NEW YORK GREETS BRIDGES AT GARDEN TONIGHT

'oudy, followed by change in tem-derate Northwest New York State: sllowed by rain in areas; little change in

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-Martial Law Declared in City and News Is

Strictly Censored as Tension Grips China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16 (Wednesday).—Serious tension

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Ryan Retuses To Back Coast

Strikebreaking I.L.A. President Rejects Bridges' Appeal for Support Which Even Lines Admit Would Win Union Victory on Both Coasts

Joseph P. Ryan, I.L.A. president, yesterday flatly refused to heed an appeal from longshoremen for strike action along the Atlantic Coast—a move which shippers have conceded would spell quick victory for the maritime strikers on both coasts.

on a plea for joint action with the West and East coast

organized labor and the general public to pack Madison Square

Harry Bridges, famed West Coast strike leader, will report in person on the Pacific Coast general strike. With Bridges, a whole battery of brilliant trade union and public figures will make their appearance on the speakers' platform,

chairman of the Strike Strategy Committee; Congressman Vito Marcantonio; Charles Zimmerman, secretary of Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers; Louis Weinstock, head of District Council 9, Painters' Union; Ben Gold, leader of the Furriers' Union; Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild and famous columnist; the Rev. C. Clayton Powell, Jr., and Elmer Brown, a leader of the typographical union, who will act as chairman.

strikers, after a bitter three hour session with Harry Longshoremen's Union. Bridges, brilliant young maritime

leader, and idol of organized labore from Seattle to San Pedro, conferred with Ryan in the latter's offices from noon until three o'clock yesterday. Seated in the conference were delegates of the Atlantic District Council of the union-tightly controlled by Ryan.

RYAN BREAKS PLEDGE

When the shipping interests com-

Bridges, who arrived Monday to

-after Bridges was safely out of

newspaper men that the West Coast leader had asked him to take action along Atlantic ports. He further admitted that he had refused Bridges appeal for strike action here-because, he alibied, "Bridges and the

Bridges previously had said that Ryan's refusal to aid the striking dock workers on the West Coast was prolonging the walkout. He said

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Reading Police Attack Local 1273, telegraphed Harry mained about the Spanish Bridges, inviting him to speak in ter Navemar, anchored off Brook Berkshire Mill Pickets

READING, Pa., Dec. 15.--Police again attacked a picket line of several hundred strikers at the Berkshire Knitting Mills late last night.

The \$15,000 a year union official turned thumbs down

Joseph Curran, seamen's strike leader, today issued an appeal to

Those scheduled to address the giant rally are: Joseph Curran,

Bridges, president of the Pacific district of the International

1,500 Seamen and Dockers in Philly Hear Bridges Talk Fifteen hundred seamen and dock workers rallied in Philadelphia Monday night-on ex-

The spokesman for the West Coast general strike demanded that Ryan carry out his pledge made to the West Coast dock workers last September—a pledge to declare a walkout along the Atlantic in the event of a strike being forced upon the Pacific longshoremen.

well known labor reporter for the Daily Worker. pelled the dock workers there to walk out late in October by refusing to carry on negotiations, Ryan not only refused to live up to his pledge, but took up the cudgles for the shippers by unloading scab vessel here and by fighting the striking seamen. Delegates who witnessed the meeting between the two powerful dock union figures, said later that it was

ADMITS REFUSAL

address an open rally tonight in Madison Square Garden, made no statemen when he left the afternoon-long conference in the LLA offices, at Fourteenth Street and Eighth Avenue.

Ryan, however, had plenty to say

(Special to the Dairy Worker) HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 15 .-The I. L. A. president admitted to Johnny Kane, militant Houston ment said. seaman who was shot recently by Wilbur Dickey, ousted reactionary I.S.U. official now in county jail on murder charge, died this morning. Government has jurisdiction over Maritime Federation of the Pacific are Communist controlled." Strikers and local labor leaders the movements of this boat. Both planning a mass funeral at the crew and the boat are operatwhich the entire Houston labor ing at present under military or-

movement will be mobilized to sup- ders and therefore they can only port the strike here. Local 1273 of the dock workers the Government or its representadonated the money to pay funeral tives." expenses of Kane. Last night Ralph Landgrebe, militant president of Local 1273, telegraphed Harry mained aboard the Spanish freigh-Houston. The local enthusiastically lyn, despite a Federal court order passed a motion requesting that turning possession of the ship over

tremely short notice - to hear

Harry Bridges, fighting maritime

A complete account of the rally

will be carried in tomorrow's

paper-sent to us by Art Shields,

Kane Dead in Houston-

Longshoremen Ask

Bridges There

leader of the West Coast.

Bridges come to Houston to speak to its owners, whose representaon the maritime strike issues. Several prominent labor figures, the men from the ship. including the Texas leaders of the Federal authorities said they Oil Workers Union, the president were not prepared to act further of Port Arthur Trades and Labor until the Compania Espanola Nave-Solid picket lines from the day Council, and I.L.A. and Maritime gacion Maritima Sud America oband night shifts have tied up the Federation of Guf leaders, will tained an ejecting order. 25-acre textile plant since October. speak at the proposed rally for Robert Lindsay, Chief U. S. Dep-Fourteen workers have been injured Bridges. A majority of Houston uty Marshal, said that he had carby police assaults since the strike longshoremen are now sympathetic

Xmas or New Year Party:

Kings County, in second place last week, dropped to 5th place. Section lected of its \$5,000 quota, or 18.4 per cent. Kings County just bettered its position from 14.9 per cent of its \$12,500 turned in the previous week to 17.6 per cent, having turned in a total so far of but \$2,208.99.

tion 19, with 18.2 per cent of its quota turned in. More vigorous action is needed by the Sections and Counties if the

drive is to be successful. With the drive lagging, the situation of the Daily and Sunday similar to those produced by the Somervell claimed that after a volver Worker is greatly aggravated. Push drought of 1934." The food rise will conference with representatives of blaze. ahead in the drive! This week must mean a 3 per cent boost in living

Seated with him on the dais were Tenement House Commissioner Langdon Post and members of the (Continued on Page 2)

Wallace Says Food Cost To Rise 10 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Food prices may climb as high as 10 per Agriculture Henry A. Wallace predicted today.

He said in a report to President Roosevelt the rises "will probably be

Spain Masses Militia for Attack in South Government Retakes Boadilla—Planes Shower 27, SPANIARD Full Clemency to All Who Surrender

mander of a fighting battalion; Eugenio Imaz, secretary of the Cath-

olic Paper, Cruz y Raya, and member of the Executive Committee of

the Spanish Youth Front; Maria Simarro, wife of Luis and director

of the children's hospital in Madrid, and Josefina Ramirez, nurse in

a military hospital and member of the executive committee of the Re-

MADRID, Dec. 15.—German Nazi troops were among the dead today as government troops repulsed a desperate attack on Boadilla del Monte, eight miles southeast of here

Nazi Troops Repulsed in Drive at Madrid;

were in the leading ranks of the

These four youth representatives of Spain were greeted upon their

The Spanish envoys speak t. at the New York Hippodrome

arrival by Loh Tsei, representative of the Anti-Japanese student move-

Sixth Avenue and 44th Street, at a meeting sponsored by many youth

EMBASSY HITS

SPANISH SHIP

Navemar Under Orders

of Spain-Crew Loyal

to the Government

bassy here, insisted today that the

ship Navemar, in New York harbor,

is "operating under military or-

ders" and is not subject to "confis-

The Embassy pointed out that under a Spanish law passed on Oc-

tober 10, 1936, all boats flying the

Spanish flag were confiscated by

New York yesterday attempts were

made by some private concerns to

confiscate it and through legal

don the ship," the Embassy state-

CREW LOYAL

that at the present time only the

The Loyalist crew today re-

tives were seeking means to eject

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"It must be clearly understood

"When the Navemar arrived in

cation" by a private company.

the Government.

(By United Press)

Government today began concenched and then an infantry attack sent the Fascists back to the ish militia commander, who ar-Spanish Government, in an official Gibraltar, for an offensive in the seat of their offensive. South, after bitter fighting near statement issued through its Em-Madrid

Government planes tonight substituted propaganda for bullets, rainy and overcast, and the general months ago. dropping pamphlets over the Fascist lines, following an infantry and artillery counter-attack which their drive to cut the road condrove Franco's legionnaires and necting Madrid with El Escorial and Moors from the town of Boadilla the Guadarrama mountains at the del Monte, seven miles west of Las Rozas road junction. It was

brought to an end the 24-hour blocked the only road left open bedrive launched from a point south tween El Escorial and the mounof El Escorial. The fascists ocsteps to compel the crew to aban- cupied Boadilla del Monte temporarily during the battle on the ment aviators were dropping over Pozuelo-Valdemorillo front. Hand- the rebel lines tonight contained to-hand fighting was frequent as the Fascists advanced with bayo-

Government artillery bombarded MADRID, Dec. 15.—The Spanish the rebels until their advance was

Madrid held firm in the sixth positions remained unchanged

So far the fascists have failed in reported that the heavy snows of The government counter-attack the past few days have completely

The pamphlets which the govern

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10,633 FIRED MAYOR BOLTS

City Hall Conference Submitted Program

After delivering a short speech, in which he warned that the city was facing a housing crisis, Mayor La-Guardia yesterday abruptly walked out on 300 representatives of tenants' organizations, real estate associations and banks gathered in City

His walkout came after he had adjourned the conference by him to deal with the critical situation, particularly on the lower East Side. Indignation at the failure to listen to their proposals was high among the tenants' leaders gathered in the Board of Estimate chambers.

TO MEET AGAIN

Further conference with the Tenement House Commission would be held, the Mayor promised, how-

DelegationSummoned to Still Paring Work Rolls at Rate of 1,000 a Day -Somervell Says

Laid-off WPA workers and jobless will demonstrate at City Hall Saturday morning to demand a 40 per cent increase in relief, a city works program for dismissed WPA workers, increase in

rent allowances, and a halt to the beatings and arrest of unemployed, the Workers Alliance an-Trucks from several parts of the city will converge at Union Square 10.30 a. m. whence they will proceed to City Hall. Speakers will address the workers from the Benjamin Franklin statue at 12 noon. An appeal to Mayor La Guardia for a conference with

representatives of the unemployed at the time of the demonstration has thus far been ignored, it was announced yesterday at the office of the Workers' Alliance. The number of WPA workers in New York City laid off to date is and approximately

'pink slips" are issued daily, WPA Administrator Colonel Brehon B. Somervell announced last night. Of these only 1,000 have been passed by the Emergency Relief Bureau as needy cases, he said, cent early next year, Secretary of and will be eligible for reinstatement.

> Announcing the reinstatement of 96 WPA workers fired for participating in sit-down strikes, Col.

> > (Continued on Page 2)

ROSE TO HEAD

MilitiamanDistinguished Surround Chang's Base in Fighting—to Speak Here Tomorrow

rived in the United States on the liner Queen Mary Monday on beweek of its siege and confidence half of the heroic defenders of Ma-was increasing. Today was cold, drid, was given up for dead two drid, was given up for dead two

Back in October at the San Martin de Valdeiglesias front, about 40 miles from Madrid, a turban-topped Moor thought he had finished the young militiaman when a bulle from his rifle felled the youth as he was charging on the fascist-held village with other troops.

Little did he dream that the same road-shouldered young fighter

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2,800 in Boston Hear Spain Envoys; \$3,500 Is Collected

BOSTON, Dec. 15. - Twentyeight hundred people of this city jammed the Symphony Hall last night in greeting to the representatives of the embattled Spanish democracy. The absence of the Socialist

Party from the united front was offset by the tremendous response from the unions and the fraternal and civic organizations of Boston. A measure of the enthusiasm

which the cause of the Spanish defense aroused, was the cash collection of over \$3,500. Prominent among the large

sums donated were: \$100 from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, \$150 from the I.W.O., \$100 from the Community Church, and \$70 from the Communist Party.

G-men, headed by Hoover, were ®

50 firemen, Lives of innocent neigh-

bors and spectators were endan-

gered as tear gas was thrown, bul-

New York police, jealous of the

It was just a show.

ers, 100 New York patrolmen and papermen:

still gripped China today despite a Nanking government spokesman's announcement that Generalissimo Chiang Kaishek is alive and safe, although still a prisoner of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in Sian-fu. The spokesman specifically denied a Japanese News Agency report that Marshal Chang, in a broadcast,, said the chief of the Nanking government had been

Nanking Says Its Troops

Have Surrounded Base

Held By Chang

BERLIN, Dec. 15 .- The close tie-

ip between Japanese military pro-

vocation in China and the Nazi-

man press to the present situation

Headlines in Der Angriff today

said: "Red Murder of Chiang Kai-

shek—Comintern's Bloody Work!'

financed Chang's rebellion."

Nanking Says Troops

stamped Chiang Kai-shek's policies

it was officially announced that two

divisions of Nanking troops had sur-

Chang Hsueh-liang.

rounded Sian-Fu, stronghold of

More troops, it was announced

have occupied the towns of Tungk-

wan, Hsienyang and Weinan, on the

main highway west and east of

Italian Fascists Concerned

ROME, Dec. 15. - The fate of

Chiang employed many Italian

aviation instructors and bought

aviation commanders helped Chiang

replacing British with Italian in-

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15 (UP).—President Roosevelt re-

turned to American soil today for

the lirst time in nearly a month,

officially terminating a history-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .-

High administrative sources dis-

closed today that Harry L. Hop-

kins, WPA Administrator, is fa-

A GRAND STAND PLAY

Brunette could have been cap-

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Hopkins Slated for

South America.

New York Gets Closeup

Machine-gunners and Cameramen Scoffed at

as 'Build-up' by Jealous Cops

Hoover, stages his synthetic captures of "desperados" yes-

terday when, to the accompaniment of newsreel camera

flat at 304 W. 102nd Street. To capture Brunette, ten

aided by New Jersey State Troop- | publicity the G-men got, tolds news-

New York got a close-up of how the big G-Man, Edgar

establish government flying schools

Roosevelt Returns

Chiang Kai-shek, preocupied gov-

Over Chiang's Fate

ernment officials tonight.

scores of Italian aircraft.

n the Far East.

Tokio war pact is revealed in the of-

Martial law has been declared in Nanking, the United Press reported, and a strict censorship on outgoing news has been established

BITTER AGAINST JAPAN Chinese were bitter against Jap-

mors designed to force all China into panic. The Japanese news agencies are government controlled. W. L. Donald, Nanking emissary and former adviser to Marshal Chang, in a telegram to the United Press from Loyang, said he say

anese authorities for spreading ru-

and talked to Chiang Kai-shek yes-The Central Broadcasting Co. also denied the Japanese report of the "execution" announcement, asserting it made a verbatim copy of Chang's broadcast and that there was no reference to execution in the

SAYS CHIANG SAFE

The Nazi paper said "Soviet money Donald, who is flying back and Headlines in other papers creamed: "Moscow Stirs War forth between Loyang and Sian-fu in Chang's private airplane, is a Danger in the Far East," "China Is Found Exact Parallel to Spain." close friend of both captor and None of the Nazi papers made direct prisoner. Donald said Characteristics to the Hitler-Japanese no intention of harming the Janno intention of harming the . an-

king dictator. Not since Japanese naval un bombarded this city in 1932 has there bee nsuch public excitement as that caused by reports of Chiang NANKING, Dec. 15 .- As the Na- Kai-Shek's death.

tional Executive Yuan met today had been circulated hourly—many under the temporary chairmanship of them by speculators who hoped Luis Simarro, 27-year-old Span- of Dr. H. Kung and rubber- to influence prices in the great Shanghai markets.

SEE DEAL WITH JAPAN

The Nanking government spokesman termed the execution report 'malicious propaganda calculated to upset the gold bar exchange and other markets, and to disturb the public mind."

While some military officials expressed the opinion than Chang and his warlord associates were seeking to make a deal with Japan directly, Chang, through his representative Donald, continued issuing anti-Japanese statements.

Death Crash Blame Shifted To Motorman

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- Owners of Chicago's notoriously obsolete transit system today succeeded in "pass-From Peace Parley ing the buck" for the horrible elevated train wreck of last month upon Van R. Grooms, a motorman. As an afterthought, the coroner's jury chided the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, and the North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad as making cruise of 13,000 miles of faulty for "failure to provide adequate safeguards and the public

safety. Eleven persons were mangled to death when an all-steel train, run New Cabinet Post by Motorman Grooms, smashed into a wooden-coach train. After placing the blame upon the motorman, the jury added that the wreak was "accidental." The verdict was pronounced only a few hours after vored for a new Cabinet post to be a similar accident on the elevated known as Secretary of Public Wel- company's South Side lines.

Spanish Woman Envoy Sailing for Post in Sweden

Of Big G-Man on Hunt Isabela de Palencia, who has been touring the United States and Canada in behalf of the Spanish people with two other delegates. Capture of Brunette by Hoover's Staff of will leave New York for Sweden today at noon on the liner Queen

She is going to Stockholm to take her post as ambassador assigned to her by the Spanish government during her stay in America. Before leaving she will meet the

four Spanish youth delegates, who arrived Monday to continue the and flashlight bulbs Henry Brunette was captured in the | nation-wide work of mobilizing aid for the Spanish people in their bat-tle against fascism.

600 Fired by A.A.A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .--A reduction of 600 workers in the staff of 4,000 now employed in Washington by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was dislosed today by T. Weed Harvey of

lets pumped out of automatic re-volvers and firemen put out the city homicide squad in a "stake-The "capture" was a grand

Make It Help the 'Daily' Here's how you can help raise money for the \$100,000 drive: Section 24 asks that some of the others give it stiffer competition-1-Arrange house parties, Christeven though its slogan is that it mas parties, New Year's Eve parwill not be caught.

2-Arrange a "Daily" theatre ben-3—Canvass merchants in your neighborhood for contributions. 4-Ask merchants to have a

"Daily and Sunday Worker Day," donating a percentage of receipts to 5—Save your pennies or nickels in a little bank or box and send them in when you have \$1 or more.

-Ask your friends to contribute. Section 24, wants company. It's so far out in front in the Daily and Sunday Worker \$100,000 drive, of all the New York Sections, it feels lonely. It is proud of being the only one that is not only up to its quota so far, but way ahead.

A third of the drive period is over. Section 24 now has raised 41.5 per cent of its \$5500 quota, their total now being \$2,284.25.

But-where are the others? Most of them are far behind, although all except two of them made some gains in their standings last week. Bronx County, though far behind ts quota came up into second place bringing its collections up to \$2390.27 or 23.9 per cent of its total quota.

Last week it was third. The good work done by the 6th A. D., Bronx, was a great factor. It has actually completed onethird of its quota. One Unit, 21, turned in \$150 last week-almost

as much as the 19 other Units together which collected \$161, making a total for the week of \$311.

Fourth place was taken by Sec-

see a surging upswing in collections. costs, Wallace warned.

The Germans who led the attack were driven back after bitter five-hour fight and many of the Nazis were among those reported killed as the Madrid forces held firm. Government nets, grenades, machine guns, and commanders said that the Germans mortars. CHECK ADVANCE

27-Year-Old Spanish Hero Speaks at Hippodrome Tomorrow

COLUMN LEFT!

Sort of Painting the Lily This King Business Column Left Fans, Attention!

By Harrison George

WE DEFER to no one in hoping that America's new ambassador to the Soviet Union will have a pleasant

And yet we raise a curious eyebrow at the 2,000 pints of cream, pasteurized, frozen and shipped, the 1,000 bottles of wine and mineral water and assorted nicknacks, all to comfort the new ambassador and his wife while sojourning in the Bolshevik cap-

You see, one might get the impression that, under Bolshevism, there has been a double barreled Five Year Plan for cats, which have licked up all the cream produced in the vast land. Or, probably, that the Soviet workers have sent all the cows to Madrid.

And wine? My word, if Ambassador Davies ever wraps himself around a bottle of that Piatagorsk wine that I once drank, he not only will shamefacedly pour any American wine he has left down the sink, but go for the wine with the Hammer and Sickle on the label.

