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## 3,000 SIT DOWN IN CLEVELAND FISHER PLANT

### 3,000 Stop Work When Company Postpones Parley with Union on Hours and Reinstatements—500 in Detroit Aluminum Sit-Down

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The entire Fisher Body plant here, largest in the city, employing 9,000 workers, was closed down today when nearly 3,000 in several departments began a sit-down.

Louis Spisak, president of the Fisher Body local of the United Automobile Workers of America, said the sit-down came when a scheduled conference with union representatives was postponed to 2:30 P.M. by the management.

A few workers who left the plant to inform union headquarters of developments inside said the sit-down was spontaneous and spread rapidly.

### REINSTATEMENTS SOUGHT

Among questions that the conference with the management was due to take up was adjustment of hours and reinstatement of laid-off workers.

This is the third and largest of Fisher Body plants (General Motors) to be brought to a standstill in the present series of strikes. The others are at Atlanta, Ga., and Kansas City, Mo. The tieup of these important plants for the General Motors system, comes as the United Automobile Workers placed again before the chief executives the demand for a conference to establish collective bargaining for all 211,000 workers in the corporation's far-flung empire.

### 500 Detroit Aluminum Workers Sit-Down

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—Discharge of a worker for union activity brought to a complete standstill Plant Number 3 of the Eohn Aluminum Company today when approximately 500 workers began a sit-down.

The company, which operates seven plants in the city, manufactures pistons and other automobile parts.

The sudden crippling of production caused the company to announce that it will close the plant "for inventory."

Meanwhile the shortage of glass for automobile windows, caused by the strike of flat glass workers, was felt more seriously today, as David H. Goodville, manager of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, announced that furnaces of two plants have already been put out and two more furnaces will be allowed to get in its two largest plants in Toledo.

General Motors has not yet replied to the second request of the United Automobile Workers for a general conference.

## NEWARK DARK AS ELECTRIC POWER FAILS

### Four Are Reported Dead in Generating Plant—Hospitals Use Gas

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 28 (UP).—All of Newark's 1,200 policemen were called to emergency duty tonight as darkness found the city's 450,000 inhabitants with almost no lights because of a major power failure.

The breakdown came at 3:34 P.M. when a high-tension cable at the power house of the Public Service Company blew out. Light and industrial electric power was suspended.

Thousands were marooned in elevators in office buildings, factories and apartment houses.

Homes, offices, restaurants and plants were left without lights.

Traffic lights went out. Trolley cars had their own power service and kept running.

Emergency gas lights supplied light for telephone operators in hospitals.

The Newark Airport—Eastern terminal for most big commercial airlines—was in darkness.

Belleville, an adjoining town, also was affected.

Jersey City police arrived here to aid in patrolling darkened streets.

The Newark Star Eagle was unable to print its last edition because of power failure. The Newark News used its own power.

Part of Kearny, N. J., lacked light. The power trouble developed at the Essex generating plant of the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. at Point-No-Point on the Passaic River.

Firemen used chemicals in dousing a short blaze. Emergency gas-line lights were hurried to hospitals for use in operating rooms.

A report spread in Newark that four men had been killed in the Essex generating plant, but this could not be confirmed immediately.

There was also a report that four men had been killed at a Public Service plant at Kearny, but that, too, was unconfirmed.

## BOSTON I.L.A. BATTLE OUSTS RYAN STOOGES

### Seamen Frustrate Ryan's Efforts to Provoke Battle on Docks

Joseph P. Ryan's continued threats of violence against striking seamen was borne out in action late last night, angry seamen charged.

Five strikers, members of the Provost Patrol of the Strike Committee, were attacked at 9 P.M. at the corner of 11th Avenue and 17th Street.

Their attackers drew up alongside in a large sedan and then leaped out of the car brandishing baseball bats. According to the seamen, they left with the parting shot:

"This is a present from Joe Ryan."

All five had to be treated for bruises and lacerations. John McQueen suffered a severe scalp wound and was taken to a hospital to have it stitched.

The other four were B. Phillips, T. Avin, J. Morrison and M. Turley.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—The eyes of 20,000 striking seamen along the Atlantic coast turned toward this city today with the announcement

that the biggest local of the I.L.A. in the East had ousted henchmen of Joseph P. Ryan and elected in their stead militant progressive officers.

The significance of the progressive victory in Local 800 here was understood in the entire maritime industry—for the new leadership, headed by Martin Flaherty, has been advocating strike action in solidarity with the seamen since the beginning of the Atlantic-Gulf walkout.

Under Flaherty's leadership, members of the same I.L.A. local boycotted unloading of a scab manned vessel, the S. S. Mobile City. At that time, Ryan was able to send the men back to work. Meantime, progressives prepared for the local election, held yesterday, defeating the Ryan machine by more than two to one. Local 800 has approximately 5,000 members and handles cargo for the entire Boston area.

### FULL SLATE NAMED

Aside from the election of Martin Flaherty as local president, the full slate of progressive candidates were swept into office—one of the severest setbacks the Ryan machine has suffered in years.

Daniel "Flash" Hurley received a two to one vote for local vice-president, while Tom Healy scored a similar victory for the office of secretary. Both men have been active with Flaherty in recent weeks in the local's fight against the Ryan strangle hold over Boston's dock workers.

Enthusiasm along the waterfront marked the election of the progressives and a special membership meeting has been called for tomorrow night to discuss the attitude

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## Death of 39 Miners Investigated in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—Investigation of the coal mine blast in which 39 workers perished last Thursday was begun today by the Federal Labor Department as the Union of Miners and Metallurgical Workers demanded full indemnity for the men's families.

Thirty-four workers were killed instantly when accumulated gas in the American-owned mines of the Compania Carbonifera de Sabinas at Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, exploded.

Yesterday's action follows by three weeks' eviction notices handed to about 700 tenants in condemned East Side tenements owned by savings banks.

Unwilling to repair the old-law slum tenements to comply with the provisions of the Multiple Dwelling Law, the banks decided to board up the houses after receiving vacating orders from the Tenement House Department.

At recent hearings of the New York City Housing Authority, welfare workers charged that the banks were seeking by the evictions to stampede the forthcoming session of the State Legislature into modifying or otherwise nullifying the Multiple Dwelling Law, thus legalizing unsanitary fire-traps.

## Third Xmas Baby

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28 (UP).—Harry Borden revealed today that his wife had surprised him for Christmas as usual. For the third consecutive time, Mrs. Borden gave birth to a son on Christmas eve.

## Slums Swept By Epidemic Of Influenza

### Doctors, Ambulance Drivers Rushed as Pulmonary Diseases Rise in Overcrowded Areas—Harlem Reported Suffering Most in City

Ambulance services were taxed to the limit yesterday as a serious outbreak of influenza and grippé, with children high in the list of those stricken, swept through the slum tenement house sections of the city.

The epidemic, attributed by physicians to poor ventilation in the slums during the unseasonable warm weather, centered in the overcrowded sections of Harlem, but there was also a sharp rise in pulmonary diseases in other sections of Manhattan, and in the Bronx and Brooklyn.

Manhattan police reported 1,690 ambulance calls in a little more than two days. Most of them came from East 104th Street, East 126th Street, West 100th Street, West 123rd Street and West 135th Street, Harlem areas.

### THOUSANDS OF CALLS

Fifty calls for ambulances were received in Manhattan between midnight and 8 A.M. yesterday, and 1,640 during the previous 48 hours.

In Brooklyn 2,226 ambulance calls were reported in the past four days—721 more than for the corresponding period a year ago.

The Coney Island, Beth Moses and Bushwick hospitals in Brooklyn recorded an increase in respiratory diseases.

All Bronx hospitals reported an increase.

Only the most serious cases were given hospitalization, ambulance physicians treating a large number of stricken persons in their homes.

### HARLEM WARDS CROWDED

Department of Health officials minimized the epidemic in an official announcement issued at department headquarters yesterday afternoon.

"There has been some increase in reports of cases of influenza in the last 72 hours," the Department of Health bulletin said. "There is no indication of a real outbreak of influenza at the present time."

But clanging ambulances told another story. The Harlem Hospital found pressure so great that it had to borrow ambulances from the Morrisania and Lincoln hospitals in the Bronx. The wards became overcrowded and patients were transferred to other hospitals. Most of the cases were pneumonia, grippé and bronchitis, doctors said.

### POOR HOUSING HIT

A New York Housing Authority spokesman showed great concern over reports of the epidemic.

"Bad ventilation and overcrowding in tenements has obviously contributed to the pulmonary disease epidemic," he said.

The housing spokesman cited the testimony of John J. Rice, Commissioner of Health.

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## ERB Strike Body Set 3 p.m. Deadline

### Call Held in Abeyance Pending Court Ruling and Last Word from Finegan on Open Civil Service Examinations

Emergency Relief Bureau workers will make known by 3 p.m. today their decision to strike or not against the decision of the Municipal Civil Service Commission that they must take competitive examinations tomorrow. Meanwhile, their strike committee

The agreement to keep the actual decision in abeyance until 3 p.m. today was made at a meeting of the strike committee last night at headquarters of the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies, 235 Seventh Avenue.

Reasons for the action were, according to spokesmen for the committee:

1) That James E. Finegan, president of the Civil Service Commission, promised to render a decision at noon today on the request of an A. W. P. R. A. delegation that he postpone the examination.

2) That decision on a stay of the examination is to be rendered today by Supreme Court Justice Samuel L. Rosenman.

Flaherty was served with a summons last night to attend the hearing on an application for an injunction.

The hearing that may still result in an eleventh-hour postponement of the examination, is scheduled for 10 a. m. today, in Part 2. Special term, Supreme Court. The petitioners for the injunction are a group of WPA workers who are investigators for the ERB.

## Take Up Fund Drive, Plans in Your Unit At Meeting Tonight

At all unit and branch meetings tonight, plans for speeding the Daily and Sunday Worker should be discussed.

## 18 PLANES, 411 ENGINES HERE TO GO TO SPAIN

### U.S. Forced to Admit No Law Bars Exports or Volunteers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Washington die-hards were agitated today because of the increase in American citizens' participation in the anti-fascist army in Spain.

With the greatest reluctance, the State Department today gave consent to the shipment of \$2,770,000 worth of second hand airplanes to Bilbao, Spanish government port in northern Spain. The shipment consisted of 18 complete planes, and 411 engines and spare parts.

Every previous request has been so severely frowned upon by the government officials that the attempt has always been given up, said Joseph C. Green, chief of the arms and munitions control division of the State Department.

Today's licenses were granted only after the department officials had tried every sort of pressure on Robert Coe, president of the Vimalet Co., of New Jersey, the exporter.

### NO EMBARGO

Officials said they hoped that within the two months time that will be required to recondition the planes, some law could be passed that would allow them to prevent the shipment going to the Spanish government.

It was pointed out here that this action of the State Department was purely officious, as there is no embargo on export of planes except when the President declares one, and then only when two or more countries are at war.

Under international law, refusal to sell munitions to the legal and recognized Spanish government in the absence of a general embargo against all countries or any attempt to place it on a par with the rebellion of Franco is an outrageous infringement on the sovereignty of Spain, and is very near to being an act of war against the Spanish government.

### ATTACK VOLUNTEERS

The provision of technical military aid by Americans to Spain and the prospects of a great increase in such aid in the near future has speeded the most reactionary senators and representatives to rush through their bills to take away citizenship from Americans fighting in the Spanish Loyalist army.

Chairman Sam D. McNoy of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said he would meanwhile urge the Department of Justice to apply the section of the criminal code providing \$3,000 fine or a year in prison for enlistment of Americans in a foreign war. This law applies only to wars between nations, while men enlisted inside the U.S.A., but McNoy said he will talk a lot about it in order to try and frighten American anti-Fascist volunteers.

Chairman Joe Pittman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator William E. Borah were most vigorous in their demand for withdrawing American citizenship from the American Squadron.

Other bills, including such famous filers as Bert Acosta, Capt. Gordon Barry, Eddie Schneider and Major Frederick Lord.

"I feel that the State Department has acted wisely," said Senator Gerald P. Nye in comment today on the issuing of the license for export of airplanes to Spanish government agents. However, he went on to add, "It is up to Congress to place in the State Department's hands a more potent weapon. I think we'll do it during the coming Congress." Nye headed the Senate's investigation of the munitions industry.

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## MILITIA WEDGE ATTACK NEARS CARABANHEL

### Offensive Aimed to Split Foe's Lines Near Getafe Area After Success in 4 Hour Fight to Take Usera—55 Die in Air Raid on Santander

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Two thousand Nazi Blackshirt and Brown-shirt troops, 150 airplane pilots and mechanics are being concentrated at Munich as the next contingent of "volunteers" for the Spanish fascists, it was reliably reported here today.

MADRID, Dec. 28 (UP).—Government troops recaptured Usera in hard week-end fighting and prepared today to inaugurate the eighth week of the siege of Madrid by trying to drive a wedge toward Carabanchel Alto.

Success of this maneuver would split the insurgents on a line between the Getafe area and the Boadilla-Pozuelo front, and put Loyalists in a strong strategic position to launch flank attack on either side.

The government troops advanced about one mile on the Carabanchel-Barrio-Usera sector as a result of the surprise attack Sunday, indicating preparations to take the offensive are about to be translated into concrete action.

The battle for Usera took four hours. The attack began at a point in Carabanchel sector known as El Basuero. An advance artillery barrage punished the fascists severely. Loyalist officers said. Troops directed by Col. Mena occupied the extreme position on the right side.

The advancing troops found several abandoned tanks. Loyalist sources said the Usera position was important strategically as it dominated the whole sector and made a further advance into Carabanchel comparatively easy. Both sides suffered heavy losses.

### 55 Die, 60 Wounded in Santander Air Raid

SANTANDER, Spain, Dec. 28 (UP).—Fifty-five persons were killed and 60 wounded, it was announced today, when fascist airplanes bombed Maliano, suburb of Santander.

The victims were civilians, most of them women and children. The bombardment occurred yesterday.

Five government fighting planes drove off the fascist fleet, which was made up of 18 planes.

### British Move Embassy to Valencia

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British government today ordered its Madrid embassy moved to Valencia, where the Spanish government is now. The official announcement

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## U.S.S.R. HEARS MEETING IN SPAIN ON AIR

### Millions of Soviet Workers Hear of Komsomol Sinking Decree in Valencia

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—For the first time in history all the speeches and proceedings of a united front mass and delegate meeting of 3,000 people in Valencia, Spain, were relayed by radio throughout the Soviet Union and heard by millions of Soviet workers.

La Pasionaria, representatives of all the government parties, and delegates of the Spanish Republican navy were plainly heard declaring in flaming words their abhorrence of the atrocious crime committed by the Spanish fascists in sinking the Soviet motor ship Komsomol and executing its crew.

Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo was one of the speakers.

One thought and one judgment permeated all the discussion at the Valencia meeting:

### NAZIS RESPONSIBLE

"Not only the Spanish fascist headquarters at Burgos, but the fascist capitals of Berlin and Rome are responsible for the sinking of the Komsomol!"

The Valencia meeting adopted unanimously a resolution saying: "Over 3,000 persons meeting in

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## NAVAL PATROL OF SPAIN COAST IS PROPOSED

### But Governments Will Not Confirm Reports of 6-Power Plan

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A plan for a six-power naval patrol of the Spanish coast line to really enforce the non-intervention pact is being talked about here and in Paris, but no responsible government official has identified himself with it publicly.

The countries proposed for the patrol are Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy and Portugal. The first suggestion of the plan came in a letter to the London Times last week by the well-known journalist Vernon Bartlett, who presented a detailed scheme, including partial blockade of Spanish ports.

Since it is obvious that the commanders of ships of the last three named countries would stop arms for the Spanish government and let arms for the fascists go through, Bartlett proposed that several officers of the other navies be carried on each ship.

### PROPOSALS VEILED

It was recalled here today that the only definite proposal hitherto for a similar patrol was made by the Soviet Union last summer to France and England, and was vetoed by them.

It is difficult to find out exactly what the English, German, French and Italian governments are proposing. There is a bewildering variety of rumors, all given on the authority of unnamed "foreign office spokesmen" in all these capitals, and many of them later denied, on just as vague authority. Some of the rumors and details are undoubtedly inspired by the various foreign offices, as "trial balloons," but nobody knows certainly which ones.

Today the unnamed "foreign office spokesmen" in Berlin denied that any ultimatum was sent to

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COLUMN LEFT!

British Principles of Copper Mr. Arita on the Pan An Endurance Test For Bronxites

By Harrison George

PARIS correspondent recites the reported change in British attitude toward fascist General Franco in a factual vein that is, at the same time, amusing.

Franco, he says, is expecting more help from Germany, and—"is paying for that help with copper from Rio Tinto... Even though Rio Tinto mines do not belong to him, he has managed recently to hold up the normal delivery of the output to the real owners and to have large shipments sent to Hamburg."

This, says he, is riling the British, for the Rio Tinto mines belong to British investors, mind you. And the British, he says, have—"determined to put an end to this curious method of purchasing foreign help with their property."

So, behind a great fanfare of humanitarian concern about the spread of war, the British government is trying to save British copper. Being in Paris, the correspondent, perhaps, feels free in being quite frank about the British, so he remarks:

"That infringement of commercial rights has perhaps more than any question of principle, doctrine or even political interest, changed British attitude toward the Spanish civil war." Copper is malleable. It bends. And so do British imperialist principles.

FROM Tokio news dispatches we gather that the life of Japan's foreign minister is not a happy one.

Mr. Hachiro Arita, the gent in question, "is accused of mistakes," says the N. Y. Times correspondent. And critics of his way of doing things are many and loud.

Arita, you will recall, recently signed the German-Japanese Pact, which everybody knows is a military alliance for war, firstly against the Soviet Union, and generally against all peaceful, democratic nations of the world. As one result, the Soviet Union refused for a time to sign a new treaty granting Japanese permission to fish in Soviet waters, and finally granted such permission for one year only.

