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Merry Christmas—1936—comes to American workers from coast to coast in factories, on picket lines, in prison cells, in slum homes with the spirit of good tidings. In factories in Detroit and Kansas City auto workers

fight for decent working conditions with militant sit-down strikes. On long picket lines in city and town, WPA workers battle to keep their jobs. Seamen on both coasts join hands in demands for a solid union and economic freedom

of the seas. Their fight makes history. Negroes in Southern cotton fields and wretched slum hovels listen to sermons of "good will" but wonder. . . . Poor families in tenement firetraps read of mounting death

tolls in slum blazes and wonder who will be next. What has Santa in store for the millions of workers throughout the nation in factories, in mines, in mills, on farms?

WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness, rain or snow and colder by night; fresh northwest winds. Eastern New York State: Cloudy with snow and much colder in central and north areas. Rain or snow and cooler by night in extreme south.

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FRANCO ASKS HITLER FOR 60,000 TROOPS

Auto Workers Union Renews Demands on GM

Martin's Second Letter to Knudsen Demands Halt to 'Equivocation'—Glass Workers Union Pledges Close Cooperation

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Supported by the Committee for Industrial Organization, the United Automobile Workers of America today pressed forward its demands for union recognition in the plants of General Motors by addressing a second letter to GM officials requesting a general conference on the matters of wage increases, reduction in hours, abolition of the speed-up, seniority rights and other issues.

Shanghai Bus Drivers Wish Co. Merry Xmas

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (UP).—Bus drivers and conductors in the International Settlement, the French Concession and the Nantao area of the Chinese city today reworked themselves on the Shanghai Bus Co. for its failure to grant the usual year-end bonuses by refusing to collect fares from thousands of passengers. Company officials attempted in vain to halt bus service.

SHIPOWNERS BLOCK PEACE, STRIKERS SAY

Maritime Federation Charges Owners Attempt To Disrupt Unions

BULLETIN A mass picket line of 2,500 seamen surrounded the West 20th St. pier of the S.S. Manhattan last night as the vessel was due to sail for special Christmas cruise at midnight. A walkout of engineers was expected to hold up the sailing.

Christmas Greetings

The following greetings were received today by the Daily Worker: From the Rev. William B. Spofford of the Church League for Industrial Democracy. I am glad to add my voice to those who, during this Christmas season, are pleading for world sanity. We are witnessing throughout the world a vicious assault upon everything for which religion is supposed to stand, with fascist gangsterism depriving millions of all their liberties, including religious freedom.

Merry Christmas

AN EDITORIAL

We wish this for each one who cast his eyes on these pages this morning. We wish it for the American people, facing great campaigns for economic and political freedom and well-being in the coming year. We wish it for the Negro people, who are weighted down with those unjust burdens and discriminations which make almost a mockery of Christmas greetings.

Murder Babes In Fascist Planes' Christmas Raids

Military Observers See Fascist Army Beaten in Spain Unless Nazis, Mussolini Increase Their Aid—Madrid Women, Children Die

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Spanish fascist government has asked the Nazi government of Germany for 60,000 troops, French foreign office officials said today. General Wilhelm Faupel, Nazi ambassador to the Burgos fascist regime, actually a German general officer on the staff of the Spanish fascist military machine, has left Salamanca, Spain for Berlin to lay before Hitler the joint opinion of the rebel junta that they are finished unless they get whole armies from Germany.

FRANCO WON'T TAKE MADRID, SAYS BATES

General Francisco Franco won't take Madrid January 1. He probably won't take it at all. And if intervention is ended on the part of the Nazis and Italian fascists, the Spanish government forces will mop up the situation in four or five weeks.

Simpson Goes on Strike On Homeward Scab Ship

LE HAVRE, France, Dec. 24.—Lawrence Simpson has joined the seamen's strike, it became known today when he arrived here on the Steamship President Roosevelt en route to New York. Simpson was released a few days ago, after 17 months in German prisons and concentration camps to which he was sentenced by one of Hitler's courts for bringing anti-fascist literature into the country.

Free Prestes, Pickets Demand at Consulate

A Mass picket line in front of the Brazilian consulate yesterday afternoon scored the brutal treatment of Luis Carlos Prestes, imprisoned Brazilian working class leader, and demanded his freedom on the eve of his trial in a Brazilian fascist court.

You Can Do It, Too! Jobless Branch Tops Daily Drive Quota by 300%

An inspiring example of what can be accomplished by work and determination in accelerating the \$100,000 Daily and Sunday Worker drive was given by Branch 3, Section 8, Kings County. While the drive has lagged in the main in the face of the Daily Worker's great need for funds, this Branch has set a stirring instance of action and attainment that should furnish others a guide.

Chinese Banquet On Saturday Night For Daily Worker

An unusual affair has been arranged for Saturday night by Branch 10, Section 14 for the benefit of the \$100,000 drive. It is a Chinese Banquet, Dance Recital at the Port Arthur Restaurant, 7-9 Mott Street, beginning at 8 P. M. Admission is \$1.

Vet Wins Victory - Beats Eviction Order

Peter J. Rice, war veteran with a wound stripe, his wife and six children, who were ordered evicted from their Sunnyside Gardens home last night, will celebrate a Christmas victory today. The Consolidated Home Owners' Mortgage Committee had challenged the eviction, and Sheriff William F. Brunner, who had a court order to oust the family before nightfall, declined to serve it.

Big Hearted

A one per cent wage increase for 15,000 Interborough Rapid Transit workers was the Christmas gift of the company announced yesterday. Thomas E. Murray, Jr., receiver for the I.R.T., added to the announcement of the raise the comment that the raise, though "small," was in keeping with the company's pledge.

Boulder Hurts Girls

HONOLULU, Dec. 24 (UP).—Several girls were injured today when an eight-ton boulder crashed down Mt. Tantalus and through the Salvation Army Girls' Home.



# Who Are Real Fighters for Peace and Goodwill to Men?

## COLUMN LEFT!

The Child and Capitalism Do Not Open Till After Xmas  
By Harrison George

WOE be unto ye, hypocrites, who turn divinity into dividends and profane the principles of social justice so that the babes of today, also born sweet and innocent, face lives of continual crucifixion on the cross of profits! Look at the story of your perfidy!

"And Mary said, My Soul doth magnify the Lord. . . He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away." Yet, 1,936 years later, the Labor Research Association reports that, while the surplus value taken away from labor by capital in profits, increased 39 per cent in the last six months, wages increased only 8.1 per cent—and this was more than wiped out by rising costs of living.

"Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." But can wise men explain why, in the first nine months of this year, the net profits of the Bethlehem Steel Company increased by 354 per cent, while the wages of iron and steel workers increased only 19 per cent?

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."—All of which seems to justify a Fifth Avenue store to boast of—

"A fan, a stunning affair made of iridescent feathers, with a wrist bracelet attachment for a girl who likes originality, for only \$14.95."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields." Perhaps they would have been interested in—"An all-metal very lightweight bag in gold or silver finish at only \$5.00. Its fittings are most complete, including a cigarette case, a compact with rouge, lipstick and powder, and even a cigarette lighter."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." You see, "Three banquet cloths, each costing about \$350, were sold last week by Brooklyn's oldest department store."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Which is the reason, presumably, that another store is—"featuring a series of holiday tables, showing novel settings for everything from the egg-nog party through the twelve-course Christmas dinner, to the hangover breakfast."

The age-old story of the Christ child is revised; corrupted by the slogan: Christ over Macy's.

WE DEPLORE the duty at this gay hour to point with sad eye to what Santa Claus is leaving in Uncle Sam's stocking—a new economic crisis just when every capitalist paper is shouting "Hurray, the depression's over!"

All wrapped up in Christmas seals of "Recovery" are some stubborn statistics indicating that there are breakers dead ahead and no way for capitalism to trim sails.

Dry and tedious to unravel, maybe. But you should know that they mean what's going to happen to YOU.

You see, it's this way: The average productivity of American wage workers increased from \$1,408 per year in 1914, to \$2,858 in the year of 1935. But the annual wage rose from \$590 to \$1,042 in that same time. The share of the average worker in that increased value, went the other way. IT DECLINED.

The Council for Industrial Progress, noting this state of affairs, asks a question. It asks: "If the per cent of value added by manufacture which is paid out in wages, did not afford sufficient purchasing power to support the level of production in 1929, can we expect that a permanent foundation has been laid in 1935 to support a sound and progressive national economy, when the same degree of unbalance continues to exist?"

The answer is—NO. And that answer should soak in to every worker's mind. Don't let the "Happy Days Are Here Again" song hypnotize you. Capitalism has sneaked down the chimney, looted it of tinsel hopes, and left for future references the makings of A NEW DEPRESSION. Your New Year will be happy only if you Organize and Struggle!

## TEXTILE PLANT DONATES TO SOVIET FLEET

### 3,000 Workers Issue Appeal for Funds to Build 10 Cruisers

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—A meeting of 3,000 workers of the Trekhgornia Textile Mills here voted unanimously to appeal to all workers of the Soviet Union to collect money with which to build ten powerful new cruisers for the Soviet navy.

The textile workers propose that for this purpose, the workers of all factories contribute half day's pay. The demand for new warships has swept the country since the piratical sinking of the Soviet steamship Kosmosol.

The press every day publishes hundreds of reports of meetings similar to that in the Trekhgornia. One thought runs through the resolutions from all the meetings: Many foreign powers have sent warships to the Mediterranean to protect their interests. We must also send a squadron of warships for the protection of Soviet vessels.

The workers of the Baltic ship-building plant propose to collect funds to build new Soviet steel commercial ships also.

## ROCHESTER GIVES SPAIN XMAS GIFT

### 800 at Meeting Hear Spain Envoys—Union Leaders Speak

ROCHESTER, Dec. 24.—More than 800 sympathizers of the Spanish government who heard four young delegates from Madrid at a mass meeting last night contributed \$482 as a Christmas gift to the Spanish people.

The audience listened attentively to the stories of the four delegates—a wounded battalion commander, Luis Simarro; a Red Cross nurse, Josefina Ramirez; a Catholic editor, Eugenio Imaz, and a war orphanage director, Maria Simarro.

Other speakers at the rally were Henry P. O'Connell, president of the Central Trades Council, and Rev. Davis Rhys Williams of the Rochester Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The four Spanish envoys left for New York for Christmas. They will speak in Scranton, Pa., Monday night at Casino Hall, 337 Adams Ave.

## WALL STREET GIVES CRUMBS

### Union Shows Bonuses Far Less Than Loss From Pay Cuts

Christmas bonuses distributed this week by a number of brokerage firms are termed "substitutes" and sops for the real thing—restoration of the pay cuts of the post-crash years" by the Bookkeepers' Stenographers' and Accountants' Union in "Ticker Tape," its organ in Wall Street circulated yesterday in the financial district.

By means of a chart the paper shows that a one or two weeks' salary bonus is very little in comparison with a 10 per cent pay cut. A leaflet addressed to employees of the New York Stock Exchange criticized salary adjustments announced to go into effect Dec. 31 and declared that the increases were "absolutely farcical."

Quotation girls answering thousands of calls a day received "increases" of six cents weekly. Page boys, in some instances, received "raises" of thirteen cents a week. Booth boys received no increases at all. The union contends that such raises are unfair in view of increased work because of increased volume, which, it adds, brings larger profits to member houses.

## Hundreds Defy Gestapo At Grave of Communist

Nazi Police Seize Mourners at Funeral of Leader Poisoned in Prison—Grave of Mathias Serve Strewn with Red Flowers

# Communists Hold Out Hand of Fellowship To All Enemies of War and Oppression

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Christmas bells ring out this morning words of peace and of good will. There are expressions of brotherhood and of well wishing on the lips of many people, as they greet each other this winter's day.

There is "Peace on earth; good will to men" as the long repeated message of the Christmas season.

Where is the peace which is the Christmas hope? And where the road that will lead to its achievement? Will the Christmas motto remain only the words "Peace, Peace" in a world in which there is no peace?

Today, as 1936 comes to its close, peace stands out before all mankind as a realistic—peace and good will to men. On one-sixth of the globe, the working people and their allies have set up the system of peace: socialism. There, within the Soviet Union, that exploitation of man by man which blackens the Christmas in other parts of the world—and leads to hunger and despair today in the fascist nations—has been brought to an eternal close. There, in that great fraternity of nations, there has been achieved in life the brotherhood of men.

From that Land of Socialism, where the war of the classes has been ended by the victory of security and the right to life for all, there comes the concrete challenge of international peace. It is the Soviet Union which has pointed to the sole path that leads to peace—the joining of hands in pacts to halt the war aggressor, by the peace-loving, democratic countries of the world.

## GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM

With socialism established within its broad confines, the Soviet Union has adopted its great constitution—in itself an instrument of peace. Not only is there guaranteed the right to a job for every man and woman—which no other country today so guarantees or can so guarantee—but there is written in that constitution likewise the freedom of religious worship.

In contrast to this work for peace, the fascist nations of the world scream out a message of hate this Christmas Day. They are dedicated to war; the only hope of this mad-dog stage of capitalism. They thunder, at Nuremberg, destruction for the democratic and peace-loving peoples of the world. There are ration cards and breadlines in Nazi Germany this morning, sacrificing the German people to the mad war preparations of their Nazi masters.

Fascism levels its heavy guns at freedom of religious worship. Its neo-paganism, a barbarous step backward from Christianity, darkens the Christmas day, using the law of force and violence against the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish people of Germany. There has been no war more vicious against the right of religious worship than that waged by the bloody-handed and bloody-minded fascists.

How strange it is to see, in a world so set up that the Catholic spokesmen in so many instances continue to belabor Communism! The Catholic people can well wonder where such an attack on the forces of peace and social justice represented by the Communists will lead them?

Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic Uni-

versity at Washington has been perhaps the most persistent of these spokesmen. As late as Dec. 14—almost on the very eve of Christmas—he again speaks out against the Communists who fight for peace.

## "SOMETHING VERY GOOD"

There is a slightly new tone in Mgr. Sheen's statement. He has heard, no doubt in part, from the Catholic workers. How can he speak against those people—the Communists—who are in the forefront ever of the battle for the downtrodden, for those starved out through lack of real relief, for those who are seeking so deeply to be saved from the ravages of war?

Mgr. Sheen now admits (in the report in the New York Herald Tribune of Dec. 14) that "there is something very good about Communism. That good is its protest against low wages, accumulation of wealth, the conditions of the poor, imperialism and the condition of the working man. That is its appeal."

If this be true—and every worker who comes into contact with the Communist Party knows that it is true—then why wage war upon this "something very good"? Why not join with the Communists against that dark force that does not protest against low wages but fastens them on the mass of the people—Fascism? Why not cooperate with the Communists against that slimy movement which breeds off imperialism and war, shouting its war-cries to the world—Fascism? Why not make common cause with the Communists against that enemy which has scattered 10,000 trade unionists over Europe, as haunted and hunted exiles—Fascism?