Mineral water? Did you never hear of "Narzan"? Why, Narzan is exported to the ends of the earth from Soviet North Caucasia. For an American ambassador to take cream, wine and mineral water along with him to Moscow is somewhat like Mr. Treyanovsky bringing his own ham and eggs along for a couple of years stay in Washington,

As we mentioned, we hope Mr. and Mrs. Davies have an enjoyable time. But we ask them, please, not to take any borscht to Moscow.

IT MUST be done just so, this king business.

A messenger must go to the House of Commons. According to the book he must be called "The Black Rod." But the House must slam the door in his face before the members agree to go to the House of Lords.

And they must go in a disorderly manner, scuffing their feet and making unseemly noises-just to show that they're not afraid of any king. When David Windsor became king, he had to be King Edward; when Albert came to the throne, he is known as King George. Don't ask us why!

Then certain magic words must be said, but said only in French. It would ruin the whole thing to say "The King wishes it" in Eng-

Then the Officers of Arms start out to tell the world. But they have to do it just so. And they've got to adopt some specia names for the occasion. They must call themselves as follows:

Bluemantle Pursuivant, Rouge Croix Pursuivant, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, York Herald, Chester Herald, Windsor Herald, Somerset Herald, Lancaster Herald (quite a family of Heralds!) and Norroy King of Arms and Clarenceux King of Arms.

Everybody present must be dressed up like the dorman at a Park Avenue apartment hotel. All the old men, must however, wear knee pants. The Officers of Arms start off on horseback. But even the horses are not supposed to use horse sense in this business of putting a king on the throne.

Trumpets sound and off they prance down the Strand. But they must stop at the Temple Bar. Not to get a drink, no, bless you! According to the rules the King's Men dare not pass from Westminster into London City without consent of London's Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor, decked out in robes and chain, with a lot of officers yearing more medals than a Costa Rican admiral stop them with a "Who goes there?" All is explained, though everybody knew it long ago. And the King's Men finally sound trumpets from several public spots, declaring that the people of England have enthroned a king "to rule over us."

It is simply too bad that Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn were not present when "out Liege Lord, George VI" was enthroned

by the Labor Party. THE tenants of 327 East

1 13th Street, so we are informed, have not only endorsed Column Left, INC., but have affiliated. Let our competitors beware! 327 East 13th Street, with a four-way apartment party beginning next Sunday afternoon about 4 p. m., will put on a shindig of major pro-

portions. Nothing like it since Barnum married Bailey. And our voting to date has run ("-1 mn J-f" up to \$80.50. Come one, come all!

ROSE TO HEAD

IoinedGovernmentArmy On First Day of the Franco Invasion

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would survive a rifle shot that pierced his neck and same out through his mouth and be in New York two months later to bring the cause of the Spanish people before young workers and students throughout the country.

MASS MEETING THURSDAY

It's a long way from the New York Hippodrome, where Simarro and three other Spanish youth delegates talk tomorrow night, to the front near Toledo, where Simarro was wounded on Oct. 3, but the clean-cut battalion commander made the journey despite all odds stacked against him in his fight for life after he was hit by a Moor's

Stretcher-bearers picked him up with other wounded after the attack on the small village near Toledo and took him to a nearby field hospital, Doctors performed an operation on him without an anesthetic, but did not expect him to live. Later blood transfusion was necessary to

MEMBER OF SOCIALIST YOUTH Simarro was sent to Madrid for further medical attention although doctors hardly thought he could survive the journey. After a stay in the General Hospital he was sent to a dental clinic, where a brace was put on his teeth, which were almost shattered by the rifle

The brace and a scar in the corner of his mouth vividly testify to

Disabled by his injury, Simarro, anxious to help further the cause of the fighting People's Front forces, was delegated to go to the United States to mobilize aid for the government by the Spanish Youth Front. A graduate of the University of Madrid, he is a member of Unified Socialist Youth.

ROSE TO BATTALION

He joined the Spanish mitia, less than a month after he graduated, on the first day of the Franco invasion on July 18 and was sent to Carabanchel, a short distance from Madrid. Later he was posted in the Guadarrama mountains when the government troops repelled the fascists.

the men, and Simarro was picked a lieutenant and in turn the tain. After two months of service Special legislation would have to lieutenants chose him as their capin the trenches against the mercenary Moors, he was appointed a commander of the Fernando de Rosa battalion of 1,000 men by the Minister of War. The battalion was named after an Italian anti-fascist who was killed at the front. It consisted of youth averaging about 25 vears in age.

TO RETURN TO LINES

Simarro's only other military experience was in the insurrection of October, 1934, when he was head of a section of Madrid before the of any form of moratorium on any revolt was quelled.

The young militia commander. who came here for a cross-country tour with his wife, Maria, and another girl and young man, expects the battle against fascism to last through the Winter and hope's to ance service get back in the front lines when he returns to Spain after touring the

The four will make their first appeal for aid for the Spanish people at a meeting tomorrow night at the Hippodrome, 44th Street and Sixth Avenue, under the auspices of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Call Women to C. P. Meeting; Bloor to Talk

Hathaway to Report on Central Committee Meeting

Every woman member of the Communist Party was yesterday urged to bring a non-Party woman friend to the special membership meeting of the Communist Party Monday at 8 o'clock at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St.

Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, veteran Dwelling Law empowering the Tenlabor leader, and Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will report on the recent session of the Central Committee of the Party. Mother Bloor will discuss special women's problems.

Special cards for admission to the meeting are being distributed at all branches and units of the

Farmers Demand Nazis End Anti-Catholic Drive

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—German farmers, aroused by the anti-religiou drive of the government, have met Nazi demands for more farm products with demands that Hitler cease his anti-Catholic program.

General Hermann Goering alarmed by the food crisis, today sked farmers to drop their religious objections and join in with the Nazi program.

Communist Party Urges Full Support For Tonight's Rally

The meeting called by the Strike Strategy Committee in support of the marine strike in Madison Sq. Garden Wed. night is a very important one and merits the full support of every worker and workingclass organization. At this meeting Harry Bridges, leader of the Maritime Federation of the West Coast, will be the principal speaker. It is very important that this meeting show a determination to support not only the marine workers on the West Coast, but also in New York, in their struggle.

The New York State Committee calls upon all Party and Young Communist League members to give full support to this meeting by reaching the workers in their shops and organizations and by attending the meeting themselves. We must make this rally a rousing rally for the marine

In view of the importance of this meeting the educational conference called by the State Committee for Wednesday night will be postponed.

N. Y. STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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New York City Housing Authority, including Mrs. Mary K. Simkhovitch, B. Charney Vladeck and the Rev. Robert E. Moore.

The threatened crisis arises as a result of the closing of houses by landlords and banks, which refuse to alter the old-law tenements to conform with the provisions of the State Multiple Dwelling Law. About 500 to 700 families are to be evicted by Christmas in lower East Side dwellings owned by the Bowery Citizens and Dime Savings banks.

SAY CITY LACKS POWER Pointing out that many buildings in the city violated the provisions of the Multiple Dwelling Law and would be closed by the owners who would not meet the expenses of improvement, the Mayor said:

You can't expect the city to tell these owners to keep the buildings open in violation of law and assume criminal responsibility. We haven't the power.

According that the building of low-cost housing was proceeding far too slowly to alleviate the In the militia, officers are elected present situation, he attacked those who recommended that situation where houses with violations exist be "countenanced or be legalized." be adopted by the State Legislature, he said. Persons interested in the situation should submit their suggestions to the Housing Authority,

SUBMIT PLAN A six-point program to solve the situation was made public before the conference by Heinz Norden, chairman of the City-Wide Tenants League. The six points follow:

1. Strict enforcement of all pro visions and penalties of the Multiple Dwelling Law and rejection of these provisions and penalties.

Where tenants retain possess sion of the premises after notice to vacate has expired and landlord have discontinued service, the city shall furnish emergency mainten-

ASK EVICTION CURB 3. A city-sponsored conference of tenant organizations, owners and

government agencies to work out a practical plan for coping with present emergency. The Mayor and the Police Commissioner shall give orders bar-

ring any police interference or intimidation in evictions. 5. Where tenants are actually to move from buildings closed or abandoned in the present emergency, the city shall pay for moving expenses for those unable to meet such expenses. The policy opted by the ERB in the case of the Bronx tenants evicted for the

serve as a precedent. 6. Where tenants are actually forced to move and the only legal quarters available are at higher rentals they cannot pay, the city shall pay the rent difference until the enactment of emergency rent legislation. The Tri-Boro case again

shall serve as a precedent.

The tenants' organization also urged the State legislation embodying the following proposals: 1. The State to declare a Housing

Emergency and enact Emergency Rent Laws. 2. Reintroduction of Commissioner Post's Priod Lien Bill.

3. An amendment to the Mutiple ement House Department to demed violations in closed and abandone buildings, the charges of such procedure to be a prior lien on the property. 4. A moratorium on evictions.

5. A bill making landlords who erfuse to rent, or who charge discriminatory rents, to Negroes or color or creed liable to fines and imprisonment.

5 SIGN Others who signed the memorandum to the Mayor besides Norden

The Consolidated Tenants League Donelan J. Phillips, President. The East Side Tenants Union Wilma Saunders. Executive

Bronx Tenants Protective League Richard Carlin, President The Knickerbocker Village Tennt: Association

James Hurley, President.

Demonstrators to Mass Saturday in Union Sq. -To Picket City Hall

Mayor LaGuardia has not yet re-plied to the request of the Workers Alliance for a conference with representatives of unemployed Saturday noon, when thousands of job less will demonstrate at City Hall

"We have made every effort to get a conference with the Mayor when the demonstration takes place but he continues his policy of ignoring the unemployed," Sam Weisman, secretary of the Workers' Alliance, said last night.

An appeal was issued to workers' organizations to send letters to the Mayor requesting that he meet with representatives of the unemployed.

ASSEMBLE AT 10:30

Motorcades of trucks filled with obless will meet in Union Square at 10:30 A.M. They will come from Upper Harlem, Lower East Side, Midtown area, Coney Island and Crown Heights.

From Union Square they will proceed to City Hall, where a large picket demonstration will take place. Speakers will address the demonstration from the statue of Benjamin Franklin at noon.

The demands that the unemployed seek to present before the Mayor include: a 40 per cent increase in relief, a city works program to provide jobs for dismissed WPA workers, \$15 for clothing to everyone on relief rolls and an additional sum of \$5 for each of their dependents, a 25 per cent increase in rent maximums and a halt to the continual beating and arrest of un-

MORE THAN 1,000 ARRESTED

Weisman pointed out that during the past six months more than one thousand jobless seeking to bring grievances before relief authorities were arrested.

An additional demand will be that the burden of proof on whether a relief client is in need should be with the administration. This is aimed especially at the present drive to cut the case load without regard to the serious condition for the thousands of families that are dropped off relief.

The recent "sit-downs" and demonstrations at Emergency Relief Bureau offices, Weisman pointed out, are only an indication of how serious the plight of the unem-ployed really is, and shows that they will resist the drive against

DDACDTCCIVIC LKARKF99IAF9 trooper in New Jersey, who held up

International Official in Local 808 Among Those Defeated

Sweeping a number of President P. Ryans henchmen out of office, progressives in Local 808 of the International Longshoremen's Association won an important victory in Monday night's elections, returns yesterday revealed.

The local, one of the biggest in New York, elected John Bergen, progressive candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, replacing James Wilson an old-line supporter of Ryan who has held the job since 1920. His defeat is a blow to the Ryan machine since Wilson is an interna-

tional vice-president of the I.L.A. S. Brovarski of the progressive slate was elected business agent of the local. J. Drivik was re-elected Tri-Boro Bridge approach shall president of the local and Roy Wisdom was chosen for another term as delegate.

> More than 700 of the 1,000 members cast votes for officers of the local, which is regarded as the most progressive I.L.A. Local in New York. Members of the local recently showed their solidarity with the sea- in jail, men's strike by refusing to work the S. S. Henry Grove.

The program of the progressives in the I.L.A. local was: (1) Strict enforcement of existing agreements. (2) Strict control and accounting of the local's finances. (3) Dock stewards on every pier. (4) Protection of the working rights of the members. (5) Every longshoreman to be a paid-up I.L.A. member.

Japanese Detain Soviet Ship Seeking Refuge from Storm

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (UP).-Japnese authorities detained the ussian ship, Comrade Krasin. which sought refuge from a storm at Fukushima, and sealed its radio, a dispatch from Vladi-

Bituminous Operators Tell Lewis of Their Terms for New Pact

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP) president of the United Mine Workers of America, that they will insist on replacing the present 35hour week in the industry with a 40-hour week without raising the weekly wage.

The operators' negotiating committee of the Appalachian join wage conference said it would ask restoration of the eight-hour day when negotiations for the new wage contracts convene in York on Feb. 17.

The present contract expires March 31. The proposed agreement would run for two years.

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stand play, designed to keep J. Edgar Hoover's name in the head-

being resentful of the invasion by G-men. They sneered at the tactics employed by Hoover and his tossing of tear gas through the window, the racing of fire engines, sirens blowing, the crowds massed in the streets below.

They pointed out that newsreel men were notified in advance, that every newspaper covered the "battle" with photographers. Brunette is accused of robbing a pank in Seymour, Wis. He is also the workers inside the plant and

the car he was driving on a traffic WOMAN WOUNDED

The scene of the affray is a side street off Broadway, a residential street. When the G-men, headed the intrepid reputation-seeker Hoover, arrived, city police were noticeable for their absence. But cameramen and reporters

vere on hand.

As the battle developed, police appeared. They were used, to their great vexation, to keep traffic back. Lights blazed on the quiet thoroughfare. The puff of tear gas rose into the midnight sky. The bombs ignited window curtains. The G-men poured bullets into walls, loors, anywhere that bullets could be fired. Some bullets went through the windows. One wounded Brunette's bride, Arlene LeBeau, whom

he married recently.

HOW TO BE A SUCCESS Soon the firemen were raising ladders to the windows. It was a sensation-seeker's holiday and good way for J. Edgar Hoover to Federation of Labor. show that he uses violence in a big way and makes sure his quarry

can't hit back. Brunette, a mild-mannered man, many shots after the battle began and gave up when his ammunition

was exhausted. Incidentally the "battle" revealed that you can't fire back at a G-man, if he attacks you. Every shot fired at a Federal Agent means ten years

Also, if you have ambitions to be head of the secret police, pick your spots, call all the newspapers, be ure to get your face in the pictures, give out interviews, dish out the old hokum about "brave men," vicious man-killer," etc., etc., etc. And don't get in the way of a bul-

That's J. Edgar Hoover's system. And it still works

Grab Black Legion Founder

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 15 .- Isaac (Peg Leg) anyone else on account of race. White, founder of the Black Legion in Michigan and a fugitive, was today found and arrested here while on a hospital 210 East 5th Street, New York City he understood that there would

White is wanted in Michigan on charges of criminal syndicalism, participation in a plot@ o murder Arthur Kingsley, a High-| calism charges. land Park publisher, and for burn- White was named as a partici-

from Ohio to face criminal syndi- from automobile plants.

Labor's Neediest Gave Freedom; You Can Aid ThemNow, Foster Says



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Detroit Firm Announces It will Fight for the Open Shop

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15 .- Five ousand workers of the Kelseylayes Wheel Co. prepared for a ong stay-in strike as Lester R Downie, treasurer of the company announced that "the company will continue to follow its open-shop

In addition to 650 men and 85 women who are inside the plants hundreds of the workers on the night shifts are picketing, and no persons are permitted to enter of leave the factories.

The union demands wage increases of from five to ten cents an hour, the 40-hour week, time and a aides, the crack of pistol shots, the half for overtime and recognition tattoo of machine gun fire, the of the United Automobile Workers tear gas through the of America as their exclusive bargaining agency. The sit-down was resumed Monday when the company flatly turned down all the de-

Profiting by experience in the successful stay-in strike at the Midland Steel Products Co. recently, the union set up a kitchen to feed said to have kidnaped a state has issued an appeal for support.

HERE TO AID SEA STRIKE

East Coast leaders of the seamen's strike looked forward conidently today to gaining additional upport from organized labor in this city, following an invitation to 719,600 for the new Delaware water unions of the A. F. of L. to attend system. a tarde union conference for support of the maritime walkout.

Delegates from all unions in the for badly needed new buildings and ity were urged to attend the conference in a letter signed jointly by are the department's chief need. A terrified tenant in the apart- the Masters, Mates and Pilots, and ment building sent in a fire alarm. the Marine Firemen's, Ollers and Watertenders Union, two of the marine unions now striking. Both

read:

has a reputation as a robber. He is not known as a killer. He fired rine Firemen's, Oilers' and Waterters, Mates and Pilots and the Ma- to cost \$3,000,000, and a new hostenders' 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

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

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

with the real facts about the water- pages. front situation, we are calling a city-wide conference of all American Federation of Labor unions in

"This conference has been ar-ranged in conjuncti; with all From the office of members of the American Federation of Labor now on strike. "You are urged to send delegates to this conference which should be

a step towards stronger, more uni-"Fraternally yours, "WALTER MITCHELL,

'Acting President,

Supporting Prisoners' Relief Fund Christmas Drive Is Most Direct Way of Showing Solidarity

By William Z. Foster Chairman, Communist Party, U. S. A.

power to make their sentences a little easier to serve Supporting the annual Christmas Drive of the Prisoner Relief Fund of the International Labor Defense is, at this moment, the most direct way of showing our solidarity with our political prisoners and their

wishes, the sympathy, the support of hundreds of people throughout the land. I know that it means just that to J. B. McNamara, the

loved ones, too, are remembered and cared for. Then, I am sure that you will want to send as much as you can as your contribution to the 1936 Christmas Fund for \$20,000. Send

Homeless Men Prey

Bowery Merchant and Investigators Charged With Victimizing Clients on Clothing Vouchers-"Short-Change" Frauds Are Bared

A particularly mean and sordid racket in which homeless men, the poorest of the poor, were victimized, was revealed yesterday by Commissioner of Accounts Paul Blan-

Three investigators and a Bowery clothing storekeeper

their relief clothing vouchers.

\$59,528,340 Asked for and there short-changed by receiv-Schools at Board of **Estimate Meeting**

If the city builds all the new projects requested by the various city departments, it will spend a total of nearly half a billion dol-

lars in the next few years. This was revealed yesterday when the requests, totalling \$429,488,161, reached the Board of Estimate yesterday. It is considered unlikely that all the requests will be ap-

Last year's capital outlay budget totalled \$90,000,000 exclusive of P

Topping this year's list is the request of the Board of Water Supply for an appropriation of \$119,-Another request is that of the

Board of Education for \$59,528,340

repairs on old ones. High schools The Board of Higher Education In County Jobs than \$9,000,000.

A total of \$60,762,500 is sought a are affiliated with the American by the Department of Hospitals for Morris Squelched as He a variety of projects, including a The letter of invitation addressed new psycopathic pavilion for the to local unions throughout the city, Kings County Hospital at a cost of \$1,500,000, a tri-borough hospital "Members of the N. O. of Mas- for tuberculosis patients in Queens, pital in Kings County for chronic disease sufferers. The latter cost

is estimated at \$2,750,000. The Board of Transportation seeks \$57,331,240 for the extension of existing municipal transit lines. No funds for municipal housing projects were sought.

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four organizations of WPA workers he was assured that there would "To acquaint our fellow workers not be any more "sit-down" stop-

"Their groups regarded 'sit-in' demonstrations as unnecessary implements for focusing attention to the City of New York, to take place grievances," he said. Later when December 18th at Beethoven Hall, questioned, the administrator said questioned, the administrator said not be stoppages of demonstrations

> From the office of the Workers Alliance it was denied that there was any agreement to give up the "sit-in" or any other form of demonstration to resist the mass lay-"We were requested to sign a

demonstrations," Sam Wiseman, man of the Charter Revision Comnight "but we refused and made no such agreements. The way to the text of the new charter, adopted avoid sit-downs is to avoid causes by popular referendum at the last for them."

with Political Prisoners, C. P. Leader Says

I FEEL sure that every reader of our press, who stops to think what it means to our comrades in prison to be shut away from the world they loved so well they were ready to give their freedom to make it a better place for all of us to live in, will want to do everything in his

I know what it means to Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings to receive their Christmas checks. They know that it represents the best

Sacramento boys and girls, the Scottsboro boys and all the rest. And stop to think what it means to all those who were forced to leave families on the outside to shift for themselves, to know that their

them quickly and address them to Rose Baron, secretary, Prisoners' Relief Fund, Room 610, 80 E. 11th St., New York City.