Now, it appears that Japanese critics of Arita do not call the wisdom of the German-Japanese Alliance into question at all. They, too, at least the ones who are most vocal, are in favor of that pact. But they point with contempt at Mr. Arita's clumsy way of going about it. He failed in the first and most basic requirement of an imperialist diplomat: He failed to lie, to conceal the truth.

Thus we have the correspondent's version saying:

"He is accused of having omitted to tell Britain, which should have been told in confidence; and of disclosing the German negotiations to Russia, which should not have been told till the fisheries treaty was safe."

Obviously, this is a serious charge to bring against any imperialist diplomat.

SOMETIMES we marvel how the Bronxites manage to digest their bagyles and herring. But, if they can stand that much, perhaps they can endure hearing yours truly speak, in behalf of Friends of Column Left, INC., tonight at Twelve Seventy-four 106 Avenue.

WHAT'S ON

Philadelphia New Year's Eve Ball, Grand Fraternity Hall, 1628 Arch Street, Music by Kentucky Cardinals. Dancing until 3 P.M. in the morning. A.S.P.: Communist Party. Admission Soc.

Chicago, Ill. Cultural Collective New Year's Eve Big Show, Bannockburn and Orchestra, Capitol Bldg., 159 N. State St. Call Nevada 1896 for reservations. Note: a share of the proceeds to go to Medical Aid Fund for the Spanish People.

"Spain and the Future of Europe" will be discussed by Scott Nearing on Sunday, January 5th, 1937, 2:30 P.M. at 155 N. State St. A.S.P.: American League Against War and Fascism.

New Year's Eve Party and Dance, benefit of Daily & Sunday Worker, Vining Temple, School and Shemfield. Celebrate New Year's Eve with 31st Ward Branch (East) of the C.P. at 273 W. Hirsch Blvd. Ekaterine Beer show, dancing continuously to a lively orchestra until—Excellent funds prepared in the dining room. Concessions, decorations, frolic, fun. Adm. 35 cents.

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

Boston, Mass. New Year's Ball of the Communist Party of Boston at Convention Hall, 56 St. Nicholas St. Refreshments. Free Will Contribution. Tickets can be obtained at 8 Beach St.

Roxbury, Mass. Celebrate New Year's Eve at the I.W.O. Community Center, 42 Wrentham St., Roxbury. Concert 9-11 P.M. Dancing 11-3 A.M.

BRITAIN, TOKIO TO SCRAP PACT ON WAR FLEET

Notify U. S. They Will Exceed London Naval Treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Great Britain and Japan formally notified the U. S. Department of State here today that they were going to have war navies in excess of the strength allowed by the London Naval Treaty.

It has been known for some time that the two countries planned this increase in their navy. Acting Secretary of State R. Walton expressed gratification that the two naval powers concerned took advantage of the "escalator clause," the provision within the treaty by which it can be virtually nullified at any time, and did not simply violate the whole thing.

Walton added that the United States had not yet notified London and Tokyo as to what naval building the United States might now proceed to do.

The official notification from London was that five light cruisers were to be retained as anti-aircraft vessels. The Japanese announced that they were retaining 15,595 tons of submarines which under the treaty would have been discarded.

Simpson to Speak Here On January 6

Victory Meeting for Released Seaman at St. Nicholas

The victory of the release of Lawrence Simpson from a Nazi jail will be celebrated on January 6 in a meeting at St. Nicholas Palace, 69 West 6th Street, New York, at which he will be the main speaker. It was announced today by Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the International Labor Defense.

"The wonderful, unbroken spirit of this American seaman after 18 months imprisonment, cut off from all contact with the world outside, is exemplified in his radioed message from the brig of the S.S. President Roosevelt," Miss Damon said.

"Striking aboard ship in solidarity with the maritime unions—of which he is a member—Simpson radioed: 'Greetings from our German comrades. Build the United Front. Hold the fort.'"

"This is the message of a man who has come through hell unbroken. His health has certainly been seriously impaired by his imprisonment. The last time he was seen by a friend was when Gifford Cochran visited him in Moabit prison last June. That was before his trial. At that time Mr. Cochran reported that Simpson 'looked as sick as any man I ever saw.'"

"It was the labor movement of the United States that forced Simpson's release, by incessant bombardment of the German authorities and of our own State Department, which was unwilling for a long time to take diplomatic action on behalf of this American citizen. The labor movement, at least in New York, will have opportunity, on Jan. 6, to greet Simpson and to celebrate its victory."

The Simpson Victory Meeting is being arranged under joint auspices of the International Labor Defense, the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, and the seamen's Joint Strike Committee of the Port of New York.

Schleswig Danes Aroused Over Nazi Broken Promises

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28.—The Danish population in South Schleswig is much aroused over Hitler's cynical breach of promises to the national minorities in the Third Empire.

This Danish population has had certain guarantees against violent assimilation by the Germans and against destruction of Danish culture ever since it was conquered by Germany in the middle of last century. When the Nazis took power, they promised to continue these guarantees.

But now, says the "Flensburger Avis," newspaper of the Schleswig Danes, the Nazi government has ordered that the children of the Danish minority population shall go through the regular organizational and propaganda mill: first as members of the Hitler Youth, then in forced labor camps, and finally in the army.

101 Railways Net 65 Million in Month

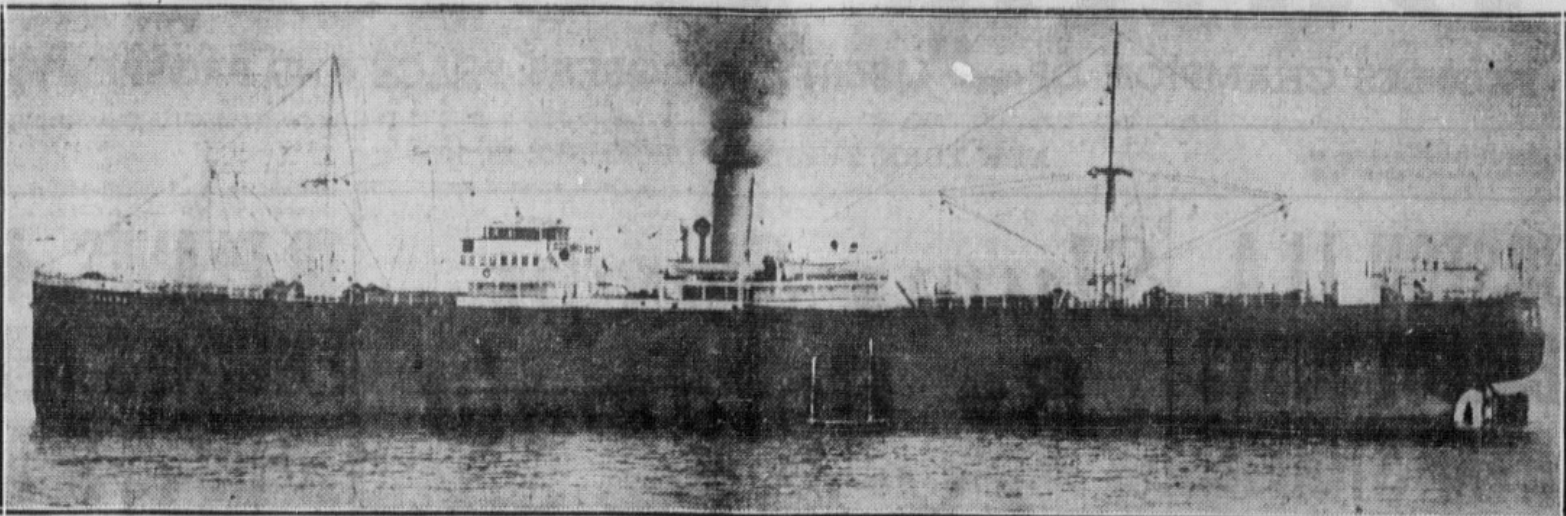
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Preliminary reports from 101 Class One Railroads showed a net railway operating income of \$65,906,297 for November, compared with \$48,979,493 in the same month last year.

Total operating revenues were \$326,608,056 for November, compared with \$274,282,559 for the same month last year, an increase of 19.1 per cent. Taxes paid in November by the reporting railroads amounted to \$24,375,204, compared with \$15,404,826 in November, 1935, an increase of 48 per cent.

LAUNCH DEATH TOLL 21

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 28 (UP).—Death toll in the Christmas excursion launch disaster reached 21 today when 10 more bodies were found floating in the harbor.

Saved From Auction Block by Court Stay



The Spanish vessel, S.S. Navemar, anchored off Sandy Hook in New York harbor. The United States Marshal was supposed to put it on the auction block yesterday for some debts owed a drydock, but a court decision stopped the sale. The court wanted the question of ownership determined as the company is trying to seize the vessel in direct violation of Spanish law.

GANDHI BIDS AGAIN FOR LEADERSHIP

Quits Retirement in Speech to 10,000 Indian Congress

BOMBAY, Dec. 28.—The Indian National Congress closed its sessions today with a call to all India to fight the Government of India Act, to refuse service in the British army, and to boycott the "durban" or coronation ceremonies of George VI when he becomes emperor of India.

Refusal to participate in any war in which the British empire might be involved and to refuse to contribute either money or men to such a war was the first resolution adopted. Jawaharlal Nehru, president of the congress, accused the British government of seeking to cooperate with Fascist governments.

The congress will put up 1,200 candidates for legislative seats under the Government of India Act, but this, it was explained, is for the purpose of "wrecking the Act."

There will also be a nation-wide protest strike on April 1, when the Act goes into force.

BOMBAY, Dec. 28.—Mahatma Gandhi today ended a three-year "retirement from politics," itself a political act, by making a new bid for the leadership of the Indian nationalist movement.

In a speech to the 10,000 delegates assembled at the Nationalist Congress at Palampur village, he asked to be elected head of the movement, and pledged his willingness "to go to jail or to the scaffold" if necessary.

He declared "non-resistance to be the 'only means of gaining independence,'" although he admitted that hitherto such a program had failed to appeal to the Indian people.

Gandhi's program was that of non-participation in the government of the British government's salement, refusal to pay taxes, violation licensing system by making salt directly from the sea, and refusal to buy British cloth.

An important feature of his program was the fight against "Western Satanism," namely society based on manufacture by machinery. Gandhi's followers spun and wove cotton cloth by hand with primitive spinning wheels and portable looms. He did not advise non-payment of rent, and had close relations with the money lending fraternity.

His whole program was pacifist, making a virtue of suffering and martyrdom. Gandhi dramatically "quit" the leadership in 1934 when aroused sections of those desiring independence became convinced that pure pacifism and mere return to primitive culture could not win against British imperialism.

Election Leaflets Urge Labor Party Support in Finland

HELSINKI, Dec. 28.—Election leaflets circulated to "the toiling population of our country" call on all to vote in the approaching presidential elections for the ticket headed by K. J. Stahlberg and the Labor Party candidate Valno Tanner.

"By all means vote down the Finnish reaction and Finnish Fascism, grouped back of the man who has been president for the last six years, Pehr Evind Svinhufvud," say the leaflets.

The Communist Party has been illegal in Finland since 1926, and since 1930 no person known to be a Communist has been allowed to run for any public office.

Philippine Trade Parley in Spring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—First conferences looking toward stabilization of trade between the United States and the Philippine Islands will take place when President Manuel Quezon of the Island Commonwealth visits the mainland next spring, the State Department said tonight.

These conversations, it was indicated, will be of an informal and exploratory nature. A joint committee of American and Filipino experts may be set up afterward to plot the agenda of a projected trade conference provided under the Tydings-McDuffie Independence Bill. The State Department said no attempt would be made during the forthcoming meetings to seek mutual advantage.

Mine Engineer, 47, First American to Die in Spain

Leo Fleischman, Former Columbia Student, Killed by Fascists in Munition Factory Explosion in Madrid

America's first casualty in the stirring battle of the Spanish people against fascism is Leo Fleischman, 47-year-old mining engineer and former United States Army captain of New York.

Details of the death of Fleischman, former student at Columbia University and graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines, were disclosed by his Spanish wife, Ernestina Gonzalez, in New York yesterday.

Fleischman was killed in an explosion of a Madrid munition factory on October 17, she said. He was head of the plant.

FASCIST SABOTAGE The blast was the result of fascist sabotage and resulted in the deaths of 25 girls and seven men besides Fleischman. Reports of the explosion were published in fascist papers in Burgos almost before it occurred showing that the Franco forces had plotted the accident.

The American engineer went to Spain in 1932—a year after he was married in New York—and lived in Madrid since then. During the October revolt in 1934, he was active as a correspondent for a number of publications and aided the fight of the Asturian miners with financial support.

IN 5TH REGIMENT He enlisted in the Fifth Regiment in Madrid the first day of the fascist outbreak on July 18 and was immediately put in charge of supplies in the regiment. Later because of his experience as a machine gun instructor for the A.E.F. during the World War he was put at the head of the munition factory in which he was killed.

His death was mourned by many of his friends in the Spanish People's Front and his wife received a message of condolence from Commander Enrique Lister of the Fifth Regiment.

'FRIEND OF ALL' The commander wrote: "He was the friend of all of us, a fine comrade who made himself beloved by everyone who knew him. With untiring work and grand intelligence, he was the first in the ranks of the fight. In it he sacrificed his young life."

"As the leader of the international proletariat, the most beloved man of the workers of the world, Comrade Stalin has said: 'To free Spain from fascism is to defend the cause of humanity everywhere, and our indomitable Leo died accomplishing this.'"

30,000 More Irish Leader National Guard Brands O'Duffy Officers Asked As Murderer

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—From the automobile and copper (war industries) state of Michigan national guard and reserve officers prepared today to demand a federal appropriation to train 30,000 more reserve officers.

Major James E. Murphy, commanding officer of the 319th Michigan Cavalry, said it was because of the threatening European crisis. Murphy said he and Major Edmund C. Fleming, president of the Michigan department of the Reserve Officers Association, would leave today for Washington to confer with Michigan senators and representatives on the proposal and other military matters.

Many Feared Dead In Gas Main Blast At Varese, Italy

VARESE, Italy, Dec. 28 (UP).—Many were believed killed and injured today when a gas main exploded beneath one of Varese's congested streets.

The explosion was heard for miles. It shattered surrounding windows and hurled pieces of pavement great distances, many of them hitting passersby.

Shortly after the explosion, seven dead and fifteen seriously injured had been found. It was believed there were more dead and that some of the injured would die.

Communists Raise \$3,657 Of \$5,901 in Spain Tag Day

Leading all other groups in collecting money to aid the Spanish people in their battle against fascism, the Communist Party and Young Communist League turned over \$3,657.15 to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy following Spanish Tag Day in New York on Nov. 26, final tabulation of receipts show.

A total of \$5,901.04 was collected by a number of organizations that participated in the tag day drive. The money will be used mainly for medical supplies for wounded on Spanish battlefields.

Complete figures on receipts follow: Organization Collected American League Against War and Fascism \$ 859.20 Icar 137.40 International Labor Defense 200.15 International Workers Order 105.54 Medical Bureau Friends of Spanish Democracy 211.33

The Socialist Party has promised to turn an additional check over to the committee.

WILKES-BARRE MEETING FOR SPAIN TONIGHT

4 Youth Envoys Will Speak at Rally to Raise Funds

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Four young Spaniards from the front lines of the Spanish battle for democracy will speak at a rally here tomorrow night in a drive by local progressives to raise funds to aid the defenders of Madrid.

In the group are Luis Simarro, wounded militia commander; Maria Simarro, his wife, a war orphanage director; Eugenio Imaz, Catholic Youth editor; and Josefina Ramirez, a Red Cross nurse.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Many trade union and progressive leaders have joined in the sponsoring committee for the rally for the four youthful Spanish envoys touring the country when they speak here Sunday, Jan. 3, at Central Auditorium.

Among those on the sponsoring group are: Joseph Stepany of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Martin Cole, president of the Hodcarriers and Common Laborers International Union local here; Charles Hogg of the Brotherhood of Letter Carriers; Steve Troxel, vice president of the Journeymen Barbers International Union local; Johnston, president of the Building Service Workers Association here; the Rev. Orville Jones; Rabbi Philo; Joe Cassals of the Spanish Anti-Fascist Committee; and Councilman I. Vagnozzi.

12 Found Dead In Plane Cabin In California

Searchers Discover Wreck After Crash in Mountains

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (UP).—A searching party tonight found the bodies of all 12 persons aboard a lost United Airlines transport plane which crashed in a blinding storm against a rocky ridge north of here last night.

The searchers moved into Placeitas Canyon area to the wreckage which flyers had sighted from the air.

All of the bodies were found inside the twisted cabin of the Boeing twin-motor all-metal plane. J. B. Fox, sheriff's inspector, who led a relief party late today brought back word of the fate of the nine passengers and three crew members aboard the plane.

ALL BODIES INSIDE Fox met returning members of the ground party about halfway up Rice Canyon, where the gray fuselage of the plane, its wings stripped off as it skidded through low trees, was wedged into the rocky bottom of the canyon.

Fox said he was informed all bodies were inside the fuselage, which apparently had plummeted to the canyon floor after its wings and landing gear were stripped off. Apparently all aboard were killed instantly, he said.

There was no fire, he said, indicating the pilot, Edwin F. Blom, had switched off the ignition shortly before the plane struck.

The ground party was led to the wreckage by a circling airplane. The canyon is approximately thirty-five miles north of Los Angeles.

Spanish Freighter Sale Postponed Pending Decision

Sale of the Spanish freighter Navemar for bills owed to a dry dock company was postponed yesterday by U. S. Marshal Albert C. Benninger to Jan. 4 pending a decision in the fight of the Spanish government to recover the boat from the private owners.

