creating the tribunals.

The first cases to come before the ribunals for trial are scheduled for this next week.

By refusing to recognize as courts of law these tribunals which waive all legal rights guaranteed defendants under the Brazilian constitution, the political prisoners stated they intend to show that not they but President Vargas is on trial and will stand convicted before the tribunal of public opinion in Brazil and

Sallitto to Surrender for

Protests to Labor Dept. to Save Anti-Fascist Are Asked

Dominic Sallitto, an Italian antisurrender at Ellis Island on Friday for deportation to Italy. Sallitto has been under a court bail since a writ of habeas corpus in his behalf was dismissed by Judge Francis Caffey last March. An appeal was filed at that time, but last October the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sustained the decision of the lower court upholding the Department of Labor. As the mandamus which has kept Sallitto out under court ball expired he has been ordered to surrender.

Relief in this case has been denied by the courts because of a settled policy which prevents them from intervening when the question of the weight of evidence in deportation cases is involved. Thus, the Department of Labor becomes the sole judge in this case, and only a reconsideration of its previous deci-sion can prevent the delivery of Sal-

and has an American born, fouryear-old, motherless child. He was arrested by Immigration agents in Oakland, California, April 11, 1934, charged with membership in ar "organization advocating the overthrow of government by force and violence" and ordered deported because he rented part of the premises where he was operating a restaurant to the editor of a radical publication which goes legally through the

Doggie Rosat and Turkey Raffle on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 P.M. at 1306 N. 7th St. Adm. 25c, including raffle. Good time assured Benefit Daily Worker Financial Drive. dividuals and organizations to send telegrams to the Secretary of Labor requesting that the order of depor-

For a Germany Free From the Nazi Plague



(Daily Worker Staff Photo)

Freedom-loving German-Americans celebrated German Day this past Sunday at a giant rally at Hunts Point Palace in the Bronx. Above is one of the scenes of the impressive meeting. Representatives of German science, education, literature, people of diverse religions and political views, united in the common front against Hitler and his agents in America.

To Build 'Death Zone' to Repulse Feared Nazi Attacks

(By United Press) PARIS, Dec. 14. - France has

ordered extensive additions to her famed Maginot Line of fortifications along the northern frontier as a result of Germany's "threatening" gestures, the United Press learned The line, which comes as close

to being invulnerable as anything yet devised by military engineers, will be expanded to a depth of eight or ten kilometers. When the new fortifications are

might succeed in piercing the main which is striving in the present dif line would be trapped in a broad ficult conditions to strengthen an strip of "inescapable death." The scheme to build a so-called death zone was substituted for an

original plan to erect a secondary defense line back of the Maginot Line, much in the manner that trenches were laid out in the World

The secondary line would be brought into action in event an of the Catalan Republic invader broke through.

Engineers of the War Ministry argued that a secondary line would were strong enough to smash the Maginot Line, could repeat the

The only solution, the engineers Deportation said, lay in the "death zone" whose deep belt would be swept by machine gun and artillery fire.

"Pill boxes" sheltering both artillery and machine guns will be built in the eight or ten-kilometer belt. They will be placed in the

Just as the Maginot Line was built so that no sector in front of fascist worker, has been ordered to it could escape its angle of fire so its deepening will leave no spot incovered if the line is broken, Any motorized units that broke through would find themselves in a hornet's nest with fire coming

> from all sides. Enemy artillery might bang a nole in the single line of fortifications, engineers said, but would be unable to wipe out defenses ten kilometers deep.

Enter Debt Parley

PARIS, Dec. 14 (UP). - Premier Leon Blum conferred at length with former Finance Minister Georges Light Earthquake Felt Bonnet today, urging that he accept six months' diplomatic mission to Washington, to negotiate resumption of the French war debt to the United States.

Washington. The French practice limits the career men to six months

Bonnet gave the Premier no defi-

Italy to Default on War Debt Payment to the US

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP) .-The Italian Government today fornotified the State Department of its intention to default the

Fear Trawler Lost

steam trawler Kodama, with a crew today. of 12, was 17 days overdue at Fleet-

prisoners for whose trial they were created, is planned by Brazil's FRANCE WILL Catalan Trotzkyites SPAIN CONSUL Arouse Militia's Ire TO TALK FRIDAY

Their Treachery to Barcelona Government Makes | NCONEY SLAND Them Best Allies of Fascists, Says Spanish Paper—Disruption Only Aim

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MADRID, Dec. 14.—Provocative attempts of Catalan Trotzkyists to disrupt the unity of the Spanish people in the fight against international fascism have aroused the ire of the workers and the people's militia to the burning point. The most recent maneuvers of the Trotzkyites in Barce-

lona are the subject of heated dising Madrid from the onslaughts of General Francisco Franco's mer-

Summarizing the sentiments of the population, Mundo Obrero, Communist organ, writes: "The only purpose of life of Trotzkyites is to divide, to create difficult situations, to bring grist to the mill of fascism. Filled with the completed, the War Ministry drive to destroy everything, they claimed, any enemy force that entered the Catalan government

ATTACK GOVERNMENT

they attacked the government, with the aim of compromising it before the republican and working class

"They are attempting to bring about dissolution of the Parliament

"In carrying out their dirty work, the Trotzkyites employ every trick, from criminal attempts to slander provide no more security than the the Soviet Union and the Soviet only 4,000,000 are available. The primary defenses. If the Maginot people—the best friend of the Line gave way, motorized armies Spanish people—to political in-would pour in quickly and, if they trigues aiming to create disunity among the anti-fascist forces,

"The group of bandits who call themselves the Burgos 'government' could not find a better ally in our

AID FASCISTS

Pointing out the danger of as the shortage has brought high Trotzkyite activity within the ranks prices for meat. of the people, Mundo Obrero de-clares: "This permits them to work as freely as the notorious 'Fifth livestock to be guilty of "treason," of the people, Mundo Obrero degeneral formation of the five spots Column' in organizing attacks on our rear.

[The "Fifth Column" refers to the Fascist forces still in hiding in Madrid. The Fascist General Queipo de Llano had boasted that when the four invading fascist columns entered Madrid, this "Fifth Column" would rise to aid

"No party no republican or labor organization can permit these intriguers, these enemies of our unity, these accomplices of fascism, to go

"In many sections of the front. the political commissars represent-Blum Asks Bonnet ple's Front are explaining to the soldiers and the workers' militia the ng the various parties of the Peocounter-revolutionary and treacherous role of the Catalan Trotzky-

In Philippine Islands

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP). — The of Great Britain, it was understood Jewish physicians.

Easton Labor to Call Parley-Canadian Youth them. As a result, they planned to Mobilize for Spain

Twenty-five conel Island organzations will sponsor a mass rally in behalf of the Spanish people on Friday night at 8:30 o'clock the Casa D'Amor, 31st St. and

and a half battle in heavy seas for will be Luis Carreaga, Consul General in New York, who will describe the events behind the present civil war in Others who will speak inlude Ernest L. Meyer of the New York Post, Harold Coy of the Fedthe All Nations Council of the nmunity Church.

Huge Lack Revealed as ican League Against War and East markets about their duties inside the subican League Against War and Fas- marine, except for three men who he drove. The other car was driven

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Germany is Tempora Social Club. Coney Island Shoe Rebuilders. Fruit Clerks local of Coney Island. short 1,000,000 tons of wheat and Unemployment Council of Co-

Atlantic Shore Civic League.

Fascism's Victims West Bronx To Benefit from Meeting Tomorrow Dinner for Marley

Recent stormy events in London and their possible repercussions on British foreign policy will be dis-cussed by Lord Dudley Marley, Dep-from Spain. speakers who have just returned together. But it seemed as though no matter how much we swam we unpunished," Mundo Obrero con- uty Speaker of the House of Lords, at a farewell dinner to be given to him at the Pennsylvania Hotel, Sat- Others will include Rabbi Henry hour and a half, a small coast patrol urday evening.

Farmers Suffer Nazi

Terrorism

1,000,000 tons of rye, government

Of the 5,000,000 tons of wheat re-

quired for popular consumption,

situation is worsened by the fact

that, due to the dearth of meats

and fats, bread has been used in

a higher ratio than even in the diet

In addition, farmers unwilling to

sacrifice their produce at the ruin-

ous compulsory prices set by Nazis,

have been feeding rye to their pigs.

officials admitted yesterday.

of the German people.

aid the victims of European Fas- tions with South America. cism and to provide medical aid to the Spanish loyalists.

In addition to Lord Marley, the other speakers will be Marcelino Domingo, former Minister of Educa-MANILA, P. I., Dec. 14 (UP).— latest developments in the Spanish An earthquake of considerable intion of Spain, who will deal with the tensity shook the Island of Luzon ful attempts of the rebels to capture Friday night at the White Plains mander, went down with the ship. nite reply to the offer to go to at 4:14 P.M. today and lasted sev- Madrid; Ernst Toller, outstanding German playwright, who will de-Manila apparently was not dam- scribe conditions in the Third Reich ambassadorial functions of non- aged. Reports were not received im- today; and Franz Boas, professor mediately from outlying provinces. | emeritus of Columbia University.

Duke Angers Nazis

Calls Jewish Doctor

(By United Press)

The ear specialist is Prof. Hein- ment: Annual Dance given by Section 5, C.P., on Sunday Evening, Dec. 26, at Finish Hall, 5969 14th St. Relow rates make an ideal vacation. \$16.00
In the Pines, where good food, homelike atmosphere and tish fishing grounds on Nov. 27 and low rates make an ideal vacation. \$16.00
In the ear specialist is Prof. Heinrich von Neumann, who treated the Duke's ears when, as King, he vislow rates make an ideal vacation. \$16.00
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In the ear specialist is Prof. Heinrich von Neumann, who treated the Duke's ears when, as King, he vislived Vienna several months ago with
feared the vessel had foundered with
Mrs. Wallis Simpson for whom he gave up his throne.

EASTON, Pa., D
gave up his throne.

The former king issued this state-

The enemy submarine that sank us

Sponsored by the Sea Gate, Co-

of Coney Island.

Hungarian Aid Society. Young Israel of Coney Island. Women's Council of Coney Island. Jovial Social Club. American Labor Party. Del Rho Social Club. Al Tao Social Club. Rondey Vous Social Club. Communist Party. Seacs Social Club True Friends Social Club. The Haven Social Club. International Workers Order. The Vagabond Social Club. Brighton Beach Boys. The Friends of Brighton. International Workers Order. The Hadassa.

Workers in the West Bronx will hear the true story of the Spanish Civil War at a mass meeting tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock at Els- under also. Fortunately we were all mere Hall, 284 E. 170th St., from good swimmers and we kept close

Eugene Schachner will head the got no nearer shore. About 4 o'clock, list of speakers at the Bronx rally. after we had been in the water an Schorr of the Temple Adath Israel; | boat appeared. The dinner is tendered jointly by the Rev. Edgar S. Jackson of the the Medical Bureau of the American Willis Ave. Church; Dr. Samuel Friends of Spanish Democracy and Schmalhausen, author and lecturer, in for medical attention. I learned the American Anti-Nazi Literature and Albert Rembao, chairman of Committee. The proceeds will go to the Committee for Cultural Rela- had seen the submarine stand on

> White Plains Rally Friday

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 14. -Residents of Westchester County that no hope was entertained for ish people at a mass meeting here tain Antonio Arbona, the com-County Center on Bronx River

The only remaining member of ish people's fight against fascism the Spanish delegation touring this has been organized here by the country, Marcelino Domingo, pres- Central Labor Union. ident of the Left Republican Party and former Minister of Education, Union and Sol Greene of the Inwill make his final appearance at ternational Ladies Garment Worka mass meeting at the Weschester ers Union are chairman and sec-County rally in behalf of the Span- retary, respectively, of the commitish fighters against fascism.

Westchester Friends of Spanish all organizations in the city will be son, Calif. It was not known who the nerve Democracy, have made special ar- called by the committee next month semi-annual installment on the ENZESFELD, Austria, Dec. 14.—A specialist would be but it was un- rangements for reduced bus trailed limited nerve specialist and an ear special derstood he would be a Jew, and portation from nearby towns in the Seek 1,000 Troops ist have been summoned to attend mutter of protest ran through the county. Buses will leave Yonkers the Duke of Windsor, seeking seclu- ranks of Austrian Nazis who re- from the Spanish-American Citision at the ancient castle here after called that, in Austria, the Duke zens Club, 122 New Main St., and his abdication as King Edward VIII had shown before a preference for Mt. Vernon from the Socialist Party headquarters at 26 East 1st

union committee to aid the Span- Prime Minister King.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 14.-A trade sion is to be presented to Canadian

Frisco Labor Council Demands 7 Be Freed

District Attorney, Police and Oil Co. Implicated in Dynamite Frameup Which Sent Tanker Strike Leaders to Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 .- A full confession made by James E. Scrudder, a Standard Oil Company labor spy, and recorded on 18 dictaphone records by William Briggs, a Hollywood movie carpenter, has blasted wide open the Modesto dynamite frameup which sent seven leaders of

45 in Crew as

Craft Sinks

(Copyright by United Press)

break up our defense of the coast.

must have been lying in wait for us

I found Captain Vinas and the

only other two survivors, the sailors

Artabro recovering from shock and

their lives after the submarine went

"We were making our usual pa-

"We could hear their cries. Hands

"The five of us on deck jumped

"It's funny what you think about

in a moment like that. They say

your whole life parades in front of

you. But mine didn't. Maybe you

remember a story called 'A Descent

Into the Maelstrom.' That thing

flashed through my mind. It seemed

an eternity before I rose again.

Then, suddenly, I found myself

PATROL FINDS THEM

more dead than alive and took us

a half to find us."

In Canada

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.-Unem-

away as the ship went under."

for a long time.

oned men below.

the 1935 cil tanker strike to prison. The carpenter's evidence, intro-Francisco Central Labor Council by Attorney Aaron Sapiro of the Modesto Defense Committee, proves, in the opinion of labor leaders in the council, that local police officers conspired with agents of Standard Oil Company to commit perjury and subornation of perjury to convict the union men on false charges.

STOOL PIGEON TALKS

Central Labor Council, Briggs met Only 3 Survive of Scrudder casually, noticed that he behaved queerly and thought he recognized him as the man who testified against the defendants. Briggs told Henry C. Magee, former member of the Sailors Union and now studio technician, that he had met a man who he thought was survivors of the government subma-Scrudder of the Modesto trial. The rine C-3, sunk off Malaga Saturday two men identified Scrudder by his with a loss of 39 lives, blamed a picture in a Modesto Defense pamphlet, and Briggs cultivated his acplot by "those helping the enemy"

quaintance. Captain Augustin Garcia Vinas, Scrudder's tongue soon loosened econd in command, said govern-He complained he was getting \$5 a day working in a Standard Oil sta-Mediterranean coast continution in Culver City. A man named Marchant, a Standard Oil stool pigeon who also testified against the seven defendants, had been "treated submarine movements have better" and the police came out of undoubtedly been closely watched the deal with good cars, Scrudder by the enemy and those helping said. He protested that he only got \$500 for his part in the frameup.

tanker strike," Briggs quoted Scrudder as saving

When Briggs expressed further curiosity, Scrudder unfolded the complete story.

Isadoro de la Orden and Ascencio Lidon Jiminez, on the hospital ship CONFESSION RECORDED He was first employed by Leslie injuries suffered during an hour A. Cleary, District Attorney in Stanislaus County, to act as a spy in the International Longshoremen's Association. He said he heard about dynamite stored in Marin County and that he notified police 24 hours in advance that it was being transtrol along the coast about 2:30 Saturday afternoon," Vinas said, "We ported to San Francisco. Then he were roughly ten kilometers (about told police that the dynamite was six and one-third miles) off Ma-located in San Francisco, two weeks

laga. Five of us stood near the con- before the expedition around which ning tower. The remainder of the the frameup was built. can League Against war and rasicism, the meeting will receive the
backing of the following:

Who escaped death by being on
The Group, Bakers Union local
of Coney Island.

Miguel Gomez, and Jose Lopez

War and Taswar and Was affect three then will receive the were ashore on liberty. These men,
by one of the arrested men, John
Rodgers, who Scrudder says was
the only one of the defendants who
knew of the presence of the dyna-

"For miles around there was absolutely no sign whatever of any was employed by Standard Oil. vessel, except a few fishing boats in ports and government ships. Sud- vited Scrudder to a card game in denly, as we cruised along the sur- his home at 264 Cochrane St., Los face, there was a violent explosion Angeles. Briggs and Magee had that shook the boat from stem to completely wired the house, working stern. She began to sink by the in conjunction with the Modesto bow immediately. We rushed for Defense Committee. Scrudder rethe hatches to release the impris- peated his story on the frameup,

which was entirely recorded. Later Stuyvelaar arranged to beat against the hatch. But before meet Scrudder personally so that we could open it the water engulfed he too could identify the man with the voice he had heard through the

With the dictaphone records before it and the positive identifica-tion of Scrudder, the chief prosecution witness, established, the Central Labor Council moved to send a delegation to Governor Frank F. Merriam to demand an immediate pardon for the seven convicted men.

