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FLINT AUTO STRIKERS DEFY INJUNCTION

Nazi Planes Bomb Bilbao, One Bagged

HITLER SENDS FRANCO PLEDGE TO HALT SHIPS

4,000 More Italian Troops Landed at Cadiz—Fishing Fleet Armed to Protect Shipping—USSR Press Condemns Fascist Pirates

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Labor and liberal quarters tonight charged the British government with encouraging Italian intervention in Spain.

It was reliably reported that at the moment it signed the Anglo-Italian pact Saturday, the British government was aware that Italy had landed 4,000 troops at Cadiz and that on the previous day and the foregoing week another 6,500 "volunteers" were disembarked at the same port.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The Nazi government of Germany has sent General Wilhelm Faupel back to General Franco in Burgos, Spain, with a pledge from Hitler of ruthless warfare against Spanish ships.

The Nazi cruisers Koenigsberg and Karlsruhe and the "pocket battleship" Graf Spee are lying off the Biscayan coast, and will capture all ships flying the flag of the Spanish government.

Three ships have been captured so far by the Koenigsberg: the Soton (which afterward escaped), the Andalusia and yesterday the Marta Junquera.

To the sharp protests of the Basque (Loyalist) government and the Spanish government, the Berlin Nacht Ausgabe answered here today: "Announcements like that issued by a group of Bolshevik criminals

Britain Sends 17 Ships to Spain

LONDON, Jan. 4.—With no reply yet to British protests to the Spanish fascist junta at Burgos against shelling of the British freighter Black Hills, England announced today that 17 of her warships were in or entering Spanish waters to "protect British shipping."

at Bilbao don't interest Germany." Meanwhile there was no answer, nor any indication when there would be any answer, by the Nazi government to the Anglo-French request for a promise to stop ship-

High Court Sets Aside DeJonge Sentence

Action Seen Affecting Outcome of Angelo Hernandez Case—Reversal of Oregon Decision Held 'Significant Victory' in Fight for Free Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP).—The Supreme Court today set aside the conviction and seven-year jail sentence imposed on Dirk DeJonge, Portland, Ore. Communist, following the longshoremen's strike of 1934 on charges of violating the State Criminal Syndicalism law.

The Court in an unanimous opinion by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, held that, as applied to DeJonge's case by the state supreme court, the statute was invalid.

The DeJonge appeal was argued in the Supreme Court last December by Osmond K. Fraenkel, noted constitutional attorney, retained for DeJonge's defense by the International Labor De-

Welcome Home! Lawrence Simpson



Part of the joyous crowd that greeted Lawrence Simpson upon his return from Nazi Germany where he was imprisoned by the Hitler regime. Tomorrow night thousands of New Yorkers will gather in St. Nicholas Arena to extend the welcome to the heroic seaman.

18,000 JAM GARDEN FOR SPAIN RALLY

De los Rios Tells Garden Rally War Is Between Progress and Reaction

Victory for the Spanish people over fascism was predicted last night by Ambassador Fernando de los Rios of Spain before 18,000 persons at a Madison Square Garden rally sponsored by the United Spanish Societies.

Speaking to people of his own country in the battlefields defending Madrid, he said: "I believe victory will be yours because I believe in justice and because I believe in the future of Spain."

Dr. de los Rios frankly discussed the Spanish Civil War situation with the large New York audience. After outlining the background of the conflict, he declared: "But as the power of the present government rests fundamentally on the enthusiastic support of the masses, this civil war has inevitably reached the state of social revolution. It could not be otherwise."

The Spanish Ambassador was introduced by Prof. John Dewey of Columbia University in his first public appearance in New York. Preceding him on the platform were a number of prominent public figures who pledged their support for the fighting Spanish people.

Ask Communist Units To Raise Funds for Daily Worker Tonight

To all Communist Party Members: Here is how you can effectively aid the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker \$10,000 drive.

At tonight's meetings of units and branches, take up collections for the Daily Worker and rush them to us. Make plans for house parties and other affairs at which to raise money for the drive.

Simpson Upheld Tradition Of Dimitroff, Browder Says

By EARL BROWDER

The successful visit of Comrade Lawrence Simpson from Hitler's bloody hands is a victory for the democratic forces throughout the world. In its own way and on a smaller scale it was our own American example of the Dimitroff tradition.

Alliance Asks Mayor For Tag Day Permit

Seek to Raise Funds Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Pay Expenses of 1,000 Who Go to Washington Jan. 15 to Protest Layoffs and Urge Bigger WPA

Declaring that the New York Public Welfare Department is giving the Workers Alliance and the Trade Union Sponsoring Committee the run-around on a petition to conduct tag days Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Alliance officials yesterday appealed directly to Mayor LaGuardia to order issuance of the permit.

The tag days are planned to raise funds for the Jan. 9 and Jan. 15 demonstrations protesting against WPA layoffs and for WPA extension. It was pointed out that in addition to parade expenses, funds

Daily Receives Chicago's Reply; What's Yours?

In ringing terms, Chicago gives its answer! "We cannot and will not fail in the duty we owe the Party and the Daily Worker," District 8, Communist Party, telegraphed the Daily Worker yesterday in answer to the recent open letter the "Daily" addressed to them asking why District 8 was lagging in the \$100,000 Daily and Sunday Worker drive at a time when the paper was in great need.

The Daily is the only newspaper defending day in and day out the interests of the workers, farmers and progressive middle class elements. The unemployed, the trade unionists, the Negro people of Chicago have learned to look to the Daily for guidance and leadership in their struggle.

We cannot and will not fail in the duty we owe to the Party and the workers.

75TH CONGRESS WILL BEGIN SESSION TODAY

Demand for Social Legislation Seen as Chief Issue Facing House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—With a powerful people's mandate for social welfare legislation ringing in its ears, the Seventy-fifth Congress prepared to hold its first session tomorrow.

A flood of measures with definite social objectives began pouring into the House today, two months after the American people, hungry for social legislation, had returned Roosevelt to office in an unprecedented landslide.

Earlier today, Sam Rayburn, Texas Democrat, was elected majority leader, in a spirited caucus of the overwhelming Democratic majority.

Protruding itself into the midst of all pre-Congress discussion today

DEATH TOLL FROM FLU AND PNEUMONIA UP

500 Dead in Chicago as Negro and Slum Areas Are Hardest Hit

A nation-wide influenza epidemic kept spreading steadily throughout the country yesterday, taking its heaviest toll among poor workers in congested slums in many cities.

Chicago, with more than 500 dead from flu in two weeks, was the focal point of the epidemic reported from the Atlantic Coast to the Rocky Mountains.

After days of minimizing the extent of the epidemic which has hit the Negro South Side slum area hardest, Dr. Herman N. Bundeson, Chicago health chief, finally admitted yesterday that the outbreak, the worst since 1928, was reaching critical proportions.

100 DEAD IN DENVER

Fifty-seven died in Chicago over the week-end. "There are thousands with upper respiratory infections," Dr. Bundeson said. "Colds are almost universal."

Denver, second to Chicago, had 100 cases of pneumonia yesterday, 5,000 cases of flu and at least 100 deaths.

New York was not as hard hit as these two Midwestern cities, but hospitals reported a steadily rising number of cases. Congested Manhattan, with blocks of tenements, reported most of the cases of the total of 302 given by the Department of Health for the city in the 48 hours ending at 10 A.M. yesterday.

The crowded slums of the borough, there were 748 ambulance calls for the 24 hours ending at midnight yesterday and 125 calls from midnight to 7 A.M. Long delays in answering calls were still

DETROIT GMC WORKERS VOTE ON WALKOUT

Cleveland Police Attack Picket Line in First Outbreak of Strike—Sloan Stands by Open Shop Policy of Auto Barons

SUMMARY OF AUTO STRIKE

United Press reported tonight that Assistant Labor Secretary Edward F. McGrady conferred at the Capital with John L. Lewis, for the second time within twenty-four hours, on the growing strike wave in the auto industry.

CLEVELAND, Ohio: Tension marked the eighth day of the huge Fisher Body plant strike when pickets prevented police lieutenant from slugging strikers.

FLINT, Mich.: Representatives from 50 United Automobile Workers Union locals in 16 cities meeting here today created a Strategy Committee with full power to call a general strike in all plants of General Motors, involving 275,000 workers.

CANTON, Ohio: Sixteen hundred sit-in strikers held the plant of the big Hercules Motor Company here for the twenty-fifth day. Townspeople continued aid to men in plant.

DETROIT, Mich.: Governor Frank Murphy returned to the Capital at Lansing today for a conference with leaders of the United Automobile Workers over the crisis in General Motors plants.

ANDERSON, Ind.: The General Motors Delco-Remy plant, employing 11,500 persons in accessory manufacture, was closed today through the spreading G.M.C. strike. Three thousand workers sat down in the plant last week. Several hundred still remain within the premises.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.: Fisher Body and Chevrolet plants remain closed by strikes.

ATLANTA, Ga.: Fisher Body and Chevrolet plants closed by strike.

NORWOOD, Ohio: Fisher Body and Chevrolet plants remain closed by walkouts.

By George Morris

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.—Workers of the Fleetwood Division of Fisher Body and of the Cadillac plants of the General Motors Corp. in Detroit met at Martin Hall tonight to decide upon joining the strike as the Strategy Committee of the United Automobile Workers forwarded to the corporation eight demands that were adopted at the Flint conference yesterday.

A conference between the management of the two plants and union officials today brought no agreement because company officials insisted that the demands should be referred to the general office of the corporation.

The day shift of the Ternstedt Corporation, a G.M.C. unit for parts here, was sent home today. Union officials expressed the opinion that this was the company's strategy against the sit-down planned by the union.

SEAMEN BLAST PRESS YARN OF STRIKE RIFT

Are Incensed at Report of Dissension in Their Ranks

Atlantic coast strike leaders were incensed last night by newspaper accounts of an alleged collapse of the seamen's strike and friction within the leadership.

In a long story carried by the United Press, it was reported that strikers had begun a movement "to overthrow Joseph Curran, their leader, and return to work."

The Joint Marine Strike Council at once issued a statement condemning the newspaper story as untrue, declaring that "Mr. Curran, chairman of the Joint Marine Strike Council, has the unqualified support and confidence of the striking seamen."

FORBIDS PICKETING

The injunction issued by Judge Black orders strikers to vacate Fisher's plants immediately, forbids picketing and even bars union leaders from assisting strikers.

The Flint situation confronts Governor Frank Murphy only a

Foster's Articles on Strike Movement to Start Tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow, the Daily Worker will feature a series of the most important articles it has published in recent times: "The Strike Movement in the Mass Production Industries," by America's outstanding trade union authority, William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party.

The series was prepared for the Daily Worker by Foster at the request of the Editorial Board.

Written by Foster, leader of the nation's biggest strike—the great steel strike of 1919—and veteran of many battles of the trade union movement, the Daily Worker will thus present a series that no trade unionist, no progressive, or Communist can afford to miss.

Simpson Greeted by Earl Browder; Tells of Nazi Prison

COLUMN LEFT!

El Senor Roosevelt's Roast

By Harrison George

LIKE N. Y. City's ban against milk from outside the monopoly-controlled zone, the U. S. A. has a ban against meat from Argentina. The ban is supposed to be against hoof and mouth disease, the ban is really to boost prices you pay, to the greater profit of the Chicago packers. Anyhow, England eats Argentine meat and declares it excellent.

Thus, while Roosevelt was in Buenos Aires, Argentina's feudal ranch owners, wanting to show him their meat was tip-top, got a genuine native Indian cow-puncher hired man, there called a "gaucho," to serve Roosevelt with a huge roast at an informal luncheon.

Later, the paper "Claridad," ironically prodding the ranchers, printed a letter entitled, "The voice of the gaucho whom the city exalts and the ranchers exploit," supposed to be a letter from that gaucho to a friend. His story so parallels the way our own country are "exalted and exploited," that I'm tempted to give it. Here goes:

"You see, dear friend, I'm the native who served the roast to El Senor Presidente Roosevelt, given in the Yankee Embassy. The idea was my boss', Don Celedonio Pereda.

"What I have suffered only God and I know! A whole month they rehearsed me; how to enter the dining room, how to salute, what to say. After that, I rehearsed in costume.

"Though I surely was fixed up as a gaucho, I'll swear I have never seen clothes like that! Look you! colt-skin boots with silver spurs, a magnificent belt studded with coins, real silver dollars, and faultless girdle of elegant silk.

"The day finally came. Don Celedonio paced about nervously: 'I only hope the confounded Indian doesn't make blunders!' That was for me. And not so bad as jokes the rest pulled off. Some ladies praised my training: 'One would never think this was a gaucho,' they said.

