

16,000 HEAR BRIDGES AT GARDEN RALLY

Nazis to Send 20,000 Troops To Aid Franco

50 Women and Children Perish, Hundreds Are Wounded Before Government Planes Rout Fascist Fleet of 39 in Madrid Dogfight

By Ralph Heinzen

PARIS, Dec. 16 (UP).—A secret meeting in Paris between an envoy of General Francisco Franco, Spanish Fascist leader, and representatives of two European powers to arrange the sending of foreign specialists to aid the fascists has been scheduled for the near future, the United Press learned tonight.

While the powers which will aid Franco were not publicly named, Italy and Germany have been accused of helping the fascists.

Franco has turned to Hitler for further aid, and it is understood that 20,000 volunteers will be asked to aid his army.

NAZIS BUILD FACTORIES

The general has been asked to withdraw his troops from the Madrid front and move them South, out of the snow into the warmer climate of Malaga. Their planes on the Madrid front will be taken as rapidly as possible by German volunteers. Afterward, Franco may undertake simultaneously offensives against Madrid and Malaga.

From Franco's representatives in Paris, the United Press learned tonight that there are now 6,000 Italian aviators, tank drivers and mechanics. There were fewer than 6,000 Germans a few weeks ago, but recent arrivals have increased their number to nearly 10,000.

The Germans have begun construction for Franco's factories behind the lines, intended for the repair of planes and tanks and the assembling of war materials brought into the fascist ports of Coruna and Cadiz. Germany is also advancing funds for factories as well as credits for war materials.

MADRID, Dec. 16 (UP).—A fleet of 39 fascist bombers, the largest sent against Madrid thus far, blasted whole blocks of working men's homes today and buried women and children in flaming wreckage.

In one block alone—in the suburb of Tetuan—50 women and children were entombed in the ruins of what had been their homes. So widespread and thorough was the damage that the International Red Cross was unable to reckon the dead. More than 200 persons were treated for serious injuries at emergency stations.

FOE DRIVEN OFF

The air raiders, who spread their destruction over a wide area, were driven off by government planes which went into the fog over the city and engaged the enemy ships in a furious "dog fight."

Fourteen swift pursuit planes, which accompanied five fascist bombers in the first raid circled the government planes in an attempt to permit the bombers to escape.

Two square blocks of houses and two apartment buildings were destroyed in Tetuan where 40 bombs of 40-kilogram size fell.

The greatest damage was along the Calle Tetuan, between house numbers 52 and 63. Six rescue squads worked tonight

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SPANISH YOUTH SPEAK TONIGHT AT HIPPODROME

Dressmakers to Hear 4 Youths — Will Tour U. S. and Canada

Four youthful front-line fighters of the Spanish Youth Front will present a vivid picture of the fight of the Spanish people for democracy to New York anti-fascists tonight at a mass meeting at the Hippodrome, 43rd St. and Sixth Ave.

Direct from beleaguered Madrid which they left on Nov. 16, the four delegates, two girls and two young men, will tell the background of the Spanish struggle. They will appeal for American aid to rout the fascists.

The rally and the nation-wide tour that will follow are sponsored by the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

MEET UNION LEADERS

Included in the group are: Luis Simarro, 27-year-old wounded militia commander; Maria, 23, his wife, who together with Simarro, represents the United Socialist Youth League; Eugenio Imaz, secretary of the Catholic monthly, Cruz y Raya, who is on the executive committee of the Spanish Youth Front; and Josefina Ramirez, 19-year-old Madrid hospital nurse who is on the executive committee of the Republican Union of Youth.

Yesterday the four delegates met trade union leaders at the Bee Cloak Co., 320 W. 37th St., and examined women's coats being manufactured for shipment to Madrid. The coats are part of a consignment of 100,000 garments being made here for shipment to Spain.

Charles Zimmerman, manager of Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, said after meeting the young anti-fascist delegates:

"They are not fighting alone over there. They are in the trenches but we are doing our part here with as much support as we can give as

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Maritime Labor Leaders Who Spoke at Garden



Harry Bridges (left), leader of the West Coast longshoremen, and Joe Curran, East Coast seamen's leader, both spoke at the Madison Square Garden last night in a demonstration of the growing solidarity between maritime workers of both coasts.

SPANISH ENVOY WILL CONTEST SHIP RULING

To Reopen Case as Judge Rules Against Spain's Right to Vessel

The Spanish Ambassador at Washington will intervene in the legal controversy over the Spanish freighter Navemar, his attorney, Jesse L. Rosenberg, announced yesterday.

The vessel, possession of which is disputed by the Spanish government and the Compania Espanola de Navegacion Maritima of South America, remained at anchor here with a Deputy U. S. Marshal patrolling its decks.

Meanwhile, Federal Judge Clarence G. Galston reserved decision on a motion to punish 30 members of the crew for contempt of court. Twenty-two of the crew members appeared in court in response to an order to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. James W. Ryan, attorney for the fascist-minded owners, asserted that in refusing to give up the ship the crew "deliberately took the law into their own hands" and ought to be "adequately punished."

To All Organizations: Save Jan. 10, 1937, for the first New York public appearance of

TIM BUCK

General Secretary, Communist Party of Canada.

Nanking Troops Reach Chang's Base

Forces Attempting Chiang's Release Reported in Minor Clashes in Suburbs as They Dig In for Long Siege—Tokyo Seen in New Drive

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (Thursday).—Nanking troops attempting to force the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, held captive by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in Sian-fu, have reached the suburbs of the Shensi provincial capital and have begun to dig in for a prolonged siege, reports state.

An earlier report indicated that initial clashes had occurred on the Eastern edge of Sian-fu, but Nanking dispatches declared no large-scale battles had begun.

Nanking issued its version of Tuesday's broadcast speech of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, guaranteeing Chiang's safety.

TOKIO DRIVE SEEN

The first report of the purported execution of Chiang Kai-shek was spread by the Domei (Japanese) news agency, which has been continually issuing similar provocative dispatches throughout the present crisis. Japanese newspapers today continued to print stories of Chiang's death, despite blanket denials by Nanking.

Japan is preparing to use the pretext of the crisis caused by the capture of Chiang Kai-shek to drive further into China, it was stated by reliable sources.

The Nanking detachment camped outside Sian-fu at present is the

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REOPEN PARLEY ON HOUSING

Hearings on the acute housing shortage which Mayor LaGuardia brought Tuesday will be resumed today before the New York Housing Authority, Langdon Post, chairman of the Housing Authority announced yesterday.

The City-wide Tenants League made public a six-point program Tuesday to solve the crisis resulting from eviction notices sent out by landlords of old-law tenements. They refuse to provide fire-retarding material on stairways and one toilet for each family. These are mandatory under the State Multiple Dwellings Law which becomes effective Jan. 1.

"Vacancies in Harlem amount to less than two per cent. A five per cent vacancy is regarded as a minimum in a successful housing project. East side tenement vacancies have dropped 17 per cent in a year, and rents have rocketed."

Commissioner Post said tenants, mortgage holders, and landlords will be asked to submit proposals on the basis of which a plan will be submitted to the legislature.

The League has submitted proposals for legislation. They include demands that the State declare a housing emergency and enact emergency rent laws, that Commissioner Post's Prior Lien Bill be re-introduced, that the Multiple Dwelling Law be amended, that a moratorium be declared on evictions, and that a measure be passed providing penalties for rent discrimination or refusal to rent on account of color or creed.

There are at least 500,000 families in old law tenements, Post said.

Moscow Hails Robeson on Tour of USSR



PAUL ROBESON

By Sender Garlin (Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent) MOSCOW, Dec. 16. (By Cable).—Paul Robeson, famous American Negro baritone, was acclaimed here tonight by a cheering Soviet audience when he made his initial public appearance in the Moscow Conservatory of Music.

Robeson rendered a program of well-known Negro folk-songs as well as Russian selections. He received a stormy ovation at the conclusion of the concert.

He is scheduled to give a second recital tomorrow night in the famous Hall of Columns in the House of Trade Unions.

This is Robeson's third visit to the Soviet Union, but his first public appearance. He is well-known to the Soviet public, however. His records are often broadcast.

Upon his arrival in Moscow, Robeson was met at the station by Sergei Eisenstein, famous film director, and representatives of the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra.

Following tomorrow's recital, he will leave for a concert tour of Kiev, Odessa, Kiev, and Leningrad.

300 IN CANADA PLANT JOIN IN DETROIT TIEUP

Workers in Windsor Hit Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. on Discrimination

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16 (UP).—A thousand workmen participated in a sitdown strike today at the Fisher body division of the Chevrolet Motor Co. plant here.

Jack Swift, president of the Local No. 93, United Automobile Workers Union, ordered the resistance in protest to discharge of a worker because, he said, of union activity.

CANADIAN WORKERS ACT

(Special to the Daily Worker) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—The sit-down strike of 5,000 Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. employees spread across international boundary lines tonight as 200 at the Windsor, Canada, plant of the company across the Detroit River, joined the sit-down in protest against discrimination against 30 union members there.

Officials of the United Automobile Workers of America charged that the hand of the Michigan Manufacturers Association was responsible for the sudden breaking off of negotiations by the company. The Ford Motor Co. was particularly held responsible. The manufacturers obviously fear the consequences of another sitdown victory in the automobile industry.

OTHERS IN SITDOWN

Edward C. McDonald, Federal conciliator, conferred with strike leaders and will meet with company officials tonight. Another conciliator, J. E. O'Connor, is attempting to bring about a conference between the Aluminum Die Castings Corp. and its 600 workers who today entered the seventh day of their sitdown.

Meanwhile another stayin took place lasting three hours at the Jenks Mutt plant, manufacturers of springs for Briggs busses. One hundred workers, mostly women, were involved. They left the plant and returned to work this morning.

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Labor Leaders Urge Backing For Ship Strike

Weinstock, Broun and Zimmerman Plead for Unity on Waterfront to Defeat Lines—Painter's Chief Condemns Ryan

Madison Square Garden roared a thunderous greeting to Harry Bridges and the striking maritime workers of both coasts when 16,000 members of A. F. of L. unions and friends of the seamen gathered last night in a demonstration of solidarity. A drizzling rain on the eve of the meeting did not deter the huge throng which came from all parts of the city.

COAL-STEEL TRUST SEEN AS FORCING STRIKE

Seek Longer Work Day in Pits—Steel Mills Buy Tear Gas and Arms

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Labor circles speculated tonight on the possibility of a coal and steel strike starting in April as a result of demands of bituminous operators for a 14 per cent increase in working hours without commensurate increases in pay.

Although John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America which claims authority over most of the nation's coal diggers, is now vacationing on a Florida houseboat, it was learned that he will insist on shorter hours—with no pay decrease—when union leaders meet with coal operators on Feb. 17 to negotiate a new two-year contract.

100,000 IN A. A. Lewis's C.I.O. began its momentous steel drive six months ago

The internationally famous young maritime leader came here at the invitation of the striking Atlantic seamen. Bridges told the press the first day in this city that one of his main purposes in coming East was to appeal to the present of the

Continued activity of C.I.O. in steel is deemed certain to precipitate a clash with steel masters. Since steel is inevitably linked to coal and in view of current demands of coal operators for longer hours, many labor leaders believe a dual strike is inevitable.

INVOLVES 465,000 MINERS Many of the steel mills control large bituminous areas where they operate so-called "captive" mines which supply all their coal. The workers in these pits are United Mine Workers.

Lewis has always maintained strict adherence to contracts binding employers and employees. However, the coal contracts expire March 31, and if they cannot be renewed, due to disagreement, a strike is a probable outcome. Some 465,000 soft coal workers would be affected.

It is considered possible that Lewis might test his strength in steel at the same time. Lewis recently told the United Press he expected to have steel completely organized by Spring. This would almost coincide with expiration of coal contracts.

TOLEDO WORKERS DEMAND 10c an Hour More, Union Agreement

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They heard Glen W. McCabe, president of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, a C.I.O. affiliate; Leo Kryzki, organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Ed Hall, Vice-President and George Addl, general secretary of the United Automobile Workers of America and Gus Schoole, local president of the flat glass workers. The auto and C.I.O. leaders pledged full solidarity.

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Inside the plants, the workers were reported in a jovial mood. They danced, played radios and discussed labor problems.

Police Commissioner McElligott started the drive against Hoover's movie ballyhoo methods when he said that Hoover had lied in his report of Brunette's capture.

McElligott claims that two of his firemen took down the door of Brunette's apartment at 304 W. 102nd St. and not the machine gun bullets of G-Men.

CHARGES SPACE GRABBING McElligott placed his charges in a letter to Hoover, in which he claimed that the raid was made

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Want a New 1937 Streamlined Car? Detroit Gives One in 'Daily' Drive

Detroit, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, vied to the immediate needs of the Daily and Sunday Worker for funds in the \$100,000 drive by the stirring call to the Communist Party districts issued by William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Earl Browder, general secretary of the Party, made instant response to by sending in collections. They also pledged themselves to devote greater energy to the campaign to raise money for the papers, especially in the next few days.

Detroit sent in \$32 in answer to the call, which stressed the importance of not only the \$100,000 campaign, but the need to raise money immediately to secure the continuation of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

GIVE AUTO Word came from Detroit that their drive campaign was being urged vigorously now. Great spur was given by the announcement that a new streamlined, 1937 model automobile would be awarded

to whoever was most active in the drive. Pittsburgh, where a \$100 Philco radio will be won for the most productive work in the drive, rushed \$80.10 to the Daily and Sunday Worker.