## WHO ARE THE FASCISTS?

No, Mgr. Sheen must turn his attack upon the Communists, remaining largely silent about the vicious fascist foe that threatens the homes, the liberties and the little children of the Catholic people.

Not only that. Mgr. Sheen must, unfortunately, misstate the facts. In this respect he says: "The Communists' protest against fascism is not a just one. When a Communist uses the word 'fascist' he means 'anti-Communist.' To every Communist, every priest is a fascist, and all who oppose Communism are fascists."

Come, come, Mgr. Sheen. When have Communists declared that every priest is a "fascist"? It has never been done, and we challenge you to give any proof of any such assertion. On the other hand, it is not the Communists who are fighting in Germany for the freedom of worship for the Catholic priests, hunted and hounded by the madman Hitler? Is it not the Communists who have opposed to the very limit the Black Legion and the Ku Klux Klan in America, those same dark organizations aimed at attacking the right of worship of the Catholic priests? Is it not the Communists who have stood with the Basque priests not only for democracy in Spain, but also for the right of those priests to freedom of worship?

Why distort, moreover, what is written so largely for the world to read? It is the fascists who have cried out, "War on Communism," as a smoke-screen to attack and destroy all democratic peoples. The fascists spit openly

upon democracy and civil liberties. They openly deride these liberties.

## OUR HAND IN FELLOWSHIP

It is the Communists who have called upon all democratic forces in the world to join hands against this fascist bestiality. It is the Communists who have united with Socialists, Left Republicans and other anti-fascist forces in France and Spain—to save democracy from the fascist threat. That has been the best work for peace.

The Communists have stated, over and over again, that they offer the hand of good-will and fellowship to the Catholic people of America—to make united resistance to the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Liberty League and to those other anti-democratic forces who aim to destroy the liberties of the mass of the people. It is against these elements that Mgr. Sheen should direct his fire, if he wishes to do a service to the Catholic working people—who will be among the victims of the Black Legion and these other pro-fascist organizations, UNLESS they form a united front with all anti-fascist forces, including the Communists, for the preservation of democracy.

We do not ask you, Mgr. Sheen, to accept Communism. We do invite you and the Catholic people to join in a united fight for the preservation of democratic rights and against the black danger of fascism, cooperating with those who have ever been in the front ranks in this fight for democracy—the Communists.

## WHO ARE COMMUNISM'S ENEMIES?

We refer to these remarks of Mgr. Sheen now, on Christmas Day, because they are becoming more and more the line of expression of leading Catholic spokesmen. They find their reflection also in the words of other men of the cloth.

We suggest to the Catholic working people this thought today: Do you wish to be dragged into the role of fighters for fascism and against the people's democratic rights?

Who is it who wars on Communism and for what purpose? ADOLF HITLER, foaming at the mouth at Nuremberg about his desire for Soviet soil; he, the man who has crushed the German people; he, who has despoiled them of their right to worship as they see fit!

Hitler is World Enemy No. 1 of Communism, self-proclaimed as such. His purpose? To continue the destruction, as he has boldly stated, of the democratic rights of other peoples. There there are: JAPAN, for like purposes. MUSSOLINI, DITTO. WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST. In order that he might escape income taxes for the rich and fasten the burden on the backs of the American workers. This is a sorry lot for the Catholic people to be connected with by their spokesmen.

On this day dedicated to peace, it is rather the part for the Christian workers of all denominations to accept the hand of brotherhood held out to them by the Communists. That will be a beginning toward the realization of those words, which the fascists hate but to which Communism is dedicated: "Peace on earth; good will to men."

## 25 in New Mexico Win Dismissal of Contempt Charge

Dismissal of contempt charges against 24 New Mexico citizens who protested through resolutions against the conviction for murder of three allegedly framed miners at Gallup last year, has been secured by motion of Attorney General Frank H. Patton, it was reported to the American Civil Liberties Union yesterday.

The 25 men and women, residents of Santa Fe, Roswell, Portales and Elida, had signed resolutions passed at a meeting early this year declaring that the Gallup miners had been "framed" and demanding the arrest of Deputy Sheriff Dee Roberts for the murder of the miners.

They were cited for contempt by Judge James B. McGhee, who presided at the trial of the miners charged with killing Sheriff Carmichael at Gallup last year. The resolutions were not officially sent to the judge, but it was held that the mere signing of the resolution was an act of contempt. Edward D. Tittman, of Hillsboro, New Mexico, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, was active in the case.

## LABOR EDITOR TO SPEAK

Jett Lauck, editor of the United Mine Workers' "Journal" and spokesman for John L. Lewis, is expected to focus the conference's attention on its stand in politics in an address to the meeting.

Foreign political struggles will come before the convalescence of the University of Chicago campus when one of the Spanish government youth delegation touring the country speaks on issues in the Civil War. Loh Tsai, leader of the All-China Student Union known as the Chinese Joan of Arc, will also address the delegates on the struggle of the Chinese people.

## PEACE PROGRAM

The union's peace program at present sharply criticizes the League of Nations and asserts that cooperation with it may involve the United States in war. Growing opinion among the delegates favors a reversal of this stand and a resolution for cooperation with the league and with nations like France and the Soviet Union as a method of combating fascism.

The question of academic freedom will be discussed by Jerome Davis, president of the American

## 500 to Assemble At Student Congress

### Chicago Sessions Opening Sunday to Hear C.I.O. Leader and Youth Envoy of Spanish People—To Discuss Program for Peace

(Special to the Daily Worker) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—More than 500 students will assemble here Sunday for the second annual American Student Union convention.

Coming from more than 200 chapters in colleges and high schools in every part of the country, the delegates will stage a huge opening night meeting Sunday to inaugurate the conference. Delegates are expected from student councils, fraternities, cooperatives, and other groups not affiliated.

Holding the center of the stage at this convention will be the issue of the union's stand on affiliation to a national Farmer-Labor Party if one is formed next year. Opposing camps have already voiced their positions on the question of whether political participation will forward the union's objectives and a battle is expected on the convention floor.

Washington and recently ousted from Yale University, when he addresses the convention's banquet on Tuesday night.

In meeting the suppression of minority groups, the convention is expected to act on proposals for the establishment of a "Board of Reviews," representing administrations, faculty, and students, to hear all cases of violation of campus freedom of speech or press.

## U. S. Experts Still Prefer Warships To Planes for War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Ship-building merchants of death won a "victory" over plane builders today as Army and Navy tactical experts declared the decision of major naval powers to resume building of costly warships "showed the airplane has failed to supplant the battleship" in the first line of battle.

The war experts pointed out that, with the lapse of Washington and London naval treaties limiting warship construction, every major power is starting a new spurt of building floating fortresses costing taxpayers \$50,000,000 or more to build and tremendous sums to maintain.

## British Hearst Says He Might Publish in U. S.

Lord Beaverbrook, the British edition of William Randolph Hearst, may publish a newspaper in the United States.

On his arrival last night in New York on the S.S. Europa, of the Nazi Hapag line, Beaverbrook announced that he will leave today in his private airplane for Hot Springs, Va., and will go later to Phoenix, Ariz., where he hopes to "start a newspaper if there's a good chance for a middle-aged man."

## Lenin's Widow Speaks To Red Army Wives

### Congress Roars Its Cheers as Krupskaya Greeted Stalin During Her Address to Women—Voroshilov Gives Closing Speech

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—The fifth and final session today of the Conference of wives of Red-Army commanders shook the vast hall in the Kremlin with the resounding cheers and applause accorded to the inspiring speeches of Lenin's widow, Nadezhda Krupskaya, and People's Commissar of Defense Klementy E. Voroshilov.

Speaking to the great audience assembled in the Kremlin, Krupskaya declared that the present session will have tremendous importance in drawing still greater numbers of Soviet women into "social work."

"Social work" is the voluntary activity of women to aid cultural and health enterprises on their own time, taking upon their own shoulders burdens which would otherwise rest on the State and on Communist Party and trade-union organizations.

## STALIN GREETING CHEERED

The meeting cheered Krupskaya to the rafters when she recalled Lenin's words on the role of women workers in the construction of classless society.

# Japanese Envoy Fans Civil Strife in China

## Objects to Compromise—Urges More Drastic Punitive Measures Against Chang—Demands Removal of Officials Who Balk Tokio

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.—In numerous ways Japanese agencies continue their attempts to stir up civil war in China and block any peaceful settlement of the problems raised by the kidnaping of Chiang Kai-shek.

The latest details made known today, of the conversation two days ago between Shigeru Kawagoe, Japanese Ambassador to China, and the Nanking government's foreign minister, Chang Chiao-chang, show the extent of Japan's brazen interference.

Kawagoe not only objected to any compromise between the Nanking government and Chang Hsueh-liang, who kidnaped Chiang Kai-shek, but urged that punitive expeditions be mobilized more rapidly and sent to make war on Chang.

In addition to this, and still more impudently, the Japanese ambassador demanded the removal from Chinese government posts of all elements that did not favor an agreement between China and Japan which would grant all Japanese conditions.

According to reliable accounts, the Japanese pressure on the Nanking government was supported by some members of the Nanking government itself. These constitute the group which, immediately after the revolt of Chang Hsueh-liang, passed a resolution to invite back from Geneva the old former premier Wang Ching-wei and to place him at the head of the Chinese government instead of Chiang Kai-shek.

It is considered evident here by those who know of these events that the aim of the Japanese is to make a peaceful solution of the conflict impossible. By forcing Nanking to send a punitive expedition against Chang Hsueh-liang they would provoke the latter to avenge himself on Chiang Kai-shek and thus begin an extensive civil war in which the Japanese calculate to dismember the country and seize the provinces they want next.

"It is almost unnecessary to state," said one observer here, "that replacement of Chiang Kai-shek by Wang Ching-wei and the removal of the nationalist elements from the Nanking government would make the latter into the direct instrument of a Japanese policy in China."

## Nazi Censor Press On Pope's Xmas Talk; Gag Radio Stations

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Nazi Propaganda Ministry today said that those parts of Pope Pius XI's broadcast of a Christmas message to the world which referred indirectly to Germany would be deleted from reports of the speech published in the Third Reich.

However, the Ministry said that all other remarks by the Pope would be published, especially his inferences concerning Japan and the Soviet Union.

No radio stations in Germany broadcast the Pope's speech. Nazi officials refused to explain. Germany is the only country with official diplomatic relations with the Vatican which suppressed the broadcast.

## Belgian Chamber Approves Bill to Conscript 84,000

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies approved a bill today conscripting 84,000 men for military service in 1937, in accordance with the Defense Budget introduced early this month.

## Treasury Exempts Transactions Involving 'Blocked' Nazi Marks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Treasury Department yesterday announced exemption from duties of two types of transactions involving German "blocked" marks.

The effect is to aid the Nazi government's scheme to get some of the advantages of depreciated currency in foreign trade without lowering the price of the mark at home. Marks in Germany are now worth 40.24 American cents. The blocked mark is worth about 20.10 cents, purchased outside of Germany.

## North Atlantic Storms Worst in Recent Years, Says Liner's Skipper

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 24 (UP).—Capt. Ferdinand Kahlbetzer of the Red Star liner Westerland today agreed with masters of other delayed trans-Atlantic ships that the storms on the North Atlantic in recent days were among the worst modern shipping has known.

The Westerland arrived with 38 passengers. It encountered high seas and winds of hurricane force.

## Vessel Bearing Trotzky To Dock at Vera Cruz

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotzky, assassin and anti-Soviet plottor, will land at Vera Cruz, coming from Norway.

Trotzky, who took his pistol with him with police permission when he boarded ship to leave Norway, was reported to be planning to establish residence at Perote, a mountain health resort between Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

## Resorts

COZY RETREAT in the Pines, where good food, homelike atmosphere and low rates make an ideal vacation. \$15.00 weekly. Catering to special diet. Millard's Lodge, 861 Clinton Ave., Lakewood, N. J. Phone 218-W.



# Miners Draft Program for National, State Labor Laws

## Anti-Injunction and Civil Rights Acts Demanded by Union

### To Press Enactment of Anti-Eviction Laws in Congress, Legislatures—Way Open for Unity with Farm and Progressive Groups

Proposals for the stabilization of the bituminous and anthracite coal industry, a state labor relations act, a state anti-injunction act, improvement and extension of workmen's compensation, the protection of civil liberties and the passage of anti-eviction laws are included in the recently announced legislative program of the United Mine Workers of America.

The program was adopted by the international executive board of the union as a result of the resolutions passed by delegates at the last convention of the U.M.W.A. Vigorous efforts to secure enactment of the program into law will be made in Congress and in various state legislatures.

The executive board grants to the executive officers the power to join with other labor, farm and progressive groups to formulate and sponsor a necessary constitutional amendment if the program of the union cannot be enacted otherwise.

**TEXT OF PROGRAM**  
The full text of the program follows:

Whereas, labor and other progressive groups in this country have demonstrated their determination to achieve economic and social progress in this country through a definite program; and

Whereas, it is necessary for this end that such social and economic aims be consolidated into a national and uniform state legislative program, now, therefore, be it unannouncedly

Resolved, That this board hereby authorizes and directs the executive officers to take such steps as they may deem necessary to unite the efforts of labor for the formulation of a legislative program of national and state legislation which will further the economic and social aims of labor; and further

Resolved, That this board hereby approves and recommends the incorporation into any such legislative program the following measures:

#### RELATIONS ACT

(a) National legislation for the stabilization of the bituminous and anthracite coal industry; and  
(b) Uniform state legislation for:  
1. A state labor relations act. This should follow closely in form the national labor relations act, compelling employers to permit their employees to organize into independent unions, outlawing company unions and making illegal all coercive and intimidating practices in use by employers to prohibit their workers from exercising their fundamental right to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining.

2. A state anti-injunction act. This should follow closely in form the federal Norris-LaGuardia act, thereby eliminating the use of the state courts through the injunction, as a weapon to defeat the right of the workers to organize.

3. An act for the improvement and extension of workmen's compensation laws, including the payment of compensation for occupational diseases.

4. An act extending the principles of the miners certificate laws now in practice in the anthracite mines to the bituminous coal industry.

5. An act prohibiting the payment of compensation to sheriffs or other peace officers by private corporations. This should also prohibit the practice on the part of sheriffs before any such appointments to be made and proof being required that the appointments are essential to the actual preservation of the public peace and safety.

6. An act protecting the exercise of civil liberties from any interference through local legislation or local officers.

7. An act eliminating the abuses of evictions by employers in labor disputes. Anti-eviction legislation is necessary to protect the homes of workers and to assure the workers that they will not be penalized or persecuted for exercising their American rights to organize for collective bargaining.