Of Relief Racketeers

were found to be the principals in a scheme whereby homeless men on relief were defrauded of part of

The investigators, Louis B. Starr, Joseph Fisher and Harry Safran were attached to the Homeless Division of the Men's Service Bureau of the Emergency Relief Bureau. Paul Hymowitz of 346 Bowery was the merchant involved. Homeless men were taken into

Hymowitz's store with clothing vouchers received from the ERB ing less clothing than their vouchers called for missioner Blanshard.

Full confessions were made by the investigators and a partial confession was made by Hymowitz, Blanshard said.

Hymowitz denied the shortchanging but admitted paying the three investigators for steering the relief clients to his store, Blanshard said. According to the commissioner's statement, the investigators, in addition to receiving a cash per-centage on the "take," received various articles of clothing. The relief clients lived in Bowery

The quartet were arrested yester-day and arraigned before Magistrate Anna Kross at the Essex Market Court.

Tammany Still **Defends Plums**

Tries to Raise Issue at Board Session Alderman A. Newbold Morris,

one of the three Republicans in the Board of Aldermen, yesterday sought to say a few words on the elimination of county offices but was promptly squelched by acting Aldermanic President Timothy J. Sullivan.

"I rise to the point of personal privilege," Morris began. "This is a kind of anniversary for me. Eight months ago I introduced six bills on county government that are still leeping in committee and-" The gavel banged. "State your point of personal privilege," Sul-

livan barked. Morris tried again

to discuss his bills and again was stopped by the bang of the gavel. It was suggested that Mr. Morris try the chairman of the committee in which his bills lie. With a clear mandate to eliminate useless county jobs, the Tammany-dominated Board of Al-

dermen have for months stalled on

the execution of the provisions of

a referendum. The referendum instructed the municipal assembly to eliminate the useless county jobs, traditional patronage nests of Tammany and its allies.

Notice that the failure of Tammany to act on the county government referendum would be an issue in the municipal campaign was statement agreeing not to call such served by Thomas Thacher, chairsecretary of the Alliance, said last mission, Monday night. Mr. Thacher's commission brought in

Link 'Peg Leg' White to Killings

cot, stricken with pneumonia.

ing of workers' camp at Farming-pant in the murder of George Marton Township. He is regarded as chuk, Communist of Lincoln Park, one of the key men whose arrest Mich., and in the killing of John fied action for all organized labor off. will lead to many more disclosures Bielak, union organizer in the in New York. on the crimes of the hooded order. Hudson Motor Co. plant in Detroit. White's arrest still leaves at large In interviews with the press shortly Virgil F. Effinger, national com- before warrants for his arrest were mander of the Black Legion, who issued last summer, White boasted escaped as Michigan authorities that he cooperated with industrial and affiliated and associated were arranging for his extradition spy agencies to oust Communists

American merchant marine.

"Victory for the marine workers

"N.O. Masters, Mates & Pilots "FREDERICK C. PHILLIPS, "Secretary "M.F.O.W. of Atlantic & Gulf."

Central Committee Plenum of the Communist Party Stachel's Report on A.F.L. Convention and Tasks Facing Labor

The Daily Worker prints herewith Committee of the Communist Party, to an abridged text of the report presented the recent plenary session of the Cenby Jack Stackel, member of the Central tral Committee held on Dec. 4 to 6.

I. General Characterization

The 56th convention of the A. F. of L., if only because it endorsed the action of the Executive Council in suspending the unions affiliated to the C. I. O., thus increasing the danger of a long-time and widespread split in the trade union movement, must be characterized as one of the most reactionary gatherings in the 55-year history of the American Federation of Labor. The reactionary leaders of the craft unions who controlled the convention, afraid of the rank and file (which is at the bottom of their refusal to organize the unorganized), concerned only with the maintenance of their power, passed a number of other reactionary measures which rob the workers of much of their trade union democracy. This attack was especially directed against the federal unions and the Central Labor bodies.

Last year the convention, through the antired amendment, limited the rights of the federal locals, central labor bodies and state federations of labor in the name of the fight against Communism. They failed at that time to include in this amendment an attack against the international unions. The presence of the C. I. O. unions at the convention, constituting more than one-third of the votes, compelled them to make a retreat with their amendment insofar as it concerned the international unions. It can be said at this point that the C. I. O. unions who voted for the modified amendment are now in danger of reaping the fruits of their own mistake. For, as we pointed out at that time-starting with an attack against the Communists—the reactionaries in the Council would use these new powers granted them to attack all progressives.

The A. F. of L. Council, in its fight against the C. I. O. unions (which they already had in mind when they proposed their amendment at the 55th convention), as we now know, usurped powers which were not granted to it by the constitution. They adopted a so-called enabling measure on the basis of which they suspended the C. I. O. unions, and by depriving them of their rights at the convention had these measures approved by the Tampa convention. This measure gives the Council virtual power to perpetuate itself and its policies by the device of suspending any opponent unions prior to the convention, thus assuring for themselves a majority. In addition, the convention. by the adoption of an amendment limiting the rights of the Federal locals, central labor bodies, etc., with regard to the introduction of resolutions, and a resolution robbing the central in their community, has further centralized control in the small clique of reactionary craft union leaders and robbed the rank and file and the organizations closest to the rank and file

The reactionary character of the 56th convention was further shown by its refusal to go on record in support of the people of Spain, against the Fascist invaders. The reactionaries refused the floor to an accredited representative of the Spanish trade unions which are affiliated to the International Federation of Trade Unions A low point in the convention was reached in the vote against the striking seamen of the Atlantic and Gulf ports. This, perhaps, more than anything else, showed the true color of the reactionary splitters.

One of the outstanding features of the convention, which characterized the reactionary trend among the top officials, was the injection of the Jewish issue in a manner which openly smacked of anti-Semitism. The fact that the reactionaries were forced into a hasty retreat on this question does not in the least minimize the significance of this reactionary trend.

On a number of questions the Tampa convention continued the old policies of the reactionaries, the actions taken being practically the same as at previous conventions. In the face of the changing situation in the country, the growth of the fascist danger on the one hand, and the leftward movement of the masses, on the other, this attitude in itself stamps the convention as stand-pat reactionary. This includes the action of the convention opposing the Labor Party; the refusal to take a stand for curbing the Supreme Court; the failure to act in favor of application to the International Federation of Trade Unions; the failure to act against Hearst; for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys; the re-affirmation of the old posiion with regard to the Negro workers; the Youth Congress, etc.

But, despite the general reactionary character of the 56th convention, quite a number of progressive resolutions sponsored especially by the Central Labor bodies and the Federal locals were passed. Among these are the resolutions in the interest of the unemployed, for the freedom of McNamara; against the Tampa terror (a resolution which also condemned the attack on the meeting of Comrade Browder); a resolution for the organization of the young workers, and a resolution against vigilantism.

In connection with Communism, it is important to note that there was not a single resolution at this convention calling for condemnation of the Communists, nor was there any reference in the opening speech of Green. The only reference to Communism was in the resolution dealing with the seamen. But in the report of the Resolutions Committee there was a general condemnation of Communism along with fascism and nazism. This report, which dealt wholesale with numerous resolutions that were introduced against fascism treated this question in a manner somewhat similar to that of the British Trade Union Congress. Strange as it may seem, there was probably less redbaiting at this convention than at all the conventions of recent years. And this was certainly not because the Council felt that the Communists had grown weaker in the A. F. of

L. They were fully aware of the presence of Communists among the delegates and of very many important resolutions sponsored by the Communists. Undoubtedly, this is due to the defeat which red-baiting and Hearst received in the last elections, and particularly to the changed attitude of the rank and file of the A. F. of L. on this question.

from federal locals, central bodies and state federations, did not have many votes, but they were quite a large number. What is more important, they had practically all the younger people, workers from the bench, hopeful, militant, ready for a fight. The opposite camp, it is true, had the votes. But they did not look very happy. They knew that back home the rank and file would not support their reactionary stand. Some said it. They blamed Lewis more than anyone or anything else for stirring up the rank and file against them.

A militant note was struck in the speeches

of the rank and file and progressive delegates, as well as by a number of scheduled speakers bodies of the power to declare employers unfair from the outside. In this connection, a few speeches should be mentioned. First, the speech dealing with the fight against fascism and reaction made by Spenser Miller, in which he came out openly in support of the Spanish Loyalists; in the references to the struggle against fascism and war made by the British stitutional amendment made by Judge Padway of Wisconsin.

> conscious of the fact that the eyes of the workers were upon the Tampa convention, and sensed that the convention by its action would not finally decide the issues dividing the A. F. of L. It already felt a certain dissatisfaction even from some of the top layers of the bureaucracy of certain unions. Here it tried to relation of forces between the C. I. O. bloc and cover up its reactionary and splitting policies its supporters and the Executive Council is apwith a tone of "militancy" which found expression particularly on such questions as the organization of the millions of unorganized, the fight for the 30-hour week, and amending the Social Security Act. In connection with the 30-hour week, it is important to note that a resolution calling upon Congress to pass the 30-hour week "without reduction of earning power" was passed over the opposition of Hutcheson, The convention, however, did not provide for those measures that could actually realize these resolutions and speeches in life; that was made obvious by its action with regard trades. to the suspensions, the rejection of the policy of industrial unionism, etc.

These showed that the Executive Council has no more intention of really carrying through

SIT-DOWN STRIKE -- 1936 Model



These bus drivers of the Eastern Michigan System and the Flint Trolley Coach, operated by the same system, have learned from their brothers in the automobile industry in the Detroit area and are en- which is a 20-cent per hour increase in wages,

they are waiting for the company to agree to their demands, chief of

tion-in addition to the suspension vote-is the and others. It could not be otherwise. A conunorganized, the fight for higher wages, or to the unorganized, could not be expected to take develop a program of struggle for the demands real measures to organize the struggle of the that the workers had in mind when they voted workers. for Roosevelt. Instead, we had the sabotage of the steel drive, a stab in the back of the of the convention

progressive proposals now than it had in the maritime strike, the refusal to grant charters ING OF THE DELEGATES FROM THE C.I.O. past. In fact, what stood out at this conven- to the agricultural workers, the office workers, UNIONS FROM THESE BODIES. failure on the part of the convention to really vention so reactionary as this, deciding to split take any steps toward the organization of the the A. F. of L. on the issue of organization of

So much for some general characterizations

There was not absent a militant spirit in the convention. The progressives, coming primarily II. The Relation of Forces

figure was not complete insofar as it related convention. to the unions affiliated to the C. I. O. and other progressive unions, especially unions recently chartered. For some of these unions did not pay their per capita in the recent period and their membership was arrived at by dividing their per capita payments by 12 months. The Newspaper Guild was only recently chartered. and, therefore, making only one payment, was credited with 500 members instead of its actual membership of 6,000.

It was also obvious that some of the craft unions, for example, the carpenters, paid for more members than they actually have. The carpenters were credited with 300,000 members, as against 200,000 members last year.

With the suspended unions not present, the delegation; and in the speech of the represen- convention had a voting strength of approxitative of the Cuban trade unions. A second mately 25,000 (21/2 million members). The final group of speeches were those dealing with the vote on suspension was about 2,000, with right to organize; speeches on the fight for a some abstentions. So that even in the face of higher standard of living and more adequate these figures it is obvious that had the C. I. O. social security made by Edwin Smith of the unions been at the convention, the strength National Labor Relations Board and Secretary of the industrial union bloc and its supporters Perkins, as well as a speech calling for the would have been greater this year than last curbing of the Supreme Court and for a Con- year by 1,500 votes, while that of the Council would have increased by 3,000 votes, of which 1,000 came through the increased per capita payments of the carpenters.

Such a vote would not have included the The Executive Council was undoubtedly important gains made by the C. I. O. unions, especially among the steel, auto and rubber workers. It is also quite likely that under such conditions a number of the smaller unions that abstained or voted for the Council would have voted against the Council. It is my opinion that on the basis of actual membership, the proximately two million to a million and a half members insofar as the vote of the officials goes. It goes without saying that as far as the rank and file is concerned, the overwhelming majority stands for the policies of the C. I. O. We must add that while the basic strength of the Council is in the building and metal trades departments (which does not include the basic sections of the metal manufacturing industry), the main strength of the C. I. O. union lies in the basic industries of coal, metal mining, oil, rubber, auto, and in the textile and garment

> There was division in the ranks of the Executive Council itself. It is a well-known fact that the diehards wanted to expel the C. I. O. unions. In fact, the Metal Trades Department went on record for expulsion and for non-recognition of the union label of the Typographical and the suspended unions. But the general opposition to such action by the rank and file in the A. F. of L., as evidenced by the resolutions in the local unions, at various international unions' conventions, of state federations of labor, central bodies, was reflected even among the bureaucrats in some of the larger unions, and especially among the building trades, the backbone of the Council. There were also some delegates among the metal trades delegates who disagreed with this step of expulsion promoted by Wharton and Frey.

One of the most important factors was the presence in the convention of large delegations of federal locals, state and central bodies pledged against suspension, and a larger number of others who would have voted against suspension. In fact, some of the unions who of these bodies had gone on record against voted for the suspension order voted so not because they were in favor of suspension, but because they did not wish to vote against the Executive Council. Many of these, as for ex- try, only 67 voted. Of these, 39 voted for susample, the Hotel and Restaurant delegation and part of the Pressmen's delegation (Berry), who voted to sustain the Council, would not have voted for expulsion.

Council. This was seen when the delegate from the local unions, cannot be counted upon to Milwaukee proposed an amendment to the Re- carry through the splitting policies of the Counport of the Resolutions Committee. The amend- cil ment was first ruled in order by Green and Republican Coefield of the Plumbers. The re- WAS UNTIL NOW AND STILL IS THE CHIEF actionaries understood that delegates who REASON WHY THE COUNCIL DOES NOT

The A. F. of L. Council report showed that voted for an amendment which called for the the per capita tax membership of the A. F. of lifting of the suspension and an invitation to L. was close to three and a half million. This the C. I. O. unions to take their seats at the

ing delegations voted against suspensions:

INTERNATIONAL UNIONS Typographical Brewery Workers Hat and Millinery Teachers Meat Cutters Newspaper Guild Elevator Constructors Paper Makers Pullman Porters Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers

Brick and Clay Workers his delegation, however, voted against the suspension. In the case of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, there was at least one delegate who was opposed to suspension, but was forced to vote on the basis of unit rule. Undoubtedly this was true of other delegations. A surprise vote, indeed, was that of the delegation of the Fur Workers' International Union for suspension. It was clear to everybody that they acted contrary to the wishes of the membership. These delegates were elected before the reunification of the union as a result of the merger with the Industrial Union. This vote served to symbolize the disparity between the vote of the officials and their rank and file in

the other International Unions. With regard to the state federations-although there were listed 35 delegates, only 23 voted (some were actually absent), with 13 for suspension and 10 against. FOR SUSPENSION

Connecticut Illinois Indiana Maryland Massachusetts

Missouri New Jersey New York Ohio Rhode Island Washington

Wisconsin AGAINST SUSPENSION

Alabama California Georgia Iowa. Kentucky Minnesota Pennsylvania South Carolina West Virginia

There is no question about the fact that the majority of the State Federations are against suspension. This is evidenced by many those who stayed away and abstained. Among those 13 who voted for suspension there were only 2 or 3 whose conventions had approved this policy. Most of them did not vote for the suspension although they did not repudiate the action of the Council. But as far as Connecticut and Wisconsin, the conventions suspension. Others, like Ohio, had gone on rec-

Out of 734 Central Labor bodies in the counpension and 28 against. A few others abstained. undoubtedly, because they were opposed to suspension, but feared to vote openly against the Council. It is thus seen that the Central bodies This was well understood by the Executive which are the closest to the rank and file, and

THE VOTE OF THE CENTRAL BODIES then ruled out of order upon appeal by the AND THE STATE FEDERATIONS OF LABOR feared to vote against the Council would have DARE TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF THE OUST-

As for the 51 Federal Local Unions who voted (out of 914 chartered), 33 voted against suspension and only 18 voted for suspension. There were some 20 additional delegates present point that the agricultural workers' federal local delegates were the largest number from any one group and voted solidly as a bloc against suspension. With auto, rubber and radio (which were the largest and most militant bloc last year among the federal locals) now organized in international unions and therefore not represented this year, the number of federal locals was smaller. The agricultural group was the outstanding group among the federal locals, the most militant, and gave leadership to the other federal locals. Much will be heard from

with the C. I. O. unions absent the follow- III. The C. I. O., the part of the State federations, Central bodies and Federal supersions: S. P., etc.

Industrial Organization at the Tampa Convention? First, we must state that not only did the C. I. O. unions that were suspended stay away from the convention, but a number of state federations, federal locals and especially central bodies also stayed away under the direct influence of the C. I. O.

filiated to the C. I. O. (hatters), or connected the trade unions, and the People's Front, as Some of the delegations of the International with it through their officials (Typographical), well as in the building of the Party itself. Unions were split. In the case of the Pressmen or the State Federations and Central bodies the surprise vote was that of Berry. Some of directly influenced and led by those coming from C. I. O. unions, made no attempt to organize the progressive forces. Had the C. I. O. people organized the forces among some of the top leaders, and had Howard (who though in Tampa did not attend the sessions of the convention) come to lead these forces-undoubtedly a more effective fight could have been made with perhaps some additional votes gained against suspension.

As it was, Zaritzky was the outstanding leader of the C. I. O. forces at the convention. He made the principal speech immediately following the report of the Resolutions Committee. Although there were at least two members of the Resolutions Committee who refused to sign the report as it pertained to the C. I. O., there was no minority report. Had a minority report been made, the vote would have taken place on a more favorable placing of the question. The absence of such a minority report must be ascribed to the unwillingness or the failure on the part of Howard-Zaritzky to work

The speech of Zaritzky, in the main, was good and effectively presented. He took up all the major issues, including the question of the usurpation of power by the Council, the issue of industrial unionism and the organization of the unorganized, as well as the injection of the Jewish issue in the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The two wings of the Socialist Party divided on this issue as they stood before the convention. The right wing Socialists organized in the Social-Democratic Federation-insofar as they made their voice felt-in their vote stood by the Executive Council. Outstanding here was the speech of Samuel Beardsley of the Jewelry Workers' International Union. He spoke and voted for suspension. Characteristic of the role that these gentlemen perform in the labor movement, he did this in the name of "unity" and in the name of industrial unionism. The of the Council and the character of the A. F. militant Socialists, representing the official Socialist Party, to the degree to which they ex- new issue. pressed themselves at the convention, voted against suspensions. But they were not a very large group. Most of the S. P. delegates came from Wisconsin, which has a special brand of

"socialism" all by itself. The Socialist Party could not exercise strict discipline among its delegation. There was the vote of Lawson of the Quarry Workers' International, who voted for suspension. Lawson was on the Thomasfor-President Committee, but we are not certain whether or not he is a member of the Socialist Party. There were one or two similar cases.

In the convention as a whole, the Old Guard Socialists, who were few in number, of course, were united with the Council on all questions. while the delegates influenced by the Socialist Party voted for all progressive measures.

The Socialists did not enter into any formal caucus with our Party. They attended the most important and broadest caucus meeting, consisting of Communists, Socialists and pro-

IV. Role of the Party

There were present a number of progressive delegates elected with the help of the Party, who came with instructions to work with the left and progressive forces.