ST. LOUIS ACTS And the Daily and Sunday Worker Drive Committee of St. Louis, sending in \$25, wrote: "This is our first contribution to the Daily and Sunday Worker financial drive. We are late, but we are definitely in the drive. There is no doubt we will raise our quota in order to preserve and build the Daily and Sunday Worker."

"We realize fully the importance of the Daily and Sunday Worker as our voice in the united struggle against war and fascism. We know, also, how badly the money is needed in order to preserve and build the Daily and Sunday Worker."

These three cities, Detroit, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, responded to the action call of Browder and Ford. All others should immediately come into the \$100,000 drive campaign and rush their funds to us.

Meet Jimmy Durante: And a Host of Others At 'Daily' Jamboree

Gay, exciting, amusing. That's what Page Seven's Jamboree tomorrow night at Steinway Hall, 113 W. 57th St., for the benefit of the Daily and Sunday Worker \$100,000 drive, will be. And the conductors of Page 7, which contains the dramatic and hilarious news and criticism every day, have mad sure that many celebrities you've often wanted to see off-stage, will be there. Among them: Jimmy Durante, nosiest and funniest man on the stage; Joe Laurie, funster; Tamiris, Angna Enters and 2 host of others.

COLUMN LEFT!

Genius Under Capitalism He had No Enemies H. L. Mencken: Wise Guy

By Harrison George

EVERY now and again some apologist for capitalism tries to tell us that socialism will never do because it discourages such good people as inventors, scientists and technicians.

The proof is never advanced that capitalism takes good care of inventors, scientists and technicians—for the good reason that it treats them shamefully.

A recent Associated Press dispatch from Los Angeles is a case in point, though there are thousands of such cases.

Dr. Lee de Forest, who is now 63 years old, and who has invented more than 300 important developments in radio, talking pictures and the radio-telephone, is broke. At his time of life, with his services to society, he has no other property which he can list as assets, than \$350—and his liabilities are shown to be \$103,943.95.

Here is an aged genius who the Soviet Union would not give only a comfortable pension, but the highest honors. If he should not wish to retire, he could have every possible laboratory convenience to work with—without cost. And the most excellent material and cultural life.

But capitalism? It gives him an inch of space in the press before throwing him on the scrap pile.

FASCIST General Franco, in training under Hitler and Benito the Barbarian, is doing his best to qualify for kicking off like another Spanish dictator, Narvaez, who died in 1868.

The priest attending him on his death bed asked Narvaez: "Do you forgive your enemies?"

"I have no enemies," replied Narvaez. "I killed them all."

MR. H. L. MENCKEN is a wise guy.

Proof? His pre-election prophecy that Landon would be elected; that it was a jush-over; that the Republican Party "could elect a Chinaman."

Well, no Chinese could be found who would stand for it; and you know the rest of the sad story.

But does that discourage Mr. Mencken? It does not. In a current five-cent magazine Mr. Mencken indicates that he is seriously looking for another Chinaman.

"Why do we have wars?" he asks. And, being a wise guy, has a simple answer: "Because so many people enjoy it." Everybody just does on war, he claims. He sneers at those who contend otherwise.

"The recruits that the pacifists drum up so easily in times of peace," says Mencken, "are not to be taken seriously. Nine-tenths of them are either fools who will sign anything, or snobs who like to fancy that they are superior to the general run."

And then he gets over in our alley by saying: "To listen to pacifists, one would think that when the United States went into the World War there was wailing and lamentation from one end of the country to the other. But everyone who was alive and reasonably sober in those days, knows that the country really stepped into it with shivers of delight, and that nine Americans out of ten had a roaring time until the show was over."

Firstly, we must give Mr. Mencken the credit of his own exemption. He has never been known to be "reasonably sober" either before, during or since the World War. But a pickle has no right to climb out of a keg and indulge in literary pursuits.

Why, if everybody was so delighted with the World War, was it necessary to use conscription to persuade them to enjoy themselves? Why the fierce terrorism, the beatings, tar and feathers and jailings to make the Draft Act work?

Why was the slogan put out by the government and blazoned on billboards everywhere: "Obey the law and keep your mouth shut!" Why, if everybody so thoroughly enjoyed every minute of war, did they celebrate its end with such wild rejoicing as was never seen before or since?

In short, Mr. Mencken is no more accurate in telling the past than he is in foretelling the future.

PEACE PARLEY APPROVES OF U.S. PROPOSAL

Act on Plan for Parley If Peace of Americas Is Threatened

(By United Press) BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16.—The Inter-American Peace Conference, its final adjournment date only a week away, approved nine projects at a plenary session today, including the important maintenance and consolidation of peace convention and the Non-Intervention protocol.

The convention for maintenance and consolidation of peace, sponsored by the United States and only slightly changed from its original draft, provides for consultation among American Republics if the peace of the continent is threatened either within the Americas or from another part of the world. It was supported by all the 21 American nations.

Argentina offered an amendment to the convention which provided that the pact "is of indefinite duration and may be denounced with anticipation of one year's notification, after which it would be ineffective for the denouncing state, but would remain in effect for the other signatories."

OTHER PROPOSALS APPROVED The other projects approved were:

A resolution urging ratification by all American nations of existing inter-American peace treaties.

A resolution for consideration by the eighth Pan-American Conference to be held in Lima, Peru, in 1938, of a project for creation of an Inter-American Court of Justice.

A proposal that treaties and conventions approved at Inter-American Conferences be open to signature by those American States which did not subscribe to them at the beginning. The proposal also provided that pacts which make specific provision for such action be open to adherence by nations from any part of the world.

A resolution to systematize the codification of international law in the Americas.

A resolution for compilation of the doctrines and decisions concerning points of international law in the New World.

ASK LEAGUE ACTION

Prior to the plenary session a meeting of foreign ministers and heads of delegations considered a proposal initiated by the Central American Republics for one minute of silence at the final session Dec. 23 in memory of the fallen in the Spanish civil war. The proposal was understood to have received unanimous approval.

Foreign Minister Jorge Soto del Corral of Colombia, explaining his country's project for an association of American nations to cooperate with the League of Nations, said:

"We consider that until the American nations agree regarding the policies to be followed at Geneva, there will not be an authentic American representation in the League of Nations and its policies will not take America into account."

BATISTA SEEKS SUGAR TAX FOR ARMY SCHOOLS

Mill Owners Back Cuban Dictator in Plea for Fascist Schools

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—With the large American imperialist sugar owners backing him to the hilt, Col. Fulgencio Batista, head of the Cuban Army, fought today to force through the Chamber of Representatives a 9-cent per 100-pound bag tax on sugar for the establishment of Fascist military schools for Cuban children throughout the island.

Batista clashed with President Miguel Mariano Gomez, who strove to defeat the bill, which would still further diminish the power of the civil arm of the Cuban government.

It was declared that the National Sugar Mill Owners Association was so anxious to establish the military schools for the teaching of Fascism, that they were willing, if the measure were defeated, to contribute to the establishment of the schools.

Eden Says Britain Will Not Recognize Seizure of Ethiopia

LONDON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Capt. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that "the British government has no intention of according de jure recognition (recognition of something lawfully accomplished) to Italy's annexation of Ethiopia."

CHICAGO, ILL.

11th ANNUAL BAZAAR Benefit Defense and Winter Relief for Labor's Prisoners and Their Families DECEMBER 18th, 19th and 20th, 1936 at FORESTERS HALL - 1016 N. Dearborn Street

A Christmas Gift for Spain



Santa and his reindeers are not likely to attempt to brave the murderous fascist air bombardment over Madrid, so these young members of the International Workers Order are now relying upon him. Here they are holding high cans of food they brought from their homes to be sent to the brave fighters in Spain. This photo was taken at the Radio Theatre in the Bronx. The collection was sponsored by Manager H. Mark, standing to the left.

ANTI-FASCIST GROUPS UNITE TO AID SPAIN

35 Organizations in Red Hook Sponsor Rally Tomorrow

Thirty-five anti-fascist organizations in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn, united for the first time, are sponsoring a mass meeting to aid Spanish democracy tomorrow at P. S. 29, Kane and Henry Sts., at 8 P. M.

This neighborhood is populated largely by longshoremen, seamen and WPA workers, many of whom are Italians.

The speakers will include a representative from the Spanish government; Joe Zaggerrite, a young Italian-American youth who is active in the fight to save the six Red Hook boys condemned to die in the electric chair; Mongano, from the Italian branches of the IWA; Verdi, of L'Unita Operaia; Peter Caccione, of the Kings County Committee of the Communist Party; Mrs. Lucas, Anarchist women leader of the Feminine Section of the Anti-Fascist Committee; and Sugiardi, Anarchist representative of the Anti-Fascist Committee.

This meeting, held in the Red Hook section where Fascist organizations have been very active in recent months, is of utmost importance and merits the support of all liberty-loving people.

16,000 HEAR BRIDGES AT GARDEN RALLY

ILL. A. Joseph P. Ryan, for extension of the dock strike to the Eastern and Gulf ports.

BRANDS RYAN SCAB He said that Ryan's actions in unloading ships struck on the Pacific, and siding with the reactionary officials of the I.S.U. in fighting the striking seamen—constitutes strikebreaking.

He added that it lies within Ryan's power, as head of the I.L.A., to bring the strike on both coasts to a successful conclusion—by declaring a walk-out in the East, thus effectively closing the weakest link of the general strike.

Bridges met in a heated three-hour conference at Ryan's office turned Tuesday. The latter flatly turned down the appeal made by Bridges for cooperation with the West Coast. Following the conference, Ryan issued a scurrilous red-baiting blast against Bridges, rehashing the old cry of "communism."

SCORES OF WIRES Charles Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union delivered greetings in behalf of 30,000 dress-makers in Local 22.

Heywood Brown, President of the American Newspaper Guild was among the others who greeted Bridges and the maritime workers.

An outstanding feature at the mass meeting was the reading of scores of telegrams from the chief ports of the country addressed to Bridges, pledging full support and sharply criticizing Ryan for his refusal to call out the East Coast men. At least a score of such wires came from Ryan's own locals along the East Coast.

"We condemn Joseph P. Ryan (longshoremen's president who fired Bridges) for his strikebreaking activities." The audience boomed mention of Ryan's name.

Government Planes Bomb Cadiz

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 16 (UP).—Government warplanes bombed Cadiz, Spain, today, damaging the arsenal there.

E.R.B. Union Sends \$50 To Prisoners Xmas Fund

New York Local of Federation of Government Employees Praises Work of I.L.D.—Drive on to Raise \$20,000 for Labor Prisoners

When relief investigators contribute funds for relief that's news.

And when the trade union of relief workers, the A. W. P. R. A. Council of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees contribute \$50 to the Prisoners Relief Christmas Fund of the International Labor Defense it's bigger news.

"Were it not for the fact that we are now engaged in a very intensive struggle to defend the civil service interests of our membership," wrote General Manager Abram Flaxer to the I. L. D., "a struggle which is consuming our financial resources, our union would be glad to contribute more to this fund than we are now contributing."

"Please accept our fraternal greetings and appreciation for the unremitting aid that the I. L. D. has given our union, as well as many other labor organizations that daily call upon the I. L. D."

The 1936 Christmas Drive for Political Prisoners and their families will continue until Jan. 1, 1937. Its national headquarters are located at Room 610, 80 E. 11th St., New York City. The quota for this year's drive is \$20,000. The funds will be used not only for substantial Christmas gifts to labor's neediest cases, but also to replenish the fund which must function all year round to provide regularly monthly relief for the prisoners behind the bars and their families on the outside.

Nanking Troops Reach Chang's Base

(Continued from Page 1) the Berlin-Tokio pact, signed recently in Berlin.

The drive into China will be cloaked as Tokio's resistance to " Bolshevikization," but it is remarked that Tokio's definition of "Bolshevism" is Berlin's, namely, any popular movement directed against imperialism and reaction.

Commenting on the situation, the newspaper Jiji stated that Japan will per- it only a Chinese regime which kow-tows to Japan.

Nanking Leader on NBC At 10:45 This Morning SHANGHAI, Dec. 16 (UP).—Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance and acting head of the Nanning government, announced today he will broadcast at 10:45 A. M. (EST) tomorrow (Thursday) to the United States for the National Broadcasting Co.

Dr. Kung, who will be introduced by John R. Morris, Far Eastern manager for the United Press, will discuss the present crisis resulting from the revolt of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and his seizure of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Sian-fu, China.

One report here declared that the attack on Chang's Manchurian troops had followed reception of an interim report by W. H. Donald, Nanking emissary to Chang Hsueh-liang, stating that Chang was balking at discussions for Chiang Kai-shek's release.

NEGOTIATOR CONFIDENT Nanking hopes that the pressure of its forces on Chang will make him more amenable to negotiations, it was said.

W. H. Donald was expected to consult high Nanking officials today, before proceeding to Sian-fu to reopen negotiations. Donald was confident of success, it was declared.

Marshal Chang's Tuesday radio broadcast demagogically raised the slogans for driving out the Japanese invader and uniting the Chinese nation which have long been the heartfelt demands of most Chinese. He called for an alliance with the U.S.S.R., cessation of the civil war against the Chinese Red Army, and admittance of Communists into the Executive Council (ruling party).

Chang's troops are known to have been actively fraternizing with Chinese Red Army troops they were sent to fight.

Use Berlin Pact for New Drive in China TOKIO, Dec. 17 (Thursday).—Japanese imperialism is poised to become still more actively in China under cover of the present crisis. Government and Army spokesmen alike declared openly today.