ANOTHER FRAMEUP

The resolution passed by the Labattling giant waves on the surface. bor Council was introduced by the Marine Firemen's acting secretary, J. E. Ferguson, on behalf of the "Both of the other men appeared District Council of the Maritime beside me. They had been sucked It will be recalled by the disclosure of the truth of the Modesto frameup, that Ferguson is acting in

place of Earl King, now on trial for murder in an equally vicious frameup. He and three other members of the Marine Firemen's union are charged with the killing of "They picked us out of the water Chief Engineer George Alberts on board the S. S. Point Lobos last March 22 in Oakland. later that the people on the shore The Central Labor Council voted to take without delay the following

end and then go under. They spread the alarm. Several boats were sent 1-To send a delegation to the out but it took them an hour and Stanislaus County Grand Jury to demand the indictment of Scrudde Vinas said attempts to locate the for perjury and the indictment of sunken submarine had failed and District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary together with the Standard Oil atlatest developments in the Spanish will rally to the aid of the Span- any of the rest of the crew. Cap- torney Devoe and the Standard Oil investigator Sayre for subornation

> 2-To send a delegation to Mayor James Rossi of San Francisco to demand an investigation into the actions of Police Captain Healy and Mark Boerum of the Fur Workers paid Scrudder with Standard Oil money, told him to deny his connection with Standard Oil, and concealed their own knowledge of the presence of the stolen dynamite in tee of 14 representing the same San Francisco two weeks before the Sponsors of the meeting, the number of unions. A conference of framed men were arrested in Pater-

3-To demand of Attorney General U.S. Webb that he immediately remove Attorney Cleary from office

in Stanislaus County. 4—To express the indignation of labor to Members Sykes, Stevens ployed youth here have launched and Bush of the state board of plan to enroll 1,000 Canadian prison terms and paroles for the volunteers to fight for the Spanish | maximum sentences handed out to government, it was reported here. the two prisoners who were on the Action to secure permission for the tanker strike committee. group to cross Canada har been

5-To ask the LaFollette commitstarted. A petition for that permis- tee to investigate the case. 6-To give full publicity to the

Berkshire Mill Pickets Repulse Club and Tear Gas Attacks

BOSTON WPA ROTC Uniforms,

White Collar Unions Halt Firing of 9,500-Continue Fight

BOSTON, Dec. 14. - WPA writers, actors, artists and musicians threatened by scheduled layoffs won a partial victory in their fight for jobs here when a delegation of 100 forced a delay in the contemplated

Col. John J. McDonough, WPA state administrator, granted the de-

fessional Project Workers Alliance. Joseph Dauber, heading the delegation, presented cases of persons

already scheduled for firing to in-dicate the need of the project work-Weldon Caie, chairman of the Ac-tion Committee of the Alliance, commented after the granted delay: "The union is going ahead with its fight to have the cuts entirely rescinded and to have quotas increased to take care of the skills of these needy white collar and professional

"Col. McDonough's concession tofight for continued employment. -It kota and Iowa. will be followed up by increased ac-

on the projects. "The unions are continuing their way, fight to enlist public support. They will continue to bring pressure on day leaders calls for: all Massachusetts congressmen. The victory of today should in no sense be interpreted by project workers as a definite guarantee of continued employment. Their only guarantee is their continued protest."

Philly Unions Back Fight

Protest Meeting Tonite day convention. Sponsored by Alliance, White Collar Groups

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.-A lismissals will be held here tomorrow night at 8 p. m. at the William Penn High School, 15th and Wallace Sts., by local trade unions and unemployed groups

be asked at the meeting to be sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers, WPA local, City Projects Council, Federation of Archi-Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, and the Workers Alliance. The meeting has been endorsed by the Central Labor Union. Speakers will include Lewis Hines, Eastern Pennsylvania organizer of the American Federation of Labor: James McDevitt of the Building Trades Council; M. Gates of the

City Projects Council; Milton Fromer of the Teachers Union; and Charles Spencer of the Workers Alliance. Conard Rheiner of the Workers Educational project will be

Parleys Are Begun Banned Teachers To End Hosiery Strike in Buffalo

BUFFALO, Dec. 14.—Conferences over settlement of the Millfay Hosiery Mills strike by part of the crew outside and a sit-down by the rest inside, have begun. The plan is to discuss hours and wages and the union's demand for abolition of the fining and penalty systems. If agreement is reached on those points, the question of recognition American Federation of

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CAR needed for Buffalo territory to assist in carrying on the Daily Worker drive. Anyone who has a car to donate for Daily Worker activity in Buffalo, please communicate with Harry Lichtenstein. New York Daily Worker Office, 50 E. 13th St., Room 201. AL. 4-1754.

HELP WANTED

YOUNG MAN, deliver Daily, Sunday Worker to homes. Good opportunity for hustler, Must live Washington Heights-or vicinity. Apply Room 201, 50 E. 13th Street.

MIAMI, FLORIDA, ROOM & BOARD

\$1,000 Fur Coat Given for Spain

A new wrinkle in the art of ollecting clothes for the Spanish loyalists appeared recently at Cornell University. The local American Student Union Chapter has been collecting old R.O. T.C. uniforms from students who have discontinued their course in Military Science and Tactics. One professor volunteered to look around at home for a uniform that his son had worn ten years

Vassar College the prize haul of the campaign was made. In a room to room canvass one coat worth about \$1,000 which will be converted into cash for the Spanish defenders of democracy.
The donor explained that she was getting a new one for Christ-

lay from Dec. 15 to Dec. 19 when the large delegation pointed out the need of the many of the 500 WPA workers scheduled to be fired by the administrator's order. The 500 have received pink slips. The delegation included members of the Writers Union, Artists Union and American Federation of Government. and American Federation of Government Employes. The three have formed the White Collar and Pro-

Mass Meetings in Many Centers to Support 4-Point Program

Aberdeen, Sloux Falls and other workers who have been certified and South Dakota towns, Meetings on a are still without chance of private consin. National officers of the day to the project workers' demands is merely an opening wedge in their hurried tours through North' Da-

Everywhere mobilization to fight tivity in organizing the unorganized the WPA program of laying off of drought-stricken farmers is under

The program of the Farm Holi-

Restoration of WPA work relief, gradual change from work relief to adequate cash relief, stopping of foreclosure sales, immediate halt of next year's crop assignment as now practised by the Farm Credits Ad- Miner, prodded by telegrams, came

MORATORIUMS NEAR END

held, to stop actual starvation. cash relief, not the \$20 a month even in scarce in the room. The year, whereas 40 per cent of the it is resolved: On WPA Cuts cash relief, not the \$20 a month which a few farmers only are getwhich a few farmers only are getting now from the Resettlement bottles and other containers are
land, Farm Research, Inc., made Administration, is a demand de- used to bring water to the group. cided upon by the last Farm Holi- Girl members of the group still have known here today.

Mortgage moratoriums are running out in many states. The Mart, and these excursions are a ruined farmers watch with grave concern the obvious intention of the outside organization. bankers to snatch their land at protest meeting against all WPA last, amidst the excitement about prise. None of the group had any number of farms. Last year there stricken farmers to sign away next

"business recovery." The fourth point is brought forward because the Farm Credit Ad- be fired from WPA till he or she

ers and extension of the WPA will drought loans. WHOLESALE LAYOFFS

laid off each week beginning Nov.

fired at the rate of 100 a week. All and soon protesting groups were in Wisconsin farmers on WPA are to the corridors, demanding the right and the increase in tenantry was be fired this week.

Half of the 300 farmers on WPA behind them is still growing. in Griggs County, N. D., have already been turned over to the Resettlement Administration, which will pay \$15 to \$20 a family.

In Brown County, S. D., 1,300 farmers on WPA in Dakota County, Neb., are already cut off.

Union Runs Head For School Board

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14 (FP). Teachers Union Local 240 is circulating nominating petitions to run its president, Dr. Paul W. Preisler, instructor at Washington Universupport of the efforts of sharecropsity, for the Board of Education, pers and poor farmers to organize The union has been fighting for for better conditions. two years to have the board rescind its rule which prohibits teachers from joining a labor union.

The present election laws, en-

acted in 1933, are written so that only Democrats or Republicans can run for school board in St. Louis. union will file Preisler's nom-

Union Gets Writ

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 14.-The Warehousemen's Union turned an employers' weapon the other way when they got out an injunction here against the trial of their members arrested for picketing Woolworth stores during the recent

Trade Union DIRECTORY

Trade Unions can secure a listing of their meetings and affairs by phoning ALgonquin 4-7954.

Where Striker Was Slain



At the gates of the Sun Shipyard in Chester, Pa., when police and company thugs laid down a barrage of tear gas to disperse pickets. One company thug shot off a "45" revolver and John Young, 63, striker, was killed. Scores were hurt.

HOLD MOST

Farm Research Shows

Half of Land Is

Under Tenancy

States covered more than 40 per

With the number of farms in-

workers in this department. Wrap-

ping and packing is now being done

24 hours a day.

Sit-Down Strikers Hold | STUDENT UNION Office of Chicago WPA STATE PARLEY

30 in Windowless Room Demand End to Dismissals and Rehiring of Those Fired—Outside Groups Supply Stay-ins With Food and Water

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14 .- Thirty "sit-down demonstra-MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 14. tors" are still in the WPA offices here, in a windowless, -Mass meetings to back up a four- ventless room, demanding that the government stop firing point program of the Farmers Holi- WPA workers, and that it rehire those fired in recent days. All are white collar workers, members of unions of artists,

writers and technicians. Workers Alliance members are with them in the struggle.

Outside committees have been or-

ganized by the groups, to keep the sit-in demonstrators supplied with food, and in contact with the outside world. WPA officals threatened to cut off their water supply and their access to toilets, but protest has prevented this so far.

When the sit-in demonstrators finally got in touch with State WPA Administrator Robert Dunham, at don't work on Sunday." He refused to the WPA office at noon, Sunday, and consulted with the group. He denied their demands for communi-The first point, restoration of cation rights, and to substitute WPA jobs, ns necessary, the leaders other persons for several who had become sick from staying in the The gradual change to adequate airless receiving chamber. Water cent of the best farm land, last the right to go out to a public means of keeping in touch with the on quietly since 1900, the first year versity.

The sit-in came as a total sur- does not mean a lessening of the WPA office Saturday morning to than in 1900. demand two things: that no one ministration is forcing drought- had private employment, and that tiny, subsistence farms, and there Reinstatement of all fired work- year's crops as collateral for those already fired be reinstated, were only 60,000 more farms with WPA has fired several hundred from 50 to 174 acres. from intellectual projects, including the theatre and artists proj-In Crawford County, out of 460 ects. These groups and the manual creasing 8 per cent between 1930 farmers on WPA, 100 have been workers were all represented, When and 1935, 70 per cent of the new the administrator refused their demands, they suddenly decided to Minnesota farmers are also being sit-in. Organizations are notified, to feed those inside. The protest

Commonwealth WPA farmers are being dropped All Brands Liberty Cleveland S t o r e Vassar; Theresa Levin and Irving Story Distortion Packers Striking Sented Cornell, Columbia, C.C.N.Y., Alfred, Brooklyn College, Cooper

MENA, Ark., Dec. 14.-A Liberty Magazine article on Commonwealth College was today branded as "vicious, distorted, and contrary to fact" by Acting Director Arthur Skreberg. The article by Nolen Bul- Company, largest department store loch appeared in the Dec. 9 issue in Ohio of the magazine.

Skreberg declared the latest attack on the college was due to its

"After spending two hours at Commonwealth last summer, Nolen Bulloch, 'special reporter' for Liberty, sets out to give his readers the 'low down' on that 'subversive and immediately, the whole reimmoral institution.' Commonwealth is made immediately, the whole retail store will be picketed. immoral institution.' Commonwealth College," Skreberg said.

of the Arkansas State Legislative Investigation Committee of 1935, an attempt is made to show the school to be a den of iniquity, whose denizens are devoid of morals and who seek the violent overthrow of the government.

Tthis time. Teachers, ministers, resisees fit to ignore the testimony of liberation of the prisoners by states lately featured a statement

"The motives behind this present MIAMI, Florida. Room and board, \$15 per week. Excellent food. 660 S.W. NEW YORK PAINTERS District Council 9 is accessible to all visitors at all for prosecution. 2nd St. Coincidentally

Session at Colgate Names New Officers for Coming Year

HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 14.—One undred delegates to the first aniual New York State Conference of the American Student Union at Colgate University here yesterday af-ternoon denounced the McNaboe investigation of "radical and subversive" activities. The resolution defended Cornell chapter which has recently been a target of McNaboe's

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, The McNaboe investigation is a direct challenge to the rights of American student to free speech and to his right to organize for the defense of academic free-

"Whereas, Senator McNaboe by his attack on the Cornell chapter proved that he is un-American by failing to consult with the members of his committee and has violated a WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Four principle of American democracy, per cent of the farms of the United and

"Whereas, the McNaboe committee has not called a public hearing,

"That this conference go on record as being opposed to the Mc-Naboe investigation."

Concentration of farm land into short address by Dr. George Barton toilet in the huge Merchandise the hands of a few has been going Cutten, president of Colgate Unifor which figures are available. It School Secretary of the A. S. U.,

greeted the delegates. George Watt, executive secretary, such plan when they went to the were actually a million more farms New York district, said the A. S. U.

to democratize student governments. uary. But this was a multiplication of He showed that the A. S. U. has been continually fighting for economic security for the students and gave as examples the fight for passage of the American Youth Act and increased appropriations for the Na-

tional Youth Administration. Other speakers were Irving Howe, farms had between three and nine District High School Secretary of the A. S. U., Jack Corrigan, N. Y. U. student who goes on trial Tuesday The concentration in ownership for putting up a poster in Washington Sq. Park calling for "Arms for startling, Farm Research found. Spanish Democracy," and Theresa Thus last year 44 per cent, almost Levin, organization secretary of the half, of the farm land in the coun-

New York District.

try, was rented from landlords by The state executive committee elected includes George Watt, Brooklyn Collegge; Mary Reynolds, C.C.N.Y. Delegates repre-Union, Syracuse, Colgate, Skidmore, Vassar, Hamilton, Hobart, and For Recognition Union College. There were ten high school delegates from New York City CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14.—Eighty representing about 35 high school wrappers and packers continued

their strike into another week today at the warehouse of the May Oakland WPA Workers Protest Cuts in Projects The store normally employs 115

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 14.-WPA by a crew of scabs who are paid professional workers faced with pers and poor farmers to organize double time for staying in the plant wholesale layoffs met here yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium Theatre to protest scheduled WPA The strike is for recognition of the Wrappers and Packers Union. cuts and to demand extension in-Walter Crease, business agent, said stead of curtailment of the WPA. yesterday that unless a settlement

The rally sponsored by the Union Workers Alliance scored WPA cuts

ination as non-partisan to contest this law. Many trade unionists are helping collect the necessary 8,000 selecting the most lurid testimony **KentuckyLaborPrisoners**

Four more jurors have petitioned Governor A. B. "This testimony was forcefully re- Chandler of Kentucky to release the four Harlan county pudlated by a number of people at union miners serving life in the Evarts battle cases, accorddents of the state, students and in- ing to telegraphic word to the Kentucky Miners Defense structors joined in disproving this in New York City. This makes 44 of 47 living jurors, plus so-called testimony. Mr. Bulloch two of the three judges, who favor

> Christmas Dependable reports say that Gov.

made in Washington by Ellis Searles, attack on the school may be made Chandler is receiving daily resolu- editor of the United Mine Workers clear perhaps when it is pointed out tions and letters from many labor Journal, that "Harlan County is the that the school has consistently unions and civic-minded organiza- one post in the United States where supported efforts of the Arkansas tions and individuals, urging him to it is dangerous for union organizers Sharecroppers and poor farmers to set free these four men, whose union to work," and that it is "dominated improve their conditions. The school activities undeniably marked them by mine operators to an extent now unknown anywhere else in the coun-Coincidentally newspapers in many try."

Reject Arbitration as Union Chiefs Move to Lift Charter

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 14 .employes' charter by the city commission and threat of their officials to suspend them from the union if they don't resume work today, drivers of the Flint Trolley Coach Company continued their sit-down after refus-ing arbitration by a vote of 103 to 3. tinued their sit-down after refus-The proposal they voted down

provided for a five-cents an hour increase and return to work immediately pending decision by an arbitration committee on their de-55 cents. The sit-down in the Flint terminal, now entering the second week, has paralyzed all transportation service here and between all interurban points up to Detroit. Three other terminals are occupied by the 180 strikers involved. charges, will be sentenced at 10

According to officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electrical Railway and Motor Coach Employes, the strikers in voting against the arbitration proposal have automatically suspended themselves from the union. The City Commission's vote to suspend the recently granted charter for the company was also a move to break the strike.

When the workers called the strike they placed leadership in the hands of a rank and file committee and declared, "We have been stalled six months and are tired of arbitra-

La Follette to Reopen Probe On Jan. 11

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-The LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee will re-open public hear- Allen was again adjudged guilty on Sen. Shipstead Reported ings on strikebreaking and indus- the framed-up charges. trial espionage on January 11.

The committee has already heard accounts of systematic spying on abor unions by private detectives hired by employers, of organized intimidation and violence by scabs and strikebreakers, and of a widefight workers organizations.

The United Press today reported it had learned that Chairman J. ture on the subject at the union Celeste Strack, National High Warren Madden of the National Labor Relations Board plans to ap- Broadway. pear personally before the Supreme Court to plead constitutionality of vice-president of the Michigan Fedthe Wagner Act when a test reaches must carry on an active campaign that tribunal, probably in Jan-inspector of the Michigan Depart

FLINT TROLLEY Men, Women Reform STRIKERS DEFY Their Lines 3 Times

General Strike Plan Postponed-Workers of Other Mills Join Pickets-Arrested Workers Snatched Back from Cops and Thugs

(Special to the Dany Worker)

Charge Had Appealed

First Sentence

Clyde Allen, Negro victim of a

which has handled his case during

guilty, is urging that the courtroom

arrested in 1934 in an abandoned

house where he used to sleep. Po-

men on Brooklyn streets.

was no evidence against him.

against the frame-up. On Dec. 2

workers in trades where occupation-

al diseases prevail to come to a lec-

meeting tomorrow night at 1504

eration of Labor, and chief factory

ment of Labor.

The lecturer is George Dean, first

Following Allen's first conviction.

READING, Pa., Dec. 14.—Three savage attacks by the borough police and by private detectives hired by the Naziowned Berkshire Knitting Mills here were repulsed by a Defying suspension of their militant mass picket line early today.

A dozen tear gas bombs were hurled into the picket line. Three times the line was disrupted

Men and women were vigorously The strikers defended themselves with bare fists. Several of the deputies howled to the police and local press about their injuries,

out no bones were broken. Attempts to arrest pickets resulted in swarms of their fellow strikers Negro Framed on Rape tearing them bodily from the grip of the police and rescuing them.

