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STRIKERS WIN WAGE DEMANDS

700 Join Auto Union in Mellon-Controlled Company—Kelsey-Hayes Forced to Deal with 5,000 'Sitters-in,' Offer Pay Rise

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—The 1,000 striking workers of the Mellon-controlled Aluminum Die Casting Corporation ended their thirteen-day sit-down strike today, winning immediate wage raises and continuation of negotiations on other demands. The management agreed to boost the present 38-cent-an-hour scale to 50 cents and to increase by four cents an hour all previous rates of 50 cents or more.

All the workers will return to work tomorrow, without discrimination.

The strikers accepted the terms in a mass meeting this afternoon, cheering when it was announced that 700 out of the 1,000 had joined the Auto Workers Union during the strike, whereas previously the plants had been unorganized.

KELSEY-HAYES CRACKS

Settlement of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company strike, involving 5,000 "sitters-in," was in prospect tonight after George W. Kennedy, president of the company, who had previously refused to negotiate unless the men first let the plant, the strikers' demands. The strikers signed an offer meeting many of Kennedy's offer tonight. He promised a minimum of 75 cents an hour, no discrimination, and continuation of negotiations for increases in the higher wage brackets and other demands.

Kennedy's action was seen as a significant victory for the workers, for he had previously taken a belligerent stand toward the workers, not only refusing to negotiate unless the men left the plant, but also attempting to revive the company union.

The present strike, it is believed, has definitely smashed the company union and done much to assure active union men protection

Death Is All She Asked From Santa

Johanna Banghart, 35-year old widowed mother, did not want to be evicted from her cheap room on Christmas with her 15-month old child, so yesterday she took the baby in her arms and leaped from a second story window into a crowd of holiday shoppers, at 3592 Broadway. All morning and the night before Mrs. Banghart thought about past Christmas parties. She had told Mrs. Mary Tynen, her landlady, she could not pay the rent this week.

"I'm afraid you'll have to leave, then," Mrs. Tynen replied. Johanna sat with her child, thinking—listening to the drip, drip of a water faucet. She clutched a yellowed, worn "prophecy" which she has read at a Christmas party in 1927. Recently she had been on relief, but that was all over now. What should she do?

In the Knickerbocker Hospital, while doctors were patching up cuts on her body and mending the baby Caroline's three fractured ribs, a physician surmised that the dripping faucet had much to do with the mother's act.

But an empty purse, a threat of eviction and the old Christmas

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Nazis Penalize Paper Publishing Facts on Food

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—For publishing the fact last Friday that Germany faces a shortage of one million tons of wheat the Frankfurter Zeitung was severely disciplined today by Minister of Propaganda Josef Goebbels.

The paper will be permitted to continue publication, the Propaganda Ministry announced, only if it submits to having a "safe" National Socialist man assume chief editorship and approve all articles before they are printed.

At the same time the Berliner Tageblatt was also ordered to choose a Nazi editor and the present editor Paul Scheffer, will be made a foreign correspondent. Criticism of German foreign policy is thought to be the reason for Scheffer's punishment.

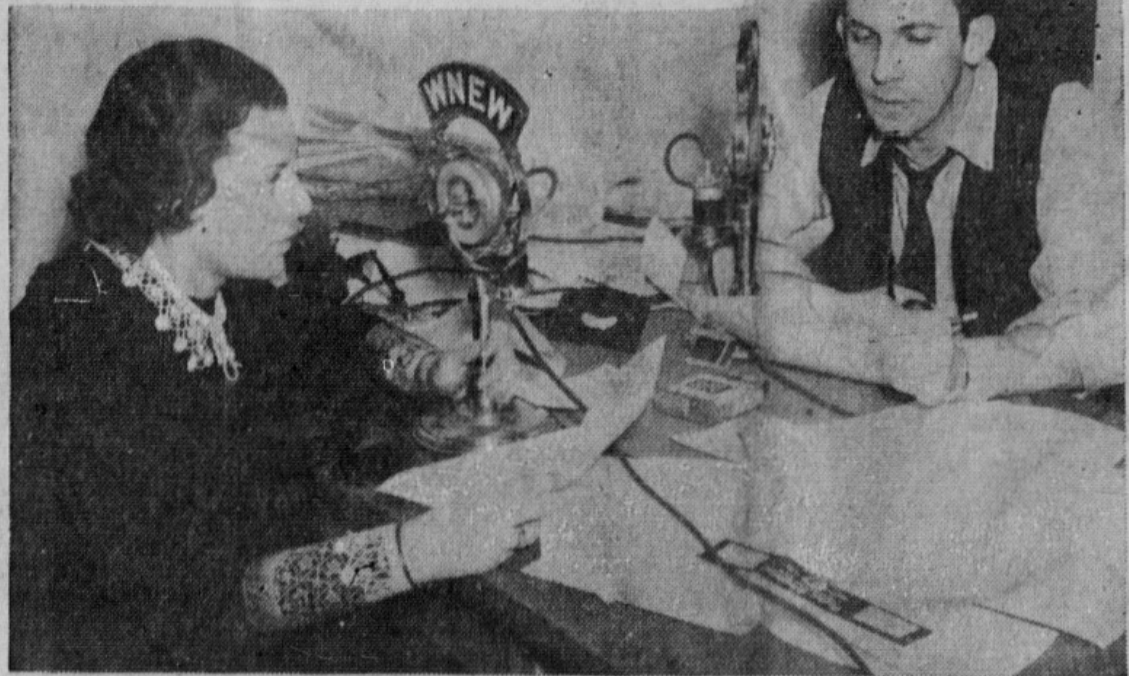
3 Die as Plane Crashes in Texas

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—A Braniff Airlines transport plane crashed here today and killed three company officials and three mechanics who were on board.

This is the latest of a series of plane wrecks, averaging one or two a week for the last several weeks.

Calling All ERB Strikers . . .

Announcers Edith Roider and Richard Brooks sending news bulletins to ERB sit-down strikers Tuesday night over Station WNEW. Over 8,000 strikers in relief bureaus, and thousands of others elsewhere listened in to broadcasts which came at regular intervals all night.



MEET THE EMERGENCY!

The grim financial emergency confronting the Daily and Sunday Worker still holds its grip on the paper.

But much more must come in today from Communist Party districts and sections, other organizations and individual readers and supporters if the crisis is to be met.

There were numerous responses to the urgent appeal for funds that appeared in the Daily Worker yesterday. Also to the telegram signed by Charles Krumbein and I. Amter sent to New York Sec-

tion Organizers and those telegrams addressed to the districts emphasizing the great need of the paper for having cash sent in at once.

Yet the total amount was far short of the \$8,000 we told you was needed yesterday and today to see us through.

The appeal for immediate contributions was published only because of the absolute need in which the Daily Worker finds itself.

Answer the appeal in such volume today that the emergency will be met!

FINK BOOK LAW BEGINS AFTER XMAS

500 Picketing Seamen Arrested in Raids in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—Ship owners distributed Christmas presents to striking seamen here in the form of beatings by police, sluggings by scabs, and the arrest of 500 pickets today.

The seamen's hall was raided by a bull-necked squad on cops headed by Captain Albert Prados. As many as 25 strikers were crowded into one prison cell, designed to hold two.

Several seamen and strike-breakers were seriously wounded in the attack on the picket lines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. "Mutiny" Roper announced today that the "fink book" law provided for under the Copeland Act will become effective the day after Christmas.

Despite a nation-wide protest against the enactment of the blacklist features of the Copeland bill by seamen in all ports, the weight of the ship-owners in the capitol lobbies has proven stronger than the protest of the maritime workers.

Under the law, ship owners will be able to have access to a complete record of every seaman aboard

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ERB Strike Decision Waits Court Ruling

Judge Martin to Decide Today on Appeal for Delay in Examination—Checkup Shows More Struck Than Union Total

Thousands of Emergency Relief Bureau workers today awaited an Appellate Court decision on their appeal for a stay in Civil Service examinations before taking further strike action following an imposing all-night sit-down strike of 8,000 which concluded yesterday morning.

Presiding Justice Francis Martin of the Appellate Division will decide on the ERB workers' petition for a delay this morning at 10 o'clock.

A Strike Strategy Committee meeting of the workers last night at the offices of the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies

decided to defer further steps in the fight for 24 hours pending the court decision on the exams scheduled for next Wednesday, Dec. 30.

80 MAKE DECISION Eighty members were present at the committee meeting, including 48 A.W.P.R.A. delegates from every district relief station in the city, members from the action committee of the ERB Supervisors' Association, the Metropolitan Relief Workers' Guild, a Negro relief workers' organization, and the Joint Conference of ERB Organizations on Civil Service.

After hearing a report on the splendid turnout in the sit-down strike by Abram Flaxer, chairman of the committee and general manager of the A.W.P.R.A., the group decided to put off action until the court decision is made. The committee will meet again late this afternoon to determine their steps after hearing the judge's stand.

The appeal for a postponement is backed by the ERB administrative board headed by Charlotte Carr. In urging the delay the board pointed out that relief workers have been overworked in the past few weeks and have put in many hours of overtime, thereby preventing them from studying for the examinations.

LAGUARDIA VISITED Two committees visited Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia yesterday asking

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Mass at Noon For Prestes

Communist Party members will picket the Brazilian consulate at 11 Battery Place today at noon in a protest against the brutal treatment of Luis Carlos Prestes, heroic Brazilian working-class leader, on the eve of his trial by fascist-minded government leaders.

The Party called to all friends of the fight of the Brazilian people for democracy to join in the mass picket line in front of the consul's

10,000 NAZI INFANTRY ARE LANDED IN CADIZ; SHIP SINKING ADMITTED

Czechoslovakia Too?

Fear of Nazi Xmas Coup Grips Europe

Open March on Spain to Bolster Franco Seen Real Danger by Diplomatic Correspondent of British Press as Hitler Cancels Army Leaves

By Clifford L. Day (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Fear gripped European capitals tonight that Germany might use the holiday season for some spectacular military or diplomatic coup.

From Berlin came a report that a political decision of such importance impended that Adolf Hitler had abandoned all plans for a Christmas in the country and would remain in Berlin.

The London Press openly speculated on the possibility that German troops might march either into Czechoslovakia or Spain.

Germany's decree preventing men of military age from leaving the country without special permission intensified the rumors.

Diplomatic correspondents tonight in curiously similar dispatches speculated on the possibility that Germany had reached an extreme of such economic privation

that it might feel forced to seek adventure abroad to stifle discontent at home.

MARCH ON SPAIN FEARED The Evening Standard's diplomatic expert tonight speculates on the possibility of a "spectacular move, sufficiently grave to throw Europe into another major war" during the holiday season.

He mentions the possibility of a German march into Czechoslovakia

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SENATE BEGINS TO RAILROAD GOMEZ OUSTER

Cuban President Is Not Allowed to Speak At Impeachment

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 23.—The Cuban Senate, dominated by the Fascist army commander Fulgencio Batista, began tonight railroad through a sham impeachment trial on a trumped up charge and oust President Miguel Mariano Gomez from his office.

Immediately after the session started Sen. Octavio Rivero resigned as secretary of the impeachment tribunal because he charged "The court is prejudiced and President Gomez lacks guarantees for a fair trial."

The trial started with the reading by Senate Secretary Alonzo Pujol of the Chamber's charges and President Gomez' defense.

The President, in a message to the court, denied the accusations, which charged him with "impeding the free function of legislative power" and with "direct coercion" against legislation by threatening to veto laws which Congress might

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There's Still Time To Send Your Gift To the Daily Worker

You still have time to rush your Christmas gift to the Daily Worker in the form of a contribution to the \$100,000 fund.

With the financial situation as critical as we told you in the emergency appeal yesterday, today must see a large amount raised for the fund.

In order to make it possible for you to bring your gift to the Daily Worker office, 35 East 12th Street, the City Office on the 2nd floor will be open until midnight tonight, Christmas Eve!

Early or late, you have time today to bring in your Christmas gift to the Daily Worker.

No Troops, Says Earle On Bootleg Mine Tour

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 23.—Ending his three-day tour of the bootleg coal fields Governor Earle told a conference of hard coal citizens that coal bootlegging was intolerable and must end. But he pledged that he would never use the police and National Guard to drive the bootleggers from their pits.

This pledge followed a mass demonstration by rank and file miners to protect their jobs this morning when 800 miners defied a County Court injunction by the Stevens Coal Co. near Shamokin and recaptured pits the court had ordered them away from two weeks before.

The men will have a Christmas after all President Humphreys of the bootleg union told me. Earle

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U.S.S.R. Says Steamer Kuzbass Was Told of Komsomol Sinking

NAZIS IN AIR FORCE Hitler's Troops Wear Nazi Uniforms On Way to Front

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 23.—Eyewitnesses here report they have seen five brigades of German infantry, total 10,000 men, landed at Cadiz and moving toward the Madrid front by way of Seville.

The flat statement is made that in Toledo there are more German Nazis than Spanish soldiers, and that in Salamanca more German than Spanish is spoken.

Some of the German troops wear Spanish uniforms but others wear German. All travel in German motor trucks with skulls and crossbones painted on their sides.

German soldiers in the anti-aircraft units, in the heavy artillery, and in the air force. There are several camps of German anti-aircraft forces south of Madrid, and a German general is there under Franco's orders.

It is considered here that much more German man power will be needed for the attack on Madrid.

Fascist Captain Admits Komsomol Was Sunk

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 23.—Damaging admissions that the Soviet ship Komsomol was sunk and its crew slaughtered by a Spanish Fascist warship came from several Fascist sources today.

The very excuses put forward by General Franco's men and their clumsy attempts to throw doubt on

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Parley Urges Settlement of Chaco Rift

Hull Asks Pledge of Peace from 21 American Nations

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23 (UP).—The Inter-American Peace Conference, which since its opening Dec. 1 approved several important measures to consolidate peace in the Americas, ended tonight with a call to Bolivia and Paraguay to settle their dispute over the Gran Chaco.

The conference was opened by President Roosevelt.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull warned representatives of 21 American nations today that "we must destroy war or war will destroy us."

Speaking at the closing session of the conference, Hull urged delegates to "reject the counsels of force." He pointed to accomplishments of the peace meeting and expressed hope that delegates had set a "practical example" for the rest of the world.

Amid solemn ceremony, the final addresses were broadcast all over the world, in Spanish, Portuguese, German, French and English.

Hull pledged with nations of the Western Hemisphere to "hold out to a darkened world the beacon of a just and permanent peace which we pledge ourselves to maintain on this American continent."

Brazilian Liberal Senator Is Killed By Armed Raiders

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 23.—Villas Boas, liberal and progressive senator of the state of Matto Grosso and his associate Vespasiano Martins were shot to death by an armed band which invaded Martins' house while Boas was there, it was reported here today from Cuyaba, Brazil.

Both the victims were political opponents of Governor Mario Correa of Matto Grosso. Correa is an adherent of President Getulio Vargas, in whose cause many murders have been committed by the "Integrillistas," fascist bands.

Selassie Gets Xmas Greetings from 1,000 Friends of Ethiopia

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, was given a Christmas greeting today bearing the signatures of 1,000 persons representing 27 nationalities in the Friends of Abyssinia League.

Weather Man Sees Snowless Christmas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The U. S. Weather Bureau today forecast a snowless Christmas Day with moderate temperatures in the North and Middle-Atlantic States, Lower Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Tennessee.

The forecast: "Considerable cloudiness. Moderate temperatures, no precipitation." Over most of the section temperatures will remain above freezing, the bureau said.

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Minneapolis Unions Elect Progressives

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Complete militant slates were elected in two unions here this week. In Machinists Local 382 and in Ornamental Iron Workers Local 1513 reformers and progressives were defeated for every office.

The Communist Party Presents the People's Demands

COLUMN LEFT!

Absent Treatment
Art Is Short

By Harrison George

NOW and then of mornings, before we can turn the dial, our radio gives us "a GOOD start for the day" by a chap called "Cheerio," who, at one point in his trick asks the radio audience: "R-e-a-d-y! C-o-n-c-e-n-t-r-a-t-e! Everybody WISH!"

Maybe such concentrated wishing helps. The Socialist Party leaders and the Socialist Call must think so, anyhow.

The Socialist Party leaders, with Norman Thomas in the van, are trying rather desperately to find some basis, some reason for existence, in the mass struggles of the American working class. They are not, of course, being much too busy working for the "rights" of assassins of the Trotsky stripe. A fact that workers are noticing and evaluating.

But, there's nothing to prevent wishing. So, in the Call of Dec. 19 appeared an article, right on the front page, too; saying:

"THOMAS SPEAKS TO SEAMEN." And in the text: "Speakers at the Seamen's Strike meeting in the Garden are: Joseph Curran, leader of the rank and file insurgents of the East Coast seamen; Harry Bridges, president of the Pacific Coast Longshoremen; and Norman Thomas, Socialist leader."

Now, if at this strike meeting, on Wednesday, Dec. 16, leaders of working class political parties were invited to speak, we marveled that Norman Thomas alone could be mentioned. Especially so, when the Communist Party was from the first giving utmost attention to this strike, while the Socialist Party is, as noted, very busy with Mr. Trotsky.