The number of Party members present was about the same as last year and many times the number of both wings of Socialists. Two delegates joined the Party. Considering the fact that the C. I. O. unions were not there, and that the bulk of those from the federal locals last year are now in International unions. this number is fair. But, at the same time, we must be critical of those districts that had no delegates at all, and we should especially have had more delegates from Central bodies.

Our comrades participated with others in calling together a number of meetings where the progressive bloc was crystallized. The biggest meeting was attended by some 70 delegates, including a number from international unions, state federations, central bodies, as well as federal locals. At this meeting, a committee was who did not vote. It should be noted at this organized to guide the work and to contact some of the other progressive delegates.

> We can state that the work of our comrades at the convention helped give backbone to whatever progressive forces that were crystallized, and to the fight that was made for the C. I. O. and other progressive measures. Had it not been for our comrades, the discussion on the C. I. O. would not have taken on the character that it did. Many of the resolutions of a progressive character would not have passed, and would not even have been introduced. And, above all, there would not have been the large number of votes cast against suspension, on the and Federal unions present.

The local Party committee gave all the assistance we asked for. We were encouraged on some days to find that the Daily Worker was What was the role of the Committee for sold openly in front of the Convention Hall, although for some reason this was not done regularly. This was probably the first time that the Daily Worker was sold openly in Tampa. We feel that as a result of the convention and the favorable action taken on the Tampa resolution, which we introduced, the Party in Tampa can now go forward much more openly At the convention those unions that are af- in the building of a progressive movement in

V. Perspectives and Tasks

The convention, by not expelling the C. I. O. unions, left the door open for further negotiations. The resolution adopted and as interpreted by the Council, is as follows:

a. The Council has the power to lift the suspension prior to, or after, negotiations. b. The committee previously set up, with

Harrison at the head, is the standing committee which is to try to negotiate with the C. I. O. c. Should no agreement be reached, and should the C. I. O. take a further step which

the Council would think requires further action (in other words, expulsion), the Council must call a special convention. d. The Council will not, for the present,

ask for the unseating of C. I. O. union delegates from State Federations and Central Bodies, but there is no question that it has the power and may do this if it finds it necessary and possible.

The decisions of the convention are not merely a middle course between lifting the suspension and the expulsion demanded by the die-hards. Many of the die-hards voted for this course in the belief that this is the best way to carry through the expulsion, by trying to place the responsibility for the split upon the C. I. O. This is seen from the fact that the Council at its meeting following the convention voted down a proposal for a compromise with the C. I. O. which would set up an industrial union department in the A. F. of L. to be headed by Lewis. Those who favored this propsoal, the so-called middle group headed by Harrison, were defeated by the die-hard craft union clique.

At the same time, a new issue has arisen which did not exist before: as to the powers of L. Howard has strongly emphasized this

Thus we can see that the prospects for the reunification of the A. F. of L. received an additional blow at the A. F. of L. convention. (Continued on Page 4)

Labor Dept. Reports 60,737 on Strike; Does Not Include East Coast Seamen

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15 .- Strikes in progress throughout the country involve 60,737 workers, the Labor Department reported today. Like Emperor David Grange and his coterie of officials in the International Seamen's Union, the labor bureau labels the East Coast and Gulf maritime strike an "outlaw strike," and does not include these 20,000 in its figures,

The Labor Department lists 18 strikes in progress. Principal ones and the number of workers cut are: Pacific Coast maritime workers—35,000; Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—6,000; Sun Shipbuilding Co., Chester, Pa .- 3,750; J. I. Case, Racine, Wis .- 1,700 machinists; Fisher Body Co., Atlanta, Ga.-1,300; Hayes-Kelsey Auto Wheel Co., Detroit, Mich.-5,000 out.

Labor Department reports said that the strikes were costing employers and labor \$10,000,-000 a day. Three-fourths of this sum is resulting from the West Coast maritime strike, where the shipowners are underwriting a huge loss in their attempts to weaken or break the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The labor bureau figures do not include the loss from the East Coast maritime strike, where shipping interests are striving to break the back of the rank and file movement. East Coast maritime leaders, for instance, have estimated that the shipowners spent a minimum of \$500,-000 in manning the S. S. Manhattan with a scab crew.

East Coast Seamen on the March



(Daily Worker Staff Photo) Section of a parade of New York strikers. In spite of the Labor Department's labelling the strike "outlaw," the men pictured above are members of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association, A. F. of Y. affiliate, which is officially on strike.

Central Committee Plenum of the Communist Party Stachel's Report on A.F.L. Convention and Tasks Facing Labor

The Council is unyielding and provocative, and stubborn in its refusal to allow the organization of the unorganized, thus actually forcing the split. The C. I. O. cannot and will not accept a compromise on the terms of the Executive Council. A compromise on their terms, which means virtual capitulation, would be a betrayal of the interests of the workers.

In the face of this situation the most important task is the intensification of the campaign for the organization of the unorganized, and especially the steel workers, keeping the C. I. O. united, while at the same time developing a unity campaign throughout all of the unions of the American Federation of Labor. In the statement of the Central Committee, issued toward the close of the A. F. of L. convention, we already gave our position in favor of this

This demands of us that we develop simultaneously the most intensive campaign of support for the organization of the unorganized in the mass production industries, and at the same time carry the fight for unity, and against the splitting policies of the Council into every craft union, into all state federations and central

Only if the relation of forces changes in favor of the C. I. O. through the organization of important sections of the unorganized and the simultaneous strengthening of the progressive forces in the craft unions, will unity be possible on a basis that will not compromise the fundamental aims of the C. I. O.

This demands that the line of the Party shall be made clear to the entire Party and to all those workers whom we influence. We must mobilize our full strength to carry through the line of the Party. It requires that we make clear to the workers the action of the A. F. of L. convention and mobilize them to fight for

Our task in the C. I. O. unions is to fight for the maintenance of the unity and common action of all the C. I. O. unions. We must building of the Farmer-Labor Party. oppose all tendencies in some of the C. I. O. In those unions where this danger exists (I. L. and file and all progressives to defeat such in these industries will, of course, stimulate the

we must carry on the fight for improvement of localities. Our Party is showing through its the conditions of the workers, for trade union work in the steel industry that it is and can democracy, so that the workers in the other play an important role. Our experience in the A. F. of L. unions will see in the unions affili- factories, in the company unions, among the ated to the C. I. O. an example of progressive Negro steel workers, the youth, the mobilizatrade unionism. Naturally the character of tion of the fraternal movement in support of our work in the C. I. O. unions, how we bring the campaign, the drawing in of the women, fight for these proposals, must take into ac- achieved. But, frankly, we have in many of

DETROIT BAKERS GET THE IDEA



too, have been affected by the wave of sit-downs in Michigan. Above

Not only the auto industry and motor bus companies, but bakeries, | are some of the 300 workers who sat down in the Gordon Baking Com-

and the Executive Council.

We must strive to convince the leaders of the C. I. O. to give support to all the struggles of the workers in the other unions, as for example, the present nation-wide strike of the maritime workers. Here, too, they must show to the workers everywhere the meaning of progressive trade unionism in practice.

We must also convince the leaders of the C. I. O. nationally and in the localities to take measures in the interests of the workers through championing a legislative program in defense of the economic and political interests of all workers, in the struggle against reaction and fascism, in support of the people's movement against fascism and war, and in the

Our most important task is to mobilize all unions to withdraw from the C. I. O., and to our forces to assist in the organization of the make their own compromise with the Council. unorganized, and especially of the steel workers, the auto and textile workers, as well as G. W. U., Hatters) we must mobilize the rank the millions of agricultural workers. Campaigns organization of other workers, which must be At the same time within the C. I. O. unions supported by our Party in these industries and

gard to the Negro workers, the young workers, and the drawing in of the women. We must draw the lessons of these experiences for the purpose of really carrying through these tasks. Especially now in the more intense phase of the drive is this necessary when the conditions are more favorable than before,

The lessons of the steel campaign can be applied with equal force to the organizing campaign in the other industries by our Party, making due allowances for the special problems that the various industries confront us

In the work of organizing the unorganized let us again remind ourselves of our past experiences, and especially the Open Letter of 1933. I refer to the tasks outlined in the Open Letter with regard to the mobilization of the entire Party through the lower Party organizations, and not merely to carry on the work with a few active comrades from the top. I refer to the effective policy of concentration; to work in the shops, the building of committees in the plants and departments; to the need for special attention to the Negro workers and other special strata. All these lessons can be applied now in this big drive with a hundredfold results by combining these well-known experiences with the mass character and special methods that can now be used.

the Party in the shop, the Party in the union, of their leaders upon the organization. With our work, though improved, is far from satis-

count our general policy toward the C. I. O. these fields done very little, especially with re- the effectiveness of the shop nuclei, the shop paper, etc. And, of course, the building of the Party, without which our work cannot be fully effective at any time, and never secure.

> Here is where we meet the real test - in the campaign for the organization of the unorganized. Here is where all basic issues will finally be decided—the issue of unity, the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, our status in the labor movement.

> Special attention must be given to bringing the fight for trade union unity into the craft unions, into all the non-C. I. O. unions. Here we must overcome the weaknesses of the past that made it possible for the craft leaders to frighten many workers into believing that the triumph of the C. I. O. policies will lead to the destruction of their unions.

This requires the working out of practical programs for the organization of the unorganized where they are eligible for these unions, and in the fields which belong to them, and not in conflict with the C. I. O. campaign in the mass production industries. We must show them how the C. I. O. campaign will protect and raise the wages of the skilled workers. We should develop, where necessary, programs for amalgamation, beginning in practice with joint action in the localities and draw the lessons approach necessary in the building trades and

a) immediate lifting of the suspensions as a step towards negotiations for unity,

b) support to the steel campaign, includ- about electing delegates. ing financial support.

These resolutions should be sent to the International officials, and to the Executive Council. More attention has to be given to the conventions of these unions, many of which will be held in the next year.

Of greatest importance are our tasks in the State Federations and in the Central Labor bodies. The C.L.U.'s are especially important to maintain the unity of the trade union movement in the face of the continuation of the suspensions. They will be in a mood for action as a result of the decisions of the last convention which robbed them of their rights with regard to their effectiveness in strikes, in bringing forward issues at A.F.L. Conventions, as well as the decision of the 55th Convention relative to Communists being barred as delegates to the C.L.U.'s.

Under these conditions, the C.L.U.'s, which are the closest bodies to the rank and file, having delegates directly from the local unions, and to which are elected many rank and file workers, are destined to play perhaps a bigger role than we today realize. A hint of this role we can sense from the fear the Executive Council has regarding the C.L.U.'s, the pains to which they went to try to stifle their voice. Not only will they play a role in preventing the split, and for reunifying the labor movement, but the C.L.U.'s will more and more express the desires of the membership, and their common action in struggles for the economic and political interests of the workers. The A. F. of L. Council has evidently not forgotten the San Francisco general strike, the role of the C.L.U.'s in Toledo, Akron and other centers of struggle. Neither should we. The A. F. of L. Council is drawing the conclusions from the opposition of the majority of the C.L.U.'s to the suspension of the C.I.O. Unions. So should we. The A. F. of L. Council, which opposes the Labor Party, is drawing the conclusion from the role of the C.L.U.'s in the growing movement for a Farmer-Labor Party, and even the role they played in Labor's Non-Partisan League. We must also draw our

There has been quite an improvement in from such co-operation. Especially is such an our work in the Central bodies. Our fractions have grown in number and in effectiveness. among the members of the Machinists' Union. But things are not yet as they should be. Take Finally, they must be shown how division in for example the fraction in the C.L.U. in the And let us not forget another lesson of the the labor movement will worsen their economic largest city in the country-New York. Here forward our proposals, how we organize the have already greatly contributed to the success past—the role of the Party. Not generally, but position and strengthen the bureaucratic hold our fraction is quite large and growing. Yet

mediate issues, it is essential to adopt thou- attend the meetings of the C.L.U., not to speak sands of resolutions in the local unions calling of fraction meetings where questions are taken up and decided upon that determine our effectiveness at the C.L.U. meetings. There are even comrades in locals who take their time

> Yet there can be no more important work than that of the delegates to the C.L.U. Supposing one of our comrades would be elected to the City Council in New York. I am sure that he or she would attend regularly, and prepare for every issue. Yet is not the C.L.U. in New York equally important? I think we ought to give it the same attention. And if we do, the time will not be far off when we will also have Party comrades as members of the City Council. For here in the C.L.U. we have the possibility of coming forward with our proposals in the interests of all the workers and the toiling population of the city generally. Here our comrades come forward as spokesmen of the masses. Here we can advance the movement for the building of the Labor Party in addition to more specific trade union issues.

From now on we should in every district give attention to the work and the problems of the C.L.U., as we should where we have parliamentary fraction.

I am sure that most of us feel that never was there so much joy connected with the work of the Party as today. It is not a joy that is coupled with any self-satisfaction. On the contrary. It is a joy that is tempered by a feeling that we are losing valuable time-that we are not fully taking advantage of the great response among the masses. But it is a joy that comes from the realization that the Party is advancing, that its work is more and more effective, that its advances are registered in results which form the basis for an ever greater advance. And in this advance, we discover old and new problems, not yet solved, that impede this advance. But our confidence in our Party, in the leadership of Comrades Browder and Foster, in the masses, in our growing experience, assures us that once we apply ourselves to removing the obstacles in the road, we shall go forward many times faster, with ever greater effectiveness, carrying the masses with us, to the goal of Socialism with our Party ever at

One of the most important lectures of the term has been arranged by the Workers School for this Saturday, December 19, 2:30 P. M. at 35 East 12th Street, second floor. Jack Stachel, member of the Central Committee and an outstanding authority on trade union questions, will lecture on "The 56th A. F. of L. Convention and the Future of American Labor." Admission is 25 cents.

Jersey Communists WHITEPLAINS Needle Unions Rush PHARMACISTS Student Is Fined

Organizer Defies Democratic Boss to Defend Stand Against Labor in Public Debate—Central Labor Council Resolution Is Not Answered

MADRID NIRSE

10,000 Garments Already Finished for People—
More Shops Swing into Group Making Warm

NEGOTIATIONS

Jack Corrigan, of N.Y.U., Fined for Raising Banner Calling for Arms to Spanish People in Wash-Labor Council Resolution Is Not Answered

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 15 .- Mayor Hague's redbaiting attack against labor today was answered with a challenge by J. Anyan, Hudson County organizer of the Communist Party, to the Democratic boss of New Jersey to defend his position from a public platform. In a telegram to the mayor,

Granted Injunction in

Fight Against Tax

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 15

Compensation Insurance law was

Three decisions were handed

down. One applied to a suit filed

by the Gulf States Steel Co. An-

other to a suit of the Southern

Coal and Coke Co., of Birmingham.

The Alabama Act is invalid be-

The court was composed of

Erwin. An appeal was expected to

be taken by Attorney General A. A.

France Cuts Into

Produce Supplies

PARIS, France, Dec. 15. - An

ployes' is entirely arbitrary.'

held unconstitutional today by a

The decision was unanimous

three-judge Federal Court.

Anyan said:

"Your tirade against Communists Security Law quoted in press cannot hide the extent of sweat shops, injunctions Is Voided by crush unionism and every progressive movement in Jersey City and Hudson County."

PICKETING BANNED

Hague's announcement that he is Steel and Coal Barons out to "drive New York Communists out of Jersey City" was termed in Anyan's wire as "the same attempt to smokescreen the reactionary policies a la Hearst-Liberty League that has been repudiated by a people's mandate last November 3."

The occasion for Hague's attack against Communists was his conference with a committee of the Central Labor Council of Hudson headed by James Quinn, its president, to ask the city commissioners why peaceful picketing has been denied. Hague's answer was headlined "Hague Fights Communists" in the Jersey Journal. He The third decision was a symwas quoted as saying that he "will posium of arguments and rulings not allow Communists to come in in the other two. here and create trouble" and that "if the city will ever be forced to cause it violates the Eminent Dotolerate Communist demonstrations main Act by taking private prop-

CENTRAL BODY RESOLUTION pensation, the court held.

"It will be the Communists or I." Hague said. "In Jersey City there are no sweat shops. I am there are no sweat shops. I am the due process of law two of the Federal Constitution is violated because the classification of the temployers with eight or more emalways one thousand per cent for

Hague was reported to have file suit to prevent the Insurance charged that it is the Communists Commission from collecting the from New York "who create all the trouble in the labor movement." one per cent tax.

The delegation from the central labor body was necessary because a resolution, adopted two weeks ago, protesting the ban on peaceful picketing, was ignored. Hague's attack against the Communist Party was also understood to be his outburst against the court suit Instituted against him and the chief of police by the Communist Party to restrain them from interfering with Communist meetings.

France Cuts Interfering transfer in the court suit by the cour

Blum Names Bonnet French Envoy to U. S. To Negotiate on Debt of the French capital today reduced

PARIS, Dec. 15. — Negotiations for resumption of the French war debt payments to the United States will begin in Washington during wholesalers were refusing to pay January, it was announced today the retailers' prices for fresh veg-with appointment of Georges Bon-etable produce, and predicted that

Youth Delegate's First Plea for Spain Here on Friday Night

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 15.-Josefina Ramirez, 19-year-old Madrid hospital nurse, has been added to the list of prominent speakers at a Westchester County rally Friday night at the White Plains County Center on Bronx River Parkway to aid the Spanish fighters

Senorita Ramirez arrived in New Alabama Court York Monday night on the Queen Mary with three other youth delegates from the Spanish People's Front. She will leave for a nationwide tour in behalf of the Spanish people after appearances here and at the New York Hippodrome.

With her on the platform will be Marcelino Domingo, president of the Spanish Left Republican Party, who will make his last address at a mass (UP). - Alabama's Unemployment meeting here before leaving for Spain on the Acquitania on the following Wednesday. Roger Baldwin, chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, will preside.

The Westchester Friends of Spanish Democracy, sponsor of the meeting, has made special arrangements for reduced bus transportation from nearby towns. Buses will leave Yonkers from the Spanish-American Citizens Club, 123 New Main St., and Mt. Vernon from the Socialist Party

Conference to Aid erty for public use without comensation, the court held. "The 'due process of law' clause Foreign-Born to Be and include the I.L.G.W.U., U.T.W. Committee to Aid Spanish Democ-

The monthly joint executive and delegate meeting of the American Committee for Protection of For-eign-Born will be held tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock in the offices the committee, Room 1409, 100 Judge C. B. Kennamer, Judge Fifth Avenue, New York City. Samuel H. Sibley, and Judge R. T.

The committee, Room 1409, Fifth Avenue, New York City. The meeting will discuss final

plans to insure success for the conhold on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2:30 work. o'clock in the Hotel Pennsylvania, "I believe," a foreman named Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street. Vince wrote his boss, "it is some-something else on their mind than Trade unions, labor fraternal and thing about unions." church organizations are urged to send delegates to the meeting and funds to support the committee's

the supply of fresh vegetables by Britain to Crown New King May 12

in the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—King George these men you will have to get busy because this car must be unloaded."

Spanish aid stations have been set up in this city to collect food. eign Minister, asked that Alex-billion dollars, will be discussed at conferences because the car must be unloaded."

Winter Wear for Women and Children

Guadarrama mountains, mobilization of New York trade ize Stores in Harlem unions to make 100,000 pieces of warm clothing for People's Front fighters has been speeded to provide for the thousands of men, women and children suffering freezing tem-

mittee for the Manufacture of and Shoe Workers Union. Clothing for Spain announced yes-

The 10,000 garments so far manuchildren's coats, and several thousand warm hats for children, the committee said.

30 SHOPS WORKING

Thirty shops in the garment district are now enlisted in the drive to provide for People's Front fight- gloves and fur collars to be shipped row night is the deadline. Unless ers. Another 60 are expected to join in the campaign in the next ten cil announced. days. Materials for the garments and shoes are either donated to have already started work in mak- the biggest picket lines in the histhe committee or purchased with ing the 5,000 fur pieces which the tory of Harlem." cash donations.

an appeal from the Spanish delegates here.

Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, was elected chairman of the trade union committee and nated for the Spanish aid by the

quota of 100,000 garments has been and Millinery Workers Union, the completed, the Trade Union Com- Furriers Joint Council, and the Boot

The four youth delegates who arrived from Spain on Monday will tour shops making garments for factured consist of women's and Spain this afternoon to extend their thanks to workers helping in the drive to aid Spain.

FUR UNION SPEEDS WORK

Hundreds of fur workers have volunteered their free time to manufacture fur jackets, fur caps and to Spain, the Furriers Joint Coun- the drug store owners grant union

BAG MAKERS GIVE \$500 A collection of \$500 has been do-

Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-presi- Suit Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers dent of the I.L.G.W.U., executive Union. The amount has been divided between the Trade Union Unions in the committee repre- Committee headed by David Duent nearly half a million workers binsky and the North American

Mapped at Parley Something on Their Minds Boss Thinks It's the Union Society, Miss Eulalie Man pharmacists and others.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15 .- Foremen in South Works, Carnegie-Illinois big Mill in South Chicago, are much wor- the Meat Cutters Union, Local 665, ference which the committee will ried. The men "have something else on their mind besides

Foreman Vince made the deduction from the actions of a crew of Union." program for the protection of the foreign-born in this country and as he thought they should, on a its campaign to win right of asylum manganese car. Vince was busy, on for political and religious refugees a burned out furnace, and couldn't basic industries of the United States. peer down the necks of the manganese car gang as much as he and the company would like. But, he 2 Spanish Aid Depots reported: "I went over to the lump Set Un in Post II. manganese car. Found three of these Set Up in Bethlehem, Pa. men standing and (a number) was from the car, I told

If they have, they are like the

rest of the steel workers, and some 25 million men and women in the

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 15.—Two several clashes on the frontier.

Union Gets Wide Sup-With winter winds blowing down on Madrid from the port in Drive to Union-

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau) A second conference with th Harlem Pharmacists Association, a group of 120 employers, was sched-Ten per cent of the trade union Workers of America, the Hat, Cap uled tonight, as the Pharmacists victory in its Harlem organizational

> The negotiations will take place in the branch office of the union, at 312 W. 125th St., at 8 p.m. Confronted with strong picket lines in front of four key drug stores, the proprietors sought a first conferthe continuation of negotiations

the union, said yesterday: "Tomorconditions and recognition at to-Several shops in the fur district morrow's conference, they will see

GET WIDE SUPPORT The wide community support

evident at the conference Monday in the Branch headquarters, 41 W. evening. B. F. McLaurin, general 124th Street. organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Mrs. Elise will follow Ford's lecture. Admis-Ayer, Negro civic leader, participated in the negotiations. All spoke sharply in favor of the union. Frank R. Crosswaith, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee, pre-

Society, Miss Eulalie Mannix, Negro

cists' Union is the second Harlemwide trade union drive in the past three months. Earlier in the Fall, conducted a drive to organize Har-

Oppose Turkey on Antioch Independence stallments to \$1,315,052,424.

French Undersecretary of Foreign land sent their formal "regrets of Affairs, today debated in the inability to pay." Belgium, Czecho-League of Nations Council against slovakia and Rumania were expecta Turkish request for separation of ed to do likewise tonight. Esthonia a Turkish request for separation of Ed to do likewise tonight.

Alexandretta and Antioch from will mail her note, as she has no legation here.

Lexington Ave., 246 (Bassman). Room; single, private entrance. Near 34th St. Syria, a French mandate.

Challenge Hague RALLY TO HEAR Clothing for Spain RENEW HARLEM For Supporting Spain

ner Calling for Arms to Spanish People in Washington Sq. Park-Defended by I.L.D. Lawyer

Jack Corrigan, New York University student who raised a banner carrying the slogan "Arms for Spanish Democracy" in Washington Square was fined five dollars by Justice Anna Cross yesterday for "distributing political propaganda in a

Union of Greater New York neared Ford Speaks At Harlem Forum Sunday

ence Monday evening. It ended in Unemployment and WPA Subject of Address at First Session

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau) James W. Ford, vice-presidential andidate of the Communist Party banner. She claimed that it was in 1932 and 1936, will deliver the irrelevant. At one point she made The plan was organized to answer its quota in the trade union drive to manufacture 100,000 garments to help the defenders of Madrid.

Furriers Joint Council has set as Demands of the union include: principal address at the opening of increases in wages, shorter hours, no discrimination against Negro pharmacists and vacation periods.

Furriers Joint Council has set as general statement concerning increases in wages, shorter hours, no discrimination against Negro pharmacists and vacation periods. Party on Dec. 20, at 3 P. M.

The Negro Communist leader will which the union has received was wPA." The meeting will take place

War Debt Payment Representing the union was Dr. Lewis P. Hoyt, Negro president of the North Harlem Pharmaceutical To U.S. Skipped by

several great powers engaged in an armaments race for the next war, today defaulted on their semi-annual installments of the war debt to the United States. The amount due today totalled \$155,093,973, bringing the aggregate over-due in-

Great Britain, France, Hungary, GENEVA, Dec. 15.-Pierre Vienot, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, and Polegation here.

Vienot said French troops were sent into the two districts after French debt, whose principal was with appointment of Georges Bonnet, former finance minister, as a
special ambassador to Washington.

Bonnet will serve for six months.

May 12. J.

When he went up a second time, clothing, and medical supplies for special ambassador to Washington.

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When he went up a second time, clothing, and medical supplies for and medical supplies for their independence because of the Spanish people. They are lose settlement at about 15 cents on the dollar.

Will and Queen Elizabeth will be decause this car must be unloaded."

When he went up a second time, clothing, and medical supplies for andretta and Antioch be given the Spanish people. They are lose settlement at about 15 cents on their predominant Turkish population.

Bound the retailers' prices for fresh veg
that Alexclothing, and medical supplies for and medical supplies for and medical supplies for their independence because of the Spanish people. They are lose settlement at about 15 cents on the dollar.

OMRADE wishes to join group driving pose settlement at about 15 cents on the dollar.

Daily Worker.

city park." The court was packed, as Judge Cross remarked,

Corrigan was defended by I. L. D. attorney, Bernard B. Pensak, engaged by the Corrigan Student De-fense Committee, which rallied student opinion in defense of Cor-

rigan at the university. Justice Cross was forced to dismiss the charge of malicious mischief against Corrigan because of lack of evidence and the bungling on the part of the arresting officer, who made so many contradictory

statements that she told him to mind his own business. Magistrate Cross refused to see the slogan, "Arms for Democratic Spain," that was painted on the workers had nothing to do with the

Flu Hits Italian King

ROME, Dec. 15.—Influenza, prevalent in Rome for several weeks, yesterday sent King Victor Emma

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harmacists and others.

The campaign of the Pharmaists' Union is the second Harlemvide trade union drive in the past
hree months. Earlier in the Fall,
the Meat Cutters Union, Local 665,

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Half America's Families Eat Less Than What They Need

Peabody Mayoralty

Leather Worker Defeated by Just 58 Votes-High Poll Spurs Move to Organize Farmer-Labor Party in Mass. Tannery Town

PEABODY, Mass., Dec. 15 .- Possibility for organization of a local Farmer-Labor Party is being considered by labor leaders in this town following the polling of a close to winning vote for Joseph B. O'Keefe, leather worker and member of the National Leather Workers Association, running as the "People's Candidate' for mayor.

O'Keefe lost the election to Attorney James E. McVann, machine candidate for re-election, by only 58 votes, getting 4,019 to 4,077 for

The vote is the closest in the history of this tannery town and is the first time that the political machine has been threatened. O'Keefe was elected to the City Council two years ago.
O'Keefe did not conduct an in-

tensive campaign due to his illness during most of the pre-election months. He was hampered by lack of finances, but despite the weak campaign almost defeated the ma-

The N.L.W.A. with a membership of 4,000 in this town did not endorse O'Keefe despite his membership. The union officials maintained that the organization ought to stay out of politics.

Townsend to Post Contempt Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP) .-Dr. Francis E. Townsend, old-age the workers' organizations to depension advocate, indicted two weeks ago for contempt of the has determined to post trial, it was learned today,

His attorneys told assistant District Attorneys Harry Underwood and Charles B. Murray that Town- Committee is Marianne Alfons, send has decided to post bond at Los Angeles, following an extradi- and other interested groups have tion hearing before theh United been urged to send representative States Commissioners there.

waive a hearing. A bench warrant Party in the 7th District are: Bakand a certified copy of the indict- ers Local 2, Railway Signalmen 130 ment were mailed to the West Machinists 390, Railway Clerks 236 tried in the latter part of January cago Joint Board of the I.L.G.W.U.

District Conference Set for Jan. 10 by Party Committee

(Daily Worker Midwest Sureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15 .- Enof the 7th Congressional District of Illinois has called a conference for Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m. The conference will meet in Lawrence Ave., Chicago.

The call declares that the basic fact of the Nov. 3 election was the assertion of independence by the workers of this country. It urges velop this political interest and party, to become a real power in the community. The conference will \$1,000 bond on the charge pending be held under the auspices of the Labor Party of Chicago and Cool County. The chairman of the 7th Congressional District Organizing

All local unions and labor clubs tates Commissioners there.

His attorneys said he would have already endorsed the Labor Townsend will be Millinery Workers Joint Board, Chiunless he asks District Attorney Leslie C. Garnett for a change in clate.

Machinists 113, Hod Carriers 25, and the Merchandise Service and Delivery Workers Union 20036.

"DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM." an

ERNST TOLLER will lecture on "The Theatre in a Changing World" at the New School, 66 West 12th St., Sunday, Dec. 20, 4:30 P.M. Adm. \$1.00.

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.

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bookshops. Dance to Club Valhalla Swing

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA,

Fascist Literature Committee. S DORIS HUMPHREY, Charles

reproductions of modern American paintings—24 leading artists. Workers Bookshop only. 50 E. 13t h8t. N.Y.C. during the whole month of December. Also for sale at \$5 a reproduction of your favorite painting. Quantity and time absolutely limited.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: 18 words, 35c Monday to Thursday; 50c Friday; 75c Saturday; \$1.00 Sunday; 5 cents per additional word. DEAD-LINE: Weekdays, 12 Noon. Sunday dead-line, Friday 12 Noon. Payments must be made in advance or notice does not support the support of the Financial Drive and Credit it to this column—don't forget our slogan—we make you a success—so make us a success! Send us your votes!

"BIRTH OF NEW CHINA," sensational Gallagher is required at the com-

"WHAT'S ON?" The Drive's on-Keep the What's On going-A penny a vote! Without the What's On, you party is not successful-so send in your vote! SCORE: 887 votes.

Tonight

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

16. 8:30 P.M.

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 Concourse. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 8:30 P. M. Ausp.: West Bronx Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Spanish Democracy.

MUSICALE: Handel-Bach-Mozart-Beethoven-Sonata Program at the Downtown Peoples Center, 116 University Place (cor. 13th St.) at 8:48 P.M. Wednesday, Dec. Adm. \$1.25 in adv.

Coming

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MASS PROTEST MEETING, Thursday, December 17, at 6:30 P.M. "Pink Slips in the Federal Theatre." Symposium at Washington Irving High School, 15th St. and Irving Place. Speakers: Willis Morgan, 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.

PROF. SCOTT NEARING—"Current Events"; at the Labor Temple, 242 East 14th St. Also, "The Dissipline of Labor" on Thursday, Dec. 17. Time: 6:30-8 P.M. Adm. 25c.

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itoli Tickets on sale for 60c at Bookshops.
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Theatre, New Year's Eve Frolic. Palm
Gardens, 52nd St. West of 8th Ave. Adm.
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Magazine, 156 W. 44th St., New Theatre Dec. 17, at 7:30 P.M. Ausp.: Y.C.I. Dist. SPEAK to Learn to Speak. Join our class in Public Speaking. Conducted by Frank Greenspoon at 320 East 14th St. on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 8 P.M. Admission free. Auspices: Branch 1, C.P. PEOPLE'S FRONT! PEOPLE'S FRONT! Not in France, but right here in Harlem! Come and meet the All People's Party at their First Annual Dance at Park Palace, 110th St. and 5th Ave., Friday, Dec. 18th. Augusta Coen and his Boricuas, internationally famous band. Keep December 18 open—Imperative!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA, a symposium by Harry Gannes, Dr. J. H. Lin and R. A. Howell of "China Today," Friday, Jan. 8th, 8 P.M. at Irving Plaza Hail, Irving Pl. and 15th St. Tickets 25c at all Workers Book Shops; 35c at door. Peoples Forum.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROLIC. Supper, dance, entertainment at the MacDowell Club, 186 East 73rd St. Auspices: Anti-Pascist Literature Committee, Subs. \$2. "WHICH ROAD American Labor?" Louis P. Budenz covered convention for "Daily Worker" will report on "The 56th A.F.L. Cenvention," on Friday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 P.M. at Stuyvesant High School Auditorium, 15th St. bet. 1st and 2nd Aves. Chairman, Irving Potash, of Furriers Joint Council. Tickets available at Workers. Bookshops. Admission 25c. Ausp.: East

Side Forum.

SEASON'S EVENT! Choice Dinner, entertainment, Dancing, Dinner begins 7:30.

Everything for 95c at Hellenic Ballroom, 592 Fulton Street, Brooklyn (near Nevins Stal.) Swing time, music by Jack Sully, singing Workers Songs, Dancing 9:30 P.M., 39c. Ausp.: Professional Comm. for Support Workers Centers. Dec. 19.

ATECIAL LECTURE of great importance! Jack Stachel will speak on "The 56th A.F.L. Convention and the Future of American Labor." Saturday, Dec. 19, at 35 East 12th St., 2nd floor at 2:30 P.M. cAdm. 25c. DORIS HUMPHREY, Charles Weldman and groups in the only New York pre-sentation of two new major ballets: "With My Red Fires," and "Quest," as presented at Bennington College Festival. Hippo-drome, Friday Evening, Jan. 15. Tickets on sale now at box office, Bookshops and ILD, 112 E. 19th St. Remember last De-cember at Carnegie Hall? Reserve your tickets now! Registration Notices

SURPRISE entertainment and dance at 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. RIGA-BALTIC BALL at the Irving Place on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 P.M. Dance until dawn! Come and meet your old friends and landsmen! Auspices: Br. 33 I.W.O. HOTCHAL Fur Floor Boys Union And

HOTCHA! Fur Floor Boys Union Announces Entertainment and Dance on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Young Circle League Bailrom, 22 East 15th St. Swing to the Club Valhalla Band! See the New Theatre League "Convulsionaries!" Time: 8:30 P.M. Subscription 42c. Watch Saturday. Club Valhella Band! See the New Theatre League "Convulsionaries!" Time: 8:30 P.M. Torm Registration. Daily 11 A.M.-1 P.M.: Subscription 49c. Watch Saturday's ad-5-5:30 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M.-5 P.M., at vertisement.

Unionist Nearly Wins They Didn't Vote for Pink Slips on November 3rd Landless Farmers



Five thousand WPA workers in New York remind the New Deal administration of some pre and post election pledges. Thousands like | in protests to halt the lay-offs on WPA.

them, throughout the country, are conducting demonstrations and sit-

\$1,000 Bond for hood of Railway Signalmen, at 3455 Chicago WPA Headquarters on WarBasis As Sit-Down Strike There Enters Fourth Day

To Prove Truth of **Election Statements**

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 15 .-Hearing on disbarment charges against Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney, will be held on Dec. 22,

Gallagher is required at the comfull length picture. Speaker: E. P. Greene, "China Today" expert. Brooklyn Heights Centre, 286 Fulton St. (Boro Hall). Subs. 25c. Sunday, Dec. 20. 8 P.M. "DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM," and troductory lecture by David Ramsey, Friday, Dec. 18, 8 P.M., at Webster all, 125 E. 11th St. Ausp.: People's forum. Adm. in advance, 25c; at door, c. Tickets at all Workers & People's dants of their rights. He has said he sit-inners. expects to prove his charge, made in sit-in striker. "The press is here all

A group of 12 lawyers have applied and received permission to CHRISTMAS Frolie — swing music, Broadway stars at IWO Center, 4 W. 18th St. Ausp.: Followers of Nature Camp and IWO Br. 736. Proceeds to Daily Worker. It's on Christmas Eve at participate in the proceedings as Bar has admitted receiving "a great mass of protest letters, telegrams,

> The charges against Gallagher were brought immediately after the announcement by the International Labor Defense in California that candy and cigarettes, but they Gallagher and other I.L.D. attorneys would defend any maritime strikers arrested for strike activity. outside.

den, Washington & Tremont Aves., Bronx. Adm. \$1.25 in adv. Ausp.: Bronx Professional Alliance. Call Melrose 5-9124.

YEAH! A hit every year! It's Brooklyn's Second Annua. Y.C.L. Dance, at Bedford Ballroom, Bedford and Atlantic Aves., Brooklyn. Swing to Hy Clark's Music! Watch a full Harlem Revue! Saturday, Dec. 19. Ausp.: Y.C.L. Kings County.

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 in gala floor show. Swing music by Ed. Bonelli's Society Orch. Tickets 50c in adv., 55c at door, Ausp.: Angelo Herndon Club, Box and Loges reservations phone TI. 5-8947. Thousands of lawyers all over the country have joined in protesting the attempted gagging of Gallagher as a labor attorney and as a candidate for judicial office.

WHAT'S ON

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 Bldg., 159 N. State Street, Ausp.: Friends of New Masses. Concert. Bach - Beethoven - Rimsky.

troit, Mich.

Annual Dance given by Section 5, C.P., on Sunday Evening, Dec. 20, at Finnish Hall, 5969 14th St. Re-freshments, Entertainment, Good Music. Adm. in adv. 15c; at door 25 cents.

Keeno Party, at Assembly Hall,
Twelfth and Clairmount on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30. Cash prizes,
refreshments. Help to build a children's playground at Camp Liberty!

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.

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Pallas.
LIVING AMERICAN ART, an exhibit of Newark, N. J.

Philadelphia, Pa. Doggie Roast and Turkey Raffle on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 P.M. at 1306 N. 7th St. Adm. 25c, including raffle. Good time assured Benefit

LEO GALLAGHER Guards Posted at Every Door Demand Pass Words and Countersigns-Strike Seen Uniting All White Collar Unions into City Projects Council

By Hays Jones (Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 .- WPA headquarters went on a war basis yesterday, with passes, identifications, everything but pass words and countersigns for the poor clerks who work in the office. Reason: thirty sit-down demonstrators from five Labor Attorney Ready white collar unions, holding out against discharges, and de- Boston Shockholder's manding reinstatements, inside the half a dozen "squatters" in the din-

LIKE A JAIL

in their eyes," she said. "Some of

el, slept on a bench there last night.

This morning, two photographers

dragged the bench under a light to

"The Hearst papers," they said.

NOT FOR HEARST

"Go to hell," she shot back, and

"It's a lucky thing King Edward

abdicated last week." a woman sit-

fight against it. This made them

"Where are you from?" she asked

take her picture. It woke her up.

pulled her coat over her head.

.A small but growing picket line ing room of a North Shore mansion; outside showed the organizations it sounds good were helping their representatives inside. A mass of friends in the lobby seemed bent on getting in, out full length on a blanket on the and joining the sit-in. That was concrete floor, reminded me of days why the guards were doubled and on the road, when a box car was the passes demanded.

Inside, all was business and hub- She found "you don't need much bub, save the quiet inner compart- sleep, and when we get out we won't Act. ment, where the sit-in demonstra- know what a bed is for," which also ion went on. I was ushered into reminded me of days on the road, ing hearing to prove the truth of credentials as a newsman. A dozen the place by a guide, after showing or in jail. that the latter falsified records in ers were present asking questions there is a guard. If you try to talk & Maine Railroad. labor cases to deprive the defen- and flashing pictures among the 30 to someone, the guard is there, these

"It's got to be a habit," said a very much like a jail. the election campaign last summer. the time. We're making a dent in see your friends outside with tears things."