GIRL PICKET SEIZED

arrested and rushed off to jail, but frame-up on rape and burglary The gas was supplied by Federal laboratories in Pittsburgh,

a. m. Wednesday in Part 9, Kings The strikers remained in control County Court, 120 Schermerhorn of the field after the final clash. The Hosiery Workers' mass meet-The International Labor Defense,

ing Saturday tabled a motion for a both trials in which Allen was held and adopted an alternative plan for groups of workers in other mills to be assigned to picket duty at the Allen, an unemployed worker, was Berkshire. Speakers said that if this plan does not bring sufficient results, the general strike motion will liceman Arthur Wallot framed the be reconsidered.

charges against Allen to justify his The Berkshire Knitting Mills, 5,000 hooting of the unarmed Negro workers, went on strike Oct. 1 beduring the arrest, the I. L. D. lower than the prevailing rates in Allen's arrest was made during the industry, hours of work as long time when the yellow press was as 12 and 14 for young girls and clamoring for an arrest of a "ham- boys, and a consistent refusal to ner man" who had attacked wo- allow collective bargaining. The Berkshire owners have been a con-District Attorney William F. X. sistent anti-union force in the whole Geoghan pressed the frame-up industry. They are fanatical supagainst the Negro, although there porters of Hitler and recently the two main owners made trips to Germany and one of them was given the I.L.D. won a new trial, after an audience by the Reichsfuehrer.

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On Occupational Disease Farmer-Laborite, of Minnesota was reported in "very good" condition DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—De- today after an operation for removal troit Fur Workers Union Local 38 of gall stones. Mayo Clinic physiployers to has sent out letters urging all clans ordered the operation.

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Seamen Ask All Unions Send Delegates to Strike Aid Parley

Waterfront Unions Issue New Appeal

Marine Firemen and Masters, Mates and Pilots Call Conference on Maritime Strike at Beethoven Hall for December 18

Under the official seal of two A. F. of L. maritime unions, all trade unions were invited yesterday to send delegates to a city-wide conference, to be held December 18, at Beethoven Hall, 210 East Fifth Street, to aid in organizing support for the striking seamen.

The call was issued by two of the striking East Coast unions, the Masters, Mates and Pilots, and the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders Union, and signed by ex-ecutive officers of both organiza-tions. The call, in full, read:

To All Officers and Members of American Federation of Labor Dear Brothers:

Members of the Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Marine Firemen's, Oilers' and Watertenders' Union of the Atlantic and Gulf district are now on strike because the shipowners have refused to grant our just demands for reasonable wages and decent American living conditions on vessels of our American merchant ma-

The shipowners have a definite program to destroy all the ma-rine unions. These union smashing activities are supported by the big industrialists and other antilabor groups. If the shipowners are successful in breaking the marine unions, similar tactics will certainly be applied to the other union workers.

Victory for the marine workers will not only help all organized labor, but should also give impetus to the union organization of openshop industries.

To acquaint our fellow workers with the real facts about the waterfront situation, we are calling a city-wide conference of all American Federation of Labor unions in the City of New York, to take place December 18th at Beethoven Hall, 210 East 5th St., New York City, at 8 P.M.

This conference has been arranged in conjunction with all members of the American Federation of Labor now on strike. You are urged to send delegates

to this conference which should a step towards stronger, more unified action for all organized labor in New York. Fraternally yours,

WALTER MITCHELL, Acting President, N. O. Masters, Mates and Pilots FREDERICK C. PHILLIPS, M.F.O.W. of Atlantic and Gulf

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general election of officers. Similar action was likewise taken at this conference by official dele-

gates representing the trustees of the Marine, Cooks and Stewards' Union of the Atlantic and Gulf. Guyser M. Manago of New York, Montelbane, representing the Gulf ports, and Gerald Lyons of Philadelphia, were elected as trustees of the Stewards' Union.

control of the three District Unions comprising the Atlantic District of the International Seamen's Union America, under the control of the rank and file members inasmuch as the seamen have already taken over the control of the Marine, Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders' Union, recently decided in

The conference instructed the trustees to take immediate steps to officially endorse on behalf of the three district unions, the strike au-International Seamen's Union.

The action taken by the membership in establishing the trusteebecame necessary, strikers said, due to the emergency created back throughout the county, in the affairs of the two unions, reason of the "misconduct, maldividuals who held themselves out shippard worker killed Friday.

as duly elected officials." Prior to the holding of the conference, the members of the Sailors and Stewards Union in the fourteen for the action taken here yesterday. which pointed out that the "alleged to the interests of the Union and here. the members thereof, and among other things, have prevented regular membership meetings from be- hatred of Pew. ing held, have misused and misapunion funds; have issued ooks; have attempted to expel was pulled in Sun Shipyard. various members of the union without notice or trial, illegally and without authority: have made labor agreements in the name of the declared by the membership, and murder. have engaged in strikebreaking activities to defeat the strike, and letter and wire," says the strike pers, and their supporters among have done other acts, destructive committee leaflet. of its welfare and detrimental to

members thereof, and have dan-

I.L.D. Appeals for Bonds for Seamen

Arrested in New York

The International Labor Defense yesterday broadcast an apfor bail, either in cash, bonds, or property, to secure re-lease of striking seamen now being held in the Tombs Prison, awaiting trial.

All defendants were arrested in Manhattan, and therefore require property bond from residents of New York County, the seamen's Legal Defense Committee said. Bail volunteers can get in touch with the seamen by going to 22 South Street or telephoning BOwling Green 9-9452.

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was one Hook foreman who led the same bunch of Hook scabs into the

plant three times running. John G. Pew and his advisors from the strikebreaking agencies, were putting on a show for the Chester Times and kindred news-The scabs went in at one papers. gate, out at another and back again in a revolving chain.

PEW DIRECTS SHOW

One picket counted 1,100 paid of these multiple personality feet going through the gate, but informawere less than half that many at work, of whom the majority were no real shipyard workers. The yard needs three to four thousand good

yards away, stood show master Pew ing imported strikebreakers the way

looped the shipyard street in a swered calmly noving, oval ring, 150 yards long.

LOCAL COPS AID

They marched silently past the scabs, without a word, under orders and to run its affairs until the next of Governor Earle's State police, who forbade them to ask scabs not to work.

Strikers are learning about state policing of picket lines. Lieutenant Tummick, in charge of the 22 state mounted and foot police here, told a strike meeting vesterday that he wouldn't permit scabs to congregate or march in an organized manner. Well, the scabs were permitted to march in organized, com-By these decisions, the Coastwise pact bodies, in thick ranks, while Conference officially brought the strikers were restricted to silent two by twos

And local policemen, who took part in Friday's massacre, worked side by side with state police, with tear gas batons in hand. I heard some pickets mutter:

'Not a scab would have entered if state cops weren't here."

KICK-BACK OVER U. S.

picket lines Friday with the help of Chester cops, tear gas and clubs. Only fire trucks broke the lines, thorized by the membership of the and workers don't think Pew would action in the East." dare use them again while the people's anger is so high. Those fire truck charges into massed workers brought a kick-

Union labor openly charges Pew with murder responsibility, after Coast, when they arrive in Atlantic feasance and corruption of the in- the death of James Young, aged ports."

PEW HELD GUILTY

"This massacre of the workers asked Bridges. "the shipping inwas planned in advance under the ports, passed resolutions providing direction of John G. Pew," says a shipyard strike committee leaflet. officials have engaged and Federation of Labor President, laid West Coast, or resort to violence are still engaging in various acts the murder directly to Pew's door of misconduct seriously prejudicial at a Democratic Party banquet

There is evidence now that the Pacific Coast!" fake fire alarm that gave fire union membership trucks excuse to run down pickets, man whose judgment and integrity

NO OWNERS' REPORT

Today I called at the home of James Young. A grief stricken son bluntness with which the answer authority; have said the Coroner gave him no re- was put, carried a ring of convicfalsely represented to the members port on the autopsy. The coroner tion. and public, its true position and says Young died of "shock," but condition, have obstructed and op- authorities were quick to have the posed the strike on the East Coast, | body embalmed the morning of the

"Pour your protests into Pew by

imperilled the financial murder, have repeatedly attempted to frus- assault Friday, on charges of in- against their own unions along the on in the smoke-filled conference



HARRY BRIDGES

Strikebreaking Role of I.L.A. Head Halts Strike Settlement

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ganized labor. Not a ship is mov-

The often-asked question, uppermost in both the minds of both upport of the East Coast unions, hould a settlement be reached on the West Coast?"—was definitely answered by Bridges. He declared: "If a settlement is reached satisfactory to the West Coast, we will continue to boycott any ships from the East not carrying union crews."

That statement by the official pokesman for the Maitime Federaion of the Pacific served notice on the shipping magnates that they must negotiate and settle with the in the near future. Eastern Strike Strategy Committee, handle vessel hailing from the At- F. of L. for industrial unionism." lantic and Gulf ports.

SHOWS RYAN'S ROLE

Bridges indicated that he will atpresident of the International Long-"We could probably have had the

Bigger than Friday's was the dock workers for strike action over

here that we think their actions of is with us on that vital point. unloading striking ships are prolonging the strike

Ryan has been forcing I. L. A. dockers along the New York waterfront to work on "hot" ships, using threats of black list and strong arm intimidation against the longshoremen. Several locals in Brooklyn and Boston recently rebelled against Ryan's stooge activities for the shippers, and conducted short protest strikes on the docks.

REFERS TO OPEN LETTER

"Ryan is working ships after "that constitutes strikeopinion of his union membership them. among the West Coast longshoremen.

"The open letter sent to Ryan last week, condemning his activities, expresses clearly the opinion of the West Coast strikers. Finks and scabs couldn't break shall ask him to stop these activities and come through on the promise he made us last September-namely-to call for joint strike

Continuing his remarks regarding Ryan's role in obstructing the general marine strike. Bridges said: "It all boils down to this. Ryan is working the very ships struck by his own membership on the West

'36 IS NOT '34

terests intend to do in an attempt to break the strike?"

"Well," came to answer, "if they On West Coast John Phillips, Pennsylvania State try to use strikebreakers on the as they did in 1934, this time they will not be faced with a general strike not only in Frisco." Bridges Twelve hundred workers at a paused a moment, and then said Sunday mass meeting shouted their quietly: "Thye will feel the might f a general strike of the entire

This statement, coming from is unquestioned, even by the reactionary shippers themselves, halted the rapid fire of reporters' questions for a moment. The cool

BLASTS GRANGE, HUNTER

"We are of the opinion however," spokesman for the Pacific coast strikers continued," that the shipreactionary I.S.U. officials, intend "Demand that the police and to concentrate on an attempt to the good of the union and the their cronies are put to trial for break the East Coast strike, as a Today a constable entered the means of weakening the West Coast. The I.S.U. officials, such as Grance, of a e membership of the union." deadly weapons and inciting to riot. to tell you about such officials as shipowners' committee,

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anti-Japanese movement already succeeded in forming with brought about directly opposite results. The failure of the Japanese imperialists in Suiyuan inspired not succeed in covering up their China and raised the question of tracks, the Soviet newspapers dewinning back Chahar province. The clare. Manchul Mongolian troops, by whose hands Japan seized this province proved to be unsuitable tools for Japanese imperialism. The latter faced the prospects of open military operations of the regular Japanese army on a big scale. In this war, Japan would be faced by a China with considerably increased arma-ments and, most important, by the menace of China's gradually grow-

BARE TOKIO PLOT

Japanese imperialism, which is ple will not allow the Japanese pronducting a policy of plunder in vocateurs and their corrupt agents hina, tries to conceal it with the to deceive them. The brazen policy usual anti-Soviet provocation. The of the Tokio aggressors again and Japanese newspaper, Nichi-Nichi, again opens the eyes of these masses hurries to report the formation of an to the obvious intention of Japindependent government" by anese imperialism to enslave the Chang Hsueh-liang, formed on "the great Chinese people,

correspondent of the Japanese news- for the enemy, will be met by the tained his information. He howls about an "offensive-defensive al- indeendence of China."

Grange-their stands as an everlasting indictment." The next question asked of

Bridges was: "What do you think of the extent

of the East Coast strike?" "It is apparently about eighty per abor and the shippers-"will the cent effective," he replied, "and has West Coast unions continue their advanced the cause of maritime workers throughout the nation to a great extent. Although not as effective or solid at the present as the West Coast, the Eastern and Gulf ports are conducting a fine move-

PUBLIC FOR STRIKERS

The Daily Worker reporter asked Bridges his opinion of the possibility of a National Maritime Federation

"It can no more be stopped," he headed by Joseph Curran, before answered, "than the determined a Fish Reduction Workers' Union the Pacific marine workers will drive of the membership of the A. Bridges told the newspapermen

that public sentiment along the Pacific coast is overwhelmingly for the unions and their demands. "The empt to talk to Joseph P. Ryan, public knows now that we were forced into a strike, and that we are horemen's Union, who has been fighting only to retain that which acting as a virtual strikebreaker on we won at great sacrifice two years "The shippers have no valid ar-

Up Morton Avenue, two hundred strike settled by this time," he con- gument to present against the detinued, "if it were not for the ob- mands of the maritime workers. In himself, directing traffic for his structive tactics being used by addition, West Coast business peo-show. He stood in the street tell- Ryan." When asked whether he intended are beginning to bring presure to to "appeal directly to the New York | bear on the government for a settlement. We are ready to negotiate picket line this morning. Pickets the head of Ryan, Bridges and that settlement at any time-but we will not arbitrate the fundamental "We will tell the dock workers issues involved. The public genrally

CONDEMNS COPELAND ACT

The Pacific coast leader also spoke at length on the rising senti- say, Murphy, Matthew Guidera, a ment in the West for a National stool pigeon, and George Wallace, Farmer Labor Party. "Recent events along the West

zation that a Labor Party is needed," he commented.

The famed maritime leader wound up his talk by condemning reactionary Copeland Ships Subsidy Act, which becomes effeccrews and licensed officers have tive in the marine industry in 1937. walked off on strike," Bridges con- He pointed out that it has been unanimously rejected by the seabreaking. That is not merely my men and other workers of the in-personal opinion — but the united dustry, because of its threat to

"We will have representation in the incoming Congress to protest against the Copeland Act becoming effective. In the meantime, organized labor will continue the fight against it in every way possible."

The Copeland Act calls for a discharge book which will give shippers a black list weapon against the unions.

As the interview ended, Bridges grinned as he said to the reporters: I hope you boys are all members opinion today of what was going on of the American Newspaper Guild." The West Coast maritime leader spoke last night in Philadelphia. He speaks tonight in Boston, and tomorrow night before a giant rally in Madison Square Garden. Prominent trade union leaders will ap-"What do you think," a reporter pear with Bridges at the Garden.

Negotiations Continue

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 (UP). -Conferences between representatives of three Pacific Coast maritime unions and owners of the 250 Congress in the hysteria of the me rine and dock workers' strike, were held today.

recess was taken, and then the of War Woodring carelessly adnegotiators went back to the meet- mitted that the War Department ing room.

ings in which Harry Lundeberg, the planning branch, that the plan secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, J. F. Ferguson of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' sat around a table at which were coast committee for shipowners. Thomas C. Wilson of the Alaska Roger Lapham, president of the Edward F. McGrady, Assistant military in complete control." Secretary of Labor, remained in

ernment" of Chang Hsuehliang has The Japanese provocateurs will

not succeed in covering up their

"The Soviet Union remains true o the policy of strict non-intervention in the internal affairs of foreign countries. It does not occupy itself in the policy of forming 'independent government,' or puppet states which the Japanese imperialthey are still in jail. ists create for the purpose of seiz-Squads of police cruised about

ing Chinese territory.
"The masses of the Chinese peoin Port Arthur.

"The policy of dividing and en-It is marvellous, says the Soviet slaving China, the policy of the cress, how efficiently the Shanghai creation of chaos, which is beneficial some 800 miles away ob- policy of uniting, consolidating all forces for the defense of the real

SOVIET STAND

Pravda says:

Commenting on Chinese events,

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.-A. M. Murphy, assistant secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers Association, was caught in a lie on the witness stand today in the King-Ramsay-Conner murder frame-up

On direct examination Murphy told of having given Ernest G. Ramsay, who had been organizing in San Francisco, \$30 the day be fore George W. Alberts, chief engineer of the freighter Point Lobos vas found stabbed to death. He said e had made notation of the \$30 in his union book. On cross examination he was

shown the union book by defense attorneys, and could not find the entry he claimed to have made. Murphy, who had hoped to get control of the Firemen by ousting Earl W. King, head of the union denied on the witness stand that he had been sent from Seattle to San

to get King kicked out. Murphy was known as a Red-baiter. ner were indicted for Alberts' mur- attacks against the village and the der in September, shortly after the Pacific coast maritime unions had started negotiations with shipown-

Francisco by a "secret committee"

ers for new contracts. The companies complained that the unions were not "responsible." Suddenly, on August 27, King, Ramtool of District Attorney Earl Warren, were arrested. A few nights coast have driven home the reali- later, Conner was kidnaped in Seattle by California police and taken to Berkeley, where he was tortured into signing a "confession" which

he later repudiated. The fake "confession" has already been admitted into evidence in the current trial, despite vehement objection by the defense.

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behind the scenes. PART HELD BACK

"It's perfectly clear," he said, why certain sections of the plan, which would raise a furore, are being held back for the time being. The War Department expects Con- the plans proposed by those coungress, at the coming session to quietly enact the rest of the plan, setting up the machinery for a military dictatorship. Then, the day after war is declared, bills for labor and military consideration and censorship would be rushed through ships tied up six weeks by the ma- ment and quickly signed by the Report Foe Driven President."

This view of the War Department's strategy is borne out by the After a four-hour talk, a brief incident last week when Secretary would propose a labor draft. In as it now stands makes no such That the industrial mobilization

plan will not have the smooth sail-Thomas G. Plant, chairman of the ing in Congress that the War Department counts on, became evident today when the National Council steamship lines, and for a while for the prevention of war denounced the plan as providing for a "fas-American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. cist set-up in war-time with the A spokesman for the Council de-

conscript labor," he declared.