"Seeing the good impression, I talked confidently. So, El Senor Roosevelt was pleased. The public also. And before I got nearly congratulations from my boss. But... my boss, they stripped me of that elegant costume. After it is well cleaned, the boss' son will use it at some ranch fiesta, given to revive patriotic traditions.

"I'll explain briefly why I headed my letter as I did. You see, I have never before been in Buenos Aires, although the boss' ranch is almost at the city's gates and his family go there all the time.

"A backward gaucho, you'll say, no doubt. But, what do you expect? I don't go to Buenos Aires—for the same reason that prevented me ever seeing such gaucho finery as that in which I served the roast to El Senor Roosevelt. What do you expect men to do with the miserable thirty pesos a month that I get?

"So: the following day, according to the newspapers (which the boss' son brought from the city), I saw that I was a gaucho so genuine that, despite my forty years of age, I had never before set foot in the capital city.

"Genuine gaucho! Ha! Poor gaucho, my friend! A gaucho with pocket always empty, with not a centavo to buy a doll for my baby girl, nor a toy for my little sons.

"Genuine gaucho! No, no! A gaucho poor, half-starved. That's it.

"If you publish this, please send me a copy. I'm sure my boss won't bring it here. (Signed) Your friend—The Gaucho of the Roast to El Senor Roosevelt."

Harvard Professor To Discuss U.S.S.R. In World Affairs

The Soviet Union in the present complicated international scene will be the subject of a lecture at the New School for Social Research on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, at 8:2. Bruce Hopper, professor of government at Harvard University and specialist in the subject, will be the speaker. This will be the first of a series of lectures on the Soviet Union sponsored by the American Russian Institute, Inc., and the New School for Social Research.

On Jan. 18, Henry E. Sigerist, Professor of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University and recently returned from the Soviet Union, will analyze the organization and present status of public health in the U.S.S.R.

On Jan. 20, Joseph Barnes, New York Herald Tribune correspondent, formerly secretary of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, will discuss Soviet economy.

On Jan. 27, H. W. L. Dana, well-known theatre critic, will speak on Soviet education. Dr. Dana's lecture will follow immediately upon his return from a prolonged stay in both European and Asiatic Russia.

Spanish Delegates from Catalonia



These three veteran fighters in the Spanish People's Army arrived in New York en route to their native Barcelona from Mexico. (Left to right): Juan Ruiz, 23, a metal worker; Lena Imbert, 24, a school teacher, and Caridad Mercader, a well-known intellectual.

BRITISH LABOR PRESS SCORES ITALIAN PACT

Recognition of Invasion of Ethiopia Implied in Agreement

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The progressive and labor press here condemned the Anglo-Italian "accord" in the Mediterranean and the reactionary press applauded it today.

"It is unfortunate that before the League of Nations has recognized the situation created by Italy's Ethiopian aggression, the country which led the world in resistance to that aggression should enter a compact with the aggressor without any consideration of the League," wrote the News Chronicle, today, and commented.

"The British Government's cowardice gave Mussolini a chance to commit successfully a very grievous wrong. We shall not right that wrong by pretending that it has not been successfully committed or trying to shut our eyes to the results which have undeniably followed."

RECOGNITION IMPLIED

Recognition of the conquest of Ethiopia was implied in the agreement. As many papers pointed out, some of them exultingly, British imperialism wins a promise from Mussolini not to annex any parts of Spain, while at the same time, the Italian Fascists are left entirely free to aid General Franco with men and arms in his assault on Spanish democracy.

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The Rothermere press, definitely Fascist, hails the "accord" therefore as "the soul of friendship" and urges "diplomatic energy now be directed to building up a similar arrangement with Germany."

DAILY TELEGRAPH

The Daily Telegraph, considered the voice of the British Foreign Office, states smugly:

"What we have sought and now obtained is a clear recognition of British interests in the Mediterranean, which at one time appeared to be challenged. Britain could never acquiesce in a phrase (Mussolini's claim that the Mediterranean was Italy's life) which appeared to call in question the supreme importance to ourselves of a sea highway thronged with the freight of our Empire in the East and southern seas."

The Times, ancient conservative organ, speaks of "sweeping up the debris" of the "quarrel" with Italy over Ethiopia, and refers to the statement in the present agreement about preserving the integrity of territories in the Mediterranean region as follows:

"This plain declaration, which is given with express reference to the Balearic Islands, should do much to help a cooler view of the Spanish conflict than obtains everywhere at the moment. It definitely broadens the base on which non-intervention can work constructively."

The general idea of the conservative press is: Now let the Spanish government go to smash if it will, our imperialist interests are safeguarded!

Even the conservative "Pertainax" jeers at any such illusion, and says: "How else can be reconciled the facts that volunteers remain in the Balearics and that it is reported from Gibraltar Italian soldiers have landed at Cadix? The Italian reply will undoubtedly be that Italy reserves the right to prevent revolutionary governments in Spain. This reservation will therefore probably permit Italy to continue to cooperate with Germany if she judges it opportune."

Plane Crash Kills 2

RANTOUL, Ill., Jan. 4 (UP).—Capt. R. R. Gillespie and Sgt. Clarence Sudduth of the army air corps technical school were killed today when their airplane crashed in a vacant lot near Chanute Field.

Penn State Groups, Rotary and Kiwanis, To Rally for Spain

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Rev. Julian Hamlin of New York City will speak in behalf of the Spanish defenders of democracy at a student meeting at Penn State College here Thursday night, Jan. 7.

The rally is sponsored by the Penn State College Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy which includes a number of campus fraternities and clubs. The local Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs are also members of the committee.

Irish League Rallies Forces To Aid Spain

First Meeting of Group Tomorrow Night at 149 Fifth Ave.

A group of prominent Irish leaders in New York are organizing an Irish Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Led by members of the Irish Republican Congress League, a progressive American group to support the Irish Republic, the initial meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow night in the offices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 149 Fifth Avenue. Among the group is Peadar Numan, Irish poet, and Paddy Quinn of the staff of the Irish World.

Four members of the executive committee of the Irish League have volunteered for service with the defenders of Madrid. Two have been accepted and will leave for Spain shortly.

Bishops Curry Hitler Favor In Pastoral

MUNICH, Jan. 4.—A Pastoral letter to all Catholics in Germany was distributed today. Couched in the most placating and submissive terms, it seeks Hitler's favor and begs a modicum of relaxation in the Nazi persecution of the Catholics.

The letter assures Hitler and the Nazi government that the Church will combat Communism with all the weapons in its power. It describes Communism as "the gate to Hell," and praises Hitler for "sighting it from afar and averting it from Germany and the Occident."

It then implores the Nazis to stop their support of the neo-heathen "Blood and Soil" religion which is gradually being substituted for Christianity in parts of Germany.

Daily Foreign Editor To Talk at Symposium On Events in China

Three authorities on the Far East will discuss "What is Happening in China" Friday, Jan. 8, 8 P.M. Dr. J. H. Lin of the 'Friends of the Chinese People; Harry Gannes, foreign editor of the Daily Worker, and R. A. Howell, editor of China Today, will be the speakers at this symposium. The meeting will be held at the Irving Plaza Hall on East 15th Street and Irving Place.

Jailed for Help

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4 (UP).—Jonas Staff became so excited when Mrs. Henry Clark screamed for help after she fell into a bathtub that he ran into the street and fired a revolver to summon aid. Police answered. They took Mrs. Clark to a hospital and jailed Staff for discharging a pistol.

75TH CONGRESS WILL BEGIN SESSION TODAY

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was sentiment for a constitutional amendment to permit Federal regulation of industry and labor. Speculation on new legislation to come up in the new Congress centered around this point.

With the demand for a curb on the dictatorial powers of the Supreme Court gaining ground in virtually every one of the nation's election districts, both Senate majority leader Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, and Speaker William C. Clegg said today that they would support a constitutional amendment to give Congress the right to enact social legislation.

Other measures, classed as having social objectives, and which will be proposed are the 30-hour week bill sponsored by Senator Hugo Black of Alabama, and a bill to introduce fair trade and labor practices in the textile industry, sponsored by Rep. Henry Ellenbogen of Pennsylvania.

Ellenbogen to Introduce Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP).—Rep. Henry Ellenbogen, D., Pa., announced tonight that he would introduce a bill tomorrow calling for a large scale Federal low cost housing and slum clearance program.

The bill, which is similar to one introduced by Ellenbogen last season, would create a Federal Housing Authority empowered to make grants to local housing authorities up to 45 per cent of housing project costs at low interest rates.

It would permit also loans at low rates to limited dividend corporations so that they could continue their activities and be able to charge low rentals.

Stalingrad Marks 19th Year of Its Liberation

Defense of 'Red Verdun' of Russian Revolution Was Organized by Stalin—60,000 at Meeting Mark Opening of Museum of Revolution

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Jan. 4.—The people of the city of Stalingrad participated in the celebration yesterday of the seventeenth anniversary of the liberation of their town (then called Tsaritsin) from the White Guards in the Civil War. The feature of the celebration was the opening of the Stalin Museum in the house here which was headquarters for the Red Army and in which Joseph Stalin, their commander, passed many nights in 1918 while he organized the defense of Tsaritsin, the "Red Verdun" of the Civil War.

Sixty thousand people attended a meeting in front of the new museum yesterday, and the first visitors to it were the still living veterans of the 1918 defense and the outstanding representatives of the people of the town.

The museum shows the whole history of the Red defense in this area, and the Red offensive that followed it and swept the White Guards into oblivion. It is clearly brought out by a study of the situation, illustrated in the Museum, that Stalin played a decisive role in

F.D.R. WEIGHS BAN ON ARMS FOR SPAIN

Cloaks Moves Against Spanish Government by 'Neutrality' to Reich

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt and State Department officials were reported today studying the situation created by German seizure of Spanish ships, with the idea of using it as a pretext to embargo all shipments of supplies to the Spanish government.

The present neutrality law allows the President to embargo shipments whenever a "state of war" exists. Since Germany has committed acts of war, an embargo, say some of the officials here, might be clamped down on both Germany and Spain.

The practical effect would be not to injure Germany much, for she makes her own military supplies and planes, but to cripple the Spanish government.

All reactionary and mistakenly "liberal" groups in the Capital are rushing plans to stop the only shipment sent so far to the Spanish government, the 41 airplanes and several hundred motors sold by the Vimalert Co. The plans are to pass as soon as Congress opens an emergency resolution to stop this or any other shipment. This would forever destroy the right of the Spanish government to secure arms here with which to combat those which the Italian fascists and German Nazis are rushing in large quantities to the Spanish Fascists.

Speaker of the House of Representatives William B. Bankhead moved today to prepare for the "emergency legislation" immediately after Congress assembles. He said he would ask the Democratic Party caucus to agree to the immediate reappointment of the present Democratic membership of the Foreign Affairs Committee, so it would act at once on proposals to stop any shipment to the Spanish government.

Senator Key Pittman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee conferred with A. Walton Moore of the State Department today and afterwards said:

"I may offer a resolution to permit the President to ban shipments of arms and ammunition to Spain."

"I have considered all along that it was difficult to define a state of civil war," said Pittman, in explanation of his purpose to name the country and avoid putting his resolution in general terms.

Meanwhile the Army and Navy Journal published today an open letter to Congress, urging a larger military force to "enforce the new neutrality plans."

Plan Banquet on Jan. 13 to Honor Anna L. Strong

Many notable figures in the world of books will be among the speakers and guests of honor at the banquet to be given for Anna Louise Strong at the Manhattan Opera House on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13. They include Pearl S. Buck, Richard J. Walsh of the John Day Company, Carl Van Doren, Maurice Hindus, Joseph Freeman of the New Masses, Albert Rhys Williams, Corliss Lamont, General Victor A. Yankovitch, former Call's Magazine editor Bessie Beatty, and Mary Van Kleef.

The citation for Miss Strong on the occasion of the dinner reads as follows: "To Anna Louise Strong on her return to the United States after two decades of distinguished effort in behalf of closer understanding between the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America; world traveler; noted correspondent; author of China's Millions; This Soviet World, I Change Worlds and other books."

Miss Strong, now in Spain, will arrive in New York on Tuesday, Jan. 12, a day before the banquet.

Grapevine News Told Of Spain and Work of Anti-Fascists Here

Refused to Scab When Deported from Germany, Seaman Sent Here 3rd Class—Three from Spanish People's Army Greet Him

By Beth McHenry

"Comrade Simpson, we have waited for this moment," Earl Browder greeted Lawrence B. Simpson, heroic American seaman who has just been released from a Nazi dungeon after 18 months imprisonment.