The boat which was seized by the Spanish government on its arrival in New York under a special Spanish law enacted because of the fascist revolt was given to the owner by a Federal Court judge. The Spanish consul is contesting the case, however, claiming the U. S. court has no jurisdiction in the case.

6,000 Cuban Ball Fans Cheer Gomez in Havana

Ten-Minute Ovation for Impeached President Is Slam at Fascist Batista—Cuban Congress Meets on Reorganization in Face of Crisis

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Francisco Castells, member of the Young Cuba organization, was killed by police today after they had surrounded him in a house in the Principe section where he had been hiding.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Six thousand baseball fans wildly cheered today for former President Miguel Mariano Gomez in his first public appearance as a private citizen since he was hastily railroaded out of office on Christmas eve.

The regular game of the Cuban Baseball League was interrupted for ten minutes while the people demonstrated for Gomez and against his fascist foe, Colonel Fulgencio Batista, who engineered the ousting of Gomez.

The Cuban congress reassembled today to make a complete reorganization of both houses in the face of growing resentment in the population over the impeachment of Gomez.

The demonstration on behalf of Gomez followed a parade of Batista's crack troops in front of the presidential palace, now occupied by President, formerly Vice-President, Federico Bru, a Batista henchman. The demonstration of armed force and a typical fascist pro-Bru demonstration over the week-end of a thousand "of the people" brought by train and auto from all parts of Cuba failed to dampen the popular opposition to the military fascist Batista regime.

The Batista bill to establish militarized rural schools passed the chamber of representatives today by 145 to 13, and became a law. This is the bill for vetoing of which President M. M. Gomez was impeached and thrown out of office. There was no discussion.

'Better to Die,' Says Pope, Losing Hope

Outward Optimism as to His Condition Belied by New Ailment

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28.—Pope Pius despaired of his recovery today when he suffered from a slight hemorrhage of the paralyzed left leg, and told a church official: "In this condition I cannot be Pope; it is better to die."

Physicians attending the 79-year-old Pontiff continue to be outwardly hopeful. Hardly a morning passes without the usual communique: "The Holy Father passed a comfortable night."

It is not disguised among those closest to him, however, that the Pope is no better, is suffering from circulatory congestion, requires heart stimulants, suffers great pain from neuritis, and may take a sudden turn for the worse at any time. The Pope is entirely confined to his bed now, and is able to see few people. All routine church affairs are handled by subordinates.

Soviet - Japan Sign Fishing Pact For One Year

TOKYO, Dec. 28.—The Japanese government has signed the agreement with the Soviet Union for a one-year extension of the old fisheries treaty, expiring Thursday at midnight.

A formal new eight-year treaty, giving them greater freedom to the 280 Japanese vessels fishing in Soviet waters, was negotiated but the Soviet Union refused to sign after the Japanese-Nazi anti-Soviet agreement was announced.

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# MINNEAPOLIS C.L.U. SCORES GREEN POLICIES

## Unanimously Endorses Adverse Report of Tampa Sessions

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—The Minneapolis Central Trades and Labor Union at its regular meeting gave unanimous endorsement to the report of Sender Genis, its delegate to the Tampa convention of the A. F. of L., and the stand against Green's reactionary policies that he has taken.

Genis, who is manager of the Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers here, outlined the reactionary role that the executive council of the A. F. of L. took prior to and at the Tampa convention.

Instead of discussing how to preserve democracy and unity in the A. F. of L. unions, the Tampa convention under domination of the Green-Wool group did everything possible to crush democracy and unity, Genis said in his report.

Mary Van Kleeck, advocate of social insurance, also addressed the central body on social security.

# Union Leader Hits Copper Bosses' Stand

## Refusal to Bid Under Walsh-Healey Act Is Condemned

DENVER, Dec. 28 (U.S.).—Refusal of copper companies to bid on government contracts for the Navy, on account of the Walsh-Healey Act "speaks in a loud and determined voice of the attitude the copper magnates take toward not only organized labor, but the constituted authorities exemplified in the representative form of government of the Congress of the United States," says John M. Sherwood, secretary-treasurer, International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

The Walsh-Healey Act provides for "prevailing" wages, a 40-hour maximum work week, no employment of child labor and for other labor standards on government work. The Navy sought bids for 2,600,000 pounds of copper, but no bids appeared, as the companies were maneuvering to claim exemption from the terms of the act.

"This move on the part of the copper trust simply points out the necessity of the government having ownership of metal mines, to the extent that their supply of any metal cannot be threatened by subversive action on the part of selfish individuals who will go to any lengths to gain control of the country's resources," Sherwood declared.

# U. S. Buys Gold In 'Sterilization' Program on Credit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., revealed today the Treasury has already purchased a quantity of gold under the new "sterilization" program designed to check credit inflation.

The purchase will appear as a new item, "inactive gold fund," in the daily Treasury statement for December 24, being issued tomorrow.

The gold was purchased with funds from the government's deposits with Federal Reserve Member banks.

These funds are listed in the statement as "special depositories account of sales of government securities."

Later, the Treasury will replace the "borrowed" funds with proceeds from the sale of short term bills.

# Lewis to Broadcast On Nat'l Hookup New Year's Eve

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, leading the drive to organize the nation's basic industries, will speak over a national radio hookup New Year's eve.

Lewis will address labor throughout the country over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company, Thursday, Dec. 31, between 7:30 and 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time. The subject of his talk will be "Industrial Democracy."

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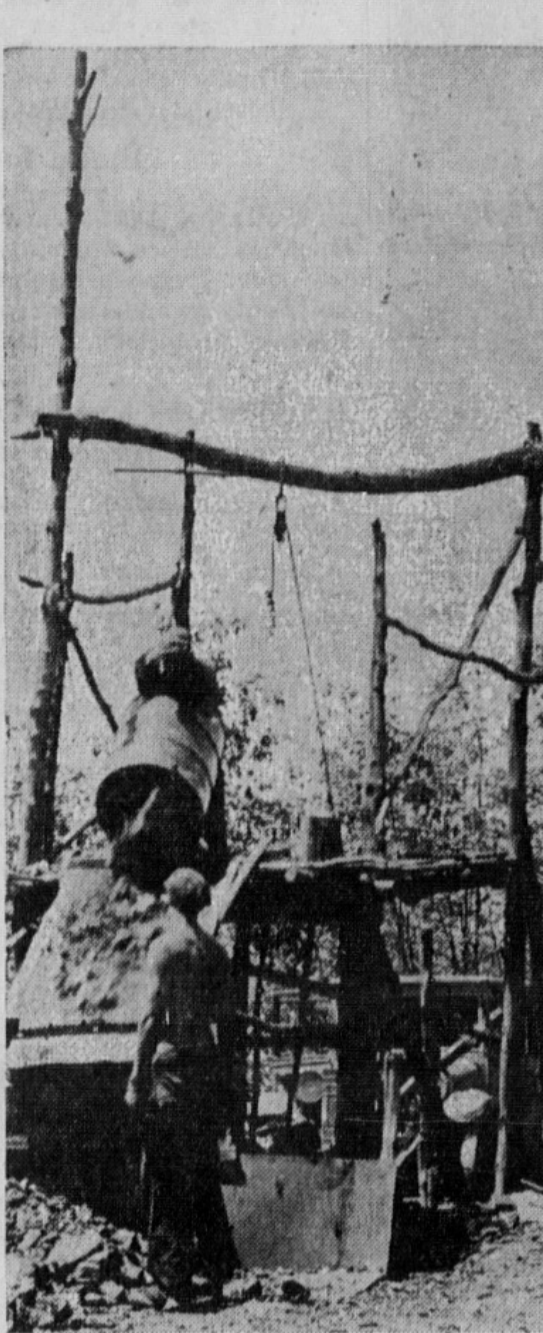
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# Hard Problem in Hard Coal



First exclusive photographs taken for the Daily Worker of the "bootleg" mine tunnels dotting the Pennsylvania hard coal region. Thousands of miners, unable to find work, have resorted to the primitive methods pictured above to dig the coal from the ground. So widespread has this bootlegging become that the operators dare not use force to dislodge the miners from company owned land.

# GOVERNOR AND BANK OFFICERS HELD IN THEFT

## Vermont Official and 3 Arrested in \$251,000 Rutland Defalcation

(By United Press)

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 28.—Governor Charles Manley Smith, 68, and three other officials of the Marble Savings Bank were arrested today on new charges growing out of a \$251,000 defalcation.

Smith, president of the bank, Lathrop H. Baldwin, treasurer, and Samuel A. Howard and Bert L. Stafford, trustees, pleaded not guilty and were released in \$3,000 bail each. They were charged with failure to make semi-annual audits of the bank's books, failure to report such audits to the trustees and failure to note the \$251,000 defalcation allegedly committed by John J. Cacklin, former bookkeeper.

Judge John P. Gilfeather continued the cases indefinitely to give defendants' counsel time to study the charges.

Municipal Court charges of concealment of Cacklin's alleged thefts are pending against Smith and Howard. Cacklin is serving an eight to 10-year state prison sentence on larceny charges. Baldwin was convicted on two counts of perjury, but sentence was suspended.

# Roosevelt to Give Congress Message Again in Person

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt will again deliver his message to the new Congress in person, rather than having it read by a clerk, Speaker William Bankhead said today.

The speaker said the message will be delivered on Wednesday, Jan. 6 about mid-afternoon. Congress convenes Tuesday, Jan. 5.

According to Bankhead, the President will go to the House chamber and appear before a joint session of both House and Senate immediately after the formal ratification of vote of the electoral college.

The President's annual message is expected to cover his legislative program. It will mark the first time, due to the Norris lard duck amendment, that a President has appeared with his annual message prior to his inauguration, which takes place Jan. 20.

**Climber Dangling For 24 Hours Dies On Mountainside**

GLEN COE, Argyllshire, Scotland, Dec. 28 (UP).—Five Scottish mountain climbers today risked their lives to recover the body of William Christie, 25, who had dangled head-down for more than 24 hours from a 400-foot precipice.

Christie, who came from London to climb Buachaille Etive Moor mountain, died before the snow-covered mountain side.

# COMMONW'LTH ASKS PROBE BY LA FOLLETTE

## Summers' Drive Held Menace-Teacher Oath Bill New Threat

MENA, Ark., Dec. 28.—While Rev. L. D. Summers, Baptist minister, circulated a petition denying intent of violence against Commonwealth College but seeking its legal closing, the labor school today urged the LaFollette senatorial committee on civil liberties to send investigators here at once.

The college is informing the LaFollette committee that State Representative Herman Horton, 22-year-old "baby colon," plans to aim a teachers' loyalty oath bill against Commonwealth in the legislature.

"Complicity of these attacks with a slanderous article recently published in Liberty magazine convinces the college administration that there exists immediate danger of one Mena resident, Rev. Summers, provoking a violent assault upon the teachers and students," declared Arthur Skreberg, acting director.

# THREATS CITED

"In asking an immediate inquiry, we are citing a concrete threat to academic freedom," he added. "We invite the committee to look into the college itself first, then to probe the repeatedly violent incitements of Rev. Summers, and finally to investigate the anti-labor influence of pliers in the Arkansas Legislature."

Two weeks ago Charlotte Moskowitz, secretary-treasurer of Commonwealth, appeared before the LaFollette committee to refute charges made in Nolen Bulloch's "Rah, Rah, Russia!" Liberty article that Communism and Communism prevailed on the campus. Miss Moskowitz defended the college as a training school for labor organizers, workers and farmers.

# They Never See Cash - - Company Store Gets All

## Steel Committee Exposes 'Skin-Me' System—Average After Store Takes Share Is \$5—Miners Ended It With Their Union

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28 (UNS).—Cases of American steel workers who have not received any cash wages for as long as 14 years, are reported in an exposure of southern mill conditions published in "Steel Labor," official organ of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

The explanation is the company stores—called "skin-me" stores by the employees—at which the men are compelled to deal. Wages are docked to pay the bills at these stores before the worker receives any cash.

In some 20 pay slips picked at random from hundreds supplied to the S.W.O.C., the average cash received amounts to about \$5. Most of these came from the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., a United States Steel subsidiary. In one independent steel company, profits from company stores were larger than profits from the mill itself during the depression years, according to Steel Labor.

**TWO WEEKS: \$5.78**

In the 20 cases referred to, the steel workers had coming to them a total of \$1,011.28 for the two-week pay period. Total deductions, or "stoppages," amounted to \$895.69. This means that those 20 workmen took home to their families what was left—\$115.59, or an average of \$5.78 for the needs of their average families.

The practice of getting back a worker's wages through company stores was rampant in the coal fields, until union organization won for the workers the right to purchase where they pleased. United Mine Workers contracts now have written into them the provision that employees do not have to deal with company stores nor do they have to live in company-owned houses.

Southern steel workers are expecting to win the right to full cash wages through the unionization of the industry which is now well under way.

# U. S. Trade Pact With Canada Is Worry to Britain

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28 (UP).—The year-old trade agreement between Canada and the United States threatened today to disrupt negotiations between the Canadian and British governments for revision of the Ottawa agreements.

It is understood that the British government construes the Canadian reciprocity pact with the United States as impairing the value of its preference under the Ottawa trade treaty and is asking a "guaranteed margin" of preferential treatment in the new agreement.

The Canadian government, while fully disposed to a continuance of the preference principle, is not inclined to guarantee the value of its preference because, it hopes, that two years hence when the agreement with the United States expires, its operations may be widened to increase reciprocal trade.

The Ottawa agreements were signed in 1932 and expire next Spring.

**Workers School In Chicago Opens New Term Jan. 11**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Courses of interest to trade union members and to persons seeking to understand the economic and social background of political movements will be offered at the Chicago Workers School, winter term of which opens Jan. 11. Registration is now going on.

Among the courses are Theory and Practice of Trade Unionism, Problems of the Farmer-Labor Party, The People's Front Movement in Spain and in France, Social and Political Factors in American History, Economic and Political Developments in the Soviet Union. In addition, there will be a seminar on Science and Society.

Tuition is two dollars a course, which runs two months with weekly classes. Winter Term catalogs are available on request at the school headquarters, 330 South Wells St., Suite 610.

**No Need to Evacuate Americans from Shensi, U. S. Attache Reports**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Col. Joseph W. Stillwell, military attache at Peiping, reported to the State Department today that there appeared to be no need to evacuate Americans from Shensi province because the release of Chiang Kai-shek appeared to have ended trouble there.

# Auto Union Gives Company Stools The Bum's Rush

## Stoolpigeons in auto plants are getting the "bum's rush" in short order, following the spotlight thrown upon industrial espionage by the LaFollette civil liberties committee, and as a result of increased union strength.

James Howe, employed in the Midland Steel Products Co. and paid \$75 a month extra by the National Corporation Service industrial spy agency, was expelled by unanimous vote of his local union of the United Automobile Workers. He was a specialist in stirring up race prejudice to disrupt the union and objected to admission of Negro workers.

According to the company's agreement with the union after the recent sit-down strike, all known stoolpigeons are to be discharged from the plant.

# MOONEY FACTS GO TO REFEREE ON JANUARY 4

## Freedom or Supreme Court Action to Follow Report

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Findings of fact—on the basis of which recommendations of which Tom Mooney and Warren Billings will be presented to Referee A. E. Shaw on Jan. 4, by Defense Attorney George Davis and by attorneys for the prosecution.

From these findings, Shaw will make his recommendations to the Supreme Court with regard to the innocence of Mooney and Billings. If the court agrees with the findings of the Mooney attorneys, immediate freedom would result for the veteran labor prisoners. If the decision is adverse, Mooney and Billings will have for the first time the privilege of carrying their case to the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Davis recently conferred with Frank P. Walsh and John Finerty, New York lawyers, his legal associates in the case.

Carrying out the mandate of the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, the San Francisco and Alameda county central labor councils, building trades councils and 37 local unions have formed the "San Francisco Bay Area A. F. of L. Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings."

# Bankrupt Firm May Force Test Of Social Law

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—An attempt to invoke the "due process of law" and the "states rights" clauses of the Constitution against the federal security act was begun here today by attorneys for two bankrupt textile companies.

J. Harris Warthman, trustee for La France Industries, and its subsidiary, the Pendleton Manufacturing Company of La France, S. C., filed a petition in the U. S. District Court to declare the law unconstitutional.

Warthman's petition states that he is reorganizing the companies and wishes the court to instruct him whether he shall make the deductions of the 1 per cent tax for the federal old-age pension fund or simply ignore the matter.

Other companies in other cities have filed similar protests.

The case, or one like it, will undoubtedly go to the U. S. Supreme Court for final decision, on the constitutionality of the Act.

# Standing Room Only On Train, Bus, Plane

(By United Press)

Standing room only, and not much of that until after the first of the year, was announced today by eastern railroads, airlines and bus companies in the middle of possible heaviest holiday traffic in history.

All transportation facilities have been taxed to capacity since several days before Christmas and all reservations on railroads, airlines and buses were sold out until after New Year's day.

There was no doubt that travel would exceed that of any year-end holiday season since 1929, and probably will be the greatest in the memory of transportation officials.

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# Scientists Hear Attack On Social Security Law

## Professor Rice of Dartmouth Tells 3,000 That Law Will Boost Prices—Leland Asks Taxes to Liquidate Debts—Hits at G.O.P.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Dire predictions that the payroll tax for social security will hold back profits, wages and jobs were made today by Prof. Lloyd P. Rice of Dartmouth.

Rice, an economist, made his statement to a gathering of 3,000 scientists from 19 groups in a joint three-day session of political scientists, economists and sociologists.

"The immediate effect of the tax," Rice said, "will be that business men will try to pass it on in the form of higher prices."

**SEEKS TO BLAME LABOR**

Seeking to shift the blame for price rises on organized workers, Rice said that he believed that prices would rise only in industries where labor costs are high and where labor organizations resist wage cuts.