Being curious, we investigated. And found: There was a meeting all right. A swell meeting. But Norman Thomas did NOT speak. And the reason was that he was NOT INVITED to speak.

Just a sample of the absent treatment the Socialist Party leaders are giving working class struggles. Come, now, "R-e-a-d-y! C-o-n-c-e-n-t-r-a-t-e! Everybody WISH!" Maybe Trotsky will stay in Mexico that way, too!

"ART," says the poet, "is short, and time is fleeting."

Artists, too, are short. Not in stature, but in cash. And in aid of art that is banalized by capitalism, as well as in support of the finest artists of this country, we want to call your attention to the art exhibition opening Christmas Eve at the Sunnyside Neighborhood Center, 49-10 Foster Ave., Sunnyside, Queens. It will continue for one week only.

We cannot mention them all, but among the exhibitors will be such famed artists as Kunishih, Raphael Styer and Moses Soker, Ribak, Stuart Edie, Ishigaki, Nagai, our own dear Bill Gropper, and Hugo Gellert, Gottlieb, Hariton, Takis, Evergood, Ben Zion and some thirty-five others. There will be works of all kinds and prices from \$1 to \$25, in water colors, oils, prints, lithographs and drawings.

Sunnyside exhibitions are noted far and wide, and Christmas Day ought to see enough patrons (admission is free) so that these splendid artists can eat their cranberries with sugar. By our support of art we sort of thumb our noses at Hitler's murder of it.

What's On

Boston

New Year's Eve Ball of the Communist Party of Boston at Convention Hall, 56 St. Botolph St. Refreshments, dancing, floor show. Admission 50c. Tickets can be obtained at 8 Beach St. Farewell banquet for George Blake at Rialto, 112 Boylston St. American League Against War and Fascism. Christmas Eve Dance, Thursday, Dec. 24, at the Ritz-Plaza, 218 Hunt. Music by Tacker Crosson and His Stratemmen. Trucking contest. Sub. 40c. Ausp.: Boston Young Communist League.

Chicago, Ill.

"Spain and the Future of Europe" will be discussed by Scott Nearing on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1937, 2:30 P.M. at 159 N. State St. Ausp.: American League Against War and Fascism. "A Pleasant Evening Party" will take place Saturday, Dec. 26, 8 P.M. at 124 N. Lincoln St. First floor. Entertainment and Refreshments. Ausp.: 32nd Ward C.P. Benefit: Press Campaign. Adm. free.

Newark, N. J.

Dinner, Wine, Dance! Lift the Lid, New Year's Eve Cabaret and Floor Show, at Kruger's Hall. Ausp.: Communist Party, Newark.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Christmas Eve Party, Philadelphia Music Center, 310 S. Juniper St., Dec. 24, 9 P.M. Food, Union swing band. Adm. 50c. "The American University Discovers Marx," a lecture by Albert E. Blumberg, of John Hopkins University, Sunday, Dec. 27, 8 P.M. Philadelphia People's Forum, 311 S. Juniper St. Sub. 25c.

Detroit, Mich.

All workers are urged to support the fight at Martin Hall, 459 Martin, Sunday, Dec. 27 at 6 P.M. Part of proceeds to Kelsey Strike. Soviet movies, concert, dance, refreshments. Ausp.: Communist Party.

COMMUNISTS DEMAND END OF 'RED RIDER' OF 'RED RIDER'

Washington School Board Bans Peace Advocate Magazine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Challenging the "Red Rider" under which the school board has just placed a ban on "Scholastic," a magazine advocating world peace, the Communist Party has launched a campaign for repeal at the coming Congressional session of the measure which interferes with freedom of teaching in the public schools of the federal district.

"The so-called Red Rider is an act passed through a subterfuge," a leaflet issued by the Party says, "requiring public school teachers to swear regularly that they do not advocate Communism—on pain of losing their jobs. Even to mention the Soviet Union means being fired."

"The repressive gag law is a direct violation of the basic constitutional principles upon which this government was founded. The act was introduced by Thomas Blanton, Congressman from Texas, defeated in the last elections, and was supported by Hearst."

"The act is a threat to the union man fighting for a living wage; to the millions of unemployed and destitute; to the Negro people—who, although supposedly freed 75 years ago, are still fighting for economic, social and political equality."

Sentiment against the Red Rider is mounting, the leaflet says, pointing to opposition voiced by the Central Labor Union, the National Education Association, the District League of Women Voters, and numerous other civic organizations.

PITTSBURGH GIVES \$2,250 FOR SPAIN

Food, Medical Supplies and Clothing Gathered at Adams Center

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—A total of \$2,250 has been collected here for the Spanish people since the rally addressed by the Spanish delegation that toured the country, the Pittsburgh Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy reported.

Contributions of funds, clothing, food, and medical supplies are being received here at the local office of the committee at the Jane Addams Peace Center, 206 Stanwix Street.

Gonzales Granted Release on Bond From Ellis Island

Caesar Gonzales, 32, 200 West 111th St., has been released from Ellis Island on a \$500 bail bond.

Gonzales, American-born citizen, was arrested by immigration officials Dec. 9 and taken to Ellis Island to be held for deportation to Cuba, charged with being in the country "illegally." Born in Tampa, Florida, Gonzales was taken to Cuba by his parents when he was one year old and returned to the United States in October 1931.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born, which is conducting Gonzales' defense, stated that special efforts had to be made to secure Gonzales' release since he is ill and was in no condition to remain in Ellis Island.

Appeal for Aid to Spanish Anti-Fascist Refugees in France

An urgent appeal to intensify the campaign of aid for Spanish refugees has been received here by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born from the office of the International Bureau for Rights of Asylum and Aid to Political Refugees, in Paris.

The committee requests that contributions toward the aid of Spanish families forced to flee Spain and seek refuge in France be sent to its offices, Room 1409, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, marked for the Spanish Refugee Fund.

Gas-Proof Shelters Ordered in Italy

ROME, Dec. 23 (UP).—Every house built in Italy henceforth must have an anti-gas shelter in the basement, it was ordered today by a decree published in the official Gazette.

Only by Vigorous, Independent Organization and Action on the Economic and Political Field Can the People Carry Through Their Mandate, Says Central Committee

The legislative program which follows was drafted by the Central Committee of the Communist Party at its recent plenary session, for presentation to all legislative bodies, and for endorsement by trade unions and all other progressive organizations of the American people.

On November 3rd the people voted overwhelmingly against Wall Street and for a better life. This vote was a mandate to the Roosevelt government to achieve very definite social improvements during the coming four years.

But the setback given to reaction will not bring any benefits for the workers, farmers and middle class people, unless these masses follow it up by developing and enforcing a concrete program for labor action, social legislation, and peace.

During the election campaign, President Roosevelt made many promises to the impoverished masses. But the people must not rely upon the government of itself to fulfill these promises. To translate the people's mandate into flesh and blood, the masses generally must build up and use their economic and political power in the months to come. Higher living standards, greater democracy, world peace, cannot be won without mass pressure upon the government and the employers.

The workers must push forward their demands for higher wages and improved conditions, organize the great masses of unorganized workers, re-unite the American Federation of Labor.

The people must formulate their own legislative program, and exert pressure upon the government to enact this into life. They must hold broad state and national legislative conferences. They must organize a progressive bloc in Congress and in the state legislatures. They must build the Farmer-Labor Party and lay the foundation for the People's Front against Wall Street, reaction, and fascism. Only by vigorous independent organization and action on the economic and political fields can the people carry through their mandate.

The destiny of the people is in their own hands. Now is the time for the big push against reaction, fascism and war. Now is the time to put the people's election mandate into effect.

TRADE UNION PROGRAM

1. **Labor Unity.** Build a strong and united American Federation of Labor based on industrial unionism. Prevent the A. F. of L. split, provoked by the Executive Council, from spreading. Support the Committee for Industrial Organization. Re-unite the trade union movement. Unify the working class. Unite the organized workers with the millions of unorganized.
2. **Wages and Conditions.** Demand higher wages to meet the rising cost of living. Demand shorter hours, better working conditions, rest periods, vacations with pay; abolish speed-up. Demand equal pay for equal work for Negroes, women and youth.
3. **Organization.** Organize the millions of workers in steel, auto, rubber, agriculture, and all mass production industries. Bring the Negroes, women and youth into every union. Support the organizing drives of the Committee for Industrial Organization. Organize every shop, craft and industry. End the shame of yellow-dog contracts and company unionism. Every worker a union worker. Every city a union stronghold.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

1. **Thirty-Hour Week:** without reduction in pay and with trade union wage rates. An adequate minimum annual wage to all workers. (Support the Connery Bill with amendments as above.)
2. **Collective Bargaining:** with right to organize and strike. Abolish company unions, spy and stoolpigeon systems. Impose penalties on employers guilty of discharging workers for political and union activities. (Amend National Labor Relations Act to compel employers to recognize labor unions.)
3. **Social Insurance:** for the unemployed, the aged, the disabled and the sick, based on the Workers Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance Bill, with compensation to all unemployed, and pensions for those 60 years or over, equal to former earnings but not less than \$15 per week; maternity and health insurance for all expectant mothers and all injured workers or victims of occupational diseases. Extend the drive for the Workers' Bill while supporting amendments to Social Security Act to cover all workers now excluded, repeal present tax on wages, and to put the entire cost on the government and employers.
4. **Civil Liberties.** Repeal all Federal legislation infringing upon political rights and freedom of assembly, guarantee freedom of press and radio. Outlaw the Black Legion, Ku Klux Klan, vigilante gangs, and other terrorist organizations. Release all political prisoners. Repeal all sedition, criminal syndicalist, and teachers' oath legislation. Put teeth into the Federal anti-injunction law to prevent judges, sheriffs and employers from breaking strikes and curbing labor organization. Abolish poll taxes and all other anti-democratic interference with the right to vote. Full political rights for women.
5. **Supreme Court.** Reaffirm the constitutional power of Congress to pass all labor and social legislation without interference from the Supreme Court. Amend the Constitution to deny the Supreme Court power to nullify social and labor legislation.
6. **Negro People:** equal rights to jobs, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, hold public office. Abolish segregation and discrimi-

LABOR'S VOICE IN CAPITAL



23. **Election Laws.** Make federal election machinery uniform throughout the country. Abolish antiquated electoral college and elect President directly.

24. **Education.** Appropriate five hundred million dollars for a federal program to extend the public educational system. Guarantee free education and financial assistance to youth and children through federal and state aid, with control remaining in the lower communities.

PEACE PROGRAM

1. **Peace Policy.** Develop a consistent peace policy based on the principle that the United States can be kept out of war only by keeping war out of the world.
2. **Spain.** The government should permit the sale of supplies and arms to the legal and friendly Spanish government. No supplies should be sent to the fascist rebels. The people must give full support to Spanish democracy, and build the organizations which are actively supporting the struggle against the fascists.
3. **Latin America.** Abolish the Monroe Doctrine; recognize the complete equality of the Latin American countries; no intervention in the internal affairs of the small nations of the Western Hemisphere. Work for the collaboration of the American nations, for peace in the Western Hemisphere, based on collective security and collaboration with the peace forces of the world.
4. **Far East.** Develop a genuine peace policy in the Pacific in close collaboration with the Soviet Union and the Chinese people, to stop the aggression of the Japanese militarists.
5. **General.** Prohibit the sale and delivery of goods and the granting of loans to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. Strengthen all measures for collective security and pass effective measures to this end which will lead to cooperation with the Soviet Union, the League of Nations, and all peace forces of the world, against the aggressions of Germany, Italy and Japan. (Amend the present Neutrality Act to keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.)
6. **Imperialist Intervention.** End American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin American countries and the Philippines. Free Puerto Rico and give it complete independence. No recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China and the Italian rape of Ethiopia.
7. **Armaments.** Divert the billions spent for war preparations to support the suffering unemployed and to finance needed social, health and educational legislation.
8. **Military Training.** Abolish compulsory military training of youth, the R.O.T.C. and the C.M.T.C. End military control in the C.O.C. (Support the Nye-Kvale Bill.)
9. **Munitions Industry.** Nationalize the entire munitions industry.
10. **Build a great people's peace movement** of trade unions, farmers' organizations, churches, youth societies, fraternal orders, women's clubs and all other mass organizations, to check the advance of American reactionary and fascist war-makers, and to bring pressure upon the government to adopt such policies as will make America an active force for peace throughout the world.

The foregoing is a practical program of demands and action for the people. The Communist Party, as the fighter for Socialism, the only real way out of the chaos of capitalism, supports these demands of the people. It pledges to work with all progressives for their realization.

The Communist Party calls on all workers, farmers and middle class people, who wish to strengthen the forces of labor and the independent power of the people, to join the Communist Party, the Party of peace, progress and Socialism.

Build the People's Front against reaction, fascism and war.

Join the Communist Party.
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman,
EARL BROWDER, General Secretary.

USSR Pays Tribute To Writer in Death

Ostrovsky, Wounded at Front, Blind and Paralyzed, Produced Famous Work on Revolutionary Life in Dictation to Volunteer YCL Secretaries

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—One of the most unusual and heroic lives of any writer of ancient or modern times, a life peculiarly exemplifying the spirit of courage and hope that fills the new generation of Soviet intellectuals, came to an end last night with the death of Nikolai Ostrovsky, at the age of 32.

San Salvador Death Toll Passes 1,000

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 23.—A death toll that may reach 1,000 was indicated today after search for bodies in San Vicente, and nearby villages and towns. It is now clear that early estimates were far too low.

The village of San Esteban was found totally destroyed with only about 50 of its 1,000 inhabitants accounted for today.

The fact that an old stone clock tower remains standing in San Vicente whereas the houses of the poor, made of undried bricks with heavy wooden beams and the roofs, are a mass of ruins, shows the loss of life was not entirely due to the forces of nature.

GREEK C. P. LEADER'S LIFE IN DANGER

Death Sentence Against Nikko Zakhairiades Asked by Fascists

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 23.—Dictator John Metaxas, who has turned all of Greece into a Fascist concentration camp, has ordered the prosecutor in the trial of Nikko Zakhairiades, general secretary of the Communist Party of Greece and executive committee member of the Comintern, to ask for the death penalty.

Zakhairiades, leader of the united Greek anti-fascist forces, is on trial on a framed-up charge brought against him in a manner similar to the railroadings of Edgar Andre by the Nazis. He is accused of the murder of a stool-pigeon during a raid on the editorial offices of the "Rizospastis," Communist Party organ, in 1926.

Fearing the rapid growth of the Popular Front, the Fascist agents of the big capitalists and landowners, are trying to do away with the leaders of the people. More than 3,500 persons who are not in sympathy with Fascism have already been thrown into concentration camps. Among them are Democrats, Liberals, Communists, Socialists, and other believers in democracy, peace, progress, and culture.

Zakhairiades has participated in the movement to liberate the Greek toilers since he was 17 years old. In 1924, he began work in the Communist Party, organized strikes and led various mass movements. In 1931 he became secretary of the Central Committee.

It was precisely against the unity of the working class, achieved under the leadership of Zakhairiades, that the Metaxas coup was engineered. More than 400 anti-Fascist organizations had been united. The People's Front was growing rapidly, and the Aug. 4 putsch by Metaxas was calculated to put an end to the people's movement by using armed force against it.

Zakhairiades, is to the Greek people what Thaelmann is to the German. He has become the symbol of the people's fight against reactionary tyranny. His life is in danger, and an immediate mobilization of anti-Fascists throughout the world is necessary to save him.

PRESS WHIPS UP TEARS FOR DUKE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Beaverbrook and Rothermere press, with strong fascist inclinations, continue to defend Edward Windsor. The stupid and tactless moralizing on Edward's "love for another man's wife" has given them a fresh opportunity and their example is being followed by other papers.

"What an awful thought if all the bishops insist on this Christmas throwing of stones, emitting their retrospective judgments," said the Daily Mirror today. "Let them spare us an episcopal broil. We have had enough of this."

On the other hand the "Bishop's Messenger," magazine of the Bishop of Bradford, contains a long article along the line of the recent strictures on Edward by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The Bishop of Ely and the Bishop of Manchester have just issued pastoral letters in which they denounce the king's intention to commit "remarriage of the divorced."

AWARDED ORDER OF LENIN

Finally his most famous novel, "How Steel Was Tempered" swept the country by storm, and had to be printed in millions of copies.

Ostrovsky was recently awarded the Order of Lenin, the highest honor the government can bestow.

Thousands of the people of Moscow passed through the House of Soviets today where Ostrovsky's body lies in state.

Fravda, central organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union wrote today in a glowing tribute to Ostrovsky:

"He was 13 years old when the Bolshevik revolution took place. He had already been working for two years, and from the very beginning of his conscious life had burned with a hatred for oppressors.

The young Ostrovsky joined the Young Communist League, and soon after went to the front as a trooper in the ranks of the cavalry units of Budyonny and Kotov.

"He fought to the last day of the Civil War. He was wounded, he was shell shocked, he contracted typhus. But each time he recovered and flung himself back into the front lines. He joined the Communist Party at the age of 24.

"After the war, as a result of his wounds and illnesses, he went blind and was paralyzed. He had to keep to his bed.