8. An act eliminating unincorporated communities of the kind and character of Weirton, W. Va. This city having a population of twenty thousand is unincorporated and thus completely controlled by the Weirton Steel Corporation. It operates to the detriment of civil liberties and is used as an instrument to prevent all independent labor organizations.

#### HIGHER PAY, SHORTER HOURS

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### Lewis Broadcast Set for Dec. 31

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization and president of the United Mine Workers of America, the largest union in the United States, will broadcast over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company, Thursday evening, Dec. 31, from 7:30 to 8:40. The subject of Mr. Lewis' talk has not been announced.

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### PROGRESSIVES WIN 2 POSTS

#### Hosiery Workers Beaten in Philadelphia as Reactionaries Lose

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—Feeling their control slipping as a result of the election of two progressive candidates, the reactionary clique started a fight at the last meeting of Branch No. 1 of the Hosiery Workers Union, and beat up several workers.

Joe Burge, a progressive, was elected vice-president in a bitter election struggle that was forced into a run-off because of a three-cornered contest in which none of the three original candidates got a majority.

Kornfeld, another progressive, was elected to the Board of Trustees. Bill Leader was unopposed in the race for President.

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
WE MOURN the passing of Comrade Steve Polas. C.P. Branch, 1st A.D.

## MERRY XMAS!



Miss Angelina Wolas, outside striker, hands a Christmas tree to one of the 5,000 sit-in strikers at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. in Detroit, makers of wheels for motor cars. The tree won't be used for a celebration inside the plant, because the K-H strikers are now celebrating their victory, which came just two days before Christmas. They'll enjoy the tree at home.

### Sit-Down in Steel Mill Is Spread

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 24.—Workers in the Mesta Machine Plant, largest of its kind in the world, are beginning to use brief but effective sit-in strikes as one means of forcing the company to fork over part of their rapidly rising profits.

Last Saturday morning the 200 employees in the upper machine plant engaged in a two-hour sit-in strike.

Although the sit-in strike is over, the 3,300 workers in the plant are now expressing their resentment by supporting the organizational drive of the Steel Workers Organizational Committee and joining the Amalgamated Association.

Unrest in the plant has arisen from the fact that workers have not shared in the company's increased profits. Net profits and dividends on common stock have doubled during the past year.

A few days ago salaried and white collar employees were given \$135,000 in bonuses. This amounted to a two months bonus for each of these employees.

In contrast with the company's generosity to employees in the upper brackets, other workers, most of them highly skilled, have received but a 10 per cent increase effective only for the last six weeks of the year.

Following the announcement of this bonus, workers in the upper machine shop came in on Saturday morning as usual at 7 a.m. but refused to go to work until 9, demanding that they participate in the bonus.

Although no immediate satisfaction was gotten from the management, the organizing drive in the plant has been spurred on as a result of the sit-in.

The Mesta Machine Plant manufactures machinery for continuous strip mills. The use of this method of rolling steel has caused unemployment for thousands of steel workers.

#### Plane Search Party Snowbound in West

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24 (UP).—A party of searchers for the wrecked Northwest Airlines plane, believed to contain the bodies of its two pilots, will spend Christmas eve in a snow-covered cabin four miles from Cemetery Ridge.

Adverse weather conditions forced the posse to seek refuge in a cabin, not far from the spot where air searchers reported sighting the wrecked plane.

Rain, snow and a low ceiling frustrated plans to direct the searchers by means of ship-to-land communications.

Some officials believed the wreckage, by this time, may have been covered by snow which has been falling steadily for the past several hours.

### PARDONS FOR HARLAN MINERS ARE REFUSED

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

Though Accuser Calls Men Innocent, Governor Won't Act

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 24.—Four Harlan County miners serving life terms on framed-up charges resulting out of a bloody battle precipitated by company deputies and armed thugs in 1931 were today denied either pardons or paroles by Gov. A. B. Chandler.

The United Mine Workers of America was active in the campaign to free the four union men, and Chandler said that the cases would remain open, so that action may be taken at a later date.

Several company guards were killed and injured in a fight which they started. Sherman Pursfull, a deputy wounded 16 times in the battle, told the governor that the labor prisoners are innocent. Mrs. James H. Daniels, the widow of a deputy slain in the fight and now residing near Jellico, Tenn., also asked for their release.

Those serving life sentences are W. B. Jones, Al Benson, W. B. Poore and James Reynolds.

The report analyzes labor cost, profits and investments of 258 spinning, weaving, commission, dyeing and finishing companies, representing about 70 per cent of the looms and spindles listed by the Bureau of Census.

In every group, the percentage "absorbed by labor," as the Commission puts it, was less than in previous periods, which means that there were wage reductions, or speed-up, or longer hours, or all three. Of the total production costs, the companies spent amounts ranging from 18 to 31 per cent for wages.

### Let Us Honor Them By Remembering Them

#### I.W.O. National Executive Committee Issues an Appeal for Holiday Gifts to Labor's Fighters Caged in America's Prisons

By Max Bedacht  
(General Secretary of the I. W. O.)

The jails all over the nation hold in their iron claws hundreds of labor prisoners who are deprived of their freedom because of their fight for the American people.

Such labor heroes are Tom Mooney, J. B. McNamara, Warren K. Billings, the Scottsboro Boys, the Sacramento prisoners, Negro sharecroppers and

others. They fought for things that we, the International Workers Order, fight for.

They fought with us against war and fascism.

They fought to build trade unions and to improve the economic conditions of the workers.

They fought to make America free and happy.

As we continue the battle today, strengthened by their contributions and courage, let us remember these comrades-in-arms who were taken from our ranks by the enemy.

They face bravely their lost freedom and await impatiently the day when they can rejoin us and take

### Pay More For Clothes? Here's Why

Clothes budgets taking a bigger slice out of your pay check than last year?

Your pay, even if you got one of those bonuses or pay rises, somehow not buying as much as before?

Just check it off to profit and loss—your loss, the textile companies' profit, and their employees' loss.

A Federal Trade Commission report released yesterday shows that woolen and worsted textile companies averaged a higher rate of profit during last half of 1935 than at any time since 1933. The companies raked in about \$20,000,000 in profits in the final six months of last year.

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These thoughts must be heavier still in the atmosphere of Christmas when other families and prisoners are receiving gifts and preparing, however poorly, for the holiday.

With this picture in mind we call on all our members and friends to give most generously to the International Labor Defense Christmas Fund for Labor Prisoners.

## It's a Big Day for Ambridge As Orders Push Drive in Steel

### Toledo Shift Method -- Latest in Sit-Downs

#### 4,000 Libby-Owens-Ford Strikers Go Home for Meals and Return to Idle Machines in Plant—Refuse to Work Scab Orders

By Jack Hillard  
TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 24.—An astonished reporter watched hundreds of men pouring out of the giant Libby-Owens-Ford Co. plant in Roosford, industrial suburb of Toledo.

"What the hell?" he asked himself. "I thought there was a sit-down strike going on out here? Maybe, it's over. If it isn't, what are those guys coming out of there for?"

It was the second day of the sit-down strike of 4,000 Toledo workers of the L.O.F. who with 3,000 other workers were fighting for living wages and improved conditions in the L.O.F. plants throughout the country.

**SOMETHING NEW**  
The reporter wasted little time in getting to August Scholle, dynamic and popular president of the Toledo local No. 9 of the Flat Glass Workers' Association of America.

"What's this all about, Gus?" he asked, "have you won already? (It never occurred to him that the solidarity of the glass workers would result in anything but victory).

Then Scholle explained what was happening at the L.O.F. plants here. It was a sit-down all right, but something new in sit-downs.

Instead of remaining in the plant constantly, the Flat Glass workers were sitting down in shifts.

**COMPLETE SOLIDARITY**  
The striking workers were reporting at their usual time and "sitting down" for eight hours. After their eight hours were up, the workers returned home and did not return to the plant until the next day.

Wasn't there a danger that the company would lock the men out who left the plant?

"Not a chance," was Scholle's prompt reply, "The shift that is on remains on until the new shift has taken over the plant."

The operation of the sit-down strike by the shift method was Scholle's.

Under his leadership, the Toledo local of the Flat Glass Union has been built into an organization of complete solidarity. The workers have a higher rate of pay than other industrial workers in this city.

### National Groups Are United at Parley—Many Join Union

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

AMBRIDGE, Pa., Dec. 24.—It was a big day for Ambridge when Serbs, Poles, Croatians, Ukrainians, Slovenians and Italians, to mention just a few, came together with one aim and one purpose—to help the steel drive.

It was a big day, in a town where police and deputy sheriffs had arrested and beaten and shot strikers, for such a meeting to be held openly—with the President of the City Council as chairman.

All of this actually happened on Tuesday night when more than 100 members of fraternal organizations came together in a conference at the Croatian Hall under the auspices of the Fraternal Orders Committee.

Joseph Beek, 23 year old President of the City Council, presided. Joseph Timko, Beaver County organizer for the Steel Workers Organizational Committee, and B. K. Gebert, chairman of the Fraternal Orders Committee, were the speakers.

**A POWERFUL MESSAGE**  
And there were brief, simple speeches by the workers themselves. Their English was broken, but their message was effective and powerful.

The representative of the Serbian National Federation in Alliquippa had just ten words to say: "We all stick to union and try best we can." These words told the story.

One organization, the Croatian Fraternal Union, has been responsible for recruiting 500 members into the union.

Unanimously they decided to carry on the work of the conference with a mass meeting to which the entire membership of all the organizations involved would be invited.

Timko told a story of miserable working conditions—and of steady, up-hill organizing work.

**LOW WAGE HIT**  
Wages are 47 cents an hour in Ambridge when there is work. And in many plants they run as low as 44 cents.

That is why the workers there and in all of Beaver Valley are coming into the union. Already, Timko said, the union has handed out charters to lodges in six plants. Negotiations for union recognition are now proceeding in a number of plants.

Gebert told the audience of foreign born workers that 17 national fraternal organizations, and some 300 local groups, had attended the Fraternal Orders Conference in Pittsburgh on Oct. 25.

He pointed out that one of the big reasons for the failure of the 1919 strike was the fact that the employers were able to divide the workers along national and racial lines. This situation is rapidly being changed, he said.

**GEBERT STRESSES UNITY**  
"A divided army cannot stand," Gebert declared. "I am sure that we here will declare for unity and solidarity of native American and foreign born workers, of Negro and white."

The Ambridge conference was but one of several conferences of fraternal orders.

A similar conference will be held in Farrell on Dec. 27 at 2:30 p.m. in the Slovak Hall at 800 Spearman Ave.

## Kansas City Sit-Down Strikers March Out

#### Vote to Spend Christmas at Home—12-Piece Band Leads March from Factory to Union Hall—To Mass Picket

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Voting to spend Christmas Day with their families, close to 900 sit-down strikers at the Fisher Body plant here marched from the factory last night, led by a 12-piece band.

After an eight-day siege in the General Motors building, the strikers voted to leave the plant but to continue the strike with militant picketing.

More than 1,000 wives, children, and sympathizers greeted the strikers as they marched out in a parade to union offices that stretched for eight blocks, stopping all traffic on U. S. Highway 40.

"We have just begun to fight," Jack Swift, president of the United Automobile Workers local here, declared. "Our unity is more powerful than the bosses' threat of taking away a pay check."

At the meeting where a vote on leaving was taken, discussion was carried on for three hours before the strikers voted 422 to 123 to leave. A large number did not vote.

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"A sit-down strike," read the advertisement, "means the seizure of property by a group of insurrectionists."

**Kansas City Sit-Down Strikers Play Santa For Needy Kids**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The sit-down strikers at the Fisher body plant here haven't forgotten that Christmas is coming. Knowing that in this city, where all relief is cut off, there will be many families that will have a cheerless holiday, the strikers have adopted a worker's family and will play Santa Claus to his kids. A collection taken in the plant yesterday yielded \$20.70 for the family.

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# Bru, Puppet of Fascist Batista, Takes Helm in Cuba

## Ex-President Hevia Charges Dictatorship Of Corrupt Army Clique

### New President Takes Office After Batista Forces Ratification of Impeachment of Gomez Through the Senate

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Col. Federico Bru was President of Cuba today, actually by appointment of Col. Fulgencio Batista, military-fascist leader of Cuba. Bru succeeds Miguel Mariano Gomez in office.

Gomez was convicted last night by the Batista-dominated Cuban Senate on impeachment charges filed by the House of Representatives. It was alleged that Gomez, by his refusal to sign a tax measure to set up fascist "schools" in the countryside, had "impeded the free functioning of legislative power" and "coerced Congress."

After the four-hour session which ended in Gomez's ouster from office, the former President issued at his home a statement denouncing Col. Batista as an enemy of democracy.

"All my efforts to give the people a democratic government in line with inauguration promises have been useless," he said. Gomez's defense counsel, Sen. Jose Manuel Gutierrez, was denied his right to cross-examine witnesses against Gomez.

The appointment of Gen. Rafael Montalvo, henchman of Col. Batista, as Secretary of State, was considered by some observers here as a sign that Bru would shortly be shown the door, in order to bring Montalvo into the Presidency.

(By United Press)

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—The impeachment and ousting of President Miguel Mariano Gomez by the Cuban Congress is further evidence that Cuba is being ruled by a "corrupt military oligarchy," Dr. Carlos Hevia, ex-President of Cuba and Annapolis graduate, said here today. Cuban jails are jammed with political prisoners, many of whom have been tortured and assassinated, Dr. Hevia, who was President for three days, Jan. 15 to 18, 1934, charged. The press has been submitted to the will of the military leaders "by force of torture and persecution of the most outstanding editors."

"Civil rights do not exist," Dr. Hevia continues. "Labor unions have been suppressed and professional organizations, such as that of doctors, have been declared illegal."

"The military oligarchy continuously needs more money to maintain itself and they have obtained it up to now by buying silver and coining new currency, thus causing inflation. But as the road seems to have been closed now, they have had to appeal to new taxes."

"It is not true that the present conflict in Cuba has been precipitated because the army wants to establish more schools," Dr. Hevia continued. "The present unsatisfactory condition of public education shows that the military oligarchy is not interested in schools."

"This has been merely a pretext to obtain more economic resources. As the present incident of the ousting of Gomez seems to have drawn the veil away I fear that more oppression and persecutions in Cuba are to be expected," Dr. Hevia concluded.

## UNEMPLOYED BRANCH TOPS DRIVE QUOTA

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urgent appeal for quick funds sent out by the paper. It sent telegrams to districts and branches, personal visits were made to meetings to speed collections. As a result, Kings County turned in \$1,500 Thursday.

Continued activity was maintained by Section 27. As on the day before, it rushed collections to this office three times for a total of \$194. Section 2 came to bat bringing in \$784.56.

S. Goldberg gave an illustration of how some of the furriers expect to raise the \$2,000 quota assigned to them. Goldman, of Unit 2F, Section 2, pledged himself to collect at least \$100. With a collection can it was one foot high—he set out to raise money. Within three days, he turned in \$38.50—and he hasn't stopped work on collections yet.