Spokesmen are unanimous in proclaiming that Japanese action in China is now based completely on

42 IN ILLINOIS UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENTS

Communist Party Hits Drive on P.M.A.—Urges Unity

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Federal indictments were lodged against 42 members of the Progressive Miners of America by the Federal government in Springfield today, charging a "conspiracy to restrain, delay, impede and obstruct" the movement of coal over several railroads.

William Kleck, until a few days ago president of P. M. A., was one of the indicted. Many officers of the union are included.

The government charged that in 1933 they dominated railroad trains to stop coal companies from employing members of the United Mine Workers of America. U. M. W. A. headquarters in Springfield expressed regret over this attack on P. M. A. miners.

The cases have been "under investigation" for several months. Recently the government subpoenaed P. M. A. books for evidence, but it is said to have found nothing. It depends on the testimony of certain dubious characters in the P. M. A. for its case.

The Communist Party of Illinois issued a statement to the miners today, condemning the case as an effort to smash the miners' union, and pointing out that no one but the coal companies had profited from the split in the miners' organization in 1932.

The only way to put a stop to such attacks on labor organizations is to unite all the miners into one organization, the U. M. W. A., powerful enough to force good conditions through economic action and strengthened by unity with the miners in other states.

Blum Budget Passed By French Chamber

PARIS, Dec. 16 (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies passed the articles of budget at 10:45 a. m. today, after an all night session. The debate will be resumed tomorrow, to clean up details of the bill.

Appealing to the British Tories on the basis of their hatred for Communism, von Ribbentrop urged that British and Germany work out what he called "a reasonable solution of the colonial question."

Nazi-Germany represents the vanguard of the world crusade against the Soviet Union and the Communist International, von Ribbentrop declared.

Erik Akerros Dies Suddenly In Detroit

(Special to the Daily Worker) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—The revolutionary movement in Michigan suffered a serious loss today with the death of Erik Akerros, who was for many years an active worker in the ranks of the Finnish people. His last function was as manager of Finnish Workers' Hall.

"Comrade Akerros has for many years acted as a firm bond closely linking the Finnish revolutionary movement with the Communist Party which he regarded as his own and whose interest he served all ways possible." William Weinstone, Michigan Secretary of the Communist Party declared in a statement for the State Committee.

"All who had dealings with him as caretaker of Finnish Hall over a number of years loved him for his simplicity, devotion and his self-sacrificing internationalist spirit."

"Comrade Akerros will not be easily replaced and his memory will long be cherished by friends, Communists and the militant working-class movement."

All members of the Communist Party and friends were called to attend the funeral at Finnish Hall, 5969 14th St., at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Continued tie-up of the plants will affect production at the Ford, General Motors and several independent automobile plants here.

Thyra Edwards Blasts Nazi Slur on Negro

Hitler Is Reaching Out to Grab Liberia, Says Woman Negro Congress Leader at Banquet in Her Honor in Harlem Y.M.C.A.

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau) In a sweeping indictment of war and fascism, Thyra J. Edwards, who returned last week from her fourth European tour, declared that Nazi Germany, in its mad cry for African colonies, was lusting for Liberia—the world's last semi-independent Negro country.

Miss Edwards made the statement at a banquet in her honor Tuesday evening, in the Harlem Y.M.C.A. Held under the auspices of the Greater New York Federation of the National Negro Congress, the event brought together a cross-section of Harlem's notables, including political, civic, religious and labor leaders.

The brilliant Negro woman is head of the Woman's Division of the Congress and one of the editors of the Woman Today.

RANDOLPH SPEAKS In addition to slandering the Jews, Miss Edwards stated, the rotogravure sections of the Nazi newspapers regularly publishing derogatory pictures of Negroes "showing them as animals and less than men."

A Phillip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, informally responding to Miss Edwards, said: "As I listened to Miss Edwards I became more and more convinced of the soundness of the tactic of the united front. The utter futility of the Negroes stopping fascism except through the united front is apparent."

HAILS PEOPLE'S FRONT "I think this is demonstrated in the Popular Front in France and in the Popular Front in Spain," the Negro Socialist leader stated.

Others who greeted Miss Edwards were: Lester Granger, National Urban League; Harry Edwards, Federal Negro Project; Lillian Gaskins, Local 22, I.L.G.W.U.; Max Yergan, International Y.M.C.A. secretary; Frank Crosswhite, Negro Labor Committee; Agnes Burns Wieck, one of the editors of the Woman Today; James H. Baker, Jr., chairman, New York Congress Federation; B. F. McLaurin, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Mrs. Elise Ayer, Negro civic leader who acted as mistress of ceremonies.

"You should see how proudly the Soviet people place Negro heroes alongside their own," Miss Edwards went on. "For example, on the wall paper of the Kharkov factory, the workers have placed the picture of Emperor Haile Selassie next to the pictures of Maxim Gorki and Lenin."

"The Soviet workers in this territory alone contributed 10,000 rubles to the defense of Ethiopia. And all over Europe it isn't Communism that the people fear, it's fascism, and wherever they can they're working to aid the Spanish democratic government," she said.

BEGINS WORK JAN. 1 Prominent leaders at the speakers' table included: the Rev. David N. Liorish, head of the Congress Church committee; James W. Ford and Harry Haywood, Negro Communist leaders.

Among the guests were: James Egert Allen, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Wm. T. Andrews, Negro Assemblyman; Belle Taub, Woman Today; Lodie Briggs, Harlem Citizens Committee to Aid the Striking Seamen; Thomas Young, Building Service Employees Union; Ben Davis, Jr., Daily Worker staff; Rosa Rayside, Domestic Workers Union; Alma Vessells; Henry Lee Moon, New York Newspaper Guild; Milton P. Webster and Ashley Tolson, vice-president and secretary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

After a reception in her honor under the auspices of the Woman Today on Dec. 19, Miss Edwards will make a quick trip to her home in Chicago. She will return to the city to work for six weeks with the local Congress Federation beginning January 1.

ENVOY REPEATS NAZI DEMAND FOR COLONIES

Ribbentrop Plea Falls on Ready Ears of British Tories

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Following the Tory line of concessions to Nazi Germany, British Government officials today studied closely the Nazi demand for "return of German colonies," expressed here last night by German Ambassador to London Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Von Ribbentrop, of late the chief Nazi diplomat, spoke at a dinner of the Anglo-German Fellowship Association, Nazi-sponsored propaganda organization.

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Trotsky an Assassin, Accomplices Declare

Testimony of Moscow Defendants Gives Smashing Proof That Trotsky Himself Directed Attempts to Murder Soviet Leaders

LEON TROTSKY, ASSASSIN!
That is written, clearly and beyond doubt, in the Moscow trial of August 19 to 24, 1936.

Read the pages of the trial—and what indignation wells up in you, indignation at this desperate plotter, this man who through defeated ambition stooped to murderous alliance with the Nazi secret police.

There stands V. B. Olberg in the dock. There stands K. B. Berman-Yurin. There stand Fritz David and E. S. Holtzman. They confess their crimes, knowing that this means death. They tell, step by step, of the orders given them—for assassination of the Soviet leaders—by the filthy Trotsky.

Read this from the testimony of Holtzman: "Then Trotsky said that if Stalin were removed, it would be possible for the Trotskyites to come into power and to the leadership of the C. P. S. U. He also said that the only means of removing Stalin was terrorism."

Read what the others said, a record of the lowest and vilest conspiracy—against the leaders of the land where socialism has triumphed, the land which holds

Trotsky Personally Ordered Stalin Killed, Accomplice Swears

(From the official transcript of proceedings at the Moscow trial)

At the evening session of August 21, the last of the accused, Fritz David (Kruglyansky), is examined by A. Y. Vyshinsky, state attorney of the U.S.S.R.

Vyshinsky: When did you meet Trotsky?

Fritz David: I met him at the end of November, 1932.

Vyshinsky: How did you come to him?

David: I travelled on a false passport. In one of the conversations I had with Sedov [Sedov Trotsky, son of Leon Trotsky] he told me that Trotsky was to come to Europe and would like to see me.

Vyshinsky: Tell me, during that meeting with Trotsky, was there talk of terrorism?

David: There was.

Vyshinsky: On whose initiative?

David: On Trotsky's initiative.

In his testimony regarding the content of his conversation with Trotsky, Fritz David declares that Trotsky said that the advent of the Trotskyites to power in the U.S.S.R. was possible only if Stalin were physically destroyed.

STALIN DEATH URGED

One of the prospects put forward by Trotsky was to take a defeatist attitude in the event of war, but he stressed the point that "there is a closer prospect of the Trotskyites coming to power—the prospect of the physical removal of Stalin."

Vyshinsky: What was your attitude toward this idea?

David: I accepted this second prospect.

Vyshinsky: Did you tell him so—that you accepted this line, that you agreed?

David: Yes.

Vyshinsky: What else occurred?

David: Then Trotsky gave me two instructions. The first instruction concerned secrecy.

Vyshinsky: You told him you would undertake a terroristic mission?

David: Yes. He proposed that I go to the U.S.S.R. and personally commit a terroristic act, without the aid of others, without any organization, without contacts with other Trotskyites.

Vyshinsky: And that is what the instruction concerning secrecy amounted to?

David: Yes. Trotsky told me that this affair involved risk and that there was no point in exposing the Trotskyite organization in the U.S.S.R. to that risk. The second instruction was to the effect that this terroristic act was to bear an international character, was to be committed at an international assembly. This shot, as Trotsky expressed it, was to reverberate throughout the whole world.

Vyshinsky: Did your conversation end at that?

TROTSKY JUSTIFIES TERRORISM

David: Our conversation, which was a very long one, ended at that. Besides, Trotsky said, for example, that talk about individual terror not being compatible with Marxism was a subject for the Philistines of Marxism.

Vyshinsky: What other instructions did Trotsky give you?

David: Trotsky instructed me to behave in the U.S.S.R. in such a way as not to show any deviations from the general line of the Party and when writing for the press to adhere strictly to the Party line, and under no circumstances to reveal the threads after the terroristic act was committed.

Vyshinsky: What other instructions did Trotsky give you?

David: Trotsky instructed me to behave in the U.S.S.R. in such a way as not to show any deviations from the general line of the Party and when writing for the press to adhere strictly to the Party line, and under no circumstances to reveal the threads after the terroristic act was committed.

Vyshinsky: How do you know that it was done with Trotsky's consent?

Olberg: I confirm it fully and completely.

Vyshinsky: What do you know about Friedmann?

Olberg: Friedmann was a member of the Berlin Trotskyite organization who was also sent to the Soviet Union.

Vyshinsky: Are you aware of the fact that Friedmann was connected with the German police?

Olberg: I heard about that.

Vyshinsky: Connection between the German Trotskyites and the German police—was that systematic?

Olberg: Yes, it was systematic and it was done with Trotsky's knowledge and consent.

Vyshinsky: How do you know that it was done with Trotsky's consent?

Olberg: One of these lines of connection was maintained by myself. My connection was established with the sanction of Trotsky.

The excerpts from testimony at the Moscow trial of the 16 Trotskyite assassins and conspirators are taken from the official report of the trial, published by the People's Commissariat of Justice of the U.S.S.R.

This book, entitled "Report of Court Proceedings: the Case of the Trotskyite-Zinovievite Terrorist Center," can be obtained for 15 cents at any Workers or Peoples Bookshop.

David: Yes, I was at the Congress.

Vyshinsky: Why was the terroristic act not committed?

David: The indictment quite correctly states that I was unable to get near Stalin.

Vyshinsky: You went to the Congress to make an attempt at assassination?

David: Of course.

After the Seventh Congress messengers from Trotsky's son, Sedov, visited Fritz David on two occasions, and in Sedov's name accused the terroristic act of not being sufficiently active and ordered them to speed up the terroristic act in accordance with Trotsky's instructions.

Vyshinsky: These meetings took place on the basis of your terroristic plans?

David: These meetings were caused by the fact that the terroristic act was not committed at the Seventh Congress, and this made Sedov furious.

Vyshinsky: But did your terroristic disposition pass away after this, or did it continue until quite recently?

David: Yes, it continued.

Vyshinsky: Until when?

David: Until my arrest.

WITNESS ADMITS ALL

Vyshinsky: So we may sum up. You were a member of the Trotskyite organization and met Trotsky personally. Trotsky personally commissioned you to go to the U.S.S.R. to commit a terroristic act and warned you to observe strict secrecy. That explains why you made no contacts with any other members of the Trotskyite organization except Berman-Yurin. Together with Berman-Yurin, who had received analogous instructions, you made preparations for an attempt on the life of Comrade Stalin, timing it for the Seventh Congress in 1935. Thanks to the contacts you had in the Comintern you personally gained entry to the Congress in order to commit this act, but you failed to do so owing to circumstances over which you had no control.

David: I question this last point somewhat, not in order to minimize my guilt, but simply to present the whole picture.

Vyshinsky: Then let's say: owing to objective circumstances?

David: Owing to objective and subjective factors.

Vyshinsky: But you will not deny the charge against you that you failed to commit the act because you could not get nearer to the platform and had no chance to get near Comrade Stalin?

David: That was one of the reasons.

Vyshinsky: Yes, one of the reasons, but an obvious, objective reason. All the rest is mere psychology. This concludes the examination of the accused Fritz David.

Trotsky Linked to Nazi Secret Police

(From the testimony of V. P. Olberg, defendant at the Moscow trial)

The President: Accused Olberg, do you confirm your principal testimony on terroristic work?

Olberg: I confirm it fully and completely.

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Vyshinsky: Your personal connection with whom?

Olberg: With the fascist secret police.