"But with indomitable will to struggle he kept informed on all that was happening, and decided to become a writer.

THIRST FOR LIFE, STRUGGLE
"The manuscript of his first book, an autobiography, produced by extraordinary efforts, was lost in the mail and never recovered, but this did not break his determination. He began immediately to write his masterpiece, "How Steel Was Tempered."

"Since then, for ten or twelve hours a day, he has been dictating and revising a new book, "Those Born in Tempest."

"Ostrovsky though blind and paralyzed burned with a thirst for life and struggle. His Bolshevik will overcame all obstacles. He was a fighter. He gave us a book that can serve as a model work of art and which gives a true picture of revolutionary life."

Northwest Tribes Clash with British Soldiers in India

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A bare announcement without details by the India Office here today that a British major had been killed, 17 Indian soldiers, two British soldiers and one British officer wounded, bore witness to the fact that the Northwestern tribes still resist imperial conquest.

The account stated that the most recent clash was "near the point where a British military expedition was ambushed Nov. 26."

Belgium, Switzerland Recognize Mussolini Invasion of Ethiopia

ROME, Dec. 23 (UP).—Belgium and Switzerland have recognized Italy's Ethiopian empire. It was announced officially tonight.

The Belgium recognition was De Facto (accepting an accomplished fact) and the Swiss De Jure (as a matter of law).

Hitler Confers Olympic 'Honors' On 107 Foreigners

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (UP).—Adolf Hitler conferred the "German Olympic Medal of Honor" on 107 foreigners today.

The entire Berlin Diplomatic Corps, except the Soviet representatives, received them. Former United States Ambassador Jacob Gould Schurman, and Benito Mussolini's two sons, Vittorio and Bruno, were included.

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Fisher Sitdown Strikers Are Beaten by Cops

Kansas City Auto Workers' Leader Leaves Plant to Confer with Union Chiefs— Truck Drivers' Aid Is Asked

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Sit-down strikers of Fisher Body who had to leave the plant because of illness or to get tobacco were beaten severely by police as they tried to scale the factory fence on their return yesterday. Harry Korte, one of the strikers, was severely injured about the head. Three others suffered lesser injuries.

Apparently signaled by stool-pigeons inside the plant on when the group of workers was due to return, a large number of police were on hand. They turned on their flood-lights and charged the workers, swinging clubs and firing pistols.

Meanwhile the Kansas City Star joined the company's attempt to break the strike with stories of plans to move the plant by General Motors.

LEAVES FOR PARLEY
Jack Swift, president of the United Automobile Workers local here, who was inside with the strikers since the sit-down began eight days ago, left the plant to confer with international union officials due here today.

As a result of the police attack the union ruled against workers scaling the fence, but many are trying it anyway because of serious want of tobacco.

The workers inside the plant are sitting tight, apparently unaffected by the company's plan to wear them out and refusing to negotiate.

ASK TRUCKERS' AID
The strike began when an active union worker, Ray Davis, was discharged for a minor infraction of the company's rules.

To reduce the large number of workers who want to get out of the plant for several hours when called home because of illness in the family, the sit-downers established a plant "post office" through which mail can be sent.

Transport drivers have been ordered by their companies to await a call to go to St. Louis and begin carrying cars from that city to the Kansas City market. Ralph Marshall, union secretary, told the Daily Worker correspondent that he would ask the St. Louis local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to refuse to work such orders.

Walter Baer Wins Stay Until Jan. 5 on Order For His Surrender

Walter Baer, civil engineer of Portland, Oregon, facing deportation to Hitler Germany, has won a stay of the order for his surrender until Jan. 5, according to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which is conducting his defense.

Baer, married to an American-born citizen and father of three American-born children, entered the United States at the age of six, in 1904. He was arrested April 9, 1934, and held for deportation on the ground he was an "alien" who had committed two crimes involving "moral turpitude." A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied in the Federal District Court on March 17 and Baer was later released under a \$2,000 bond.

Recover 35 Bodies Of Mexican Miners Entombed by Blast

NEVA ROSITA, Coahuila, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Thirty-four bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Rosita coal mine, torn by a gas explosion two days ago. More deaths are feared among the 35 survivors, most of whom are severely burned. Five men are not unaccounted for.

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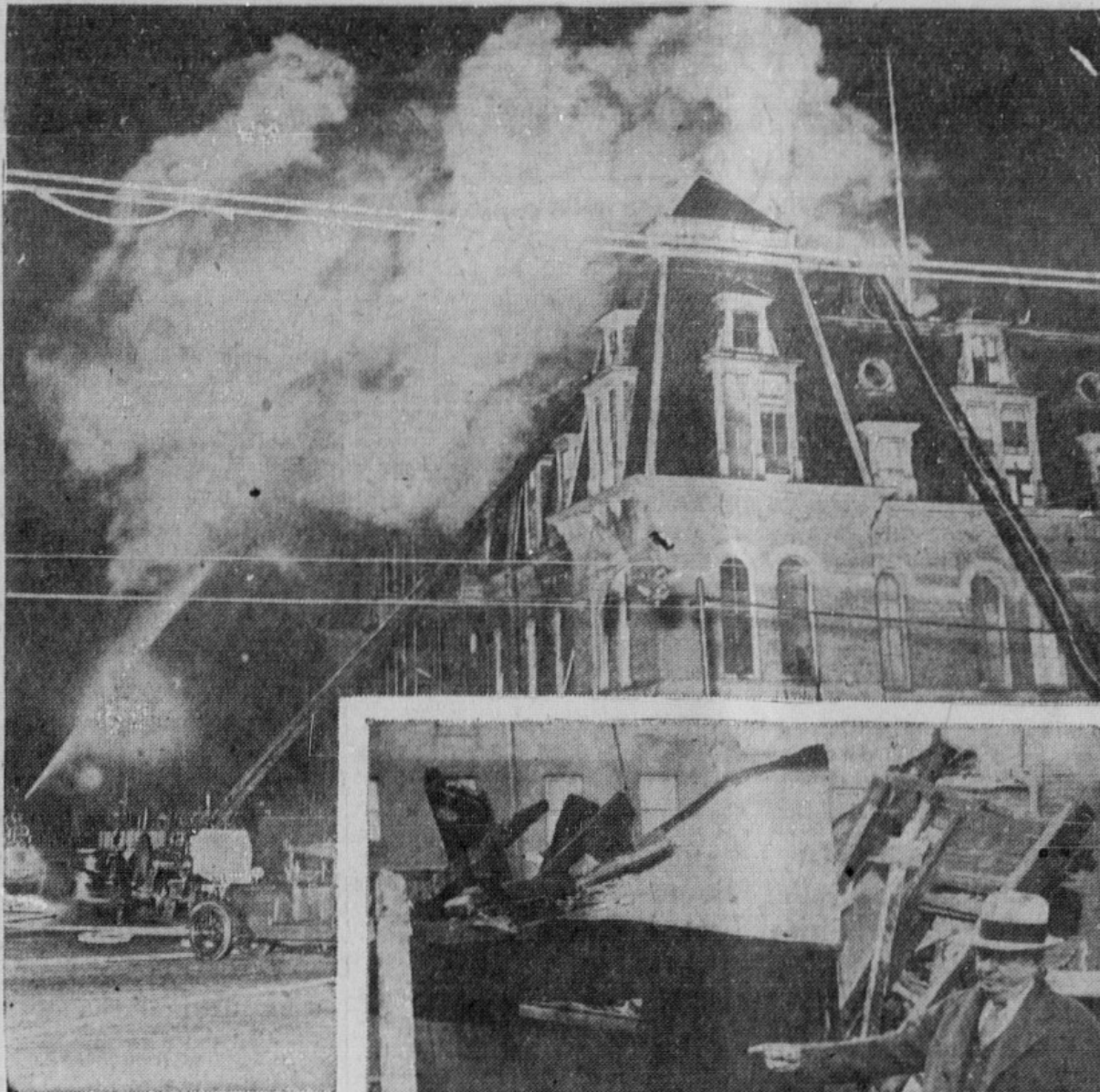
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FLAMES: SCOURGE OF POOR



ABOVE: ERB and WPA workers fortunately escaped these flames. They work in the building at 188th Street and Webster Avenue, the Bronx, but blaze broke out at night. The flimsy structure otherwise might have been a tomb for many. BELOW: Six died in this building collapse in Philadelphia.

Shut-In Finds Mickey a Fake, and Santa, Too

Lester Keating Seifert, 7, who for three years has been in a New York hospital with osteomyelitis, made the grave assertion today that "There isn't any Santa Claus."

The statement was particularly disturbing because it came on the eve of Lester's Christmas visit to the Palisades, N. J., home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seifert.

The doctors decided it wouldn't hurt the boy to go home for the holidays, and the nurses had excitedly discussed the possibility that Santa Claus might call on him.

FIGURED IT OUT HIMSELF
Lester's announcement was accompanied by a piece of detailed reasoning which, although his adult listeners thought it detected a non sequitur, (fault of logic) nevertheless defied refutation. Moreover, it disclosed that Lester had nursed his skepticism for a year without telling anybody.

His apostasy was brought about by an actor dressed in a Mickey Mouse costume, who visited the hospital children last Christmas.

"He looked all right the first time I saw him," Lester said, "but I happened to get around behind him and there were two extra ears sticking out."

"You're a fake, I told him."

NO MICKEY, NO SANTA
"So," he concluded, "there isn't any Mickey Mouse, unless he has four ears. And if there isn't any Mickey Mouse, there isn't any Santa Claus, either."

Lester got to talking with other children in the hospital and reported that as a result of his investigations he now believes that "it's your mama who gives you presents."

"So," he said, "I sent my Santa Claus letter to her."

Lester asked for a cash register, a set of books, an electrical set, a train, a typewriter, a game, some lead moulding sets—and a bicycle.

He will get everything but the bicycle, Lester probably never will ride a bicycle, doctors said, because of the bone disease with which he is afflicted.

But, they added, "in the distant future he may be able to walk again."

Commonwealth Co. Plots Utilities Monopoly In Northern Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Commonwealth Edison Company, financial overlord of \$746,000,000 of electric and gas producing utilities in northeastern Illinois, plans to absorb all those companies into one solid, wholly owned system.

At present Commonwealth Edison owns only enough of the stock to control the companies. The company produces nothing but expenses, but its subsidiaries supply more than one fourth of Illinois, and the most populous part, with electricity on a monopoly basis. In many cases, gas is also monopolized by the same company.

Each company would retain its present structure under the proposed reorganization, but Commonwealth Edison's "credit" would be behind them all. Six million shares, par value \$25, will be added to the corporations' "assets" by the reorganization—or \$150 million more dollars to collect interest and profits on from the public.

Fess, Arch-Reactionary Ohio G.O.P. Chieftain, Is Dead in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Simeon D. Fess, arch-reactionary and long a G.O.P. bulwark in Ohio, died of a sudden heart attack here today.

Fess, just 12 days past his 75th birthday anniversary, suffered the attack less than an hour after arriving in Washington from his Ohio home.

Death of Fess removed from Republican Party councils one of its most vigorous commentators. Less than a fortnight ago, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of his birth, he declared in an interview his continued faith in the traditional policies of his party and viewed with concern the support given the New Deal in the November elections.

STEEL UNION CHARTERS NINE MORE LODGES

Fruit of Week's Work Is Announced by the S.W.O.C.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (UNS).—Nine more lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers have been chartered in a week of organizing effort by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, according to the latest report of Van A. Bittner, regional director.

They cover Chapman Price Steel at Indianapolis; Leader Iron Works at Decatur, Ill.; Caterpillar Tractor at Peoria, Ill.; National Tube at Lorain, Ohio; Apex Steel and Supply at Cleveland; Mississippi Valley Steel at Maplewood, Mo.; Russett Bursdall & Ward Bolt Nut at Rock Falls, Ill.; Koppers Construction at Fort Wayne, Ind.; and General Steel Wares, Toronto, Can.

Transport Reported Is Not Missing One, Air Line Declares

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (UP).—Western Air Express officials today said that an investigation indicated a transport reported seen near St. George, Utah, nine days ago was one of a party of searching ships, not the missing plane which disappeared.

M. D. Talley, a Los Angeles turkey buyer, had informed airline officials that he and a party of seven saw a transport near St. George and believed it was making a forced landing.

Checking movements of searching planes, airline executives found Chief Pilot Jimmy James had been in that locality at the time Talley said he saw the plane. St. George is off the Western Airline course and more than 150 miles south of where the missing plane and its seven occupants presumably crashed.

Escaped Pa. Election Murderer Carried \$25,000 with Him

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23 (UP).—Joseph J. Bruno had at least \$25,000 with him when he made his escape from the Schuylkill County Jail, Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti said today.

Margiotti, after opening Bruno's safe deposit vault here, announced that the former political leader's total wealth approached \$200,000.

Bruno under three life sentences for his part in the Kelyayres Election Eve Massacre of 1934, walked away from an unarmaged guard in Pottsville. Four persons, including the guard, were arrested in what Margiotti charged had been a plot to free him.

'Globe Mail, Stop Being A Scrooge'

A giant seven-foot Christmas stocking with the slogan, "Mr. Globe Mail, Stop Being a Scrooge," featured a mass picket line of 50 strikers in front of the Globe Mail Service at 148 West 23rd Street yesterday.

Chanting union songs instead of Christmas carols, the pickets in the 13-week-old Globe strike under the leadership of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union, Local 12,646, asked no more for a Christmas present than decent working conditions and union recognition from their employers.

The 106 workers out on strike are protesting against average wages of \$8 a week and overtime that lengthened their work to 80 hours. Most of the strikers are under 20 years of age.

C.I.O. Unions Plan Joint Campaign In New Jersey

(By Union News Service)
Joint action is being planned by unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the big mass-production plants of northern New Jersey.

The United Electrical and Radio Workers, the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, the United Automobile Workers and the United Rubber Workers are the unions most immediately concerned with the drive in this territory.

Plans for a joint headquarters from which organizers of these unions will work on a common program, were discussed at the last meeting of the executive board of the U. E. & R. W. in New York.

There are some 250,000 workers in this open-shop territory who are eligible to enlistment in the C.I.O. unions.

The board heard reports of membership more than doubled in the eight months' existence of the new C.I.O. industrial union in the radio and electrical manufacturing industry.

Detroit Farmer-Labor Club Plans Dance On New Year's Eve

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—The Mack-Gratiot Branch of the Farmer-Labor Club has issued an open invitation to unions, clubs and other workers' organizations, to use its headquarters, 3319 Gratiot Avenue, as a meeting place. The hall is open all the time.

The Branch is planning a New Year's Eve dance next Tuesday night. A spaghetti supper, with beer, will be served.

STORE STRIKE GETS SUPPORT IN WASHINGTON

Trade Hard Hit as CLU and Other Groups Aid Picketing Clerks

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The Central Labor Union, the Women's Trade Union League, and a number of union locals have endorsed the strike now in progress under direction of the Retail Clerks Protective Association Local 262 at Lansburgh's department store, which employs more than 1,000 workers.

The strike, entering its second week, may spread to other stores Norman W. Barbour, business manager of the union said. The store has been placed on the union unfair list. Many union members have joined the clerks on the picket line. Hundreds of customers have cancelled charge accounts.

The Retail Clerks Union is demanding a minimum scale of \$27.50 a week for men and \$16.50 for women, a 48-hour week, double pay for overtime, and recognition of the union. Present wages run as low as \$16.50 for men and \$12 for women in a city where the living costs are among the highest in the country.

At present, clerks are not paid extra for overtime, being forced to stay on the job until 9 p. m. with only a few cents for supper.

Conditions in most of the other stores in Washington are no better.

70 WPA White Collar Workers Are Fired In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Seventy white-collar WPA workers on an inventory project have been laid off here. The fact that this project was not organized lends weight to the statements of union and Workers Alliance leaders last week that only organized resistance can prevent the Administration from lopping the white-collar projects.

Artists and writers were reinstated after a demonstration at the State Administrators office Monday and mass pressure brought by the Cultural Workers Project Council.

Deaths Go Upward As Births Go Down Among Illinois Poor

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—"An anticipated increase in the general mortality rate" has begun in Illinois, according to the state Health Director. The rate for the first ten months of 1936 was 11.7 per 1,000, as against 10.8 last year.

Deaths due to the common communicable diseases decreased, as did diseases peculiar to young people, but the general rate increased.

Births held about even, but the health director declared that "there is no evidence of recovery from the general decline in the birth rate which fell persistently from a high of 22.2 for each 100,000 population in 1921 to a low rate of 13.9 in 1933."

Although the health director did not say so, population experts expect that both the increasing death rate and decreasing birth rate are due to the economic crisis, and falling living scales of life among both industrial workers and the farm population.

PHILADELPHIA PICKETS SCORE WPA LAYOFFS

Snoopers Quiz Neighbors in Drive to Fire Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—Organizations of the unemployed and unions placed a strong picket line outside the local Chamber of Commerce offices today in protest against the campaign of big business to have WPA liquidated. The picketing will continue through the week.