Unit 17R, Section 16, has issued a challenge to any other unit that thinks it would like to pace 17R. It'll take a lively unit to accept the challenge, from what the organizer says. "As a beginning—and only a beginning," he says, "we have determined to make this drive such a success that even Hollywood would have to look around for new adjectives with which to praise it. We consider our \$25 quota as merely 'priming the pump' for a flow of money to the Daily and Sunday Worker drive."

Money is still urgently needed by your paper. Mobilize your forces, take up collections, speed the money to the "Daily."

## 500 Stricken in Oswego By Strange Epidemic

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—An epidemic of an X-mas determined illness, believed to be streptococcal infection of the throat, has stricken 500 persons in this town of 5,000.

# Christmas Greetings

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From William Z. Foster, Chairman of the Communist Party, U. S. A. With the fascist barbarians of Germany, Italy and Japan moving relentlessly to the launching of a new world war in which they hope to conquer the hegemony of the entire earth, the alternatives left to the toiling masses, on this Christmas day, are either to join with the Soviet Union and the other international democratic forces in a determined struggle to maintain peace, or, if they do not resist, to be made into cannon fodder by the murderous Hitlers and Mussolinis. The valiant workers in Spain are showing the way the workers will go in this historic choice. All honor to them, and also more power to the American working class which is now entering into the biggest economic and political struggle in its history.

## Merry Christmas

AN EDITORIAL

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ing people are the first line trenches in the struggle for peace.

**PEACE ON EARTH!** It will come out of the united alliance of the workers and the farmers in the campaign for just labor and social legislation, in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. It will be advanced by those forces of the people which press upon the coming congress to do justice to the unemployed, to protect the mass of the people through such legislation as the 30-hour week without reduction in pay, and to curb the powers of injustice represented by Big Business and the Supreme Court.

**PEACE ON EARTH!** It is promoted by those who are pushing forward the creation of a great people's peace movement—that will, through pressure for collective security with the peace-loving nations of the world, halt the mad fascist war-makers. It is upheld by the Spanish Republic, in its resistance to the bloody fascists. It is advanced above all by the Soviet Union, which has ever taken the lead on the road to international peace—through its policy of pacts between peace-loving nations against the war aggressors.

**PEACE ON EARTH!** It has been ushered in, in its beginnings, in that great historical miracle in the Soviet Union: the triumph of Socialism. In the U.S.S.R. there has been ended for all time that cause of deep and bitter anguish to all mankind; the exploitation of the many by the few. The dream of men and women for thousands of years has come to pass in that Land of Socialism, with more than one hundred nations living peacefully in the bonds of brotherhood.

These forces that stand for the democratic rights of the people everywhere—those anti-fascist forces joining hands with the Soviet Union and the Communists—are those likewise who bring closer and closer to realization **"GOOD WILL TO MEN."**

The greetings that we publish today from ministers, rabbis and members of all religious denominations breathe on the whole this spirit of anti-fascism, this understanding of the brotherhood of man and of the means of its accomplishment today.

To all of those who have so thoughtfully sent these greetings, we urge: That we all join hands in a great anti-fascist, democratic united front—for the preservation of world peace, for the halting of the fascist war-mongers and persecutors of the people, for the defense of the right to worship as one sees fit, and of those civil liberties so dear to the common people.

That is the first step toward **PEACE ON EARTH.** It is the beginning of the bringing about of **GOOD WILL TO MEN.**

## AUTO UNION REITERATES ITS DEMANDS

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issues involved—wages, collective bargaining, seniority rights and speed-up—are real and should be met without further delay or equivocation on your part. We feel that it is quite evident that you have either misunderstood the purpose, and intent of our first letter or you have deliberately evaded the issue involved.

This letter came on the heels of a secret conference between him and William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors, the world's largest manufacturer of automobiles. Following the conference Knudsen told the union to deal with branch plant managers instead of with major company executives for all G. M. workers. Martin urged Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president, and Knudsen to meet with union heads.

He said the union has sufficient strength now among the 211,000 General Motors employees to "tie them up." The union's goal, he declared, was the signing of collective bargaining agreements in the entire industry, including not only the manufacturing plants themselves but all factories supplying parts for automobile production.

## Chaco Foes Meet for First Time Since War

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24 (UP).—The foreign ministers of Paraguay and Bolivia met today for the first time since the start of the three-year war between the two countries over the ownership of the Gran Chaco.

## 1,000 Negro Kids Get Stingy Whiff of Xmas

Harlem WPA Celebration Long on Spirit, Short on Gifts—Santa Claus Brings Only Sorrow and Fear of Relief Slash to Old Man

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau)

More than 1,000 Negro children, congregated around a 30-foot Christmas tree at the corner of 135th Street and Seventh Avenue, got a stingy whiff of holiday merriment.

The celebration was long on spirit but short on gifts. It was held under the auspices of the WPA, with Inez Wilson, of the WPA coordinating unit, in charge.

Each child was supposed to receive a mere two cents piece of candy. But hundreds got nothing, Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, Negro tap-dancer, dressed in Santa Claus outfit, cut capers, but the kids called for toys and nice things that weren't there.

## DIDN'T DROWN POVERTY

Less than a block and a half from the celebration was the real Harlem Christmas—with squalor, poverty and suffering that all the shouting of the young tots, a short distance away, couldn't drown out.

For example, an old Negro man, his body weak with lack of food and grief, tried to talk about his Christmas.

He stood on the doorstep of one of Harlem's dingy fire-trap apartments on 134th Street between Lenox and Seventh Avenues.

## MIGHT CUT RELIEF

He pleaded that his name be omitted because "they might cut off our relief."

His was a typical Harlem Christmas. Santa Claus had brought him sorrow. The night before Christmas Eve, his wife was taken to Bellevue Hospital, suffering from a stomach ailment brought on by lack of proper food.

About 50 years of age, he said that he and his wife receive \$10.20 every three weeks for food. "Hardly enough to keep breath in our

body," he said as tears welled up in his eyes.

He was sick too. He hadn't worked in two years and didn't know "when I'm going to follow my wife to the hospital."

Or take the case of Hudson Cole, tall huge framed Negro worker, who looks forward to spending his Christmas under the New York Central Bridge, at 134th and Park Avenue.

Two years ago he had a job in a coal yard and hasn't had one since. He has been repeatedly refused relief because he can't present the "proper credentials," though he has lived several years in New York.

And Santa Claus didn't forget M. Bromervell, Apt. 22, 524 Lenox Avenue, and E. Scott, Apartment 26, 508 Lenox Avenue. He "brightened" their homes with eviction notices.

## Fishing Village Calm; Its Yule Is on Jan. 5

RODANTHE, N. C., Dec. 24 (UP).—The fishing boats will go out as usual from this little fishing village tomorrow, for it's just Friday to the old sailors along this rugged bit of North Carolina coast.

Since before the memory of the oldest inhabitant, Christmas here has been celebrated on January 5. None knows the reason but so firmly has Jan. 5 come to be recognized as the anniversary of the birth of Christ that Dec. 25 means nothing to this community.

leg, negates that hope. Paper reads, tinsel ornaments and singing angels do not automatically create peace and good will. Only men who dare

to be free to unite against fascist barbarism can make Christmas real.

From Rabbi Michael Alper, associate editor of the Reconstructionist.

If the Christmas spirit is to mean to the Christian what the Jewish religion meant to Jesus, the Jew, then every true Christian must dedicate himself anew to struggle against fascist barbarism and social decay as preached and practiced by Hitler, Mussolini, Hearst and their spiritual allies—the Pope and the Catholic hierarchy who, alas, have shamefully betrayed the lofty teachings of him whom they hypocritically call Lord and Master.

From the Rev. Albert Allinger of Palisades Park, N.J.

Recent happenings in Germany have taken from me much of the Christmas joy. When I think of racial and religious persecution now going on I wonder how we can complacently sing Christmas carols about the birth of the "Prince of Peace." Fascism is the death of all that's good. May we resolve to banish it from the face of the earth.

From Miss Lodie Biggs, prominent Negro bacteriologist and secretary of the Harlem Committee to Aid the Striking Seamen.

Greetings to the Daily Worker for the splendid work it has done in behalf of Negroes and the oppressed in general. May it grow ever stronger during the coming year.

From Dorothy Day, editor of the Catholic Worker.

The Catholic Worker joins in an appeal for democracy and peace and therefore asks you to join in a rotest against all dictatorships—fascist and Bolshevik; against all suppression of civil liberty—fascist and Bolshevik. That includes freedom of religious propaganda, education and organization—against all war, whether imperialist, civil, or class. Merry Christmas. (See editorial on page 6.)

up the matter of money, but I discovered that he was a government spy.

Simpson said he had the same opinion of German concentration camps as others who have been through them and "I was glad to leave a Nazi prison."

Simpson's freedom is due in no small part to over 10,000 postcards mailed to the Minister of Justice in Berlin and a similar number of postcards sent to United States Ambassador William E. Dodd demanding immediate diplomatic representation to secure his release.

This postcard campaign, extending over a period of two months, was under the direction of the Anti-Nazi Department of the American League Against War and Fascism. Simpson's defense was conducted by the International Labor Defense, with the collaboration of other organizations.

In appreciation of the work of the Anti-Nazi Department, religious and educational leaders issued the following statement yesterday:

"We wish to express our extreme gratification at the release of Lawrence B. Simpson, American sailor, imprisoned by the German government for Anti-Nazi activities.

"The excellent work done by the emergency committee for the release of Simpson set up by the anti-Nazi Department of the League, as well as other groups and organizations who brought pressure upon the German government cannot be too highly praised."

The statement was signed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of the Yeshurun, one of the oldest Spanish synagogues in America; Professor Margaret Schlauch of N.Y.U.; Professor Harry Slochower, Brooklyn College; Reverend Clarence V. Howell, Director Reconciliation Trips Committee; Adelaide Case, of Columbia Teachers' College; and Dr. John Haynes Holmes of the Community Church.

## Franco Asks Hitler For 60,000 Troops

### Military Observers See Fascist Army Beaten in Spain Unless Nazis, Mussolini Increase Their Aid—Madrid Women, Children Die

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## FRANCO WON'T TAKE MADRID, SAYS BATES

### Here to Help Society for Technical Aid to Spain

(Continued from Page 1)

The Spanish social scene, "Lean Men" and "The Olive Field." Bates is a former longshoreman, railway fitter, watch factory foreman and British Tommy. He joined His Majesty's forces when he was 17; he's 37 now.

For the next three or four weeks, the time he intends to spend here, he will devote to working on behalf of the Society for Technical Aid to Spain. "I'm going to do everything I can to help the Spanish democracy by writing, speaking and donating people for funds for Spain," he said. "I wouldn't be able to respect myself now if I turned back."

## EVIDENCE DAMNS MUSSOLINI

Italy and Germany were carrying on the fight for the Franco forces, Bates said. "It's not a Nationalist army," he said. "It's not Spanish." He put the number of Germans and Italians in Spain at 15,000 as a minimum.

"There is ample evidence—I have seen it—that the Italian government has been financing the rebellion before it started," he said. "I have had in my hands a parachute bearing a Turin date stamp."

Italy would seize control over Majorca in the Balearic Islands by a technique similar to Japan's in Manchukuo, he predicted. "A plebiscite will be held in Majorca, thus giving an outlet to Franco, who can say that he is not giving away the Balearics."

There then would be a puppet state in the islands, under the domination of the Italian fascist government, thus giving Italy new power over the Mediterranean, he said.

The novelist denied that the issue was one of atheism against religion in Spain. "It's an anomaly," he said. "In Spain the Catholic Church is divided. In Bilbao and Santander the Catholic Church is behind the government. You have Catholic regiments going forward side by side with Communist, Socialist and Republican regiments. A Communist outfit would march wearing the hammer and sickle while the Catholic regiment would go into action under the sacramental flag."

## FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

Only the hierarchy was opposed to the legally constituted government, Bates explained. Archbishop Segura, primate of the church, had opposed the republic as far back as 1932, he reminded reporters.

Bates quoted Juan Comorera, leader of the United Socialist Party of Catalonia, as being "absolutely" opposed to the persecution of anyone for holding religious opinions. "The U.S.P. program included definite liberty of conscience and the security of religious freedom, he said."

Credit to the stiffening of the Madrid front should go principally to the international columns and the tremendous moral support given the Spanish people by the Soviet Union when it denounced Nazi and Italian aid to the rebels in the non-intervention committee, Bates said. He added that it was only after the Soviet government had exposed Nazi support of Franco that the Spanish democracy was able to purchase some arms in the world market.

## A LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Franco and his forces were not fighting against Communism but against a moderate, liberal regime, Bates pointed out. The government which came into power at the February elections was a moderate, liberal one, he said. "Originally the people put in a government slightly to the right of the New Deal and certainly to the right of the British Labor Party," he said.

## RED CROSS BOMBED

But even the opposition to that government did not vote for an armed uprising, Bates continued. "There is no proof that even the right wing minority was for an armed uprising. Otherwise why the Moors, the Nazis, and so forth."

Americans ought to understand the issues, he pleaded. "I do think American democrats, regardless of party, should realize what all this is about. Every international law is being violated by the fascists. We have the right to expect benevolent neutrality from every American democrat—at the very least."

Violations of Red Cross rules by the fascists are common, he said. "The Spanish Government has taken in all Red Cross signs," he explained. "The Italian planes, aiding the rebels, bombard everything with a Red Cross sign because they can kill more men that way."

Bates will make his temporary headquarters while here at the offices of the Society for Technical Aid to Spain, 156 Fifth Avenue.

## 20,000 Nazi Troops Fighting in Spain

MADRID, Dec. 24.—There are now 20,000 Nazi troops in the Spanish Fascist ranks, and 6,000 of them are on the Madrid front, General Jose Miaja, head of the Loyalist Defense Junta said today.

"There are still many Italians before us," General Miaja added. "Since the end of the last Geneva session it is estimated that about 20,000 German soldiers landed in Spain," he said. "They were sent out to all fronts, particularly that of Madrid, where, from the information we can obtain, there are about 6,000."

## Fascists Not Fighting For Catholicism

VALENCIA, Dec. 25 (Friday).—The Pope exhorts the world to return to peace while Italian Fascists murder the Spanish people," said the Loyalist newspaper Verdad here today.

The newspaper Correspondencia de Valencia said it was "strange that the Pope should employ his time attacking Communism when he could meet much greater possibilities of success for his aims by imposing his authority on Catholic dignitaries in the camp of the Rebels."

"This way might serve the interests of peace, now gravely disturbed by Rebel generals who call themselves his faithful servants."

## Women and Children Perish In Xmas Bombardment

MADRID, Dec. 24 (UP).—Fascist planes staged a Christmas Eve raid on Madrid tonight, showering bombs on citizens as they went to shell-ton church to sing the "Misa del Gallo" in praise of Christ's birth.