Homes, Union Hall Are Raided

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 14 Under an order by Judge C. O' Brien to arrest every striking seaman fhether he is picketing or not police jailed 407 maritime workers over the week-end and in this port

waterfront and seized everybody who looked like a seaman. Pohave been combing lodging houses and even private homes. Strike leaders fled to the home of other unionists, and there is a very much aroused working class

W. F. Hill, militant president of Central Trades and Labor Council, called a special meeting Friday of all local union delegates and it remained in session four hours, receiving constant reports of new arrests

The Central Trades and Labor Council found that a police officer was answering all telephone calls out squad cars to make arrests based on the informataion he got.

eral strike of all 33,000 workers in mans are serving 20 year sentences Port Arthur unless the men were in Sing Sing. released in five days. The attempt to arrest all strikers the Luckmans, has until February fying instead of a competitive examfollowed two mass arrests of pickets to appeal.

here. On Thanksgiving eve. 236 were arrested, and later released. Thursday 195 seamen were ar- man early in 1935. With the failure rested for picketing on the Seventh of the April county grand jury to dump, which is on the road to indict, the case became an issue in the Texas and Beaumont port. They city and state politics and the subwere still in jail when the orders ject of the campaign for the Kings for a general arrest were sent out. County district attorneyship in the form Association; Fred E. Libby, The excuse for this mass jailing fall of 1935.

of seamen is an injunction against the strike, issued by the same were brought against District At-Judge O'Brien, three weeks ago. torney William F. X. Geoghan for It was obtained on the instignation his conduct of the case but were of the shipping companies, the I.S.U. dismissed by Governor Lehman. officials and Chief of Police H. F. Steinbrink, Brooklyn, said yesterday he would not oppose the grant-

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under command of Col. Juan Bar-Ramsay, King and Frank J. Con- cell fought off a series of fascist highway leading to Brunette to the

southwest. The government's positions in this sector were said to constitute a threaat to highways over which Franco must move troops and equipment to the Madrid front.

The War Office admitted thata a strong fascist offensive was under way in the Guadarrama sector near Fresnedila between Cruz Verde and Santa Maria de Laalameda. The fascists opened the attack with a heavy barrage of machine gun and mortar fire against ad- Spain and one, Luis Simarro,

were thrown. The first attacks were repulsed, tains. the War Office said, as was an of-

REJECT FOREIGN MEDIATION

bitter winter war against the in- brace for his teeth. vaders.

occasional shells into the city, the married on Nov. 7, when they met the old shacks, they're virtually defense forces were transformed again in a hospital in Madrid. They forcing families into the street by organizations. Meanwhile, the government an-

nounced it would reject any effort plebiscite proposal.

ernment, therefore, cannot accept tries out of good will." Government aviators bombed and demolished two fascist concentration points, Abrojos and Amenares behind the Madrid lines, the Air

Out of Pozuelo

(By United Press)

victory, which came after fierce hand to hand fighting between the foreign volunteers of the International Brigade and fascist legionnaires, was a major blow to insurgent preparations for a big offen- and they extended their thanks to William H. Hinkley of the American sive against the capital.

ROME ON MEDIATION

condition of the union and have minion and have minion and have minion and have minion and have specified at a spokesman for the Council description of the union and have minion and have min "We have said all along that the Soviet Union and France, Virginio tea at the International House and munist League, and James Lerner trate and defeat the declared wishes as a land along that the soviet of the membership of the Group Theatre and Fastlem Giornale d'Italia, said today,

SPEAKS AT GARDEN Soviet Press Says Civil PORT ARTHUR 250 ERB Workers Strife Benefits Invaders JUDGE JAILS Picket Against Exams

Speakers at Municipal Building Demand Postponement of Examination-Strike Will Be Called, Union Warns, Unless They Are

Organized workers of the Emergency Relief Bureau flung a picket line of 250 men and women around the Municipal Building as part of their fight against recent rulings of the Municipal Civil Service Commission. Yesterday's picketing supplemented the fight put up

by representatives of the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies, local organization affiliated to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, before the Committee on Local Laws of the Board of Aldermen.

Placards carried by the pickets as well as speakers before the aldermanic committee attacked the decision of the Civil Service Commission to hold a competitive examination Dec. 30 for ERB investigators. The A.W.P.R.A. has threatened a strike unless the examination decision is rescinded.

ASK FINEGAN OUSTED

The workers are asking for a qualifying examination rather than a competitive test. James E. Finegan, chairman of of Samuel Drukman yesterday de- the Commission, was the main tar-

get of the workers' placards, "Oust Finegan and Preserve the Merit System!" was inscribed on one sign. The bill under discussion in the local laws committee was introduced by Alderman Max Bollt, Bronx Democrat, and provides for a qualiination for the ERB workers.

Assistant Corporation Reuben Lazarus led off for the opponents of the measure with a legal opinion terming the bill unconstitutional. Other opponents who appeared were H. Elliot Kaplan, president of the Civil Service Represident of the Civil Service Forum, and Helen McCormick of the Catho-

FINEGAN INSISTS

Isidore Blumberg, appearing beore the aldermen on behalf of the Joint Council of ERB employes, told the committee that "the staff was demoralized" by the forthcoming examination. Helen Rosenbaum, representing the A.W.P.R.A., supported Blumberg, expressing the had no relation to the work ERB workers were called upon to per-

Osmond J. Fraenkel, attorney for the relief workers, cited cases in Edward Lazansky of the Appelate which workers had been placed on a civil service status either by direct how cause why he should not be transfer or by qualifying examina-

Finegan sharply attacked the bill

would not postpone the examination. CONFERENCE **ON EVICTIONS**

(Continued from Page 1)

raising process, affecting low-brack-"People on the East Side are simply panic-stricken," Mrs. Wilma Saunders, secretary of the East Side Tenants Union at 9 Second Ave.,

"They'd rather live in a con-

banks are reaping a golden harvest The couple, knew each other at by this cruel, man-made housing While Franco's batteries threw the University of Madrid, were shortage. Too greedy to improve

who pay between \$15 and \$35 a month rent that are suffering The Tenants Union is demanding war such as the British-French sents the Spanish Youth Front on that the house owners and the city the cross-country tour as an execu- take responsibility for the tenants. "The plebscite places the legiti- tive committee member of the Heat, gas and light must be mainmate Spanish government on the united front organization. He was tained in the building until ar-

> "Tenants must be moved into buildings without violations-at the gation is Josefina Hamirez, who was same rent," Mrs. Saunders con-"Where the rent in the the night before she left a terrific new house is higher, we demand bombardment wrecked the five-story that the Emergency Relief Bureau

An emergency rent law to ban profiteering on the misery of the delegates said. She is a member of tenants is also demanded by the

Among the other organizations

ament House Department. Tomorrow night the Tenants Union will hold an open meeting at 9 Second Ave., to discuss the

Mayor's conference.

ei-war play, "Johnny Johnson," Among those that welcomed the

nations to aid the Spanish people the Queen Mary were Joseph Lash had aided the fight for democracy of the American Student Union, aid organizations and contributors Youth Congress, Joseph Cadden of the National Student Federation of The delegates will speak in two America, Loh Tsei of the Chinese ROME, Dec. 14 (UP).—"Practical radio broadcasts today, the first Youth movement, Rena Burton of difficulties" in the way of mediation over WNEW at 1:15 P. M. and the the United Youth Committee to

Ministry reported.

MADRID, Tuesday, Dec. 15 .- The fascist troops from the strategic the press by Col. Harris, chief of the enemy's line of communications. has also aided the morale of the Loyalist military leaders said the government troops.

Both Serving 20 Years in Drukman Case-**Hull Not Involved**

Two of the convicted murderers to the strikers' hall and sending cided not eo exercise their right to appeal. The decision was announced by Harry Weiss, attorney for Mor-The Council voted to call a gen- ris and Harry Luckman. The Luck-Fred Hull, convicted along with

The Luckmans and Hull were charged with the slaying of Druk-

Subsequently, removal charges

Supreme Court Justice Meier

ing of an order by the Appellate

Court preventing him from issuing

an order for a new trial for Henry

G. Singer, James J. Kleinman and Jacob Silverman, convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice in theh Drukman case. Steinbrink was served with an order issued by Presiding Justice Division requiring Steinbrink to

prohibited to sign an order for a new trial. Lazansky's order was obtained by

Special Prosecutor Hiram C. Todd. STUDENTS TO **PLEADFORAID**

(Continued from Page 1) vance positions of the Loyalists, fol-lowed by an infantry charge in bore wounds received in a battle on "People on the Fast Si which hundreds of hand grenades Oct. 13 at San Martin de Valdeiglesias near the Guadarrama Moun-

Simarro, who arrived with his told the Daily Worker. fensive in the Boadilla del Monte wife, Maria, 23, is 21. He commanded 1,900 men on the front about 70 demned old-law tenement than in kilometers from Madrid. He was hit nothing at all," she said. by a rifle bullet from a Moor's gun, can't afford to move to a better The government junta ordered the bullet going through the back house and flats in improved houses emplete reorganization today of of his neck and out of his mouth, are simply beyond their means. its militia forces in preparation for He cannot talk well yet, wearing a "In the meantime, landlords and

into units similar to regular army are members of the United Social- their policy. And it's the families ist Youth League Imaz Is Catholic Editor Eugenio Imaz, secretary of the most." of foreign mediation of the civil Catholic paper Cruz y Roya, represame level as the insurgents," one a student at Louvain Catholic Uni- rangements for moving are made, newspaper said. "The Spanish gov- versity before he started active par- the union asks.

ticipation in the war activities. The fourth member of the delea unrse in Madrid hospital. On tinued. apartment house on Puerto del Sol make up the difference." where she lived. She escaped miraculously with her life, other the executive committee of the union. Youth of the Republican Union.

Asked about the situation in Mad- that will be represented at the rid, the delegates said that the city Mayor's conference tomorrow are had survived the fascist onslaught the Welfare Council and the Tenonly because of the tremendous en-International Brigade today drove thusiasm and bravery of militiamen in defending the capital. The help town of Pozuelo, northwest of Ma- of International Battalion in rally-They were "face to face" meet- spite of the repeated assurance to drid, and drove a deep wedge into ing the Spanish front line forces

U. S. AID GREAT FACTOR

The four said that American do- delegates at the 50th St. pier of in the United States.

showing of the Group Theatre an- War and Fascism.

I.W.O. AIMS FOR

26,000 Recruited Thus

This is the last week of the In-

ternational Workers Order member-

ship campaign for 50,000 new mem-

The I.W.O., in a statement issued to the entire membership today, called for the biggest recruiting

week in the history of the I.W.O.

"This is the final opportunity for members to add their bit in carry-ing the I.W.O. to its great goal," it

"With every Builder completing his or her pledge of three members each, with all members doing their

share during these last days, we can sweep on towards victory," the

"The growth of the I.W.O.," said

"Every member recruited is also

ment, an added opponent against

war and fascism, an added force

for building a Farmer-Labor Party.

Congratulating the members on

he 26,000 members recruited so far,

the statement said, "in this last

week let us set a record we will for-ever be proud of. Let us make this the biggest recruiting week in the history of the International Work-ers Order.

Wood Workers

Continue Fight

For Union Vote

LAKELAND, Fla., Dec. 14 .- Rep-

resentatives of 74,000 timber and

United Brotherhood of Carpenters

and Joiners continued their fight

today for the right to be represent-

end, the timber workers were al-

lowed only "fraternal" representa-

At the present session, nearing an

The timber workers' representa-

statement declared.

matter of figures.

Far in Membership

Campaign

Edison Profits Mounting-More Jobs Are Imperilled ASK ADVICE

Fear of Firings Drives Several To Suicide. Records Show

> By Adam Lapin ARTICLE IV

(This is the fourth of a series exposing the practises of utility companies in New York.)

Alfred Muir went into the garage of his home in North Bergen one night last March. He set the motor of his car running. He closed the door of the garage.

The next morning he was found dead of monoxide poisoning. "I am sorry to leave you in this way," he wrote to his wife Eva, "but it is the only

Alfred Muir was the foreman of the Edison Company's Bowery sub-

BLAME THE POLICY

Blame his death on the anti-labor policies of Consolidated Edison.

Merger, consolidation, retrenchment-these are big words that roll smoothly from the tongues of \$50,000

Then some one, an ordinary human being, crumbles under the tension and kills himself.

Blame the death of Alfred Muir on the Edison policy of lay-offs, frequent transfers to less secure jobs, and the constant fear of dis-

Blame it on the tension and fear which reign in the company's East District, Manhattan.

Alfred Muir was not the only one. Last Spring there were a number of suicides, attempted suicides and nervous breakdowns in this district. G. A. Baker, former superintendent of the District, attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat while in a nervous break-

A few weeks after Muir's death, W. H. Clark snapped under the strain of impending dismissal, and killed himself.

John J. Delaney was taken to the Brooklyn State Hospital in April to be treated for a severe nervous breakdown. He kept muttering in-coherently that the company wanted to fire him.

MUIR WAS FIRST

Muir was the first.
"I would have turned on the gas in the house," he wrote to his wife, "but was afraid the family would wake up. Don't waste money on a funeral for me, but save it for your-self and the children. If it gets too hard for you and you're not able to make, turn on the gas (turn off the pilot). If there is a hereafter, I will meet you there."

"darling." Several times in it in 'perfect married life."

Muir had just been demoted to under the new superintendent. a smaller station. He was afraid ginning of the end.

Them Days Gone Forever



Utility workers have stopped falling for the company union gags as they see the security of their jobs collapsing in "mergers" and see that even some of the "bosses," who they thought were safe from firings, have committed suicide.

Muir's suicide was part of a general situation. Conditions in the East District became intolerable ever since the resignation of G. A. Baker, the former superintendent, and F. M. Jack, assistant superintendent.

own refinements on the city-wide anti-labor policy of the Consolidated

nervousness began to predominate the sub-station men. They had visited the new regime in the disthe sub-station men. They had visited the new regime in the dis-the sub-station men. They had visited the new regime in the dis-the sub-station men. They had visited the new regime in the dis-trict in order to discuss the prob-to read this."

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Ridiculously petty economies acthat the demotion marked the be- companied the break-down in and on his forced resignation. In morale. Half the usual amount of a fit of despondency he tried to cut He was not a member of the toilet paper and soap was provided his throat with a razor. Only a

NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC. Supper

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RATES: 18 words, 35c Monday to Thursay; 50c Friday; 75c Baturday; \$1.00 Sunay, 5 cents per additional word. DEAD-INE: Weekdays, 12 Noon. Sunday deadne. Friday 12 Noon. Payments must

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Without the What's On, you party is not successful—so send in your vote! SCORE:

Tonight

HEAR HARRISON GEORGE - brilliant HEAR HARRISON GEORGE — brilliant writer, speaker and columnist. Subject—"Rooseveit and the Inter-American Conference." 137 E. 13th St., one flight up. Ausp.: Thomas Jefferson Branch C. P. 8:35 P.M. Benefit Daily Worker.

OPEN Forum Nite—Robert Freeden on "The New Soviet Constitution." at 1274 Hoe Avenue, Freeman Street Sta., Bronx. Questions and Discussion. Adm. free.

Questions and Discussion. Adm. free 8:30 P.M. Ausp.: Br. 1, 5th A.D. C.P. Coming

LOOK this over and remember it! "Came for Spain," followed by dancing and entertainment. Table tennis tournament, featuring the country's best play-ers. Social Dance Group, 94 Fifth Ave., near 14th St. Con. 35c. Wednesday, Dec. 16. 8:30 P.M.

16, 8:30 P.M.

MASS PROTEST MEETING, Thursday, December 17, at 8:30 P.M. "Pink Slips in the Federal Theatre." Symposium at Washington Irving High School, 15th St. and Irving Place. Speakers: Willis Morgán, President City Projects Council; Morris Watson, head of Living Newspaper; Irwin Shaw, author of "Bury the Dead": Tamiris, Dance Project, Herbert Kline, editor New Theatre. Ausp.: New Theatre Committee. General adm. 25c. Tickets on sale at C.P.C., 139 W. 22nd St.; New Theatre. 156 W. 44th St. All WPA workers and friends should attend! Dec. 17.

PROFESSOR SCOTT NEARING—"Future of Democracy, Spain, the Soviet Union," at Herman Ridder High School, Boston Road and 173rd St. Subs. 25c. Ausp.: FSU. Friday, Dec. 18, 8 P.M.
"DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM," an introductory lecture by David Ramsey, on Friday, Dec. 18, 8 P.M., at Webster

Union," at Herman Ridder High School, Boston Road and 173rd St. Subs. 25c. Ausp.: FSU. Friday, Dec. 18, 8 P.M. "DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM," an introductory lecture by David Ramsey, on Friday, Dec. 18, 8 P.M., at Webster Hall, 125 E. 11th St. Ausp.: People's Forum. Adm. in advance, 25c; at door, 35c. Tickets at all Workers & People's Bookshops.

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Come and meet the All People's Party at
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Augusto Coen and his Boricuas, internationally famous band. Keep December 18
oren.—Imperative! dance, entertainment at the MacDowell Club, 166 East 73rd St. Auspices: Anti-Fascist Literature Committee. Subs. \$2.

Augusta Goen and his Boricuas, internationally famous band. Keep December 18 open—Imperative!

SURPRISE entertainment and dance at St. Mark's Auditorium, 138th St. between Lenox and 5th Aves. Ausp.: New Singers. Subs. 50c. Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:30 P.M.

WORKERS SCHOOL FORUM—Jack Stachel will speak on "The 56th A. F. of L. Convention and the Future of American Labor," Saturday, Dec. 19, 2:30 P.M. at 35 E, 12th St. 2nd floor. Adm. 25c.

SEASON'S EVENT! Choice Dinner, entertainment, Dancing. Dinner begins 7:30. Everything for 95c at Hellenie Ballroom, Sta.). Swing time, music by Jack Sully, singing Workers Songs, Dancing 9:30 P.M., 39c. Ausp.: Professional Comm. for Support Workers Centers. Dec. 19.

HAVE your party send in a donation to the Financial Drive and Credit it this column—don't forget our slogan—we make you a success—so make us a success Send us your votes!

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was escape from unbearable fear men were given the job of making repairs. One of the victims in the epidemic CONDITIONS INTOLERABLE of break-downs was the former

superintendent, G. A. Baker. RESIGNATION FORCED

It is reported that he had not wished to quit. Actually his resignation was said to have been forced because of his opposition to the This in itself must have been a

great blow for this pioneer of the electrical industry who had been An atmosphere of tension and with the company for forty years.

> Wirtz snubbed him in no uncer- this. tain terms.