An indirect answer to Rice and a direct assault on pre-election Republican propaganda was given by Professor Simeon E. Leland, Chicago University economist, who insisted that the nation must impose taxes sufficient to liquidate a large part of the national debt before the next depression.

"Emphasis should be placed primarily in direct taxes on income and wealth," he continued.

**HITS AT G.O.P.**

Hitting at the Republican campaign arguments for repeal of the New Deal corporate surplus tax, Leland said:

"Under no circumstances should this law be repealed or its teeth removed. It should be strengthened to make more effective personal income taxation and the known defects in the law should be removed."

The American Sociological Society unveiled an exhibit which contended the farmers' most potent enemy of the future may be no mere invasion of chinch bugs and grasshoppers, nor drought, nor floods, but the chemist who has discovered how to produce vegetables in factories.

Its exhibit, shown in the rural section, was startling enough to frighten any dirt farmer. It was labeled "the chemist conquers the farmer" and told of "foods produced by the factory method."

"Dr. W. F. Gericke, plant physiologist of the University of California, grows strawberries and tomatoes without soil," exhibit literature stated. "They grow in 25 feet tall and are ready for market long before the soil product."

"Soil culture has produced 12 tons

# Birth Control Parley Opens in N. Y. Today

A two-day conference on contraceptive research and clinical practice will open at 9:30 A. M. today at the Hotel Roosevelt under sponsorship of the Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau of which Margaret Sanger is director.

Physicians and surgeons from hospitals and educational institutions in various parts of the country will participate in presentation of papers and discussion.

The first day of the conference will wind up with a dinner meeting tonight at which doctors and lawyers will speak on various phases of "Public Health and Birth Control Laws."

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# Jobless Lobbying? -- Darn Tootin', Senator

### Unemployed to March to Washington on Jan. 15 Is Alliance Reply to Attacks by Senator King of Utah

Lobbying? Yes, Senator King. . . Damright, the unemployed are lobbying, and on a nationwide scale, to make Congress and President Roosevelt realize that WPA must be continued and expanded, Sam Wiseman, secretary of the New York Workers' Alliance and fourth vice-president of the National Alliance, said yesterday.

Wiseman stopped for a few minutes from the intense preparations being made for the "lobby"—the Jan. 9 local demonstrations over the country and the Jan. 15 march to Washington—to answer a threat made by Senator William H. King of Utah.

King, in Washington yesterday, said he is considering seeking a Congressional declaration of "organized propaganda" to bring pressure on Congressmen for adequate WPA appropriations that would take care of all persons in need. King also said he would try to get WPA allocations down to a new low level.

### ATTACK ON WPA

"It is obvious that the statement of Senator King is an attempt to sidetrack the powerful movement developing on the part of the trade unions, WPA organizations, progressive and liberal forces generally, in demanding extension of the WPA program," Wiseman declared.

The January 9 demonstration in New York will be the biggest massing of unemployed in years, Wiseman predicted, and he was backed up by Oscar Fuss, head of the City Projects Council, now merged with the WPA.

Fuss pointed to the preliminary work already started for the demonstration, appointment of committees, drawing up of outlines for literature, organization of a publicity set-up to keep the public informed on the progress of the drive for the January 9 parade and the Washington march on January 15.

### BUILD FLOATS

At 57 Downing St., the Artists' Union workshop, a Daily Worker reporter found a small army of craftsmen immersed in the collective job of building floats and painting banners for the January 9 demonstration.

Paul Block is commander-in-chief there, assigning artists to make sketches, carpenters to build the framework for the floats, making lists of material needed, completing the general plan for pictorial presentation of the unemployed marchers' demands.

Thirty-five floats, in addition to many smaller units, will be included in the parade. They will tell the story of millions of jobless, the relatively few on WPA, the need for a living wage, the constructive returns of money spent on WPA in contrast to the waste of public funds on armaments, the urgent need of conserving and utilizing the human resources as well as the physical resources of the country.

### SENATOR WORRIED

Similar preparations are going on throughout the country, Wiseman said, and perhaps, he added, that is what is worrying Senator King.

"Senator King's multiple reaction," Wiseman continued, "and reaction has become fear-stricken in the face of the movement, on the basis of the people's mandate for progressive legislation."

"But the labor movement will not be misled," he said. "The Workers' Alliance and the trade unions do not deny that they are bringing pressure on Congressmen and Senators. They are representatives of the people. Our lobby will be a deluge of telegrams and letters of protest against slashing of WPA appropriations on January 9 throughout the country, and thousands of delegates marching into Washington on January 15, to lobby Congress and the President, demanding an appropriation of \$1,250,000,000, adoption of a WPA program to include every unemployed person, and to increase wages."

Senator King, whose political career has been tied up with the Utah mining industry and the beet sugar interests—the latter notorious for their exploitation of child labor—complained yesterday that letters he has received, he suspects, "are inspired by persons in the WPA organization, as many appear to be form letters." If he finds that "the flow of these letters is universal," he will "not hesitate to introduce a resolution asking an investigation."

The United Press reported from Washington yesterday that a check of other Senators showed a large number of communications had been received concerning the WPA appropriation. Senator Wheeler of Montana said he had received letters "from many types of citizens" urging continuation of WPA.

### Open Shop Employers Attend Brisbane Rites

Funeral services attended by leading open-shop employers, William Randolph Hearst, city and state officials, were held yesterday for Arthur Brisbane, Hearst editor and columnist.

The services, only a half hour in length, were held at St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, Park Avenue and 50th Street. Stated about the church were 100 uniformed patrolmen under the command of Chief Inspector John J. Seery.

Among the honorary pallbearers were Hearst, Bernard Gimbel, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia, Walter Chrysler, the auto magnate; Alfred Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors, and William T. Collins, representing William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

## GREET STUDENTS



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## LEWIS ASSAILS DICTATORSHIP OF FINANCE

### Message Read at First Session of American Student Union

(Special to the Daily Worker) CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An appeal for "a declaration of economic freedom" in a message from John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, was the highlight of the opening session of the second annual American Student Union convention meeting here at the Disciples of Christ Church.

More than 500 delegates from 200 colleges and high schools in almost every state heard the statement by Lewis at the evening session. He said:

"Since the World War organized labor has been confronted with the fact that a social and economic revolution has been developing in the United States. It has been the logical inevitable outcome of conditions and policies imposed by a dictatorship in control of industry and finance. . . .

"The point in its development has now been reached where we must provide again, as we did in 1876, for a declaration of independence for the whole world—a declaration of economic freedom, a declaration that Jefferson's immortal manifesto for political democracy must be supplemented by sound measures of industrial democracy."

In the afternoon session, delegates heard an address by Loh Tsei, leader of the All-China Student Union which has a membership of 200,000. She spoke on problems of the Chinese student and made an appeal for American aid to help the Chinese people throw off the yoke of Japanese imperialism.

The morning assemblage was marked by an address of welcome by the Rev. Van Ogden Vogt, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

## Lines Wreck Parley with Mates, Pilots

### Refuse Union Control Of Hiring on Coast To Licensed Men

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Shipowners wrecked a peace conference with the Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association here today on the same issue they fought the seamen so long—the right of union control of hiring.

The licensed officers demanded preferential hiring of members of their union.

Thomas G. Plant, spokesman for the Shipowners' Association, said after today's conference broke up that the employers would insist on the right to pick whomever they pleased to run their ships. This means they want to show favoritism within the union and to use non-union men if they can find them.

# Militia Wedge Pushes On Carabanchel

### Offensive Aimed to Split Foe's Lines Near Getafe Area After Success in 4 Hour Fight to Take Usera—55 Die in Air Raid on Santander

(Continued from Page 1) said that in Valencia "His Majesty's warships can cooperate in dealing with maintenance and supplies and that the embassy would be closer to more important persons in political authority" in the Spanish government.

### Government Troops Encircle Teruel

VALENCIA, Tuesday, Dec. 28 (UP).—Loyalist Spanish troops have completely encircled Teruel, provincial capital, 72 miles northwest of here, and blocked a rebel drive toward the Catalan coast, the War Ministry announced today.

Aragon troops of the Loyalists seized the town of Conoud, six miles north of Teruel, late yesterday to complete their encirclement of the strategic position and cut the highway and railroad to Saragossa.

Government officials said Teruel had been the spearhead of the insurgents' drive to the Mediterranean coast by which they sought to isolate Valencia and Barcelona.

### Second International Brigade Is Formed

(Special to the Daily Worker) VALENCIA, Spain, Dec. 28.—A second International Brigade of anti-Fascists has been formed here under the name of the late Hans Beimler, German Communist leader of the Madrid International Column, who was killed in action some two weeks ago by a Fascist bullet.

The First International Brigade, which has already seen action in Madrid and on the Aragon front, is formed of three battalions, named after Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the Communist Party of Germany, Edgar Andre and John Scheer, German Communists beheaded by the Nazis.

### American Ace Gets Latest Type War Plane

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—Major Frederic A. Lord, a Texan and most

# U.S.S.R. HEARS 16 SPANISH MEETING IN GROUPS BACK SPAIN ON AIR

### Millions of Soviet Workers Hear of Komsomol Sinking Decried in Valencia

(Continued from Page 1) Valencia, where all parties of the united front are represented, send greetings to the government and people of the Soviet Union, and especially to the gallant Soviet navy, and express their deep fraternal solidarity in connection with the barbarous attack on the Soviet ship Komsomol.

"We simultaneously energetically protest to all the world against this new crime of fascism."

"The Spanish people declare to the whole world that no crimes and no barbarity will stop us on our path to the fulfillment of our revolutionary duty."

"Long live the international solidarity between Spain and the Soviet Union!"

# 'UNION'LL WIN,' MARTIN TELLS G-M STRIKERS

(Continued from Page 1) ference concerning union recognition, pay increases and reduction of hours and the speed-up. Asked concerning the possibility of a general strike if General Motors refused to deal with the union, Martin said other strikes may occur soon at General Motors plants.

Citing the facts that auto companies were suffering from a shortage of glass due to the strike in that industry he said that "no contract will be made with the glass industry without the sanction of the auto workers."

Calling for militant mass picketing to keep the plant here closed, Martin was given a spirited ovation by the members of his local. Before his election as president Martin was a member here and was discharged from the Chevrolet plant when he became active in the union. Citing the abuses of the spy and speed-up system, he branded the desire for profits by General Motors and its inhuman anti-labor policy as the cause of the current strike wave in auto.

### STAND PAT

Max Dyer, business agent of the craft union dominated Central Labor body, appeared on the platform before Martin and pledged the support of his organization to the strike. "Stand pat," Dyer told the strikers, "and when you go back to work go back to a one hundred per cent union shop."

## WHAT NEXT?



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

# CHANG HEARING IS POSTPONED; CHIANG 'SICK'

### Gestures of Quitting by Generalissimo Is Rumored

NANKING, China, Dec. 28.—A meeting of government leaders to "consider punishment" for Chang Hsueh-ling because of his kidnapping of Chiang Kai-shek was postponed today "because of General Chiang's indisposition."

Members of the committee emphasized that the fact that Chang released Chiang would "greatly influence their decision."

There is a rumor that Chiang Kai-shek will resign from his office as head of the Executive Yuan, actually president of the country, and then be called back by the government, as a means of emphasizing that he has not lost authority by the kidnapping. Chiang Kai-shek did this once before in 1927.

# SLUMS SWEEP BY EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA

(Continued from Page 1) sloner of Health, at the housing hearings now under way, in which Dr. Rice declared that the present high disease rates are caused by slum conditions.

He pointed to a pamphlet by Commissioner Langdon Post on wages, slums and housing, in which the housing commissioner said that "want of proper ventilation unquestionably provides conditions in which disease flourishes."

### "WALKING PNEUMONIA"

Post quoted British experts to prove that the tuberculosis rate in one room apartments is four times greater than in four room apartments.

"The conditions are the same in New York City," he said. "Bacteria are internationalists."

Throughout the day hospitals reported an increase in respiratory diseases.

A large number of children were treated for pneumonia and gripe at St. Vincent's hospital. Physicians declared they had found a large number of cases of "walking pneumonia."

### MOSTLY CHILDREN

Seven new pneumonia cases and one case of gripe were reported within forty-eight hours at the City Hospital. Bellevue reported fourteen in 24 hours. Metropolitan Hospital had four pneumonia cases. Flower Hospital had three.

Knickerbocker Hospital kept 3 ambulance drivers on continuous duty and staff doctors working thirty-six hours at a stretch.

An increase in the number of patients with pulmonary diseases was reported at the French and Roosevelt hospitals. Most of these cases were children. The French Hospital reported that three out of every four cases were children.

### OTHER HOSPITALS REPORT

Although it is without ambulance service, the Hospital for Joint Diseases received many pulmonary cases within the past two days.

An unprecedented number of ambulance calls were reported by the Gouverneur and Beckman Street Hospitals. Fifteen persons were treated in the Beckman Street Hospital for gripe and colds in twenty-four hours. Beth Israel Hospital spokesmen said that the average number of pneumonia cases treated by them at this time of year has been one or two. They reported four cases of pneumonia and gripe in twenty-four hours.

# Lewis Asks Negroes To Fight for Rights

### Prominent Professor, Opening Phi Beta Sigma Parley in Harlem, Tells Them to Battle for Democracy

Declaring that "the Negro still remains the test of American justice, chivalry and fair play," Jesse W. Lewis, prominent Negro professor of Washington, D. C., opened the twenty-second annual convocation of the Phi Beta Sigma, Greek-letter college fraternity, now meeting at the Harlem Y.M.C.A.

Scores of Negro college graduates and under-graduates from 63 chapters of the national fraternity are attending the convocation which continues through Dec. 30. The men went to work yesterday in two closed business sessions, taking up various departments of the fraternity's broad program.

The opening session was a public meeting held at Mother Zion Church, 170 West 137th St., Sunday afternoon. Here Prof. Lewis, national president of the fraternity, in a keynote address urged Negroes to enter into a fight for their democratic rights.

### NO ONE SAFE

He declared that when "citizenship rights and equal opportunity to earn a living are denied him (the Negro), then no one is safe from persecution."

"To carry on the fight until every privileged under a true democracy is enjoyed by Negroes is an inescapable challenge which we must meet," he said. "You have the power to send us a Congressman in Washington from New York City, if you will organize and vote."

Coming up for discussion during the convocation will be the fraternity's program of "Bigger and Better Business," Educational opportunities, and "Social Actions."

### PROGRESSIVE

The "Social Actions" department, headed by Emmet M. May, of the Harlem Permanent Committee for Better Schools, is political and is progressive features of any national Greek-letter fraternity. It includes a fight for equal educational opportunity and pay for Negro teachers; abolition of dual wage scales in all occupations; admission of Negroes to labor unions and other features aimed at increasing the Negro's social security.

Among the prominent Negro officers of the fraternity are: L. D. Redick, of New Orleans, La.; Dr. R. A. Billings, of Atlanta, Ga.; Walter E. Johnson, of Houston, Tex., and others.

The second open session of the fraternity will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Little Theatre of the Y.M.C.A., at 180 W. 135th Street. Speakers will be Dr. A. L. Locke, head of the Department of Philosophy at Howard University, and W. D. Simmons, president of the Harlem Big Brother Association. The subject is: "The Negro in the Changing World."

# NAVAL PATROL OF SPANISH COAST IS PROPOSED

### But Governments Will Not Confirm Reports of 6-Power Plan

(Continued from Page 1) Spain at all for the release of the Palos, German freighter caught with munitions for the fascists. All responsible Nazi leaders are still "vacationing."

It was again denied today in both Paris and London, in this offer of colonies was made to Germany.

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT AROUSED

Out of the welter of contradictory stories a few facts emerged. The French government is definitely aroused over the possibility of a German puppet state run by fascists helped to power in Spain by Nazi men and materials.

Pierre Viennet, under-secretary for North Africa, said in a speech at Charleville yesterday: "We cannot admit intervention by those who wish to create a new front on our flank. Our security is at stake."

It is clear that France protested sending of further Nazi "volunteers" to Spain, and that Hitler has not given any satisfactory reassurance on this point, and probably has not answered all yet.

It is clear that the British Tory government would hate to see the Spanish government win the civil war, but does not relish a German outpost in Spain. Britain would like that less even than to have Italian control of Spain, which means control of the Gibraltar route to Egypt, and India. And it is also clear that public opinion in Britain and in France is swinging more and more against the Spanish Fascists, and forcing both governments along.

### ITALY LETS UP

The text of the British note to Germany last Sunday is not known, but it seems to have been in the nature of a friendly warning rather than anything stronger.

It is clear also that Italian intervention is taking a very secondary role to German Nazi intervention now. Some kind of bargain or understanding between Italy and Great Britain seems to have been reached and the British press seems to believe that it includes non-intervention by Italy, and perhaps withdrawal of Italian forces in the Balearic Islands. As Italy has not even admitted the signing of any agreement yet, and signature is only expected within several days, it is impossible to say how much there is to these stories.

# IRT Workers Put Off In Pension Money Plea

Federal Judge Mack yesterday postponed until April 19 the hearing on the 1,500 I.R.T. subway employees' application to withdraw from the company's pension plan and to be reimbursed for what they have already paid in. Harry Sacher, counsel for the Transport Workers' Union, argued that the company plan "will never be made sound" under the present set-up.

The company is trying to keep the employees from withdrawing until some action is taken on fulfillment of the rapid transit lines.

# HARLEM HIT HARD BY FLU EPIDEMIC

### Outbreak Affects Many in Negro Community — Hospitals Full

(Continued from Page 1) pital officials were reported to have held an emergency conference on the situation yesterday. City Hospital Commissioner S. S. Goldwater, already under fire for the discriminatory conditions in Harlem Hospital, sent J. Murray, in charge of ambulance routing, to Harlem yesterday.