ADMITS LINK WITH GESTAPO

Vyshinsky: So it can be said that you yourself admit connections with the Gestapo?

Olberg: I do not deny this. In 1933 there began organized systematic connection between the German Trotskyites and the German fascist police.

Vyshinsky: There is a gap here in your testimony. In what capacity did your brother, Paul Olberg, arrive here?

Olberg: What tasks Tukalevsky gave him I do not know. But I advised him to go to the Soviet Union so that he could help me to gain a foothold.

Vyshinsky: Why did he have to help you in gaining a foothold?

Olberg: He is an engineer, and it was much easier for him to obtain employment. He had genuine documents. At any rate, not such fictitious papers as I had.

Vyshinsky: So your brother arrived in the U.S.S.R. on a genuine German passport, and as an engineer could more easily gain a foothold here?

Olberg: Yes.

Vyshinsky: Did your brother have any connection with the Gestapo?

Olberg: He was Tukalevsky's agent.

Vyshinsky: An agent of the fascist police?

Olberg: Yes.

Vyshinsky: When did you have that talk with Sedov [Trotsky's son. —Editor.] about not permitting the Trotskyite organization to be compromised?

ADMITS PLOT AGAINST STALIN

Olberg: That was at the time of my second journey. He said that if I were arrested by the organs of state security of the U.S.S.R., I was under no circumstances to say that this terroristic act was carried out on Trotsky's instructions, and at all events, I was to try to conceal Trotsky's role.

Vyshinsky: Whom did he advise you to throw the blame on the organization of terroristic acts?

Olberg: On the White Guards, on the Gestapo.

Vyshinsky: Consequently, we may put it this way: you, Valentine Olberg, were connected with Trotsky through his son Sedov; you were sent on Trotsky's direct instructions, conveyed through Sedov, to the U.S.S.R. as Trotsky's agent to prepare and carry out a terroristic act against Comrade Stalin?

Olberg: Yes.

Vyshinsky: Now tell us how you prepared the terroristic act.

Olberg: States that even before his arrival in Gorky he learned from Sedov that an underground Trotskyite organization existed in the U. S. S. R., the leaders of which were Smirnov and Mrazhkovsky. He also knew about Bakayev, whom Sedov referred to as a man with "extreme terroristic" inclinations. In Gorky Olberg learned from Fedotov that action detachments had been organized before his arrival. All that he had to do was to draw up the plan for the attempt at assassination.

The terroristic act was to have been committed in Moscow on May 1, 1936.

INSISTS ON ATTACK ON STALIN

Vyshinsky: What prevented you from carrying out this plan?

Olberg: The arrest.

Vyshinsky: Did you inform Sedov of the progress of the preparations for the terroristic act?

Olberg: Yes, I wrote him several times at Smolowitz's address. And received a letter from her stating that our old friend insisted that the thesis for the diploma be submitted by May 1.

Vyshinsky: Thesis for the diploma—what is that?

Olberg: That the assassination of Stalin.

Vyshinsky: And the old friend—who is that?

Olberg: The old friend—that is Trotsky.

Killing of Stalin 'Fundamental Task,' Trotsky Told Agent

(From the testimony of E. F. Holtzman, defendant at the Moscow trial)

Vyshinsky: What does "remove Stalin" mean? Explain it.

Holtzman: I will speak about that. . . . Trotsky said that if Stalin were removed, it would be possible for the Trotskyites to come into power and to the leadership of the U.S.S.R.

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Who in U.S. Are Real Friends of Political Asylum?

By EARL BROWDER

(Extracts from closing remarks at the Plenary Session of the Central Committee, C.P.U.S.A., December 6th, 1936)

Recently the Trotskyites, from their new vantage point inside the Socialist Party, launched another masked attack against the Soviet Union and against the revolutionary movement everywhere. This time they covered themselves with the names of various persons of more savory reputation than their own, persons who from political naivete or from considerations of factional advantage have lent their names to the Committee for the Defense of Trotsky.

This committee, setting itself the task of securing asylum for Trotsky, seems to think that it has placed the Communist Party in an embarrassing position when we oppose their demand for asylum. They charge that we have thereby become the enemies of the principle of political asylum.

Let these gentlemen know that we meet the issue that they have raised, squarely and without evasion. We declare that we stand unequivocally for the right of political asylum for those who suffer persecution at the hands of the enemies of democracy and progress, the reactionaries and fascists. At the same time we declare that we do not include in the conception of right of asylum, the right to use asylum to plot and conspire assassinations in another country. When political refugees thus use the right of asylum, as was done, for example, by the assassins of Barthou and Alexander, they are discrediting the right of asylum and furnishing its enemies with the most powerful weapon for its abolition. The same is true of those who would defend others in such a use of the right of asylum.

THE ENEMIES OF ASYLUM

We apply exactly the same principle to Trotsky and his accomplices in the murder of Kirov, and the plotted murder of a dozen other leaders of the Soviet Union. They have used, and continue to use the right of asylum as the cover for their assassins' plots. Thereby they discredit the whole mass movement within the democratic countries which is demanding asylum for the hundreds of thousands of refugees from fascist terrorism. They turn the whole issue away from its true political significance, and try, so far as they are able, to establish that either there shall be no asylum at all, or it shall include protection for their assassination circles.

We speak out loud and clear on this question. We are against asylum anywhere in the world for those who make assassination their weapon of political struggle, no matter who they may be. We will support every sincere effort to outlaw assassination by international agreements. From the days of Marx and Engels, the Communist movement has always condemned assassination as a political weapon. We will still condemn it, we will not support it directly or indirectly, and when we fight for the right of asylum we specifically exclude from this right those who plot or execute assassinations.

We request that this issue be faced just as squarely by the gentlemen who have lent their names to the defense of Trotsky. We ask Norman Thomas in particular, and the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, which authorized his speaking on behalf of Trotsky, just where they stand on this question. Do you defend the right to use asylum to plot and execute assassinations?

THE TROTSKYITE RECORD

Please do not evade this question, gentlemen, by raising your extraordinary doubts about Trotsky's connection with the Kirov assassination. Sixteen of his collaborators confessed in open court, before the whole world; Trotsky accepted responsibility for them, after their conviction and execution by pledging to "avenge" them; and Trotsky has for several years openly written to prepare and condone assassinations in the Soviet Union.

Let me report some facts presented by Comrade Erool which will (Continued on Page 4)

Lenin on Trotsky

Collected by M. J. Olgin

(The quotations from Vol. XV relate to the period of 1913-1914, when Trotsky collaborated with the Liquidators, the most extreme right-wing of the Russian Mensheviks, ostensibly working to find "the golden middle road" between them and the Bolsheviks, but in reality fighting the Bolsheviks and aiding reaction. The quotations from Vol. XXVI relate to the end of 1920 and the beginning of 1921, when Trotsky, already a member of the Central Committee of the Communist (Bolshevik) Party, formed a faction of his own and advanced a "thesis" on the trade union policy which was like a wedge intended to split the Party.)

"Trotsky distorts Bolshevism, for Trotsky never has been able to get any definite views on the role of the proletariat in the Russian bourgeois revolution. Much worse, however, is his distortion of the history of the revolution." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XV, P. 15.)

"Men like Trotsky, with his inflated phrases about the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party and with his slavish crawling before the Liquidators who have nothing in common with the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party, are now the 'affliction of our times.' . . . They are preachers of capitulating before the Liquidators who are building a Stolypin Labor Party [Stolypin was the Czar's Prime Minister]." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XV, P. 197.)

"It is impossible to argue with Trotsky about principles, for he has no views at all. It is possible and necessary to argue with convinced Liquidators and Otzovists [a group of Bolsheviks demanding the recall from the Duma of the Bolshevik deputies]. With a man who only plays at covering up the mistakes of both of them, one does not argue: one exposes him as a diplomat of the lowest order." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XV, P. 303-304.)

"And we declared therefore, in the name of the Party as a whole, that Trotsky conducts an anti-Party policy, that he disrupts the laws of the Party, that he enters the road of adventurism and split." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XV, P. 65.)

"It is clear therefrom that Trotsky, and 'Trotskyites' and conciliators similar to him, are more harmful than any Liquidators, for convinced Liquidators express their views directly, and the workers can easily find out their erroneousness, whereas the Messrs. Trotsky deceive the workers, they cover up the evil, make it impossible to expose it and cure it. Everyone who supports Trotsky's grouplet supports a policy of lying and deceiving the workers, a policy of covering up the Liquidators. Full freedom of action for Mr. Potresov et Co. [leader of the Liquidators] in Russia, covering up of their deeds by a 'revolutionary' phrase abroad—this is the essence of the policy of 'Trotskyism.'" (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XV, P. 218.)

"In the theses of Trotsky and Bucharin there is a whole series of theoretical mistakes. A series of errors in principle. Politically the whole approach to the question is one continuous tactlessness. The 'theses' of Comrade Trotsky are a politically injurious thing." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XXVI, P. 81.)

"One must be almost sick with such a fever which knows no bounds to speak so [as Trotsky did]." (Lenin, *Collected Works*, Russian Edition, Vol. XXVI, P. 99.)

"All the theses, the whole platform-pamphlet of Comrade Trotsky are such that by their mistakes they detracted the attention and the power of the Party from a businesslike 'productive' work to empty useless debates." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Vol. XXVI, P. 131.)

"Around the opposition (of Trotsky, Bucharin, Shlyapnikov) found shelter the Mensheviks and Social-Revolutionists (counter-revolutionary groups) who exaggerate rumors, give unheard-of vicious formulations, invent things that never happened, with the aim of besmirching, giving a filthy interpretation, sharpening the conflicts, damaging the work of the Party." (V. I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Vol. XXVI, P. 144.)

Mexican Unions Assail Trotsky as an Enemy

Storm of Labor Protests Greet News of Asylum Offer to Assassin, While Chief Organs of Reaction Hail Him as a Hero

By A. Montes

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, D. F.—Announcement of the decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to give asylum in Mexico to Leon Trotsky has aroused a storm of opposition by the most powerful of Mexico's trade unions and political parties supporting the Cardenas government.

At the same time the most reactionary press has suddenly blossomed out with editorials praising Trotsky's "revolutionary record," and the Catholic press has begun to print articles by him against the Soviet Union.

A third section of the population, admitting it knows nothing of Trotsky's political role, approves the decision to admit him to Mexico on the simple basis of approval of the constitutional provision for asylum for political refugees.

This group, containing sincere persons who are ignorant of Trotsky's counter-revolutionary role and his connection with fascism, probably includes President Lazaro Cardenas himself.

The announcement of the government's decision came as a thunderbolt to the Mexican workers, although rumors had been spread that Diego Rivera, mural painter and outstanding follower of Trotsky, had asked the President to allow Trotsky to come to Mexico.

The Communist Party immediately sent a telegram to Cardenas condemning the decision as contrary to the interests of the Mexican people and the government. It exposed Trotsky's complicity in the assassination of Sergei Kirov, the conspiracy of his followers in the Soviet Union to assassinate Stalin and other Soviet and Communist Party leaders, and his connections with the Nazi Gestapo (secret police).

The Communist telegram further exposes Trotsky and his followers throughout the world as the fiercest enemies of the people's unity against fascism.

It concludes with an urgent request that the government's decision be reversed, and declares that the Party, which loyally, though conditionally, supports Cardenas' government, will do all in its power to prevent Trotsky's entry into Mexico.

Denouncing Trotsky as "the ally of fascism and our enemy," the Railroad Workers Union, the most powerful industrial union in the country, affiliated to the National Confederation of Labor, declared through Luis Pardo, one of its secretaries, that "the railroad workers consider the coming of Trotsky to Mexico would be a factor of division in the ranks of the workers, because they know by experience that in recent years wherever Trotsky has been, his tactic has been one of dividing the workers." The statement adds:

"Appearing as a Communist and making propaganda for certain ideas, he brings discord among the workers, something we are not willing to permit. For this and other reasons, we condemn and combat the decision to permit Trotsky to reside in Mexico."

"Besides, Trotsky is the ally of fascism and our enemy. If an official alliance does not in fact exist, further aid the declaration made by a man who until recently was a severe opponent of the Soviet Union. In an article published in the London Spectator and entitled 'Was the Moscow Trial Fair?' Sir Bernard Pares, professor of Russian language, literature and history at the University of London, who attended the trial, writes:

"I must give it as my considered judgement that if the report had been issued in any country (instead of Russia), the trial would be regarded as one that could not fail to carry conviction. The guilt of the accused was completely brought home. . . . It was obvious that this was terrorism directed against the Soviet State and as such could only be punished by death."

T. G. Barnard, member of the Dominion Executive of the Canadian Legion, declared in a recent interview:

"I have attended the last two days of the trial of the sixteen accused of terrorist plots against the Soviet leaders. I am surprised to hear that here in Canada some people talk of the sixteen being forced into confessions. Observing the accused for two full days I can say that they were not only well-dressed, but they looked well and there was absolutely no evidence that they had been 'intreated in any way at all. I heard the final speech of the prosecutor and the speeches of the accused which they ended by pleading guilty. Irrespective of as to whether one agrees with the policies of the Soviet Government or not, every honest man present at the trial must admit that there can be no doubt of its having been a fair trial."

To the above testimony one can

To trade unions, workers organizations, workers, intellectuals, students: Wire President Lazaro Cardenas at Mexico City urgently requesting him to safeguard the right of political asylum against admitting Trotsky, assassin and ally of fascism, to Mexico.

"revolutionary record" to the skies, and justifying its stand by saying that to deny asylum to Trotsky would be a violation of the constitution and subordination of Mexico's sovereignty to the Soviet Union.