He kept brooding on the insult union. He didn't know what to do for. The workers were given in- blood transfusion saved him. He about it. The only thing he knew sufficient lighting. Inexperienced was taken to the psychopathic ward of a New York hospital for treat-

> ERNST TOLLER will lecture on "The Theatre in a Changing World" at the New School, 66 West 12th St., Sunday, Dec. 20, 1:30 P.M. Adm. \$1.00.
>
> CHRISTMAS Frolic — swing music, Broadway stars at 1900 Central Programs of the Company's lay-off and transfer policy. He had been connected with the Edison system for some 17 years. John Delaney's break-down was CHRISTMAS Frolic — swing music, Broadway stars at IWO Center, 4 W. 18th St. Ausp.: Followers of Nature Damp and IWO Br. 736. Proceeds to Daily Worker. It's on Christmas Eve at P.M.

> EVERYBODY'S Goin' t' Town! Third annual Christmas Eve. Ball in Harlem. This year at the spacious Lido Ballroom, 146th St. and 7th Ave. Harlem celebrities transferred to another job with the

146th St. and 7th Ave. Harlem celebrities in gala floor show. Swing music by Ed. Brundy Engineering Company.

Bonelli's Society Orch. Tickets 50c in adv., 55c at door. Ausp.: Angelo Herndon Club. Box and Loges reservations phone way of getting rid of him, and that he would be fired shortly after accepting his new job.

LETTER TO UNION

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BRONX presents the affair of the year

New Year's Eve. Floor Show Featuring Block and Sully and other Radio and
Vaudeville Stars. Dance to Sherry Magees
C.B.S. Orchestra at Bronx Winter Garden, Washington & Tremont Aves., Bronx.
Adm. \$1.25 in adv. Ausp.: Bronx Professional Alliance. Call MElrose 5-0124.

CHRISTMAS EVE BALL! Bring your While the company's plans to get him out were in process, he wrote Adm. \$1.25 in adv. Adsp. Adsp. 20124.

Sional Alliance. Call Melrose 5-9124.

CHRISTMAS EVE BALL! Bring your cwn ashtrays to the A.S.U. Ball at the Hotel Capitol! Tickets on sale for 60c at Bookshops., 75c at Door. Auspices: Of his life to one company should Brooklyn College, American Student now be threatened with the loss

Brooklyn College, American Student Union.

UNITED Front Mass Rally For Spain! Speakers: Eugene Schachneru, U.P. Correspondent, just returned from Spain; Rabbi H. Schorr; Samuel Schmalhausen; Rev. E. Jackson; A. Rambao, chairman of Committee for Cultural Relations with Latin America, at Elsmere Hall, 284 E. 170th St., 3 blocks East of Grand Concurse. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 8:30 P. M. Ausp.: West Bronx Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

SWING away at Palm Gardens at New Theatre, New Year's Eve Frolic. Palm Gardens, 52nd St. West of 8th Ave. Adm. \$1.25 in adv.; \$1.50 at door. Make your reservations early! Get tickets at New Magazine, 156 W. 44th St., New Theatre League, 117 W. 46th St., and all workers bookshops. Dance to Club Valhalla Swing band!

DOBIS HUMBURDEY, Charles Welden.

The merger of the various utilities has meant, and will mean unless present policies are stopped, the lay-off of several thousand work-

Reductions in personnel are not due in any way to decreased profits, as we saw in Saturday's Daily labor policy. Worker, or to decreased production. The companies are making more money, and they are producing

past six months six union members

TAXI DRIVERS

Leading Unionists and Experts Urged to Aid in Cleansing Local

Sixteen leading figures in the labor movement have been invited to help in making the Taxi Chauffeurs Union, Local 19795, a clean, powerful

Among them are Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Painters' District Council 9; A. Phillip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters; Jack Stachel, secretary of the Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party, and Norman Thomas, national chairman of the Socialist Party.

Invitations to the sixteen were sent by the Progressive League of the union, which charges that there is need to cleanse the union of racketeering elements.

Unauthorized strikes, resulting in no gains for union members; rumors of shaking down employers; barring of all democratic procedure; intimithe city, the Progressives declare.

ganization of the taxi drivers into Taxi Chauffeurs Union, Local 19795; gain a democratic constitution and a democratically elected administration; achieve honest financial accounting and union conditions of work in every garage which employs

Besides the four named above, invitations to cooperate have been sent to Murray Baron, manager of the Bag and Portfolio and Suit Case Workers Union; Ben Gold, secretary of the Furriers' Joint Council; Conrad Kaye, business agent of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Local 665; Manning Johnson, organizer of the Cafeteria Employes Union, Local 302; Murray Gross, manager of the Clerks Department, Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Amicus Most of the Socialist Party; Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild; Charles Zimmerman, manager of Local 22, I.L.G.W.U.; Charles M. Hendley, president of Teachers Union, Local 5; Sam Nesin, secretary of Local 2449, United Textile Workers; Elmer Brown, chairman of Amalgamation Party, Typo-The new regime, under H. Wirtz, company's policies of layoffs and graphical Union, Local 6; and Frank now superintendent, introduced its dismissals.

> newspapers. These ads carried a little box along the left-hand side which said "48,000 employes ask you

45,500 workers asking you to read But on March 14, 1936, in an ad

in the New York Daily News, the number was down to 40,000. This, union leaders feel, is the ompany's way of predicting layoffs which are still in store for the

workers. 5.000 LAID OFF

In the meantime the firing of utility workers which began a few years ago is continuing.

Five thousand were laid off by Brooklyn Edison in 1931, This resulted in the formation of the Brotherhood of Utility Employes of America which later affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and became the Light and Power Utility Workers Union B 751 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Wersing estimated that 700 were laid off in 1935 when United Blec-tric Power merged with New York

During the past few months 1,450 workers in the continuing inventory department of Consolidated Edison lost their jobs

There were formerly 1,700 workers in the department. Today there

are only 250 left. As a result of the merger of Northern Union Gas and Consolidated Edison, meter readers are now reading both electric and gas

meters. In the transportation department of New York Edison personnel was reduced from 270 to 127 workers. How soon will the company make

well-dressed man, evidently upset at a picket line in the swanky good its prediction and get rid of neighborhood, told the pickets. But THE BEST PEOPLE ARE a total of 8,000 workers? the pickets kept up their shouting It is as yet too early to answer this question, except to say that the for a living wage and "every model a union model and every school a Are you wearing one? . . . All the companies are well on their way toward achieving their objective. union school.

JOINING UNION

Company officials admitted as under Stonku's persistent questioning at the Commission hearing.

As workers are joining the union in increasing dissatisfaction with their uncertain position, the company is tightening up on its anti-The LaFollette Senatorial inves-

tigation revealed that Consolidated Edison employs the services of the more electricity. Lay-offs are due Burns, Railway Audit and Inspection and Corporations Auxiliary detective services Company union outfits are being

heavily financed by the company with money spent for leaflets and Occasional revolts by company union councils are mercilessly squashed. Today there are fourteen com-

pany union outfits in the Consolidated system Lay-offs of workers for union activity have also increased. told the Daily Worker that in the

than meet with the union and tion of shareholders, and a comwere fired in Queens, six in Brookgrant wage increases. lyn and eight in Manhattan. It is not a cheerful thought that the money of the consumers has all BIG DOINGS AT TROMMERS AS COOKS INSTALL There were big doings last night Street cafeteria, two others and the at Trommers Brewery in Brooklyn. main office of the Service,

They Won in Teamsters' Union



Here are two of the winners in the election conducted by Local 807, International Brotherhood of an added recruit to the labor move-

William Devery (left), president-elect, and John Hughes, vice-president-elect, headed the victorious progressive "Gold Standard Ticket."

dation of active union members; are confronting taxi drivers throughout the city, the Progressives declare. Philadelphia Raises PROGRESSIVES The Progressive League has asked the sixteen to aid them in the organization of the taxi drivers into

Brown, head of the Party's organ-

'You brought in fourteen hundred

dollars for the Daily Worker be-

cause this meeting was well organ-

ized. But you have a lot more or-

ganization work to do. California

eads you in recruiting new members

into the Party, and there is no good

reason, why the Philadelphia dis-

trict, with its immense possibilities,

MOTHER BLOOR CHEERED

should not catch up.

workers voted down.

Party's Leaders at Banquet Stress Role of Paper as Weapon Against Fascism-Foster, Browder, Mother Bloor, Are Cheered

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13 .- Fourteen hundred dollars was raised for the Daily Worker at a Daily Worker shock brigaders' banquet here at the Hotel Jefferson.

William Z. Foster, Earl Browder, Mother Bloor, F. meeting tomorrow night at Labor Brown and Margaret Cowl, were the principal speakers. Temple, 243 E. 84th St. by the Pro-Pat Toohey was toastmaster. power that wields the instrument.

With the Unions

It's a Model Picket Line in Front of the Art

Students League—Instructors and Students

Back Demand for \$1 an Hour

vie with exclusive restaurants and imposing office buildings,

hiring through the union. On the The newly elected officers of the

building from 9 in the morning till whelming majority. The union

Another mass picket line will be lines. We saw the Kitty Kelly strik-held Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, crs carrying very neat signs, in-

At a students' mass meeting, a res- place tomorrow night at Madison

tiate with the union was passed. bor's Who's Who" will be at the

A delegation of ten instructors has Garden to hear Harry Bridges and

Strike action for Borden's milk shown by the Consumers Cooper-

drivers now rests in the hands of ative Service, Inc., Local 302 of the

the executive committee of the Cafeteria Employes Union, has re-

Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local newed its offer to settle the strike

The committee has already voted by the management, when they

for strike, but no date has been set. abruptly fired union members, and

Friday afternoon, the Westchester then refused all offers to negotiate

Borden's is the company that the strike started, and put all the

with the union.

hired three thousand spics rather men back to work. A signed peti-

mittee has been formed to get the Salesmen's Union, Local 1268.

joined with the models to demand Union were installed in office.

students from the school Cooks, Countermen and Assistants

The recent election swept in the

progressive slate with an over-

members are now getting ready for

a swift moving organizational drive.

From Your Own Society Editor.

. . Union buttons are the rage now.

best people are seen on the picket

forming people about the strike of

these members of the Retail Shoe

The gala event of the week takes

Square Garden, Everybody in "La-

CAFETERIA WORKERS OFFER

With consideration certainly not

No such consideration was shown

The union offers to arbitrate all

points at issue as soon as the firm

reopens the 25th Street shop where

mittee of shareholders has asked

the Board of Directors to negotiate

Picketing is going on at the 25th

TO SETTLE STRIKE

ARE YOU WEARING ONE?

Foster, who had to leave early for another engagement, said briefly:

ter in the history of the American working class than the long struggle to maintain the Daily Worker. "The Daily Worker is securely established as a spokesman for the Communist Party and the vanguard of the working class. Now more than ever it is needed for the struggles that are ahead."

BROWDER SPEAKS

Browder spoke of the Daily Worker as the chief weapon of the bourgeois press in the recent polit-Party . . . of a Communist Party ical campaign, for the bourgeois that has become a vital force in press was for Landon, whom the American life.

"Today we see the Daily Worker as a powerful weapon to aid the readers of the Daily Worker." Spanish people against Fascism," he "Events in Spain may

throughout Europe. If all Europe, eagerly every day. except the Soviet Union, goes Fascape the consequences. The Spanish readers of the Daily Worker were for 14 hours daily, for six and trade unions and the Party. our best protection.

"The Communist Party is playing a tremendous role for solidarity with a selected lot. Each one had raised they charge. and support of the Spanish people. at least \$5 towards the \$1,400. This must be increased a hundred-

ment of the Party in mobilizing sup- banner contributors, with \$420 to ing that all building service workport for Spain, and the Party is the | their credit.

League yesterday.

10 at night.

the school.

\$1 an hour, union recognition and @-

union conditions. Since the strike,

pickets have been before the school

"This is not a pants factory," a

when the Board of Directors meet.

A students and members com-

Board to negotiate with the union.

olution asking the Board to nego-

BORDEN HIRES 3,000 SPIES

TO BALK DRIVERS' UNION

Borden's workers will meet in the

Amalgamated Hall in Mount Ver-

non to ratify the strike plan.

also made the same request from Joseph Curran.

Building Service Union Group Prepares for Arbitration

Building service workers, who will go to bat against the Realty Board for higher wages and shorter hours in January, have been called to a ressive members of Building Service Employes Union, Local 32-B. Joseph Curran, chairman of the

trike Strategy Committee of the striking maritime workers on the East Coast, will be guest speaker. minations for Progressive officers According to the terms of the ilcox Award, gained during the general strike last Spring, arbitration for better conditions starts next month. Progressives urge that regular business and council meetings

be called to prepare the member-"The working class defeated the ship for the coming fight. They charge that the union has been inactive for a long time, ignoring the thousands of unorganized workers. To bring these workers into the union, dues must be reduced to \$1,

they declare. Mother Bloor got lots of cheers as | Wholesale violation of the Silcox she spoke "as one of the young Award is charged by the Progres-people" who read the Daily Worker sives. They point to apartment houses where workers were granted So did Margaret Cowl, Party wo- the 9 to 11-hour day, with many cist, we in this country cannot es- men's leader, as she told how women building service workers on the joi people must win. Their victory is bringing their husbands into the half days a week, for as little as \$55 a month. Even in the closed shop areas the contracts are violated The several hundred diners were

"We are doing our best for the Members of Section 6 of the Phil- enforcement of democratic, progresadelphia district of the Party, in sive measures in the interest of our "The Daily Worker is an instru- northwestern Philadelphia, were the local," the Progressives declare, askers come to tomorrow night's meet-

TO HONOR SOCIAL WORKER TUESDAY

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is determined to make the banquet for Thyra J. Edwards, leading Negro social worker of Chicago who has just come back from the Soviet Union, a big success. Union members are selling tickets for the banquet to be held at the Harlem Over on West 57th St., where expensive dress shops Y. W. C. A., Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Greater New York Federation of the National 65 members of the Models' Union picketed the Art Students | Negro Congress. Miss Edwards is the head of the Women's Department of the Congress and an editor The strikers have been out for three weeks now, for of "Women Today."





tives have urged an amendment of the constitution to permit continuation of their industrial form of oreral President William L. Hutcheson, which dominates the union, is bitterly opposed to industrial unionism, and was a chief factor in getting the ten unions of the Com-

mittee for Industrial Organization suspended from the A. F. of L.

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A Dramatic Day at Madison Square Garden

· Wednesday will be a dramatic moment in the great maritime strike.

The united voice of the West, East and Gulf coast maritime workers will then be heard at Madison Square Garden.

Harry Bridges, dynamic and progressive leader of the West Coast strikers, will stand shoulder to shoulder at this great mass meeting with Joseph Curran, militant leader of the East Coast walk-out. Randolph Merriweather, of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, will also speak for solidarity and the strike.

New York's labor and liberal forces will welcome the maritime strike leaders through chosen spokesmen. They will express the warm sentiments of the workers in the North Atlantic area in support of the magnificent fight that is being waged.

The vital character of the meeting justifies a huge outpouring on Wednesday by the working people of this city. A jammed Madison Square Garden will serve notice on the ship owners that the fight has just begun. It will give new heart to the courageous maritime strikers - on every coast and in every American port.

A Fine Record Of Achievement

· Twenty-five thousand new members in the last three months! That is the remarkable record of the International Workers Order. Its total membership now has reached

This growth of the I.W.O. provides new thousands of workers with low-cost insurance. During its short existence of six years, this outstanding workers' fraternal society has distributed one million dollars in sick, accident and death benefits to workers and

At the same time, this growth gives an invaluable stimulus to the formation of a people's movement for the defense of political liberties. The I.W.O. members point proudly to the \$15,000 they have thus far raised for Spain. They have joined prominently in the Fraternal Orders' Conference, which is aiding the steel drive so effectually. Their organization has been one of the staunchest supporters of the fight for adequate social insurance as embodied in the Frazier-Lundeen Bill.

We hail this news of the growth of the I.W.O. We wish the Order full success in its campaign to win 50,000 new members by

The Sit-Down Spreads In Detroit

· They are sitting down again in another plant in Detroit.

What happened in the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. yesterday directs renewed attention to the growing confidence of the auto workers in the stay-in strike.

Two days ago the 5,000 workers at the Kelsey-Hayes plant won their first sit-down. They threw over a paper company union, joining in a body the United Automobile Workers of America. Yesterday morning the company tried to double-cross them. It went back on its agreement. The day shift promptly sat down again. They are still there and still "holding the fort."

During the last few weeks, the sit-down has been carried out in the following plants in the Detroit area:

The Bendix Corp., makers of automobile brakes and carburetors, where 1,100 stayed in and won for 4,000 workers: Midland Steel Products Corp., makers of auto frames, where 1,000 held out until a smashing victory covering 2,000 employes: Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Ottawa, Ill., where 1,200 glass workers are affected; the Chrysler Co. plant at Niles, Mich., where 600 workers are still "in"; the Gordon Baking Co., Detroit, with 400 likewise still "in"; the Eastern Michigan Motor Coach Co. of Flint, Mich., where 180 bus drivers are sitting at the wheels of their motor coaches in the terminals and "will

not be moved." These strikes "on the job," it will be noted, have taken place largely in the automobile accessory plants. When Midland Steel workers sat down, 100,000 auto workers were gradually affected. The KelseyHayes workers, if the company does not soon weaken, will tie up three of the largest plants of the General Motors Corporation, in addition to the chief plants of Henry Ford.

There is power in this new weapon, the workers have discovered. It fits in, they feel, with the processes of mass production. It makes them more secure in some ways than on the outside, in a picket line. The workers are familiar with the factory; the police are not. Attacks upon the strikers are cut down thereby, and also by management's thought that a police attack on the mill may wreck plant and machinery.

These sit-ins by the automobile workers are a tribute to their desire for union organization. The United Automobile Workers Union is the organization of their choice. They are gamely fighting for it and for those better conditions which the giant auto industry can so readily afford.

Great Struggles Demand

A Greater Party • In American labor history, a new date of great deeds and progress bids fair to be

1937

The recent Central Committee meeting of the Communist Party made that clear. With particular emphasis was the importance of the days ahead brought out in the excellent analysis contained in the report of General Secretary Earl Browder.