### 150 CALLS

With the average number of ambulance calls in Harlem Hospital seventy-five a day, the figure jumped suddenly over the week-end to 150 a day, and sometimes reaching 200.

The hospital maintains only four ambulances which are sometimes more than six hours behind on calls, endangering the lives of patients. Groups of Negroes showed their indignation against late arrivals of the ambulances, forcing the hospital officials into the hurried huddle yesterday.

### "DOUBLE UP"

A hospital staff physician said that ambulance doctors had suggested "doubling up on calls" to cope with the tremendous demand for ambulance service. The practice of "doubling up on calls" is where the ambulance picks up more than one patient. This procedure is expressly forbidden by city regulation.

This physician also stated that Harlem Hospital needs at least eight ambulances "especially in a situation like the present."

The situation in Harlem Hospital is aggravated also by experimental practices in the hospital. The pneumonia department, headed by Dr. Bullowa, uses a serum in the treatment of Negro pneumonia patients, in order to "test out" its effects. The method used is described as "brutal." A needle is stuck through the chest of the patient to puncture the lung, for a "lung specimen." The treatment is not used in any other hospital in the city.

With the highest rate of unemployment, the most inadequate relief and wretched housing conditions, the lowered vitality and resistance of the Negro people in Harlem renders them easy prey to any outbreak of contagious diseases as threatens the city today.

### Envoy de Palencia Reaches Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28 (UP).—Senora Isabela de Palencia, the Spanish Loyalist Government's new representative to Sweden, arrived here today with her daughter.

Senora de Palencia has been in the United States for several months on a lecture tour.

She was obliged to take a suite at the Grand Hotel because the Spanish Legation still is occupied by former Minister Pisowich.

### Mexico Pays Up

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28 (UP).—Mexico's regular payment of \$139,250 to the United States in accordance with the treaty settling revolutionary damage claims will be made in Washington Thursday, it was announced tonight.

The payment is due Jan. 1, but because that is a holiday, it will be made one day earlier.

### He Won't Eat

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 28 (UP).—S. J. Bris entered the fifth day of his hunger strike today, refusing to eat until the burglars who shot and killed his wife, mother of five children, are captured.

### It's Too Lean

SHARPSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 28 (UP).—The person who stole a chicken from John Chadderton, Jr.'s automobile today, returned it tonight and laid it on the Chadderton doorstep with the note: "It's too lean."



# Cops Watch Thugs Slug Jersey Pickets

## Seamen and Clergyman Observer Beaten at Dollar Line Pier in Jersey City—Chief Refuses to Make Arrests of Assailants

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 28.—Two seamen who defied Mayor Hague's ban on picketing in this city and picketed the Dollar Line pier were today brutally beaten by hired gangsters. Reverend J. Wright of the New Jersey Civil Liberties Union who was one of the observers in this test for labor's rights here was also beaten.

Acting Chief of Police Walsh who came upon the scene as the pickets were still being beaten was reported to have stood by but made no arrests. James Low, representative of the striking seamen in Jersey City, who came when the fighting was in progress was also cut up about the face by the thugs.

### IDENTIFY ASSAILANTS

Later Rev. Wright and Low identified their assailants to Chief Walsh, but the police official instead advised the victims to stay out of Jersey City, and said no picketing would be permitted.

The picket line this morning was the first step taken by the Committee for Defense of Labor's Rights in New Jersey, composed of representatives of a group of unions, to bring to a head a show-down with the open-shop city officials here. The committee headed by Joseph Knapick, president of the Federation of Dyers, Finishers, Printers and Bleachers, is backed by the Hudson County Central Labor Council and by unions of this city and New York.

Attorney Sol Kopelson, assistant to Attorney Abraham Isserman of the committee, together with several union representatives, today protested to Chief Walsh for his refusal to protect the rights of pickets.

### ENCOURAGES SLUGGINGS

Walsh hinted he would encourage beating up of pickets. He does not recognize the seamen's strike and will "use such force as will stop picketing," according to Kopelson.

"We are going back on the picket line," Kopelson announced after the interview with Walsh, "and we will arrange that some of the most prominent people in the metropolitan area should be observers of how labor's rights are observed in Jersey City."

When pickets arrived at the Dollar pier, they found several men "pitching" pennies. Suddenly the group attacked them.

# Check on Cancer Reported Possible At Science Parley

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 28 (UP)—Dr. Malcolm Wallace Carr, director of the Oral Surgery Metropolitan Hospital in New York reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today that early lesions on the tongue which may develop into cancer can be treated successfully.

He said that in cases of a precancerous lesion, which is not yet a cancer but tends to develop into one if neglected, can be corrected by elimination of the local irritation such as excessive use of tobacco in any form, decayed teeth with sharp edges, poorly fitted bridgework and other causes of chronic irritation.

# 4 Die in Plane Crash

WARSAW, Poland, Dec. 28 (UP).—Four persons were killed and eight injured, three of them gravely, when a regular commercial plane flying between Lemberg and Warsaw crashed near Rawaruska today. The plane carried ten passengers and a crew of two.

## WHAT'S ON

### Tonight

VOLUNTEERS report tonite for Lenin Memorial Pageant rehearsal, 8 P.M. Parley Review, 8th St. top sign. Experience not necessary. Ausp: Communist Party New York.

J. FIELDS will discuss the "Soviet Constitution." Adm. free. Refreshments, 230 W. 106th St., N. Y. C. 3rd floor, 8:30 P.M. Everyone invited. Ausp: Branch 11, Section 18.

W.P.A.'S RELIEF? UNEMPLOYMENT? Harrison George speaks on "Four More Years of Roosevelt." 1274 Hoe Ave., Bronx. Freeman St. Sta. Benefit Daily Worker. Adm. free. 8:30 P.M. Ausp: Branch 1, 14th A.D.P.

OPEN MEETING tonight 8:30 at I.W.O. Center, 2075 86th St., Brooklyn. Ausp: Branch 2 Communist Party of Bath Beach. Discussion of current events. Free adm.

### New Year's Eve

SWING away at Palm Gardens at New Theatre, New Year's Eve Frolic. Palm Gardens, 52nd St. West of 8th Ave. Adm. \$1.35 in adv., \$1.50 at door. Make your reservations early! Get tickets at the Theatre Magazine, 156 W. 44th St., New Theatre League, 117 W. 48th St. and all workers bookshops. Dance to Club Valhalla Swing Band!

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## Too Good for Yale



PROFESSOR JEROME DAVIS

# YALE SCORED FOR DISMISSING JEROME DAVIS

## Federation of Teachers Says Administration's Statement Unfounded

(By United Press)

Dismissal of Prof. Jerome Davis from the Yale School of Divinity was criticized yesterday by the American Federation of Teachers.

Scoring the Yale Corp. for its plea of economic necessity, the Federation said that "The Yale administration 'budgetary' explanation for the dismissal has no foundation in fact, since Prof. Davis's work has been done on an endowed chair and at least one attempt has already been made to secure a successor."

"The administration's 'scholarship and teaching' explanation is challenged by the favorable evaluations made of Prof. Davis' teaching by present and former students and of his scholarship by sociology scholars throughout the country," the statement said.

"The committee is compelled to regard both these explanations as alibis raised to cover the fundamental fact that Yale Corp. disapproved in general of Prof. Davis' sympathies with labor and his efforts in behalf of economic justice and that it objected in particular to his latest book, 'Capitalism and Its Culture.'"

# Spain to Pay For Losses On Seized Ships

## Embassy Replies to Questions on Cargo on S.S. Motomar

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Spanish embassy officials tonight said that all losses suffered when ships were seized by the government for war use would be paid. The statement was in reply to questions about the Spanish freighter Motomar which has docked at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

The Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. of Minneapolis, claimed that the Motomar had a cargo of \$400,000 worth of flaxseed consigned to it. The embassy said that if there is any damage to the cargo the government will compensate the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.

According to a protest from T. L. Daniels, Vice President, to the State Department, the commander of the vessel radioed the company's agents that instead of going to Edgewater, N. J., the ship was proceeding to Vera Cruz, Mexico, on orders from Spain.

Acting on the protest, the State Department called Eric C. Wenden, third secretary in charge of the embassy in Spain, asking information about alleged "seizure" of the cargo. No reply has been received.

"The Spanish government is not interested in the cargo," an embassy spokesman said, "only in the ship. It is commandeering the ship just as the United States commandeered many ships during the World War."

# Spanish Envoy To Broadcast Tomorrow

Ambassador Fernando de Los Rios, ambassador from Spain, will broadcast tomorrow night, Wednesday, over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company at 10:45. Ambassador Los Rios will speak from Washington over a coast-to-coast hookup.

Ambassador Fernando de Los Rios recently was honored by the University in Exile for his outstanding record both in the fields of

# 11 Days Are Left To Save 6 Boys

## Brooklyn Committee Urges Telegrams and Letters to Governor Lehman to Halt Executions of 6—Lunacy Commission Reports All Sane

By Beth McHenry

Eleven days before Joe Bologna dies with the other five Brooklyn boys in the electric chair at Sing Sing and his father sits in a dim basement apartment counting the hours.

Joe sent each member of his family a Christmas card. I saw the one to his "dear father and mother." It showed a picture of the Child of Bethlehem and underneath it said, "Enter their life—and as you enter, Let the Love of their Life Enter You."

He also sent out a message to his father saying "Don't worry. No matter what happens. Don't worry." But the face of the elder Bologna shows that he has got beyond mere hope. He sits staring into space, his chin in his hand, and doesn't move. His eyes and lined face look like the tortured face of an El Greco painting.

### MOTHER IS ILL

Mrs. Bologna, Joe's mother, is just out of the hospital. She is still sick, but she moves about trying to care for her husband. Neither of them speaks English. They make innumerable gestures trying to make themselves understood, trying to help Joe.

The whole Bologna family is on relief. The father was a longshoreman. He is not well enough now to work, even if there were work to do. There are eight other boys besides Joe, who was a taxi driver, and one little girl of ten. The little sister showed me the cards Joe sent for Christmas. She was crying.

"Do you think they'll kill my brother?" she kept asking. Joe Bologna's old father lived again through that moment when they found out. A friend translated.

"All night I waited up for Joe," the old man said. "He never stayed out after nine o'clock. He was a good boy. A very good boy. When he didn't come home, my oldest son Johnny went looking for him. Then my brother came in with the newspaper and showed us

### Radio Plea Today

A radio appeal for the six condemned Brooklyn boys awaiting execution in Sing Sing will be made by Sam Berg of the Clemente Giglio Defense Committee this morning at 9:45 A. M. over Station WOV.

# Lackawanna, Will You Make It, Asks Buffalo

## Looks as If Both Will—Daily Worker's Call Stirs Communist Units to Action in Many Centers—Poem Comes With \$2

Buffalo is in the drive with a vim. The Fifth Ward Unit there has challenged the Lackawanna Unit to raise its quota in the \$100,000 Daily and Sunday Worker drive by Jan. 12. This despite the fact that Lackawanna Shop Unit already has raised 60 per cent of its quota.

Among the Buffalo Unit's plans is a banquet at which prizes of a kitchen set, including table and four chairs, books, and a smoking stand with a clock are to be awarded the most active workers in the drive. Tickets for the affair are obtainable at Fifth Ward Unit headquarters, 295 Jefferson Street, and the People's Book Shop, 61 West Chippewa Street.

### NEW ENGLAND SWINGS INTO ACTION

New England district's units and branches have swung into drive activity. In Boston, many Christmas and New Year's parties have been announced for the benefit of the drive. In the industrial centers, shock brigades will not only raise funds in the \$100,000 campaign, but simultaneously conduct a subscription drive for the Daily and Sunday Worker.

### TWO DOLLARS AND A POEM

A contribution of \$2 was brought in by Mary James together with these verses calling on other readers to come to the support of the \$100,000 drive:

### THE SONG OF A WORKER

By Mary James

I heard the "Worker" calling "Lend a hand—We're in distress!" And I counted up my shekels—About a dozen—more or less.

And I figured out a method How I'd help the "Daily's" cause And I'm sending you two dollars To play the role of Santa Claus.

Enclosed is a check for \$2 which is our contribution to your newspaper. We wish you success in your drive for more funds to safeguard the "Best Newspaper in the United States," wrote a Virginia group signing itself "Sympathizers."

From way out in the State of Washington, District 12 sent notice it was pushing the drive by sending in \$124.73 as its first collections.

And from closer to the office came another check, this time of \$10, from the Jamestown (N. Y.) section.

# Principal to Be Tried Jan. 8 For Attack on Harlem Boy

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau)

The trial of Gustav Schoenchen, former principal of P. S. 5, who brutally attacked a 14-year-old Negro schoolboy last Oct. 21, will take place Jan. 8, in Special Sessions, corner Center and Leonard Streets, at 10 o'clock A.M. Schoenchen will be tried on charges of assault.

The announcement was made yesterday by Theodore Bassett, prominent Negro member of the Permanent Committee for Better Schools, education and politics. The ambassador attempted to present to the people the Spanish people to the convention of the American Federation of Labor. William Green, the president, said that the situation in Spain was "too muddled" and refused to include the ambassador in the list of speakers to the convention. This action by Green incurred the wrath of many of the delegates to the convention.

## Begun to Present Communist Stand On Housing Tonight

Isidore Begun will present the Communist position on the housing crisis before the New York City Housing Authority today, it was announced yesterday by the Party's State committee. Others expected to appear at the Authority's hearings are Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, and Harold Riegelman, counsel to the Citizens Budget Commission.

The hearing will take place at the Authority's headquarters, 10 East 40th St. It is scheduled to open at 1 p. m.

# PARLEY FAILS; AMALGAMATED CALLS STRIKE

## Employers Refuse to Grant Pay Increase in Children's Wear

A general strike of all workers employed on washable boys' suits will take place next Monday, M. Bernstein, manager of Local 169 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, announced following a breakdown of negotiations with the Infants and Children's Coat Association.

The present agreement expires Jan. 1. Negotiations broke down when the association refused to concede the 25 per cent wage increase demanded by the union. The union also asked conversion of the present unemployment insurance fund in the industry into a sick benefit plan and eleven holidays with pay. The counter-proposals of the employers were characterized as "ridiculous" by the union officials.

The strike, Bernstein stated, will affect workers of 20 association firms, 30 independent firms, 10 firms in Philadelphia, four in Fall River, Mass., and 26 contracting shops.

# Chicago Youth Study Juvenile Delinquency

## Youth Assembly to Hear Report at Session on Jan. 14

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A report on juvenile delinquency will be presented to the Chicago Youth Assembly, which convenes on Jan. 14. The Youth Assembly, called by the Continuities Committee of the Cook County Youth Congress, will be made up of two delegates from all the affiliated youth organizations in the county.

The growth of juvenile delinquency was called to the attention of the Assembly committee by the Youth Congress, whose chairman, Joseph J. Wateksa, said:

"We feel that the crime wave is to be traced to poverty and unemployment among youth and that the remedy is to be sought in alleviating the economic conditions under which young people are often brought up."

### RESERVE THE DATE NOW

# New Year's Eve Costume Ball

Entertainment by WILL GERB Through the courtesy of the A.S.B. of New Theatre League BOBBY LEWIS NORMAN BARSDALE and others DANCING TILL DAWN Irving Plaza, 15th St. & Irving Pl. AUSPICES: LABOR DEFENDER

# Youth's Own NEW YEAR'S EVE Carnival

DEC. 31

"I enclose \$1 toward the \$100,000 Daily and Sunday Worker drive, and hope that every reader will do the same," writes E. S. from The Bronx. "The papers must live and battle all the sinister forces of reaction more so now than ever in these days of revolutionary transition."

AMERICAN BALL ROOM 308 W. 50th Street Gala Show! Hot Dancing! Fun! Tickets \$1.00 Adv., \$1.25 at Door Ausp: YOUTH SECTION I.W.O.

# 4 DAYS ARE LEFT For the BOOK SALE

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# G.O.P. Seizes on Housing As New York Vote Bait

## Assemblyman Moffat Offers \$100,000,000 Slum Clearance Bill—Post to Ask Billion and Half, Is Report

ALBANY, Dec. 28.—With housing sure to be one of the most important issues before the forthcoming sessions of the State Legislature, the Republican Party is getting ready to use the issue as one of the means of proving a new-found "liberalism." This was made plain today when Assemblyman Abbot Low Moffat, New York Re-

publican, announced that the G.O.P. would place a \$100,000,000 slum clearance program before the Legislature soon after it convenes Jan. 6th.

The funds would not be raised from taxation on incomes or corporate wealth, Moffat indicated, but would be obtained through a bond issue for the entire amount.

"Revenues from the projects will provide for interest and amortization of the bonds issued by the state," he said.

Mr. Moffat's bill is one of a number of housing measures expected to see the legislative light of day. Chairman Langdon W. Post of the New York City Housing Authority will push his proposal for a billion and a half dollars for low-rent public housing. It is understood.

The Post bill, while inadequate, is far nearer the amount necessary, according to housing experts.

# Power Merger Step Is Given Court Setback

## Queens Company Told It Can't Call In Its Preferred Stock

The New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company was yesterday granted permission to appeal a decision denying it the right to call in preferred stock in connection with a proposed merger with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York.

The grant was made by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. The Court of Appeals will next hear the case.

Florence Ullman Breslaw, owner of five shares of stock, instituted the action to prevent the stock call. She objected to the "arbitrary" offer by the company to repurchase the stock at what she contended was an "inadequate price."

Associate Justice John B. Johnson of the Appellate Division two weeks ago upheld the right of minority stockholders to oppose the contemplated merger.

The city and various labor organizations have declared objections to the proposed merger. According to opponents of the consolidation, rate payers will not get the benefit of rate reductions if the merger goes through. Organized utility workers charge that mass layoffs will follow the unification of the two giant companies.