The Federation of University Students, one of the most reactionary organizations in the country, through its president Francisco Lopez Serrano, has already proclaimed Trotsky its new teacher, saying:

"The Federation is in agreement with the decision of the government because, faithful to the principles of liberty, it sympathizes with all those who might bring new ideas, and believes that Leon Trotsky could bring new political teachings to the students of Mexico."

In opposition to this view, the National Confederation of Students has declared that it "interprets the right of asylum in a very advanced way, when it applies to those persecuted by despotic imperialism, fascism, or other forms of reaction, but this is not the case with Trotsky, who does not represent any progressive movement."

There is also the "constitutionalist" opinion which stands on a formal application of the constitutional provision of asylum, without any inquiry as to whether Trotsky belongs in the category of those to whom this provision applies. This group is represented by El Nacional, the organ of the National Revolutionary Party, which publishes a lengthy editorial supporting the right of Trotsky to live in Mexico, but in another article on the same page, headed "Citizen Trotsky," the writer admits that "he has to confess he knows nothing of Trotsky's life."

This admission expresses the position of many sincere persons who, in the absence of a consistent exposure of Trotsky's life and deeds, do not realize his counter-revolutionary role and his pro-fascist actions. This group probably includes the President himself.

The general opposition to the government's decision is growing fast, and as workers' and peasants' organizations meet and express their opinions, more and more resolutions are adopted condemning the decree.

It is considered very possible here that Cardenas, hearing the voice of the people and giving further thought to the question, as is common with him, will reverse his decision.

Observers Call Trial Model of Fairness

Objective correspondents and observers at the Moscow trial, men far from Communist, are unanimous in declaring that the trial was a model of fair judicial procedure, and that the defendants had every opportunity to defend themselves. Harold Denny, Moscow correspondent of the

Steel Workers Sales to Shippers, Steel Barons Bared

Steel Workers Catch On—That's Why They Sign Up

South Chicago Becomes a Propaganda Center—Carnegie Illinois Sends Out Instructions on How Foremen Should Spy on Workers

By Hays Jones
(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—South C is becoming a big propaganda center. The usual propaganda forces, church, political parties and schools are at work. So is the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, telling men why they should join the union. But the new competitor in the field is Carnegie-Illinois Steel, and its propaganda is backed by every dollar the company has; for the glory of the profits.

Your reporter has just come by a few documents from the company office. They are addressed to foremen, and they tell them of their "duty" to stop union organization and make money for the company.

Some of the documents would come under the heading "agitation" being meant for immediate consumption and action. Another is distinctly "long range" propaganda and the note that vibrates through it is "you aren't good foreman if you can't produce PROFITS for the company."

A FORMAN'S JOB

A foreman has to know the work, "through practice and study" and the "dangers" connected with the work. He has to study "college" the documents call it, "for education will enable the applicant to find the shortest and safest method to obtain perfection."

"Handling of men, means that the foreman will always be able to handle the situation by putting himself in the workingman's place and looking at it from his standpoint and yet enforce the company's interest at all times." Just how he is going to do this amazing feat is left to his "college" education to figure out.

Immediately following this statement comes the emphatic statement of what the "company's interest" is. It says:

"Profit—No foreman should be placed in a foreman's position unless he is instructed to keep daily costs of the jobs he handles. He then can see what he spends and why his employer must have a profit to stay in business." With that distinctly understood, the foreman is given an alibi, and so is the

"Never leave the men except when necessary" it says—in other words, spy on them, push them and slave them for the company's interest, and "send somebody else, preferably the assistant foreman after the material." The assistant foreman, presumably, won't need as much watching as a mere "man."

Don't think the Steel Trust underestimates the importance of education—to a foreman. It demands that the foreman get education, or get "out."

"Your job requires a good education. This is the only way you can improve the efficiency of your men."

And this "education" should be passed on to the men. What kind of education it means is shown: "Education of the men continually will make your job lots easier. If you hear this in mind at all times and take the time to talk to this one and that one for a few minutes each day, it isn't going to be long before a fellow catches on."

And one of the things he'll "catch on" to, is that Carnegie-Illinois doesn't want him to join a union. But they've caught on to that already, and it makes them join faster.

TOMORROW
Friday, Dec. 18th, 8:30 P.M.

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DANCE Rehearsals for Lenin, Lisianski, Luxemburg, Mendel and the John Reed Club, 47 East 12th St. on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 P.M. A. Supt. Y.C.L. Dist. PROPS, 8:00 P.M. HEARING—"Current Events" at the Labor Temple, 242 East 14th St. Also, "The Discipline of Labor" on Thursday, Dec. 17, Time: 8:30 P.M. Adm. 25c.

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BORO PARKERS, "Poisons in Food and

C.I.O. LEADERS SEND GREETING TO STEEL WOMEN

Brophy and Dubinsky Wire Chicago Parley of A.A. Auxiliary

SOUTH CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—John Brophy, Director of the Committee for Industrial Organization and David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union sent messages of encouragement to the Conference of Women's Auxiliaries of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers held here recently.

"In this campaign to organize the steel workers the women have a stake in the result as well as the men, and it is befitting that they should organize into auxiliaries for the purpose of giving full support and encouragement for this work," wrote Brophy.

"The union through such steps will enrich the lives of the workers' families and bring increased security and comfort in the home as well as improved working conditions in the shop."

Citing that the International is now conducting a referendum on a dollar per member assessment to aid the steel organization drive, Dubinsky wrote:

"We sincerely hope that you will achieve your objective by enlisting the support of all organizations and friendly individuals in your communities for the immensely important task."

YOUTH GROUPS BOOST STEEL UNION RALLY

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)

SOUTH CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—Taking an active part in preparations for the great mass meeting of steel workers in this city Friday, the joint youth committee of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers Locals 65 and 1065 have taken steps to mobilize the young workers in the industry.

A special leaflet was addressed to the youth and aid was given the steel organizing committee for wide distribution of posters, stickers and other means for a large mass meeting.

The youth committee has arranged for mass meeting of union songs at the meeting. Other steps that have been projected include a smoker on Jan. 3, and a possible C.I.O. amateur boxing exhibition. Also it is expected that a youth conference in support of the steel drive will be organized in this area.

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

CHRISTMAS Frolic—swing music, Broadway stars at IWO Center, 225 W. 18th St. A. Supt. Followers of Nature Camp and IWO Br. 736. Proceeds to Daily Worker. It's on Christmas Eve at 8 P.M.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHINA, a symposium by Harry Gamann, Dr. J. H. Lin and R. A. Howard of "China Today," Friday, Jan. 1th, 8 P.M. at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Pl. and 15th St. Tickets 25c at all Workers Book Shops; 35c at door. Proceeds to "China Today."

DORIS HUMPHREY, Charles Weidman and groups in the only New York production of two new major ballets: "With My Red Fire" and "Quest," as presented at Benjamin College Festival. Hippodrome, Friday Evening, Jan. 15. Tickets on sale now at box office, Bookshops and I.L.D., 112 E. 19th St. Remember last December at Carnegie Hall! Reserve your tickets now!

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Registration Notices

WORKERS SCHOOL Winter Term Registration now going on. Many new courses offered. For descriptive catalogue, write to the School, C.P.C., 125 W. 4th St., New York, N.Y. 229 W. 4th St., Dec. 19, 8:30 P.M. A. Supt. All Welcome Club.

ERNEST TOLLER will lecture on "The Theatre in a Changing World" at the New School, 65 West 12th St., Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:30 P.M. Adm. \$1.00.

YOUTH OF NEW CHINA, sensational full length picture. Speaker: E. P. Greene, "China Today" expert. Brooklyn Heights Center, 288 Fulton St. (Boro Hall). Subs. 25c. Sunday, Dec. 20, 8 P.M.

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Without a Santa Claus



There isn't any synthetic Christmas cheer over there, but these Soviet kids are genuinely enjoying the toy exhibit at the Children's Cinema Theatre in Moscow. Much has been written of the advance in the Soviet's metallurgical industry, but the Soviet Union has also been able to increase the output of toys for the enjoyment of its younger citizens.

Women in the Fight To Organize Steel

Calumet Auxiliary Doubles Its Membership in Five Weeks—Many Negro Women Participate

By E. J.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Along with the advance of unionism in the steel industry, women—wives, sisters and mothers of steel workers—have been organizing into women's auxiliaries.

The Steel Workers Organization Committee of the C.I.O. has regarded this phase of the drive so important, that a full-time organizer for the auxiliaries, Mrs. Minnieola Ingersoll, was appointed in the Calumet area. Mrs. Ingersoll, a wife of a steel worker, is a capable organizer and has shown a genuine interest in the problems of the women.

The women of the steel regions have learned of the need to organize right at their own back doors. They have been visited, more than once by hired "missionaries" of the employers with advice against the union and union organizers.

SOLIDARITY WITH MEN

The women have on many occasions been asked to join organizations that were aimed against strikes and pickets, but these steel women have, instead, unfurled their banner in solidarity with their men. More than that, they are bringing organization into their neighborhoods.

Who are these women who are so sure of themselves, these mothers, daughters, sisters and wives of steel workers? They are the mothers who kept families alive on \$2.50 a week, who saw their beloved ones go off to CCC camps, whose boys are cold and hungry and often run away in box-cars and whose children are underfed.

These are college women who had planned to enter professions but have been plowed under. Among them are teachers who are teaching 60 to 70 kids today in Chicago's overcrowded schools. Some of them are the mercilessly exploited masses. They are members of the American Legion Auxiliaries who see the reactionaries in their organization, under the guise of fighting Communism, are preparing to fight against workers' organizations.

MANY NEGRO WOMEN

Many are Negro women who have learned in the past decade that the solution of their problems lies in a unity with the white workers. They are social workers, government employes and church leaders. Among them are young girls who sing in their own breath: "I didn't want to make history, I only want to make love" and in another: "Now we stand out-cast and starving amid the wonders we have made, but the union makes us strong."

What do these steel women want? Unhesitating and articulately they express themselves in a resolution presented at a conference on Nov. 6th at South Chicago, called by the then auxiliary to Local 65, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. But now, because of its growth in an auxiliary to South Works. It reads as follows:

WOMEN'S RESOLUTION

"We, women of the Auxiliary of Lodge No. 65, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, mindful of how this great country of ours was founded, by whom it was founded, and the desire of our founding fathers down to the last immigrant to reach our shores today, whatever his race, color or religion, to better their conditions and to pass on to their children the fullness of life which can be wrested from the soil and natural wealth of our great country, and by our labor wrought

JOBLESS MEET IN CHICAGO ON LAYOFFS

Jobless Leaders Map Fight—March Jan. 9 Is Discussed

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—With three national officers present, about 50 delegates from Workers Alliance organizations in nearby states met in Chicago today to discuss the Alliance work on a national scale. This is the second of a series of such meetings. The first, a splendid meeting according to Organization Secretary Herbert Benjamin, was held yesterday in Minneapolis.

The Chicago meeting had delegates from Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. They represented organized unemployed and WPA workers. The chief topic of discussion was the threatened curtailment of WPA work, and how to meet it. President David Lasser spoke on the "Why and What" of the situation. Herbert Benjamin followed him with proposals for action against layoffs to keep WPA at its full strength.

Delegates from the various states gave reports, telling of what WPA officials were doing to cut down relief work, and what the workers were doing to safeguard their livelihood.

BENJAMIN'S PROPOSALS

Benjamin expressed the conviction that Harry Hopkins' resignation was a sign that the administration was determined on a relief-slashing policy that Hopkins disapproved.

Benjamin compared the present situation with the reliefless days under Hoover. He declared the situation "better and worse" than in 1932. In '32 the mass of public opinion was conscious of the need to correct unrelieved starvation, and forced action. Today the public is being hypnotized with prosperity propaganda, and believes the need is fading. The Workers Alliance demands a permanent relief program.

He re-emphasized David Lasser's statement that "we do not want useless work" and proposed sium clearance and other constructive work, that would benefit all the people and especially the workers.

How to go about getting it, was his theme. He hammered away at the need for constant action. He praised the "sit-in" strikes, and warned that further plans must be made to keep them effective, as the WPA began figuring ways to dodge such actions. He called for local action, demonstrations, for visits to Congressmen and city officials.

A possible march to Washington on Jan. 9 was discussed. This will depend on reports the national officials get as they hold these regional meetings. If the WPA cuts go on, it will be possible, Benjamin surmised. If not, "it will have to come later. Washington doesn't want a march, but they may need it."

HIT HIGH COSTS

Other activities of the women aim against the high cost of living, against the Tories in the American Legion who would deny the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers the use of their hall, initiated membership campaigns and passed out leaflets for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers for the support of the Crose strikers at the Berkshire Mills in Reading.

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Deals Were Speeded Up in July When C. I. O. Drive Forged Ahead—Police Department Letters to Firms Are Revealed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).—Private industry and municipalities bought \$451,938 worth of tear and sickening gas between January, 1933 and September, 1936, to combat strikes, the Senate Civil Liberties Committee disclosed today. The committee, headed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Wis., also revealed advance preparations of munitions firms for the West Coast maritime strike and for expected steel disorders which have not developed.

The disclosures were contained in a two-volume edition of records which the committee published in its investigation of strikebreaking.

The 732-page document unfolds the operations of strikebreaking thugs, efficiently organized labor spy systems and the bitter competition among munitions firms, which furnish supplies for breaking strikes.

It disclosed that the specialized gas industry launched a concerted drive as early as last August to sell gas to Pacific Coast interests "to handle the big general strike now expected in September."