Many were reported to have been killed and wounded in the surprise appearance of the Rebel bombers over the city, breaking a lull of several days.

A shell artillery in the frozen Guadarrama Hills, joined in the Christmas Eve bombardment, pouring huge shells into the center of the capital. Between 10 and 20 persons, including women and children, were killed.

## SHELL SMASHES CHURCH

A shell smashed through the ancient church of San Agustin on the Calle Mayor where Alfonso Vergara's statue of the Savior has been worshipped by millions.

Two shells fell in the Plaza del Carmen, 500 yards from the Telefonica building, and another in thickly-populated Toledo street.

It was the saddest Noche de Navidad—Christmas Eve—that Madrid has known.

Many of those killed and wounded tonight were members of the working classes who made a grim pretense to carry on the 1,000-year-old custom of parading with noisy instruments and songs.

## HAVE VIGILANCE

Street vendors, peddling cheap trinkets in the avenue and ducking for nearby cover whenever a shell landed did the liveliest business.

Women in shawls, tugging children, stood in breadlines and watched Red Cross crews carrying dead and wounded through the streets.

"We must watch more closely than ever," a communique posted on kiosks said.

"Christmas festivities for the soldiers will be celebrated in due time. Do not relax—Have vigilance."

On three fronts the poorly-clothed militiamen of the Loyalist forces huddled inside shelters ready to fight.

On the northern Biscay front priests moved among Loyalist soldiers saying mass.

The Bilbao Loyalist government used loud-speakers to relay Christmas music and sermons at midnight to soldiers scattered around the city. The masses were sung in the strange language of the Basques, a tongue so ancient its origin has been lost.

President Aguirre, of the Basque Autonomous Government, sent his greetings to the troops, and Basque workers went to the front lines with baskets of cakes and hot soup, and packages of woolen socks and sweaters.

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# ERB Workers to Continue Fight Against Competitive Exams Despite Court Denial of Stay

## Flaxer Challenges Basis Of Judge's Ruling—To Meet on Future Course

Leaders of the Emergency Relief Bureau employees' organizations yesterday insisted that bureau workers will accept nothing different than a qualifying examination, despite a denial by Justice Francis Martin of the Appellate Court Division of the union's application for stay of a civil service competitive examination scheduled for Dec. 30. Abram Flaxer, chairman of the ERB Strike Strategy Committee, which led an all-night sit-in strike on Tuesday against the competitive exams, charged that Judge Martin had been misled by Civil Service Commissioner James A. Finegan in arriving at his decision.

Judge Martin's decision was based on two points: first, that it was the intention of the Municipal Civil Service Commission to set the examination date for Labor Day and that it had already been postponed on several occasions; and second, that the appropriations for the exams will lapse if they are not held on Dec. 30.

**JUDGE CHALLENGED**  
Flaxer challenged the Judge's position, saying that "while it may have been the Commission's intention to hold the examinations on Labor Day or any other dates" the fact is that "no examination date other than Dec. 30 was at any time officially announced by the Civil Service Commission."

"On the second point," Flaxer declared, "the appropriation will not lapse if the examination is postponed. A mere resolution by the Board of Estimate will permit the funds now voted for Dec. 30 to be used without any formal approval by the Board of Aldermen for any future examination of a similar character."

The competitive examination would force present ERB employees to compete with non-employees for the jobs they now hold.

**UNION PROPOSAL**  
The union proposes instead that a qualifying examination be held to place the ERB workers in civil service category.

Flaxer said that the Strike Strategy Committee would meet Saturday at 1 P.M. in the offices of the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies, 235 Seventh Ave., to consider a course of action.

A delegation of the Central Trades and Labor Council will visit Mayor LaGuardia on Monday to request that the competitive exams be postponed.

**MAYOR APPEALS**  
In a joint appeal to ERB employees, Mayor LaGuardia and Edmond Borgia Butler of the ERB Board yesterday urged the workers to "understand the situation and avail themselves of the examination."

"It would seem," they said, "that the reason a qualifying examination cannot be held is constitutional and not one of discretion or even statute."

"However, the matter is on appeal and an early date has been set by the Court for argument. In the meantime, as the Mayor has pointed out and the Court now states in denying the stay, the rights of all concerned will be fully protected. If the Court should eventually hold that a qualifying examination is possible, the Mayor has officially stated that he would consider the examination to be held Dec. 30, 1936, as the qualifying examination."

Flaxer said that the interests of the workers will not be protected by the Mayor's plan, but on the contrary, jeopardized.

"It is unfair," he said, "to contemplate the Dec. 30 examination, which will definitely be a competitive one. It will undoubtedly deal with many problems other than administration of relief as conducted by the ERB."

"Mr. Finegan," he added, "has power to give qualifying examinations if he so chooses. I hope the Mayor will reconsider his position."

## New Brownsville Center Houses 13 IWO Branches

The new Brownsville community center of the International Workers Order 231-5 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, was opened last night with a banquet and tomorrow night a concert and dance will further celebrate the event.

The center now houses the activities of seven Jewish, three English-speaking, two youth and one children's branches. At the present time the center has a membership of more than 3,000.

The youth section of the I.W.O. will hold a gala New Year's Eve ball at the American Ball Room, 308 W. 39th St.

The I.W.O. symphony orchestra and band and three other branches are sponsoring an affair New Year's Eve at 4 W. 18th St., at which Carl Brodsky will be master of ceremonies.

The seventh anniversary of the I.W.O. will be celebrated by a concert at the Hippodrome, Feb. 13 at which Thalia Sabanieva, coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Serge Radamsky and the Juanita Hall Negro Choir will appear.

**Corcoran Dead**  
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 24 (UP)—George Eustice Corcoran, president of the National Art Gallery, Washington, D. C., died suddenly here today after a heart attack.

# Seamen Warn Weaver On Fink Book System

## Tell Federal Shipping Official They'll Throw Picket Lines Around Offices Issuing Books Under Copeland Bill

Striking seamen last night replied to the government's Christmas gift of the "fink book," which will mean a legal blacklist in the industry, in a telegram to J. B. Weaver, U.S. Shipping Commissioner.

The Joint Maritime Strike Council notified Weaver that the issuance of the "continuous discharge books" (fink books, as they are dubbed by the seamen) will hamper settlement of the present general maritime strike on both coasts.

"It will simply mean an extension of our picket lines on the waterfront to include picketing of those offices from which the books will be issued. We do not intend to cease our activities against this notorious semi-fascist legislation," the U. S. Shipping Commissioner was told.

Strikers said last night that a member of the scab crew of the S. S. Manhattan, which arrived here yesterday, came to strike headquarters at 164 Eleventh Ave. and reported that the vessel had been

affire after arriving here. The informant, who strikers said later joined the picket line, gave his name as J. B. Murphy.

Seamen said that Murphy reported that the blaze started when an inexperienced seaman, a strikebreaker, flipped a lighted cigarette into a pile of inflammable material. Luckily, strikers said, passengers had disembarked before the fire.

Seventy striking seamen will leave their posts on the wind-swept picket lines tonight to partake of a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, sponsored by the Protoporos, a Greek educational club, in conjunction with the Communist Party of the Eighth Assembly District at 592 Fulton Street.

# With the Unions

## Simpson Will Soon Be Home Again—On Strike —a Birthday to Remember—Suitcase Union to Install Its Officers

Seamen on the picket line can well feel doubly proud of themselves. Not only are they conducting a literally heroic strike faced with heart-breaking odds without becoming discouraged, but today comes news that one of their bosom companions—Lawrence Simpson—will soon be home again from Nazi imprisonment.

He's coming home ON STRIKE! The Sunday Worker will be one year old on that same day. Send in your greetings!

**POCKETBOOK UNION PLANS SPRING CLEANING**  
The Pocketbook International has decided to go in for Spring housecleaning on a big scale. The housecleaning will take the form of ridding the industry of its remaining open-shop bosses by washing them with a good brand of union soap so that they smell nicer. The union is determined to make the whole industry closed-shop.

The union's General Executive Board yesterday passed a resolution to launch a big-scale drive this coming Spring. A special committee was appointed to journey to the Capitol and confer with William Green, president of the A. F. of L. Heresch Linn informs this department. That ought to be interesting.

**SUITCASE UNION ELECTS OFFICERS**  
This item should interest a lot of New York workers: Completion of elections held in New York, Philadelphia, Quakertown and Newark was announced today by the Suit Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers Union. A record vote was cast for all officers. Joint Board General Manager Murray Baron was re-elected. The New York officers elected are as follows: organizer, J. Wieselberg; chairman of the union, Morris Fuchs; secretary-treasurer, Charles Blank; recording secretary, Harry Schneider. The executive board consists of: B. Applebaum, Dave Bank, J. Becker, Nathan Berger, J. Jaffe, Max Kaplan, B. Kwalwasser, H. Lichtenstein, John Mattus, Chas. Nugent, I. Tabakin, A. Wiesen, L. Bratter, A. Kaplan, Sam Rosen, A. Rothstein and Dave Weisberg. The term is for one year.

The installation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, at Irving Plaza.

**A BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER**  
Hey, you trade unions! Do you know that one of your staunchest friends is about to have a birthday? How about celebrating this event by sending that very good friend a present in the form of a greeting? Who is it? The Daily Worker, which will be thirteen

years old on Jan. 10. Incidentally, the Sunday Worker will be one year old on that same day. Send in your greetings!

**NEW YORK STATE TEACHERS' UNIONS TO FEDERATE**  
The American Federation of Teachers announces that it has ten locals in New York State, which are getting together on Dec. 28 in New York City to perfect a New York State Federation of Teachers. Charles J. Hendley, vice-president of the organization for the New York area, says that a number of new locals are about to be organized in various parts of New York and New Jersey. The present New York locals are at Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Katonah, Croton-on-Hudson, New Rochelle and New York City.

The teachers' unions of New York State are also drafting a legislative program which will include full restoration of 1932 salaries, tenure for all teachers in the state, ratification of the child labor amendment, full state aid for schools, defense against tax-limitation schemes, more adequate relief for poor children, Federal aid for schools, repeal of the Ives Loyalty Oath, and the discontinuance of the McNaboe Inquisition. A conference on legislation is being held at 114 East 16th St., New York, N. Y., at 3 P.M. on December 28, to which other teachers' organizations are invited to send representatives.

Local 5 of New York City is planning to send a big delegation of several hundred teachers to visit the evening session of the Legislature on January 11.

**Wilmington Truck And Taxi Drivers Solid in Walkout**  
WILMINGTON, Dec. 24. — Fifty truck drivers and helpers held their ranks solidly today in a strike for a closed shop in the Wilson Line, which operates ships between here and Philadelphia. The strike is led by Local 107 of the Brotherhood of Transportation Workers.

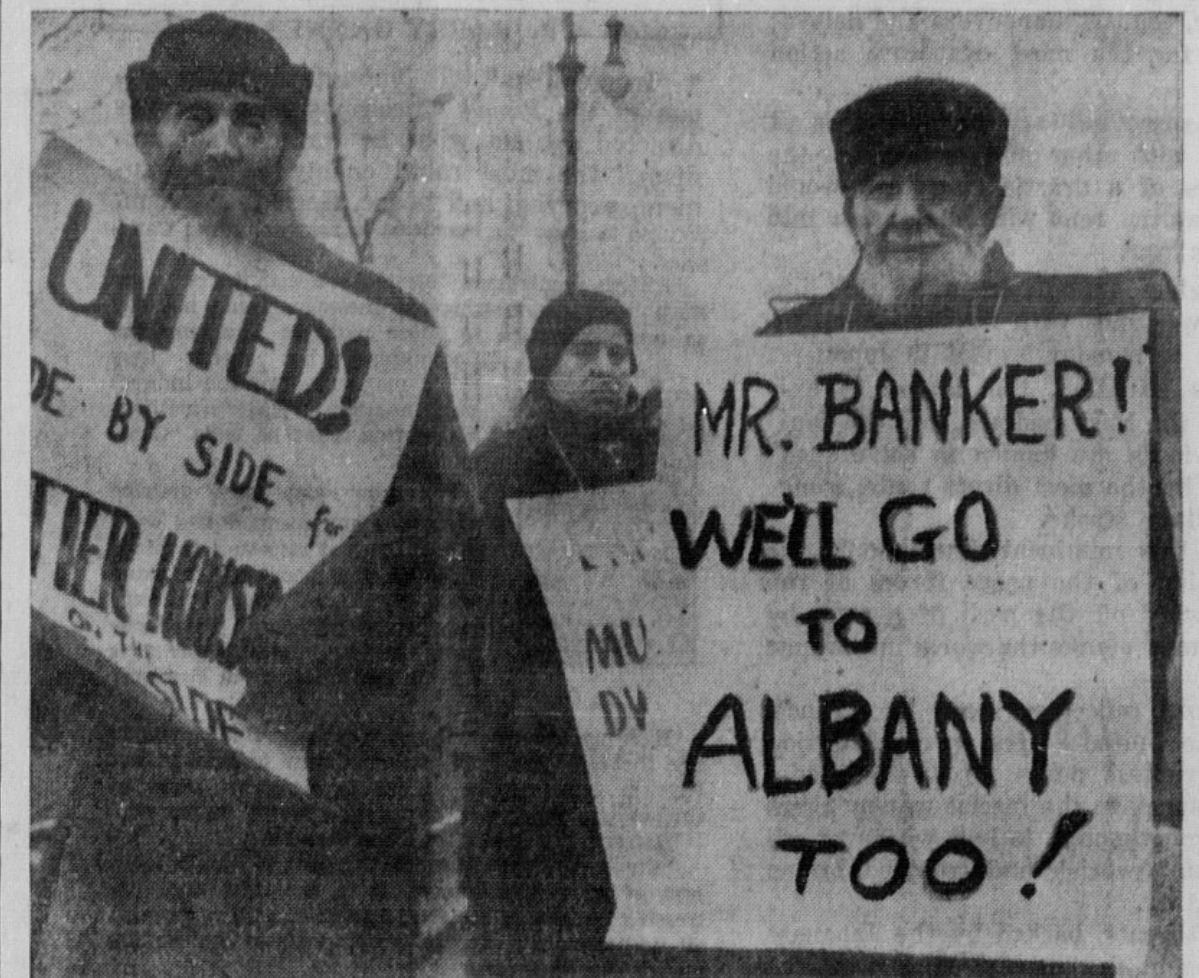
Joseph Bentley, strike leader and business agent of the union, is out on bail on a fake assault charge against him by the steamship owners.

Taxicab drivers here have been on strike for five days against the Taxicab Company in a demand for decent working conditions. Sixty-five chauffeurs are on the picket lines.

Led by Local 474 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablenen and Helpers, the strikers are asking: (1) a guaranteed wage of \$15 a week plus a 40 per cent commission; (2) a closed shop; (3) a ten-hour day; (4) a six-day week.