Another picket line was placed at the office of the WPA administration, 232 N. 11th St., and will continue every day until all WPA workers who were laid off are reinstated.

The WPA administration is now engaged in the business of snooping to find grounds upon which WPA workers can be laid off. The hired investigators visit neighbors and corner stores in the vicinity of the WPA worker's home, pretending to be representatives of credit firms, and inquire about the credit ratings of the WPA worker.

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A Duty to Those Behind Prison Bars

Special Xmas Drive of I.L.D. Will Provide Cheer to Labor's Fight and Their Families, Says Gurley Flynn, Labor Veteran

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Our labor prisoners maintain an extraordinarily brave and cheerful attitude, which may mislead us into a false optimism regarding their lot. Under most miserable conditions, complaints are few. They need much and ask little. They protest vigorously for others, seldom for themselves.

Hearst Lags As Papers Gain in Ads

Hearst advertising lineage for November lags far behind gains of other newspapers over last year, advertising returns in Editor and Publisher show.

Circulation figures for the first six months of 1936 also shows circulation losses for many Hearst papers. The Chicago Herald and Examiner leads in the drop with a loss of 44,416 readers since September 1935.

Outstanding losses in advertising are shown in the figures of the Boston American, Chicago Herald and Examiner, New York Journal, Oakland Post-Inquirer, San Antonio Light and Washington Herald.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer lost 46,417 lines of advertising out of the \$24,762 shown in September 1935, due to the Newspaper Guild strike.

Mill Dividends Are 150 Per Cent; Pay 12 1/2 Cents an Hour

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 23 (FP).—Dominion textile workers, who recently raised their hourly minimum from nine and one-half cents to twelve and one-half cents by a short strike, are laying plans for union organization.

The company, largest of its kind in Canada, manufactures the bulk of Canadian textiles. Its vice-president, Sir Herbert Holt, one of the wealthiest men in the country, is president of the Royal Bank of Canada. G. Blair Gordon, son of Sir Charles Gordon, is general manager of the company and president of the Bank of Montreal.

Federal Judge Probes Kansas City Elections

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23 (UP).—Federal Judge Albert L. Rees today issued subpoenas for all selection records from each of Kansas City's 460 precincts to be brought before a grand jury investigating alleged vote frauds in the Nov. 3 election.

Let us bring into the dark cells cheer to lighten the burden of another drab year in prison. Let us comfort and sustain their families, and surround them with the "dear love of comrades."

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10,000 NAZI TROOPS LAND AT CADIZ

Fascists Admit They Sank Soviet Ship Komsomol

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the fascist forces that the ship was sunk or that its crew was killed.

SINKING AGAIN ADMITTED

A broadcast from the rebel commander at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, today told of mines laid by the fascists at the entrances of the loyalist ports of the Mediterranean and Bay of Biscay coasts and added that:

"A Russian steamship was sunk off the coast of Alicante and went down with all hands."

The broadcaster claimed that the ship hit a rebel mine.

No Soviet ship is known to have been lost except the Komsomol, which was not near any of the announced mine fields.

It is pointed out by authorities on international law that the illegal "government" of General Franco has no more right to lay mine fields and endanger shipping of all countries than it has to sink a foreign or indeed any other ship. These are all acts of piracy.

U.S.S.R. Says Kuzbas Was Told of Komsomol Sinking

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (UP).—The People's Commissariat of Foreign Trade tonight announced that the Soviet ship Kuzbas received messages from two foreign vessels presumably referring to the sinking of the Komsomol.

"The Kuzbas," the Commissariat's statement said, "stationed in the Mediterranean, received radio messages Dec. 14 from two foreign boats saying a Soviet ship was burning and that a rebel cruiser was standing by it."

"When the Kuzbas reached the location the middle of the next morning, only the sea, covered with oil was visible. A threatening rebel cruiser compelled the Kuzbas to sail toward the African shore."

Soviet authorities said that the Komsomol, with a cargo of manganese, was destined for Ghent, Belgium, instead of Spain and that its bills of lading were issued through the Antwerp branch of Lloyds National Bank.

Madrid Prepares Xmas Dinners for Militia

MADRID, Dec. 23 (UP).—Madrid husbanded its supplies of food today to make sure that the men in the trenches will have good Christmas dinners—to mark the end of the ninth week of their defense of the city.

The Workers' Relief Society received contributions from people of all sorts and baskets of food and presents have been sent to headquarters in the field for distribution.

A Fascist captain shouted that he would like to see his aged mother and two little children in Madrid. A Militia captain replied that his enemy might—that he could cross the lines and return to the Fascist trenches after the visit.

The officer replied that he would not feel safe. The militiamen then proposed that he and two of his men would, since they would cross into the Fascist lines and remain as hostages until the captain returned.

The exchange will take place shortly after dawn Thursday.

Fascists Balk Airport Check

Italy, Nazis, Portugal Refuse Supervision By Committee

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—In the face of the refusal of Germany, Italy and Portugal to permit neutral agents to supervise their airports, the technical experts of the International Committee on Non-Intervention recommended that control by foreign agents of Spanish airbases and ports of entry might suffice.

The committee decided to send the Fascists and the government of Spain a detailed plan providing for supervision by an international organization to prevent shipment of war supplies into Spain and ask definite acceptance or rejection of the plan within 10 days. The plan will be forwarded about Jan. 1.

The International Committee on Non-Intervention in the Spanish Civil War adopted a resolution today appealing to the world to make its neutrality policy effective in the interest of European peace.

The text of the resolution adopted by the committee said:

"Deeply impressed with the need of doing everything possible to limit the scope of the present war in Spain and prevent the development of conditions which might prejudice the understanding and harmony of the peoples of Europe, and being convinced that strict application of the non-intervention agreement is essential to these ends, the committee agree that it is of the highest importance that schemes of supervision designed to secure application of that agreement should be brought into effect as early as possible, and that the committee should be authorized to request the governments (the 27 nations represented on the committee) to furnish them the necessary authority to secure this end."

British Machine Guns Dot Christmas Scene In the Holy Land

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23.—Thousands of British soldiers quartered in Franciscan and Greek monasteries flanking the Church of the Nativity over the supposed birthplace of Christ, and since living in various parts of the city with armed men ushered in the Christmas holiday season here today.

Pilgrims are scarce this year; the troops were sent in recent months to subdue Arab revolts against the loss of Palestine, and since living in various parts of the city with armed men ushered in the Christmas holiday season here today.

"The situation is still sufficiently delicate to cause anxiety for a considerable time to come."

The Standard quotes the ultra-conservative Yorkshire Morning Post as expressing hope that "Germany will not use the Christmas lull to seek violent relief" from its economic dilemma.

"Symptoms of German preparation for an aggressive coup," the Standard continues, "are evident in the rumored 'shadow mobilization' ordered by Hitler in the new law refusing passports to Germans of military age."

The Standard also quotes a speech by German Economic Dictator Hjalmar Schacht, in which he "refers to the possibility of an 'explosion' as a consequence of economic discontent."

"EXTEND OR WITHDRAW" "There are two fields which in German eyes might seem to justify the risk. They are Czechoslovakia and Spain. Of these, in spite of the increasing references in the German press to the rights of the German minority in Czechoslovakia, Spain is in more immediate danger."

"Hitler pledges himself to ensure Franco's victory. The possibility cannot be excluded that he may decide to mobilize his army on a war footing and send several divisions openly to Spain and again present the world with an accomplished fact."

The diplomatic correspondent of the News-Chronicle said that Germany "must decide without delay either to extend intervention to Spain to a sensational degree or admit the failure of a costly adventure and put an end to it."

Death Is All She Asked From Santa

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"prophecy" seemed to be a better explanation.

AGED PAIR QUIETLY STARVE TO DEATH

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 23.—There will be no Christmas this year for Augusta Labarge, 65 years old, and her sister, Jozetta, 58.

None of the "recovery," or net profits, or soaring dividends came their way. They weren't listed among the Times' Neediest Cases. The relief agencies, engaged in parsing their rolls, missed them somehow. So they went to bed and quietly starved to death.

There were police and city officials aplenty around the old ladies' home yesterday, but they were of no avail. It was too late to bring Yule greetings. Just an hour's work for Coroner James B. Conant.

"Death was caused by starvation and exposure to cold," he said. "I consider an autopsy unnecessary."

"Police, who forced their way into the home after neighbors expressed anxiety over failure either of the sisters for several days, reported that there was little food in the house and no fuel.

JOHN D. PLANS MODEST XMAS

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., Dec. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, ninety-seven year old, billionaire oil magnate, will exchange Christmas presents with members of his immediate family circle in his estate, the number of gifts will be small.

3 Bond, Mortgage Officials Guilty In Fraud Case

Three former officials of the Bond and Mortgage Company were found guilty in General Sessions court yesterday of having defrauded investors by issuing false information about the firm's affairs.

The company, now defunct, guaranteed \$20,000,000 in mortgages and guarantee certificates issued by the "Title Guarantee and Trust Company" an affiliate concern.

The three—William B. Clarke, 56; Frederick P. Condit, 59; and Randall Salisbury, 70—will be sentenced Jan. 4.

They're Proud of This Letter - - And They Issue a Challenge

Section 24, District No. 2. Attention, Sam Brown, Section Organizer!

That's the way the letter is headed, a letter which the Central Committee sent, and which the Communist Party members of the section are proudly showing to their comrades.

Not only do they point to the words which praise them for having raised the largest percentage of their quota so far, but they cite it as a challenge to the other sections.

Here's the full text of the letter:

"The special sub-committee of the Central Committee in charge of the Daily Worker Financial Drive, which is composed of Comrades Browder, Foster, Ford, Hathaway and Mother Bloor, has received a report from the New York District under date of December 19, in which the standing of the various sections in the Drive, so far, is given. Here we find that your section has so far raised the largest percentage of its quota.

"We wish to congratulate all the members of the Section Bureau as well as all the members of the Party in your section for this splendid record, to express our confidence that by continuing this good work, you will be the first to go over the top.

"We also wish to extend and express through you our appreciation to all the non-Party workers and various organizations who have contributed to your section quota."

TRUCE WITH CHIANG DENIED BY NANKING

Chiang's Wife Reported Held Prisoner Now in Sian-fu

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23.—The situation in regard to the kidnapping of Chiang Kai-shek remained outwardly unchanged today except for an increased growth of the crop of rumors.

The government officially denied that it has concluded a truce with Chang Hsueh-liang, who holds Chiang Kai-shek prisoner at Sian-fu. But all reports of fighting between government armies and the captors were found to be unfounded during the day.

It is stated, but not confirmed, that Chiang's wife, who flew to Sian-fu to help negotiate his release, is herself a prisoner now.

The Japanese Domei News Agency continues to try to pour oil on the flames of civil war by repeating in great but unverified detail the story of the massacre of Chiang's bodyguard when he was captured, and publishes provocative dispatches, wholly unconfirmed, about the danger to the lives of Japanese subjects in Chang Hsueh-liang's territory.

Marshal Yen-Hsi-shan, military commander of Shansi province, is reported intervening in the negotiations for Chiang's release by offering to arrange for territory in Suiyuan province for the troops of Chang Hsueh-liang.

Japanese Bluejackets Withdrawn from Mill

TSINGTAO, Shantung Province, China, Dec. 23 (UP).—The last contingent of the force of Japanese bluejackets which has been occupying the mill district of this city for 20 days was withdrawn today.

pass in the exercise of its constitutional power.

"I consider the whole act unconstitutional," the message said.

The President added he was being tried not as an act of justice but as "a mere political act to depose a President because of culminating orders and owing to pres-

C. I. O. REBUFFS G-M PROPOSAL AS IMPRACTICAL

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sen's statement is a formal answer to the communications of the Auto Workers Union," he said.

"The United Automobile Workers with the C. I. O. will press their claims for collective bargaining with the automotive industry and General Motors."

"WILL FIGHT IF CHALLENGED" Lewis emphasized that his committee sought no strikes. He said that the C. I. O. preferred securing its aims without warfare. But he left no doubt that it would fight with all its power should it be challenged.

"It is not the purpose of the C. I. O. to create confusion or bring about strikes in industry," he said. Its purpose, rather, is to set up an intelligent method of collective bargaining that will make for a more satisfactory industrial relationship between employer and employee.

"The General Motors Corp. now has an opportunity to work out a satisfactory agreement with the United Automobile Workers Union. In view of the condition of the industry, this would be an intelligent course for General Motors to follow. If the corporation elects to do otherwise, it must assume responsibility for the continued confusion which will logically result."

Lewis would not amplify this statement. "Continued confusion," however, referred to the series of strikes in automobile feeder industries which have curtailed the production of glass and parts and reacted unfavorably upon production schedules in the automobile factories.

Lewis conferred hourly with his lieutenants, mapping battle lines of the largest unionization drive in American history. He cautioned employers that the "spirit of the workers of the country is aroused," and made it plain that his C. I. O. is coordinating the organizing movement.

"The workers in the basic industries are enrolling themselves in the unions of their own choice. Tremendous progress is being made in the automotive, steel, rubber, shipbuilding, electrical manufacturing, and glass industries," he said.

The minutely planned, broad-scale C. I. O. drive is aimed chiefly at unionizing mass production workers. Its ultimate object is to absorb the bulk of the estimated 30,000,000 unorganized laborers in the country.

Jamaica 'Sit-Ins' Ask Clothes Allowance

Young Communist League Collects Toys for Children of Relief Clients—Stay-in Strike On Since Last Saturday

Staying in the bureau since last Saturday, relief clients yesterday continued their sit-in strike in the Jamaica Emergency Relief Bureau, Merrick Road and Douglas Avenue.

At a conference this morning, Workers' Alliance leaders reiterated their demands for adequate clothing allowances to Maude Hamilton, representing ERB Administrator Charlotte Carr.

Besides Miss Hamilton, others at the conference included Alice Murphy, district administrator; David Jordan, secretary of the Workers' Alliance; Otto Popovich, Fred Paterson, Dave Goldstein, Phoebe Houston, prominent Negro Women's leader, and Rev. Frederick Reustle, secretary of the Queens Ministers' Council for Social Action.

The Young Communist League of Jamaica has collected \$30 worth of toys for distribution to children of stay-in families at Christmas time.

Ask a Seaman To Dinner On Christmas

Do you want to make your Christmas and New Year celebrations more enjoyable than they've been for many years? Invite a striking seaman more than one if you can, to help you put away those holiday meals. Telephone or go to the various headquarters of the strikers listed below:

New York—64 11th Ave. Tel. WA. 9-7283. Boston—298 A North St. Tel. Capitol 71.

Fall River—304 South Main St. Philadelphia—211 South Front St. Tel. Market 8190.

Baltimore—1702 Eastern Ave. Tel. Wolfe 8477, or Wolfe 9687.

New Orleans—321 Chartres St. Norfolk 2-1913.

Savannah—111 Jefferson St. Jacksonville—224 King St. Jacksonville—224 Florida Ave.

Tampa—505 South Nebraska Ave. Mobile—104 South Commerce St. New Orleans—321 Chartres St. Port Arthur—360 Fort Worth Ave.

Houston—1401 Seventy-sixth St. Galveston—342 1/2 Market St. Pensacola—12 1/2 Liberty St. West. Providence—48 Gray St. Portland—320 Fore St.

SENATE BEGINS TO RAILROAD GOMEZ OUSTER

Lewis Wires Gomez Affirming Support

HAVANA, Dec. 23 (UP).—A Presidential Palace attaché today furnished a copy of a cablegram dated Dec. 22 and signed by John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, to President Miguel Mariano Gomez, saying:

"Million and a half workers affiliated with the C. I. O. are ardently interested and deeply in accord with the effort you are realizing in Cuba toward attaining political and industrial democracy. Dictatorship does not conduce to that end."

"This is our vehement hope: That the convention now in session defends Cuba against military and economic domination and exploitation."

sure from a source everyone knows." This statement referred to Batista's orders to congressmen that Gomez must be ousted.

BAN CROSS-EXAMINATION "By a vote of 25 to 9, the Senate denied a petition of Senator Jose A. Casabuenza, National Union Party leader and a strong supporter of the President, to cross-examine the Chamber's three prosecutors, Carlos Palma, Republican Party leader; Pedro Martinez Fraga, Nationalist; and Felipe Jay, National Democrat.

Martinez Fraga then recited the charges against Gomez.

The representative spoke 80 minutes, violently assailing Gomez. Palma and Jay then spoke. Jay roused ironical laughter from the gallery by the heat with which he declared Gomez "neglected to reward his election supporters."

None of the prosecutors summoned any witnesses.

They ended their testimony at 7 P. M. The Senate took a ten-minute recess, and on reconvening, heard Senator Jose Manuel Gutierrez, the President's counsel, defend him against the charges. Gomez was not allowed to speak.

The Senate went into secret session at 8:25 to reach a verdict.

Thomas Says Cuba Has Only Exchanged Dictator for Dictator

Norman Thomas, chairman of the National Affairs Committee of the Socialist Party, issued a statement last night that the "struggles of recent years seem only to have exchanged Dictator Machado for Dictator Batista."

"In the present conflict, we are not partisans of President Gomez, but it seems reasonable clear that he is the victim of his opposition to Batista."