A letter, written Aug. 6 by I. H. McCarthy, salesman for the Lake Erie Chemical Company, spoke of bitter competition between that firm and Federal Laboratories to monopolize this business.

Another note from McCarthy to A. S. Alles, company vice-president, said: "I am rushing the inventory. Today various police departments have been asking for first-aid sheets and inquiring if we would be able to supply enough of the new items to handle the big general strike now expected in September. From best sources they claim it is to be a lockout on the part of the corporations and a bitter battle, being worse than 1934."

Previously unpublished records revealed that munitions firms began trying to sell steel operators supplies for an expected widespread industrial dispute as early as last July, at the time of John L. Lewis' drive to unionize 900,000 steel workers was receiving considerable publicity.

DATA FROM ALLES

"Another letter by Alles of the same date said: 'The usual thing that happens when a great strike, accompanied by violence, occurs, is there a shortage of proper material so that the companies have to purchase whatever is available, whether it is suitable for the purpose or not. There are only a few items in either company's line that are suitable for use against large and violent mobs and, if this material is not available, the only other resort is bullets.'

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Chicago's Fine Work In the Steel Drive

Chicago gives further proof of the onward march of the great steel drive. Tomorrow night the Midwest metropolis will witness an outpouring of the steel workers in a giant mass meeting. The men from the blast furnaces and the rolling mills will then and there express their sweeping desire for UNION.

It is in keeping with the progressive temper of the steel organization drive that the young workers have been given special consideration. The youth have not been forgotten by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, in connection with this big meeting.

On a par with this thought for the young is the splendid work being carried on by the women's auxiliaries of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in the Calumet district. A glimpse of what is being done is contained in today's issues of the Daily Worker. It points the way for similar activity in other areas.

We greet the Calumet steel workers in their meeting tomorrow night. We are assured that it will be another milestone in the great march forward to 100 per cent steel unionization.

What Earle Has Done at Chester

What has Gov. George H. Earle done in Chester? Murder has been committed there. It is the work of John G. Pew, notorious Liberty Leaguer, president of the Sun Drydock and Shipbuilding Co.

Art Shields tells us, in his dispatch, what Earle has done. He has not proceeded against Pew. On the other hand, he has sent in State police to watch the strikers!

"Bigger than Friday's was the picket line this morning," the dispatch says. "The pickets marched silently past the scabs, without a word, under orders of Governor Earle's State police, who forbade them to ask scabs not to work."

The State police are in Chester, sent in by the Governor, who solemnly promised that he would never use State police against striking workers. But there is more to it than that. The State police have taken sides, treating the scabs with a decided kindness. Lieut. Tummick declared that he would not permit scabs to congregate or march in an organized manner. But on Monday he permitted them to do so: to march in provocative, well-organized ranks.

We ask you, Earle: What did you mean, on Labor Day in Pittsburgh, when you solemnly pledged not to permit the use of the State police in labor disputes?

At Reading, Pennsylvania's Governor could not move against the Nazi owners of the scab-herding Berkshire Knitting Co. In Chester, he can move for the defense of the Sun Shipbuilding Co.

We call upon Gov. Earle to live up to his speech at South Park in Pittsburgh. He can do that by removing the State police from Chester. He can do it, further, by bringing John G. Pew to justice.

Of Concern To Catholics

Apprehension increases among Catholics, especially those, the vast majority, who suffer under the exploitation of capitalism and the oppression of fascism, over the Vatican's more open siding with Fascism and all that it means.

The fact that this is done under the form of launching war upon Communism makes it no less the concern of the Catholic people. What does Communism stand for, that leads it to be singled out for attack by the Vatican? It stands for social justice, for peace, for freedom—those things dear to Christians.

Who is it that protests against the stealing from the people of their daily bread? Who is it that levels its assault upon those who commit the deadly sin of "defrauding the laborer of his wages"? It is the Communists.

And in turn, it is the fascists in every land who seek to steal away the daily bread of the mass of the people. It is the fascists, in Germany, Italy and elsewhere, who are defrauding the laborers of their wages.

These are sins which every Christian should condemn.

Didn't Fascism in Italy attempt to destroy Catholicism, breaking up the Catholic youth organizations, wiping out the Catholic trade unions and political parties, and limiting the freedom of Catholics to discuss the burning issues of the day affecting the people?

Didn't Hitler resort to persecution of the Catholics as he did of Jews, Socialists and Communists?

The interest of the Catholic people can not be served by tying up their church with the Spanish fascists who do not advance the interests of the Catholics of Spain. In the most devoutly Catholic part of Spain, the Basque, the Catholics, people and Church, are fighting on the side of the democratic, legitimate Spanish government.

Pledging the influence of the church to Fascism by opening up an attack on Communism should not blur the issue.

For it is an undeniable fact that the new Soviet Constitution grants religious freedom in the U.S.S.R. when religious rights are being destroyed in Germany and Italy, and when Mussolini's armies are even now fighting to destroy the independence of the Christian people of Ethiopia.

Religious persecution, race prejudice, destruction of the people's most elementary rights are the stock-in-trade of the fascists.

The best interests of the Catholic people can be gained by their unity with those who stand for democracy, tolerance, freedom, peace. And that means with those who resist the barbarous moves of the Fascist dictators.

Mayor LaGuardia: Postpone ERB Exams.

Night after night, all through the long hours, the vigil of the ERB pickets continues before New York's Municipal Building.

On Saturday at noon these night watches will be swelled into a mass demonstration.

These events bring out once more a condition of affairs which Mayor LaGuardia could end in the right way by one small act.

Beneath all the talk of James E. Finegan, Municipal Civil Service Commissioner, there stand out these facts:

That the open competitive examinations ordered by Finegan will lead to discrimination against active union workers on the ERB.

That the door will be wide open for discrimination against Negroes.

That is what the "open competitive examination" nonsense means—and no beating around the bush can obscure this real meaning of Finegan's maneuvers.

This stand of the ERB workers for a qualifying examination in their case is not a stand against civil service. For five years, they have "taken their civil service examinations" in the admittedly good work which they have done. There is no argument, and has never been any argument, against open competitive examinations to fill future vacancies that may arise. The service that the present ERB workers have given, under any conceivable fair play, cannot be overlooked, as the Civil Service Commissioner would do.

Every responsible organization and person who has looked into this matter has declared that the Finegan proposals are unjust and unreasonable. In answer, the Civil Service Commissioner now hides behind his alleged legal obligation to carry through the exams in the way he has outlined.

That puts the ERB business squarely up to Mayor LaGuardia. Will he show the proper courage which this occasion requires? We expect him to do so.

J. E. Hoover Imitates A Movie Imitation

J. Edgar Hoover, the No. 1 G-Man, has evidently been seeing too many gangster movies.

Borrowing his technique from the cinema thriller, he staged a real Hollywood raid on a lone gangster, Harry Brunette; and with the aid of an army of G-Men, firemen, and god knows what else, he finally got his man.

To capture one small-time gangster, J. Edgar Hoover had to start a fire, endangering the lives of tenants, and open up a machine-gun fusillade that imperiled the innocent firemen who were brought in as Hoover's actors in the G-Man's drama.

Now Mr. Hoover has been getting a special build-up as the great terror of criminals by William Randolph Hearst. Hoover's most energetic action is snooping against government employees who organize to improve their conditions.

When it comes to real gangsters, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is busy posing before a mirror with his tin badge and machine-gun.

Where was the get-your-man Hoover when the Black Legion took scores of workers for a ride?

The Black Legion, and many other vigilante and scabbing organizations, come within the charmed province of the G-Men.

Whenever the workers, beaten, kidnapped or murdered, have called on the Department of Justice for help, they have found Mr. J. Edgar Hoover "out."

This time he got himself way out on a limb trying to imitate the movie imitations of himself.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

A partnership of Al Capone and William Randolph Hearst in control of the newspapers of the United States would give a faint idea of the character of the French press. Vena is a word which must have been coined originally to describe the capitalist dailies of France.

The major organs of French capitalism are not only corrupt, for sale to the highest bidder, but they are venomous and deadly. Since the hounding to death of the Socialist Minister of the Interior, Roger Salengro, the People's Front of France has determined to break the power of the French newspaper magnates. A Press Bill is before the Chamber of Deputies now that forces the big sheets to reveal their financial backers, makes it harder for them to sell their pages to the 200 rich families and imposes severe penalties for slander, panic-mongering and fascist incitation.



During discussions on the bill, some sensational revelations were made. The most important were contributed by Paul Vaillant-Couturier, editor-in-chief of L'Humanite, French Communist daily. So telling was Vaillant-Couturier's exposure that such representatives of the Right as Philippe Henriot, Jean Chiappe and other lieutenants of de la Rocque, kept up an incessant howling and clatter to try to drown out the damaging evidence.

The issue is democracy versus the trusts, declared Vaillant-Couturier. The trusts have unlimited revenues, powerful information and propaganda organs, while democracy was disarmed.

Gringoire, the magazine responsible for the murderous slander against Roger Salengro, and Editions de France, he pointed out, are jointly owned by a group of Paris bankers. Not only did the biggest bankers of France control the major stock of both corporations, but British, Belgian, Hungarian and Swedish capitalists had a voice in their policy.

Paris Soir, an afternoon newspaper like the Hearst Journal in New York, like Hearst, controls sugar factories and textile mills.

Le Temps, largest Paris newspaper, the "bourgeois turned newspaper," as a famous Socialist described it, is controlled by the Milhaud and Chastenet insurance companies, and by the most powerful finance-capitalist group in France, the Comite des Forges, which runs the heavy metal industries of France, and can be compared to the Morgan clique in the United States.

Havas Agency, a semi-governmental press service that is most responsible for the uniformity of propaganda of the French rightists, not only throughout France, but in other parts of the world, is influenced by agents of the grand press of France.

Havas, in France, combines advertisement with information. But it is always hard to distinguish which is which. Since it has almost a monopoly on Central European news, it is of extreme importance to the pro-Nazi section of the French Right. Furthermore, Havas collaborates with the Messageries Hachette, a sort of combination of Macmillan's and the Union News Company in this country. It publishes tons of books, pamphlets, magazines and controls the distribution agencies in all railroad stations, subways and other public places.

From Havas, down to Paris Soir and Gringoire, there is a sort of interlocking directorate, giving the Comite des Forges, and the other members of the 200 rich families of France who finance the fascists, a virtual grip on the entire bourgeois press of France.

In this situation, Comrade Vaillant-Couturier declared: "We see the necessity, which does not alarm honest newspapers in the least, of publishing the source of income of all newspapers."

L'Humanite, he pointed out, publishes a detailed balance sheet showing the source of every sou that finances the newspaper.

"Slander must be punished," he demanded. "The law must not act against the press of the poor to the advantage of the rich. The bill (introduced under sponsorship of the Socialist Premier Blum) is inadequate as it stands. A complete reform of the press is urgent. Democracy is at stake. We defend the freedom of the press. We condemn those who calumniate freedom, corrupt and kill."

Edgar Snow, Chicago newspaperman, in the latter part of September interviewed Mao Tse-tung, leader of the Red Armies of China at Paoan. The full stenographic text of the interview is published in several issues of the China Weekly Review (Shanghai). Comrade Mao deals with the united front in China, unification of all groups against Japanese invasion, and problems of the military struggles of a united China in liberating itself from the Japanese imperialist invader. In later issues, the Daily Worker will publish quotations from this historical document.

War on Child Labor On All Fronts

Men and women continue to walk the streets without work in America—nine to eleven million of them.

Even the financial pages of yesterday's capitalist press deemed it necessary to dwell upon this.

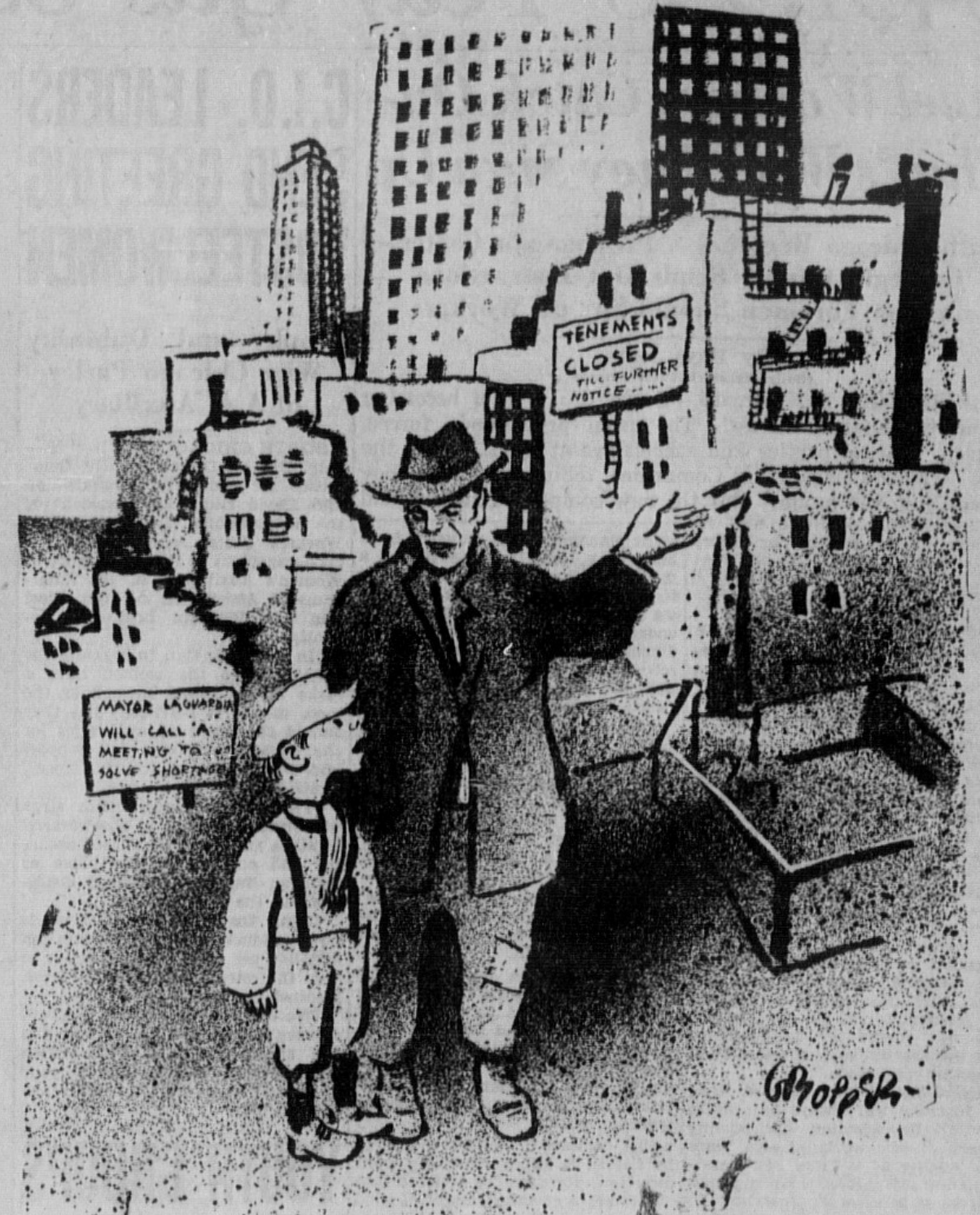
Men and women walk the streets jobless—while the labor of little children is on the rise. This extension of child labor—despite the "Happy Days Are Here Again" ballyhoo—is nothing short of a national disgrace.