They are, because the whole WPA those friends out in the lobby have staff is buzzing with excitement and been there since the sit-in began indignation and a sort of "we ought Even slept there. One pretty girl, amicus curiae (friends of the court). to do it too" spirit pervades the she works as a photographer's mod-The board of governors of the State | huge loft-like office. It even has the big shots worried, for fear they will. There seems to be plenty of reason.

AID PLEDGED

The sit-in group was well supplied with the wrong kind of food. They had sandwiches, and the makings of more sandwiches. They had wanted hot food. They will get hot meals now, since a real food committee has been organized on the

Telegrams, phone calls and letters poured in on the sitters this morning, pledging support and soli-One from the writers project, WPA, said: "Inspired by your splendid demonstration. Hold the fort. Battle will soon rage on other fronts." The sitters have their books, playing cards, discussions and sketch books to keep them occupied. Especially the sketch artists are in their glory, with more models than they could ever expect in the outside world. They use them.

The sitters have sat for fortyeight hours now, and feel like staying till they win. "Militancy and morale still high," said their official bulletin at the end of the 43rd hour. It has not dropped. The women were especially enthusiastic. I talked to them because they are "expected to weaken" first, according to capitalist standards. They had not weakened a bit. A few others had. But the women were solid for "duration of the war."

One Negro woman teacher gave a clear view of the whole thing: "I wasn't threatened, yet. My job was safe, but it is for the rest of them who did lose their jobs. Mine may be next, so I am fighting for all of them." She said it was a bit tiring, but she was there to stay.

Another Negro woman drew organizational lessons from the situation. "It is good from the educational and the labor organization standpoint," she said. "I am a teacher, and I am helping organize the maids. I think it is a first drive toward real rank and file recognition in the labor movement in the Middle West. No matter what is the outcome, these pioneers should con-Dine! Wine! Dance! Lift the Lid! sider themselves as having been a success, show, at Kruger's Hall.

"The real success," she went on, 'isn't shown by the immediate results. This should lead to bigger developments. We intend to use the lessons of it in organizing the domestic workers." I had visions of

Brief Attacks Levy on Employers

Another woman sitter, stretched rule soon on constitutionality of home and many a floor my bed. the unemployment insurance tax levied under the Social Security

She too found the place much nan of Boston, counsel for George his accusation against Justice Crum more news writers and photograph- like a jail. "If you go to the door, P. Davis, stockholder in the Boston

damned walls, and the lack of air- case direct to the Supreme Court, "You feel like a hero, when you cuit Court of Appeals

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. - The Supreme Court was asked today to

The request for a ruling on the was made by Edward F. McClen-McClennan sought to carry his

skipping a ruling by the U.S. Cir-

Registration is going on at the School office, 35 E. 12th St., Room 301, daily from 10 A. M. to 8:30 P. M.; Saturday, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Miss Helen Rosenbaum WMCA

DIALECTICAL

Increasing in U.S.

Problems of farm tenure are deals

with under a section entitled "Con-

ditions peculiar to the United

census of 1935 reported about 2,865,-

000 tenant farmers, whose families

aggregated 12,500,000 people. "This

was the largest number of tenant

it (the United States) must face the

problem of providing security for its

"The whole problem requires statesmanlike treatment," it con-

cludes. Sharecroppers receive only

stated that cotton growers have been

losing markets due to high tariff

barriers for the benefit of northern

manufacturers and that loss of mar-

kets means eviction of sharecroppers

time will

all who attend

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five at door.

and curtailing of cotton acreage.

Sharecroppers Receive Scant Attention in New Survey of Agriculure Dept. in Spite of Count-Isss Evictions as Cotton Market Is Narrowed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- About half of the families in the United States spend less than \$130 per year per person for food which is just enough, with careful selection of foods and proper buying, to maintain the minimum adequate diet. according to the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture

agencies.

"The inference is that the diet of rest of the \$8,000,000,000 mortgaged half the non-farm population prob- debt was in the hands of insurance ably fails to provide a desirable companies, private banks and loan margin of safety over minimum requirements," states the report. The figures are based on 1935 prices which were lower than the 1936

Cash income from marketings to farmers, according to department figures, will total \$7,850,000,000 in 1936 as compared with \$4,328,000,000 in 1932. In 1929 the figure stood at \$10,479,000,000. Since 1933, it is claimed, farm prices have risen more than the prices of non-farm goods and services, indicating growing equality between industry and agri-

the latest figures cited in the report, the total farm mortgaged debt stood at \$8,000,000,000, or \$150,000,-00 more than the total cash income tures cited are for 1934 "but incations are that through foresures and other means the total not it is burdensome depends on the size of the debt relative to the arm income out of which principal interest payments can be

In the first quarter of 1936 licensed members of the federal re-serve system held farm mortgage ompared with \$263,000,000 in the first quarter of 1935. Farm mortgage loans held by agencies of the \$2,869,000,000 in January, 1936. The

Registration Opens at Workers School

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ter said. He got off the front page just in time, so we could break the press. We've actually broke in. Up to now there hasn't been a damn thing HUDSON-105 Third Ave., cor. 13. Work clothes. Leather coats. Wind-breakers. about the WPA layoffs, and the

wake up. It's an important thing, and it is happening everywhere. "People have been waiting for somebody to do something like this, something different, around Chicago," she said. "I know it will sol-

projects. She told how her union had a party arranged for Saturday night, NEWMAN BROS. Men's & Young Men when the sit in started To their Clothing. 84 Stanton St., nr. Orchard. when the sit-in started. To their surprise, the place was jammed with people who had heard of the sitin. They sent telegrams, and a lot them came down, and they brought food, and promises of sup-

idify the organizations on all these

That support is maturing. All sorts of means of communication have been developed, as always happens when people are barred from outside contact. They get word out, and action starts. The involved ororganizations include the Artists Union, the Adult Teachers Union the Technical and Research Workers, the American Federation of Government Employes, and the Workers Alliance. All of them are busy on the outside. Although pickets are scarce, a line is being whipped into shape, and committees outside are getting food, and protests from all sorts of sources to be sent to the WPA officials. One big result has been achieved. The sit-in has solidified the ranks of the various "white collar" groups, and a permanent City Projects Council will be one of the best re-

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Spain's Youth Pleads To Americans

· The youth of Spain stretches out its

nand to America. Going through their Valley Forge, the Spanish people have chosen four of their young spokesmen to visit the United States and bring their appeal to the American

people. Representing the organized youth of the entire people fighting Fascism, regardless of political affiliation or religious beliefs, the delegation which has just reached our shores is symbolic of the great struggle now going on in Spain against murderous Fascism.

There is Luis Simarro, young battalion commander, still bearing the grave wound he received in the fight for democracy.

Eugenio Imaz, secretary of the Catholic paper Cruz y Raya, carries a message to the Catholic people in this country.

Maria Simarro brings to this country a message from the heroic Spanish girls in the front-line trenches.

Josefina Ramirez, who was a nurse in a Madrid hospital, will tell of the great need for medical supplies.

Not only the American youth, but every lover of peace and democracy will welcome this delegation from the front-line trenches of the fight against world fascism and world

The first meeting to greet the youth delegation from Spain will be held at the New York Hippodrome under the auspices of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The hall should be packed to the rafters.

HOUSING:

Life or Death Crisis

· New York is face to face with a hous-

It presents an emergency situation of the gravest character.

And when there is an emergency, it should be met by emergency methods.

There is, first of all, the FIRETRAP MENACE. It is more serious this year than ever before. The lives of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children are endangered. They go to bed tonight, fearful lest death from fire will be their lot before

morning. To this evil is added the HIGH RENT RACKET. Rents are rising by leaps and bounds. The banking interests, who have thumbed their noses at the city for years, are profiteering off human misery and human necessity. They are driving families to live together in the most crowded and inhuman conditions. They are thus striking at the health and the lives of New York's little chil-

There is only one word that describes what is taking place. That word is: CRIMINAL.

Then, to make this black picture even worse, the banks have turned to EVIC-TIONS. This is the lowest trick of which the housing racketeers have as yet been guilty. The Tenement House Commissioner advises them that they are violating the housing laws-in insanitary and firetrap conditions. Rather than comply with the law, they close up the tenements. Families are forced out, without a roof above their heads.

How shall this emergency be met? On Monday the Daily Worker called for a citywide conference - for action - of all interested labor and civic organizations. Yesterday Mayor LaGuardia held a conference with certain tenants' organizations.

That was a beginning; but it was neither large enough nor representative enough to rally the people to battle the housing evils. Particularly were the trade unions absent. The Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor has endorsed a public housing program. New York's unions should not be the last to raise the housing issue, nor should they be uninvited to a city-wide housing conference.

All of New York-tenants, trade unions, consumers' groups, political organizationscan be rallied to this pressing fight.

Such a conference can not only center the public spotlight on this issue. It can also DO THINGS.

First. It can press upon Washington, forthwith, to devote adequate funds to largescale public housing enterprises. Not such small efforts as that at Williamsburg alone,

but blocks upon blocks of public low-cost

Second. It can ask sharply: Why cannot the city take over the houses which the banks and landlords close up-repairing them out of public funds for the immediate present-and managing them for the benefit of the tenants?

Third. It can take all steps to see that an emergency rent law is passed in Albany without delay: a law restricting rents as in 1923, but without the racketeering provision of tax-exemption for the landlords.

The city-wide conference can do more than these things. What is important is that it be called quickly-before the winter of fires and misery sets in.

Will the city government see that the great emergency is met by emergency measures?

Japan Plots to Create Civil Strife in China

· Internal strife, civil war, splits and confusion in China not only work to the benefit of Japanese imperialism, but the Tokyo militarists have been wracking their brains to achieve these ends to block the growing unity of the Chinese people.

It should be clear that only Japanese imperialism and its war-mongering allies everywhere can benefit from civil war in China. The Chinese people would lose woefully and the peace of the world would be gravely en-

Japanese imperialism, now allied with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, is doing everything to incite civil war in China. Japan desires a weak China, a defenseless, disunited country, an easy prey to Tokyo's plans of dismemberment and enslavement.

And for that reason, to throw the Nanking government into confusion, Chiang Kaishek was seized.

Tokyo knew only too well that the Nanking government, under growing mass pressure for a unified China, was putting up a bolder resistance to Japanese invasion in the province of Suiyuan. In fact, Nanking went so far as unceremoniously to break off negotiations with Japan, negotiations which were more in the nature of Japanese ultimatums.

In this situation it is up to the United States government to show more concern in acting with the peace forces of the world, especially with the Soviet Union, which has demonstrated through the incident-filled years when Japan robbed China of Manchuria, that its every action is exerted to maintain world peace.

The American people must see and act on the knowledge that Japanese imperialist plottings and criminal deeds in China not only are carried on to further enslave China but also to involve this country in the next world slaughter.

Adding to

The Death House

· Four more condemned men will be sent to Sing Sing tomorrow, bringing the prison's death house population to 27 and necessitating a new corridor of cells. -Hiddenaway news item in Monday's New York papers.

To which we can add: If the State and City of New York were to extend decent housing in this city, there would be no need for this added housing in the Death House up the river. It is in the fetid atmosphere of the tenements that the Death House population is bred.

WPA Farmers Do Not Quietly Submit

· "Farmers will not quietly submit to

starvation." Such was the warning sent to Harry L.

Hopkins, federal WPA administrator, by the Minnesota Farmers Holiday Association. It is not only WPA workers in the cities,

therefore, who are battling against the new starvation policy of Washington. The farmers are also on the march.

In the drought-stricken areas, the Roosevelt administration has hit out at the farmers by the discontinuance of work relief. The Resettlement Administration has not cared for even the small number who were formerly on WPA. It was this same RA which Washington said would take proper care of the drought-stricken portions of the country. That was the excuse under which the inadequate WPA was abolished.

It is good news, then, that comes out of the Northwest: That the farmers intend to put up a real fight against this sort of double-dealing. Marches on state capitals and vigorous mass protest to Washington will be their line of attack on the government's starvation policy.

The trade unionists of the cities and the organized unemployed can cheer the farmers on. Workers and farmers have a common struggle: for decent conditions of work and for a decent livelihood. Uniting forces in each state and in the nation, they can get somewhere in this struggle.

On the WPA issue, they have an immediate basis for common action, which can lead to other united efforts and to the formation (where it does not exist) of the Farmer-Labor Party

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

· The hair-trigger action of Japanese imperialism in the sensational seizure of Chiang Kei-shek is proof that the gun was primed in Tokyo.

First news reports, deliberately filled with anti-Japanese demagogy, were entirely mislead-

For example, the capitalist press has not yet published the fact that the Chinese agent of Japan, Wang Ching-wei, who was no longer bearable even to Chiang

Kai-shek, has been a confidential "adviser" to the young Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

Since the first danger of Chang's seizure was the outbreak of civil war in China, it is obvious now that only Japanese imperialism could have benefitted from that coup.

Unity can not be imposed on a people by the bandit tactics of kidnaping government leaders and making the ransom the demagogic

While Chang Hsueh-liang, under pressure of his rank and file, as well as the officers surrounding him, for a time moved in the direction of a program of unity for China, his early training at the hands of the Japanese won out at a critical moment.

He allowed himself to fall into the skilfull trap of the Japanese plotters. Whatever his intentions, the consequences of his act threatens to disrupt China and to bring about the very civil war which every good Japanese militarist implores of Bushida.

Even the slow trend of Nanking toward unityexemplified by the successful armed resistance to Japan's invasion in Suiyuan Province and the abrupt breaking off of negotiations with the astonished Japanese Ambassador Kawagoe-was a menace to Japan's scheming plans of enslavement of China,

Only the most knavish plot, hidden behind the program of unity itself, could have caused the explosion the Japanese intriguers desired.

The background in which Japan acted explains the desperate and unusual measures the Tokyo militarists resorted to in their effort to break up China's unity

Japan has just signed a war alliance with Nazi Germany. A similar pact was initialed with Fascist Italy. These agreements pledged Tokyo to go to war against the Soviet Union and any other power that German Fascism attacked. Thus, for example, if Hitler decided some Saturday to march into Czechoslovakia, and a world war was begun, Japan, whatever the perils of its rear in China, was bound to attack the Soviet Union.

Under these conditions, an active unification process in China, especially one that saw the Communist Party and Kuomintang moving to a united front on the main issue of defeating the Japanese invader, Japan's defeat in the Far East in the event of war was

Here is what the Ministers of the Hirota Cabinet in Tokyo found confronting them:

The Japanese people were denouncing the Fascist

Chiang Kai-shek, on whom they counted previously, was being driven, along with the Nanking government, to put up some resistance to Japan's invasion of Suivuan.

The program of the Communist Party of China and the Red Army of unification of all political, organizational and armed forces, against Japan, was penetrating into the highest military circles of China. The Fascist war alliance, instead of frightening the Chinese people, speeded them on their march to unity.

Out of all this arose a crisis of the Japanese government, always the preliminary to a sensational plot, either of assassinations, as in February, 1936, or the sensational kidnaping of Chiang Kai-shek recently.

The Kwantung Army (Japan's expeditionary force on the Asian mainland) is always ready with its bagful of Lawrence in Arabia tricks. Its agents everywhere in China got busy. They found access to Chiang Kaishek was the most potent means of attempting to instigate the disruption of China's growing unity by civil war.

The very fact, in the midst of all this, that Tokyo rushed to consult with Berlin over Chinese events, is further evidence that the Japanese plotters had to distract their own people from their opposition to the Nazi-Japanese world war alliance.

But just as they failed in South China last Summer, Tokyo's attempt to break up the elemental movement of unification of the Chinese people by the present Sian events will prove another bommerang.

Japanese imperialism's plot to discredit the Communist proposals for a united front with the Kuomintang to achieve a really unified China to oust the Japanese invaders will not only be exposed, but will ultimately serve to emphasize the power of the Communist Party's program for a united and strong China.

Truck Drivers Act For Union Progress

· Sunday's election in the New York Truck Drivers Union gives encouragement to progressive trade unionism everywhere.

The progressive "Gold Standard Ticket" swept the elections. The old reactionary regime had permitted the continuance of many evils. There was widespread "under the hat" work. That meant chiselling on the union wage scale. There was the absence of democracy in the union. Organization of the unorganized was at a standstill.

The "Gold Standard" ticket is pledged to the abolition of these abuses. That this can be done has been demonstrated splendidly in the case of District 9 of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators. That district now stands out as a bright light to all progressive trade unionists.

We wish the Truck Drivers Union-Local 807 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—the best of success in its new regime. It is doubly heartening to note that the progressive victory there was followed by progressive successes in Local 808 of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Rank and file trade unionists can, through their own determined efforts, rid their unions of reactionary and ineffective leadership. They can make their locals democratic, dynamic organizations.

HOME, SWEET HOME!

by Ellis



2,000 Honor Pew Massacre Victim in Chester Strike

Sun Shipyard Pickets March to Home from Lines at the Plant

By ART SHIELDS (Special to the Daily Worker)

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 15 .- Two seamen paraded in a mass funeral processsion today in memory of James Young, aged shipyard worker, killed in "Pew's massacre" last Fri-

They bared their heads in the street in front of Young's home at 1210 Edgemont Ave., where funeral

They marched silently to the victim's home a half mile away from the picket line before the shipyard gates on Morton Ave., and marched silently back again.

SCOUT "SHOCK VERDICT" This silent demonstration of sorrow had a marked effect on the people of Pew's town. Many strikebreakers quit work for a while and crowded windows as the procession

filed by the plant. Young was buried in Lawncroft Cemetery today before agitation

could force the coroner to permit an examination of the body by private physicians. The town is indignant at the coroner's verdict of "shock" as the

cause of the death of the old man whose body was taken away after the fire trucks crashed through the crowd. Strikers are convinced Young was killed by the truck.

Mass picketing was resumed after the funeral procession. Police arrested a picket accused of talking to scabs, while a hundred yards away John G. Pew himself stood in the street urging strikers

to return to work. Today the negotiating committee of Local 2 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America reported that "the great majority of the Sun employes are still out on strike" and victory

out solid. The shipyard is crippled." tact with young people

Evicted Relief Family Has No Place to Sleep

thousand Sun Shipyard strikers and Fight for Heat for Baby Brings Dispossess Over Two Weeks' Rent—Lean Family of 5 Sits by Furniture on Sidewalk

> Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strumpf and their three children, one a ten-month old baby, stood guard over their furniture, piled high on the sidewalk in front of 71 Mangin Street yes-

terday and wondered where they were going to sleep. Their neighbors on the lower East Side crowded arou

Amter Urges Attendance At Spain Rally

I. Amter, New York organizer of the Communist Party, yesterday termed the meeting at the Hippodrome on Thursday a "magnificent his baby needed a warm room in opportunity to rally the young peo- which to sleep. But Bisgier reple of New York behind the Spanish people in their fight for democracy." The Hippodrome meeting will feature four youth delegates, who are coming to the country from ing, called up the Board of Health. strife-torn Spain, to enlist the aid and sympathies of the young people

sued by John Little, urging the only irregularly. Strumpf told the Young Communist League to insure landlord that he would refuse to the success of the meeting through a vigorous campaign of activity among youth in the churches, trade unions, settlements and mass organizations. In addition, the New York possess, State Organizer of the Communist "Most of the men who have gone | Party called upon Party members in," the committee continued, "are to cooperate with the League, and unskilled men. The Hull Depart- to bring the Hippodrome meeting ments and the best mechanics are forward wherever they have con-

them, cursing Solomon Bisgier, the landlord who evicted the Strumpfs because they owed two weeks' Harry Strumpf is an emaciated, hollow-cheeked laborer now on

home relief. The WPA gave him a pink slip four months ago and now he receives \$29.20 every two weeks from the ERB. He complained ever since it first

became cold back in October that fused to put a radiator in one of the rooms. Finally Mrs. Strumpf, exasperated by the landlord's stall-

An inspector visited the house and Bisgier rushed to install a Amter reiterated the appeals is- radiator. But heat was supplied pay his rent until heat was turned on regularly. Before two weeks were out he was served with a dis-

Yesterday a marshal dumped their belongings on the street. Last night a city truck carried the furniture away because it obstructed the

Letters from Our Readers

They Have Not Forgotten

Bedford Hills Sanatorium, N. Y. Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed you will find \$13, which we, a group of patients at Bedford Hills Sanatorium, have collected for the Daily Worker.