# Migraine Called Due To 'Emotional Jag'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 28 (UP).—Migraine headaches, one of the more common and most painful varieties, are due to "a perpetual emotional drunk," Dr. Milton B. Jensen, of Louisville, Ky., told the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

By bringing patients out of their "drunken" emotional state, he was able to help cure 23 out of 25 reported cases. This was done by teaching the patients to relax.

The conference also heard Dr. R. A. Vonderlehr, official of the U. S. Public Health service in charge of venereal diseases, Dr. Edward S. Godfrey, New York State Commissioner of Health, and medical specialists from several Eastern universities.

# LOYALIST SHIP BARRED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 28.—The Spanish steamer Armo Mendi was barred from docking and was anchored today at Guanabara Bay after police ascertained that the crew was entirely for the Spanish government and that some of the seamen were Communists.

# New Year's Eve in the Bronx

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## No Compromise With Fascist Bandits

The latest diplomatic moves in regard to Spain are of far-reaching significance for the cause of Spanish and world democracy and peace. They, moreover, directly affect the United States.

The sending of virtual Nazi armies into Spain appears to have roused Britain and France.

The Blum government, which turned a deaf ear to the entreaties of millions of supporters of the People's Front that it act to halt the criminal Nazi-Italian support of the rebels, has finally become alarmed when this support reached the point where it began to threaten directly the peace of France and French imperialist interests.

Britain has acted together with France and for similar reasons. The question is: HOW will these two countries act, and particularly HOW will the Blum government, elected on a program of struggle against fascism, act?

Sunday's papers published disquieting, even if unofficial, reports that France had offered to hand back the colonies which Germany lost in the war in return for a pledge by Hitler to stop the enlistment of German "volunteers" to Spain, renounce territorial claims within Europe, and agree to peaceful settlement of European economic and political problems.

If such an offer has been made, it is merely another link in the disastrous chain of concessions to the Nazis which have served to embolden international bandits to attempt new and more brazen adventures against world democracy and peace.

It is this very policy, embodied in the so-called non-intervention pact and the whitewashing of the fascist aid to the rebels, which is responsible for the presence of thousands of Nazi soldiers in Spain today with the threat of large-scale German military operations.

Fascism means starvation and oppression of the people at home and foreign adventure and war abroad. Nazi political blackmail is designed not to create the conditions for peace, but to strengthen the preparations for war.

The return of German colonies under present conditions would greatly increase the danger of war not only in Europe, but—in view of the Nazi-Japanese pact—in Asia and the Pacific. And that means a direct threat to the United States.

On the soil of Spain there has already begun a foreign fascist invasion which threatens to engulf the world in a new blood-bath. The way to stop it is the way advocated by the Soviet Union and the forces of democracy and peace throughout the world:

Stop compromising with fascist aggression. Lift the blockade against the legitimate government of Spain and let Hitler and Mussolini know that the democratic countries will no longer tolerate fascist provocation and blackmail.

Independent action by the peace-loving masses of the world is essential if this policy is to be realized.

## To Lawrence Simpson: A Warm Welcome Home

Lawrence Simpson, American seaman and fighter against fascism: We greet you in advance of your return to these shores. We greet you for your stand for democracy, against bestial Hitlerite fascism.

We greet you for your courage in the Nazi dungeons, and for your refusal to do compulsory work on the scab ship taking you home.

As an American, you have lived up to the revolutionary traditions of the American people. As a seaman, you have continued the best traditions of the world's working class.

When you arrive on Thursday, on the S.S. Roosevelt, we are sure that the good wishes of all the American working people will go out to you in welcome.

We extend a warm hand-clasp of fellowship. We are glad that you will soon be back in our midst, after your seventeen dark months in the hands of the Nazi jailors. We look forward to a huge "welcome home" mass meeting on January 6, at St. Nicholas Palace, to let you know how deeply the workers of New York appreciate the efforts you made and the courage you have shown.

## Roper's Figures Show The Rich Can Pay

For the first time since 1929 the indicated national income of about 60 billion dollars for 1936 is expected to equal the income paid out, according to the annual report of Secretary of Commerce Roper.

Roper's report oozes optimism about the economic present and future. Roper sees prosperity around the corner. But there are some things that he chooses not to see.

The fact is that though the total national income paid out increased only about 12 per cent over 1935, profits and dividends showed much greater gains. Thus the net profits of 285 leading industrial concerns for the first six months of 1936 were 63 per cent higher than for the same period in 1935. As for dividends, the last few months have witnessed a veritable orgy of dividend payments, with November dividends breaking all records for a single month.

All of which means that the capitalist hogs are hogging the "recovery" trough. And that spells new economic collapse and increased suffering for America's millions in the not distant future.

In 1929 a total of \$78,632,000,000 paid out proved insufficient to stave off the crash because the masses were not receiving enough to support the high level of production.

In 1936, with production only 10 per cent below the 1929 level, national income paid out is nearly 20 per cent less. Furthermore, foreign trade is about half what it was in 1929. How long before the next crash comes?

The report of Secretary Roper is in reality designed to serve as a justification for the attacks of Wall Street reaction on the living standards of the masses on the ground that the emergency is past and prosperity is here. Roper gives the game away with the statement:

"The desirability of decreasing federal expenditures to relieve unemployment and at the same time protecting those who would be without work if governmental assistance were withdrawn is recognized by all who are interested in this subject."

What Roper's figures of national income show is not that relief expenditures should be reduced, but that the rich can pay. They can pay for the continuation and expansion of WPA by coughing up some of their huge profits and dividends through increased taxation. They can pay higher wages. They can reduce hours without cutting pay, and thereby do something that will actually relieve unemployment.

On Nov. 3 the American people gave the Roosevelt administration a clear mandate to pursue policies that will realize these aims. No amount of "era of good feeling" tripe, whether it emanates from the Chamber of Commerce or the Department of Commerce (it's often hard to tell the difference) can change the character of that mandate or the need for its speedy execution.

## New York's Grippe Wave And the 75th Congress

Grippe and pneumonia victims overflowed New York's hospitals for the poor yesterday. A wave of respiratory diseases is sweeping over the Greater City. It has almost reached the proportions of a major epidemic.

And—one week from today the Congress of the United States opens its sessions in Washington.

Why mention New York's grippe and Congress' beginning, in one breath? For a very good and sufficient reason. They are closely interlinked.

Medical authorities give two reasons for the havoc of illness and death that the grippe wave is bringing: 1. Poor ventilation in tenements; 2. Improper clothing.

Fire is not the only curse of the tenement dweller. Under the present housing crisis, overcrowding is now the law of New York's tenement districts. The high rent racket has driven families to double up. It has compelled poor people to seek lower rents and worse quarters.

Air and light are two of the main foundations for decent housing. They are lacking in the dirty holes which many workers' families are now compelled to call homes.

Disease breeds quickly in such dark and dank places. And disease is breeding there now, filling the hospitals to overflowing.

The Seventy-Fifth Congress, First Session, can begin to mend this vile situation. It cannot be deaf, dumb and blind to the rotten housing evil as was its predecessor of 1936. Catherine Bauer, the well-known housing expert, has shown conclusively in her recent study that private interests cannot and will not do anything effective about these death-traps of the poor.

A large-scale, public housing program for people with low incomes is the foundation stone of proper housing for America. To the Seventy-Fifth Congress, First Session, the American people say: "Get busy—pronto!"

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Not since the great post-war upsurge, which Gandhi so effectively helped to channelize by his suicidal non-resistance movement, has India seen such an awakening as is being expressed at the National Congress Party, whose annual sessions have just opened at Faizpur.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, president of the Congress, in his annual address, spoke words born of the experience of the People's Front of Spain, France, Mexico and the growing national anti-Japanese front of China.

Some time before the opening of the Congress, Jawaharlal Nehru declared:

"The essence of the joint Popular Front must be uncompromising opposition to imperialism, and the strength of it must inevitably come from the active participation of the peasantry and workers."

In his presidential address Nehru pointed out the central planks for such a national united front against British imperialism in India. The first objective, he declared, is to secure democracy by defeating the slave constitution which the British imperialists have forged for India.

A united India would struggle to destroy the control and exploitation of the country by British imperialism.

Nehru believes the ultimate solution of India's problems is socialism, but that the immediate issues that can rally the Indian people against British imperialism is the fight against the new Federal Constitution and for real democracy.

You can always tell when the Indian masses are moving by the activity of Gandhi. The more active, the people threaten to become the oftener does Gandhi talk. Gandhi is a barometer of rising social storms in India. But his primary function is less passive. By his mystical gibberish, by his strong hold on the Indian people, he has heretofore been a valuable assistant of British imperialism.

It is not surprising to find him again politically busy at this Congress "offering" himself as a martyr and a leader of the Indian people. When the united front proposals of Nehru hold out the greatest possibilities of real action for Indian liberty Gandhi is there trying to repeat his past role.

Gandhi would say to the British imperialists and to Lord Linlithgow: "India is big enough to hold you and more like you. That is my Swaraj (independence)."

More than a month before the opening of the Indian National Congress at Faizpur, the Communist Party of Great Britain addressed an appeal to its brother party in India and to the Indian people.

"The question of establishing the United National Front in India," said the Central Committee of the British Party, "is the most vital issue upon which the success of the future struggle will depend. The key need remains—the unity of all anti-imperialist forces in the common struggle."

The British Communists, fighting in the imperialist homeland against the common oppressors of the British and Indian people, pointed out that the time for such unity was most favorable now.

Every trade union congress, Socialist meeting, peasant gathering put forward the idea of unity in India against British imperialism. Unification has gained in the Punjab, between the Kirti Kisan Party, the Radical League and the Socialists; in Bengal, between the Labor Party and the Socialists.

"What is the main task confronting the anti-imperialist front?" asks the British appeal. And it goes on to answer:

"The task is the liberation of the English people and the introduction of a democratic regime. To achieve success in this task we must be prepared to collaborate with all possible allies of the revolutionary vanguard in the struggle for national liberation and for the democratic rights of the people."

On the question of the relation of the struggle for democracy in India to the goal of Socialism, the appeal declares:

"Does this fight for the Constituent Assembly and for democracy mean, as suggested in some quarters, that the slogan for Soviets and for Socialism is reduced to mere words? On the contrary. To suggest such an opposition is to fail to see the real development of the struggle. In the words of Jawaharlal Nehru: 'There can be no Socialism without National Liberation.'"

"The first task that faces us all is this liberation of India from foreign imperialist domination and the establishment of elementary democracy. . . . But precisely this fight draws the mass into political awakening and activity; it can only be won by the widest mobilization of the workers and peasants; and this development of the struggle opens the way for the further activity of the masses, for the advance to the higher form of democracy, or Soviet democracy and to Socialism."

## A "Mystery" That Is No Mystery

One red-baiter, John J. McNaboe, finds himself under fire from another red-baiter, the New York Economic Council.

Red-baiter No. 2 wants to know why Red-baiter No. 1 has not continued red-baiting in "the legislative investigation of Communism in the schools." "What's the mystery?" McNaboe is asked.

Head Red-baiter of all, the Hearst press, thereupon alludes to the sudden McNaboe silence on red-baiting as "the strange case of the McNaboe investigation."

(Information gleaned from Hearst's New York Journal.)

No Sherlock Holmes is required to penetrate this "deep mystery." The first act of the "investigating committee"—in dubbing Cornell University a "red, red institution"—branded McNaboe as the Prize Jackass of the Year.

## THEY'LL DO IT YET!

by Ellis



## Letters from Our Readers

### Against 'Hungry Homeless' Happiness

Toledo, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

While the captains of industry and big store owners wallow in the over-swelling stream of profits, thousands of dismissed WPA workers and millions of unemployed persons face a dismal and not-so-merry Christmas and New Year. Every means is utilized to keep the poor from protesting against their misery.

For example, over WWJ, I heard "Smilin'" Ed McConnell say, in effect: "I am sure that the greatest happiness will be found in the homes of the humble. Those needy people who are tempted to rebel against their hard lot should remember that He, whose birthday we celebrate this week, had no home."

Hungry, homeless and suffering Christians seem to be food for radio commercial broadcasts. S.L.

### 'Tammany Handouts To Needy Eligibles'

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

All during the year the thousands of undernourished and ill-clad New Yorkers were forgotten but during the Christmas season the local Tammany Club gave a "handout" to the "needy" of the neighborhood. I witnessed these "handouts" on 72nd Street and Broadway while working the rounds of my delivery route. Hired moving vans stocked with bags of food backed up against the curb while a few policemen kept "order." The women and children kept coming with their kids to get their share of the harvest!

A Tammany ward heeler guarded the entrance of the club. First, he gave the women the "onceover," and if he saw a familiar face among them then the women were allowed in, if not, a lot of grilling was done before you were "eligible!"

A permanent relief system would certainly be the answer to these workers who meet with such actions as the handouts of the persons of Tammany Hall. Y.C.L.

### 'Let ERB Workers Have Hearing'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter was sent to Commissioner Finegan, Mayor LaGuardia, President of Board of Alderman, the Associated Press:

"As a taxpayer, I am sure that your actions, Mr. Finegan, toward the ERB workers are the most uncivilized.

If the ERB workers are competent, efficient and intelligent enough to keep their positions for four, and some for five years, I believe any person who has his senses intact, cannot fail to see that the ERB workers deserve their positions and should automatically be transferred to the Civil Service rolls.

The least you can do, Mr. Finegan, in this case is to let the ERB workers have a hearing in court because this is the only decent thing to do under a democratic regime." W.M.

### Coughlin And Christianity

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This week the whole world observed the birthday of He who died on the cross. One of the most important of his teachings was the sacredness of an oath or a promise.

Yet less than a week after Christmas, one who calls himself a follower of Christ dares to publicly break an oath. But a short time ago, in fact, just a week after the elections, Father Coughlin promised that he would take to the air-waves no more. Yet we see announced that on New Year's Day the Reverend Father Coughlin will broadcast to his Union For Social Justice.

Are these the teachings of Christ: First to spread the thought of hatred against certain of his fellow-men and later to break a promise which he, a holy man, had made? Are these the true precepts of Christianity? GLORIA HOOPER.

### A 'Conspicuous Omission'

Seattle, Washington.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Having just seen the government-produced film, "The Plough That Broke the Plains," and having recently come from the drought area, I am impelled to comment on it.

It deserves praise, but if it was to have been a well-rounded picture there should have been something about the livestock destruction of the government, too, but there was not a hint of it. Of course, the film could not include everything, but that was such a big factor that its omission was very conspicuous.

That part of their program has somewhat been modified now, but only because the people there to whom meat was a luxury growled in spontaneous wrath against it. And furthermore, the rehabilitation work of the government there is not quite so rosy as indicated in this film. E. P.

### Makes Friend Of CCC Worker

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Workers who have been misled by the capitalist press into believing that Communism is an "alien" doctrine and can never appeal to the "typical" American worker should read a few of the thousands of letters received by the Party from isolated workers who have never known a Party member, nor even seen a piece of Party literature.

The following letter is from a CCC worker in the Middle West, and from his letter a great deal of the history of current political thought could be deduced. He writes:

"I have long been a radical, but like many not connected with any organization or party. My sympathy with Communism began while I was in high school," he writes. "I was especially drawn to your cause by the unjustified arrest of your Presidential candidate, Earl Browder."

"I have been enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps three years and I have found that it gives an instructive course in petty tyranny. . . ."

"I am twenty-two years of age and old enough to join the Communist Party, and my purpose in writing to you is to ask you how I may become a Communist."

"All that I know about Communism has been learned from capitalist publications. I know the psychology of the American worker. . . . He believes in some of the things the Communist believes in and he is not aware of the source of his ideas."

"If you want to give me a break that capitalism denied me, give me a chance to show what I can do." H. P.

### 'Twentieth Century Barbarians'

Ray, Minnesota.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I must have the Daily Worker again. I don't get much information on the Spanish situation from the two local papers.

Since the Loyalists have the fascists on the run, the news releases concerning Spain have been more and more quiet. The fascists of Spain should be called the "Twentieth Century Barbarians."

Some papers have the audacity to call the fascists in Spain "Nationalists." The fascists are nothing but a mob of murderers of innocent babes and mothers, haters of democracy, destroyers of culture, art and freedom.

"The spirit of the Spanish proletariat cannot be destroyed," said Isabella Palencia, when she spoke in Minneapolis. "Long live Spanish democracy, crush the reptile of fascism." R. A.

### READER-CORRESPONDENTS:

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LET THE DAILY WORKER STAFF KNOW YOU'RE READY TO DEFEND YOUR CORNER OF THE EDITORIAL PAGE.  
A PENNY VOTES FOR "LETTERS FROM OUR READERS!"



# The Kids Anxiously Await New Pioneer

Regular Publication of the Magazine Which Kids, From the North and the South, Read So Avidly, Will Start With February Issue; Phil Wolfe New Editor

By Beth McHenry

The Pioneer kids used to meet on a hill Saturday afternoon and the one who failed to bring in a new member once a month got into trouble. That was down in Birmingham, where things were narrow, and they used to say they wished they could be Pioneers in New York for awhile and sing their songs out loud on the street.

### All Kids Like It

I know what it would mean to those little kids down in Alabama if the New Pioneer didn't come out anymore—and they're no different from the kids everywhere else. It's good to hear that the magazine is going to come out regularly again, that it has reorganized and is stronger.

Phil Wolfe is the new editor of the Pioneer magazine. He was showing me copies of the last publications in other countries. The Palomilla (Mexican) and Mon Comrade, the magazine for little French children. There are English and Russian Pioneers, too.

The American Pioneer Magazine was begun in 1931, with Myra Page as the first editor. It had tough going because the children of the poor don't find magazine buying so easy. The way it is to come out now, there will be only subscription orders (50 cents a year) and no more bundles.