This week the American Federation of Labor asked all affiliated labor organizations to begin a campaign immediately for the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. If 12 more states act favorably, the 22nd Amendment will become part of the Constitution. The reactionary decision of the Supreme Court 15 years ago will thus be wiped out.

That is very good. All labor can welcome this call. But while the amendment is being pushed, there are other ways to halt child labor. Unions can begin to act. Strike action can expose some of the rotten conditions existing in such cities as New York and Chicago. The coming Congress itself can throw down the gauntlet to the Czaristic Supreme Court by enacting laws against this evil.

Let the war upon child labor go forward, on all fronts!

They Say There's a Shortage by Gropper



Bridges Vows West Coast Support To Eastern Maritime Strikers

By Art Shields

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Harry Bridges, fighting West Coast marine leader, got a tumultuous welcome as he entered Olympic Arena for the first Eastern mass meeting he has addressed during the present waterfront strike.

Seamen and longshoremen, who crowded the hall, applauded again and again as he spoke. He brought messages of strike solidarity and financial aid from East to West and told how the united marine workers movement had revitalized the entire Pacific Coast labor movement since the 1934 strike victory.

Joseph Curran and Harry Green, two other fighting marine leaders, spoke with Bridges. Green, fresh from the Chester picket line, told how shipyard workers were picketing scab ships to aid the seamen. Green is national president of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, a CIO union.

1,500 AT RALLY

Curran, leader of the Atlantic and Gulf rank and file seamen, said the greatest marine strike was going on to victory.

Fifteen hundred seamen and longshoremen packed the hall at short notice, when the meeting was hastily announced. Marine leaders said a hall three times as large would have been filled, had they had time to advertise.

Harry Bridges symbolized unity and victory to these eastern marine workers, who have been betrayed and divided through the years so many times by reactionary leaders, such as Joseph Ryan and Grange. The West Coast leader spoke quietly, without flourishes, but in clear, decisive tones that filled the hall.

TELLS OF GAINS

"We on the West Coast have a selfish interest in helping you win your strike against the shipowners," he said, as he told of the 10 per cent assessment the Western marine unions had levied for their Eastern brothers.

"If the employers beat one union they may beat all," he continued. "We have learned that lesson."

He hammered that idea home again and again, as he sounded the slogan, "An Injury to One Is the Concern of All," and as he told of the gains that unity of action had brought the West Coast marine workers and all other unions.

"We used to work for miserable wages," he said; "we longshoremen

on the West Coast used to get hired at the same degrading 'Shape Up' on the docks that you have here, or at company hiring halls.

"We had the speed up as you have here.

"Only 2,200 men worked on the San Francisco docks in the days of the speed up.

"Now 4,800 men are needed to do the work. Wages average \$35 a week. They are hired at union hiring halls in rotation."

HIRING BY RADIO

Philadelphia longshoremen who starve, while a few favorites work 40 hours without rest, listened intently as Bridges told how western longshoremen got work on schedule, and they gasped as he went on:

"We are considering a plan to hire by radio. Instead of coming to the hall for his job, the longshoreman would tune in at a certain hour every morning to get the radio call, telling him where to report for work. When no ship came in he could pull up the covers and sleep again."

WHOLE TOWNS LINE UP

"The whole labor movement is actively behind us in the West," he continued. "At a meeting of the San Francisco labor council, the unions donated \$18,000 to our maritime strike."

"If necessary the other unions would go out again on a general tie-up to aid us."

Bridges told how longshoremen picket for cloakmakers uptown and uptown workers picket for marine strikers, under the motto, "An Injury to One Is the Concern of All."

He told how whole towns have been organized with the aid of the marine workers. Little northwestern communities, where no union existed, are now organized one hundred per cent—building trades, Woolworth clerks, restaurant workers, barbers, mill workers and the rest.

Whole communities support the marine workers now, whereas they were isolated a few years ago.

"Not only labor, but farmers and small business men see their interests are with us, as against the ship owners," he said.

CITES SUPPORT

"This unity brings big results. The radio gives us hours of free time on the air; the newspapers print our statements and speeches."

He told how other workers and citizens packed Civic Auditorium, biggest San Francisco hall, to overflow last week, with 6,000 on the outside, when marine strike issues

were presented. And the radio broadcast the speeches and newspapers carried the texts.

That would have been utterly impossible in the past.

Great political results too are flowing from this new unity of labor, the West Coast marine leader added.

"In Seattle the mayor helped the workers win the strike against Hearst. . . . Bridges paid a tribute to the printing trades men who refused to pass a union picket line.

STRESSES UNITY

"In San Francisco the board of supervisors has given support to the marine strike."

(And two years ago police were shooting down pickets there.) Turning to the longshoremen, whose union is working on the East Coast, while the men from the ships are picketing the docks, Bridges said:

"I want to say to the longshoremen that we on the West Coast understand your problems here. . . . But if you decide to join the fight with your brothers on the ships we on the West Coast will help you."

Bridges stressed the need of unity between longshoremen and seamen for the interests of both.

"The seamen have shown their courage," he said. "If they should lose, it will be only through lack of unity."

WILL NOT SCAB

"We West Coast workers don't care whether they call your movement 'insurgent,'" declared Bridges. "We know you are workers organized to improve your conditions."

"We don't care either what they call us who work on the West Coast. We know we are bona fide labor organizations, whatever they call us."

"We will fight with you. If you should lose, our fight on the West Coast will be harder. The ship owners will injure us by injuring you."

West Coast marine workers, Bridges repeated several times, will never work Eastern ships, while a strike exists in the East.

Turning to the issues raised by the fight between the A. F. of L. Executive Council against the CIO, Bridges denounced the "misleaders" of labor, who are false to the traditional policies of the A. F. of L.

"These 'misleaders,'" said Bridges, want workers of one union to pass through picket lines of another. "We will not do that. We will know when the time comes, which side to choose."

Letters from Our Readers

Love, Not Covet, Thy Neighbor

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is a well-known fact that the fundamental basis of all religion is "Thou Shalt Not Kill," "Love Thy Neighbor As Thou Lovest Thyself."

When the Italian army was sent to Ethiopia, with the supposed aim and object of teaching the Ethiopian people, the "savages," civilization and christianity, to bring them "spiritual purity," for that undertaking the Italian Pope got the blessing of the cardinals, bishops and Pope, and Catholics were told to pray for the success of the Italian army.

But what happened? The Ethiopian nation said to Italy, and to the Pope, we don't want your religion, we have our own. For thousands of years we worked hard to assemble our nation, we worked hard to build

our homes in the tropics of Africa. Go back home to your own country. We will never penetrate your soil or your homes. Serve your god in any form you desire.

What was the answer of the Italian army? Cold bayonets into the bodies of the Ethiopian people, bombs from the air and poison gasses. Tens of thousands of young and old men, women and children, were slaughtered like cattle. If this is religion and the fear of God, then I am a mummy.

I am a Catholic who has been deluded for many years, but who has learned lessons from a thousand fields. I don't condemn all of the clergy in our Christian churches, only those who accumulated wealth at the expense of the working masses, and honor and praise from the ruling class they serve. T. M.

SPORTS

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Says Doc:

The better informed grid
Experts Do Say That
Pitt Will Make the West Coast
Eat Those Harsh Words

Just Some Advice For a Would-Be Pug

By Ted Benson

Young L. C. K. writes to tell me that he is somewhere in the neighborhood of six feet tall, strong as the odor of garlic, weighs 147 pounds and would like to fight for a living in the ring. "How," he wants to know, "does a young fellow get a chance to show his ring ability?"

Now I am not one of those guys who will slap a young fellow on the back, tell him to go in and win and then forget about it.

So I sat down and prepared my mind for the laborious operation of thinking, but the good old United Press came through and saved me the trouble. They sent a story over the wire which is the perfect answer to the question.

Here is the story:

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 16.—"WANTED: a job, very bad." These five words summed up today the condition of Christopher Bat Battalino, who reigned as featherweight boxing champion of the world from 1929 to 1932.

"I'm practically busted," he confided. "What little dough I got is going out pretty quick. I gotta get a job very bad. I gotta lot of friends—but I got pride, too. I'm not gonna ask them."

But said he had renounced the ring entirely after two comeback attempts failed miserably.

"I'm getting old," he said. "I'm no good any more."

He said he was 29.

"Jeez," the little Italian's voice begged, "I'll take any kind of a job. I got a wife and two kids."

He's Not the Only One

Old at twenty-nine. That's the requiem of many a fighter who took it on the chin for years to provide a thrill for the crowd.

Old at twenty-nine. There was Paul Berlenbach and Cannonball Eddie Martin; there was poor old Sam Langford and young Joe Gans and a host of others too numerous to mention and many of them too shadowy to remember.

I can't give you any advice L.C.K., but Lester Rodney can. The staff expert had but one thing to say when he saw this story.

"Tell him," he said, "that Potters Field is full of ex-champs."

"Nuff said?"

I Want to Say Thanks

This column wishes to express its thanks to those who have sent us their money and votes. The anonymous young man who came through with a buck for me at the People's Book Shop at 369 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, gets our best wishes. So do Eddie Hoffman, Joe Kaufman, Charles Wladnick, Sol and Archie Shapoff of J. H. Meyer Bros. The boys are all glass workers and they sent us 200 votes, for which, thanks again.

Must Be Good

Three players—Larry Kelley, Yale; Gaynell Tinsley, Louisiana State; and Ed Widseth, Minnesota—were unanimous choices for All-America football honors in 1936, according to a consensus of twelve major mythical elevens made today by the United Press.

All dozen selectors put these players in first-string positions and each of them thus gained a total of 120 points, awarded on the basis of ten for a first team position, five for second and three for a third team.

Vital School Game

Scholastic basketball fans await with baited breath tomorrow's clash between the court colossus of the Bronx, Clinton and Monroe. Undeclared to date, these two teams are clearly the class of the borough and probably the city. Clinton has a veteran team, with three probable all-scholastics in Auerbach, Kaplowitz and Glover. They have been more impressive in every game, routing Commerce Tuesday with a 55-point barrage. Monroe boasts one member of last year's city champs, Nick Shaback and a flock of fast new-comers. Loeffler of the latter contingent has been rattling the nets consistently.

Big Indiana Quintet Has Local Hero

Willie Silberstein, former star of the New Utrecht H. S. team of Brooklyn, is the only player from outside the state who will accompany the Indiana University basketball team when the Big Ten co-champions leave Bloomington Friday to invade New York for the opening of the college basketball season in Madison Square Garden. The Indiana five meets Manhattan's veteran quintet in the second game of the double header. City College's sensational new five is slated to meet the strong St. Joseph's team of Philadelphia in the opening struggle.

Because City College is noted more for its high scholastic standards than for its athletic accomplishments, the Beaver basketball team can boast of one of the best centers in the country, Bernie Fliegall.

Fliegall, whose 190 pounds are stretched over a six foot two inch frame, is one of the few boys on the City College squad who has had any high school playing experience. In fact, he was a star on a championship Clinton team and as a result received many offers of athletic scholarships. But his mother wanted him to study. She believed that one of the few schools where athletes were made to toe the marks scholastically was City College. So Bernie came to the Lavender campus.

Right now Fliegall's greatest worry is Matt Gourkas, St. Joseph's high scorer and center, whom he will have to guard when the two teams meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

New Fistic Fury Gets Crack at McLarnin

Bobby Pacho's Sensational Rise Earns Him Go at Big Dough—Arizona Fighter Does It All for Wife and Kids

By JOSEPH SMITH

Those senile gents who constitute the ever fumbling Boxing Commission, recently up, like a bunch of Curley's panting pachyderms, trying

to select a challenger for Barney Ross, king of all welters. While their failing eyes were glued upon Izzy Jannazzo and Ceferino Garcia, they completely overlooked a rising young man who not only could have given the champ a better fight than Jannazzo who hasn't got the punch to fight his way out of a cellophane bag, but also would have kept the Garden customers awake.