**Pneumonia Rises**  
ALBANY, Dec. 24 (UP). — The State Department of Health reported today that pneumonia led all other communicable diseases during the week ending Dec. 12. Outside of New York City 489 cases were reported, resulting in 79 fatalities.

# --- and a Happy New Year



These tenants of Rutgers Place in the lower East Side have gotten their orders to move by Jan. 1. The city, in its magnanimity, overlooked one point, "Where?" So these people, some of whom have resided in the same tenement more than 20 years, are out on the picket line demanding a stay in the eviction. On the left is Harry Porchevsky, 79. With him is Abraham Skop, 80.

# UNION HOLDS EDISON RAISE NOT ENOUGH

## Action by Section 27-- \$349 for Daily

Speedy Work by Section Organizer Ann Rollins Brings Funds in Crisis of Paper—Queens, Pittsburgh, Harlem Rush Funds

Outstanding among the quick responses to the appeal yesterday for immediate funds for the Daily Worker was that of Section 27. It leaped into the breach with hearty energy as soon as the need for immediate funds was read. There was a brief planning conference, and then—

**ACTION IN QUEENS**  
Action also came from Queens, where members of the 3rd A. D. Corona Branch quickly answered the call of the Daily for funds. They brought in \$150 yesterday, with promises of more in double-quick time, and assurances that if the work they would do in the next week or two were duplicated by all others in the drive, the \$100,000 fund would be completed a full month ahead of schedule.

**Springing to the support of the Daily Worker** also was the Harlem Y.C.L. Energetic work resulted in raising \$10, and this was rushed to the office early in the day "to help our paper in this great emergency," they said.

Much still must be raised today to overcome the grave difficulties of the paper. Act quickly and send in your collections and contributions the fastest way to reach us at the earliest possible moment today!

**YONKERS, Dec. 24.**—A suit for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution will be filed against the City of Mount Vernon and the police officer who arrested Louis Haas, Westchester County secretary of the Communist Party, for distributing election circulars, it was announced today by Irving Klein, Haas' attorney.

The announcement came following action by County Judge Gerald Nolan, reversing a decision by Acting City Judge Vernon F. Murphy, who sentenced Haas, then running for Assembly, on Oct. 29 to ten days in jail, Haas was forced to remain in jail for five days before bail of \$100 was set by the authorities.

Judge Nolan ruled that the ordinance under which Haas was arrested was intended for commercial circulars only. Application of the statute to Haas was "unreasonable and oppressive" and not a valid use of police power, he added.

Attorney Klein said that his client got "the dirtiest deal I have ever seen in my 20 years of practice," and pointed out that the Mount Vernon authorities used the ordinance only against Communists, while permitting all other parties to distribute literature.

**Mount Vernon Faces Suit for False Arrest**

**Navy Planes Join Hunt For Missing Air Liner**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP). — Secretary of the Navy Alucide A. Swanson today ordered four planes of the fleet Marine force at North Island, Marine base at San Diego, Cal., to join the search for the Western Air Express passenger plane that has been missing.

**Merry Christmas!**  
2 Santas at City Hall  
Two Santas appeared at City Hall yesterday. One called for peace on earth and good will to men and the other sought some of the earth's goods for himself and his fellow men.

The peace-on-earth-good-will-to-men fellow called a group of school children in Christmas Carols; the other Kris Kringle led a picket line of unemployed WPA workers.

Santa No. 1 was official. He stood under the Park Department's gaily decorated 40-foot Christmas tree standing in City Hall park and introduced Mayor LaGuardia. Santa No. 2 walked at the head of more than 50 workers, most of them WPA theatre and art project workers who had recently received dismissal slips.

"Quiet night, ho-o-oly night," went the childish troubles under the command of Santa No. 1. "Maintain WPA!" chanted the picket line.

The Mayor didn't say much. Just that it was very nice to have the little kiddies singing carols. But his face twinned as if some unpleasant thought had crossed his mind. Perhaps he had spotted the picket's Santa Claus placard, which bore a picture of a Christmas tree decorated with tags saying:

No Jobs  
No Jobs  
No Jobs

**Shoppers' Column**  
Army-Navy Stores  
A SQUARE DEAL, 121-3rd Ave. at 14th St. Leather coats, Suede Wind Breakers. HUDSON-108 Third Ave., cor. 13 Work clothes, leather coats, Wind-breakers.

**Manhattan Jeweler**  
SAUL C. SCHYOWITZ, "Your Jeweler," Now at 836 6th Ave. Watch Repairing.

# 'How Many Do They Want to Kill?'

## 'We're Poor People,' Says Ted Di Donne's Mother, After Visit to Governor, 'He Made Us Keep Still—Got No Heart'

By Beth McHenry  
"If my son would be granted a grace, I would have a good Christmas. This way..."

Mrs. Mathilde Di Donne's eyes filled with tears. She looks like a woman of 75 or 80, though she is only 57. Her son Teddy is one of the six Brooklyn boys who are to die on January 7, in the subway murder case.

This little old Italian lady tried to tell me in her broken English of the trip which she and the other mothers made to Albany the other day. They went before the governor to plead for clemency.

"WE ARE POOR PEOPLE"  
"I think he got no heart, that man. He made us keep still. He would not hear what mothers got to say for their boys."

Mrs. Di Donne had just got out of bed. She has been too sick to get up since the trip up to plead with the governor. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary Iovine, helped her mother to speak. Mrs. Iovine said it would be different if her brother Ted were anything but a hard-working, good man.

"If you could see the callouses on his hands and know the soreness that was always in his back from lifting heavy sacks, you would know how hard working he is," said Mrs. Iovine. "Those people that tried to say these boys never worked, they lie. When you are poor, you work and suffer. We are poor people."

**HIS BROTHER A SUICIDE**  
The dingy little flat where we talked is in the heart of the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. The walls are crowded with pictures of Ted and his brother and sisters. There is a portrait of himself as best man at the wedding of an older brother who committed suicide two years ago.

He was sick and they wouldn't keep him at the hospital. He jumped out of the window. A two-year-old child who played with clothespins on the floor was named for the uncle who committed suicide.

In their troubled English the mother and daughter told me of the trip to see the governor. They left New York at seven in the morning and got to Albany just after noon. They waited an hour and a half in the governor's chamber for the hearing to begin. The daughter said the mothers were all feeling hopeful—till the governor came in.

Mrs. Scata, one of the mothers, tried to speak. The governor harshly told her to sit down. He said "all talking will have to be done by attorneys."

The sister of Ted Di Donne told me the sister of Ted Di Donne told me how the governor treated the

**HAS 2 CHILDREN**  
Ted has two little children. The oldest, a boy of 7, looks like him. The mother who is separated from Ted because he was too tired from working to go to parties and movies, has told the children that their father is dead.

Mary Iovine says her brother Ted looks worried. She saw him in the Death House at Sing Sing last week. He told her to "tell Mama and the others that if the worst comes out to take it so hard. You've done all you could. It's my end. That's all."

She said she did not know what end they would all come to. Ted's other sister can no longer go to see him at Sing Sing. She went once and has been sick in bed ever since. The doctor has forbidden her to go there any more. Mrs. Iovine said her mother goes to bed for two days after each trip to Ossining.

"Look at her," she said. "She ain't that old. We're all going to pieces. Me, I'm so nervous I'm sick all the time myself. Such a good brother to come to this end."

They had just heard that one other man has been arrested in the same case and that two other arrests are to be made.

"What do they want to do?" said Mrs. Di Donne. "How many more do they want to kill? I don't know."

**Dancers Humphrey And Weidman Set To Appear for ILLD**  
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## Hitler's War Madness Is Christmas Gift of Fascism to Mankind

Hitler's Christmas gift to the world is the most portentous threat of world war in his sword-rattling history.

The fascist dictators, Hitler and Mussolini, thought they could overcome the reverses to their puppet, General Franco, by recognizing the fascist outfit as the "government" of Spain.

When that, plus the shipment of arms, failed to give victory to Franco, Hitler followed up his war-inciting moves by the sensational signing of a pact with imperialist Japan.

To the dismay of the fascists, instead of the pact covering the rest of the world, it had the opposite effect of alarming all who do not want war.

The Soviet Union, a special target of the war plot, which was aimed at virtually all non-fascist countries, instead of shivering in its boots, intensified its actions for peace, which helped to confound the fascist war-mongers.

Just as the fascists found in the Soviet Union the firmest obstacle to their drive for war, so the nations who want no war found by that very fact that the Soviet Union is their most dependable ally for peace, the center of all forces anxious to escape the mad-dog menace of fascism and war. It has always been so, but its role as such now comes sharply to the fore.

Spain's heroic defense won greater worldwide aid for the struggle for democracy and world peace, the Soviet Union becoming the outstanding force assisting with food and other means to counteract the fascist aid to pirate Franco, and to help the Spanish people win their exemplary battle for democracy.

China showed elemental signs of resisting Japan's further invasion, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek even being forced by the storm of mass pressure to take a bolder stand against Tokyo.

In France, the effect of the fascists' bold intervention in Spain by the shipment of Nazi troops, the drive to war by the war alliance of the fascist bloc, won overwhelming mass support to the Communist Party's struggle against Blum's scandalous non-intervention pact.

Wednesday, Foreign Minister Delbos informed the Nazi ambassador in Paris in no uncertain terms that continued shipment of fascist troops to Spain would be met with the sternest action of France.

Likewise, though more distant and faint, the fascist war makers heard the declarations of the Inter-American Peace Conference at Buenos Aires. Its stand for peace disturbs them still further, and they know well that the speeches of Roosevelt and Hull were directed to them and their mad-dog aggression.

Even some voices in the Tory Cabinet of Britain began to show signs of concern about the frenzied Nazi drive to war, and the reckless shipment of troops to Spain against the legitimate government.

It must be recalled that originally the British government's encouragement to Hitler gave him time and means to mobilize his war machinery. Expecting tacit approval of his war plans from the Tory cabinet, Hitler heretofore has felt more confident of his war plots.

Those who counseled "caution" and "consideration" in the face of Hitler's move to war can now observe that they have only encouraged and not hindered the mad dogs of fascism.

The time has come when that course must end!

And what is the picture in Germany? Fascism has brought havoc to the German people. Starvation is becoming the daily lot of the German masses. Food grows scarcer every day. The German people are told to eat garbage so that Hitler may have cannon to heap destruction, first on the German people, in his drive for world spoils and plunder.

His Machiavellian plans for world combinations for war going awry, the people of Germany faced with catastrophe, the fruit of Fascist dictatorship, Hitler and his agents looked to a new desperate adventure to pull them out of their difficulties.

Hitler's foreign policy, which he presented as "successes," now is being revealed to the German people as culminated in the Nazi-Japanese alliance, as a drive to war demanding the most extreme sacrifices and privations.

But even on top, the Nazis are wracked

with conflict and dissension, as are their allies in Japan.

Some, seeing the danger to fascism in immediate war, counsel maneuvers and delays; others are for the most desperate action promptly.

The Japanese military caste, too, is at loggerheads with other officials who fear the consequences of a drastic step that would plunge a country rent with dissension into a disastrous war.

The original announcement of this jingoist pact was met with an almost unanimous storm of popular protest in Japan.

In this situation, the danger is extreme: for the Nazi madmen, and the Japanese war-lords are known to solve such difficulties by the most direct route, some major military stroke.

Against this imminent danger only the closer massing of the peace forces of the world can ward off the peril of a coup by Hitler that may plunge the world into a new slaughter.

Only more collective steps by France, England, the United States, in collaboration with the greatest peace force, the Soviet Union, can speak to the fascist war-mongers in terms strong enough to halt whatever adventure their feverish and troubled brains may be plotting.

Hitler's threats, backed by the Japanese alliance, present the gravest dangers to the United States. The American people should be made to see now that to fight against the latest adventurous challenge by the Nazis is to act to keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.

## A Foul Blow At American Seamen

It was a foul Christmas present that the Roosevelt administration handed the American seamen yesterday.

The Department of Commerce—headed by Daniel "Captain Bligh" Roper and Joseph B. Weaver, the little Lord Fauntleroy of the shipping interests—announced that they will enforce the strikebreaking Copeland Law on Saturday.

They will then attempt to introduce the government fink book system. Which will hand the seamen over, body and soul, to the government-shipowners combine.

The war on the Copeland Law will only now begin. The American seamen resent this new effort to restore the worse than serf conditions which formerly prevailed at sea.

In this connection we ask Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Who owns the Department of Commerce? It is clear that Secretary Roper and the ex-shipping official Weaver have acted as zealous mouthpieces for the Big Shipping Gangsters. It is time that they are pitched out of public office.

## Pope's Words Won't Help Catholics Under Fascism

Pope Pius XI chose Christmas Day as the occasion for a world attack on Communism.

The Pope was ill-advised in the utterance which he made. What he said will be of no service to the Catholic masses, ground under the iron heel of fascism or confronted with the fascist danger to their democratic liberties.

The Pope made his attack in the name of peace. There is irony in that statement. For, in so far as he attempted to rally forces to a war on Communism he played into the hands of the most vicious of war-makers, the fascist powers.

It is true that he did level some criticism also at the fascists, without mentioning their names. He feels the pressure of these neopagan enemies of the right to worship, who have crushed the Catholic youth organization and persecute the Catholic people.

But his reference to the fascists is rather to chide them for not fighting Communism in the proper way. It is not directed against their ravages upon the Catholic youth organizations, upon their enforcement of paganism on the children of Catholic people, upon their deep hatred for the right to religious worship.

Instead of such broadsides against the fascists—which their dark and bloody persecutions justify—the Pope turns to a misstatement of the facts. He speaks of the "destructiveness" of Communism! Where, in the world, can he find a nation pushing forward construction of those things which the common people need as in the Land of Socialism, the Soviet Union? Where has peace been brought about between so many diverse peoples as there? Where has civilization been saved from the rotten ruling classes and turned into a life of joy for the mass of the people as in the U.S.S.R.?

Who today are devoting themselves to the preservation of civilization and democracy as are the Communists throughout the world?

The Pope speaks in sorrow of the civil war in Spain, inferring that this lies at the door of the Communists. That inference is false. Who is it who sent in arms, ammunition and other weapons of war to the Franco fascist military clique but the Hitler-Mussolini gangsters? Who is it who have shipped in thousands of foreign troops against the Spanish people? It is the Ger-

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Ironical, isn't it? Though the main burden of the Pope's Christmas message was directed against what he termed "communism," the most rabid enemy of communism, progress and peace, German fascism, refused to allow the broadcast to reach German Catholics.

Hitler's agents knew only too well that the suffering Catholic people, hearing the message, would not pay so much attention to those passages attacking the Communists, but rather they would make more of the indirect condemnation of Hitler's methods in fighting what he calls "Communism."