Chooses to Run

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Democratic Governor James M. Curley, defeated candidate for the U. S. Senate, said late today he would seek a fourth term as mayor of Boston in next fall's election.

NO TROOPS, EARLE TELLS THE MINERS

Penna. Governor Ends Tour of Bootleg Mine Area

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property, on which he said the American Government is founded.

NO TROOPS "I don't believe in confiscation, said Earle, but he doubted whether absentee owners of seven corporations said to control 85 per cent of anthracite could deal sympathetically with human problems there.

His commission, he said, would represent miners, operators and business interest. No working miners spoke at Earle's conference today nor any representatives of the bootleggers or top officials of the United Mine Workers' Union. Instead four clergymen and priests, several business men and manufacturers, a doctor, a burgess, a mayor and several newspaper men gave their views.

All derisively said "No" to Earle's question whether the State's armed forces should be used against the bootleggers.

Almost all agreed that unemployment and hunger drove the bootleggers to appropriate coal. Most of them criticized the anthracite monopoly for inhumanely closing collieries. But this middle class group didn't show any clear way out though it showed its hostility to big capital. Some urged sharper competition with oil and bituminous coal, but another pointed out that the same interests dominated all fuels.

MAKES \$3 A DAY That morning I heard a bootleg miner tell Earle that the miners had overturned Reading Coal Company police cars once in defense of their pits. This miner worked many years in the Branchdale Colliery till it closed six years before. Now he's bootlegging on Reading land to keep alive.

"Sure, rather work for union wages in the colliery," said John Lucas at the same mine. He averages three dollars daily. With his home made equipment he breaks his coal to size with a hammer.

"All I got from the company was one cent on pay day after deductions for rent and other things," one Branchdale miner told Earle. That was in slack time. He did much better before.

Earle visited other closed collieries. At the Hazel Brook plant, an independent outfit whose operations are curtailed an official said legging over four hundred tons daily on Reading land nearby, compared to the colliery's production of three fifty tons.

Earle's trip was a success politically. Miners shook his hand eagerly. They hope for much from his promises. The test comes when operators move again for action against bootlegging.

Panama Assembly Ratifies U. S. Treaty

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 23 (UP).—The United States-Panama treaty, which replaces the 1903 treaty and defines American rights in the Canal Zone, was ratified tonight by a vote of 27 to 4 by the national assembly.

Christmas and Ryan: Two Special Treats For 'Daily' Readers

There isn't much connection between Christmas and Joseph P. Ryan. . . .

They just happen to follow each other in the Daily Worker's calendar of special treats for its readers.

Tomorrow's "Daily" will be a special Xmas number, with cartoons and photos and special articles galore, timely and interesting and informative.

Saturday's paper will also be timely, interesting and informative—especially about a gentleman named Ryan who is known as head of the International Longshoremen's Association, but is battling 1,000 in the Strikebreakers' League.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Work Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins today described as "cockeyed" reports that he would quit unless demands for a \$750,000,000 relief program were met.

"There is no difference of opinion between the President and me at all," he said. "There is nothing to that report. It is a cockeyed story."

At the White House Hopkins discussed deficiency relief appropriations and the Youth Administration with President Roosevelt. Already signs of a brewing Congressional fight to boost the relief appropriation above the \$500,000,000 figure introduced by President Roosevelt have appeared.

"Are you going to ask for \$750,000,000?" Hopkins was asked.

"I can't answer that, you will have to get your reply from the President," he replied.

Hopkins revealed, however, that he had a relief figure in mind but he said he was not going to talk about it.

HOPKINS 'CAN'T TALK' ABOUT RELIEF SLASH

Administrator Shunts Question on Cut to Roosevelt

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A unique feature of the sit-down was control of the strike in all centers through regular radio broadcasts of news and instructions from central strike headquarters over Station WNEW at frequent intervals all night.

Strikers had brought along portable radio sets and tuned in the strike commentator regularly for news of what was going on throughout the city. The last broadcast was at 7 A. M. when Abram Flaxer, head of the union, told the commentator that orders to end the strike at 8 A. M. had been sent to all stations.

Son of Franco's Agent Assaults the Spanish Puerto Rican Consul

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Dec. 23.—Jacinto Ventos, Spanish consul here, was assaulted today and his head cut by a glass 'tong' at him by Enrique Trigo, son of General Franco's agent here.

The clash occurred in a local cafe when Trigo shouted, "Long Live the Republic" in answer to provocative Fascist songs and cheers for Franco by a Fascist gathering there.

Although Ventos pointed out his assailant to the police, they refused to arrest the Fascist. Puerto Rico is a United States colony.

Banker Sentenced

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., Dec. 23.—Charles E. Ryan, president of the closed Union Bank of Urchiville, who confessed embezzlement of \$475,000, was sentenced today to serve 10 to 30 years in the Ohio State penitentiary.

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USSR GRANTS TOKIO FISHING RIGHT FOR YEAR

Japanese Allowed to Fish in Water Off Siberia Coast

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Agreement in principle to the signing of a temporary agreement on fishing in Soviet waters off the coast of Siberia was arrived at after several conferences here between People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs Maxim Litvinov and the Japanese Ambassador, Mamoru Shigemitsu.

The proposal to sign the temporary agreement was made by the Japanese ambassador and is to continue the present regulations to the end of next year. The Soviet government notified the ambassador that it will be impossible to conclude a new formal convention on the fisheries at the present time.

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City Gives La-Freaking Landlords \$10,000,000 in Rent

Tenants at Hearing Ask Halt to Evictions

Dwellers Also Demand Increased Rent Allowance, Enforcement of Tenement Hous Laws—Banks Own Many Slum Houses, Witness Says

By S. W. Gerson
Law-breaking landlords owning old-law tenements received last year more than \$10,000,000 in rents from the City of New York, it was revealed yesterday at a hearing before the New York City Housing Authority.

The disclosure was made by Gladys La Fetre, housing consultant of the Emergency Relief Bureau, who testified that in 1935 the city paid a total of \$31,866,641 in rent for relief families. Between 30 and 35 per cent of the families live in old-law dwellings whose landlords do not comply with the Multiple Dwelling Law, she said.

Miss La Fetre's remarks clearly amazed some of the members of the authority.

"Did one-third of the rent money go to the old-law tenement owners?" Nathan Strauss, an authority member, asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "How many of these landlords are not complying with the Multiple Dwelling Law?"

"Practically 100 per cent."

RELIEF RENT INADEQUATE

Miss La Fetre had previously admitted that the relief rent schedules were "inadequate." The highest rent paid by the ERB, she said, was \$25 a month and that was paid only for families of nine or more. Only two such cases were on record, she said.

The average rental paid by the ERB was \$16.20, while thousands of cases were only getting \$10 per month, she testified. As of Dec. 18, Miss La Fetre told the authority, a total of 180,445 persons were having their rents paid by relief checks.

REHOUSE 200,000

B. Charney Vladeck, another authority member, pointed out that the \$31,000,000 paid by the city to the landlord in relief rents constituted the interest on a billion dollars at 3 per cent. "And that could rehouse 200,000 tenements," interjected Leland W. Post, authority chairman.

Miss La Fetre's remarks came in a day devoted to testimony of social workers representing most of

LITTLE YULE FOR SPAIN



The Christmas shopping list of the Progressive Women's Council included several hundred presents for Spanish women and children. Shown here with part of the shipment are (left to right) Mrs. Yerra Heras, Mrs. Lillian Daniels and Mrs. Mae Rose.

properties now affected by the housing crisis.

She had conducted a survey in a Lower East Side area of 18 square blocks bounded by East Broadway, Pike, Clinton and South Streets and found, she said, the following results:

156 buildings totally controlled by banks,
133 owned by private persons or institutions.

Among the banks with large holdings in East Side dwellings, Mrs. Rose said, were the Empire Industrial, Citizens, Central Savings, Metropolitan, Franklin, Bowers, Dry Dock and Title Guarantees.

Included among those who testified yesterday were Joseph Fink, of the Housing Committee of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities; Mrs. Ann W. Gallagher, of the Family Housing Committee; Charles E. Noyes, secretary to the Tenement House Committee; Stanley Isaacs, of the Housing Section, Welfare Council and United Neighborhood Houses; Sydney Maslen,

secretary of the Tenement House Committee of the Charity Organization Society; George A. Boehn, of the Housing Committee of the City Club; Esther Katz, of the Housing Committee of the Jewish Social Service Agencies; Mrs. Anne Goldstein, of the Madison House; Raymond Novarine, of the Little Italy Neighborhood Association, and Mrs. Helen Hanning, of the Community Councils.

GAS COMPANY FILES MERGER IN MANEUVER

Combination of Groups Will Not Cut Rates for Average Consumer

The Consolidated Edison Company's merger maneuver moved a step closer to fulfillment yesterday with filing of merger certificates in Albany, bringing seven subsidiaries into the parent company.

Into the new combination will come the New York Edison Company, New Amsterdam Gas Company, Northern Union Gas Company, Central Union Gas Company and the East River Gas Company.

Provisional authorization for the merger was given recently by the Public Service Commission, on the strength of the Consolidated Edison's promise to reduce rates in New York by \$7,000,000 annually. The proposed reduction, however, will benefit the average consumer very little, being aimed mainly at lowering industrial and commercial rates. Reduction of gas rates was not mentioned by the company.

Government Orders 40 Scout-Bomber Planes from Vought

EAST HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—The Chance Vought Aircraft Corporation plant here has received a government order to make 40 scout-bomber planes, company officials announced today. They are to be a type used on naval aircraft carriers.

Not From Firetrap to Firetrap, Evicted Tenants Tell LaGuardia

Facing a cold winter without homes, East Side families yesterday picketed City Hall demanding the right to remain in their slum apartments until the city decides to great their plea for decent government housing at low rents.

"Close to 50 pickets—a few with long grey beards—braved the cold Park Row wind with signs asking Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia to relieve the plight of 700 East Side families in 40 condemned buildings who have been ordered to find new homes by next Thursday.

"Santa Claus Brought Us Evictions, Merry Xmas," "Thousands Dead in Tenement House Fires, Are We Next?" "We Don't Move from Firetrap to Firetrap," "Mr. Landlord, A New Day Is Dawning. We Are Not Afraid of You," "Bankers Don't Care If We Burn, But They Don't Want the Blame," were some of the slogans on the signs carried by the pickets.

A committee of five, headed by Wilma Saunders of the East Side Tenants' Union, went into City Hall to see Mayor LaGuardia. Harry M. Prince, First Deputy Commissioner of the Tenement House Department, was sent to answer their pleas and told them that he had Commis-

sioner Post's assurance that the tenants will not be evicted next Thursday, Dec. 31, as scheduled.

Miss Saunders declared that bankers and landlords, however, have ordered all tenants to be out by next Thursday.

"There's no sense in going from one firetrap to another," she said. "We will continue our fight until we have assurance of decent houses

that these tenants can move to, if they move to another cheap firetrap, they'll be told to get out again anyway.

"Because of the evictions, rents have increased in even the worst tenement houses."

Included in the delegation at City Hall yesterday were 80-year old Abram Skoper, Fannie Brooks and Harry Holtz.

Allentown Cops Fail to Prevent 'Daily' Club Drive

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.—Authorities here are going the limit trying to smash the Daily and Sunday Worker subscription drive.

The latest trick was to call in the section organizer for "questioning" on the police plan to accuse the Communist Party of running a "lot-

tery" in connection with the subscription campaign.

The District Attorney combed his legal tomes, but could find no working on the subscriptions said, Worker and Sunday Worker subscription books.

"We are determined to raise our quota regardless of interference from any one," the committee "and it might be well to remind the authorities that they never interfered with the American Legion or any other organizations when they actually had lotteries running in town."

3rd ANNUAL Xmas Eve BALL
Thursday, December 24th
Lido Ballroom
140th St. and 7th Ave.
Tickets 50c—50c in adv.

Bagful of Fun

FLOOD OF NEW MEMBERS ENDS I. W. O. DRIVE

A last-minute flood of membership applications still poured into the International Workers' Order office from all points in the country yesterday although the official membership drive closed Monday.

Because of the avalanche of applications at least another three days will be required to compile the official count of recruits to the I. W. O. in the nation-wide campaign for 50,000 new members.

A rough estimate placed the number of applications of new members received since Monday at 6,000. By the end of the week the number may reach 8,000.

A survey of new members thus far shows that only the Philadelphia district went above its quota, having recruited 1,800 members of an original quota of 1,600. Others heading the list of leading sections are the Italian, Russian, Ukrainian and Polish group in the I. W. O.

Although the drive is over the I. W. O. expects an overflow recruitment for weeks to come and yesterday urged all members to continue working with the contacts they have made during the campaign.

WPA Dancers Win Removal of Beque; Kirstein New Head

The dancers of the WPA Federal Dance Project have won their demand for the removal of Don Oscar Beque as supervisor of the project.

"The resignation of Don Oscar Beque as director of the Federal Dance Project, which was submitted Dec. 2, will take effect immediately after Christmas," announced Philip Barber, director of the WPA Federal Theater project, in a conference.

"Mr. Beque will continue to serve only in the capacity of a choreographer."

Under the direction of Lincoln Kirstein, most of the resources of the Dance Project will be mobilized toward the production of a revue

Christmas Eve

December 24, 1936
Intercollegiate Russian Students of America, Inc. presents

WANDERING GYPSIES

With their Songs, Music and Dances at the
Concert and Ball
MECCA TEMPLE CASINO—135 W. 55th St.
SUBSCRIPTION \$1.25

Part of profit will go for Medical Aid to Spain

Wanted: 500 Volunteers

To participate in the huge Mass Tableau portions of this Dramatic Pageant

Next Rehearsals:
Sunday, Dec. 27, 1:30 P.M. - Monday, Dec. 28, 8 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 8 P.M.

Partisan Review Hall, 430-6th Ave. at 9th St.

STAGE or dance experience not necessary! Rehearsals have been scheduled for the early part of each week—and will be reduced from time to time to meet the needs of the participants. The Lenin Memorial Pageant will be presented at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 20 under the auspices of:

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Tim Buck

General Secretary, Communist Party of Canada, will make his first public appearance in New York at the

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Jan. 10 at 8 P.M.
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69 WEST 66TH STREET

Tickets in reserved sections, 75c, 50c, 35c, now on sale at all Workers Bookshops

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Both Eselson and Steinberg said that the woman was not present when they were attacked by the proprietor, and declared that the charge was trumped up to discourage the local from its organizing activities.

The two defendants were taken to the police station, incidentally, hours without any charge placed against them. During that period, both men were severely grilled by detectives, who called them "racketeers" and "criminals." Efforts of Secretary Manager Samuel Wolchok, of the union, to reach the defendants and supply attorneys and bail were frustrated by the police. Detectives ceased grilling the men at 4 a. m. and a few hours later placed them in the police "line-up." Later, before Magistrate

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WHAT'S ON

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THE ANNUAL event of the Year! Ask the party that attended last year—and they'll tell you. The party is at the Lido Ballroom, the 3rd Annual Christmas Eve Ball sponsored by the Angelo Herndon Club. Willey & Johnson head the all star floor show. Swing music by Ed. Bonelli and his orchestra. Tickets 50c in adv., 50c at door. Box and Loge reservations, 10c. The 1936.

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Why the Brooklyn College A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball, of course. Why should you come. See below.

ATTENTION

Brooklyn Reserve Christmas Eve Party. For Chas. Wein Dinner and Dance! Elaborate program. Singing with Max Voronoff. Dance till dawn at 693-4th St. Adm. 50c. Benefit Daily Worker. Aup: Doris Park Br. C.P.

THE CONVULSIONARIES

will convulse you at the A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball. Hotel Capitol, 51st St. and 8th Ave. Adm. 60c at Bookshops.

BRING your stockings.

Santa's first stop will be the Model's Union Strike Dance. Dance to the scintillating rhythm of a hot Harlem Band at Partisan Review Hall, 430 6th Ave. between 9th and 10th Sts. Top floor. Swing music by Ed. Bonelli and his orchestra. Tickets 50c in adv., 50c at door. Box and Loge reservations, 10c. The 1936.

FREE CIGARETTES

All you can smoke at the A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball—Hotel Capitol, 51st Ave. and 8th Ave. Adm. 75c at door. Aup: Brooklyn College A.S.U.

GALA Christmas Eve

Carnival and Frolic presenting an evening chockful of gaiety and entertainment. Gala Floor Show and dramatic music. Ned Angel and his Orchestra at the beautiful Mid-Town Music Hall, 159 W. 49th St. Subscriptions: The Guild, 159 W. 49th St.

BEAUCHE

the Snow falling outside. A roaring fireplace, a Christmas tree, soft lights, reflected in a large glass dance floor, an all band dancing till dawn. Midnight Revue. At 94 5th Ave. (14th St.). Aup: Social Dance Group. Benefit Political Prisoners. Subs. 50 cents.

"AMERICAN Testament,"

by Joseph Freeman, will be given among many other gifts at the A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball. Hotel Capitol.

BELLON de Noel

Two Orchestras—French and Band. From Harlem. Hot food program. At the Orchestras, 398 W. 59th St. Aup: Marie and Fred. 8 P.M. Normandie. Meet the French Sailors. Adm. 35c.