Simpson, blue eyed, slight, clearly showing the strain of his long siege in "half the jails of Germany," smiled at the Secretary of the Communist Party.

"I knew this moment would come," he replied. "I was pretty sure the workers would get me out."

The three troopers from the Spanish People's Army, Caridad Mercader, Juan Ruiz and Lena Imbert, now in New York, were also on hand to shake hands with Lawrence Simpson and assure him of the joy the Spanish people feel in his release. Simpson said the prisoners inside the German camps and jails listen eagerly for news of Spain.

"We only pay attention to the 'grapevine' reports. The Nazi news accounts don't fool the prisoners."

Simpson, who is to tell his story to the workers of New York at a mass meeting Wednesday night at St. Nicholas Arena, spoke his warm thanks to the International Labor Defense for leading the fight which won his freedom. He said even when he was sick in the Bremen prison he could feel better, knowing the I.L.D. was fighting for his release.

Lawrence Simpson has already signed up for picket duty in the Seamen's Strike. He says that's his job right now, to help his fellow seamen win the strike. Speaking of the burning of the Communist Party waterfront headquarters Saturday afternoon, Lawrence Simpson said, "That doesn't sound like America. That sounds like the country I just came from. That sounds like Hitler business."

12 MONTHS IN SOLITARY

Simpson's health is seriously impaired by confinement and ill-treatment. For twelve of the eighteen months of his imprisonment, he was in solitary confinement. On the trip home from Germany he was still confined—because he refused to scab on his seamen brothers and wouldn't be a "workaway."

"The vice-consul and two policemen brought me on ship at eight o'clock in the evening. The vice-consul told me there wasn't any strike on. I had heard there was. News of the workers gets through to the people even in the Nazi jails. On the ship they told me to sign on as a 'workaway.' I said I had never worked for nothing in my life and I didn't want to begin now."

Then Lawrence B. Simpson went on strike, crossing the Atlantic locked up in a third-class cabin, on the President Roosevelt, a scab-manned ship.

NAZI NEWS

The prisoners in the German concentration camp used to get queer news stories from the Nazi papers, Simpson said. When the first Bremen demonstration took place in New York, the Nazis published it as a "revelation for the sinking of the Lusitania." But when the second Bremen demonstration occurred, they wouldn't circulate even the Nazi newspapers in the prisons.

In month prison, where he was part of life time, Simpson could learn no news of Ernst Thaelmann. Nobody seemed to know about the condition or whereabouts of the heroic German leader.

TELLS OF PARDON

Asked when he first heard he was to be released from prison, Simpson said about ten days before he was freed he was shown a letter from his father in Seattle to the American vice-consul, which spoke of his probable release. Three weeks before that a rumor had circulated through the prison that Simpson would be "deported" from Germany soon. Finally he was called before the prison board and told that he had been pardoned.

"It's a funny thing," he said, "you'd think those German prisoners would be done in altogether, but it don't turn out that way. They're hopeful, most of them. I don't think there's a political prisoner who has got more than a few years to serve who expects to have to serve it out. They've got real hopes that things will change."

Million Volunteers To Take USSR Census

Data Will Reveal Tremendous Changes Which Have Taken Place in Soviet Life With the Completion of 2 Five-Year Plans

By Sender Garlin (Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Jan. 4.—A volunteer army of more than a million, working from 8 A.M. to midnight, Wednesday, will make a census of the entire Soviet Union population. The census will provide a graphic picture of the tremendous changes which have taken place in the social and economic life of this vast country during the past decade.

The census takers have been busy during the last few days gathering preliminary data. The last census was ten years ago. Since that time the two Five Year Plans have fundamentally changed the U.S.S.R. from a backward country with medieval economy to a powerful country of advanced industry.

Each inhabitant will answer fourteen questions, which will provide accurate statistics on population, age, nationality, occupation, etc., and will provide information on which the third Five Year Plan will be based.

AID TO INDUSTRIES

Among other things, this information will be valuable in locating new industrial plants, transport facilities, etc., and will help improve the organization of education and community welfare. The present census will be the third since the Revolution, and is clearly the most important of the three.

Only one census was ever carried out in Czarist Russia, and that was in 1897. The famous classical writer, Leo Tolstoy, who actively participated in the taking of the 1897 census was horrified at the conditions he witnessed, and wrote with biting indignation about what he saw.

"It is impossible to live this way—impossible!" Tolstoy wrote. Four out of five Moscow inhabitants were illiterate in 1897. In all Russia at that time, there were only 79,000 teachers. Now there are 752,000 teachers, and illiteracy is practically gone. As against 4,810 engineers and technicians recorded by the Czarist census, the Soviet Union can boast

CHANG PARDON IS GRANTED BY NANKING

Tokio Sees Threat to Its Civil War Plot in His Release

NANKING, Jan. 4.—Chang Hsueh-liang, the "Young Marshal" who kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Nanking government recently, was pardoned today.

Chang released Chiang on Christmas day, after an agreement with him the terms of which are still kept secret. Chang then came to Nanking and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to ten years in prison. Chiang had applied for a pardon for Chang.

The Japanese embassy professes to see in this a possibility that the Chinese government will now be reorganized so as to include known anti-Japan se statesmen.

The series of fascioses; failure of the Japanese-backed invasion of Suiyuan, failure of the plan to provoke civil war over Chiang's kidnapping, has for the moment left the Japanese embassy making merely vague threats.

World Peace Group Asks Data on Arms

Urge Non-Intervention Strictly Enforced or Spain Sold Supplies

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A special conference organized by the World Committee Against War and Fascism here last month has just published a resolution adopted there, which demands Britain and France set a date by which time either real non-intervention exists, or the Spanish Republic gets the right to buy supplies.

The conference was presided over by Professor Paul Langevin, president of the World Committee, and by Professor Victor Barsek, and was attended by 250 people recognized as "leaders" in their respective spheres.

Among the many representatives of French, English, Belgium, Dutch and Czechoslovakian organizations who attended the conference were: Wilfred Roberts M.P. (Liberal) and Crawford Greene M.P. (Conservative), members of the British Parliamentary delegation which recently visited Madrid; Eleanor Rathbone M.P.; Dr. Marteaux, Belgian deputy and J. Zyromski of the French Socialist Party, members of the World Committee delegation to Spain, just returned from Madrid; Julius Deutsch, Austria, former Socialist Minister; Pastor N. Padt and N. H. Stempels (Liberal), Holland; Senator Smeral, Czechoslovakia; R. Breitscheid, former member of the German Reichstag; Heinrich Mann, German author; Professor G. Catlin and Dr. J. D. Bernal, England; and from France, Messrs. Grumbach, Archimbaud and Peri, deputies; Seniors Moriset and Cachin; M. Emile Borel, President of the French League of Nations Society and former Minister; Mme. Malaterre-Sellier, French delegate to the League of Nations; and M. J. R. Blach.

Reports on the situation in Spain were given by Wilfred Roberts M.P., Jean Zyromski, Dr. Marteaux and Julius Deutsch. Among the other speakers were Miss Eleanor Rathbone M.P., Professor Albert Bayet, Senator Cachin, Lhilde (Czechoslovakia), N. H. Stempels and Professor Catlin.

The resolution approved of an "effective blockade of the frontiers of Spain and Portugal," but warned that the present situation with negotiations dragging out merely hampers the Spanish government while helping the fascists. Then followed the demand for enforcing real non-intervention or giving up the fake neutrality and allowing "full liberty of action in furnishing supplies to the Spanish Republic."

Holland's Note Hits Nazi Slur on Royal Wedding

THE HAGUE, Jan. 4 (UP).—The Netherlands sent a note to Germany today deploring the German attitude of veiled hostility towards the wedding next Thursday of Crown Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld of Germany.

There has been a campaign of resentment in the German press because the Nazi anthem has not been played nor the Swastika displayed during the pre-wedding ceremonies.

The protest asked Adolf Hitler to halt the press campaign.

WHAT'S ON

Newark

Malcom Cowley, editor "The New Republic" speaks on "Literature and the Revolution" Thursday, Jan. 7, 8:15 p.m. at the Contemporary Auditorium, the Griffith Building, 695 Broad St., Newark, N. J. Admission 25c with series tickets; 35c single tickets.

To Ask State End Death Penalty in Move for 6 Boys

A bill to abolish capital punishment in New York State will be introduced in the Assembly this session by Assemblyman James C. Mangano, he announced last night in Carpenter Hall, Brooklyn, at a meeting in support of the clemency movement for six Brooklyn boys scheduled to be executed Thursday.

Mangano, James Zagarella, chairmen of the City Defense Committee for the Six Condemned Brooklyn Boys, and Vincent Manino, were speakers at the meeting. An endorsement of the clemency movement was received from the Rt. Rev. Charles Mario of the St. Anthony's of Padua Rectory.

GLASS UNION HIS MOVES TO DISRUPT RANKS

Cutters' League Head Condemned for Not Supporting Strike

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—Another A. F. of L. president seems to be applying for membership in that association of strikebreakers headed by the inimitable Joe Ryan of the I.L.A.

President Joe Mayeur of the Window Glass Cutters League of America has not only refused to support the heroic strike of the workers of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company but he is now attempting to disrupt the Federation of Flat Glass Workers of America by sponsoring a dual organization.

Striking members of the Federation at the Pittsburgh Plate plants in Creighton and Ford City, Pa., have received membership cards calling on them to join a new organization which will eventually affiliate with the Window Glass Cutters League.

These cards read: "We hereby apply for membership in the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Workers' League which will be eventually affiliated with the A. F. of L. as an associate body of the Window Glass Cutters' League. I designate the regularly elected representatives of this body to act for me."

Called Disruption

Strikers in both these plants in Western Pennsylvania interpret this sudden burst of activity on the part of the Cutters' League as an attempt to break their strike and disrupt their organization at a time when they need it most in order to win their nine-week-old strike.

It is interesting to note that this strikebreaking appeal marks the first attempt of the Glass Cutters' League to recruit new members since 1920.

Glen W. McCabe, former President of the League and now the President of the Federation which is an industrial union affiliated with the C.I.O., has stated that the League has admitted no "outside" members since that time.

The term "outside" refers to the fact that the League is not only a highly specialized craft union with but 1200 members throughout the United States, but that it is also one of the few remaining unions in this country closely modeled after the medieval guilds.

The League is a closed corporation. Membership in it is handed down from father to son. The sons of League members pass through a rigid apprenticeship. Only when there is a shortage of cutters are "outsiders" admitted. These new members may also, with permission of the League, recommend their brothers for membership. However, no new members, outside of the sons of old members, have been admitted for the past 16 years.

No Voting Rights

During one of the most bitter strikes ever to be waged in the glass industry, the League is now making its first bid for new members in competition with the Federation.

It is noteworthy, however, that they are being asked to join only as an "associate body" without voting or other rights.

The reason given by the Cutters' League for refusing to support the strike of the flat glass workers is that the Federation is attempting to force the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. to employ only its own members.

Refuting this charge, McCabe has declared in the current issue of the Flat Glass Worker, organ of the Federation, that:

"We had no intentions whatsoever of attempting to write a contract that would cover the Cutters' League members.

"Contrary to this thought, we did insist and presented to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company a supplement to our contract which specified that in the event an associated organization whose members were employed by the Pittsburgh Plate was unable to secure renewal of their contract with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, our organization would be privileged to cease work on 24 hours' notice.

O'Neill Under Knife For an Appendectomy

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 4 (UP).—Eugene O'Neill, playwright and Nobel prize winner, and his wife, Carlotta Monterey, today were recovering at Merritt hospital. O'Neill underwent an appendectomy last Tuesday it was learned. Mrs. O'Neill is suffering from influenza.

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Reading Strikers Show White House Aid Gas Bomb Thrown at Them

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP).—A delegation of striking knitters from the Berkshire Mills at Reading, Pa., brought an unexploded tear gas bomb to the White House today.

They presented it with their petition to White House Secretary Marvin H. McIntyre.

The group was led by Luther D. Adams, head of the Branch No. 10 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

"We are asking that you as president act in this situation because the Berkshire has rejected or ignored all other efforts made either by governmental or private agencies to mediate or arbitrate the strike which is now in its fourth month," the appeal read.

PRESS PLACES GELDERS ON HONOR ROLL

Birmingham Post Hails Fight for Freedom of Speech

Joseph S. Gelders, Southern representative of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, and recently a victim of floggers, was named on Alabama's 1936 Honor Roll by the Birmingham Post, a Scripps-Howard paper.