BOBBY'S THE BOY

That boy is Bobby Pacho, a two-fisted battler with destruction in either mitt. Bobby gave an excellent demonstration of his punching power the other night at the St. Nick's when he blasted the battle-scarred Pete Mascia out of the picture in five rounds. A terrific right to the chin sent Pete flat on his back, his head resting outside the ropes.

The referee started to count over the unconscious Mascia and just as he reached the fatal "ten and out," the bell rang, ending the round. There was some confusion among the officials and after a hurried conference it was decided to let him go on. But there was no

Undeclared NYU Five Takes on Cathedral

New York University's varsity basketball team, undefeated in three games to date, will entertain the Cathedral College quintet this evening on the University Heights gymnasium court. It will be the first meeting between the two local schools.

The Violet has downed the Alumnal, St. Francis College and Upsala College.

In the preliminary game starting at 7:15 o'clock, the undefeated Violet freshman basketball team will meet the Nassau-Hofstra College of New York University. This is the initial game of the season for the Hempstead division representatives who are being coached this year by John MacDonald, former Violet varsity three-sport athlete.

The tentative lineup for the varsity game follows:

| N. Y. University | Cathedral College |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Name | Position |
| 5. Boardman | L.F. |
| E. Carnevale | R.F. |
| I. Terjesen | C. |
| J. Tarlow | L.G. |
| Capt. Schulman | R.G. |
| | Capt. Murphy |
| | Lavin |

Today's Events

HOCKEY

Toronto at N. Y. Americans.

WRESTLING

New York Coliseum—Harry Man Mountain Jacobs vs. Hans Schacht, to a finish; Glen Martinelli vs. Irving Halpern, Robert Burns vs. Count Zaryoff, Frank Sexton vs. Young Sanoake, Bill Sledge vs. Sammy Cohen, Hardy Kruskamp vs. Big Chief Sanoake, time limit.

White Plains Army—Nick Campofreda vs. El Fischer, to a finish; Tommy Nisan vs. Bert Ruhl, Al Billings vs. Ben Marfeci, George Lenhan vs. Lou Farina, Tony Garibaldi vs. Bobby Roberts, time limit.

BASKETBALL

Cathedral at N.Y.U.; Clarkson at L.L.U.; Brooklyn Poly at Bard.

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known as
Louis the Hatter
STETSON HATS
UNION MADE
1716 Pitkin Ave., cor. Thattford Ave.

COPS, FIREMEN JOIN BLAST ON HOOVER

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the federal men for "violating an agreement." This led to an exchange of the lie direct between the two big crook-chasers, with Hoover denying he had broken his word to Valentine.

The New York Police Commissioner claims that a capture would have been simple if the original agreement to wait until Brunette and his wife were asleep. Instead, Hoover beat the police to the gun, he claims. Hoover says he got the tip from private sources, not the police.

And there you have it.

INCIDENTALLY
Incidentally (No. 1) Attorney General Homer Cummings wired a defense of his head snooper. "I am in full agreement with the manner in which Hoover did the job," Cummings said.

Incidentally (No. 2) Hoover has been mentioned as the strong, silent man who some day might be the one on whom the "right people could depend" to stop crime and strike waves and similar unpatriotic things. A sort of super secret policeman.

Incidentally (No. 3) you'll see it in all the movies—but not the McElligott nor the Valentine letters.

Revision of Italy Trade Pact Aimed to Permit Embargo, Officials Say

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The present negotiations with Italy for a new trade pact to replace that signed in 1911, are intended to permit the United States to apply embargo measures against Italy, government officials stated today.

Under the old Italo-American Trade Treaty of 1911, the two countries pledged themselves not to prohibit the export or import of goods to each other which they did not prohibit to all other countries.

Nazis Are Sending 20,000 Men to Spain

50 Women and Children Perish, Hundreds Are Wounded Before Government Planes Rout Fascist Fleet of 39 in Madrid Dogfight

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under the glare of arc lights attempting to reach the buried, mostly women and children, before they die from their injuries or suffocation.

The United Press correspondent watched one of the squads attempting to raise a block of stone, six feet square, that had crashed against the basement entrance of a house.

Forty persons, many of whom were hastily applied bandages, huddled nearby, hoping that relatives buried in the debris still were alive.

WOUNDED JAM SUBWAY
The Vieja Church of Tetuan was a pile of broken bricks, having been hit squarely by three bombs.

Underground stations were jammed with women and children, many of whom were wounded.

The more seriously injured lay on beds placed on the railroad tracks while Red Cross doctors and nurses treated them.

Great damage also was done to the University City, Pozuelo and Casa de Campo district, north and west of Madrid.

Nazi, Italian Attack Is Repulsed

MADRID, Dec. 16 (UP).—Government troops beat off another Fascist attack today, inflicting many casualties on new German and Italian Fascist "recruits" as they tried to slip into the city under cover of a dense fog.

After an all-day battle, which officials think was the beginning of Gen. Francisco Franco's general offensive against Madrid, in which they were twice repulsed, the Fascists launched another surprise attack soon after midnight.

Without preliminary artillery fire which would have announced the impending attack, the Fascists sent a strong force of infantry against the northwest sector at which they have been hammering for almost six weeks.

SURPRISE FASCISTS

The fog limited visibility to only

papers found on the Lufthansa airplane that crashed recently in the French Alps revealed an agreement between the Spanish Fascists and Germany.

Under this agreement, she said, all civil and military officials in Spanish Fascist territory would be duplicated by German officials.

The airplane crashed while flying from Germany to Spain.

Fascist Planes Bomb French Rail Town

PERPIGNAN, France, Dec. 16.—Four Fascist bombing planes attacked the international railroad town of Port Bou on the Franco-Spanish Mediterranean border today, injuring one Frenchman.

Dropping three bombs on the railroad station, the planes tried to cut the railroad on which Catalonia depends for most of its food in imports.

The planes then flew over the French frontier town of Gerbere without dropping bombs but returned to Port Bou and barely missed the entrance of the frontier railroad tunnel.

Soviet Life Boats Found Adrift Off Oran

ALGIERS, Algeria, Dec. 16.—Two empty lifeboats from a Soviet freighter afloat forty-five miles off Oran, port in Northwest Algeria, have been found floating in the Mediterranean, according to radio messages picked up here today.

It is believed that the ship may have been torpedoed by a Spanish Fascist submarine. Another Soviet steamer is standing by, the message said.

Attempt to Block Recruits for Spain

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 16.—Police today opened a drive to clamp down on enlistment of Czechoslovaks in the Spanish People's Front militia.

During the day police raided the Communist Party headquarters here, and arrested six leaders.

Though six men were arrested today in an attempt to cross the border, large numbers of Socialists, Communists and members of other democratic parties, have already managed to arrive in Spain to fight in the International Brigade.

Communists strongly protested against the action of the Government, pointing out that the Socialists in the Government were thus placed in the position of flouting the resolution of the Executive of the Labor and Socialist International, their superior organization.

C. P. C. Issues Defi In Game for Spain

Table Tennis Champions Draw Crowd in Match Sponsored by Daily Worker—Special Meeting Today on Court Plans

By Lester Rodney

On the eve of the second Game for Spain—the crack City Projects Council basketball team came forward with a flat challenge to any trade union five in the city, proceeds to go to the victims of the fascist onslaught in Spain.

A meeting is to be held today at which plans for a triple-header basketball program in one of the large arenas, under the auspices of the Daily Worker, will be discussed.

Last night the Social Dance Group rocked to the salvos of applause for the exhibition of skill and muscular co-ordination put forth by Douglas Cartland, Thor Sanger Frank Spinka and David Engelman, table tennis champions all. It was for all the world like a series of condensed tennis matches between the Tilden and Cochet of five years ago, Fred Perry and Ellsworth Vines. And as one of the champs put it, "You don't have to go to a swanky court and plunk down two bucks an hour to play, either."

After the games came a fascinating display of Spanish entertainment. Pupils of the well known Lola Bravo Studio performed their specialties with a sweep and whole hearted intensity that turned one's thoughts to the streets and barricades of Madrid.

Standing up under the grueling body punishment that Baker dealt out after three long years of inactivity is no mean feat. . . . Tomorrow night's mat show at the Mecca Arena is headlined by Maurice LaChapelle's encounter with Gino Martinielli. . . . At the Uptown 22nd Engineers Crusher Casey takes on Hank Barber in the feature bout.

Both Pastor clashes with that colossus of the ring, Ray Impellietiere, at the Garden tomorrow night. . . . Both ringsters are aching for a shot at Joe Louis. . . . In the semi-finals Lorenzo Pack hard hitting unbeaten Negro, collides with the up and coming giant Jack Trammell.

Kid Chocolate continues his comeback when he meets Johnny Erickson at the Rockland Palace Saturday night. . . . Although he lost his bout with Phil Baker the Kid shows promise of regaining his previous topnotch form. . . .

Victory Near, Says Palencia On Departure

SPANISH YOUTH SPEAK TONIGHT AT HIPPODROME

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part of the international fight against fascism."

TO ADDRESS UNION

Other I.L.G.W.U. leaders who were present included: Sam Perlmutter, chairman of Local 10; Saby Nahama, chairman of the Spanish division of Local 22; Louis Voigt, business agent of Local 117; Sam Feurstein, business agent of Local 9; Sam Woyort of Local 117; S. Spanier of Local 9.

Also present were S. R. Solomon, organizational secretary of the trade union committee of the American League Against War and Fascism, an Rena Burton, secretary of the United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Garment workers of Dressmakers Union Local 22 of the I.L.G.W.U. will hear Luis Simarro, wounded member of the group, at a general membership meeting of the local tonight at 5:30 P.M. at the Manhattan Opera House, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

GO ON TOUR

Following the union meeting, Simarro will join the other three delegates for their Hippodrome appearance. Chairman of the meeting will be Hoyt Haddock, president of the American Telegraphers Union, one of the organizations in the seamen's strike.

James A. Wechsler, editor of the American Student Union magazine, Student Advocate, will speak. All Spanish speeches will be translated.

Tomorrow the group will start their transcontinental tour, with their first stop at Union City, N. J., where they speak at the Italian Cooperative Hall. They will speak at Paterson Saturday night.

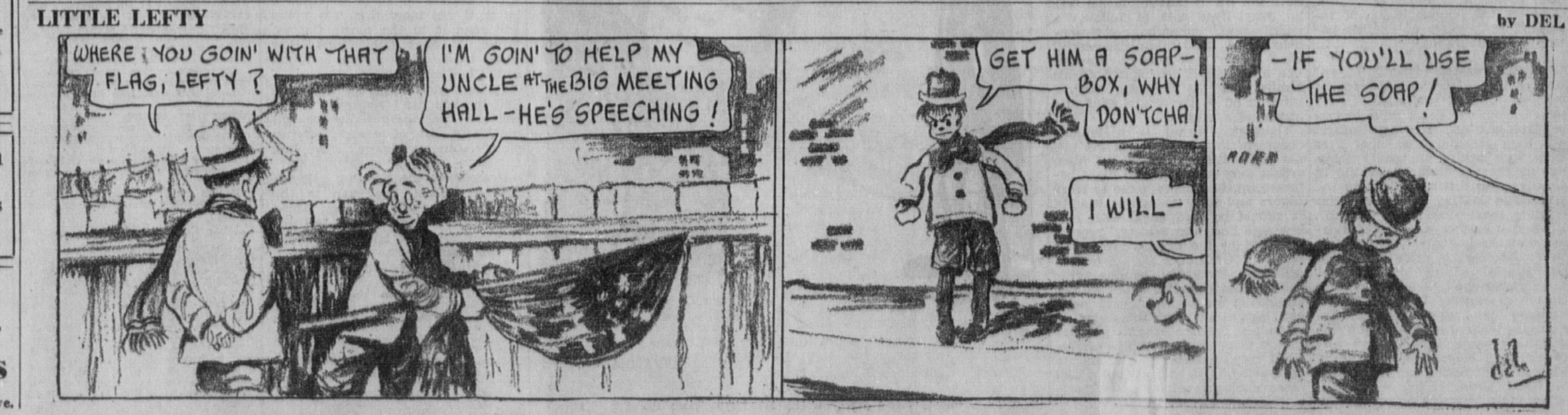
On Sunday afternoon the four will address a meeting in the Newark Central Y.M.C.A. A trip upstate to Rochester, N. Y., where they will speak in Baptist Hall, follows.

ISABEL DE PALENCIA
"Victory is not far off."
With these parting words, Isabela de Palencia, who has spoken to more than 300,000 people in an American tour in behalf of Spanish democracy, left for Stockholm, Sweden, on the Queen Mary yesterday to take her post as ambassador from Spain.

Aboard the British liner with her was the Rev. Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic priest, who was a member of the Spanish delegation here, and Maria de Palencia, Mrs. de Palencia's daughter.

"America is wonderful," the Spanish minister, who spoke in 43 cities through the United States and Canada, said. "I have strong assurance of the solidarity of the American people with the Spanish workers. Although at first Americans did not understand the Spanish problem, today I believe there is real sympathy for the Spanish people."

Before leaving she met members of the youth delegation of four, who arrived here Monday. Luis Simarro, 27-year-old militia commander, is a school friend of her son, she discovered.



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