CONCERT and Dance

given by Br. 2, 3rd A.D. of the F.P. Excellent Program, fine entertainers. Good refreshments. Benefit Daily Worker. Subs. 25c.

CHRISTMAS OPERATIC

harmony will sing Christmas carols at the A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball, at the Hotel Capitol, 51st St. and 8th Ave. Adm. 60c. Tickets on sale at bookshops.

New Sensation in Dance Music.

Bob Edwards' Orchestra, with Babette & Claude Continental dancers, Tony Kraber and Art Smith, of Johnny Johnson, Lewin Shaw, author of "Bury the Dead," and A.S.U. Department Store Employees Union Local 1250. Grand Ballroom, Hotel Edison, 47th St. West of Broadway. Subs. 25c.

FOLLOW

the current to Current Theatre's Xmas Eve Dance at Hotel Claridge, 164th St. and Broadway. Hosts: Robert Taylor and Band. Entertainment, Door Prize, Refreshments. Adm. 40c in adv.; 75c at door.

CONCERT and Dance

Negro Girls Jazz Band. Best of Harlem's talent in Floor Show. 404 Third Ave. (near 174th St.). Aup: I. W. O. Workers Alliance Local 68. Adm. 50c. Lots to eat and drink.

BRONXITE

Attention! Spend Christmas Eve with "Who's Who" in Bronx County at the Annual Ball sponsored by the Nathan Hale Br. YCL. Swell Band. Entertainment. Hats, Drinks at the Rochambeau Ball Room, 3280 Rochambeau Ave. (Moshulu Parkway Station, Jerome Ave. Subway). From 8:30 till 1:30. Come early. Only 200 admitted. Subs. 40c. Don't miss Bronx's own gala affair.

CHRISTMAS FROLIC

Swing music. Broadway stars at I.W.O. Center, 4 W. 18th St. 8 P.M. Aup: Followers of Nature Camp and I.W.O. Br. 736. Proceeds for Daily Worker. Adm. 40c.

GRAND BANQUET

De luxe dinner, classical program, 683 Allentown Ave., Allentown I.W.O. Community Center. Limited reservations. \$1.25, daily at 7:30 P.M. A.S.U. Center, December 24.

HOLY SMOKE!

See and supply the cigarettes at the A.S.U. Christmas Eve Ball. Tickets 75c at door.

BROWNVILLE

Community Center I.V. will officially open with a Banquet,

the important welfare agencies of the city.

While opinions on minor details varied, most of the workers' preachers virtually the same attitude on the housing shortage. The consensus of the testimony regarding the recent crisis precipitated by decision of a number of banks to evict 700 East Side families rather than comply with provisions of the Multiple Dwelling Law showed agreement on six major points:

1. That the evictions be stayed.
2. That where tenants unable to pay are moved, their expenses be paid by the city.
3. That where rent in the new dwelling is higher than the old, the city make up the difference, at least temporarily.
4. That the city and state legislature prepare emergency rent laws to prevent rent rises.
5. That there be no moratorium on enforcement of the Multiple Dwelling Law.
6. That a long-range low-rent public housing program be drafted speedily.

MORE ALLOWANCE

Harold S. Butenheim, chairman of the Housing Section of the Welfare Council, also recommended on behalf of his organization that the Emergency Relief Bureau adopt a higher rent schedule for better buildings and that the maximum rent allowance be increased, a suggestion originally made by Mayor LaGuardia's Committee on Unemployment Relief.

BANKS IN SLUMS

Mrs. Samuel I. Rosenman, speaking on behalf of the Housing Committee of the United Neighborhood Houses, shattered testimony given Monday by Robert A. Hoguet, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, that the banks owned only 3 per cent of the slum

properties now affected by the housing crisis.

She had conducted a survey in a Lower East Side area of 18 square blocks bounded by East Broadway, Pike, Clinton and South Streets and found, she said, the following results:

156 buildings totally controlled by banks,
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Among the banks with large holdings in East Side dwellings, Mrs. Rose said, were the Empire Industrial, Citizens, Central Savings, Metropolitan, Franklin, Bowers, Dry Dock and Title Guarantees.

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WANTED: Fair Play In the ERB

We note that James E. Finegan was "caustic" in his comment yesterday on the ERB sit-in strikers.

The President of the Municipal Civil Service Commission spoke of the "public responsibility" of the ERB workers and "of the error of their ways."

In the matter of "public responsibility" and of "error," Finegan had much better set his own house in order. What sort of "public responsibility" has he displayed in this ERB dispute?

In his overzealousness to give the faithful ERB workers an unhappy New Year, there is a decidedly bad odor. The whole business smells too much of Frank J. Prial. It is a matter of public record that Finegan is a devoted political servant of the said Prial. And it is a matter of notorious repute that Prial has converted the civil service apparatus into a political machine for his own honor and glory.

There is a civil service examination called for in the city of New York: an investigation into the political activities of Finegan and of his fitness to serve in his present capacity. We recommend such an investigation strongly on Mayor La Guardia.

We also strongly urge the Mayor—as we have done before—to postpone the examination set for Dec. 30. To carry it through at this time would be unfair and unjust.

In this ERB situation, there are some 8,000 workers who have performed their services faithfully and well over a considerable period of time. Their efficient services run for more than four years. In preparation for a change-over of the ERB into a more permanent agency, to take effect next July, an examination has now been provided.

Finegan says it must be "an open competitive examination." Justice Shientag has upheld his contention. The case is now appealed by the workers to the Appellate Court. There should be no examinations, certainly, until that Court has passed upon the case.

It may be a light matter for Finegan to imperil the jobs of 8,000 workers, who have done their work well. It is not a light matter for the City of New York. Particularly is it of public concern that the "open competitive examinations" at this time will open the doors to discrimination against active union workers and against Negroes.

Let Mayor La Guardia introduce a little bit of common sense and fair play into this ERB picture—by postponing the examinations.

Labor Pre-Views

The Coming Congress

Leaders of 60 international labor unions met in Washington on Monday.

The coming Congress was on their minds. They conferred with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins on a possible labor legislative program in the national legislative body.

With the opening of Congress so near at hand, this conference was timely in character. The stand taken by the labor leaders—for a large-scale housing program, for the 30-hour week and 6-hour day without reduction in pay, for continued relief, for further minimum wage legislation and for the stamping out of child labor—is commendable.

It is commendable, that is, in so far as it went. It will be more commendable if it is made the prelude to another and broader conference of all labor and progressive forces on the sweeping social and labor legislation that the 1937 Congress is called upon to enact.

Labor cannot close its eyes to the harsh fact that reaction is neither dead nor sleeping. The lobby of the Steel Trust and the National Association of Manufacturers will be on the job in Washington in greater force than ever before. To win any real social or labor legislation, such as the November 3 election demands, the widest rallying of all labor and progressive organizations is an A No. 1 requirement.

By gathering in such force as to command respect, these labor and progressive groups can stimulate greatly the formation of a progressive bloc in Congress. Without such a bloc, the legislative machinery will grind all too slowly for the people on relief, the workers and the farmers of the country. With its creation, on the other hand, the

people's legislation will be advanced with rapidity, even in the face of the maneuvering of the corrupt Big Business lobby.

We suggest, further, that the program decided upon tentatively in Washington on Monday can be improved by a number of additions. The program we submit, to which the wider conference can well dedicate itself, is that which was drawn up by the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

A study of this document, published in this issue of the Daily Worker, will indicate the reasonableness on the one hand and the necessity on the other of every item covered in this proposed program for the coming Congress. Nothing short of the enactment of such a program will meet in any real way the mandate given by the American people on November 3: to advance peace, prosperity and happiness in these United States.

Christmas News That Is Not Merry

With "Merry Christmas" in the air, we glean these items from newspapers of the last two days:

Secretary loses job; dies in 7-story plunge from window. She was Helen Falk, 36, of New York.

Sisters found dead; two upstate women die from starvation and exposure. They were Augusta Labarge, 65 years of age, and her sister, Josetta, 56, of Amsterdam, N. Y.

WPA worker commits suicide; fears loss of job. He was Edward Abbott, 22-year old actor, threatened with a "pink slip."

In the same papers we read that the Roosevelt administration plans to cut sharply the relief rolls and that Col. Brehon B. Somervell reports with pride that 4,000 relief workers have been cut off WPA "on the ground that they were no longer in need."

You may write your own comment thereon.

Bread Crusts And Cannons

"Throw away nothing. Eat every crust of bread!"

Those are the latest orders of Nazi Food Dictator Herman Goering.

"Empty garbage pails" is a fitting slogan of the Fascist dictatorships who have robbed the German and Italian people of almost the last crust of bread in order to build up gigantic war machines.

There seem to be very few notches left on the belts of the German and Italian people.

The objective of Fascism is to drive the people down to the lowest level of starvation in order to build the most gigantic war machine in the world.

Then the aim of building up the war machine is to start a new world slaughter in which the German masses are to suffer even more terrible conditions so that the big German trusts can get sources of raw materials.

Fascism is a plague that combines all of the most dreadful visitations formerly known to mankind—war, pestilence, starvation, death.

And the Fascist "Four-Year Plan" has just begun.

If the Fascist dictators are allowed to go on, not even the crusts or garbage will be left to the German people.

The criminals who rule Germany and who make the German people suffer most, as conditions grow worse, are plotting to give the world a taste of their barbarism.

Therefore, to aid the German people rid themselves of the Nazi scourge is to help the world maintain peace.

Counting on Splitters 'To Break Steel Strike'

Like an unwanted black cat, the New York Herald Tribune slips back to the labor movement's rear door, whining approval of the American Federation of Labor executive council's split.

Before the Deluge of Nov. 3, that hoary old Tory sheet was hot and heavy in its approval of the Green-Woll-Hutcheson assault on the Committee for Industrial Organization unions. True servant of the Liberty League-Steel Trust-General Motors gang, it chortled with glee at the antics of the reactionary executive council clique. "The Greens and the Wolls will stop the organization of the unorganized workers in the basic industries," was the burden of its comment.

Now, after some lapse of time, it returns to the same theme. In its Tuesday's issue, the Liberty League organ takes up the cudgels again for the Steel Trust and against the C.I.O. drive. In the course of which editorial, it opines:

"The more interesting question at the moment is not what the steel industry is going to do about it [the growing union drive], assuming it is wise enough to sit tight, but how the news will be received by the craft unions dominating the American Federation of Labor.

From the sentiments expressed at the recent convention of the Federation one would expect any intimation that Lewis is succeeding in his drive to rouse their opposition and jealousy in corresponding degree. ONE CAN SEE THE SPLIT GROWING WIDER AS LEWIS MARCHES ON, WITH A FINAL RESOLUTION AND MARSHALLING OF CRAFT FORCES TO DEFEAT THE LEWIS STRIKE, IF HE CALLS ONE."

In these words, we have the hopes of the Steel Trust expressed openly for all to hear. The Morgan-duPont gang are counting on their man Hutcheson and his Man Friday, Green, to do the work of Bergoff

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Both Germany and Japan are now floating trial balloons that they hope will pull them out of the slough of despond into which they sank so rapidly after signing the recent war alliance.

Berlin and Tokio pray that the new year will open with important negotiations to placate their respective imperialist competitors.

There is no doubt about what is under way, because we have it from the best "authorities," or rather, intermediaries.



Trial balloon No. 1 is floated in the Hearst press, by William Shirer, not without the knowledge of Adolph Hitler.

Trial balloon No. 2, is story No. 1, in the New York Times of Dec. 23, and comes from the Tokio foreign office via the Times correspondent, Hugh Byas.

First, as to Hitler's scheme: Down to his last pound of butter, the Nazi dictator proposes that Britain and France make some face-saving offer of colonies to Germany, in return for which German Fascism will conclude an arms limitation agreement, a Western Locarno pact, promises to slacken its attacks on Czechoslovakia, and to compromise on Spain (in accordance with British imperialist wishes).

Some proposals are even offered with regard to "Eastern Europe," meaning the Soviet Union. Then Mr. Shirer, undoubtedly paraphrasing his Nazi informant, says that the Hitler government believes "Britain might bring pressure to bear on France to let the Franco-Soviet pact lapse."

We believe there is a great deal of truth in this exclusive story from one Fascist agency to another. Hitler badly needs a breathing spell to tide him over the rising discontent of the hungry German masses. A colonial grant, however worthless and empty, would be hailed as a tremendous victory by the Nazis. But the basic war plans of Mein Kampf would not for a moment be abandoned.

Hitler's prime purpose would be to stave off opposition at home to the deadly pace of his drive to war. His immediate plans are out of joint with the possibility of holding British support under present conditions. At the same time, the Nazi Fuehrer believes a detour in his road to war at this time would be making haste slowly. For it is hard for the Baldwin cabinet to continue to win mass support for its policy of encouraging the Nazis. Besides, the German Fascists need London financial aid badly, ostensibly for "butter" but actually for more bombs.

And in the Far East there is the depressed state of Japanese politics. Growing mass opposition to the Nazi-Japanese pact at home and China's throes of the unification of 400,000,000 people, have compelled the Hirota cabinet also to send up a sensational trial balloon.

"Japan is ready to co-operate with the United States in establishing peace machinery in the Pacific appropriate to the new situation," is the way Hugh Byas reports the diplomatic feeler to the New York Times.

Since the Hugh Byas news comes from the Tokio Nichi Nichi and the Foreign Office it is just as reliable as the advance report some weeks before the Nazi-Japanese war pact was actually signed.

The motivating principle behind both gestures is to try to dispel the alarm and opposition to the Nazi-Japanese pact in Britain and the United States. Intended originally to win the U. S. and Britain for the anti-Soviet line-up, the pact was met forthwith in England and this country with the most vehement trouncing in the influential imperialist press as a scheme making for world war, particularly a slaughter to redivide the colonies of the two imperialist nations whose friendship is sought against the U.S.S.R.

From what we know of the economic and political conditions in Germany and Italy there is little question that these trial balloons will be followed up by more substantial offers of collaboration, with attractive concessions.

London, for example, has already drawn the gap wider between Hitler and Mussolini to place the Nazi dictator in a position to listen closer to Baldwin's version of how a worthy Fascist Fuehrer should act.

The Nazi war-inciters and the Japanese imperialists bear the closest watching when they don Santa Claus costumes presenting the world lavish gifts of olive branches.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

QUESTION: What is the Communist position on the new Women's C. C. C. camps?

ANSWER: Communists do not consider that such camps, especially for women, solve the question of unemployed youth. By breaking up the home, they would make still worse the present difficult economic conditions of young women.

We favor, therefore, the passage of the American Youth Act, which is the only adequate measure for providing jobs for unemployed young men and women. This act would provide jobs for young people on useful projects at decent wages, such as health and recreation centers. It would also set up a system of vocational training, under trade union and youth jurisdiction.

However, should these camps be set up, the Communists would oppose any Army influence or control in their administration. It would set all its efforts against the driving down of union labor and wage standards by having C.C.C. campers do regular work at merely nominal pay, as is now being done in the men's camps.

The Communist Party and the Y. C. L. favor, therefore, the granting to all C. C. C. camp members the status of Federal employees, with the right of trade union organization and trade union wage and working standards.

and the Railway Audit and Inspection Co. in the smashing of the steel drive.

Local unions, central bodies, state federations of labor and international unions can take a cue from these hopes of the Open Shoppers. Let these unions hasten to endorse the great steel drive, putting their full strength behind it. Let them also serve notice on the A. F. of L. executive council in no uncertain terms that its splitting policy—giving aid and comfort to the scab-herding forces of the country—must be ended forthwith.

Let these unions, as an offset to the hopes of the Open Shoppers, insist upon the lifting of the suspensions of the C.I.O. unions, the very organizations which are most vigorously organizing the unorganized.

DON'T WASTE YOUR FOOD!

by Ellis



Take Army Out of CCC, Pay Union Wages, Is Y. C. L.'s Answer to Fechner Proposals

In reply to a recent proposal of Robert Fechner, director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Committee of the Young Communist League has issued the following statement, copies of which have been sent to Robert Fechner and President Roosevelt.

The National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League wishes to give its stand on the recent proposal of Robert Fechner, director of the CCC program. Mr. Fechner has recommended to President Roosevelt that the CCC camps be established on a permanent basis under the jurisdiction of the civil service.

Pointing to the need of a permanent agency for "conservation and restoration," and for "adequate protection and proper development of public areas," Mr. Fechner states that continued unemployment among young people requires the permanent services of the CCC.

The Young Communist League is heartily in favor of a Federal program of reforestation and conserva-

tion. But we feel called upon to warn against the danger of utilizing the CCC camps for military purposes and also for driving down wage standards in such work as is performed by the CCC.

Secretary of War Harry Woodring has stated that "the mobilization of over 300,000 men in more than 1,500 CCC camps was the first real test of the army's plans for war mobilization." (Liberty magazine, January 9, 1934.) Such militarization and jingo utilization of the CCC is in sharp contrast to the recent statement of Secretary of State Hull in Buenos Aires:

"The forces of peace everywhere are entitled to function both through governments and through public opinion. The peoples of the world would be far wiser if they expended more of their hard-earned money in organizing the forces of peace, fewer of the present \$5,000,000,000 in educating and training their military forces."