The purpose of the annual Honor Roll, according to the Post is "to cite for special praise those citizens who, in its estimation, have contributed substantially to the material, civic, cultural, and spiritual welfare of Birmingham and Alabama." There are twelve names on the Post's Honor Roll.

The Post cited Mr. Gelders "for his fight for freedom of speech in Alabama, particularly his institution of the suit by which the Bessemer anti-sedition ordinance was declared unconstitutional, and for his dignified conduct after he himself was set upon and beaten by ruffians, by which course he earned the respect of many, including those of us who cannot subscribe to his radical views."

With the New York State legislature convening Wednesday, the New York Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union yesterday announced its legislative program for the session.

Civil Liberties Union to Fight Teachers' Oath

Announces Legislative Program for New York State

The legislative proposals to be supported by the Union are:

1—Cooperation with teachers groups in repeal of the Ives Loyalty Oath Law.

2—A bill making it unlawful for employers to require finger-prints from employees as a condition of employment or continuance of employment. This growing practice has led to an increase in blacklisting, particularly in a situation such as the Remington Rand strike. Last year, a bill outlawing the practice was introduced by Senator Norman A. O'Brien and Assemblyman Charles Reichbart, but it was killed in the Assembly Committee after passing the Senate.

3—Sponsorship of a resolution to investigate the activities of detective agencies in strikes with a view to remedial legislation. Last year, Assemblyman Ira Holley introduced such a resolution, which was defeated.

4—Extension of the present Civil Rights Law to guarantee equal rights for Negroes in retail stores and in apartment houses.

5—Bills eliminating the third degree, providing for: (1) immediate arraignment of arrested prisoners before a magistrate, or imprisonment outside the jurisdiction of police; (2) complete records of all interviews with prisoner by police; (3) physical examination of all prisoners upon admittance. These bills were introduced in the Assembly last year by Assemblyman Aaron Goldstein, and endorsed by the New York City Bar Association.

Prisoners Aid in Fire at Ohio Penitentiary

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 4 (UP).—A fire which started in kindling wood in Ohio Penitentiary's planning mill, was extinguished in a few minutes today.

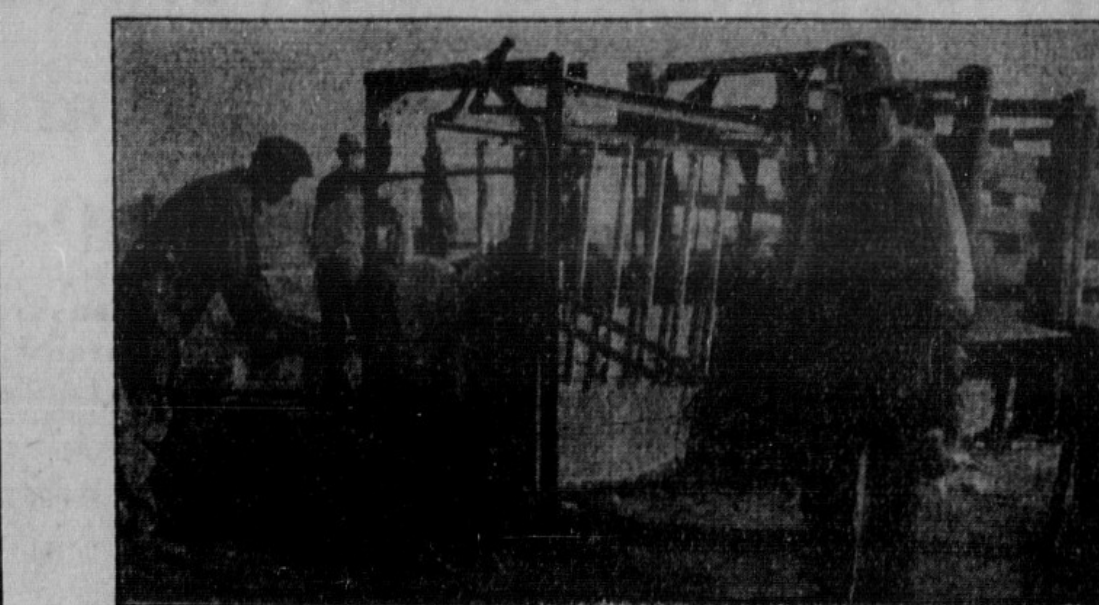
Damage was estimated at \$25. Warden J. E. Woodard said the fire apparently was caused by an overheated kiln used to dry lumber.

Twenty-five prisoners were in the mill when the fire started and they aided in extinguishing it.

Drawing the Line

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 4 (UP).—Chief of Police Paul Frey admitted he wasn't sure when people call "obscene art" when he was faced with enforcing an ordinance against "indecent, immoral, or scandalous literature." "I've seen art," Chief Frey said, "but where do you draw the line? The question has some fine points when you get down to brass tacks." He asked the city attorney for an opinion.

The Belt System on the Range



Western stories sound romantic in the pulps, but in real life things move along much as in a modern factory. Picture shows the belt-line pen on a ranch near Phoenix, Ariz., which holds cattle motionless while they are being dehorned, tick-sprayed, branded and given anti-blackleg injections. Four operations every two minutes!

Commonwealth Wants No Legislative Barriers

Many Protest Attacks Aimed at Curbing Arkansas Progressive Labor School—Gorman Offers to Serve on Advisory Board of College

MENA, Ark., Jan. 4.—"Let no one string barbed wire around our educational institutions!" In sounding this warning against moves in the forthcoming Arkansas legislature to clamp loyalty oath and gag bills upon Commonwealth College, Charlotte Moskowitz, secretary-treasurer of the progressive labor school, urged Arkansas to defend their civil liberty by insisting that complete academic freedom be maintained throughout the state.

"If Commonwealth College is threatened or closed by suppressive legislation, the free mind of Arkansas will go next," Miss Moskowitz declared. "We have already received copies of many protests sent to the Rev. L. D. Summers of Mena and Rep. Herman Horton of Jonesboro because of their efforts to close this school or restrict its teaching. Such splendid support of workers' education must redouble at once, however, to show how Arkansas and Americans cherish free speech and thought. The legislature needs to be told, as it was two years ago, that attempted violations of constitutional rights will not be tolerated."

Backing the denial of the Rev. Haven R. Perkins, faculty chairman of the college, that Communism is taught there, Miss Moskowitz said, "we are openly on the side of the workers, farmers and unemployed. We are neither obligated nor attached to any political party or group. The students come here from all parts of the country, and today half of our students are from the South. They are decent young people of decent American homes. They are sons or daughters of farmers and workers."

"Our teachers come from the heart of the American farm and labor movement. While our faculty chairman is a minister of the gospel, another instructor is a nationally prominent member of the Methodist church."

"GORMAN GIVES AID" "We have only one purpose in operating this school, we want to equip ourselves to help those who need help."

Francis J. Gorman, first vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America and a foremost progressive labor leader, has just announced his willingness to serve on the college's advisory board of 21 widely known liberal and labor figures, it was disclosed on the campus today.

Formation of "Friends of Commonwealth College" committees in several cities is under way, college officials said, to aid in preventing any legislative action that might restrict academic freedom in Arkansas. Many contributions to the college "anti-reaction" fund are received daily, according to Miss Moskowitz.

Tenant Union Accepts Bid to Farm Hearings

2 of 5 Sessions of the Tenancy Commission Held in the South

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 4.—In response to an invitation from L. C. Gray, executive-secretary of President Roosevelt's Special Committee on Farm Tenancy, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union is sending representatives to the Committee's hearings, according to an announcement by H. L. Mitchell, Union secretary.

The Tenancy Committee is to hold five public hearings throughout the country, two of which will be in the South. Today it convened at Dallas, Texas, and on Wednesday will meet at Montgomery, Alabama. Other hearings will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana; Lincoln, Nebraska; and San Francisco, California.

Mr. Mitchell announced that the Southern Tenant Farmers Union would be represented at the Dallas session by Odie L. Sweden, state secretary of the Union in Oklahoma, Fred Mathews, union representative in West Texas, and others. The Montgomery meeting will be attended by Howard Kester of Nashville, Tenn., member of the Union's Executive Council, and a representative of the Mississippi state organization.

W. L. Blackstone, Arkansas sharecropper who was recently added to the Tenancy Committee by President Roosevelt, will also be present. He is an organizer for the union.

In a letter accepting the invitation to appear before the Committee, Mr. Mitchell says on behalf of his organization: "We appreciate the opportunity of appearing before your committee and we believe that we will have much to present that will be of value in solving our problem."

He adds: "We hope to present to your committee for their consideration statements covering conditions in Southeastern Oklahoma, Western Texas and Arkansas" at the Dallas meeting.

50 Seamen Victims Of Tampa Police

Picketing Forbidden and Strikers Are Ordered to Leave City—Danger of Frameups Cited by I.L.D. Attorney Defending Them

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 4.—More than 50 striking seamen in the port of Tampa have been arrested by the police since the start of the strike here. Working hand in glove with Judge Tom Watkins and his drumhead police court, the police have carried out wholesale arrests in aiding the Lykes Bros. S. S. Company in recruiting scabs. The police would not allow picketing in Port Tampa when the crew of the S. S. Youngstown walked out. The strikers were ordered to leave town or suffer immediate arrest.

In the first weeks of the strike 13 men were arrested on the picket line. Chief of Police Woodruff led the provocative attack. The I. L. D. attorney E. L. Bryan defended the men. They were convicted to serve 30 days in the City Stockade on charges of profanity. This occurred during the A. F. of L. convention.

Eleven men were arrested on Christmas night, and four are now in the County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. According to the arresting officers own statement the men were picked up about three

LAWYERS ASK F.D.R. ACT ON COPELAND BILL

Juridical Ass'n Asks President Bar New Discharge Books

The International Juridical Association has urged President Roosevelt to prevent the issuance of continuous discharge books for seamen, as provided by the Copeland Bill enacted at the last session of Congress.

The Association in a letter to the President stated that the bill "will fall of its avowed purpose to promote greater safety and will by creating a feeling of discrimination and injustice to seamen greatly aggravate the already existing personnel problems of the merchant marine."

The Association pointed out that seamen are already supplied with ample means of identification in the able seaman and lifeboat certificates which they carry, as well as their passports. The discharge book it was stated will not be a means of assuring competent crews but will instead prove "a weapon to be used against the seamen who justly fear it as a potential means of destroying their organization."

TEXT OF LETTER "The letter in part follows: "In view of the Report on the Status and Working Conditions of Seamen in the American Merchant Marine" prepared under our supervision and submitted to the Department of Commerce last spring, the International Juridical Association has received many requests to analyze and comment at greater length upon H.R. 2697, approved as Public Act 806, enacted at the last session of Congress, among other things to Amend Section 13 of the Act of March 4th, 1915 and "To Maintain Discipline on Shipboard." We have given mature consideration to this legislation and have carefully weighed its significance and practical consequences.

"Such deliberation leads us to the conclusion that it will fall of its avowed purpose to promote greater safety at sea and will, by creating discontent and a feeling of discrimination and injustice among seamen, greatly aggravate the already existing personnel problems of the Merchant Marine. We, therefore, urge that the effective date of this Act be indefinitely postponed, and that legislation amending it be enacted at the forthcoming session of Congress.

"Widespread protest has been directed particularly against Section 4551 which provides for the issuance of continuous discharge books. We are of the opinion that such protests are well-founded. Seamen are already supplied with ample means of identification in the able seaman and lifeboat certificates which they carry, as well as their passports. Since the discharge book is in no way a certificate of fitness, it cannot be justified as a means of assuring competent crews. Instead it provides a weapon to be used against the seamen who justly fear it as a potential means of destroying their organization."

Chicago Dyers in Suit After Breach of Pact

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Instead of striking the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers union here filed suit in Circuit Court for breach of contract against 19 cleaning and dyeing firms, and demanding an accounting of \$100,000 due the union as dues under the contracted check-off system.

The union says that the employers either hired non-union workers, failed to collect the dues as agreed, or collected the dues and pocketed the money. In any case, they violated the contract.

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MINERS BACK ALLIANCE IN RELIEF FIGHT

Charleston, W. Va. Locals Preparing for March—'Hearing' on Monday

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 4.—A public hearing on relief needs has been called by Locals 2, 185 and 285 of the Workers Alliance for next Monday at the Kanawha County courthouse, preparatory to the Jan. 15 march to Washington.