Great struggles are immediately at hand for the American workers. These struggles will be waged in the Halls of Congress and in the legislatures, and in the far-flung industrial battle-front. To these is also added the vital struggle for peace.

Within such a scene, there is required more than at any previous time a strong Communist Party. To that end we must direct our fullest energies.

"It is an established fact," as Browder stated, "that the spontaneous struggles of the workers for economic demands and democratic rights cannot give the understanding and strength necessary to win Socialism. What is required is the leading role of the Communist Party, which teaches and guides the workers, which increases the fighting fitness of the working class for all struggles."

What does the Party see today, in this connection? William Z. Foster, national chairman, put it concisely: "Our influence has run far away and beyond anything we have ever had before in America," he said. "But our organizational strength has lagged farther and farther behind."

What, then, must be done? Foster gave the answer, crisply and to the point: "What must be done is to link up the Party recruiting organization with the mass work and mass agitation."

Organizational steps to give the greatest effectiveness to this linking up of recruiting and mass work were decided upon by the Central Committee meeting. They require a backing up in every district and in every section. The Party today has thousands of sympathizers. These can be won speedily to the Party.

How can they be won? By those very comrades who are in the leadership in mass work-in the trade unions, the Workers Alliance and other organizations - using the opportunities thus given them to bring members into the Party. That was the outstanding feature stressed by the action-provoking report to the Central Committee of John Williamson, on organization.

In the momentous struggles at our doors, the Party is called upon for greater and greater service to the American working class. Every member has the burning obligation to see that the Party's growth enables it to fulfill these responsibilities.

The New Leader **Keeps Up Its Old Chant**

. S. Portugeis, in the latest issue of the New Leader (organ of the reactionary Socialist leaders), heralded as a great disciple of Karl Kautsky, gets off this proof of his

"The fact is, of course, that Socialism does not exist today in any country. In Soviet Russia there is only a brutal, bloody dictatorship."

The last sentence, of course, is a dash of Hearstian anti-Communist slander to make the Kautsky stew more popular.

When nearly every other opponent is resorting to more subtle arguments against the Soviet Union, the New Leader keeps up

Not only is Socialism a fact in the Soviet Union, proved by every phase of its economic and political life, but the new Soviet Constitution insures development to the higher phases of Socialism.

Capitalism has been abolished and buried in the Soviet Union. The means of production and distribution are owned by the people. Farms have been collectivized. A new type of Socialist democracy has been created. Work, leisure, education, security are guaranteed to all by the Constitution.

But then Kautsky said the workers and peasants could not take power in Russia. But they did. Kautsky and his followers also said the toilers could not establish Socialism in the Soviet Union. But they did.

Now the New Leader has to resort to

Coueism.

World Front

- By HARRY GANNES

· When Nazi aviators drop bombs over Madrid, slaughtering unarmed men, women and children in workers' quarters, they are merely carrying into practice the theories of "Racial Biology" carefully worked out by Fascist scientists.

Incredible? In Volume 30 of the Nazi Archives for Racial Biology, 1936, the Fascist Major Suchsland, with the imprimatur of the Nazi Air Minister Goering, publishes an article to guide fascist aviators in attacks

on heavily populated cities. The scientific biological paper is entitled: "Loss of Population Caused by Air Raids." The Nazi writer is not so much concerned, he says, with the technical aspects of aerial warfare over modern cities as with racial-political considerations of the bombardments. To use the Nazi Major's own words, he arrives at the conclu-

"In the thinly populated, upto-date districts of cities, the residents are not only those of superior social position, but they are at the same time the most healthy, for they have the best housing accommodations, broad streets, playgrounds, parks, hygienic institutions, etc.

"In the densely populated districts, the contrary is the case. Here there are many weakly and diseased persons, rendered 'inferior elements' by their social position. Hence an air raid on a town must take these facts into consideration.

"A bomb dropped on the better residential quarters of a town is not one likely to kill comparatively few people, but those killed would be precisely the elements which should, strictly speaking, be preserved, for 'racial reasons.

"A bomb dropped in a densely populated district, of a town is not only likely to kill comparatively few number of victims, and from the racial viewpoint they would be no loss.

'When the density of the population is taken as a basis for the calculation, we come to the conclusion that the losses caused by an air bombardment lessen in proportion as the value rises of the individual for the community.

"In the case of the undesirable elements in the body of the nation, the losses are much greater. The quarters of a town with the densest population are the quarters in which the shady elements of a population take refuge. These are the quarters at which the air bombardment must aim."

Lacking nothing of the well-known German thoroughness, the Nazi major elaborates from the medicobiological justification of slaughter women and children en masse:

"For the 'race' persons suffering from neuroses are undesirable and even valueless. Experience has shown that nervous persons fall victims most easily to air attacks. And, again, persons with nervous affections are found for the most part in districts where the racially inferior reside."

Another reason for Fascist wholesale slaughter of the most densely populated non-combatant areas:

"The great nerve-shaking effect of one or two air attacks may prevent these undesirable hereditary tendencies from being preserved in individuals by means of nursing and health service. When it is recognized that affections of the nerves and mind render their victims unsuitable for the application of protective measures against air attacks, we come to the conclusion that the number of persons of this group who will succumb will be comparatively large. A consequence undoubtedly painful for the victims and their relatives, but advantageous for the future health of

Between Nazi theory and practice there is a gap that General Franco's hordes show the most extreme difficulties in trying to bridge.

It seems that Major Suchsland miscalculated. The Nazi and Italian Fascist air raids over Madrid, instead of driving the densely populated proletariat into nervous capitulation, has had an opposite effect. It has induced a severe military neurosis in the Spanish fascist leading staff that requires a transfusion of Nazi troops in an effort to effect a cure.

The theories of German Fascism, and particularly of the departments controlled by multi-uniformed Goering, are having other difficulties also. The Fascist Four-Year Plan has produced a shortage of 2,000,000 tons of grain in Germany. The Nazi war-mongers have greatly miscalculated in this venture as well at the expense of mass hunger for the German people. It appears that the German peasants prefer to feed their grain to the pigs rather than turn it over to the hoggish Nazi grain collectors.

As a war plan, the Goering scheme is a huge success. The German people are suffering already as if hit by a war blockade.

Goering must exclaim: "Isn't Nazi science won-

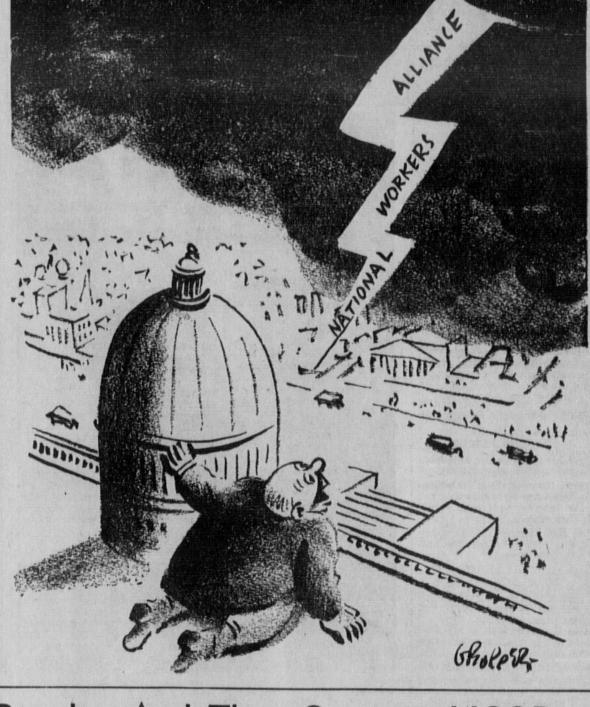
QUESTIONS and **ANSWERS**

Question: Is it a fact that the Soviet Union was for neutrality in the Spanish civil war at the be-

Answer: The Soviet Union was never for neutrality towards the Spanish people's struggle against fascism. When the Socialist Premier Blum, on the initiative of British imperialism, cooked up the nonintervention pact, they made a condition of the fascist adherence to the agreement also of the Soviet Union. Should the Soviet Union then have refused to enter the agreement, Hitler and Mussolini would have been absolutely free to ship arms to General Franco openly. The Soviet Union was not in a position alone to outbid the two fascist powers in shipping arms when the Socialist Blum, under any condition, had denied the Spanish Republic the right to purchase arms from the country that bordered it, France.

Therefore, the Soviet Union entered the non-intervention scheme (1) to prevent the fascists from shipping arms; (2) to work within it to force recognition of Spain's right to purchase arms; (3) to utilize the first favorable opportunity to expose the scandal and to grant Spain all forms of aid to help hold off and defeat General Franco. The Soviet Union, facts show, has acted brilliantly and with the most amazing results in Spain despite the actions of the Socialist Premier Blum, in originally sponsoring the non-inter-

If the labor movement of other countries had given more aid to the Soviet Union's attack on the non-intervention farce, still more aid would have been made available for Spain.



Bread -- And Then Some in USSR For Farmers in the Collectives

By Sender Garlin

(Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent) MOSCOW — Collective farmer Vassily Rimar has a vivid recollection of an experience during the Tsarist regime: the Chief Elder of the village, accompanied by a gendarme arrived at Rimar's hut to inquire just what he intended to do about paying the 89 rubles assessment on his property. After a thorough resurvey of the premises, the local officials left an ornate document-signed and sealed-which Vassily Rimar still prizes to this

"Arriving to make the census of the property of Vassily Rimar who did not pay his assessment of 89erty was not found, but instead one hen, one rooster, and 12 chickens."

Times have changed a good deal since those old, dark days and that is why Vassily Rimar is so good humored about this document. Today Rimar is an energetic and enthusiastic member of the collective farm called "The Second Five Year Plan." He has one cow, two pigs, a bee-hive, 58 heads of poultry. During the past year, for his work on the farm he received 230 poods of grain in addition to his money wages. With the cash he built a new house, and filled it with new modern furniture. Rimar, illiterate at the time of the visit of the Village Elder and the gendarme, is now studying in an elementary school for adults after his working day on the farm. His eldest son recently graduated from an agricultural college and is now working as an agronomist on a neighbouring collective farm.

Wherever you go in the Russian countryside collective farmers will tell you that "times aint what it used to be." And here they have in mind not only the pre-revolutionary time but also those difficult years before the Soviet Union swung into the successful collectivisation programme which has revolutionized not only the village but the entire country as well. In the spring of 1927, for instance, almost one-third of the peasantry was without working cattle and 21.7 per cent of the peasant households were without cows. The overwhelming majority were lucky to have a single horse apiece. As a result they were unable to improve their

agricultural technique, widen their sowing area and thus increase their crops. Sowing was delayed, seeds were not selected and harvesting was everywhere late. The primitiveness of technique and the domination of manual labor sentenced the small peasant households to low crops and made them victims of drought and other "acts of God" The collective farm movement

has of course changed all this.

Giant farms have replaced the poor, miserable debt-ridden peasant household. While farmers in the United States and other capitalist countries are storing their tractors and other farm machinery in their barns because they are unable to Soviet farmers are getting the fullest advantage of the latest and most perfected agricultural machinery. This is made possible not only by the growing prosperity of the collective farms themselves but by the whole cooperative system which underlies Soviet agriculture and economy.

During the past year for example more than 5,000 Machine Tractor Stations provided 320,000 tractors for the use of the collective These—a far cry from the old, primitive wooden ploughs of the pre-revolutionary daysworked on 240 million hectares. Or, to put it in other words, the tractors of the Soviet Machine Tractor Stations, ploughed 1 and one half times more land than all of capitalist Europe, and almost twice as much the United States-which was 144 million acres. The bourgeois fiction about "the

law of the diminishing fertility of land" is seen in its true light when one contemplates the miracles achieved on the Soviet countryside. These achievements amply prove the wisdom of the words of Marx when it is treated properly. The wheat area in the Soviet Union leaped from 356,000 hectares to 4,-422,000 hectares during the past six years alone. The average wheat harvest during the years of the Second Five Year Plan was 40 per cent higher than during 1925-29. The tremendous wheat production of the USSR has catapulted this once "backward" country into first place in the entire world. During 1934-35 the USSR raised more wheat than all of North and South America.

The wheat which the Russian peasants raised before the Revolution was mainly for export: com-paratively little of it came to the tables of those who toiled in the fields. A visit to any collective farm these days will show that an abundance of wheat for private consumption is looked upon as a foregone conclusion by all collective farm families. When the writer recently asked a farmer at a session of a District Soviet what the people in this village consider their chief need, he replied "culture." His use of the word was not, however, that with which it is commonly associated. He meant not only opportunities for education, clothes, modern furniture, musical instruments, etc.

In old Russia winter was like a long sleep. The peasant figuratively lay down on his stove and waited for spring. Winter in a Soviet village these days is utilized for reading, for study, for educa-Formerly the "intelligentsia" of the village consisted of the doctor, the veterinary and the teacher. Today this class is broad enough to include vast numbers of collective farmers. In Afremmenov, in the Kalinin Distrct, there are farmers who not only know their own work thoroughly, but know how to handle microscopes and other precision instruments. The collective farm library has the works of Pushkin, Gorky, Barbusse, Scholokov, Ostrovsky, and other writers: the demand for these books is so great that it is necessary to organize

"reading hours" for large groups. Recently, in Voronsky, Krasnogorsky District, I heard an argument between two farmers. It was Voronsky where the late lamented Prince Yussupoff - the man who killed Rasputin - built palace. One farmer recalled the fact that more men were killed accidents and disease in the building of this palace, than Russia lost to Napoleon's army at Borodina. The argument dealt with the authorship of this assertion: the first collective farmer asserted it was Pushkin, while the other correctly insisted that it was Alexander Hertzen.

It is true that "man does not live by bread alone," but the Soviet farmers have bread—and then

Letters from Our Readers

'Let's Stop This Inhuman Treatment' Paterson, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Mr. O'Gorman, the overseer of the poor in Paterson, N. J., has some very generous people working under him, very good at the art of keeping the poor workers and their families on the relief rolls, from getting enough coal to keep the home warm the whole month, and to see to it that they get as little food and clothing as possible.

I have five children and a wife, which makes seven in the family. I have repeatedly asked for blankets and a coat for my wife, and a coat for myself, and for the last two months have not received them. My wife and I went down to the relief station four or five days before the month was up, for coal, and we were flatly refused the coal order until the month was up by Miss Budam, so we went to her superior, Mr. Tuckman, and this kind-hearted gentleman did the same thing, knowing there was no coal at home and that five children would have to suffer from the cold. 'The children's ages range from 9 months to 9 years. So you can see how heartless some of these people are, who profess to be symmathetic with the unfortunate people on relief.

The only way we can make these people treat us decent, as American people should be treated, is by becoming a member of the Workers' Alliance and by building it stronger as we carry on. Unit 101 of the W. A. of Paterson meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 24 Prince St. Join now and let's stop this inhuman

The Whole Truth

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker: Colonel Somervell (of the W-ont P-ay A-nybody) stated recently that the taxi industry needs 5,000 men at a guaranteed wage of \$18 per week. Mayor La-

Guardia said that the Colonel was misinformed, and his statement inaccurate. "If the driver has an exceptionally good week and tips are profuse," he said. Merely correcting an inaccurate statement of a

boss's stooge does not correct an existing abuse. What a really liberal Mayor would say is, "The taxi driver will receive a guaranteed minimum of \$18 per week, when he organizes into the Taxi Chauffeurs' Union, Local 19795, A. F. of L., and forces the wage from the fleet owners."

Lost Generation Of the Depression League For Women Shop.

'About a Young Girl Who Couldn't Get a Job and Tried to Commit Suicide Because She Thought She Had Nothing to Live For But Relief Checks

manner and sensitive eyes and a forlorn look about her. I knew about her having been in the hospital lately and why she had gone there. It was a thing you couldn't talk to her about, because the hurt is still in dent of the Berkshire Employees her and she's ashamed.

for job hunting and she's just generally pretty well crushed. I watched her trying to laugh and I was sorry I didn't know how to make her talk firm the League of Women Shopabout the wound that could be opened up and aired and transformed pers' contention.

She's on relief, this long thin sad kid. It's two years since she had a job, and then it wasn't such a good one. She used to cashier in a restaurant for 12 dollars a week with meals thrown in. On account of the meals it was called a lucky job and everyone said she was fortunate. But the restaurant went out of business and she went out on the street. After awhile she applied for relief.

lief when you know the economic reason for the whole shameful business. It's worse when you're too young and 'nexperienced to understand that it isn't yourself who has failed but the system. It's awful of the normal resistance of the gates to protect their treatment.

cell and took blood tests and questioned her. They wanted to know if there had ever been epilepsy in the family and if she had a man fallow, who was trained to the hor. friend who was trying to ditch her. She said no to both questions and the remaining but now idle upper I can't see anything so wrong in molars may suffer harm through

Darkness More

Real Than Sunshine

I can understand why the dark-ness was more real to this kid than the sunshine. She had been five It is rash to set a definite date by years in New York. She left a little town in Massachusetts because there themselves; wasn't a job for her there and she even years. had a dream of earning a living here and developing a talent and one day of being if not successful tory denture of rubber and stainless one day of being if not successful at least self-supporting and comfortable. But the dream was in her head and the year was 1932, so she took the only job she could find—the cashier's job in a dingy restaurant where the meals that were thrown in were not very good.

The friend who introduced me to her selfed me not to mention any.

to her too about this thing she's demonstrations in U.S.S.R. in supbeen through, but not now, not yet. | port of Loyalist Spain.

Your Health

each side of the lower jaw will cer-

Deprived of their normal function.

gradual shifting of their position.

it would be wise to replace the miss-

which harmful effects will manifest

themselves; it may be months or

good as normal natural teeth.

"ABYSSINIA"

Common Dental

Problems

By Beth McHenry
She was a long thin little girl, not much more than 21, with a timid

She's ashamed of having tried to commit suicide and of being unsuccessful. She is ashamed of being on relief and having no decent clothes ing. Pa., and twenty other com-

from something painful and per-sonal into a common problem to be faced and fought out.

She Had to Have

References for Relief

She applied for relief and they investigated her so well she's never recovered her equilibrium since. They went deep into her personal history and checked her rent receipts and looked up her references. Finally they paid her room rent and gave her food vouchers.