For how can this diatribe against Communism, dotted as it is with fervent reference to peace on earth and good will to mankind, ring true when the very newspapers publishing the document virtually burst with war news threats exclusively from Fascism?



It is precisely around the very issue that seems to stir the Holy See most, the civil war in Spain, that Fascism works night and day to bring not peace to this earth, but fire, a sword and world destruction.

Referring to Spain, the Pope declared: "The sorrowful note which this year is mingled with joys of Christmas is even more profound and distressing because of the fact that there still rages with all its horror of hatred, of carnage and of destruction, a Civil War in Spain."

And may we ask His Holiness, who unleashed this savage assault on the Catholic people of Spain?

Wasn't it the combined Fascist powers of the world who brought death and destruction to the Catholic people of Spain because they elected their own government and pledged loyalty to the Democratic Republic?

And who, may we inquire, is seeking to transform this savagery against the Spanish people into a new world slaughter that so disturbs the mind of the world? Isn't it Hitler and Mussolini, the Fascist Dictators?

So when the Pope says: "Here is a new menace, more threatening than ever, before the whole world, and principally Europe and its Christian civilization," we think he misdirects when he doesn't attach the label "Fascism" to this charge.

Communism more than anything in the world stands for what the phrase "Peace on Earth" means today.

Were it not for the Soviet Union, the Catholic people everywhere would long ago have been plunged, along with others, into the bloodiest war mankind has ever dreamed of.

And for that reason, too, Pope Pius XI could not overlook the fact that Fascism is the most immediate scourge for the Catholic people in Germany and Italy. With the majority of Catholics not only being condemned to hunger, but to religious persecution in Germany, we find, of necessity, in His Holiness's message a reference to Hitler, et al, though the Nazi culprits are not named.

"Among those, moreover," says the Pope, "who pretend to be the defenders of order against the subversion of civilization, against the spread of Atheistic Communism, are many who in this defense claim for themselves leadership. We see with sorrow not a few allowing themselves to be dominated and guided by false and fatal ideas, both in their voice of remedies and in the appraisal of their adversaries."

Yes, Fascism and what it stands for are "fatal ideas" for the Catholic, as well as other peoples.

We do not think, however, the invocation to disunity among the toiling masses and anti-fascists against the grave danger of war and fascism will prevail.

We saw the false cry of Communism advanced by Hearst in the United States, even against President Roosevelt, fall to win the Catholic people of this country. The pro-Fascist Catholic Father Coughlin, who used every argument he could manufacture against Communism, could not convince the Catholic people to act against their own interests.

We are sure that in the coming fateful year for humanity the Catholic peoples, plagued by Fascism, facing the threat of war everywhere, will unite with Communists, Socialists and anti-Fascists in greater force than ever before to defeat and destroy mankind's greatest enemy, Fascism.

man and Italian fascists. Who mutinied with foreign aid, against the democratically-elected government of Spain? The Hitler-Mussolini mad-dogs of war. In each instance, in Spain, the Communists have stood for civilization, peace and democracy.

What is worse: These foreign fascist invaders have maimed and murdered hundreds of thousands of the Catholic Spanish people. They have rained cowardly death from the skies upon little Catholic children. And yet, the Pope says nothing of this violent and barbarous destruction. By inference, he supports it.

The war on Communism was not started by Pius XI. It was begun by the bloody Hitler, particularly in his speech at Nuremberg. Then the Nazi mad-dog called for a crusade against Communism, in order to seize the lands and possessions of other peoples. It was opened up by Mussolini, tyrant over the Italian masses, destroyer of their trade unions, and bloody oppressor of the Ethiopian people. It is fascism which is the creator of "the war on Communism," as a means to attack all democratic principles and to stamp out all democratic liberties.

Can the Catholic people permit themselves to be lined up with the fascists in the war for the crushing of democracy—under the guise of fighting "Communism"? It is clear that they cannot. Who is the enemy who has smashed at them and put a heavy burden on their back in Italy and Germany, as well as on the backs of the other workers? It is the fascists, to whom the Pope gives aid and comfort by his world speech against Communism.

The Catholic masses cannot allow themselves to be the victims of fascist oppression. They cannot permit the Pope, so ill-advised, to drag them into the destruction of trade unions and the loss of their civil liberties. Their enemy is fascism; their hope, in that united front of the democratic forces, the Communists included, which can successfully oppose the fascist oppressors.

## CONDEMNED!

by Ellis



NEWS ITEM: Nazis Change Xmas to Pagan Rite.

## A.S.U. Convention Marks Growth Of Unity in Fight for the Youth

By Celeste Strack

The national convention of the American Student Union in Chicago, Dec. 28-30, will mark the first anniversary of student unity among Socialists, Communists, and liberals.

A year ago we said that the union would be a powerful magnet for all progressive student forces; today we can record the actual results of its attracting power not only in a membership exceeding the combined strength of the old National Student League and Student League for Industrial Democracy, but in terms of its constantly increasing influence within the student body. A student peace strike of half a million, student testimony at the American Youth Act hearings in Washington, a whole series of local campaigns all testify to the correctness of our decision for unity.

**BROADENING BASIS**

We cannot say, however, that its success has been complete, or that the work of the A.S.U. has been perfect.

What is the difficulty? Certainly there is no single answer to this question. However, the major part of the difficulty stems from the fact that we have not yet learned how to drop our past role of a minority "opposition" movement and to transform the A.S.U. into a positive, constructive organization collaborating with all forward-looking forces in the educational system, with a broad membership base among all liberal students.

The fundamental solution must rest in the application of the A.S.U. program—in the way in which the union appears before a student body of America.

There has been a tendency to conceive of the student movement and the A.S.U. solely, or primarily at least, in terms of fights against expulsions, demonstrations, strikes and similar actions. Certainly, these measures have been and will continue to be an integral part of an effective student movement; however, such struggles take on much deeper significance when they take place within the framework of a movement absorbed in presenting positive, constructive and concrete programs for improvement of existing conditions in the educational system.

An excellent illustration may be cited in the growing interest of the union in student self government. The A.S.U. in many schools is concerning itself intimately with the improvement and extension of existing forms of student self government.

In both high schools and colleges, activity along the lines of student self-government lays the basis for collaboration not only with all campus groups but with liberal administrations, as well.

Within such a setting, campaigns against violations of academic freedom and student rights become more than mere negative expressions of our goals. The A.S.U. appears in a more constructive, positive manner.

Closely related to this phase of work is the question of curriculum modification. There has existed in

the United States for some time a movement for progressive education in which John Dewey and other educators have played a prominent role. Certainly the A.S.U. must increasingly participate in this movement.

**NEGRO STUDENT PROBLEMS**

Similarly we can see that in the field of Negro student work, we need not confine ourselves to a campaign against Negro discrimination, which of course is important, but we can work for greater cultural opportunities for this section of youth—for inclusion of courses on Negro history and culture, for the employment of Negro teachers and administrators, for participation of Negro youth in dramatics and other cultural activities. Moreover, the same opportunities can be given within the A.S.U. itself.

One more example may suffice. The A.S.U. in the last year has entered the field of student cooperatives; some thirty chapters are now engaged in one way or another with the cooperative movement.

Naturally, there are many more spheres of activity which must receive discussion—the student peace movement, efforts to aid Spain and campaigns to extend educational opportunity.

There are those who may present a different point of view. A certain section of the Socialist students, for instance, especially those under the unfortunate influence of the Trotskyites, may argue that the reason for insufficient growth of the union rests upon its lack of "militancy." This is an attempt to solve a very fundamental problem with an easily coined phrase. Of course Communist students desire a militant student movement. They also desire an effective one. Five students on a picket line may be very militant but they are hardly effective. Our concern today is to build a student movement broad enough, rooted enough in the student body, so that at times of crisis and conflict it has the power to be effective.

Any point of view which would encourage the conception of a small "militant" minority, divided from the vast majority of the student body, is a point of view which would result only in splitting progressive forces and hamstringing the student movement with its own sectarian policies. Today the problem is how to broaden the student movement and make it more constructive, not how to narrow it.

In November, the American people gave clear indication that they desired a fuller life, security, opportunity to work, peace. The student body of America shares these aspirations. But for the student body, as for the people, these aims can be secured only through independent, clear-sighted organization.

For example, a student legislative program, coordinated with that of progressive blocs of labor, farmers, and other groups, should de-

serve consideration. The rudiments of this program already exist—the American Youth Act, the Nye-Kvale bill to eliminate compulsory military training, the Fletcher-Henderson bill for Federal aid to education. These measures should be supplemented on a national and State scale.

The implications of such a program are manifold. The student body will be more adequately equipped to consider its relation to the growing movement for a Farmer-Labor Party. At this convention of the A. S. U. it is probable that the majority of chapters will not yet feel they are in a position to determine finally their relationship to this movement; however, independent action in the political arena, plus a further study of the matter, may prepare the soil for further action.

**RELATION TO LABOR**

A second question which arises in the relationship of the student movement to broader social forces, is its relation to the labor movement today. The students like the remainder of the population, will be clearly affected by the growth of organization especially in steel, and the other basic industries.

A very immediate question is that of high school students in the industrial centers, particularly the steel towns. Here we have students who are the sons and daughters of steel workers, potential recruits for the steel plants. The class of '36—the new, young group of workers in steel, have come largely from these high schools. Here experimentation will be necessary. Whether these young people should be organized into Union Booster clubs, or into the A.S.U. must be worked out on the basis of practical experiences. In any case the A.S.U. must play an active role in facilitating this organization.

Another phase of the Union's relation to labor's organizational drive is its work in the colleges. We can recall that the student movement received much of its initial impetus from an investigating trip to Harlan County, Kentucky during the miners' strike of 1932. Similar expeditions and investigations can be organized in connection with the maritime strike and future strikes in steel or other industries.

The third phases of student relations to broader social movement is involved in the extension and development of the student peace movement. This matter has received consideration in an article in the Young Communist Review. Here it should be pointed out that an intensification of our drive against American war preparations in the schools and out should be coupled with an increasing of our collaboration with all international forces making for peace. Such matters as aid to the Spanish people, cooperation with the World Youth Congress and other such forces, must be included in any student program which bears upon the national and international scene.

## Letters from Our Readers

To the Editor of the New York Times

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is a letter I have just sent to the editor of the New York Times. I don't believe it will appear in the Times, but it ought to be read by your readers, I think:

"Editor of the New York Times:

"I want to express my contempt and disgust with your correspondent, William Carney. The snobbishness, the superciliousness, the smugness expressed by your correspondent—in relating the fact that many militiamen cannot read, that conditions in Madrid are unbearable—are incredible. Surely the man, as an

American, ought to realize that defenders of the city should be honored, not condemned. As an American, he ought to be the first to realize that it is precisely because many cannot read that they wish to learn how to read. Under fascism they will not gain the things they hold dear to them, the things all Americans consider precious rights. To blame the government forces for the outrages committed by the fascist hordes against women and children is to show a callousness and stupidity beyond credence. Illiterate as those militiamen were, they were keen enough to smell a rat in your correspondent, and my only wonder is that they let him go alive.

"AN INDIGNANT READER"



# Santa Claus Visits The Wrong People

It's Up to Us to Play Santa to the Political Prisoners, Their Wives and Children, and to the Heroic People of Spain

By Beth McHenry

The bells are beginning to ring and the panda has got here in time. All the Roosevelts have gone back home to the White House for the holidays and Colonel Somervell is getting ready to eat a great big goose. It's to be a jolly time up Morgan row and down Mellon way and someone will take Al Smith's picture coming out of St. Patrick's cathedral.

At all the places close to the stars where the sky is the limit there will be fun and laughter and no worrying about what's to eat or what can we stuff this poor little sock with.

Colonel Somervell will eat a great big goose and then maybe he'll go swimming in a great big bowl of Tom and Jerry's. It won't be on the colonel's great big mind that a couple of WPA workers took a dive into eternity rather than face the colonel's Christmas gifts—pink slips. It won't be on his mind that the writers and artists and all the others who work on WPA are being shamefully shadowed and treated like prisoners on parole. That is, it won't be on his mind unless all of a sudden he gets to worrying about a demonstration and has to send a hurry call to Charles Bull Montana Smith, who leads the guards when they're curbing the expression of protest on the part of the workers.

**Your Health**  
—By the Medical Advisory Board—  
"Three Cents a Day" Hospital Plan  
MANY PEOPLE are asking just what the "Three-Cents-A-Day" Hospital Plan is, what services it provides, who is eligible and whether the service is worth the price that subscribers must pay. These questions are all answered in a timely editorial in the January issue of "Health and Hygiene" which is just off the press. The plan is viewed carefully both from the point of view of the individual subscriber and the community, and its many defects are clearly set forth. So far, press comments on the plan have been wholly uncritical. To "Health and Hygiene" goes the credit for the first genuine evaluation of the Associated Hospital Service's highly-publicized scheme of group hospital insurance.

Other features in the January issue of "Health and Hygiene" include an expose of popular pain-killers such as Midol and Pyramidon; an article on the medical aspects of tear-gas poisoning, with instructions to picket captains regarding treatment; discussion of the menopause in women entitled *Does Sex Stop at Fifty?*; and a startling account of the hushed-up epidemic of dysentery which broke out at the last World's Fair.

**Help Load The Ship for Spain**  
I'd like to know that the North American Committee to Aid Spain was getting enough help to send away the crates and crates of Christmas gifts that the people here are sending to the mothers and children of Spain. The gifts are in danger of not going with the Spanish ship *Mar Cantabrico*, when she sails because there are not enough volunteers over at the Committee's warehouse at 227 West 17th Street.

I'd like to know that the bells today are ringing out a new kind of Christmas message. One of real brotherhood and unity and a sharing of gifts won't together. A message of struggle and victory and a future filled with the fine gifts of Socialism for the children whose stockings are empty now.

## "WINTERSET" HELD

THE RKO Albee is holding over "Winteraset," Maxwell Anderson's prize play in screen form which features Burgess Meredith, Margo and Eduardo Cinnelli, but has changed its second attraction to "Banjo on My Knee," Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea are starred in the latter.

## A CORRECTION

The date of the Young Communist League's Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg Memorial and Pageant was incorrectly announced in Monday's Daily Worker as taking place Jan. 1. The correct date is Jan. 15 at St. Nicholas Palace.

# BOOKS of the DAY

By EDWIN SEAVER

IN THE BOUNDLESS optimistic preface to the 1855 edition of "Leaves of Grass," Walt Whitman wrote: "The proof of a poet is that his country absorbs him as affectionately as he has absorbed it."

If this be the proof of a poet, then it might be said that Walt Whitman has either failed or has not yet been tested. America has by no means begun to absorb him as affectionately as he absorbed it. And if we consider the almost entire negligence with which his great work is treated in both the primary and the secondary schools of our country—and, for the most part, in our colleges as well—we may wonder if Whitman's optimism was not mere sentimentality.