The editors have planned a special issue for February featuring the work of Child Artists taught on the WPA project. The paintings and sculpture have all been done by children between the ages of eight and eleven.

The editors of New Pioneer are appealing to the parents of children to help along both their kids and the magazine, by subscribing to it. To counteract the poison of movies and comic strips, let your child read New Pioneer and learn some healthy Americanism from the beginning. The offices of the New Pioneer are at 874 Broadway, Room 203.

This column is up to thirty dollars in the campaign for a hundred thousand for the Daily. I felt better about it until I went in for higher mathematics and discovered that thirty dollars is about one three thousandth of what's needed.

### NEW NUMBERS ON ENTERS PROGRAM

Two new numbers, "Game of Love—France, 19th Century" and "Imperial Russia—19th Century," will be introduced by Angna Enters, mime, in her performance at the Alvin Theatre this afternoon. She will also offer for the first time this season her "American Ballet No. 1," "Koron—Byzantine," "Promenade," "Disarion—With a Not Too Classical Nod to the Greeks" and "Aphrodite—Green Hour." The program will include seven other compositions, three of which are recent creations. Kenneth Yost will be at the piano.

## BOOKS of the DAY

By EDWIN SEAVER

ONE OF THE most interesting first novels of the season now past was Eugene Armfield's "Where the Weak Grow Strong." This excellently written, panoramic novel of a small town in North Carolina has all the virtues and defects of a first rate film.

The town itself (Tuttle, N. C., population 5,000, the home of the Acme Chair Manufacturing Company) is the hero of Mr. Armfield's story. The time is the year 1912. And we are shown the town and its inhabitants as they appeared on an early July morning, an August afternoon, a September night, and finally a Friday in October, the great town-boasting day.

Using the camera eye method, Mr. Armfield focuses our attention now on this detail, now on that; now on this man waking up in the morning, now on that woman turning over in bed to another of ideas and of purpose. A photographer may show us thousands of snapshots of a town, without giving us the town's essence as well as an artist who paints imaginatively a single moment in the life of a single street. At the risk of sounding metaphysical, let us say that

the soul of Tuttle is more than the sum of all its parts, just as a stiff in a dissection room is something less than a complete man. It is this imaginative essence, it seems to me, that is lacking in Mr. Armfield's novel. The collective novel must reveal a collective essence. It must not merely be a collection of individual episodes. This is what Mr. Armfield's novel remains despite the excellence of its writing.

EDGAR CALMER'S "When Night Descends," a novel of hot summer nights have been in New York and recounting the events in the lives of four people from the west side slums on a summer evening, is also indicative of the collective novel that is not collective. The various interludes in the tenement, the park, the streets do not become integral parts of the story. They remain just so much background material. At the same time the lives of the bed-ridden wife and her drunken husband, of their two children Bud and Ray, remain four horizontal lines as far apart at the end of the book as at the beginning.

The story of Ray finding love in Central Park is a good story. Bud's finding the "Communist Manifesto" in Columbus Circle is not so good. But to say this is neither here nor there. The point is that the author must remain the presiding genius of his story, of the many strands of his story. It is in his idea that the various strands of the novel must merge and take on a collective meaning. We do not feel that this ever happens in "When Night Descends."

COMING SOON: "Behind the Spanish Barricades" by John Langdon-Davies (McBride); "On This Island," a new book of poems by W. H. Auden (Random House); "Change the World," by Mike Gold (International Publishers); "The Hundred Years," the story of the last hundred, by Philip Goodell (Doubleday Doran); "Catherine de' Medici and the Lost Revolution," by Ralph Roeder, author of "The Man of the Renaissance" (Viking); "Invasion," by Maxence van der Meersch, winner of the Prix Goncourt—a story of civilians in war time (Viking); "The Croquet Player," an H. G. Wells horror story (Viking); "The Human Comedy," by James Harvey Robinson (Harper).

## New Violetta At the Met

Belgian Vina Bovy Sings Leading Role in "La Traviata"

By MARTIN McCALL

The Metropolitan's three opening performances were of German opera—"Walkure," "Tristan," "Hansel and Gretel." Verdi's "La Traviata," on Thursday evening, the first Italian opera of the season, served a better purpose than its time-honored one of providing the prima donna with a vehicle for her high notes.

For Verdi's operatic version of Dumas' famous play, "Camille," has its grateful virtues as well as its history. The psychological interest of Dumas' play demanded a delicate treatment by Verdi, and although there are sentimental patches in the opera, the old-time melodramatic vulgarity is avoided.

The opera's first performance (in Venice) in 1853, was a scandalous failure, principally because of its miscasting. Its subsequent successes were sensational, and contemporary producers, especially in England and America, profited hugely from the supposed immorality of its libretto. The libretto was condemned by both press and church in England (1855), but "a mania possessed the public," which came in great numbers to behold the "foul and hideous horrors" and the "offense against maidenly reticence and delicacy." By the turn of the century, when the problems posed by the play were already of indifferent interest, "La Traviata" became a prima donna's delight.

Nevertheless, outstanding singers, to date, have understood the dramatic subtleties of Violetta's role, and have carefully observed the sense of the text. Vina Bovy, Belgian coloratura soprano, who made her Metropolitan debut as Violetta, has in like manner conspicuously intelligent. Her voice was attractive, her pitch and tone accurate, and her bravura facile. Her voice did not have the variety of color of Boris, but her musicianship was peerless. It was easily the highest musicianship of the evening, and was a forecast of exemplary performances for the future. Nino Martini, as Alfredo, was pleasantly sweet-voiced, but lacked character in stage action. Lawrence Tibbett, as the older Germont, displayed his usual magnetic stage presence, but by good handling made the effective best of his rather commonplace voice. The remainder of the cast was excellent, while the Ballet in Act III featured some fine male dancers.

THE MOST RECENT information on "Tam" is that to be found in a release of the United States Department of Agriculture of September 14, 1936, which lists Tam with a number of patent medicines recently seized. We quote: "Tam, labeled 'no drugs' and represented as a 'jam' composed of natural laxative fruits, but in fact containing senna leaves and other plant laxatives with fruit tissues (the product was also moldy)."

Tam is, as you notice, anything but harmless. No laxative should be used except on the advice of a reputable physician. The magazine recommending Tam could not have been interested in the real welfare of its readers. We suggest that you read "Health and Hygiene" for similar exposures.

That "Crack" in the Joints, in the Middle, B. F. MIDDLEBURY, Vermont, writes: "I have been annoyed lately by what is probably not a serious ailment—a cracking sound in the joints, particularly in the elbows and knees. Can you tell me what causes this and how it can be remedied?"

THE CRACKING SOUND which is often heard in joints, particularly on motion, may be normal. However, where there is marked cracking associated with stiffness and pain, it is nearly always indicative of an arthritic involvement of that joint.

As a general rule, cracking sounds in young individuals, without any restriction of motion or pain, have no significance and are largely due to friction of ligaments. It is entirely harmless.

In old people, or where it is associated with pain and disability, the patient should consult a doctor for careful examination, diagnosis and treatment.

Due to the illness of Edward Smith, assistant director of the Workers' School, the announced series of "Lessons in Communism" will not begin till next Monday.

## Six More Days For Contest

The time is fast approaching for us to start thinking seriously about this New Year's resolutions.

The Union's Column suggested the first day that every trade unionist in town make a couple of resolutions and resolve to keep them. They were good resolutions, darned good resolutions, and we hope that every trade unionist has resolved to make them and keep them.

New Year's day however is still three days away and the Daily Worker Contest for the best picture of the year is approaching its end. Pardon us for being metaphorical, but we can't help thinking that as the sands run out of the Old Year's hour glass, so they run out of the Contest's hour glass. When you usher in the New Year, there will be only one day left for you to enter the contest.

A good New Year's resolution would be to use that one day to send in your entry into the Contest. A better resolution, right now however, would be to fill out the coupon at the bottom of the page and enter the contest before the New Year is welcomed in.

You will probably make a couple of good resolutions during the festivities, and we hope that you don't forget to solemnly resolve to carry out the suggestions of the With the Union's column, so that maybe it would be better for you to begin your New Year's resolves right now. Resolve to enter our best movie contest.

You don't have to use the coupon printed at the bottom of the page. You can send us your selection for the ten best pictures of the year on the bottom of your selection, enclose a letter explaining your choice for the best picture of the year and why you think that picture deserves the Daily Worker Award of Merit.

It's two days ahead of time, but we wish you a very happy New Year. We hope you don't forget to make your New Year's resolutions and stick to them.

And if you don't send us your entries before the New Year, remember that for the first day of 1937 we will still accept your letter. Any letter mailed before midnight Jan. 2nd is part of the contest. We hope to hear from you.

## Hi-Lites on the Air Lanes

CLASSICAL MUSIC  
8:00-WOR—Concert Orch., Cesare Sodero, Conductor; Almo Deloro, Soprano; Willard Amson, Tenor; Stuart Gracy, Baritone; Chorus  
10:00-WOR—Dedication of Mutual Broadcasting System's Grand Central Network; all types of programs  
TALKS—VARIETY—COMEDY  
9:30-WEAP—Fidel Orchestra, Charles Butterworth, Trudy Wood, Conrad Thibault, Frankie White and any paper.  
WABC—Jack Oakie's College with the Goodman and Stoll Orchestras, the Westley College Musicians and Singers, Bob Burns and Alice Faye  
11:30-WEAP—Twelve Crowded Months—Sketch of Year's New Highlights  
DANCE MUSIC  
9:00-WJZ—Ben Bernie and all the Boys and one lady, Gertrude Niesen  
WABC—Fred Warin's Ensemble  
9:15-WOR—Buoy Orchestra  
11:00-WJZ—Blamp Orchestra  
WABC—Kemp Orchestra  
11:15-WOR—Brown Orchestra  
11:40-WEAP—Fidel Orchestra  
WJZ—Masters Orchestra

# NEWS OF STAGE AND SCREEN

## Bigger, Better Dance School

More Than 200 Students Attend the Enlarged New Dance School

The New Dance Group school is swinging into the Winter season of 1936-37 with more spirit and bigger plans than ever before in its more than five years of active existence. To those familiar with its work in previous years this means a large order. But for the present New Dance Group School committee it is simply a matter of recognizing a larger need in the field of the left-wing dance and of proceeding to meet this need as adequately as possible.

The school ordinarily has an opportunity to afford participation in the modern dance to a large number of people. This year it has the largest enrollment in its history. More than 200 students are attending classes regularly each week. An additional number are attending the forum-lecture-demonstrations held at the school once a month throughout each term.

Others have enrolled in the intensive short term courses offered between regular terms. The current curriculum offered is considerably enlarged. Each of the major techniques in the modern dance is represented including Graham, Humphrey-Weidman, and Wigman. There are classes for beginners, intermediates, and advanced students. Ballet instruction is offered as is also instruction in other techniques. There is a course exclusively for men. Many of the classes have been divided to keep them from becoming unwieldy. Additional facilities have been provided to handle an especially large enrollment of beginners.

Consistent with the improved curriculum the teaching staff has been carefully picked as well as augmented. Experience and ability in teaching as well as record as a dancer have been taken into consideration. An imposing list is the result.

### All Techniques Included

Edith Orcutt of the Humphrey-Weidman Concert Group, Jane Dudley of the Martha Graham Concert Group and Nancy McKnight of the Hanyu Holm School, formerly the New York Wigman School, are in charge of the advanced work in modern dance technique. Jose Limon, colorful and well-known dancer and member of the Humphrey-Weidman concert group, is again instructing the men's class.

The forum-lecture-demonstrations are an added part of the school's activity. Several prominent leaders in the dance and in other fields are taking in these monthly programs. The first was a dance lecture-demonstration by Eleanor King. There are also lecture-demonstrations on the work of the various classical ballets.

Recently a number of advanced students were admitted into a newly organized semi-professional performing group. This group is called the Second Performing Troop of the New Dance Group. The director is Jane Dudley. It is creating its own dances and will perform before public audiences after the first of the year.

The First Performing Troop which has been in existence for a number of years recently absorbed the Second Performing Troop of last season. It has continued to maintain its thoroughly professional standard. Most of its old members, many with colorful and considerable achievement in the dance field, have continued their work with the group. New members are being added from the school from time to time as they qualify.

Mr. Anderson had a firm terrain upon which to build. Yet with this advantage and the further exposition of the odious nature of the "Wingless Victory" is one such work of the great American dramatic-verse. He has chosen his inner theme well. The conflict between the cold merchant princes of post-colonial New England, rigid in defense of a society which they have themselves devalued, and the vivid, emotional and proud princess of an alien land is established when one of these New Englanders wanders out of bounds and falls in love with a Malay woman.

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## Reunion in Murder



William Powell and Myrna Loy made such a lovely sleuthing couple in "The Thin Man" that they can now be seen in a new murder tale, "After the Thin Man," at the Capitol. Asta, the dog, also plays a leading role.

## Not White Gods But Merchants Of Salem Were the Real Villains

"The Wingless Victory" Needs One Precise Bad Man to Vitalize Its Tragedy

By CHARLES E. DEXTER

What is essential to an enduring tragedy? Stop me if I am wrong in asserting that external forces, a powerful dynamic of original sin, were not the foundation stones of the Grecian temples erected by Sophocles, Aeschylus and other ancient devotees of Melpomene. Beautiful structures, these, solid and substantial as on the day the last touch of stylus was placed to parchment; and if they are no longer so frequented as in the immortal past, charge that to the turning times which embody a new dynamic, a new source of inspiration for artists and tragedians.

It is my thesis that Maxwell Anderson, for all his enormous skill, does not provide the fundamental basis of tragedy. "The Wingless Victory" is one such work of the great American dramatic-verse. He has chosen his inner theme well. The conflict between the cold merchant princes of post-colonial New England, rigid in defense of a society which they have themselves devalued, and the vivid, emotional and proud princess of an alien land is established when one of these New Englanders wanders out of bounds and falls in love with a Malay woman.

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## The Filching Mr. Herbert Steals the Whole Show

James Melton and Patricia Ellis Are Left Singing Songs While Hugh Herbert Walks Off With Their Department Store in "Sing Me a Love Song"

SING ME A LOVE SONG—Directed by Raymond Enright from a screen play by Sig Heisig and Jerry Wald based on a story by Harry Sauber. Photographed by Arthur Todd. A Cosmopolitan Production and a Warner Brothers Picture. At the New Criterion.

Jerry Haines ..... Patricia Ellis ..... Charles Halligan  
Jan Rainer ..... James Melton ..... Mr. Willard ..... Charles Hutton  
Siegfried Hammerschlag ..... Hugh Herbert ..... Blakely ..... Dennis Moore  
Gwen ..... Zasu Pitts ..... Mrs. Parker ..... Georgia Caine  
Ruth ..... Allen Jenkins ..... Goodrich ..... Gravitte Bates  
Ruth ..... Nat Pendleton ..... Officer ..... George Guhl  
Lola Parker ..... Ann Sheridan ..... Walter ..... Adrian Rosley  
Sprague ..... Walter Catlett ..... Head Waiter ..... George Sorel  
Mr. Barton ..... Hobart Cavanaugh ..... Miss Joyce ..... Linda Perry

By Dorothy Gates

The Five-and-Ten-Cent-Baby-in-the-Million-Dollar-Store-Saga comes in for some unnecessary publicity in "Sing Me a Love Song" at the New Criterion. Embellished with the usual amount of love and just sufficient plot to keep the ancient tale from falling apart like the One Horse Shay, its primary virtue is the presence of Hugh Herbert, possessed by an uncontrollable desire to filch while the filching's good.

To get over the usual part of the picture first, let it be said that this is the tale of the young man about town, inheritor of a department store and a fine voice from his father. The department store rapidly goes to pot while young James Melton, the singing hero, develops his vocal cords. When he is called upon to show his true colors, he takes over the store, runs it so that the red becomes black in a twinkling of an eye, and then marries the young lady of the music department whom he has had his eye on for these last six months.

That's the tale. Add some tune-fest songs, pleasant enough although they halt the picture, the presence of such old hands at comedy as Zasu Pitts, Allen Jenkins, Hobart Cavanaugh, Walter Catlett and Nat Pendleton, and you have the stuff of which comedies, both good and bad, are made. This comedy is on the debit side. As far as we are concerned, you can take it or leave it.

Mr. Herbert Has His Way

Having done our duty by the film we would like to report on the kleptomaniac carry-ings-on of Hugh Herbert, known in the film as Siegfried, Rudolph, Herman and Papa Hammerschlag. Mr. Herbert, being with an irresistible desire to walk off with other people's property, is the youngest member of the Hammerschlag family.

None of them seems to be quite there, considering the fact that Rudolph sits at his desk and plays with toy trains, Herman has his little idiosyncrasy and Papa likes to shoot carp with the family bullet, even though the entire family is enormously respectable and controls one of the largest railroads in the country. Siegfried has always been the real problem. For years now, Papa has been paying hush money to keep Siegfried's little weakness from the public eye. It's all very well if Siegfried likes to steal the radiator cap on his own car, but when it comes to other people's property, that is a different matter. And Papa takes care of it.

Of course, Hugh Herbert is all of the Hammerschlags and if you like Hugh Herbert, you'll love the Hammerschlags. There should have been more of him.

The picture however also stars James Melton and Patricia Ellis.

Fat Mystery In "Thin Man"

AFTER THE THIN MAN—based on a story of Dashiell Hammett's, adapted for the screen by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. Directed by W. S. Van Dyke. Produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. At the Capitol.