Not being able to take an active part in the revolutionary movement because of our illness, we nevertheless strive constantly to give our aid by contributions whenever we can. We appeal to organizations as well as individuals to help our Daily Worker reach the \$100,000 mark as soon as possible so that it may carry on the good work against war and fascism.

Employment Agency Racket

New York, N. Y. Editor, Daily Worker:

As you know, in a doctor's office we treat people who are engaged in many different fields of endeavor and every once in a while one of them tells us of working difficulties.

Today a patient told me of the employment agency racket. She is a practical nurse, and, in applying for a job at one of these agencies, if she is chosen for the job, she must pay \$10 before she is given the address of the place of employment. If the nurse does not like the job when she gets there, and decides to leave, the \$10 she has paid is forfeited to the agency. This despite the fact that she may only stay a day. The agency may send four or five nurses to this job and each one will pay a \$10 fee and each may not like the place and quit and is stuck for \$10.

These agencies should be investigated. The patient who complained would not give me the name of the employment agency, unfortunately.

To Our Song Writers

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker: This letter is intended for Ray Auville, Maurice Sugar, Alfred Hayes and Earl Robinson (the latter wrote the music for "Joe Hill") and all other poets and composers who create working class songs.

In coming in contact with working class audiences, I find that songs with light melodic lines and containing words of current interest (such as "The Daily Worker," "Oh, You Can't Make a Living" and "Joe Hill") are the ones the people want and which they

should be given. Such subjects as the seamen's strike, the WPA home relief, Farmer-Labor Party, the united front and the fight against fascism (as in Spain) are of

vital importance. Here's to more and better songs!

They Lost the Cash

NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN Labor, Consumers Oppose Proposed Utilities Mergers

Only Company Officials and Public Service Commission Favor Them, Survey Indicates—Amter Shows Several Thousand Workers' Jobs Are in Danger

> ARTICLE V By ADAM LAPIN

(This is the final article of a series on the utilities racket in New York.)

Everybody seems to be against the pending merger of Consolidated Edison and New York Edison; everybody except the company officials and the Public Service Commis-

The city of New York, as officially represented by its counsel, Joseph L. Weiner, protested against it vigorously at the recent hearing before the commission. Consumers objections were voiced by Carl Raushenbush of the Citizens' Commit-

tee on Public Utilities.

Labor groups, represented by President Martin Wersing and President Martin Wersing and Business Manager Martin Wersing of the Light and Power Utility Workers Union B-752, argued that it would entail the firing of thousands of workers.

But the Public Service Commission seemed to think it was a good

WOMEN OPPOSED

And unless that long suffering worm, the consumer, turns in a big way during the next few days, you can expect to read news any day now: the news that the Public Service Commission has given its formal blessings to the union.

Communist Party, think this is the is daily expected to release its rultime for workers and consumers ing. to make the commission sit up and

In interviews with the Daily Worker, they urged the public to of all its subsidiaries. make its sentiments on the merger known immediately to chairman Milo Maltbie of the Public Service Commission at 80 Center Street.

Rose Nelson was kept scribbling away on a piece of paper as I asked her questions. She wasn't playing tick-tack-toe or making designs either. She was making notes, writing down suggestions, thinking the

Her attitude was matter of fact and practical. And she speaks from She said that the Women's Coun-

cils have behind them a long rec-ord of opposition to the utility monopoly in New York.

In 1932, as one of the leaders of the councils, she participated in hearings before the Public Service Commission to protest against the company practice of charging consumers a dollar minimum for elec-

EXTEND HEARINGS She recalled that she had been

active in demonstrations in front of the municipal building where the commission has its headquar-

And she promised that today also the councils will be active in any mass movement to combat the

"The first step toward rembe extending the hearings before the commission and giving consumers and workers a chance to express their objections fully and ade-

Other objectives sre recommended were drives for lower rates against lay-offs of utility workers and for a municipal power plant as the means of ending the undisputed tyranny of the Consolidated mono-

MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT

Amter emphasized the importance of a mass campaign to back up the demand for city-owned power plant. There should be a bill similar to that drawn up by Assemblyman Maurice Fitzgerald empowering the city to build a plant of its own. Such a bill should be backed by the trade

"A municipal power plant will make it possible to reduce electric there is at least some nominal sep-

union, and by consumer's groups.

"But while keeping this long-time perspective in mind," he continued, 'we should not forget the immediate problems of fighting against the plans of the utilities.

He got sore in discussing the expected white-wash by the Public Service Commission of the merger. "Why should the Public Service Commission have all that power anyway? Who ever appointed it?

Whom does it represent BOTH URGE PROTESTS

"There ought to be a Public Service Commission which is truly representative of the public. There ought to be representatives of consumers' groups, of trade unions and of the workers engaged in the utility industry.

"One immediate demand that consum or ought to put forward is recognition of the union of the utility workers. After all, the consumers pay. They should have a right to have some say about the way in | rates. which the companies treat the workers.'

Both Amter and Miss Nelson think that despite the fact that the Public Service Commission is predisposed to favor the utility companies, protest now can be extremely

effective. They both pointed out the need for some inclusive organization that

can make the voice of the consumers be heard. The fact is that opposition to the merger is wide-spread. It has sim-

ply not been organized. The organized trade union; movement should rally in opposition to it because the merger places jeopardy the jobs of several

hundred thousand workers. PROFITS ON RISE

Consumers, and that of course includes almost everybody, have a number of good reasons to be against it.

utility market in New York. the game of the utilities. present the productive and management end of the companies ities business is a gyp. Now is the zationally, now that they've thrown T. F. Murphy, secretary-treasurer of thirty. But between four and five

Utilities Merger

Decision Is Expected

Consumers' Attempts to Have Rates Lowered Would Be Seriously Affected by Ruling-Bias Is Charged in Board Hearings

Within the week the Public Service Commission is expected to hand down one of the most important decisions it

That is why Rose Nelson, executive secretary of the Progressive Women's Council, and I. Amter, New York state organizer of the Commission has completed its hearing merger of New York Edison and Consolidated E The commission has completed its hearings on the merger of New York Edison and Consolidated Edison and

The merger is considered to be the first step of Consolidated Edi-son in effecting a gigantic mergor

Consumers' efforts to have rates reduced will be seriously effected as a result of the merger. It is believed that with the tightening of its grip on New York gas and electric services, the Consolidated system may inaugurate several increases in

New York City, through Corporation Counsel Windels, has issued a vigorous brief opposing the merger headed and declaring that the commission lawyer. was strongly blased in its conduct of the hearings.

4 SERIOUS CHARGES

The brief makes four serious charges against the commission: "1-The hearings were conducted

with every evidence of haste. "2—Orderly presentation of the City's objections was seriously hampered by continued interruption by

the sitting Commissioner. "3-The arbitrary character of the rulings seems equally to con-demn the conduct of the proceed-

"4-Not only was marked hostility | York consumers and also enable shown toward the city's objection them to evade taxes.

but it was carried to the length of distorting the testimony." These charges are supported by detailed testimony proving the favoratism shown by the commis-

Kansas City

Vote Scandal

ganization-dominated political ma-

more doesn't bother me much."

"There is a great wave of inves-

ment boys are investigating every-

Nominations have been held, and

at 253 West 28th St. The nomina-

tions meeting voted to permit all

union members, paid up to Decem-

because of the refusal of the former

members, in order to prevent them

Those running are: President T.

for executive board with 9 to be

Returns are in from the Whole-

sale Hardware, Crockery and House-

furnishing Specialties Union, Local

president; Benjamin Small, treas-

HARDWARE UNION

ELECTS OFFICERS

Bernstein, trustees,

BY BRICKLAYERS

MIRSKY IS RE-ELECTED

nounced the new officers.

the trade.

not one conviction.

sion to the utilities. Other companies which are expected to come within the scope of the merger within a short time are Brooklyn Edison, Queens Electric Light and Power and the Westchester Lighting companies, as well as all the other Consolidated sub-

The merger has been opposed by the New York Power Authority, headed by Frank Walsh, noted

A statement issued by Walsh de clared that the Consolidated has inflated, watered stock to the extent of almost \$300 millions.

The merger has also been opposed by the Light and Power Utility Workers Union B752 and consumers

Consumers are expected to suffer since the merger will be a set back to efforts to reduce rates. Labor groups have opposed it on the ground that it means lay-offs

for thousands of workers. The utilities are the only group benefiting from the merger since it will tighten their hold on the New

With the Unions

Department Store Workers See Gains for Organization in Bonuses Announced by Macy, May for Work During Christmas Holiday Rushes

The Christmas rush is in full swing now. Newspapers are carrying pictures of crowded streets and reports of crowded stores. Think of the sales girl in a time like this.

The Department Store Employes Union, Local 1250, is on the job. They've chalked up another victory when I expected that it would come my

Macy's announced pay for overtime during the Christmas rush, help are being announced. The from Macy's, but one thing is ob-Bonuses for department store

rates by some 40 per cent," Amter aration in the financial records and structure of the companies. This gives the consumers some weapon with which to effect fixture separation of obth the management and productive ends of the

> The fact is that the consume bills the cost of continuing the declining business of gas.

During recent years, production and profits of the electric business have been on the upgrade. Albeen showing a profit, the rate has shops. been declining, and production has been going down.

The merger will mean that the company will be able to add on to time and a half for overtime, \$15not so profitable gas business.

of competition it will also be a violating the agreement. simpler proposition for the companies to institute increases in

As a matter of fact, one of the things consumers ought to watch out for now is a rise in rates Fox, union organizers, were leaders shortly following the consummation of the strike. of the merger.

TIME TO PROTEST IS NOW Of course, from the point of view DRIVE FOR MEMBERS of the companies, the merger means added profits.

It means that they will be able to avoid taxes that they are now forced to pay as the result of the existence of numerous subsidiaries. It will mean that they will be well on the road to perfecting one of the most complete utility monop-

olies in the country. If protests comes now, the Public Service Commission may be forced to sit up and take notice of the almost unanimous opposition to the merger.

What is considered to be the almost inevitable blessing of the merger may be postponed or even Plaza Hall. Perhaps the most important is defeated. In any event, immediate that the merger tightens the grip protest will prove the rallying of the Consolidated Edison on the point of the forces that can beat

Consumers think that the util- to get themselves settled organi- chairman of the committee, and are pretty much combined. But time for them to say it with action, out the former officials on charges the com-

That is some concession, coming bonuses, granted after union agita- of fostering a company union, vious, whatever the girls will be tion, really mean only about 35 paid, won't be anywhere what they cents a week. The union demands a \$21 minimum wage, 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, job security and discharge pay for temporary help.

Even May's Department Store, where a six-month strike was con- from being active in the union. ducted last year, has granted a bonus in an attempt to stop union activity.

will now be forced to carry on his THE FUR FLOOR BOYS AGAIN-THEY CAN'T BE STOPPED

Those young floor boys in the fur | elected. industry just can't be stopped. Their record of victories reached a new high this week, with the settlement though the gas business has also of the 35 strikes in the fur cutting

The agreement with the association for these formerly unorganized workers includes a 46-hour week, the electric bills charges for their \$18-\$25-\$30 minimums, hiring through the union, legal holidays With the complete elimination with pay, and fines for employers

The two week strike, which ended successfully, will be celebrated at a victory dance Saturday night at the Young Circle League Ballroom, 22 E. 15th St. Irwin Cohen and Bill

BEDDING LOCAL BEGINS

A stitch in time saves a lot of headaches, Bedding Local 140 believes. Plans are now under way for an organizational drive next sea-

Organizer Joseph Magliacano, presented the plan of work to the shop chairmen and committee members. Leaflets have gone out to all un-

organized workers, telling of the union's achievements and urging them to organize. The union has succeeded in gaining recognition in Conway, treasurer. more than 60 shops. Union membership meeting will

be held tonight at 7:30 at Irving GREEK FURRIERS TO

NAME NEW OFFICERS

same when they saved their sweetheart from a loveless marriage to a stuffed shirt. Sholem Aleichem's delightful story is still running at the Artef Theatre on 48th Street. U.S. to Probe There's Militancy in the Air At the Needle Trades Project

But S. Levine and M. Goldstein of the Artef's play "200,000" took the credit all the

exhibited nervousness today as a corner just the same. The Workers Federal Grand Jury began an in- Alliance had called a meeting to Still Time vestigation into Kansas City's or- talk about pink slips and the women were listening hard and so was a cop or two and so were passersby

The union has won a victory on The Pendergast Democratic or- the sewing room project. The more ganization, brought by fiorid, 63- than two hundred pink slips the mas will not go through the way to wait. into domination of State politics and national prominence, was ex- delegation down to see Colonel Pendergast, convalescent from a eager for more publicity and exfive-months illness, was perhaps pressed resentment right now. He gave a five-day extension for the project. the calmest member of his far- presentation of the pink slips. If flung organization. He said he had any of the women who were going been investigated so often that "one to get them can prove they are eligible for the relief they need so badly, they'll stay on the project. "I've heard nothing but cries of Or so the colonel says.

fraud in the 41 years I have been This sewing room project over in politics," Pendergast said. "Just Tenth Avenue is no Mrs. Simp look over my record, and the rec- castle. There are five floors for the needle trades project and three hunord of the political organization dred women work on a floor. The the newspaper boys like to call ventilation is awful, the women 'Boss Tom's wicked outfit,' and said. They complained at the beyou'll find 42 years of charges and ginning, feeling themselves growing sick from lack of air. But the ventilation improvements that were tigating going on. All the govern- promised have not yet been attended

thing they can think of and dream. Speaks in Spanish

There are five floors of needle trades in this building and about 2,200 women working there. A lot elections take place all day Friday of the women are Spanish and many of them are Negro. At the open air meeting, the woman who spoke in Spanish got a big hand even ber, 1935, to vote. This was done from those who didn't understand her language. They knew by her eyes and her enthusiasm that she officials to take dues from union was calling upon them to unite and win victories for themselves.

It was so with the Negro woman who spoke too. She phrased her Johnson; recording secretary, L. message with such fire and mili-Hatchas: financial secretary, F. tancy that the people around could Apostolites and J. Alexue: vicenot help but catch on to the idea president. George Baltas: organizer. J. Vofiolis; and twelve candidates

The union, the Workers Alliance, is growing on the project. Since the victory of the pink slips all of these family women who work so hard for so little money are coming to discover the value of organization Seems as if all unions have their They work in two shifts and both elections around this time of the of them are hard on you if you've got kids at home, like practically all of them have, they said. On one shift you go to work at seven thirty in the morning, and on the other you get off at eight at night. Not much time to keep house and New officers are: Morris Harris, raise a family.

president; Isadore Goldenberg, vice And not much money to keep house and raise a family an either, urer; Joseph Ellen, recording sec-Sixteen and a half a week for opretary; Isadore Schiller, sergeanterators, and thirteen ninety-six for at-arms; and Sam Pollan, Max finishers. There's rent and food and clothes for all the family to buy Kanofsky, Benjamin Pinckney, Al

One of the women told me one

An organizational drive is now Clothes under way among the workers in Not Distributed

thing they're angry about is what happens to the clothes they're mak-Election results from city trade ing over on the project. They had unions are still coming in. Brick- understood that the things dresses and shirts and underwear layers Union, Local 37, has just anand cheap suits-were to be given Jacob Mirsky, former president, That made their work seem not out to the poor people on relief. has been re-elected. So has Pesquite so bad, since it's something to quale Marino, vice-president; Wesbe helping out other people who are ley McIntyre, recording secretary; needy. But now they've heard the Peter Hackett and Joseph Flood, things are not being distributed, but sergeants-at-arms, and Edward are being piled up high in a ware-

house. For heaven knows what, one

Frank Burns and B. Silverman woman put it. are the new trustees; James Evans But there's militancy in the air and Joseph Little, deputies; Peter on that 10th Avenue Needle Trades A. Thornton, financial secretary; Project. They proved it at their Ernest Cerusi, business agent; Al- meeting last Friday night at the fred DeLucia and Eugene Sullivan, Manhattan Opera House. It was a delegates to the N. Y. executive rainy night, hard to go out into Greek furriers are losing no time committee; Frank Della Benna, when you've got to get up at six in order to be to work at seven hundred women came and many

The wind was blowing sharp and were thrilled by that meeting, by hard from the river the other day workers and by the 45 dollars that at noon, but the women on the were collected out of the pennies left KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15 WPA sewing room project over at over from 16 and 13 dollar a week (UP). — Politicians high and low 469-10th Avenue gathered on the salaries after the household bills had

That meeting would have been a strike meeting were it not for Somervell's acting fast for the delegation. The Union was going to call a sit-in strike on the needle year-old Thomas J. Pendergast, women were going to get for Christ- trades project. Now they've decided If the pink slips are torn things look now. The union sent a up and thrown into the colonel's delegation down to see Colonel waste paper basket, okay. If they're Somervell and the colonel isn't given out after all, well, there's still time to strike and there's a growing spirit of unity down there on the

Protest Against Dismissal Slips

Pink Slips endanger the Federal Theatre. A mass protest meeting Committee to fight this danger. Morris Watson, head of the Living Newspaper Project and member of the Newspaper Guild will be one of the principal speakers at this meet-

Mr. Watson has long spoken and fought for a free and vital Federal Theatre. His efforts to prevent the suppression of the first Living Newspaper show, "Ethiopia" have not been forgotten.

Among the other speakers at this meeting, all people closely associated with some phase of theatre, are Irwin Shaw, author of "Bury the Dead," Willis Morgan, president of the City Projects Council, Tamiris president of the Dancers Associa tion and one of the Dance Project supervisors, and Herbert Kline, editor of New Theatre and Film maga-

All Federal theatre workers and their friends are urged to attend this meeting which will be held at the Washington Irving School on Thursday evening December 17th, at 8:30 P. M. There will be an admission charge of 25c.

Film Contest

CONDITIONS

1. Choose the ten best motion pictures of 1936. Send your selection to the Movie Contest Editor, together with a letter of not more than 100 words, telling why you believe the first picture of your choice was the best picture and should receive the Daily Worker Award for Merit.

2. In choosing the ten best pictures, include four serious films, four comcides or musical films and two foreignmade films.

3. You may use for this purpose

made films.

3. You may use for this purpose this coupon, or you may write the list on any piece of paper and mail it to the Movie Contest Editor.

4. The winners will be judged according to the merit of their letters.

5. The contest is open to all, whether readers of the Daily and Sunday Worker or not. It is not open, however, to members of the staffs of the Daily and Sunday Worker, or members of their families.

6. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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First Prize: Two guest tickets to
each of the following theatres: Cameo,
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Filmarte, Music Hall, Paramount,
Rivoli, Roxy, Strand,
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the following: Capitol, Music Hall,
Paramount, Rivoli, Roxy,
Third Prize: Two guest tickets to
the following: Cameo, Criterion, Filmarté.

Fourth Prize: Two guest tickets to the following: Strand, 55th St. Play-

house.

Fifth Prize: Two tickets to the Music Hall; 6th Prize: Two tickets to the Roxy; 7th Prize: Two tickets to the Paramount; 8th Prize: Two tickets to the Capitol; 9th Prize: Two tickets to the Capitol; 9th Prize: Two tickets to the Rivoli; 11th Prize: Two tickets to the Rivoli; 11th Prize: Two tickets to the Criterion; 12th Prize: Two tickets to the Strand; 13th Prize: Two tickets to the Strand; 13th Prize: Two tickets to the Filmarte; 14th Prize: Two tickets to the Filmarte; 14th Prize: Two tickets to the 55th St. Playhouse.

7. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

8. Send your letter and list to

Send your letter and list to Movie Contest Editor, c-o Daily Worker, 50 East 13th St., New York

Reporter Gibbons Pollutes The Air with Fascist Talks

Aligns Himself With Hearst's Man Knickerbocker in De scribing the Fight of the People's Front Government in Spain Against Fascism

By Charles E. Dexter

Poison air is pouring out of the Columbia Broadcast System's radio stations every Saturday evening at 9:30 Eastern Standard Time. The occasion is the Nash-Lafayette "Speed-Show" and the master of ceremonies is none other than Hearst's former war correspondent Floyd Gibbons, who sits at a desk and tints everything with his pro-Fascist

Gibbons, who is famous for several things, is notorious for his Fascist bias. He is reputed to have lost one eye during the world war and is also noted for his ability to spill a record number of words out of his mouth in the least possible time. He also claims the reputation of being on the spot wherever men ?

slaughter of the Spanish people.

He left—or was asked to leave— consul who "interceded with the consul who "interced with the consul who "interced with the c this deponent knoweth not. But Red commissars." The episode soon after he returned to America, to cash in on his latest adventure, superfluous plea for more guns and he turned up on the Nash auto- more aviators in the Americale mobile program, His first broad- army. casts rsembled H. R. Knicker-bocker's in their condemnation of Hisses Are the "Reds" and their prediction Gibbons' Applause that General Franco would soon en-

That was some weeks ago. The neroic stand of the people of Spain has broken down the barrage of Fascist lies spread in the newspapers. The truth is becoming known that the war in Spain is between democracy and Fascist mercenaries, imported into Spain from Morocco. Italy and Germany. And the American public has been quick to swing to sympathetic understanding of the significance of Spain's fight for democracy. But not Gibbons. On Saturday

night at CBS Theatre No. 2 he unveiled a Fascist killer, a youth who had flown over Abyssinia dropping death upon helpless Ethiopian natives. The young aviator, American born of Italian parentage, could scarcely be condemned for ignorance of the meaning of his acts. His excuse for joining the Italian air force was that "you have to be a college graduate to be an Amer-

ican army aviator.' joining the Spanish rebel forces other than that he was sent to Spain by Mussolini. Gibbons in- of General Motors or Henry Ford, troduced him to the audience in the theatre and the millions on the air as a hero and prattled on about the "heroic boy who had just Fascist lies. missed death at the hands of the Put him Red hordes." Gibbons repeated all deep silence.

the old lines about the "Reds put-Gibbons was present soon after ting all prisoners to death" and the Fascist generals began their concoted a story of an eleventhconcluded with Gibbons making &

Hisses were heard as Gibbona concluded his air show, which, except for pollution by his words and personality was a grand show, featuring Vincent Lopez, Zimbalist and a new baritone, Conrad Mayo.

You are urged by this commentator to listen carefully to Gibbons air programs and if he repeats his Fascist propaganda to flood the listening with protests. Get Gibbons off the air. And if his sponsors, the Nash-Lafayette Motor Company, are back of his Fascist

Automobile companies are riding the crest of the wave of production at this moment. Pay increases feature their publicity and advertising. They are prosperous and confident. But they have not stopped their

reactionary propaganda. However, if Alfred P. Sloan or J. Cameron wish to advocate "the American plan" sliding wage scales But he had little excuse for fixed to the cost of living," they fool few people. They pay for time under their own names.

But Gibbons, "the great reporter," is poisoning the air with insidious Put him where he belongs. In

STADT" AT LYRIC

Theatre on 42nd Street, West of

ors' revolt, "We Are From Kron-

stadt," in addition to its regular

FEATURE 'WINTERSET'

By popular request the Lyric

'200 WERE CHOSEN' "WE ARE FROM KRON-CONTINUES RUN

Having announced that "200 Were Chosen" would close after last Broadway, will play the outstand-Saturday night's performance, busi- ing Russian picture, about the sailness spurted to such a degree that it was decided to keep the show indefinitely. The story of Alaska's bill, beginning tomorrow. has been called by the New Theatre | pioneers therefore can still be seen at the 48th Street Theatre with the Actors Repertory Group playing

the leading roles.

"Winterset" is being shown at the RKO Albee and Palace this week.

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THAT LOUIS PUNCH PUTS 'EM TO SLEEP

By Ted Benson

THIS John Risko is one of the luckiest guys who ever came over the pike.

The India Rubber man from Akron was born under a lucky star the events in Cleveland have proved. John was selected as the victim of one Joe Louis for a charity bout in the Lake City, but fortunately, he broke a rib in training and thus saved himself a lot of lumps.

His substitute for the affair was one Eddie Simms, heralded as an iron jawed hombre who could take it as well as hand it out.

Mr. Simms, as you have learned by now, stepped into the ring with Mr. Louis and was removed therefrom twenty-six seconds later in a prone position and feet first.

The bout was stopped by referee Arthur Donovan, who stepped in just in time to ruin a good case for a hospital.

At the bell, Simms let drive with a left hook and a couple of rights to Louis's jaw. This was like baiting a hungry tiger with a nice juicy chocolate eclaire. The Ager was peeved (probably because the eclaire wasn't a steak) and let drive a left hook that landed flush on the prognathous chin of the allegedly durable Mr. Simms.

That hook seemed to do the trick. At least Mr. Simms thought so.

Landed on His Pants

He landed flush on the seat of his pretty purple trunks and stretched flat on the floor of the ring. Groggy, he shook his head to clear out the mists and tried to haul himself to his feet using the ring ropes as a ladder. At the count of nine he was weaving on his shaky feet with his hands down waiting for the coup de grace. Louis was heading for him with the kill in his eyes when referee Donovan stepped between the men and stopped what might have been manslaughter.

Is it any wonder that I consider Johnny Risko a lucky lug? Old Jawn was at the ringside and saw the accident that almost happened to him and those deep breaths he was hauling into his brawny chest might easily be interpreted as sighs of relief.

In case any of you have forgotten, the Joe Louis whose single sock tucked away a rough, tough battler, is the same Joe Louis who was sidetracked by the boxing commission of the State of New York to give Storm Trooper Mox Schmeling a shot at the title held by Champion James J. Braddock

Maybe the boxing commission doesn't read the papers-in fact I sometimes doubt that the members of that august body can readbut if they do, they should know by now that the fight the public wants to see is the one between Louis and Braddock.

Owens Wins Again

It is no surprise to anyone who has seen Jesse Owens in action to find him out in front. That is precisely where he belongs and it is generally where you'll find him

This time Jesse is out in front in the annual poll conducted by the Associated Press to find the most outstanding athlete of

Owens, winner of four Olympic medals in the Nazi Olympics trebled the vote received by Carl Hubbell, the pitching ace of the

The only surprising thing about the poll is that the voting wasn't unanimous. But of course, many southern papers participated in the voting and one could hardly expect the yellow belly southern press to offend the sensibilities of its readers by voting for a Negro, even if he is the greatest track athlete since Jim Thorpe, who by the way, was an

The fact that a Negro and an Indian stand head and shoulders above any track athletes of all times should make the believers in Nordic supremacy feel happy, too.

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Plight

Mrs. Mae Ebbets Cadore, daughter

of the late Charles H. Ebbets,

day she intended to apply for a job

as scrub woman at Ebbets Fild be-

cause of her inability to get any of

the income of her father's \$2,000,-

She said she was ill, without suf-

ficient money to hire a doctor, and

was forced to live in a cheap fur-

said bitterly in an interview, "but

right now I've got to get enough

Mrs. Cadore said she was entitled

to two-fifteenths of the income of

her father's estate but has been un-

able to get any money from it for

four years because of litigation in-

volving an accounting made by the

executors. Prior to the suit she re-

She is married to Leon Cadore,

once one of the Brooklyn Dodgers'

most famous pitchers. He hurled a

26-inning scoreless tie against Joe

Oeschger of the Braves in 1920. Mrs.

Cadore said she had tried to get

her husband a job as scout for the

Brooklyn team but her letters had

not been answered. Jadore works

"It's entirely out of his line," she

said. "He never earns more than

a little and some times not that.

I had to apply for home relief about

is a queer case. We never had any-

thing like it before. Here you are

part owner of an estate of \$1,000,000

or more and you're asking for re-

The home relief people said 'this

on commission for a drug house.

ceived an income of \$6,000 a year.

"I'm an heiress all right," she

000 estate.

nished room.

to eat on."

Brooklyn baseball magnate, said to-

When Joe Hits 'Em

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1936

On Relief Joe Louis didn't waste much time with Eddie Simms in Cleveland Monday night. Before 11,000 amazed fans who came out to see him against an opponent who could hit, Joe blasted his man out of the way in exactly 26 seconds of the first round. Daughter of Baseball

It was the first blow struck by the popular Detroit boy, who has put new life into the fistic game. It was a short left hook, a half uppercut, that exploded on Simm's right jaw, half way between the point and the cheek bone. Eddie went down as though he were shot. He regained his feet at the count of nine, but was obviously out and helpless. The referee stopped it for the sake of the Simms wife and kids.

Eleven thousand fight fans went out into the Cleveland night



Champs Play for Spain Tonite

All Set? Here We Go!

The second of a series of Daily Worker "Games For Spain" goes under way tonight at the Social Dance Group, 94 Fifth Ave.

The full evening program will be headed by a Table Tennis exhibition as played by cham-

If you have never seen champions play before, you will be thrilled by the spectacle. Douglas Cartland, champion of North Carolina, will meet Thor Sanger, who holds the title in Nassau County, while Frank Spinka, national civil service champ, will match his skill against David Engelman, champion of Flushing.

While this will end the sporting part of the program, there is some really fine entertainment, which will follow the parade of the champions. The entertainment will be all Spanish, in keeping with the character of the

"I told them I couldn't eat the benches at Ebbets Field." Four pupils of the famous Lola Bravo

Studio, Anita Caval, singer; Josephine Mendez and Mina La Gitena, dancers, and Carmen Waidman, planist, as well as a tango exhibition by Harry and Miriam Pallas, are among the highlights of the evening. The affair will be concluded with dancing to the tunes of a wellknown swing band.

We are sure you wouldn't want to miss this great event, especially when you know that the money raised will go to the heroic men and women of Spain who are giving their lives in defense of democracy.

Show your solidarity with them by attending this affair.

Tickets can be secured at the box office or all day today at the Daily Worker Sports Department, 35 East 12th Street, 8th floor; Workers' Bookshop, 50 East 13th Street, and the Socialist Party headquarters, 21 East 17th

That's all-see you there.

Says Doc:

Meet the Members of the

Sports Staff at the

"Game for Spain," Tonight—

Lots of Fun—And Dancing

IWO Aids Labor Sports Growth

Rapidly Growing Basketball Tourneys Take Turn Upward—Games for Spain and Daily Worker Promised—Enthusiasm High

By Mike Kantor

Another strong labor sports unit comes into being Sat-

The I.W.O. with ten basketball teams already in the league, start their season at the Stuyvesant High Gym before what is expected to be a record crowd for workers' court

First Night Grid Game

The New Rochelle Bulldogs, run- the labor sports movement in the ners-up for the 1936 American Football Association championship, and letic director of the IWO. the Danbury Trojans, grid title-holders of New England, clash tonight at the 105th Field Artillery Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue in the Bronx, in the first in-door football game to be staged within the confines of Father Knick-

The Bulldogs, with Alabama Pitts of Sing Sing fame and Joe Hudasky of 1936 Columbia football note, will enter the affray a 6-5 favorite over the Trojans.

Today's Events

GAME FOR SPAIN Table-tennis tournament and dance at the Social Dance Group Studio, 94 Fifth Ave., 8:30 F.M.

BOXING

Ridgewood Grove—Dean Detton vs. Rob-ert Burns, to a finish; Gino Martinelli vs. Cleve Welch. Hans Schacht vs. John Gu-diski, Harry Man Mountain Jacobs vs. Irv-ing Halpern, Frank Sexton vs. Ted Key. Maurice La Chappelle vs. Bill Sledge, time limit.

WRESTLING

Hippodrome—Harry Balsamo vs. Solly Krieger, ten rounds; Paulie Walker vs. Cocco Kid, Johnny Hutchinson vs. Johnny Cabello, eight rounds each; Luis Diaz vs. Joe Straiges, six rounds; Willie Nussbaum vs. Johnny Mirabello, four rounds.

events. Announcement that the IWO basketball tourney is rapidly taking its place alongside of the Features Alabama Pitts LGWU and Metropolitan Labor Athletic League as the bulwark of

city, comes from Joe Rascob, ath-

"We ought to have at least five more teams before next week," he said. "We've lined up five other gyms; our teams practice regularly; enthusiasm is mounting; games for Spain and for the Daily Worker are being arranged, and the IWO basketball tournament should hit a new high in the labor world."

We're so pepped up we accepted a challenge from Joe to play the best his great fraternal organization can offer. The Daily can put out a strong five, if you fans are interested. But before we drift from the topic at hand, we join the cheers of the working class in New York for whom the IWO sports league shines like a beacon towards the road of ultimate working-class control over their athletic lives.

Balsamo in Comeback

A slugfest par excellence is scheduled to come off tonight at the Hippodrome when Solly Krieger encounters Harry Balsamo. Balsamo is staging a comeback

after a defeat at the hands of Babe

Ryan Refuses to EMBASSY HITS Nazi Troops Repulsed TROTZKYITES Back Coast Strike SPANISH SHIP In Drive Near Madrid HIT AS FOES OF

Strikebreaking I.L.A. President Rejects Bridges Appeal for Support Which Even Lines Admit Would Win Union Victory on Both Coasts

(Continued from Page 1) that the Pacific coast strike could

50,000 "WITH HIM" His appearance at the meeting of the Atlantic District Council of the I. L. A. in Ryan's offices yesterday was in the nature of a final showdown with the strike-breaking presdent of the dock workers union. Bridges sauntered alone into Ryan's

stop his strike-breaking.

stronghold, and walked calmly through a group of the latter's bodyguard and supporters. When the two met, Bridges nodded to Ryan while the latter ignored a greeting and asked gruffly: 'Who'd you bring with you?"

"I came alone," Bridges answered

Despite the literal truth of Bridges' cool answer, it was obvious to those who witnessed the meeting of the two men, that Bridges was not alone - that 50,000 maritime workers stood behind him to a man in his mission to Ryan's offices.

RYAN REFUSES

fought his way up from the docks strike in 1934, to leadership through a sheer combination of honesty and | I.L.A ability was presenting the "old membership.

terms, were, "cut loose from your here tonight at Madison Square connections with the enemies of Garden, on the same platform with your own membership - and tsop acting as a strikebreaker. Help us bring the strike to an end by making it solid on both coasts." Ryan refused.

In an interview with the press following the conference, Ryan, visibly shaken by his encounter with Edward F. McGrady announced a beginning has been made.

Bridges, cynically declared that he

ise of support to the West Coast be settled in 24 hours if Ryan would longshoremen. ASKS SEPARATE PAST

had not backed down on his prom-

He maintained that he was still ready to start action here, providing the Pacific Coast dock workers knife the other striking maritime unions in the back, by agreeing to a separate settlement

He complained that Bridges had said that the West Coast longshoremen would not return to work leaving the other unions still striking, and without a settlement. Ryan also brazenly declared that he would never, under any circumstances, call for joint action with

SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT He charged that the Federation was "communistic," and ended his

interview with the press by stating that the International Executive Board of the I.L.A. had "fired Bridges off the payroll." The action of removing the West

Coast leader from the role of the The tall wiry longshoreman, who international executive board does not affect his position in any way. through the historic Frisco general Bridges remains in his key position president of the Pacific Coast

Bridges left Ryan's offices to go guard" with the demands of the to Boston last night where he spoke to a mass meeting of striking sea-Those demands, in the simplest men and longshoremen. He speaks some of the outstanding union

> McGrady Announces Tentative Pact

Navemar Under Orders of Spain-Crew Loyal to the Government

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ried out the order of Federal Judge freighter over to the company. He said the previous owners had requested him to remove, by force

if necessary, all but four of the that their commanders were beseamen aboard, but that the court order contained no such instruc- sistance against the legitimate Retions. He added that Judge G. Ral- publican government is useless. ston had stricken out a sentence in the order proposed by the owner's tle time to endure, as the governcounsel, requiring the crew to be ment can count upon powerful ele-

in company with two deputy marshals on board the vessel yesterday in the presence of the crew Says Government and representatives of the company by reading it and taking down a notice of attachment.

crew it would be carried out and that no trouble was expected.

shippers and unlicensed seamen.

however, regarding agreements between the shipping lines and striking dock workers and licensed of-

Full Clemency to All Who Surrender (Continued from Page 1)

a personal promise from General

Jose Miaja, commander of the Ma- Prelate Asks drid's Defense Junta, that attack- Madrid's Fall ers who came over to the govern-Clarence G. Galston to turn the ment side would be immune from punishment.

His appeal, addressed to "Spansoldiers, Foreign Legionnaires, and Moorish Regulars," told them coming desperate and that their re-

"The resistance of your ranks," the pamphlet said, "has but a litments with which to terminate the sible with your arms.'

Superior in Air

of Washington, D. C., a Loyalist tain an order for removing the pilot, today said that the Spanish Anti-Fascist Group government now has superiority in the air. Du Berrier is here on leave.

London Searches for

listment Act of 1870 to determine if ever before. British subjects enlisting in Spain

settlement of the general maritime whether the act, which was drawn ment and supper. Subscription is tie-up, McGrady admitted that only up to keep Britons from enlisting two dollars and tickets may be had a beginning has been made.

plies only to international wars or to civil wars as well.

Leaflets on Moors and Legionnaires-Pledge

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Archbishop of Toledo, Primate of Spain, who was recently received by Pope Pius, today called on the Spanish workagainst Franco's Fascist forces.

Nazis and Italians In Rebel Lines

MADRID, Wednesday, Dec. 16 (UP).-German and Italian vetodious campaign within a very brief violent attack against the key viltime. Come to our ranks—if poslage of Pozuelo last night, the Government said early today.

German and Italian soldiers fighting for the fascists had fought their countrymen in the famed anti-fas-PARIS, Dec. 15.-Hal du Berrier cist "International Brigade."

Plans New Year Fete

Fascist Literature into new channels for the coming year, the Anti-LONDON, Dec. 15.—Government Fascist Literature Committee will officials and legal experts are re- hold its annual New Year's Eve time back.

St. There will be distinguished There was some question about guests as well as dancing, entertain-

Government Retakes Boadilla-Planes Shower

Catalonian Government Reorganized; New Volunteers Arrive

MADRID, Dec. 15 (UP) .- Accordng to reports from Barcelona, the U.G.T. (General Workers Union) a manifesto stating that unity and harmony of the "united front" was impossible if the Marxist Unification Workers Party [the ers to quit defending Madrid P. O. U. M.-Trotskyite-influenced faction.-Ed.] was included in the new government being formed there

"That party," the manifesto added, "already is acting in a man-

The Socialist Party organ in Barcelona, commenting on the political erans led fascist forces in another strife arising from efforts to form a new Catalonian government, says that it is necessary to form a reage of Pozuelo last night, the Gov-ernment said early today.

It was said to be the first time gime enjoying full powers and hav-ing unity of action in order to break the "Fascist enemy."

> BARCELONA, Dec. 15. - While the Catalonian government was being reorganized, following resignation of Premier Jose Tarradellas, the stream of international anti-Fascist volunteers continued to flow through here en route to various

> Fifteen hundred international colunteers arrived yesterday, most of them French and Belgian. Only few days ago, 1,200 passed through Barcelona, and a contingent of 2,500 preceded those a short Premier Tarradellas announced

his resignation and that of his cabinet yesterday, declaring that he could "not control the anarchist factions and other extremists." President Luis Companys announced he would begin formation

of a new cabinet immediately, with collaboration of anti-Fascist and workers' organizations.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 .- tie-up, McGrady admitted that only

He said that he served the order

He added that if the owners ob-

tonight that tentative agreements were reached between strike-bound No announcement was made

While viewing the negotiations sions. as progress in bringing about a

Ban on Enlistments

To further the spread of Anti-

ported examining the Foreign En- celebration on a larger scale than The Committee has engaged the can be punished under its provi- MacDowell Club at 166 East 73rd