A "people's jury" composed of representative citizens, including William Blizard, head of District 17 of the United Mine Workers of America, and H. Coalbanks, head of the Labor Relations Board here, will hear testimony of relief clients and WPA workers, on the rolls or dismissed.

The purpose of the hearing, F. W. Simmons, chairman of Local 2, said, is to call attention of the community to the need of WPA jobs, decent wages and adequate relief, and to point out the need for the Jan. 15 march to Washington.

An open invitation has been issued to all unemployed to present testimony and to all persons interested in the plight of the unemployed.

Ask Hearings On Civil Right Bar in Detroit

New Ordinance Bars Use of Leaflets and the Right to Parade

DETROIT, Jan. 4.—Condemning the passage of ordinances stringently regulating freedom of speech and assembly, the Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights has demanded a public hearing of labor, church, and fraternal groups on a new City Council law on park regulations.

Under the ordinance leaflet distribution, use of loud speakers at meetings, and parades are forbidden in all parks and on all boulevards in the city. It goes into effect on Jan. 8.

The Conference, through its chairman, the Rev. J. H. Bollens, urged all trade union, church and civic organizations to protest what was termed a "vicious type of legislation that violates essential guarantees of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly in the most flagrant fashion."

More than 300 Michigan organizations including two county federations of labor are members of the conference.

Relatives Deny Reports Crempa Has Disappeared

SCOTCH PLAINS, N. J., Jan. 4 (UP).—Relatives of John Crempa, whose wife was shot to death in September, 1935, by deputy sheriffs, today denied reports that he had disappeared.

They said he was in New York City working and that they had heard from him and knew his whereabouts.

Mrs. Sophie Crempa was killed when officers arrested Crempa and his son, John Crempa, Jr., on charges of short-circuiting a public service power line running across their farm.

Father and son were released under suspended sentence and subsequently Crempa left Scotch Plains.

Complete Plans for Chicago WPA Meet

Will Picket Merchandise Mart in Demand for Pay Rise and More Jobs—Delegates to Washington To Leave City Tuesday for Week-End Trek

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Delegates from all organizations of workers in WPA and other governmental projects gathered yesterday as the City Projects Council and completed arrangements for the big demonstration picket line Saturday. They also finished permanent organization of the council, which was formed after the "sit-in" demonstration at WPA offices here two weeks ago.

The picket line on Saturday will start at 9 a. m., before the Merchandise Mart, where WPA offices are located. The line will continue until after the employees leave the building at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and then proceed to a hall, to hear reports of delegations. The delegations will interview WPA chiefs while the pickets hold the fort outside.

Captains for each organization involved have been named. They will appoint aides from their own organizations, and organize their members for the picket line. The picket line will lay emphasis on the delegate "March to Washington" for the next weekend.

Delegates for the Washington March will be chosen for the CPC, at a mass meeting to be held Sunday, Jan. 10, in Hull House, 809 South Halsted. Other delegates will be chosen by the various organizations. Workers Alliance, and unions. Each organization is urged to collect money to send as many delegates as possible. The delegates will leave Chicago, Tuesday, Jan. 12, to be in Washington on Jan. 14 and 15.

The pickets in the Saturday line will demand a stop to all lay-offs, and reinstatement of those laid off, a 20 per cent raise in WPA wages, and WPA jobs for all who have no work now.

Twenty thousand leaflets have been ordered to broadcast the picket call, and each organization has its allotted quota to distribute. The leaflet tells the workers' demands and urges all employed and unemployed, to join the fight against dismissals and starvation.

Roosevelt Readies His Message to Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (UP).—President Roosevelt today polished up his annual message to Congress which he will deliver personally Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Roosevelt returned to the executive offices after a quiet weekend in his study devoted to considering budget requirements for the next fiscal year. The budget message will be read to Congress by clerks Friday.

The message to Congress, White House attaches said, is "nearing completion." Inquiries about its contents they passed off with a wave of the hand as did the President at a recent press conference.

Chicago's A. F. of L. Questions Transit Franchise Move

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—The Chicago Federation of Labor, through its official "Federation News" smells a rat in the city's eagerness to get a franchise agreement with the local traction companies.

"Why such a hurry about a franchise, if operation for nine years without one has been possible, what's behind the present and sudden rush" the paper asks. It does not answer the question directly, but shows its suspicions by saying that the heavily watered stock, representing "obsolete rolling stock, tottering and aged roadway should be put through a legal dehydrating process."

"Since the franchises are out, and during their lifetime a fleeced riding public has more than paid its original cost besides giving its mismanagers princely salaries and its stockholders heavy dividends on windblown stock, what's wrong with the people reasserting their rights of ownership to the city's streets and aiding the Chicago Federation of Labor realizing its ideals." Those ideals were municipal ownership of all municipal utilities.

The CFL suspects the "haste" in franchise affairs is a move to forestall public ownership.

Trade Union DIRECTORY

Trade Unions can secure a listing of their meetings and affairs by phoning ALGOLQUIN 4-7954.

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ALLIANCE TO ASK BILLION AND A QUARTER

Concentration Points for Jan. 15 March to Capital Named

Reports are circulating in Washington that Congress may try to jam through a \$500,000,000 relief deficiency appropriation in order to counteract effects of the Workers Alliance demonstration on Jan. 15 for an appropriation of \$1,250,000,000.

This news was transmitted to the New York Workers Alliance yesterday in a communication from the national offices of the Workers Alliance of America, outlining general plans for the Jan. 15 march to Washington and listing eleven regional concentration points.

The \$500,000,000 appropriation would mean a slash of 800,000 persons from the WPA rolls, the Alliance pointed out.

The communication from Washington stressed the importance of the local demonstrations on Jan. 9, and reported enthusiastic preparations in many places. Arrangements are being made for a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee, headed by Carter Glass of Virginia, and the House Appropriations Committee, headed by James T. Buchanan of Texas, the national office of the Alliance announced.

Provisions are being made to stay overnight at the regional concentration points and for mass meetings to welcome the incoming delegations. The various contingents will leave for Washington the morning after the date of concentration. Following are the places at which delegates are to report, and the dates they are due:

- CONCENTRATION POINTS**
- Minneapolis, Jan. 10, Room 211, De Soto Building, 701 South Third St., 7 P.M.
 - Toledo, Jan. 12, at 1022 Adams St., 7 P.M.
 - Pittsburgh, Jan. 13, Room 301, 206 Stanwix St., 7 P.M.
 - Morgantown, W. Virginia, Jan. 13, at 14 Locust Ave., 7 P.M.
 - Roanoke, Va., Jan. 13, at 201 W. Church St., 7 P.M.
 - Philadelphia, Jan. 13, at 1109 Walnut St., 7 P.M.
 - Baltimore, Jan. 14, at 713 North Calvert St., 7 P.M.
 - Richmond, Va., Jan. 14, at 205 North Second St., 7 P.M.

GATHER FUNDS FOR SPAIN IN BALTIMORE

Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld to Speak at Meeting There Jan. 24

BALTIMORE, Jan. 4. — A local campaign to aid Spain is rapidly gathering speed here with an extensive program outlined to raise funds for the besieged government forces.

The Baltimore Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, which includes one of the city's outstanding progressives and liberals, has been collecting funds, food, clothing and medical supplies for some time. Its activities have included a benefit at a local movie and establishment of collection stations at 9 N. Eutaw St., 107 N. Eutaw St., 1029 E. Baltimore St., 501-A N. Eutaw St., 513 Park Ave., and 713 N. Calvert St.

Among the members of the local committee are Mauritz A. Hallgren, Labbi L. Israel, the Rev. Joseph S. Nowack, Jr., the Rev. Asbury Smith and the Rev. W. Owings Stone.

A mass meeting for Spain with Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, exiled German Reichstag deputy, as the main speaker will be held at the Pythian Casino, Sunday, Jan. 24.

Glass Workers Solidly Behind C.I.O. Leaders

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Despite attacks on the Flint Glass Workers Union in the local press, strikers in the Libby-Owens-Ford Company here are standing solid behind their leadership and the Committee for Industrial Organization in their fight for decent working conditions.

Following an address here Friday by Dave McCabe, national president of the union, strikers enthusiastically voted continuation of the strike and expressed their confidence in the union leadership. McCabe in his speech pointed out the role of the glass workers in the unionization drive of auto, steel and other mass production industries.

Cold Wave Is Due to Strike New York Today

A cold wave will hit New York today, bringing a minimum temperature of 32 this morning and much colder weather this afternoon and tonight, the Weather Bureau said last night.

Alliance Asks Mayor For Tag Day Permit

Seek to Raise Funds Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Pay Expenses of 1,000 Who Go to Washington Jan. 15 to Protest Layoffs and Urge Bigger WPA

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transportation of the delegation of 1,000 going to Washington for the nationwide demonstration Jan. 15.

Sam Wiseman, fourth national vice president of the Workers Alliance, yesterday urged all sympathetic organizations and individuals to bring pressure on city authorities, especially Commissioner of Public Welfare William Hodson, for granting of the permit immediately.

MARSHALS MEET SATURDAY

Organizational details of the march Saturday were discussed last night at a meeting of 250 parade marshals at Irving Plaza. Another meeting of marshals will be held in Irving Plaza Saturday at 9 a. m., and Wiseman urged that all participating organizations and Alliance locals send marshals to the Saturday morning gathering.

Trade union support for the Alliance demonstrations and for the program on behalf of the unemployed continued to pour into Alliance headquarters, 101 West 28th St., yesterday. A committee of trade union officials is participating with the Alliance in preparations for the protests.

The Alliance announced yesterday that Congressman Emanuel Celler of the Tenth Congressional district in Brooklyn had accepted an invitation to be on the reviewing stand in Madison Square park where Saturday's demonstration will assemble.

High Court Sets Aside DeJonge Sentence

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before that court in the Herndon case which is to be argued in February. The Sacramento, Calif., criminal syndicalism cases, now on appeal before the California Supreme Court, will also provide a serious test of strength for the forces opposed to politically repressive laws.

It was believed that the court's action might affect the outcome of the Angelo Herndon case. Herndon, an Atlanta, Ga., Communist, was sentenced to 18 to 20 years in prison under a Reconstruction Era law imposing up to the death penalty for urging forceful resistance to the state. The Atlanta had Communist literature in his possession and was a party organizer.

PROTESTED RAIDS

De Jonge spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Communist Party to protest police activities in raiding strike headquarters and Communist gathering places. Only a part of those attending were Communist Party members.

At the meeting "The Daily Worker" and "The Young Worker" Party organs, were offered for sale and De Jonge urged their purchase. He also admitted urged membership in the Party and attendance at a Communist rally proposed to be held in defiance of police orders.

SEEN LIMITING LAW

The State Supreme Court upheld this interpretation of the statute. The Court's opinion denounced the theory on which the syndicalism act is based, the condemnation of peaceful political action.

If it falls wholly to outlaw the act, the Court's decision appeared sharply to limit the application claimed for it by state officials.

The opinion said: "It appears that, while defendant was a member of the Communist Party, he was not indicted for participating in its organization, or for joining it, or for soliciting membership or for distributing its literature.

"He was not charged with teaching or advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage or any unlawful acts either at the meeting or elsewhere.

DEPRIVED OF EVIDENCE

"He was accordingly deprived of the benefit of evidence as to the orderly and lawful conduct of the meeting and that it was not called or used for the advocacy of criminal syndicalism or sabotage or any unlawful act.

"His sole offense as charged, and for which he was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for seven years, was that he had assisted in the conduct of a public meeting, albeit it was otherwise lawful, which was held under the auspices of the Communist Party.

"The broad reach of the statute as thus applied is plain. While defendant was a member of the Communist Party, that membership was not necessary to conviction on such a charge. A like fate might have attended any speaker, although not a member who assisted in the conduct of the meeting.