If that is really to be the policy of the American government it is necessary that every vestige of army

control and administration of the CCC be removed.

We believe that the men in the CCC camps are entitled to the status of federal employees, with the full right to organize into bona fide trade unions. They must receive wages based on trade union scales for the work they perform, and only then will the camps cease to act as a barrier to the establishment of an American standard of living for American youth.

As a real step toward the solution of the unemployment problem among the nation's youth, we must press for the enactment of the American Youth Bill which is the only adequate measure capable of coping with the problem of 5,000,000 jobless youth.

And as a part of the Federal public works program, the CCC camps must be free from every influence of militarism, must establish real democracy and the right to organize for the boys and a trade union standard of wages.

National Executive Committee,
YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
OF THE UNITED STATES.

Letters from Our Readers

'They Don't Print Rates Anymore'

Brockway, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been following the recent expose in the Daily Worker on the utilities racketeers. I am therefore enclosing a card showing the electric rates in this Ku Klux Klan reactionary town.

The rate is ten cents for the first twenty-five



kilowatts instead of eleven as on this card, and what's more, they don't print the rates on the card anymore. At the end of the month your bill is as high as they like. Not knowing the rates, you cannot argue that you have been overcharged.

I understand that the electric plant is now owned by the West Penn Power Co.

W. M.

'Orderly, While They Starve'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In reading the warnings of public figures against the American people following the example of the Soviet Union, one cannot help noting the terms used in describing Socialism and Communism.

Al Smith always refers to "the hot breath of Moscow." Various preachers refer to a "flood," "fire," "flame," etc. If they denounced it as a system of government, they are afraid that the American people might begin to compare it with other systems of government. This would lead them to question a "system" which systematically starves millions by the chaotic profit system which operates for money and not for the people.

Capitalism, Fascism, Socialism and Communism are systems of government. Since those who wish to keep the profit system in this country, denounce Socialism and Communism, while they laud the "order" which fascism has brought to Germany and Italy, it follows that they want to continue unemployment and hunger—but under a different form of government, fascism.

So what can Fascism be? If it restores "order" and at the same time keeps capitalism, it can only be a system which keeps the people "orderly" while they starve. And this can only be done by force.

Fascism means unemployment, or forced labor for the workers, and even more profit for the capitalists. We in America don't want Fascism.

Offensive 'Jokes'

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Lanny Ross, of the Maxwell House Showboat Hour. Not only this letter, but the whole question of innumerable chauvinistic remarks made by "comedians," and others, merit wide publicity.

"Mr. Lanny Ross: I wish to take this opportunity to protest against the slanders against an honorable section of the American people, the Negro people, contained in the remarks and characterizations of two members of your cast called 'Molasses' and 'January.'"

"These men have continually made remarks of questionable taste, but they reached a new low in the program of Dec. 10. Their pointed 'jokes' about chicken stealing, and the slightly coated chauvinistic phrase about 'a colored man in the woodpile' can be construed only as insults to a people who have contributed much to the building of this country of ours."

"In the name of those Americans who are against race hatred, chauvinism and provocation in any form, I demand that these men, 'Molasses' and 'January,' be withdrawn from your program and that a public statement be made."

C. S.

Wall Street Messenger

Woodhaven, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is the belief of many outsiders that Wall Street is the place of short hours and high wages; but the reverse of the condition applies to the rank and file workers in the financial district. At present there is a great deal of unrest among the workers. There is always a shifting crowd of employes for, after you have worked for a length of time, it seems that industry feels you are not in tune with their work, and it is therefore difficult for the worker to sever connections with "the Street" and secure work elsewhere.

Because Wall Street is the greatest money mart in the world, the worker is obliged to dress in the height of fashion. There is no reason why the employee should not be fairly compensated. It is also the greatest scrap heap builder. Glance at the employment bureau advertisements for workers required in Wall Street. The male is classified as a boy until the age of twenty-three, salaried at \$10 to \$15 per week. At thirty-five your services are no longer required, except perhaps for jobs such as messengers, guards, and reception men, but the pay scarcely keeps body and soul together, much less a family.

Lately however, a bitter feeling seems to be developing, when it is noted that in other industries, due to organization of the workers, wages are being increased and hours shortened. This year's bonuses, when paid, will therefore be little for long hours. There will be a new note in the organization then for better conditions among the Wall Street workers.

G. B.

New Course in Communism Begins in Monday's Issue

Comprehensive Lessons Will Include Questions and Answers With Prizes to Students Who Qualify—Conducted by Workers' School

When you read your news in the typical American newspaper, you cannot avoid confusion. The titanic forces at work in the world today are reported there without analysis or explanation. Great events are taking place and you find no clue to their inner significance—in many cases, to their superficial aspects.

The word "Communism" is bandied about without explanation. "Socialism . . . what is that? What is meant by "Democracy?" Is it the form of government under which we in America are living? And what is meant by "the class struggle?"

These phrases occur and recur in newspapers, books, in daily conversation. And unless you know where to turn, what books to read, you are at sea, puzzled, faced with apparently inexplicable contradictions.

The Daily Worker, in cooperation with the Workers' School, recently published a series of articles by Edward Smith, Assistant Director of the school, which skinned the surface of the Marxist theoretical approach to world problems. This was a new venture in journalism, even in Communist journalism, for it is not easy to delve into economics without preliminary reading and without an available teacher to whom one may turn for answers to ever pressing questions.

The response to this series was immediate. Letters pointed to a fathomless interest in the subjects discussed and the necessity for finding a better form for these Lessons in Communism.

More space was needed. To break into a discussion half completed was unsatisfactory. And yet the limitations of space in the Daily made it necessary to do so, if the lessons were to be published three times a week.

It was therefore decided to expand the lessons so that one topic might be completed in one issue and to reduce the number of times weekly in which they would be printed.

Therefore, beginning next Monday and every Monday thereafter a complete lesson will be published. The following topics will be covered:

- Contradictions of Imperialism, the Struggle for the Revision of the World, What Socialist Society Is, Socialism in the Soviet Union, Socialism and Communism, America without Capitalists, The Working Class and the Struggle for State Power, Democracy and Fascism, Unity of the Working Class, the People's Front and a Farmer-Labor Party, the Relation between the People's Front and Socialism, the Struggle for Peace Today, the Role of the Communist Party, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

To aid in developing the feeling of a study circle, questions will be asked with each lesson. You will be asked to send replies to these questions to the Workers' School at 50 East 13th Street, New York. At the end of each month, these replies will be rated by a member of the School's teaching staff.

Prizes will be awarded for the best answers to the first series, as follows:

- 1—Little Lenin Library (22 volumes).
 - 2—Strachey's "Theory and Practice of Socialism."
 - 3—Browder's "What Is Communism?"
- The first lesson will be published next Monday, Dec. 28.

BOOKS of the DAY

By EDWIN SEAVER

ALFRED A. KNOPF offers a reading course in Knopf literature conducted by Carl Van Doren. The course is a big fat volume—more than 1,000 pages—of selections from various notable books published under the "Borzoi" imprint during the past twenty-one years. Mr. Van Doren has done the selecting and the price is three bucks and a half.

The Knopf anthology contains five short novels: "Willis Gathers," "Moria," "The Gams," "Thomas Mann's "Death in Venice," "Elinor Wylie's "The Venetian Glass Nephew," "David Garnett's "The Sailor's Return" and Joseph Hergesheimer's "Tubal Cain." It contains the Kaufman-Ryskind-Gershwin play "Of Thee I Sing." It contains short stories by Max Beerbohm, Arthur Machen, E. M. Forster, D. H. Lawrence, Katherine Mansfield, Walter de la Mare, A. E. Coppard and Zona Gale; essays by Julian Huxley, Clarence Day, W. H. Hudson and others; a biography of Stephen Crane by Thomas Beer; and, finally, the work of three Chinese poets who were contemporary several thousand years ago.

On the whole, "The Borzoi Reader" proves what was already generally recognized; that the publishing firm of Alfred A. Knopf has a pretty clear record for good books. And the present volume offers an abundance of good reading, despite the presence of Messrs. Mencken, Nathan and Van Vechten.

THE MIDWEST Federation of Arts and Professions is forging ahead. The second (December) issue of "Midwest," the Federation's magazine—has just come in, and the Federation also announces two forthcoming publications: a brochure on midwestern artists, and an anthology of midwestern poets.

Meanwhile, the first publication of the Federation, an experimental short novel by John Rood and entitled "This, My Brother," continues to attract attention. Of Rood's book, Meridel LeSueur writes as follows in "Midwest": "A poetic novel reaching in places high poetic intensity, of the slow and painful growth of a miner's consciousness from personal frustrations and passions to the sense of broader unity and identity with others."

"The most successful part of the book is in the tender growth of the sense of identity between the father from the mines and the son, who

Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

- XMAS PROGRAMS**
- 1:45-WFAP & WABC—Broadcast from Bethlehem, Choir of St. George Cathedral.
 - 2:15-WABC—Children's Chorus of Lugano, Switzerland.
 - 2:20-WJZ—Hansel and Gretel, Metropolitan Opera Company.
 - 4:15-WFAP—School Children Chorus from New York City Hall.
 - 4:30-WFAP, WNYC—"Twas the Night Before Xmas"—Freddie Bartholomew.
 - 5:00-WJZ—President Roosevelt delivers Xmas Greetings to Nation.
 - 6:00-WJZ—Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite—Frank Black, Conductor.
 - 9:00-WJZ—Walter Hampden—"The Passing of the Third Floor Back."
 - 10:00-WJZ—Carol and Bells from the U. of Chicago Chapel.
 - WABC—Leopold Stokowski and Orch.
 - 11:15-WOR—Christmas of John Smith, American.

NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

OPENING TONIGHT THE TRAGIC HISTORY OF DR. FAUSTUS — Christopher Marlowe's tragedy will be revived by the Federal Theatre Project, Orson Welles and John Houseman have directed the play and Mr. Welles will take the leading role. At the Maxine Elliot Theatre.

Serkin Superb At Carnegie

By MARTIN McCall

The advent of Rudolf Serkin was last year's high point. With Toscanini and the Philharmonic, he played Beethoven's G major Concerto with unsurpassed, incredible musicianship. Because that performance never lost its vividness, it remained a little incredible; on Sunday, one again had the privilege of hearing Serkin. With Barbirolli conducting, he played a lesser work—Brahms' Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Opus 15. This concerto is not often attempted, for it is one of those notorious works written "against" the solo instrument; not only does it require high musicianship, but an almost inhuman strength and endurance. Only once in a long while are these virtues paired in the one musician, and so superb is Serkin that one begins to consider him the source and end of contemporary pianistic performance.

The Philharmonic-Symphony Society has always turned its back coolly upon present-day American composition. As a policy, this was not nice, so a gesture was necessary. There was an immaculate conception: an American Composers' Contest with cash prizes for (a) a short composition, and (b) a long composition. The "(a)" portion was recently judged—Ernest Toch, the only qualified musician among the judges, was absent—and no prize was awarded. Philip James, academician, received Honorable Mention for an Overture, "Bret Harle," which apparently met the Contest's requirements for indigenous, geographical and literary allusions. The said Overture was performed at Sunday's concert, and the less said about it the better.

Anton von Webern's transcription for orchestra of six occasional "German Dances" by Schubert, was the eminent "Widener's" sentimental holiday. An orchestral Suite culled from Rimsky's "Coq d'Or" was admirably and authentically by Stravinsky's master. Barbirolli was at his constant best.

BROWDER, GREEN CONTEST JUDGES

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party and Gil Green, national secretary of the Young Communist League are among the judges of an essay contest being sponsored in conjunction with the Lenin-Liebknecht-Luxemburg pageant which the Y.C.L. is presenting on Jan. 15 at the St. Nicholas Palace.

The prize for the winning essay, which is not to exceed 200 words, will be a week's vacation at Camp Mittegalagel and the article will be read at the L.L.L. pageant. A prize of R. Palme Dutt's "World Politics" will be presented on the night of the pageant to the section organizer whose section contributes the greatest number of articles in the contest.

Some of the suggested topics for entrants are: "Why a Lenin-Liebknecht-Luxemburg Pageant?" "Why Is January 15 a Memorial Day?" "L.L.L. and the Fight Against War." "What Does L.L.L. Mean to Us Today?" Other judges of the contest, from which only district, county and sectional functionaries of the Y.C.L. are barred, are: Leo Turner, national education director; John Little, executive secretary of the state committee and Sam Banks, state education director. The deadline for manuscripts is Jan. 10.

The Ruling Clawss —by Redfield



The Distaff Side



Ilka Chase, plays a leading role in Max Gordon's production of Claire Boothe's play, "The Women," which opens tomorrow night at the Ethel Barrymore. The cast of the comedy contains more than forty women and not one solitary male.

Chicago's New Theatre Fights Censorship With Sharp Satire

Mayor and Patriotic Societies of the Windy City Ban Progressive Plays Produced by WPA Federal Theatre and New Theatre League

By Lee Stanleigh

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The theatre in Chicago is wholesome and patriotic. When the hooch dancers on South State Street strip and bawl out a song it is an American song and when the church gives Noel Coward to its eight-year-olds it always sings a hymn first. Our worker-citizens are protected from the contaminating filth of "Tobacco Road" and "The Children's Hour." Politicians nourish 500 amateur theatre groups which ape Broadway but seditious dramas are run out of town on a rail.

When the Goodman theatre trustees denied their stage to the New Theatre League Conference they did not do so because they felt that "Till the Day I Die" was a poor play but because it was rumored that an actor in the cast had attended the Third International. When Mayor Kelly closed "Tobacco Road" he did it because "The language was such that any decent person should have walked out."

Particularly unfortunate was the WPA Federal Theatre, which naively hoped to present plays of immediate and vital interest to the lower income groups unable to patronize lavish commercial theatre productions. When Federal Theatre Number One, under the direction of Robert Breen opened last year in "Amaco," a symbolic play of the machine age, the police closed it because it wasn't good for people to see things like that.

During rehearsals of its next production, "An Enemy of the People," a Hearst reporter glared at the actors and scribbled lines from the play in his notebook. He heard the word "revolution" spoken not once but many times. He heard actors say "middle-class" and "local politicians" and "ruling interests." His heart was grieved and in the Herald-Examiner he hinted slyly: "Odd that the Federal government Theatre experimental staff should pick a drama shot through with the idea and talk of revolution."

Meyer Levin wrote a play about Chicago politics and the housing situation, called it "Model Tenement." Federal Theatre regional director, Thomas Wood Stevens, liked it and the play was put into rehearsal. But Mayor Kelly picked up the receiver, called Washington and the group was reprimanded for presenting seditious drama.

Latest to taste the scorn of the censor was Paul Green's prize-winning "Hymn to the Rising Sun," closed during its opening performance by the puritanical zeal of the city's donors. Brutalities of chain-gang existence which it dramatized did not appeal to certain respectable citizens who consider the chain-gangs an upright form of social justice. The Federal Theatre protested, critics were scornful, the Council on Freedom from Censorship fought to have it produced. But the censor was adamant and "Hymn to the Rising Sun" joined "Model Tenement," "Amaco," "The Children's Hour" and "Tobacco Road" as a banished stench in the nostrils of the pristine stockyards city.

Charles De Sheim, director of the

The Whole World Sings In Ukrainian Operetta

"Natalka Poltavka," a Joyous Song Fest Produced With Gusto and Good Cheer by the Soviet Film Studios of the Ukraine

By Dorothy Gates

The Roosevelt Theatre, six stories above the ground and way downtown on East Houston Street just off Second Avenue, is showing "Natalka Poltavka," a Soviet film version of the three-hundred-year old operatic classic. For those who understand no Russian and less Ukrainian, and your reviewer is a regretful member of that group, the film seems to be a charming love story set against a background of lovely songs, lively dances and good dancing.

The story of Natalka, the peasant girl who loves her foster brother and almost but not quite marries a rich villager, has long been a favorite in the Ukraine. The film has adhered closely to the original operetta,

giving more than the usual number of songs allotted to a musical picture. But the songs are so good, sung with such gusto and good humor, and without the usual histrionics that accompany our American songbirds, that it did not bother your reviewer that it did not burst into the cast burst into song at the slightest provocation.

The singers display not only an unusual singing ability, in itself an accomplishment for so large a cast, but also indicate that they are good actors, which is more than an accomplishment. Judging by our Hollywood standards it is almost a miracle. Among the many honored artists of the republic who are featured in the film, M. Litvinenko Volmut and E. Patrizinski add greatly to the general festivities.

The lack of English titles is a drawback for one who wants to know why his neighbor is laughing so heartily. We nudged the gentleman next to us a couple of times and asked him but by the time he was ready to answer something else had been said which was apparently very funny and he was off in another gale of laughter. So we didn't find out what all the particular fun was about, but we did follow the simple story and we were just as gratified as the more fortunate members of the audience who did understand all the cracks, that Natalka didn't marry the lecherous old man, but her nice singing passed instead.