Not that I think it was. The pioneer, revolutionary America that provided such fruitful themes for our greatest poet was increasingly overshadowed by the plutocracy that came into the saddle after the Civil War. And the revolutionary, working class America to whom Whitman primarily addressed his poems was still to come as a great regenerating force in our national life. Whitman, who our more advanced critics of the past decades told us was dedicated to the dead pioneer dream, stands forth today, in view of contemporary world events, in a new light. He stands forth dedicated to the living, revolutionary future of America, the America that shall be when the country belongs to the masses who made it great.

## What's On

- Boston**  
Enroll now. Class in "Science in a Changing World." Six Monday evenings beginning Dec. 28. Progressive Labor School, 330 Newbury St., Commonwealth 5062.
- Chicago, Ill.**  
"Spain and the Future of Europe" will be discussed by Ben Nearing on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1937, 2:30 P.M. at 159 N. State St. A.S.P.: American League Against War and Fascism.  
"A Pleasant Evening Party" will take place Saturday, Dec. 26, 8 P.M. at 1214 N. Lincoln St., 3rd floor. Entertainment and refreshments. A.S.P.: 32nd Ward Br. C.P. Benefit: Press Campaign, Adm. free.
- Detroit, Mich.**  
All workers are urged to support the affair at Marlin Hall, 4939 Marlin, Sunday, Dec. 27 at 6 P.M. P.M. proceeds for the "Revolutionary Soviet movies, concert, dance, refreshments, N.S.P.: Communist Party.
- Newark, N. J.**  
Dine! Wine! Dance! Lift the Lid. New Year's Eve Cabaret and Floor Show, at Krug's Hall. A.S.P.: Communist Party.
- Philadelphia, Pa.**  
"The American University Discovers Marx," a lecture by Albert E. Blumberg, of Johns Hopkins University, Sunday, Dec. 27, 4 P.M. Philadelphia People's Forum, 311 S. Juniper St. Subs. 25c.  
"New Year's Eve Ball, Grand Fraternity Hall, 1628 Arch Street. Music by Kentucky Carols. Dancing. U.S. 3 in the morning. A.S.P.: Communist Party, Dist. 3. Adm. 50c.

# Opera Star



Janina Kuczynska, Polish dramatic soprano, appearing with the New York Hippodrome Opera Company.

# Gilbert Miller Breaks a Record

When "Promise" Opens He Will Have Four Plays On Broadway

With the presentation of "Promise" at the Little Theatre next Wednesday evening Gilbert Miller will break a theatrical record of long standing in New York: he will have four plays simultaneously on Broadway.

Two years ago another producer happened to have four plays currently running for two days that is, one that was about to close having opened—but only one of those productions of that producer was a success.

Not so Gilbert Miller. With "Promise" he will have a fourth play running, three of them assured hits. The fate of "Promise" is as yet unknown.

It is from the pen of Henri Bernstein, author of such well-remembered hits as "The Thief," "The Secret," "Israel" and "Melo." The play has enjoyed a very long run in Paris and in its present English version was also a popular success in London.

It brings before American audiences for the first time the distinguished English actor, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who has in his astonishing career on the London stage played such various roles as Cap'n Andy in "Show Boat," Walter Connolly's part in "The Late Christopher Bean," John Halliday's part in "Tovarich," and Lickchese in Shaw's "Widower's Houses."

Another important acting debut in "Promise" will be that of Jean Forbes-Robertson, daughter of Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, who is somewhat an English version of our Eva Le Gallienne in that she has played a tremendous variety of modern and classic roles and maintained her own company in London and other parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

The remainder of the cast includes Irene Browne, seen here in "The Country Wife" and "Conversation Piece" with Yvonne Pringle and Pierre Fresnay, and a well-known actress in London; Frank Lawton, who is well-remembered for his principal role in the motion picture of "David Copperfield" and his stage role in "The Wind and the Rain," Louise Platt, the young American actress who, in two brief roles in "A Room in Red and White" and "Spring Dance," has given promise of becoming one of our major younger players; and Thomas Collins, well-known British musical comedy star.

"Promise," as in the case of the other three successes of Mr. Miller, has been staged by that busy producer.

**Over the Kilocycles**  
Jan Pearce, popular tenor who is heard with Rubinoff and his Violin each Sunday over the CBS network at 6:30 P.M., EST, has a paid-up card in the musicians' union, having begun his musical career as a violinist at the age of 16. While a student at Valparaiso University Wayne King was a football and basketball star. . . . Suzy Woods, the dizzy dame on Jack Pearl's program, is your old friend Mae Questel, the Betty-Boop girl of the animated cartoons. . . . Smilin' Ed McConnell traces his ancestry back to Capt. John Smith.

# NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

## Weill Discusses 'Eternal Road'

Composer Kurt Weill Discusses Music and Speech in "The Eternal Road"

"The Eternal Road," which will have its world premiere Monday evening, Jan. 4, at the Manhattan Opera House, was first envisioned by Max Reinhardt, who called upon the celebrated Franz Weill to write the text and Kurt Weill to compose the music.

"We met to discuss its creation in the summer of 1934," Kurt Weill revealed in a recent interview, "and from that time on have worked with one common purpose—to fashion a play which would best present the simple, human, universal values of the Old Testament."

"Our task," said Mr. Weill, "was to bind speech and music into perfect fusion, to have the score an integral part of the play, so that the action would be more perfectly communicated and dramatically heightened by the power of the music."

"I set to work in the fall of 1934, putting to paper all the Hebrew melodies I had learned from childhood. I had an abundance of material. My father, who is a cantor and composer, had set great store upon my learning this heritage. In several days' memory seeking, I had written about two hundred songs, and then I began work at the Bibliotheque Nationale to trace their sources as far as possible.

"Many I discovered had been composed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, some borrowed from the most surprising sources, from opera, 'hit-songs' of the time, street tunes, concert music, and symphonies. Those I dismissed, retaining only the old music, and with that as my guide, I attempted to create music of the same mood that would communicate naturally and inevitably the stories of the Old Testament."

"The music is always integral with the action. It is not singing in the sense of opera. The actor, whenever he sings, sings with his natural voice, the voice he would use to give speech its highest intensity.

"In general I have found that actors in 'The Eternal Road,' as well as the Group Theatre in 'Johnny Johnson,' are astonishingly musical, and that one can impose greater musical difficulties upon them than any one can imagine. At all times we have tried to achieve the perfect balance between the acting and singing."

## STARS IN REVUE OF ERIKA MANN

Leading members of the company of Erika Mann's "Peppermill" are Therese Giehse Simpson, the Munich star and comedienne, who played leading roles in "Three-Penny Opera," Bruno Frank's "Strom in a Tea Cup," and other successes abroad; Lotte Goddar, mimic and dance caricaturist, formerly of the Winter Garden and the Kabaret der Komik in Berlin; Magnus Henning, who has also composed songs and incidental music for the entertainment, and Sybelle Schloss.

## "AWAKE AND SING" AT BRIGHTON

Clifford Odets' "Awake and Sing" will be presented today and tomorrow and Sunday at the Brighton Beach Theatre at Brighton Beach and Ocean Parkway. There will also be matinees every day.

## "Crime and Punishment" Shown at People's Center

The French production of "Crime and Punishment" with Harry Baur in the leading role will be shown Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at the American People's Center, 308 W. 59th St. at 8:30 P. M.

## The Ruling Clawss



"A bonus! How can you be mercenary on such a HOLY day?"

# The Show Goes On



Tonight at the Winter Garden, the Vincente Minelli musical starring Beatrice Lillie and Bert Lahr, opens its doors. Above are Grace Barrie and seated with her is the gentleman known as The Dummy.

# It Might Have Been a Neurosis Unless It Was Bull Montana

At Any Event Charlie Washburn Wrote a Play About Press Agents Called "All Editions"

ALL EDITIONS—A comedy by Charles Washburn and Clyde North presented by Julius Morgan. Directed by Clyde North. Settings designed by Cirker and Robbins.

THE CAST  
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Rollo Hepeworth ..... Franklyn Day  
Page ..... Eric Udo  
Clarence Glass ..... Walter N. Greas  
Drake ..... John Zoller  
Bernie Head ..... Jerry Sloane

The piffing profession of press-agency comes under the scrutiny of theatre audiences this week at the Longacre Theatre where Charles Washburn and Clyde North contrive to present what they call a play which they call "All Editions."

To discover the reason for this production you must know that Mr. Washburn is one of the best Broadway theatrical press agents extant. He is also a nice fellow.

He tells good stories, writes excellent publicity puffs, knows all the boys, eats crab meat au gratin at the Tavern on West 48th Street and otherwise is in the technical swim.

Mr. Washburn, like so many other press agents, aches to be a playwright. Some publicity hounds ache to be scenarists; others have pangs of hunger for the money which producers sometimes make. It's all very complicated—this business of creating reputations for people who deserve no reputations and getting well paid for it—sometimes.

But Mr. Washburn's ideas of what constitutes a play are so curious that "All Editions" turns out to be more like the report of a neurotic's dream, as related by Freud to Jung circa 1888. Unquestionably Mr. Washburn did not have psycho-analysis in mind when he started out. However, his frequent allusions to sex, his mixture of freaks, prostitutes, gangsters, revivalists together with his utter disregard for logic, locale, motivation and other sine-qua-nons of playwrighting resembles the disjointed vapors of a concatenated libido in distress. Paul Green could have done won-

dered with the theme in an extra scene for the third act of "Jimmy Johnson" and Morris Carnovsky as the mad psychiatrist might have walked onstage at any moment and turned "All Editions" into a hit.

However, Messrs. Green and Carnovsky are absent from the proceedings. The result is deplorable, despite the fact that Mr. Washburn's play, sometimes jerks into life. These occasions are due to ribald lines, the hip-sawing of Ruth Holden and Joseph Vitale's dope Chicago trigger man.

If you insist on being vindictive about "All Editions," we'd say that it falls into the class of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

And it sets us wondering whether press agents are not, after all, the effluvia of capitalism.

Well, even so . . . ho . . . hum!

By Charles E. Dexter

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# 'Janosik' a Powerful Film of Feudal Days

Tale of Slovak National Hero Comes to the Screen With Beauty and Superb Acting—Best Picture of Recent Months at Filmarte

JANOSIK—Directed by Mac Fric based on a story of J. Mahon. Photographed by F. Pecenka. Music by Milos Smetak. Produced by Lloyd Films.

THE CAST  
Janosik ..... Palo Bielik  
Anchka ..... Zlata Hadukova  
Janicko ..... Filip Davidik

By Dorothy Gates

The Filmarte Theatre knows how to pick 'em. Fast on the heels of "Carnival in Flanders" comes "Janosik," a stirring, exciting, warm and humorous film of the days of serfdom in what is now Czechoslovakia. The Filmarte Theatre is to be congratulated for its canny ability for choosing outstanding pictures.

"Janosik" is the tale of the Slovak national hero, a man who defied the feudal lords. Janosik showed the way to freedom, and died defending his ideals. To American audiences he is a Slovak Robin Hood, who stole from the rich to give to the poor.

The film tells of how Janosik's mother dies and his father is beaten to death by one of the governor's officials. Swearing revenge, Janosik takes to the mountains, where he gathers a band of followers. He robs and steals from the nobles and gives to the downtrodden peasants. He becomes the people's hero. Finally he is caught and tortured to death.

Don't get the impression, however, that the entire film is sombre, full of sorrow and unhappiness. Many scenes are rich in humor and charming in their execution. Particularly outstanding is the scene in which the brigands entertain the nobility at a dinner in the governor's house, the nobles of course blissfully unaware that these are Janosik's men.

Excellent Acting  
Janosik's dance of defiance before he is tortured to death, (and the feudal nobility could think of more methods of hideous and slow torture than Franco's fascists) is beautiful. As the man dances, refusing to sell himself or his people at the price of his own life, he becomes the symbol of the struggle for happiness and freedom from oppression. Special credit goes to Palo Bielik, as ex-gendarme, who discovered that he had greater acting ability than talent as a gendarme. Bielik infuses a nobility and beauty into his characterization.

The rest of company act with gusto and spirit. Blonde Zlata Hadukova, who plays Janosik's betrothed, is lovely to look upon and a good actress. To mention the names of the rest of the cast would take too much space. Let it suffice to say that they are all good.

What the Czech film industry lacks in quantity it makes up in quality. The elements of the film blend into a rounded whole. Outdoor scenes, shot in Herchov and Levoz, Czechoslovakia, are excellently photographed. The harsh and noisy crags of the Carpathians to which Janosik's band is forced to flee, symbolize the life of the peasants. The musical score and native songs, with their unusual minor harmonies, add to the force and strength of the film.

"Janosik" throws unusual light upon oppressed nationalities. It has more than usual validity because of the relation between present oppression, and rebellion against it, for those of us who are acutely conscious of the oppression and

terror that reigns through much of the world today.  
This is by far the best picture released in recent months. Don't miss it. You will regret it, if you do.  
Incidentally, Jan Mrkvy, who plays the executioner of Janosik in the film, fought on the side of the People's Front Government in Spain. He was killed during Franco's attack on Madrid.

## Female Tarzan At Rialto

JUNGLE PRINCESS—A Paramount production, story by Max Marcin, screen play by Cyril Hume, Gerald Geraghty and Gouverneur Morris, directed by Wm. Thiele, and presented at the Rialto Theatre.

By DAVID PLATT  
What! You haven't met the Jungle Princess—the female Tarzan! Here—let me introduce you, folks, meet Ulah! Dorothy Ulah Lamour! Remember the name because you'll probably see it in lights some day.

Ulah is an unusual primitive beauty in distress. Early in life she lost her parents in an elephant stampede. The stampede seems to have been lifted from an early Merion Cooper "Chang" I believe. Ulah was adopted by a flock of apes and a Hollywood lion named Lemo (not to be confused with Leo the MGM Lion—this is a Paramount film) who leaps into the air with the grace of Nijinsky and comes down usually on somebody's unwelcome neck with the grace of a gull. But when Ulah says Lemo no bite—Lemo obeys even in the midst of a good-sized piece of human trunk.

Ulah is some Jungle Princess. She's the whole show. The authors' treatment of the natives is absurd. Ray Milland isn't much of a jungle lover and Akin Tamiroff is a distinct disappointment but you'll like Ulah, Lemo and the Chimpanzee who is actually Man Mountain Dean in disguise or someone close to him.

Don't be alarmed though to find Ulah in the midst of the jungle with ample evidence of having been tampered with by the arts of civilized life: that is, a trained voice like a parched nightingale; rouged lips and cheeks, arched eyebrows, waved hair, manicured nails.

The story is by Max Marcin. That means a little excitement in plot. The screen play is by Cyril Hume and Gouverneur Morris. That means trouble. The comedian is Lynne Overman. That's a help.

## THE 10 BEST FILMS OF 1936

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