"However innocuous the object of the meeting, however lawful the subjects and tenor of the addresses, however reasonable and timely the discussion, all those assisting in the conduct of the meeting would be

for the march to the Garden. Congressman Celler has endorsed the Alliance demands for continuation of the WPA and for larger appropriations for the entire relief program.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers for the tag day work are asked to report at any of the following addresses by Friday:

- Manhattan—101 W. 28th St., 107 W. 133rd St., 108 W. 116th St., 63 E. 104th St., 222 E. 123rd St., 562 W. 168th St., 245 E. 27th St., 624 E. 9th St., 520 E. 16th St., 327 E. 9th St., 163 W. 21st St., 218 E. 3rd St., 214 E. 2nd, 514 E. 13th, 298 Henry, 201 Henry, 451 E. 83rd, 105 W. 63rd, 250 W. 106th, 106 E. 11th, 247 E. 116th.
- Bronx—701 E. 136th, 2374 Bathgate Ave., 1334 Wilkins Ave., 2111 Southern Blvd., 3919 Third Ave., 2561 White Plains Ave., 854 Jackson Ave., 1243 Southern Blvd.
- Brooklyn—219 Sackman St., 864 Sutter Ave., 123 Willoughby, 2518 Coney Island Ave., 437 Ralph Ave., 610 Stone Ave., 3200 Coney Island Ave., 2075-86th, 1373-42nd, 2945 W. 5th, 2674 W. 27th, 476 Sutter Ave., 311 Osborn, 966 Myrtle Ave., 78 Thastford Ave., 28 Ten Eyck St.
- Staten and Long Islands—136-19 Thirty-eighth Ave., Flushing; 99-16 Forty-third Ave., Corona; 31-08 Broadway, Astoria; 152-09 Archer Ave., Jamaica, 7002 Fifty-seventh Ave., Maspeth.

WATERFRONT BLAZE SEEN AS ARSON

Fires Linked to Ship-owners' Plan to Smash Seamen's Strike

Recent fires in the headquarters of the waterfront section of the Communist Party and the headquarters of the striking seamen were undoubtedly of "suspicious origin," Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy told the Daily Worker yesterday.

One of the fires which took place last Saturday partly destroyed the Communist organization's center at 229 Tenth Ave. The blaze was linked by the Party with attempts of shipowners and their agents to smash the seamen's strike and intimidate friends of the seamen. Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association and bitter foe of the striking sailors, was recently charged by the Joint Maritime Strike Council with plotting violence against walkout leaders.

ARSON SEEN

Two fires occurred at the Party center on Saturday, one at 2:19 A.M. and one at 12 noon. Speaking of the early morning blaze, Marshal Brophy said: "There's no question about it. We regard the first fire as of incendiary origin. A distinct odor of kerosene oil was detected. Brophy, who heads the Fire Department's Bureau of Investigation, referred to an attempt to burn strike headquarters at 164 Eleventh Ave. on Oct. 31 last as part of a chain of "suspicious fires."

At that time a bag of burning rubbish was thrown into the strike center at 3 A.M. In all cases the blazes were extinguished without any loss of life or serious property damage. TO PROTEST TO MAYOR His department will cooperate with the police in investigating the fires and seeking the arsonists, Brophy promised.

The matter will be called officially to the attention of Mayor LaGuardia and Police Commissioner Valentine. It was announced yesterday by Harry Robinson, on behalf of the waterfront Communist Party organization.

Support of both in ending the reign of terror against striking seamen and their supporters will be sought, Robinson said.

CATHOLIC PAPER HIT

Saturday's fire climaxed a week of mounting tension along the docks. A week during which the window of an organization sympathetic to the strikers was smashed, pickets were beaten and henchmen of Ryan were charged with assaulting seamen.

STRIKERS DEFY INJUNCTION IN FLINT

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day after he was inaugurated, and forces an immediate test of the much-publicized support for labor that won him the election. Following a conference with Homer Martin, John Brophy, C.I.O. leader, vice-president Ed Hall and union attorneys this morning, Murphy remained unclear on what action he will take.

"I will see to it that no force is used," he declared, "the day of violence is passed, whether on the part of strikers or the other side."

The Governor made no statement regarding the sweeping injunction which was granted to the G.M.C. without strike representatives even being called to court. Martin said union representatives only told the Governor of the situation and that he felt "very hopeful" of the Governor's action.

Michigan workers generally looked with keen interest to the Governor's first demonstration of friendship.

TO BROADEN STRIKES

The strategy board, consisting of five U.A.W. officers, Brophy and Glen McCabe, president of the Federation of Glass Workers, who are also on strike, met today to consider the next move to broaden the strike. The board was empowered to call a general strike if necessary at a conference of 300 delegates of G.M.C. plants in 15 cities held in Flint yesterday.

While the board's decisions remain secret for strategic reasons, it became known today that the St. Louis Chevrolet and Fisher plants, employing 4,000, will join the walkout. In addition to the steps taken at Cadillac and Fleetwood, preparations are being made in this city among the workers of Chevrolet axle plant and Fisher Body.

Strike sentiment was seen reaching beyond the G.M.C. realm today with strong indications that workers of Hudson Motor Car Company, employing 15,000, and largest of independents, will soon have a strike in the U.A.W. The workers are very resentful at not having received a bonus and their wages are from 60 to 70 cents per hour.

THOUSANDS JOIN UNION

The strike wave gave rise to a strong spontaneous flow of workers into the union. The membership of the U.A.W. is above 100,000. With approximately 50,000 in 19 G.M.C. plants now idle because of strikes, factories of Michigan's great

18,000 I.A.M. GARDEN FOR SPAIN RALLY

De los Rios Tells Garden Rally War Is Between Progress and Reaction

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agogue, and Charles S. Zimmerman of Local 22 of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

GET 4 AMBULANCES

Zimmerman showed the Ambassador samples of clothing being made in New York union shops for Spain. Another featured part of the rally was the presentation of four new ambulances to the Spanish Ambassador by the Medical Bureau of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy.

During the meeting the entire audience joined in singing "Himno de Riego," the official national anthem of the Spanish Republic.

In opening his address the Ambassador thanked the American people for "assisting us through these tragic hours which my beloved country is living."

Dr. de los Rios then analyzed the background of the present conflict, explaining how the fascists had first tried to overthrow the Republic back in 1933.

HITS REACTION

"The most astonishing and significant characteristic of the five years of the Republic immediately preceding the present revolt was the opposition of the Spanish upper classes to the law of the land. If today these upper classes set the example by not abiding by the law because it does not suit their interests, how will the new social forces which are taking form seek their fulfillment?"

"History in its deepest, dynamic sense, gives the answer: Either we go forward in an orderly way under the regime of the law, or, if this is denied, the people must resort to violence."

The Ambassador then declared the people "have revolted because the upper classes have hardened in their tracks, because their sense of social responsibility has atrophied. Such is the case in Spain today."

"What is the substance of the present conflict in Spain?" the ambassador continued. "On one side there are the forces which would drag Spain back to a system of special privilege for the well-born. Against them stand the people, a people who have been spurred by hope in their desire for a life richer in culture, nobler in liberty."

Dr. de los Rios then concluded by declaring victory would come to the people, who "are today heart and soul behind the government in search of a new Jerusalem of justice and brotherhood."

The colors of Republican Spain—purple, gold and red—predominated in the decorations which provided a brilliant setting for the meeting. Behind the speaker's platform was a huge map of Spain, showing the territory held by the government and that in control of the fascists, as well as the population and the number of square miles in both areas.

auto parts industry are closing down. Plants affected today were the Grand Rapids Shipping Division of Fisher Body, the Michigan Bumper Corporation, and the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company at Grand Haven.

Officials of the Olds plant of G.M.C. and Fisher Body at Lansing, in which 11,000 are employed, admitted that the plants cannot operate beyond the week.

By E. C. GREENFIELD Daily Worker (Chicago Bureau) CLEVELAND, Jan. 4.—A clash with the police highlighted the eighth day of the Fisher Body strike in Cleveland.

The flare-up came when General Superintendent Lincoln Scafe attempted to crash through the picket line in his car this morning. Police ordered the picket line to be broken up, and provoked the melee which followed.

Police later reported that one of their number, Lieutenant Peter Kekic, was treated for head injuries. Kekic claimed that he was slugged but this was denied by strikers in a statement by Harold Reed, chairman of the publicity committee.

REED'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"This morning at the garage entrance the police attempted to interfere with the right of the pickets to stop cars from entering the plant. One car was forced through the picket line with the police drawing a cordon around the car. Another car was stopped by the pickets and was asked to drive on.

"There was no attempt made by the pickets who were all employees of the Fisher Body to create any trouble. Lieutenant Kekic raised his club and was about to hit one of the strikers when his club was stopped by the pickets. Lieutenant Kekic later attempted to throw the picket, when he tripped and fell to the ground. He was not clubbed by any of the strikers.

"We wish to state that we will insist on our right to picket the plant and defend our jobs. We do not want any trouble. We want peaceful picketing and ask that the police do not take this right away from us. The responsibility for the argument this morning rests purely on the shoulders of the police.

"We hope that this will not occur again."

The morale of the strikers is extremely high and the growing support of the non-union workers in the plant is attested by the fact that 2,000 members have been recruited into the union since the strike began.

Nazi Planes Bomb Bilbao, 1 Bagged

4,000 More Italian Troops Landed at Cadiz— Fishing Fleet Armed to Protect Shipping— USSR Press Condemns Fascist Pirates

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ping troops to aid the Spanish Fascists.

Nazi Planes Bomb Bilbao; 1 Shot Down

PARIS, Jan. 4 (UP).—German planes from Vitoria attempted today to bombard the Spanish Loyalist stronghold at Bilbao, it was reported here tonight. The Spaniards were said to have shot down one German plane.

The pilots in the stricken plane, it was reported, took to their parachutes and were taken prisoners when they landed. They were carrying permits signed by General Francisco Franco, Spanish Fascist commander.

Two other German planes were said to have been brought down in the vicinity of Villa Real. The Provincial Government at Bilbao protested this aggression against the Basque civil population with German material and pilots.

4,000 More Italians Land at Cadiz

LONDON, Jan. 4 (UP).—British officials have received confirmation of reports that approximately 4,000 Italians landed at Cadiz Jan. 1 from the Italian transport Lombardia, it was learned today.

In addition to the 4,000 landed from the Lombardia, British authorities were informed that 6,500 Italians arrived at Cadiz during Christmas week, making a total of 10,500 during the holidays.

Despite British official reticence on reports of the landing of Italian troops at Cadiz, Spain, the word caused intense popular disillusionment, after weeks of advice inspired by British and French sources suggesting the likelihood that Italy now was prepared to curtail intervention in Spain.

Armed Trawlers Leave To Protect Ships

BILBAO, Jan. 4.—Hastily armed fishing trawlers and old freighters put out to sea today from this Loyalist port with orders to protect Spanish commerce "against all ships that threaten attack."

Twenty of these craft, ineffective against the powerful modern German cruisers and battleships but manned by men determined to sell their lives dearly in the fight against Nazi and Spanish Fascist piracy, are spread out in a fan shape tonight before the Loyalist ports of Bilbao, Gijon, Santander and San-tona.

Hastily mounted long range coast defense guns were tested today at Bilbao and Santander, and arrangements made to defend the ports against Nazi or Spanish Fascist ships' attack.

FOG PREVENTS CLASH

The Fascist fleet lies off Pasajes and Zumaya. Fog over the Bay of Biscay has prevented any clash so far.

SPAIN FORGING STRONG ARMY OF THE PEOPLE

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in France during the early part of the World War.

The soldiers in the trenches are discussing the reported action of Roosevelt in removing the blockade on the Spanish Republic. Street crowds salute the United States flag on the embassy automobile when it passes. They believe the American democracy has committed the one decisive act that can avert World War, by recognizing the Spanish government's rights, and preventing the fascists making of Spain a foothold for the conquest of Europe.

(All Spanish people opposed to Fascism welcomed the news that the U. S. government had licensed the sale of airplanes to the Spanish government. The cable was evidently sent before information arrived in Spain of the move in Washington to bar the shipment and aid Fascism by a fraudulent "neutrality.")

Take Key Cities In Advance

MADRID, Jan. 4.—The People's Army of the Spanish Government plunged forward and captured cities on the Basque, Guadaluajara and Andalusian fronts today.

The Spanish fascists, taking advantage of the temporary absence of Madrid's fighting planes, seized the opportunity for another of their characteristic murder campaigns against the civilian population.

Government forces smashed fascist troop concentrations at Almadrones, in the Guadaluajara sector northeast of Madrid, and after a three-day battle swept into the city of Almadrones amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm and welcome demonstrations by the liberated citizens there. A War Office communique describing the victory, said that the fascists retreated in disorder leaving many dead on the field, considerable motorized equipment, machine guns, rifles and documents.

Immediately after the battle,

The Spanish government and the Basque government have announced they will defend their shipping, meanwhile appealing to the League of Nations, the Hague Court and the London Non-Intervention Committee against acts of war by Germany.

Seven Soviet Ships Molested by Fascists

(By Special Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, Jan. 4.—Seven Soviet freighters have been molested by Spanish Fascists in the neighborhood of Gibraltar during the last few days—from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1.

Ships stopped and visited by armed rebels, and sometimes taken to the Fascist port of Ceuta in Morocco are:

Motor ships Kuban and Bela Kun, the last an oil tanker; steamers: Maxim Gorky, Postishev, Katayama, and Red Profintern.