The management explained that the lack of English titles was due to the fact that the operetta was put through in a rush due to threatened competition from uptown. Another group, composed we understand of emigre Russians, is preparing to place before the public their own version of the tale, and the Roosevelt wanted to keep a jump ahead of them. Hence, the lack of English subtitles.

We came away with a very warm feeling for the Ukrainians who seem to be a hearty and good-natured people, full of fun and song. And the songs are really swell.

Fans Select Best Pictures

Judging from the numerous entries in our Best Picture Contest, there is a wide divergence of opinion among movie-goers as to which is the best picture of the year.

Some people prefer "The Country Doctor," while others choose "We Are From Kronstadt."

Not a few votes have come in for "Fury" and a group is rooting for "The General Died at Dawn."

Shakespeare is holding his own with "Romeo and Juliet" appearing as quite a popular favorite, while "Carnival in Flanders" has a loud cheering section.

There are nine days left before the close of the contest. Don't forget that the best letter will receive ten pairs of guest tickets to the leading Broadway movie houses. There will also be fourteen other prizes.

Other pictures of 1936 include:

- Mary of Scotland
- My American Wife
- Swing Time
- My Man Godfrey
- Craig's Wife
- The Gay Divorced
- China Clipper
- Anthony Adverse
- Stage Struck
- A Midsummer
- Night's Dream
- The Charge of the Light Brigade
- J Men on a Horse
- The Devil Doll
- His Brother's Wife
- Piccadilly Jim
- The Gorgeous Hussy
- The Great Ziegfeld
- The Devil is a Sissy
- Labeled Lady
- Tarzan Escapes
- Love on the Run
- Born to Dance
- To Mary With Love
- The General Died at Dawn
- After the Thin Man
- The Texas Rangers
- The Big Broadcast of 1936
- Go West Young Man
- Pennies from Heaven
- College Holiday
- The Harvester
- Fatal Lady
- White Fang
- Whirlwind Tractors
- Three Cheers for Love
- Miss
- Charlie Chan at the Race Track
- Seven Sinners
- Girls Dormitory
- Sing, Baby, Sing
- Dimples
- Nine Days a Queen
- Magnificent Brute
- Meet West
- The Girl on the Front Page
- Three Cheers for Love
- Pigskin Parade
- Reunion
- Luckiest Girl in the World
- Banjo on My Knee
- Stowaway

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TRACK STARS ARE FADING

By Mike Kantor

It may have been Paavo Nurmi who first put the indoor track season right on top of the winter sports roost. I wouldn't know because after the great Finn had churned his long legs around the track for his last beautiful, effortless wrist watch effort, the game didn't die. It didn't even lapse. It drew huge crowds when the matchless world's record holder of the most world's track records made our Joie Ray an also-ran.

Yet year after year the track game continued to draw crowds. The Cunninghams came along. The Venzkes and the Bonthrons and the Hornbostels and the Owens and the rest became as much of by-words to sport as the Ruths and Dempseys and Tildens. Track never had to apologize for its place in New York. It got by—and how.

New Year's is right upon us with all its hell and fire-water but the guy who couldn't wait for Saturday night to come around so he could plunk his ducat on the line and yell his head off as the boarded tracks sized beneath pounding feet isn't in the mood for New Year's. For him 1936 is a total loss and 1937 doesn't even begin to whet his sneaker-minded appetite.

Where Were the Thrills?

Perhaps never in the history of our indoor track and field history has the season been so utterly devoid of thrills, expected thrills, glamor and record-breaking competition. Sure the Cunninghams and the Venzkes and some college relays are still with us.

But what's a Cunningham without a Bonthron? And who's interested in seeing Venzke tearing down the home stretch a glorious second? Not me—and I don't think you are either. It's been the little fellows in the little event that gave every promise of hogging the track spotlight this season. But they won't—at least it won't be the same spotlight.

You can blame some of it on the Olympics. When you track fans gnash your teeth do a little wishful thinking on this Avery Brundage guy. If you didn't throw your energy last June into the anti-Olympic fight, gnash your teeth a little harder. The terrible mismanagement of the American athletes, the totally unsympathetic and shoddy treatment they received at the hands of the Nazified Olympic Committee, shocked the best of the runners into a rebellious frame of mind.

If that's all the consideration they were getting after running their hearts and lungs out for the "amateur" bosses; if that was the reward for their years of effort and training so that the U. S. could have the best tracksters in the world—where, they figured, was the percentage?

Those Who Are Gone

Jesse Owens has been practically forced out of amateur racing. He was the victim of a lot of scheming, reactionary, autocratic officials. This winter will see no such sight as Owens flashing down the straightaway and breaking the tape even before the echo of Johnny McHuges gun had faded away. He turns pro the first of the year and a race horse will be his competition in Havana, Cuba. . . . He'll Brundage.

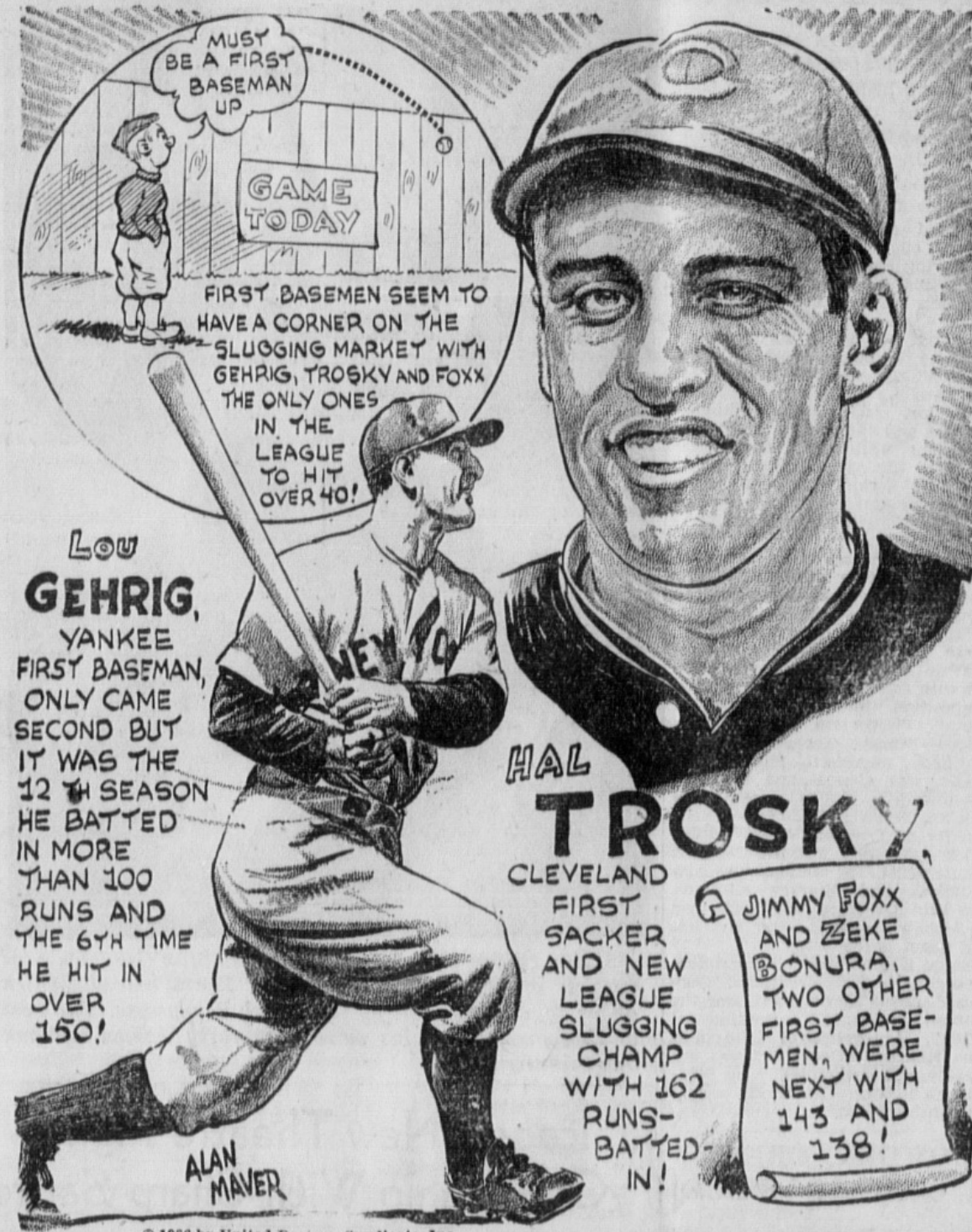
Ralph Metcalfe won't have the time to do his trunks. He'll be teaching in New Orleans. Glenn Hardin, Olympic 400-meter champ, has ambition to become a movie idol. Forrest Townes, Olympic 110-meter hurdles, is too sick to compete. Jack Torrence, world record shot putter is a pro and a heavyweight boxer to the bargain. Chuck Hornbostel, Joe Mangan, Bill Bonthron—all through with the boards. Gene Venzke threatened to quit but changed his mind, and may change it again. If he does the indoor track fans can sit back confident that the Pennsylvania lad and the mighty Cunningham will once again run neck and neck and once again the U. of P. runner will finish "with a bursting surge of speed but the valiant break-neck dash around the final turn was too late and he finished two seconds behind the record-breaking Kansan."

With Judge Mahoney, head of the A. A. U. and Czar Brundage out perhaps a new day is dawning for amateur athletes. Hasten the day, of the labor track and field carnival.

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IDEAS AND CRITICISM IN FAN MAIL

YCL'ers Ask Less Pro Sports and More Labor News

By LESTER RODNEY
Letters pour into the "Daily" Sport department, letters of encouragement, of criticism, of suggestions.

They represent the cross section of the reactions of old and new Daily Worker readers to the Sports Page. They are valuable and welcome as such.

We will try to print as many of them as we can in a weekly roundup. Here's the first batch.

"Dear Sports Editor,"
Your sports page is pretty good, but don't you think the Y.C.L. basketball teams rate as much space at least in a worker's paper as Long Island's basketball team or Carl Hubbell's pitching records. You say the labor sports movements is weak in the U. S. and then proceed to write about professional sports. How about it?"

BKLYN YCLER.
Correct, Brooklyn YCL'er. Our primary concern is not with Hubbell's record—maybe we have been a little too one-sided—that's why your letters are so important. You'll be glad to know that we are arranging and organizing a citywide YCL basketball tourney, and that four Y.C.L. teams, from Yorkville, Seaside, Crown Heights and North Queens have volunteered to play a game for the Daily Worker drive. Watch the page for the dates and places.

A letter just came in from the Daily Clarion of Toronto, Canada's leading labor paper.
"Dear Friends,"
"Accept our heartfelt congratulations on your sports page. You no doubt noticed that our Saturday sports page has stolen without blushes several Daily Worker ideas.

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W. E. R.

Thanks, pal. Hope we continue to rate high with you. If you like our ideas so well, how about taking another hint from us and running some Canadian "Games for Spain?"

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MAHONEY TO ADMIT ALL WORKERS GROUPS

AID FOR "DAILY"!

Mr. Bernard Joel, of the Broadway Table Tennis Courts, 1721 Broadway, has come to the aid of the Sports Page in the Daily Worker Drive.

For four Saturday afternoons, the cash receipts taken in between the hours of 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. will be turned over in toto to the Daily Worker, benefit of the Sport Page.

If you like this fast growing sport, and want to help the drive, why not tie yourselves to the B'way Table Tennis Courts these hours? And if you haven't played yet, try it. It's a swell sport.

Boost for Labor Sports Seen In Spain Game

Red Sparks Play Stars Tomorrow at Own Field

By Joseph Smith
Tomorrow afternoon the third "Game for Spain" takes place.

The hundreds of workers who will trek down to Commercial Field for this worthy cause will be rewarded with a full afternoon's program of excellent sport. Two fine games are scheduled to take place. Leading labor sports organizations will take part in this great sport festival dedicated to the heroic defenders of Spanish Democracy.

Tomorrow's great doubleheader, will introduce to us in one shot many of the outstanding labor sports organizations and athletes.

PIONEERS

Take for instance the Red Sparks I.W.O. team which meets the Manhattan Soccer League All-Stars in the main game. Here's an organization which has been doing real pioneer work in the labor sports movement in the United States.

Organized in 1927, the Red Sparks, then known as the Freiheit Sport Club took a leading part in building the Labor Sports Union. Men like Joe Raskob, Silverstein, Messner, Meyer and Harry Scheier who helped to organize the Red Sparks, have been with the labor sports movement since and have done a great deal to promote sports among workers. In their more than nine years of existence, the Red Sparks won five championships and in 1932 also captured the famous Tom Mooney Cup.

The memories of the Tom Mooney final still linger with the players and are a favorite topic among the boys. How they travelled down to Chicago all bunched together in a truck—the fine reception they got there—and the thrilling game the next day, when they won the cherished trophy. Some of the boys who took part in this memorable trip are still with the club and will show their stuff in tomorrow's game.

OWN FIELD

Another thing of which the Red Sparks are immensely proud—to-morrow's "Game For Spain" will be played at their own home ground! And they point out with pride, this is the first time in the history of the labor sports movement that a workers club has its own enclosed field.

The Manhattan League too, has a fine record. As the Metropolitan Workers Soccer League this group has been doing splendid work in the labor sports movement for years.

C.P.C. Five In Debut

The City Projects Council Basketball team opens its schedule tomorrow night at the Rockland Palace, Harlem, against the New York Collegians. The crack Projects team will include in its lineup such court ace as Webb, Wright, Goldstein, Miles, Livingston, and Shallar.

Coach Popular at N. W.

Lynn Waldorf, coach of Northwestern University's Big 10 football champions, yesterday signed a new five-year contract. Athletic Director Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson indicated Waldorf would retain the same assistants "if it's possible to hold them."

Says Doc:
See a Couple of Swell Soccer Games and Help Spanish Democracy At Commercial Field Tomorrow

A.A.U. Seeks to Build Sports Movement for the Average Man, He Says—Hopes to Open Registry Offices Everywhere—Praises 'Daily' Sports Stand

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JUDGE MAHONEY

staging of such an important event and cancelled the show.

Both Ornstein and Judge Mahoney said yesterday that "we expect the largest athletic organizations in America to send their fullest and best forces to the games. The finest athletes in the States will compete. Every labor union and industry will be notified and we intend to get labor mobilized solidly behind us in putting over the Labor Sport Games as a firmly grounded institution in the athletic life of the country."

Judge Mahoney assured the Daily Worker that he was not merely interested in labor developing its own sport movement but that he would see to it that the A.A.U. would sanction and support and infuse its forces with that of labor in the remarkable development of labor athletics.

"We are vitally interested in what labor can do and is doing to foster a healthy, large and efficient sports movement," the president of the A.A.U. said. "It is unfortunate that there has not been enough publicity and steady contact between the various districts of the A.A.U. and labor organizations. I am trying at present to establish in every district of the A.A.U. over the country offices which will handle the registration of outside labor groups, no matter how large or small, and which will send a hand in getting these groups to become active or associate members of the A.A.U."

"I believe that we have had too many paper groups and for too long now. What is needed are active or associate groups. These organizations who sponsor sports or who will participate in shaping a program for the development of amateur sports in America are the kind of forces that we are interested in having."

Judge Mahoney, whose successful fight against the reactionary regime in the A.A.U. and whose recent election at the Houston convention to president was the culmination of many outstanding battles against the Avery C. Brundage faction, has embarked on a progressive policy for the A.A.U. which bids fair to become one of the greatest instruments in the growth of a democratic, clean, amateur athletic development in this country.

Judge Mahoney added: "By paying too much attention to the national championships and the Olympic Games we have lost sight of the average man who wants to get started in amateur athletics. "Particularly now when labor is in its ascendancy and can give more time to athletics it could devote its attention and time to no better advantage than athletics I am trying to foster some competitive events between various industries and unions which will, I believe, be sensational."

Judge Mahoney went on to explain what he meant by such "competitive events." He said he could think of no keener competition than a tug-of-war between "let us say, the bricklayers and steel workers."

Such an event would "attract labor by the thousands and would create intense rivalry and enthusiasm. In France they have the waiters race each other with trays on their hands and the winner is a national hero. Why, in Paris it's a big thing. There's no reason why we here in America couldn't do the same thing. We could arrange such type of competition between all the unions and different workers' groups. That is why I would like to see and am trying to arrange for the big Labor Sports Carnival next summer."

Mr. Ornstein, a member of the executive committee of the A.A.U. and one of the men who fought side by side with Mahoney against participation in the German Olympic games, said: "I am happy to have noticed that the Daily Worker is taking up the cudgels for labor sports with a vengeance and am pleased with the position it took in supporting our fight within the A.A.U. I can assure you that we will support your campaign and will invite you to help out over the second Labor Sports Carnival next July."

Stoneham and Joe Cambria, owner of the Albany Club, conferred yesterday but failed to come to terms. Cambria plans to return to New York next week to confer with Stoneham again.

"I still think there's a chance of us getting together," said Stoneham.

If the Giants buy the Albany Club it will be shifted to Jersey City and Travis Jackson will be installed as manager.

by DEL

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