Nick Charles ..... William Powell  
Nora ..... Myrna Loy  
David ..... James Stewart  
Belma ..... Elissa Landi  
"Dancer" ..... Joseph Calleia  
Aunt Katherine ..... Jessie Ralph  
Casper ..... Teddy Hart  
Abrams ..... Sam Levene  
Folly ..... Dorothy McNew  
Lum Kee ..... William Law  
Dr. Kammer ..... George Zucco  
Phil ..... Paul Tico

By David Platt

"The Thin Man" was a right smart comedy-mystery, the best of its kind. "After the Thin Man"

The film is punch-drunk with such stuff. If it isn't bank's night, it's "After the Thin Man" as you throw here." as a man is thrown out of a night club.

Take the bed-room scenes. They're as delightful as those in "Thin Man." Also dependent upon the punch line: Nora wakes up in the middle of the night to ask if Nick can reach the water. Nick emerges out of a welter of confused emotions, hands over the bottle and almost drops dead when he hears the voice of Nora crying in the wilderness: "I didn't want the water, I merely wanted to know if you could reach it in case I did." A few moments later Nick goes back to sleep with a "Please don't disturb" sign on his chest.

The mystery is not at all a bad mystery. Three are killed, seven are suspects, one case of forgery exposed as an incidental attraction, some blackmail, a case of jealousy, four cases of scotch and a real treat at the end. But I think I better stop before I give it away and become the real criminal.

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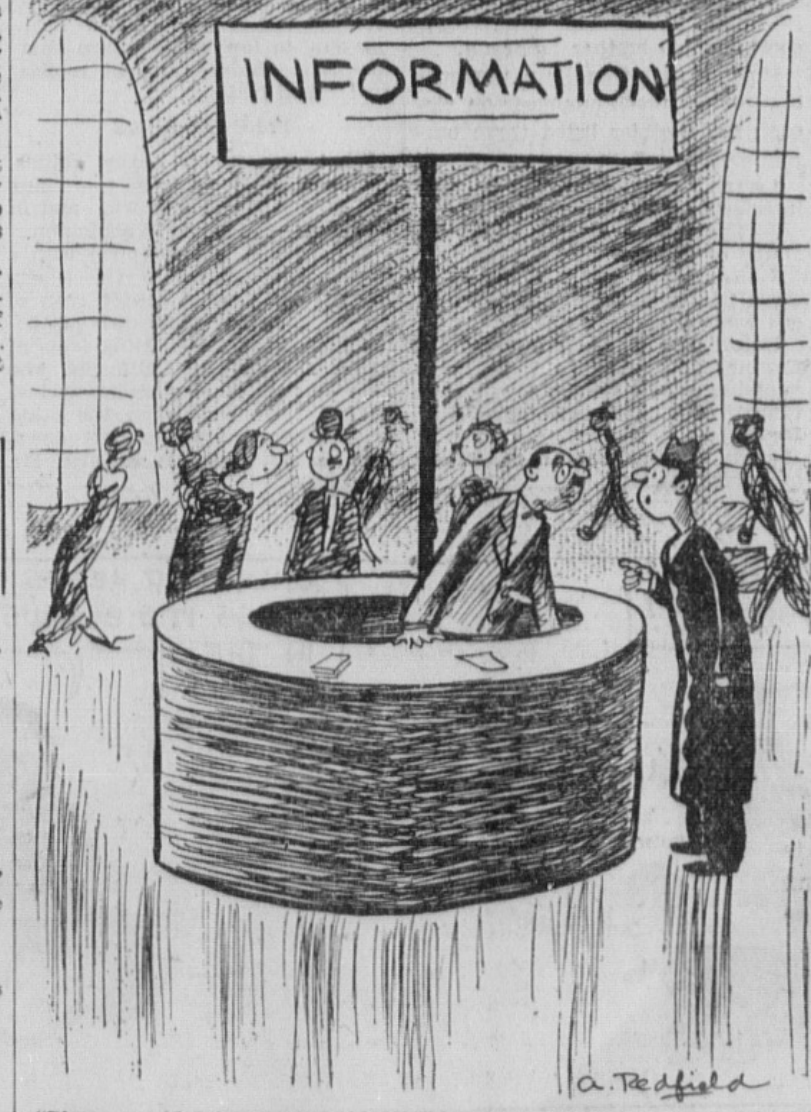
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## The Ruling Clawss —by Redfield





# EVERYBODY PICKS A NEW YEAR'S LIST

By Ted Benson

EVERYBODY takes a crack at picking lists of something or other at this time of the year. As 1936 slides into the pages of history like a ball player drifting into second with spikes up and head down, and 1937 comes to bat, every sports writer in America takes his typewriter in hand and gives birth to a list of some kind.

I think the penalty for failure to provide a list is the loss of membership in the Sports Writers Union—and who am I to be a scab?

Therefore—and for no other reason, mind you—I will get up a list of my own.

Now I do not wish to do the same thing that everyone else has done—and done better. I am not going to get up a list of the year's greats. Because if I were to do that, the athletes who, like Abou ben Adhem, would lead all the rest, is Jesse Owens, and, to quote that Barrymore girl, that's all there is, there isn't any more.

## My Own Kind of List

MY LIST is going to be different. I am going to pick the Mugs of the Year in Sports. Here they are:

- AVERY BRUNDAGE**—because—oh, need I go into details?
- KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS**—because he sold out his trust as guardian of the morals of baseball just to keep his job.
- MAX SCHMELING**—because in Germany he cashes in on the fact that he's a storm trooper, but in the United States he tries to keep himself in solid by retaining his Jewish manager. He is always deploring (in the United States) race hatred but plays upon it to do Joe Louis out of his chance at the title.
- ADOLF HITLER**—because he didn't have the courage of a cootie in the Olympic Games and wouldn't face Jesse Owens and because he staged the games as propaganda for the filthiest government ever devised by the minds of beasts who pose as men.
- THE NEW YORK STATE BOXING COMMISSION**—because they helped the Nazi government slip one over on an American, Joe Louis.

## Here's Your Chance

THAT'S all I can think of now. There are probably many others that you, my readers (both of you), can think of.

This column is hereby thrown open until New Year's Day for the publication of the pet hates in sports of the readers of the Daily Worker Sports Page.

There should be many of them. Space will be allotted to those sending in their hates early and I will try to avoid printing duplicate hates.

The only hate barred is the Anti-Benson Club's pet dislike.

Let me suggest, too, that those hates accompanied by votes and money for the Daily Worker Fund will be most highly appreciated.

## Luisetti Threat

### To L.I.U. Streak

It'll be Bender against Hank Luisetti, when L. I. U. meets Stanford at the Garden tomorrow.

Bender has been the top scorer in these parts for the past two seasons, while the fast Californian is touted as the greatest court star ever to toss them in on the West Coast.

According to those who have seen Luisetti in action, the Blackbirds must stop him if they expect to stretch their winning streak to forty-four. Stanford has won its

last four games with ease and have been concentrating on tomorrow's meeting with L. I. U. since the beginning of the season.

Cocher Bee has taken his Long Islanders to Ferndale for a rest before bringing his aces to New York. This gives a faint idea of the healthy respect he has for Hank. To make matters a bit worse for the Blackbirds will be the tremendous physical advantage the Cardinals boast. Captain Dinty Moore, 6 feet 3 inch guard, is the smallest starter of the Stanford team.

However, the Blackbirds are worried a bit and local fans are betting on the "wonder five" to add another notch to their long string.

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## New Heavyweight Threat



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## Angry Pitt Expects to Run Wild; Veteran Huskies Have the Same Idea

### Ground Attack, Led by Goldberg, Will Do Trick

PASADENA, Dec. 28 (UP)—Pittsburgh, which never has won a Rose Bowl game, finally is going to get in the winning column next week against Washington. The score might be 3-0, 6-0 or name your own winning margin.

That depends on how angry the Panthers are. Pittsburgh is very peeved. It is determined to make up for three previous defeats out here. Like Columbia in 1934, Pitt is out to hit back at the Pacific Coast experts who sneered at the selection of Pittsburgh.

### MANPOWER PLUS

The Panthers have everything on their side. Their record is better than that of Washington. They are three deep in every position. They have power in the line and in the backfield—power that is too much for Washington to hurl back for 60 minutes. And they are hotter than a rivet for this ball game.

Forget that Duquesne defeat and the scoreless tie with Fordham. Pittsburgh was a bit too cocky against the Dukes. And in Fordham they ran into a team that had the best defense in the land that day.

The Panthers flashed a great attack against Ohio State and won the game 6-0 without throwing a pass. It used power football to wallop Notre Dame and Nebraska, two of the strongest teams in the country.

Washington, despite Pitt's apathy toward rading through the air, is drilling on pass defense. That will tell the story. For if the Huskies start spreading for passes, the Panthers will rip them apart on the ground.

### BOWL PARADE

Bowl Games here—Bowl Games there—Bowl Games everywhere. Rose Bowls and Orange Bowls and Fruit Bowls and Salad Bowls—Lettuce Bowls and Sugar Bowls—Cotton Bowls and well, just about every kind of bowl but the well known lavoatory bowl.

The football season, officially dead and buried, fares into activity New Year's Day with this rush of games. Duquesne and Mississippi State are one set of opponents; L.S.U. and Santa Clara and T.C.U.-Marquette are others that look like really good games if you're still interested in the piskin parade.

Personally, we prefer the more seasonal basketball games.

### Rutgers Prexy Joins Grid Anvil Chorus

Common sense in the conduct of inter-collegiate athletics was urged today by Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers University, in the principal address at the annual sportmanship brother luncheon.

Holding that there is a tendency towards too much emphasis on victory, Dr. Clothier listed three current evils in college sport:

- 1—Too much intensified football interfering with classwork.
- 2—The raising of football to the status of a huge public spectacle.
- 3—Heavy betting as a result of great public interest which threatens further dangers.

Enlarging on the third "evil" Dr. Clothier said that present trends in gambling might lead to attempts to tamper with players. He urged that football be conducted on a basis of friendly competition rather than one of public spectacle.

### Versatile Washington Rated as a Real Money Team

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 28 (UP)—Washington's Purple Pack came out of the North today loaded for Panther meat and about two points to the good in betting odds for the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day. This, in a season of upsets, should be as good a reason as any for picking Pittsburgh.

Practically everything is against Washington. It has the heaviest line, including two of the best linemen in the country in rawboned Johnny Wiatrack and Big Max Starcevic. They have no Marshall Goldberg, but they have a four-ply backfield that can do about everything except the Indian rope ladder trick. The team is seasoned.

A favorite has not won in the Rose Bowl in a decade, with the single exception of 1933 when Southern California defeated Pittsburgh. All of which sets things up nicely for an upset to end upsets—Washington win for the form players, to top off a season that for sheer dizziness has no replica in football history.

### LINE DE LUXE

When two power teams collide, the team which also has something else in the bag should win—and in this case, the team is Washington. The Huskies are equipped with a strong line, geared to the supercharged Wiatrack, a center rush of the old school. Wiatrack does not accomplish the free-wheeling feats of lads like Herwig of California, who intercepts passes and makes tackles on end runs. But when the other team needs a yard to first down, they do not make it through Mr. Wiatrack.

## NYU-HoyaRow May Steal Show Tomorrow Nite

### Unbeaten 5's in Prelim to L.I.U.-Stanford Game at Garden

The big event of tomorrow night's double header at the Garden is the game between all-conquering L.I.U. and the Pacific Coast champs, Stanford.

But—the neglected preliminary is a game that by itself would be a big drawing card. Two unbeaten teams, N.Y.U. of metropolitan fame and Georgetown's, if a st. moving Hoyas, meet in the game that may well make the L.I.U.-Stanford imbroglio look like an anti-climax.

Howard Cann's five is more or less regarded as a mystery team around here, with critics loath to count it out until it's been seen in action against an opponent of Georgetown's caliber. That flaming Violet team of last winter, the outfit that made monkeys of California, Kentucky, North Carolina and other assorted out of town teams, still lingers too strongly in the memory of the court cognoscenti for them to accept Cann's pessimistic appraisal of his own team.

Messrs. Rubenstein, Maidman and Klein have gone into the world looking for better jobs than twice a week pro-ball, and Erwin Witzy didn't attend to his school books to the satisfaction of the N.Y.U. prexies. That left Milty Schulman (who really was the main spring of the '35 and '36 outfits) and Ivy Terjeson, center, as the veterans to start with.

A slowly developing reserve now in his senior year, Boardman, and two of the more promising sophomores couldn't crash last year. Tarlow and Carnevale round out this year's edition. Don't sell them too short till you see them.—L.R.

## Gas Stock Soars

### In Subsidy Talk

The eternal question of subsidizing college athletes, practiced by all coaches and denied by all presidents, is once more blown by the heavy winds of solemn discussion. Bodies devoted to the propagation of fair play such as the National Collegiate Association, the Sportsmanship Brotherhood, and the American Football Coaches Association, are now in session in New York enervating what would otherwise be a slow season for football writers.

In order to save their guilty consciences the bigwigs of collegiate football will as usual condemn the buying and selling of college stars, at the same time keeping a sharp lookout for local talent. Another custom that will surely be observed is the enactment of new regulations to clutter up the rule book and give the boys something to talk about.

The conferences will provide coaches, troubled by receipt-hungry trustees back home, with a chance to explain away the poor showings their teams made this year. A case in point is that of Hunk Anderson who received the old heave-ho from North Carolina. He'll have to do a lot of talking to match the big shots' gab.

### Puerto Rican Champ Fights Next Saturday

Attilio Sabatino, middleweight champion of Porto Rico, returns to Rockland Palace next Saturday night endeavoring to score his third straight win there when he meets Bobby Cortez of Mexico, known fictitiously as "Wild Mexican Pete."

Sabatino kayoed Babe Amos and decisively defeated Joe Pennino in two fights at Rockland, Pete, since coming to these shores from Mexico, has encountered Joe Pennino, Andre Jerserum, Teddy Loder, Baby Joe Gans, Gaston LeCardre and others. He is a two fisted aggressive club fighter and has just the style to defeat Sabatino.

Yustin Sirutis, giant Brooklyn heavyweight, meets Young George Godfrey, 230 pounder from Baltimore. George Brothers, Harlem's ex-Golden Gloves champion, meets Eric Lawson, club fighting Swedish light heavy in a special six rounder. One more six and two fours complete the card.

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## I.S.U. to Enter Labor Sports

### Joseph Curran Welcomes AAU Policy—Striking Seamen to Play Soccer Game for Seamen's Fund—Federation Backs Labor Sports

By Mike Kantor

The International Seamen's Union, now in the thick of its most bitter struggle, is willing to aid in helping the growth of labor sports. Joseph Curran, leader of the striking seamen, thought the subject important enough to give us a few moments of his time.

"You bet I'm glad to hear about this new growth in labor sports interest," Curran said. "We've been too busy with so many other things to give this important phase of workers' activity much thought. Our boys are trying to arrange a soccer game with a number of teams for the benefit of the striking seamen. They're meeting the Berengaria today. You know that ship has some pretty good hookers and a swell team. We hope to have a game with them. If not, we're going to keep plugging until we fix up some sort of a match."

The popular leader of the seamen feels that Judge Mahoney's invitation to labor to join the A.A.U. is a sign that labor and labor sports was moving ahead fast enough to make it felt among the biggest athletic organizations in the country. "Labor ought to take that invitation seriously," he said. "It's important that the boys who sweat for a living have something to say about their athletics. Besides, one of the best means of organizing labor into a unified movement is through sport contact and it's good to know that the Judge is favorable to having labor take a hand in the A.A.U."

## WTUL Okays Labor Sports

Rose Schneiderman, president of the Women's Trade Union League, gave a statement to the Daily Worker yesterday, in which she expressed pleasure at the progressive stand taken by Judge Mahoney, head of the A. A. U., in relation to labor sports.

"I'm glad to hear about the new policy in the A.A.U.," the veteran labor and social worker said. "We know that company unions have fostered sports as a bait for the workers. It has been a vicious practice and one which I hope the new sports situation for labor will definitely eradicate."

The W. T. U. L. leader thought that such outstanding labor men like Dubinsky and Hochman might have much to say about the position taken by Judge Mahoney. She felt that her lack of sports knowledge forbade her speaking at length on the subject, but that she was heartily in favor of labor building its own independent sports movement.

### READY FOR PITT



Jimmy Johnson, one of Washington's ends, expects to snare a few in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day against the Eastern Panthers. The Huskies have used the airways to good advantage this season.

"When this strike is over and things have settled down a bit," the strike leader added, "we intend to embark on something of the same kind. We'd like to have a big gym where the seamen can come together and set up different teams and play other labor outfits. It's not only important. It's a necessity, especially for the seamen."

Asked whether he might have given some thought about joining the A.A.U. when the strike was settled, Curran replied like a shot, "Sure, we'll give it plenty of thought. We want to get into any pool where labor is having a swim. When you watch our seamen boot that soccer ball around at their coming games, you'll know that seamen not only like to indulge in athletics but can do it a bit better than some of the teams who probably have more time and better facilities for sports."

"Our boys haven't even got uniforms or shoes to play in. That's one of the reasons the games are being held up awhile. You can't kick a ball around in bare feet—not even seamen. And uniforms are good things to have if you're going to have a team at all. But we'll get there and you can bet we'll do all we can to help build a labor sports movement out here."

### Today's Events

**Boxing**  
 New York Coliseum—Pete Scalzo vs. Al Reid, eight rounds; Bobby (Red) Dal vs. Redie Forgiere, Cliff Kusterbeck vs. Tex Lewis, Rudy Marshall vs. Vincent Trane, six rounds each; Mickey Salazar vs. Tony Massa, Solly Pace vs. Mike Alfano, four rounds each.

**Wrestling**  
 St. Nicholas Palace—Rudy Dusek vs. Cliff Olson, to a finish; Able Coleman vs. Tony Garibaldi, Mike Mazurki vs. Tiny Morgan, Shant Kirilovka vs. Frank Judson, Sam Monacher vs. Bobby Roberts, Manny Cantor vs. Ed Cook, time limit.

**Hockey**  
 Rangers at Americans.

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