Soviet Press Denounces Fascist Piracy

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (UP).—Newspapers here denounced "Fascist piracy" today.

Izvestia, organ of the government, said: "(Adolf Hitler's policy is one of permanent playing with fire in a gunpowder store house. The naive people of the chancelleries of France and Great Britain think that treaties can bind the German Fascists who have introduced the domestic code of their blood-thirsty pagan God Wotan into international politics."

Mexico Will Continue Supporting Spain

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4 (UP).—Mexico will support the government of Largo Caballero, which it considers the only legitimate Spanish regime, to a point just short of declaring war on the insurgent forces, it was said in authoritative quarters today.

But, in accordance with "the policy of the good neighbor," Mexico desires to co-operate with President Roosevelt in not allowing the infiltration of American products for trans-shipment to the Spanish war zone.

Because of this policy, President Cardenas has ordered the Spanish ship "Motormar" to desist an attempt to load American airplanes at the Tejeria airport.

The vessel will be free to load Mexican foodstuffs or war materials, however, as the government will continue to sell supplies to the Spanish loyalists.

The newspaper La Prensa at Mexico City said Felix Gordon Ordaz, Spanish Ambassador to Mexico, would seek permission in Washington to ship United States-made airplanes and munitions from Mexican ports. He also will ask President Roosevelt to send a commission to Spain to investigate conditions, the newspaper said. (Ordaz is on his way by airplane to Washington.

groups of Franco's soldiers came over and joined the government forces.

The town of Abanades, in the same sector, was occupied by Government troops during the advance. This victory smashed another of General Franco's wide encircling movements, designed to cut communications between Madrid and the sea, from the northward.

From Gijon, on the northern coast, near Oviedo, came news that a fascist force had been driven from the town of Grado in a bloody battle in which hundreds were killed and wounded. The Government troops in this region are tightening their grip on Oviedo.

ADVANCE IN NORTH

At Santander, also on the northern coast, word was received from the front 50 miles inland that the important town of Epinosa de los Monteros had been completely surrounded by Government forces in a battle in which 56 fascists were killed and a number captured.

These victories on the northern front consolidate the Government territory there and enlarge it, besides giving room to maneuver against Oviedo west of the Basque state and San Sebastian at the other end of it.

News from the Cordoba front, in southern Spain (Andalusia) shows the fascist offensive there checked and the Loyalists still advancing in several places.

45 DIE IN AIR RAID

Aerial bombardment of Madrid, which killed at least 45 persons and wounded 120 more, came in three separate flights of six to nine planes each today.

After dropping 20 or more bombs, each flight machine-gunned the fleeing, unarmed civilian population beneath it.

It was deliberate sadistic murder of women and children for the most part, and blasting into ruins of workers' one-story houses. Two hundred and fifty pound bombs were used, and the main objectives were the working class districts of Tetuan and Victoria, although one raid was conducted in the region of the foreign embassies.

The raiders were finally driven away by Government planes.

In spite of this the population of Madrid is much encouraged by the evident failure of the fascist attempt to take the city, and speaks confidently now of "our victory."

SEAMEN BLAST PRESS VARN OF STRIKE RIFT

Are Incensed at Report of Dissension in Their Ranks

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Committee has called a conference of all strike committees of all crafts now on strike for Thursday morning, when plans will be made for making the strike stronger and still more effective.

NEGOTIATIONS ON

"Negotiations are now under way with leading steamship lines which will result in agreements in a day or two, which will prove how effective the strike really is. The men on the picket lines are more determined than ever to conclude the strike successfully. Mr. Curran, chairman of the Joint Marine Strike Committee has the unqualified support and confidence of the striking seamen."

The United Press stated that the seamen had called a mass meeting Wednesday night in the St. Nicholas Arena to vote on an "ouster" against Joe Curran.

[Actually, the St. Nicholas Arena meeting was arranged over a week ago for the specific purpose of greeting the return of Lawrence Simpson from a Nazi prison in Bremen, Curran, along with other prominent persons will speak at the gathering.]

Strikers and leaders at headquarters at 164 Eleventh Avenue curtly dismissed the United Press story last night as "having all the earmarks of having been inspired by the publicity department of the American Steamship Owners' Association."

WIN IN COURT

In the meantime, the progressive leadership in the East Coast maritime unions strengthened their position in the long struggle against reactionary union officials when the New York District Circuit Court yesterday denied an appeal to Ivan Hunter and others against progressive holding office in the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Water-tenders Union. The rank and file membership some months ago ousted the old-line leaders headed by Oscar Carlson, electing in their place William Phillips and Moe Byne to executive office.

The violence against striking seamen current along the New York waterfront last week shifted yesterday across the harbor to Jersey City, when a police drive was started against waterfront pickets. Three local strikers were

Plan Final Plea for 6 Boys Facing Execution Thursday

Say Poverty Cause of Crime in Which BMT Guard Was Killed

While Sing Sing officials last night began making preparations to execute six Brooklyn young men, Thursday, and Gov. Lehman still gave no indication of extending clemency, the City Defense Committee for the Defense of the Condemned Boys rallied support for a final plea to the governor.

The six boys—Joseph Bologna, 23; Eugene Bruno, 20; Theodore Di Donna, 30; Samuel Kimmel, 19; Dominick Zizzo, 22; and Salvatore Scata, 18—were sentenced for participation in the hold-up during which Edwin Esposito, BMT subway coin collector, was slain in September, 1935.

Meeting in Carpenter Hall in Brooklyn last night, several hundred persons added their signatures to the more than 200,000 already on petitions asking clemency. It was reported that hundreds of petitions were still in circulation.

TO "RE-TRY" CASE

A delegation of a score or more representing the City Defense Committee prepared to go to Albany today, although Gov. Lehman has not acceded to their request for a second interview. The committee is planning to submit a memorandum pointing out factors in the slum upbringing of the boys which were not brought forth at the formal clemency hearing conducted last month on purely legal grounds.

Tonight at 8 o'clock at Union Settlement, 237 E. 104th St., Ex-Congressman Vito Marcantonio will conduct a "re-trial" of the case. The "trial" will be open to the public. Another meeting is planned at the Venezia Theatre, Seventh Ave. near 57th St. at 1:30 P.M. today.

ASK PEOPLE TO ACT

"We have not yet given up," members of the City Defense Committee said yesterday, "for the governor can act right up to the last minute, as he did in a case two years ago when he commuted a sentence after the men were already shaven for the chair.

"But we can no longer depend on any legal technicalities. Mass pressure is what counts now. Telegrams, letters, protests of all kinds must reach Gov. Lehman and convince him that New York does not want these young men, victims of their slum environment, to be put to death, but feels that life imprisonment is punishment enough."

MOTHER SPEAKS

Approximately 200 persons attended two meetings held Sunday, at the Manhattan Lyceum on East 4th St. and the Rex Bowl in the Bronx, and voted to send telegrams to Gov. Lehman, after contributions totaling \$24 were made towards expenses of the City Defense Committee.

The mother of Salvatore Scata, one of the condemned boys, came to the Manhattan Lyceum on Sunday only a few hours after having visited her son in Sing Sing death house. She began to talk, saying, "My boy is a good boy, but was overcome by emotion and could not continue."

TELLS OF POVERTY

At the Rex Bowl, the first clemency meeting for the Brooklyn boys in the Bronx, a sister of Dominick Zizzo, another of the condemned youths, told of the poverty and destitution in his family, his struggle to support his wife and two children. "This is the first time he's ever been in any serious trouble," she said.

Joe Zagarella, chairman of the City Defense Committee, spoke at both meetings, citing the background of the boys, the slum environment in which they were brought up, and their difficulty in finding jobs.

WHAT'S ON

Tonight

MUSICAL: All Beach program, featuring Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major. Other masterpieces. Two full hours. Adm. 10c. **Leisure Music Lovers**, 11 W. 18th St. 8:30 P.M.

Tomorrow

YOUNG MEN'S REPORT for Lenin Memorial. Experience not necessary. Manhattan Lyceum, 68 E. 4th St. Between 2nd and 3rd Aves. 8 P.M. **WELCOME** and hear Lawrence Simpson. St. Nicholas Palace, 69 W. 66th St. See large ad for speakers. 8 P.M. Sub. 25c and 40c.

Coming

WHAT IS Happening in China, a symposium by Harry Gannes, Dr. J. H. Lin, and A. H. Howard of "China Today," Friday, Jan. 8, 8 P.M., Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Pl. and 15th St. Tickets 25c at all Workers Book Shops. 35c at door. Adm. 10c.

VARIETY Concert and Entertainment, Steiny Studios, 113 W. 57th St., Studio No. 503, Saturday night, Jan. 19, 1937, 8 P.M. Chamber Music, Haydn, Beethoven, Vocal Operatic gems; Satirical Drama skits; Dance Interludes; Piano Duo. Proceeds to National Youth Movement. Refreshments. Sub. 50c.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG—BANQUET on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 P.M. Speakers and guests of honor include Pearl S. Buck, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Maurice Hindus, Joseph Freeman, Carl von Doren, Mr. and Mrs. Efram Zimbalist, Albert Rys Williams, Mary Van Kleef, Corliss Lamont. Reservations \$2.00 per plate. Admission to balcony, 50 cents. Tickets on sale at Soviet Russia Today, 824 Broadway.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG, First Bronx appearance. "Europe's Destiny." Hunts Point Palace, Southern Blvd. and 163rd St. Sunday, Jan. 10, 8 P.M. Adm. 25c. January 14th, 8:30 P.M.

TELEPHONIC DANCE, dance fans and fanatics get your music today for the Hippodrome Friday eve, January 15th, 8 P.M. School of Music, 25 E. 12th St. Good seats, popular (55c up) prices at Box Office, bookshops or I.L.D. 112 E. 19th St.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG, First Brooklyn appearance. "Is It World War in Spain?" Erasmus Hall, 28, Flatbush and Avenue A, Brooklyn Chapter A.P.S.U. Adm. 25c. Friday, January 14th, 8:30 P.M.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Daily Worker. Savoy Ball Room, 140th St. and Lenox Ave. A.S.P.: Daily Worker Harlem Bureau, 12th St.

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Three Days to Live Unless ---



Six young men, ranging in age from 18 to 31, are slated for the chair on Thursday. Throughout New York City a wave of protest has mounted against the mass execution of these boys whose biggest crime was to have been born in poverty.

(Left to right, standing): Joseph Bologna, Samuel Kimmel, Dominick Zizzo, Theodore di Donne, Eugene Bruno. Seated and testifying is Salvatore Scata. In the foreground is District Attorney Geoghan.

SAYS YOUTH NEED AID

He also contrasted the lack of consideration towards poor boys in comparison with that given rich young people, mentioning specifically the Leopold and Loeb case.

"Because they had money and influence, the two rich thrill killers got life imprisonment instead of death. The rich commit crime for thrills. Some of the poor are driven to crime by lack of opportunity, jobs, sheer desperation.

"If Gov. Lehman says he is really interested in justice, he will not only commute these sentences, but he will urge state legislation to help our unemployed youth and he will back the American Youth Act."

Telegrams sent from the meeting declared that "it would be a crime on the part of New York State to execute these boys."

COMMUNIST ASKS SUPPORT

Full support of the campaign for clemency for the six Brooklyn boys was expressed in a statement issued yesterday by John Little, Young Communist League executive secretary for New York State. He said:

"Our organization is lined up 100 per cent behind the campaign to secure commutation of the death sentence of the five Italian boys and one Jewish boy. In fighting to save their lives we are registering a protest against the widespread poverty and unemployment among young people, which forces them to commit crimes.

"This case places before the public, in dramatic fashion, the need for legislation to alleviate the plight of the younger generation, the need for the passage of the American Youth Act. Spurred on by the plight of these six boys, victims of slum environment, denied jobs, our organization will intensify its efforts to make mass picketing to Washington, Feb. 19, 20, and 21, an eloquent reminder to the congressmen that youth must have jobs.

URGES ACTION

"In the two days remaining before the execution, we urge our 8,000 members to flood Governor Lehman with telegrams and letters of protest, urging clemency for the condemned boys."

The Senior Group of Sunday Evening Clubs sponsored by the Society for Ethical Culture yesterday sent a telegram to Gov. Lehman urging commutation of the death sentence of the six Brooklyn boys.

After an appeal from Fred Rosenberg, member of the group, a vote was taken and the telegram was drafted, declaring that commutation "would best serve the ends of justice."