Now, it's one thing to go on re-

thing of the past to her at all. The friend has been helping her out with money since she got back from the hospital. He is from the same

This friend is doing more for the kid than helping her with money, now. He's bringing her into the Workers Alliance and he's helped her to understand that the problem of unemployment is not a personal one - in the nineteen and thirties, in America. He's got her interested in going to meetings and you can hear the screech of the today. stopping and starting and the sounds from the street. He said she told him she wouldn't try suicide

Responsibility to Labor" Tuesday night learned a valuable lesson

They learned that the Nazi owners of the Berkshire mill were scared of a boycott of their product, Problems

W. T., New York City, writes:

"Several years ago, I had two lower back teeth extracted. Last week, back teeth were removed on buy "Frantone," Werner and twenty other company union hecklers came other company union hecklers came back teeth extracted. Last week, two back teeth were removed on the left side, which leaves me without back molars on both sides. My dentist advised me to have a bridge dentist advised me to have a bridge at the meeting against the 5,000 strikers in the Berkshire mills, largest plant in the country.

would cost \$45. He claims if I do not get this bridge within a year's time, my gums will become sore But John W. Edelman, director of research for the American Federaand my teeth will become loose and tion of Hosiery Workers, and three youthful strikers from the Read-ing factory were more than a I will have to have a complete bridge. As I am not in a position to get this bridge, I am worrled and would appreciate your advice." match for the company union.

Snow and

failed but the system. It's awful to feel incompetent on top of feeling insecure and to live in a dark small room all cooped up with misery and loneliness in a city as big as New York

They arrested her for trying to commit sulcide and not making the grade. They locked her up in a hospital room that was half a prison cell and took blood tests and questigets.

Of the normal resistance of the lower molars, are rendered almost useless, like one blade of a pair of scissors. The remaining lower front teeth have much less grinding area than the lost molars. For this reason they have single and relatively slender roots which are not able to support the full force of the bite. Loss of the more rugged teeth subjects the remaining teeth to a kind took blood tests and questigets.

Almost a hundred and fifty youthful hosiery strikers were jailed for their peaceful protests in the snow the remaining but now idle upper and most of them are still in prison Mrs. Roosevelt listened to the from the striking seamen, Borden's milk drivers, Macy's department store clerks, and Cushman's bakery workers described the land of the la Therefore, in order to avoid the harmful results of overwork of some teeth and of total idleness on others, workers described their struggles to organize and win decent working

When she spoke later and le-

would have been far cheaper and Buying Power for Justice," the much better to have avoided extrac- League of V. omen Shoppers is or-

tion of all these teeth by timely de- ganizing women throughout the natection and filling of the cavities of tion for that purpose. Ninety per be there. decay. No bridge or denture is as cent of all goods in the United HELD OVER labor.

The power of women shoppers is tremendous and, as Mrs. Roosevelt "Abyssinia," the Soviet screen said, "a weapon in the hands of the interested in going to meetings and record of the fascist invasion of reading during the long nervous nights in the dark little room where cameo for a second week beginning cam workers organizations have made almost no attempt to use that The program also includes com-plete newsreels of the celebration power.

in Moscow of the 19th Anniversary In the growing strength of the again. He said, soon you must talk of the October Revolution and Mass League of Women Shoppers, labor is acquiring one of the strongest weapons it has ever had in its battle for higher wages, sane hours of work, and decent conditions of work on the job. Women through the league are bound to play a vital role in labor struggles of the

- By EDWIN SEAVER . NYKINO, THE NEW American comparatively high wages, is gam- ARTEF TO OFFER

working-class film organization has bled away. sent out an urgent call for original story material. The organization is there, the technicians are there, of South Africa are caught from

BOOKS of the DAY

Nesbitt's "Gold Fever," a true ac- lives with their sweat and their the second offering of their eleventh count of the gold miners of South blood. Reading Nesbitt's book, you repertory season as a permanent Africa, and it occurs to me what wonder how many lives have been marvellous movie material this is snuffed out every time some lady for a working-class film. It occurs or gentlemen, very comfortably sitto me how much similar material uated back in dear old England, there must be in our own country snips off another coupon. and how comparatively little our Nesbitt tells how the traffic in

writers have done about it.

writer. (He was killed in an air- sometimes they pay their workers in this capacity for the Artef. Benno plane crash last year). Not that he directly in liquor-at the highest was professionally a writer at all, prices—and sometimes partly in the Theatre Guild, has directed all though his gifts in that direction liquor and partly in cash. But ter- of the Artef productions for the were most marked. By profession rible as is the slavery under which last eight years he was an engineer, and it is as a the white men work, it is not as mining engineer in the Rand that frightful as that which obtains he experienced the material in with Negro workers. Their slavery

nose for the dramatic, a warm and though Great Britian was suphuman sympathy, a sense of the posed to have abolished human tragedy of working-class existence, slavery a century ago, Nesbitt of men for whom "the world had makes it very clear that it still offered an ideal unworthy of them." exists in the Rand. And he was markedly gifted in the art of reportage-he knew how to of wonderfully clear portraits of put down what he knew.

the average working period for long to be an etcher. There is strong, white miners is eight years finally an account of street fighting tone Negroes don't last even that during a strike in Johannesburg long). At the end of eight years before the war. The scene in which the workers in the Rand are either a lone Dutch miner, enraged by already in the grave or ready for the troops' firing on the workers, it. Phthisis or silicosis finish off walks to the center of the street the strongest of them, if they have and bares his breast to the bullets, falling rocks. And, owing to the closed the book. conditions under which they work, the knowledge that death is wait- a most competent engineer. But ing for them anyway, most of the English literature also lost a reworker are terrific drinkers. And markable writer in his untimely what they don't drink away of their | death.

IN SHORT, THE GOLD miners

the large working-class audience the moment they enter the mines. is there. It is movie writers and and the gold they dig, the stuff is now in its third month at their that makes very tidy fortunes for own playhouse in West 48th Street, I have just been reading L. M. their masters, is mined out of their announce H. Levick's "Chains" as

liquor is often conducted by the stage the production, which will Not that Nesbitt was a proletarian mine-owners themselves, so that mark the first time he has served Fever." But he had a keen is a fact in every sense of the term,

"Gold Fever" contains a gallery miners, and a series of sketches of In "Gold Fever" he tells us how life underground that makes one already been killed off by remains with one long after he has

pers Organizes Boycotts of Scab Products By BEN BURNS

has been teiling women for a long time that discriminating use of their power could mean victory for workers in scores of labor struggles throughout the land. But it took Fred Werner, presi-

Association, company union at the

More than 1,000 men and women who listened to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt speak on "The Consumer's from Werner and his group.

THE LOSS OF TWO molars from \$8 a Week

One of the company union stools challenged Edelman's assertion that pickets had lain in the snow at 4:30 in the morning before the factory

Two other strikers—Laurna Ludwig, 19, and Elmer Graeff, also 19—also told how they laid down in the snow in protest.

ing lower molars as soon as the gums and jawbone are well healed. nditions.

plored strikes, a questioner in the audience challenged her:
"Don't you think a strike is justified when conditions are in-

decent wages and hours for workers.

States is bought by women, statistics show, and the league is organwomen on the side of organized

'CHAINS' SOON

The Artef Players, whose produc-

This drama is scheduled to go in rehearsal by next week and will probably be presented late in January. Joseph Buloff, who recently appeared in "Don't Look Now!" will Schneider, now directing a play for

Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

CLASSICAL BROADCASTS
2:00-WEAF—Dr. Maddy's Band Lessons
WQXR (W2XR)—Operetta
4:00-WQXR—Classical Numbers
5:00-WQXR—Light Classics

4:00-WQXR—Classical Numbers
5:00-WQXR—Light Classics
8:00-WQXR—Light Classics
Major Part of the Evening
10:00-WOR—Alfred Wal'enstein's Sinfonletta—Dramatic Selections
COMEDIANS AND TALES
1:15-WHN (1250 Kc.)—Interview with
Young Spanish Anti-Fascist
Committee to the U.S.A.
8:00-WABC—Hammerstein's Music Hall
8:30-WABC—Laugh With Ken Murray
9:00-WEAF—Sidewalk Interviews
9:45-WFAB (1300 Kc.)—Biro-Bidjan
TALK—DANCE MUSIC
7:15-WOR—Hal Kemp's Orchestra
8:00-WEAF—Leo Reisman's Orchestra
9:00-WABC—Fred Waring's Orchestra
9:00-WABC—Fred Waring's Orchestra
10:30-WEAF—Johnny Greene's Orchestra
10:30-WABC—Mark Warnow's Orchestra
11:00-WJZ—Johnny Hamp's Orchestra

Mrs. Shopper Helps Labor NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

Two in a Madhouse



Oscar Polk and Ruth Attaway contribute to the general lunacy of the new Hart-Kaufman farce, "You Can't Take It With You." Its slogan is a hobby for every man, woman and child. It is the funniest play these two collaborators have yet produced.

Page Seven's Jamboree is only three days off.

It looks like the biggest thing since Jimmy Walker welcomed Lind-

People keep phoning in, telling us that they are coming. Everyone we ask, and we make it a point to ask every person we can catch, says: "Why of course we're coming, we wouldn't miss it for the world." And they're not kidding us either, judging from the tickets that have been

And we're not kidding them or you. The jamboree is going to be

With the slogan, "Use Your meet, old friends whom you havemeet, old friends whom you haven't seen for years, the shining lights

Joe Laurie, the young man who was so funny in "Swing Your Lady," Jimmy Durante, the one and only izing the shopping power of these Durante, Tamiris, Angna Enters are some of those people, only a small portion of those who will come, but enough to whet your appetite.

So save your Friday evening, take your wife out on a spree or roar. Say these bright playwrights: Steinway Hall Buy your tickets in advance be-

ou Can't lake it with You was filmed in a crowd outside 15 the "little man" under capitalism. Maiden Lane, New York, in the picture of that name, is suing 20th-ture of that name, is suing 20th-Century-Fox for \$50,000 because the fact that Chaplin fades out of t

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU-A farcical comedy by Mozs Hart and George S. Kaufman. Settings by Donald Oenslager. Produced by Sam Harris. At the

actors, musicians, dancers, they'll all you may expect something topical, anyhow."

Messrs, Hart and Kaufman have taken an idea which is full of laugh like a dog, for six hours a day . . . cause there is a threatened shortage and attend conferences and worry about contracts and never get any You can pick them up at Page recreation and wind up behind the Seven office of the Daily Worker for eight ball with ulcers of the stomach? Relax, get yourself a

The Ruling Clawss -by Redfield



"A sixty day diet, madam."

JAMBOREE TICKETS 'You Can't Take It with You'

Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman Do It Again In Dizzy Tale About Why You Should Not Get Rich

BOOK INCASE	
CAST	1
Penelope Sycamore Josephine Hull	7
Essie Paula Trueman	1
Rheba Ruth Attaway	(
Paul Sycamore Frank Wilcox	3
Mr. DePinna Frank Conlan	3
Ed George Heller	
Donald Oscar Polk	7
Martin Vanderhof Henry Travers	
Alice Margot Stavenson	-

By Charles E. Dexter When Moss Hart and George S., hobby, be satisfied with what you've Kaufman get together on a play, got. You can't take it with you The scene is the Washington amusing and excellently produced. Heights flat of the Sycamores where

Your expectations will be realized no one works except Alice, the completely in "You Can't Take It private secretary daughter. Grandpa With You," their latest and dizziest goes in for snakes, commencement comedy, now at the Booth Theatre.

Messrs, Hart and Kaufman have Pa plays around with fireworks in the cellar and erector sets on the possibilities and they have missed mantlepiece. Ma writes plays bemake a date with your best girl or no chances to make their audiences cause someone delivered a typewriter by mistake eight years ago. Daughter Essie wants to be Pavlova "What's the use of being a Big Business Man? So you do work but can't. Her husband dropped business Man? So you do work but can't. Her husband dropped but can't. Her husband dropped but can't. in one day and she married him; he delivers candies and prints call-

ing cards and plays the xylophone. There are other characters, quite as fantastic, and a plot which tells as 25 cents have been fixed for or- Louis Schaffer, manager of Labor how Alice falls in love with Tony ganizations that wish to take blocks Stage, Inc., 106 West 39th Street, Kirby, son of the broker for whom she works. The central struggle of the play centers about the manner in which the elegant and Social Registerite Kirbys are introduced to their son's prospective in-laws. All this may sound pretty slight.

bellished it with what sounds like enough social philosophy, topical alusions and horse laughs to make it the most palatable evening in the theatre of this season-and of quite a good many seasons. They burlesque the White Rus-

But Kaufman and Hart have em-

sians, especially an ex-ballet maestro to the Czar to whom everything, including the Soviets, "steenks."

Best of all they know so many tricks of the theatre that they never give their audience time to discover that the show is really nothing much at all—just a good way to spend a couple of hours during which laughter will shake up your diaphragm and be good for your lungs and your disposition. Incidentally the "message" Kauf-

man and Hart send you is as cock-

eyed as the play itself-but that

loesn't matter. They have caught

the transient spirit of the Amer-

ican theatre and something of American middle class life in the same manner that Valentine Kataev eproduces Moscow life in his farces Their cast is as nearly perfect as one might expect. Josephine Hull is drolly and delightful as the artminded Penelope Sycamore. Frank Conlan is gorgeous as the elongated milkman who poses as a discus thrower for her art experiments. Paula Trueman does an awkward ballet-loving daughter always out of tempo. George Tobias gives the White Russian what White Russians need to be ridiculous. William J. Kirby as the broker comes right out of a Gluyas Williams cartoon. Honors, however, go to Henry Trav-

of the Lewis drama might have been a little more plausible. "You Can't Take It With You" will be around for a long time. It

Here" so that the dramatic version

Picking the Ten Best Pictures of the Year

Choose Those Pictures Which Appealed to You and Which You Liked, Not Those the Movie Reviewers Thought You Ought to Like

By Dorothy Gates

We have announced our Ten Best Pictures of 1936 Contest and we expect the letters to come pouring in.

When you sit down to pick your Ten Best we hope you will choose those which made the greatest impression upon you. Even if all the movie reviewers in town, and your humble correspondent included, said that a movie was the tops, and you fell asleep half way through it, don't tell us you liked it. It goes without saying that we want your honest

We hope you won't let the "glamour" of any one star influence you, so that you will forget to judge the picture on its other merita, or, as

OPENING TONIGHT DAYS TO COME-Lillian Hell-

man's second play which is said to deal with a strike situation, Herman Shumlin is the producer and the cast includes Florence Eldredge, William Harri-gan, Ben Smith, Charles Dingle and Frieda Altman. At the Vanderbilt.

At Hollywood And Vine

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 .- Warners' projected picture on Sir Basil Zaharoff, international munitions king, involves so much skullduggery that diplomatic toes may be trod on and selling difficulties thus arise abroad. The State Department has been called in for advice. Also there is talk of getting Lloyd George to Hollywood as technical adviser, at a high salary, so he won't that Chaplin's art was not suited to squawk. He's mixed up in Zaharoff's talking pictures. Others felt that deals and might make trouble despite the fact that Chaplin had otherwise... There was a famine of newsreel material in the U. S. that could pass muster as bearing proven that his art was not only apon the Windsor-Simpson affair, plicable to a silent screen, but that when the situation reached its cli- he displayed the same great talents max. Fox Movietone dug up some in the talkie. 9-month-old vacationing scenes. . . .

for a merger. . . . A pedestrian who that it did not portray the life of film was done without his permission and without proper compensation. . . Shakespeare has been weighed in the balance at Holly-

bitious program by the Cultural Collective Orchestra, one of Chicago's most successful cultura groups, will be presented Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Dec. 20, at Thorne Hall, Superior St. and Lake Front. The Orchestra will offer a program in two parts, the first consisting of three selections of Bach's music, and the second of modern Russian composers, plus a piano

concerto by Beethoven. The Bach program will offer the Passacaglia in C Minor; the Suite in B Minor, and the famous Con-

certo for Two Violins. Tickets can be had at the World | inal plays dealing with "social con-Bookstore, 200 Van Buren St. at flicts in contemporary American so-Lyon and Healy's, and at the Phil- ciety." harmonic Conservatory, Room 1234, of tickets for their members.

the case may be, demerits. We hope

that the technical facility and gloss of many of the Hollywood products won't blind you to certain glaring faults in theme. On the other hand, we hope that if you liked the general approach of a picture, you won't forget to take into consideration the technical end of the picture, the acting direction and all ture, the acting, direction and all the other angles that go to make a picture interesting.

'Modern Times" As an Example

In a picture like "Modern Times," for example, all these points must be considered. Not only did it mark the return of Charlie Chaplin to the screen, but it also introduced Chaplin in a talking picture. Along with Chaplin, we saw Paulette Goddard for the first time.

Some insist that Chaplin had dium was definitely the silent film, that his lack of speech indicated not made great use of sound, he had

One school of more voluble movie-Gaumont - British, 20th-Century-Fox and Metro are still dickering rejected the life of an individualist, Henderson ... Hugh Rennie Tony Kirby ... Jess Barker Boris Kolenkhov ... George Tobias Gay Wellington ... Miltzi Hajos Mr. Kirby ... William J. Kelly Mrs. Kirby ... William J. Kelly Mrs. Kirby ... Virginia Hammond (Franklin Heller Three Men ... (Ralph Holmes (George Leach Olga ... Anna Lubowe ... On Chicago Program ... Box of ... man had become a cog in a greatly industrialized machine, that the film was a beautiful example of the lack of individualism that results from speedup and mass production under capitalism.

Send in your 10 best films of 1936 to the Movie Contest, 50 E. 13th St.

Drama Judges

A committee of judges, composed of distinguished theatre representatives and leaders of the cultural movements in the field of labor, has been formed to select the two outstanding manuscripts submitted in the play contest sponsored by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union Educational Committee. The contest, whose deadline has been shifted to July 1, 1937, carries two prizes totalling \$3,000 for the best full length orig-

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SOME DOPE ABOUT JUDGE SOURPUSS

By Ted Benson

A lot of allegedly hard-boiled sports writers are rusting their typewriters by dropping large, salty tears for poor old Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the czar of baseball whose pants are greased for the skids by the baseball magnuts.

Many kind words are being said for the snowy-haired former jurist, among them the statement that he is a brave guy and the Man Who Saved Baseball from the horror of chicanery as practiced by the Black Sox of evil memory.

Attention is called to the heroism of the judge who was named for a Civil War battle and the fact that he once fined the Standard Oil Co. the sum of \$10,000,000 is advanced as proof of his courage and

Stories are also told of how the judge came through and saved the national game when All Was Lost, as the poetry writers would

But the sports writers are either kidding themselves or the public. They, of all people, should know, that the judge isn't all he is cracked up to be.

No Regard For Human Rights

They know, and could tell you if they would, that Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is a sourpussed old geezer with no more regard for human rights than one of Mussolini's mobsters and that his courage is as phony as his air of kindliness when the photographers are getting ready to shoot his picture on the opening day of the baseball season.

As to his bravery in fining the Standard Oil Co. it is a matter of court record that the Standard Oil never paid the fine and never intends to. And what's more it is the opinion of many of the newspapermen who covered the story that Landis knew when he fined the company that the levy was never going to be paid. The fine was imposed with tongue in cheek.

The case of Bob Feller is a better proof of his courage, or lack of it. The Cleveland Indians violated Landis's own rule when they signed the young pitcher. The judge, if he had the courage of a cootie, should have declared Feller a free agent and permitted the other clubs to bid for him.

But he was scared by the threats of the magnuts whose policy it is never to give a player a break.

Difference of \$150,000

The difference in this decision to young Feller is a mere matter

of \$150,000, the price offered him to sign with the Yanks. But Landis wanted to keep his job more than he wanted to be honest with a ball player, so Feller gets nothing but his salary which is set by the club with no regard to his ability and if he doesn't like it he gets out of baseball.

Landis may know law, but he never heard of justice. The case of the Black Sox ball players is a case in point.

The men in this case were charged with accepting a bribe to throw a ball game. No court of law would have convicted them under the evidence, but baseball found them guilty and they were given life

While many a murderer walks the streets a free man, and a cabinet officer who betrayed his country to Harding's thieving friends gets only a year in a comfortable cell, these men who were tempted because a chiseling magnate rejused to pay a decent salary, were sentenced to a life of shame and exile from the only business they knew,

M. F. Adds Some Dope

Credit for this column must be given to a correspondent who signs

In a letter to me he says a thing or two about the judge that are worth repeating. His facts are correct and are substantiated by the International Labor Defense.

This is what M. F. thinks about Judge Landis.

"He (the judge) is the very same ferocious scoundrel who inflicted the bestial prison sentences upon our working class antiis back in 1917. Also in the Chicago Building Trades strike it was Landis who was responsible for the notorious Yellow

"The union men of Chicago were oxtraged, humiliated and victimized by this one-sided and unfair decision."

Of course, all of this has nothing to do with baseball. But it is a game that workers love and I think we'd love it even more if the

They never will, however, while Landis is czar of the game, or, as he is becoming now, the stooge of the magnuts.

No Greased Mitts In Tigers' Lineup

The second place Detroit Tigers | exist for this feat. were the best fielders in the American League in 1936 - the second consecutive rear they have led the circuit, final official averages re-

vealed today. vealed today.

Fielding for the entire league was only two points lower than the all-by Billy Rogell, Detroit, 1933. time major league high. Individual fielding was on a high plane with one major league and five American

major league marks equalled. an average of .978, fell off three cago. points to .975. The Chicago White Sox tied for second with the world one game: 17, made on Sept. 7 by champion New York Yankees with Charley George, Cleveland, and .973. Boston, Cleveland, Washington, equalled by him on Sept. 13. Former St. Louis and Philadelphia followed in that order with only ten points separating the Athletics from the Detroiters. The eight clubs fielded 247 set in 1930.

"SUNNY" JIM SETS RECORD

The lone major league record was contributed by "Sunny" Jim Bottomley of St. Louis. He made eight unassisted double plays to break the former record of seven for first baseman held jointly by him and three others.

First basemen as a whole also contributed what is believed to be a at second base without an error. Manual Training. new record when they turned in 24 unassisted double plays. No records LITTLE LEFTY

JUST A FAN

magnates still have that spark

of faith in their team. Old Judge McKee -, 76-year-old owner of the team, sounded like an eleven-

year-old fan in his conversation with the Daily Worker sports re-

"Great manager, this Grimes. Hard worker. Them trades? Oh We got some players

When asked about the possi-bility of trading Mungo to the Giants, the Jedge had difficulty

controlling his piping, childlike

"Trade Mungo? What fer? He'll lick the Giants next year

every time out."

The much maligned Brooklyn

The new American League rec-

of 1229 set in 1925.

3-Most years outfielder made more than 400 putouts: Four years, set by Sam West, St. Louis center-League marks shattered and three fielder, who had 460 this year. Former record of three years held The Tigers, who led in 1935 with by West and Johnny Mostil, Chi-

> 4-Most putouts by a catcher in record: 16, shared by three players. 5-Least assists for season by the league: 14,215. Former record: 14,-

Al Simmons of Detroit led the outfielders with a percentage of .986. He also led in 1929 and 1930. Bonura topped the first basemen with a percentage of .996 with only seven errors against him in 1614 chances. Charley Gebringer, Detroit, led the second basemen with a mark of .974. Tilden ... Ossie Bluege, Washington, although | Erasmus Hall playing in only 52 games, turned in New Utrecht

1-Double plays: 1232. Old mark 2-Most double plays participated

Franklin

MONDANCE NEW YORK, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1936

More Big Games for Spain' Are On The Way No Louis Fight



Led by the Daily Worker, the "Game For Spain" campaign is entering in its second lan. In the opening event which is pictured here, held Dec. 5, German

and Spanish anti-jascist soccer teams and elevens representing Machinists and Painters Unions staged a thrilling double-header which not only raised some badly needed cash for the embattled Madrid defenders, but also provided excellent sport. Tomorrow evening, the second of the "Games For Spain" will be held at the Social Dance Group, 94 Fifth Avenue. Nationally famous stars of that popular indoor sport, Table-Tennis will exhibit their skill in a series of matches which will be followed by entertainment and dancing.

Among the other events planned by New York athletes for their Spanish brothers, are a gigantic soccer double-header on Feb. 22 which will feature the Brooklyn



With the Schools

The swimming and ice hockey races in the P.S.A.L. are coming to thrilling climaxes. In the tanks, Erasmus and Lincoln have brushed aside all Brooklyn opposition, and finally come to decisive grips next

In the other division, Monroe and Clinton are tied for the lead with 8 won and 1 lost, while Evander and Washington are just one meet behind. A play-off for the title seems likely here.

In hockey a unique situation prevails. Jamaica, Brooklyn Tech and Utrecht have completed their schedule against each other and none of them has yet lost a game. Ties were the results of the meet-

On the courts, Seward Park has takn the bit in its teeth and is leading in Manhattan. The East Siders have already beaten their toughest rivals, Franklin and Textile, but have to face them again later in the season.

The two best teams in the Bronx are Clinton and Monroe and they meet on Friday. Watch that one

Standings in P.S.A.L. Basketball MANHATTAN

T. T. CONTROLLES	944	100	10000						
Stuyvesant	2	1	.666						
Textile	1	1	.500						
Haaren	0	2	.000						
Commerce	0	3	.000						
BRONZ	X								
Clinton	3	0	1.000						
Monroe	2	2	1.000						
Evander Childs	2	ī	.666						
Washington		2	.333						
	Ô	2	.000						
Morris		200 5750 115	.000						
Roosevelt	0	3	.000						
BROOKL									
	Division I								
Eastern District		0	1.000						
Jefferson	2	1	.666						
Hamilton	2	1	.666						
Lane		1	.500						
Brooklyn Tech	1	1	.500						
Boys	1	2	.333						
Bushwick	0	3	.000						
BROOKI		14 (0.7877)							
Division									
Lincoln	2	1	.666						
Tilden	2	1	666						

Feancing the Sport Scene With a See-All Scribbler

By Henry McLemore
Putting the sport shot here and miles per hour in his new "Miami

ners at Tropical Park, which opened yesterday. . . . O. B. Keeler, the Boswell who made Bob Jones famous, never bet so much as a dime on Bobby in all the dimensions of Bobby in all the Women's National Golf Champion- Fordham will be back next fall.

Joe Tinker was trying a come-back as a realtor in Orlando when taken ill. . . . Frankie Parker and Bitsy Grant appear to be definite entries in the Miami Biltmore Ten-

where the Nassau Open is now in tering blows. session. . . A white cap and glove, bought just before the Augusta Open, are considered good luck Omens by Ralph Guldahl, and he has represented the competition getting keener every week, the fans should be coming out in even bigger droves than nary. If he gets past this hurdle,

Queen" in the next three weeks. . . .

dime on Bobby in all the time he followed him to the wars. . . . Dorothy Kirby, Atlanta's hope in the Body and Started against Body and Body an ship, grew six inches in the past 18 There are more than 150 golf months . . . and she's only sixteen greens,

Pack Coming Along

That rising young Negro heavyweight, Lorenzo Pack, added to his list of conquests Saturday night at nis Championships, Jan. 4-10. . . . list of conquests Saturday night at Two-thirds of the 16,000 tickets the Rockland Palace by belting out have been reserved for the Orange Phil Ruggierello in two rounds. Bowl football game between Mississippi State and Duquesne here New
Year's Day. . . . There's only one
par five hole on the 27-hole course
of the Bahamas Country Club
where the Nassey Open is now in terring blows.

Lorenzo was too good for his opponent, cutting him up in the first
a big hand. It's doing a grand job
in building up a real labor athletic
movement which may soon embrace
all of New York's labor teams. It is

the Detroit boy will be definitely on dred and thirty-six marks a new stage for sport-minded workers. Louis Nuta will go after Gar the way to fistic fame.

Says Doc: Those L.I.U. Boys

Don't Even **Bother Taking** Aim Any More



Till Next Fall

Fistic Row Pans Boxing Commission—"Mirror" Columnist Assails Nazi Schmeling—Dempsey Picks September as Earliest Time for Bout

Joe Louis will not fight the winner of the Schmeling-Braddock fight until, at the earliest, September and possibly not until 1938, according to expert opinion along fistic row yesterday.

something was in the air, that for the first time in fight history the fans were ready to take things into their own

Students Snore On 50-Yard Line

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 14 .--It's only a pigskin throw from goalpost to bedpost at Ohio State University here, these days.

Hard-pressed students, looking for a low-priced place to live, have converted the bottom of the football grandstands into a gigantic rooming house. Several hundred men are now installed in comfortable living quarters inside the walls of the stadium, all at a cost of \$3.25 a week.

Under the vast concrete reaches of the structure there is space for 2,000 men. Three years ago, 79 men moved into the tower; 106 the next year. A hundred more were quartered the next year. The total cost to the student is only \$125 a year. There is a long waiting list of reserva-

Two cooks are all the permanent staff that is needed, because most of the daily work is done by students on a cooperative basis. The only problem troubling the occupants is how to catch a wink of sleep on a Saturday afternoon during the Fall football season.

Court Notes

ILGWU Games

packed the Stuyvesant High gym

part of a new impetus in the met-

For many weeks now the Interna-

tional has been conducting these

games and the interest and en-

thusiasm has not once slackened.

On the contrary, each week finds

LEAGUE GETS SUPPORT

First, the quality of play, A visit to the Stuyvesant gym any

Saturday would give the answer immediately. Clean, snappy, high-

grade court exhibitions, Second, the number of locals participat-ing; truck drivers, beltmakers,

shipping clerks, cutters, etc., more

than eighteen all told. Third,

the spirit behind the entire league

spectators down to a gym on a

atic to note that the I. L. G. W.

U. girl quintets could spot some

of our "nice" college female com-

binations a running start and

a first step and a large one. With

trim them to a fare-thee-well.

on another of its pushover exer-Catching On on another of its pushover exercises in Panzer—they might at least "a solemn promise." This was a pick schools with tougher names if the teams are soft. . . Fordham meets Columbia in the soft. . . Fordham meets Columbia in one of the dog The 700 hepped-up fans who eats dog metropolitan series-this one will be Ram eats Lion more Saturday, and watched the I. L. G. likely than not . . . Columbia misses watching more than a number of Newtown streak was the only real fine court spectacles. They were polished "city" type of player the Mooney-coached squad boasted . . ropolitan labor athletic movement. Fordham looks a little better than it was expected to . . . in beating Yale the Rams showed a nifty pair of horns in Rasmiller and Del Guercia . . . St. Johns sends its infant team out against St. Peters down the bag and put in a two-hour sesmore and more enthusiasts. With the DeGray gymnasium tonight . . . sion at Stillman's gym. The big the youthful, albeit husky redmen heavyweight threat, who bears a supply a real test to the coaching grudge against the Gardan for its ability of ex-Celtic Joe Lapchick,

sixteen more weeks to go before the I. L. G. W. U. calls its basketball season to a close, the league should set a new high in workers' sport activity. There have been quite a few noteworthy features about the as a mentor . . . That Gerry Bush header of the season at the Garden Saturday . . . that bogey man team long way in determining whether from Indiana comes in and tackles the Garden or any other promoter Manhattan in the feature . . . Co- can long side-step the coming champs of the Big Ten last year heavy. A clean win over the giant and piling up the score alarmingly Italian will put Bob in the front so far this . . . Indiana claims to be ranks as a serious title threat and New York . . . we'll see . . . and if activity. When you can draw 700 Manhattan loses we have an alibi dreary, cold, rainy day, you've got a following—and how. Fourth, the number of girls' teams and the swell exhibition of basketball they provide. It's almost axiomall set . . . "Oh boy, you should have played L.I.U.!"

Hey, how about some dough to the Daily in care of yours truly of the sports dep't. (Mr. Rodney Speaking). The paper needs it badly-and my record is on the wan side to date- Calling all fans. . . .

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BOXING

WRESTLING
St. Nicholas Palace—Hans Kampfer vs.
Cliff Olsen, to a finish; Bert Rubi vs.
Boris Demitroff, Tiny Morgan vs. Matros
Kirilenko, Candor Vary vs. George Wilcheski, Abe Yourist vs. Bobby Roberts,
Tony Garibaldi vs. Sammy Menacher,
time limit

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Dear Max Dedacht, all fre little Redachtses & all free little Redachtses & all fre WOW! A LETTER AND CASH FROM THE GEN'L SEKATERRY! WELL, IF IT AIN'T MY HERE SON, THIS 15 FAVORITE SPORTS WRITER! OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER WHICH HAS FOR YOU ALSO! MORE'N 100,000 MEMBERS! 1 H'ARYA TED ? HAVE TO ANSWER THIS RIGHT HWAY

Wise guys said: "I told you so." Others hinted that

hands. One old time manager, who asked that his name be not mentioned lest he lose his pull with the Boxing Commission, said: "The boycott talk heard at the Commission meeting Saturday was some-thing new. Joe Gould is taking an awful chance with Braddock, matching him to meet Schmeling. If Jim loses, it'll be his last chance

to get in the money." Money, money, money, that's all they talk about on fistic row. They also talk about Dan Parker's bitter attack on Schmeling in his Sunday column. The sports writer gets his pay checks from Hearst but he is not hog-tied when it comes to speaking his mind.

He accused Schmeling, when champion, of ducking first line fights. He accused Schmeling of winning his title flat on his back He accused him of walking out of every fight with his money and taking it back to Germany with him. He contrasted this with Hitler's edict that Schmeling must bring every cent he earns back to Naziland. He gibed at the idea that Schmeling, who bossed around the weak-willed commission, could open his mind or his mouth to any such august body in his home country.

He did 'not mention the fact, exclusively stated in the Daily Worker, that Schmeling is a storm

Jack Dempsey, interviewed by the

Daily Worker at his restaurant yesterday, said that Louis will not be able to fight the winner of the June 3 bout at Madison Square Garden The still bald and toothless bas-ketball season moves along this liest. He claims that Louis has no Week. . . .

Tonight finds three games on the Metropolitan front . . L.I.U. takes Metropolitan front . . L.I.U. takes He added that Schneling had first He added that Schneling had first the due to made the solemn promise nor if he winked when making it.

For Big Chance

Bob Pastor began training yester-day for his fight with Ray Impel-liatiere Friday night at the Hipp. He boxed a few rounds, punched refusal to recognize him as a leadability of ex-Celtic Joe Lapchick, who is making his debut this year as a mentor . . . That Gerry Bush is a ball player though, as all who saw him at the Garden last year will testify . . . first big double it looks pretty had for Impelliation. will testify . . . first big double it looks pretty bad for Impelliatiere, The fight Friday night will go a

better state for basketball than will move a match with Joe Louis up much further.

Subsidy Troubles The so-called "compromise"

adopted by the Southern Conference, meeting in Richmond, on the matter of subsidizing college athletes has far from settled the question, it was revealed by dissident Dr. Frank P. Graham, president

of the University of North Carolina, sees the ruin of collegiate amateurism in the failure of the conference to put an end to subsidization. He called for "uniform restrictions against evils we know

Another view presented is that of Dr. Bennet E. Geer, head of Furman University, who considers the present plan ineffective and looks upon it as "legislation that is going to force hundreds to 'ie."

Today's Events

BOXING

Broadway Arena—Charley Gomer vs.
Johnny Jena, 10 rounds; Al Ciullo vs.
Dominick Barone, Nat Litfin vs. Willie
Fellice, Gene Mickens vs. Willie McGee,
six rounds each; Phil Balestri vs. Lenny
Gulotta, Pete Vitello vs. Eddie Zimmer,
George Karlella vs. Joe Coskey, four
rounds each.

New York Coliseum—Teddy Loder vs.
Irish Eddie Carroll, eight rounds; Andy
Miratello vs. Eddie Alzek, Tony Celli vs.
Larry Shuck, Frank Kamecki vs. Gene
Gulotta, six rounds each; Sam Venette vs.
Jackie White, Fred Borman vs. Joe Little,
four rounds each.

Ridgewood Grove—Amzteur tournament.

WRESTLING

St. Nicholss Palace—Hans Kampfer vs.

Fordham at Columbia; Panzer at L.I.U.1 St. Peters at St. Johns.

O.K. Judge. Now don't go peeping through the knotholes at Ebbets Field next year.