LEHMAN HEARS PLEAS

ALBANY, Jan. 4 (UP).—Governor Lehman today heard pleas for executive clemency on behalf of four men sentenced to be executed in Sing Sing Prison on Jan. 14.

The condemned men are Louis Lazar, 28, convicted of slaying Morris Skonowitz, during a New York City holdup; Lawrence Jackson, 17, Wentworth Springer, 17, and Robert Tallafiero, 18, Negroes, convicted of fatally shooting Morris Emert during a robbery Sept. 22, 1935.

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With the Unions

Hiring Hall Idea Marches Inland as Domestic Workers Set Up Own Hall at 2561 White Plains Road—Negroes Fight WPA Theater Firings

The hiring hall idea is catching. Inaugurated by the West Coast longshoremen during the great strike of 1934, the maritime workers of the Atlantic Coast are now demanding the right to hire through their own halls.

And now we have a real "march inland" of the idea—with the Domestic Workers Union setting up their hiring hall in this city at 2561 White Plains Road. Employers of domestic workers are urged to hire through the hall. Its telephone number is O'Linville 5-4413.

NEGRO WPA THEATRE FIGHTS FIRINGS

Dismissals of Negro WPA workers from the Federal Theatre will be fought by the combined forces of the Negro Theatre Local, the WPA Teachers Alliance, the City Projects Council and the Workers Alliance.

The above mentioned organizations have called an "emergency conclave" to devise ways and means of protecting jobs of Negro theatrical workers in the WPA. It will be held in the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and Seventh Avenue, Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Speakers scheduled at the conclave are the Rev. William Lloyd Imes, W. M. Gaudin, Charles Collins, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., A. E. Storey, and Merril G. Work.

Supporting the organizations to arouse neighborhood support against the dismissals are the Association of Workers in Public Relief Agencies, the Committee for Better Schools, and the Harlem Labor Committee.

TECHNICIANS SUPPORT FIGHT FOR LABOR LAWS

About a week ago, this column called for more pressure on the State Legislature by trade unions and professional groups for the enactment of laws for improved working conditions. There are many vital issues facing organized labor that should be taken directly to the Legislature by labor itself.

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HARLEM RALLY TO SUPPORT SHIP STRIKE

Outstanding Leaders of Negro People to Talk at Mass Meeting

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau) Joe Curran, leader of the seamen's strike strategy committee, the Rev. William Lloyd Imes and Thyra Edwards, outstanding Negroes, will head the list of speakers at a mass meeting in support of the striking seamen Jan. 14, in Harlem.

The meeting, scheduled under the auspices of the Harlem Citizens Committee to Aid the Striking Seamen, will take place in St. James Presbyterian Church, 141st Street and Edgecombe Avenue at 8 P. M.

Other speakers will be: Frank R. Crosswath, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee, and Lester Granger of the Urban League, vice-chairman of the Citizens Committee.

Lodie Biggs, secretary of the Citizens Committee, said yesterday that the meeting was for the purpose of "increasing support of the Negro people for the thousands of Negro and white seamen fighting for a decent living."

Officers of the Committee are: Benjamin McLaurin, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, chairman; the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, treasurer; Ben Davis, Jr., Daily Worker editorial staff, publicity.

Among the members are: Dr. Arnold Donawa, D.D.S.; James Baker, National Negro Congress; Ted Poston, Negro newspaper man; Manning Johnson, Cafeteria Union, Local 302; Frank R. Crosswath; Lillian Gaskins, member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; the Rev. David N. Licorish; Ashley Totten, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Cecil Marquez, M.D.; and Dr. William Lloyd Imes, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church.

BRUNNER FILLS POST AS HEAD OF ALDERMEN

Sheriff Responsible for Sunnyside Evictions Digs at Fusion

Aldermanic President William F. Brunner, Democratic organization nominee named to fill the unexpired term of the late Bernard S. Deutsch, was formally inaugurated yesterday in a manner that left no doubt that this is an anti-fusion Board of Aldermen.

Brunner, who as the former sheriff of Queens evicted needy homeowners from their dwellings in the Sunnyside battles of last year, urged in his prepared inaugural that the joint committee to effect county reorganization begin its work.

If his remarks, seen as a gesture towards the forces which seek elimination of the county patronage system, was indiscreet, Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons didn't notice it.

The vociferous chief from north of the Harlem River took a dig at Fusion, pointing out that both houses of the municipal assembly were under Democratic control. If New York is advancing, he insisted, it is because of Democratic control. The latter remark was a crack at Sunday night's LaGuardia-inspired radio review of the city's achievements in the last three years.

Majority Leader Timothy J. Sullivan bridled at the reference made by Brunner to the fact that the aldermen have kept the issue buried in committee for months. They were simply awaiting a test of the constitutionality of the reorganization law, he pleaded.

Sullivan predicted that proportional representation would be tried once and then no more.

Appeal to Federal Court Against Port Rican's Deportation

The case of Raimundo Estrada, 30-year-old Porto Rican, ordered excluded by the Labor Department Board of Review has been appealed to the Federal District Court of the Southern District of New York by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Estrada, a native of Porto Rico, came to the United States mainland in 1919. Estrada, who has been deported to Chile three times and has served two sentences totaling three months in the Federal Detention Station for "illegal" entry, was released from Ellis Island in April, 1936, following ten months' imprisonment, after a three weeks' campaign conducted in his behalf by the American Committee.

Soon after his release Estrada secured a job on the Grace Lines and was taken to Ellis Island upon his return to be ordered excluded from the United States on the ground he is an "alien."

On Sept. 11, 1936, Estrada was shipped to Chile but refused entry in that country and, as well, by the government of Peru. Another attempt was made to spirit Estrada out of the country on Dec. 24, but was foiled by the Committee's action in securing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Officials of the committee stated that Estrada is in possession of a baptismal certificate and seaman's protective certificate of the United States Department of Commerce proving his Porto Rican birth. Estrada is being held at Ellis Island pending the outcome of the court action which it is hoped will win him his complete freedom.

Chicago's Poorer Districts Suffer In Flu Epidemic

(Daily Worker Midwest Bureau) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 3.—"Continuing mild weather" is the official excuse for the current flu and pneumonia in Illinois. The flu cases are four times the total of two years ago. Pneumonia cases are doubled. The number of pneumonia cases in the state for the last two weeks of the year are 1,131. New influenza cases reported were 277, as against 69 last year in the same period.

Chicago is the chief victim of the flu epidemic. There were 872 cases of pneumonia and 236 of flu in Cook County, which roughly equals Chicago's boundaries. The doctors say a cold spell would stop the epidemic.

The flu and pneumonia are especially active in poor quarters of the city, where medical attention is as scarce as decent housing or food.

Schooner Smashed

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 4 (UP).—The American schooner "Good Luck" was smashed to pieces on the rocks off Macnutt Island today during a heavy storm. Capt. Alonzo Dery and his crew of six escaped in life boats.

Labor's Neediest Are Given Clothing by I. L. D. Fund

More than one ton of coats, dresses, sweaters, underwear and shoes were provided for the wives and children of America's labor prisoners by the Prisoners Relief Fund of the I.L.D. in connection with its 1936 Christmas Drive.

The Fund keeps a complete file with complete measurements of every man, woman and child on its relief rolls, and the Christmas boxes were mailed out containing clothing and shoes for every member of the family. Toys for the youngsters and sweets were added to each bundle.

"I wish you could see how nice everything fit," Mrs. X wrote to the Prisoners Relief Fund, "and the baby was especially pleased with her silk party dress. She's going to wear it only for her best."

Dozens of letters like the above come to the offices of the Prisoners

Tim Buck to Speak At Daily Celebration

Canadian Communist Leader Will Address Mass Meeting Sunday to Mark Thirteenth Year Since Founding of the Daily Worker

Tim Buck, general secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, will make his first public appearance in New York Sunday at a meeting to celebrate the 13th anniversary of the Daily Worker to be held at St. Nicholas Palace. Tim Buck, one of the heroes of the Canadian working class, is a fitting speaker for this occasion when the workers of New York celebrate the birthday of their newspaper.

Until a few years ago the Communist Party of Canada was illegal under Section 98, a national law which outlawed the Communist Party in Canada. Tim Buck and seven other leaders of the working class were sentenced to long prison terms under this law. However, the underground Communist Party organized a campaign that involved millions of workers and farmers to free Tim Buck and the other leaders. All the progressive forces in Canada rallied around this struggle and Tim Buck and the others were released long before their time was up.

Today under the brilliant and far-sighted leadership of Tim Buck, the Communist Party of Canada is becoming a force in the struggle of the Canadian people for peace and freedom.

Tim Buck is beloved by hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers and in the working-class district of one large city the workers named a square in honor of this fighter.

Tim Buck spoke once before in New York at the Ninth Party convention in June. The delegates from all over the country were held spellbound while Tim Buck told of the great struggles of the Canadian workers. Now for the first time all New Yorkers will have a chance to hear this leader of the Canadian working class tell of the progress that is being made in fighting war and fascism in Canada.

Five Natives Die in So. African Cyclone

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 4 (UP).—Five natives were killed today when a cyclone struck a native kraal, or enclosure, on a farm at Vrede, near Newcastle.

One body was found 180 yards away. Eight oxen also were picked up by the wind and tossed for yards. All were killed. Trees were uprooted.

The cyclone veered just before it reached the homestead past the corral, and left the house unharmed.

Plans 2,500 Mile Trip In Sub Under Polar Sea

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Jan. 4 (UP).—Sir Hubert Wilkins, Arctic explorer, plans to leave Spitzbergen in July and travel 2,500 miles under the ice on a polar submarine expedition, crossing the North Pole, and coming out in the Bering Sea.

He said Lady Wilkins probably would accompany him on the trip as she was "very keen to go."

The expedition will cost \$160,000 of which \$50,000 is yet to be raised. Should the money not be forthcoming, Sir Hubert said, he will postpone his start until July, 1938.

Odets-Louise Rainer Get License to Wed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (UP).—Clifford Odets, playwright, and Louise Rainer, Viennese actress, appeared at the Hall of Records today to apply for a marriage license.

They said they would be married Friday at her Brentwood Heights home. The actress gave her age as 25. Neither has been married before.

WELCOME and HEAR Lawrence B. SIMPSON

AMERICAN SEAMAN (member Seaman's Union of the Pacific) Returning Home to the United States from 18 months in a Nazi prison

Other Speakers: JOSEPH CURRAN and FERDINAND SMITH, Members of the Joint Maritime Strike Council; ANNA DAMON, Acting National Secretary I.L.D.; GIFFORD COCHRAN, Secretary National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners. Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, Chairman, AN-DREW R. NEWHOFF, N. Y. State Secretary I.L.D.

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Nazi Brutality Cannot Dim Simpson's Heroism

It shows the spirit of the man. Back from 18 months in the torture dungeons of Nazi fascism, and Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman, immediately assumes his duties in the strikers' ranks for better conditions.

Those months of incarceration, 12 of which were spent in solitary confinement, have left their mark seared in the face of Lawrence B. Simpson.

But no more than the wholesale butchery and knavish brutality have destroyed the fighting spirit of the German people, did Hitler's imprisonment of Simpson dim one bit of the exemplary courage of this foe of fascism, reaction, tyranny and human exploitation.

Yes, the American capitalist press by its attention to Simpson's arrival back home was forced to recognize the calibre of this doughty seaman, to glimpse even through its class-blurred glasses the heroism of this man, isolated from his friends, defying his foul jailers.

But it was left to Joseph P. Ryan, scabberding, false leader of the International Longshoremen's Association, to point to the enthusiastic greeting of Simpson on the waterfront by his striking shipmates as "proof" that the struggle against the tyrants and exploiters of the sea is "Communist-led."

Greetings to Simpson is the due respect paid by every one of fascist tyranny to one, regardless of his political convictions, who can, despite 18 months in a fascist living tomb, come out and fight for the rights due to every American seaman.

Come to welcome and to hear Lawrence Simpson tomorrow night at St. Nicholas Palace! Simpson has a message for you. He is the living proof that by united action we can release Ernst Thaelmann, Tom Mooney and Angelo Herndon, and other victims of fascism and of anti-labor reactionaries.

Make the 75th Congress One for Progress

The 75th Congress opens today with the eyes of the entire country upon it.

No Congress has ever had a clearer indication of the will of the American people. That will was expressed in unmistakable terms on Nov. 3. The smashing defeat of the reactionary Big Business forces was a mandate from the common people of the country to President Roosevelt and to Congress to proceed with policies that will make America a better place to live in for the vast majority of the population.

Will Congress carry out this mandate? The Roosevelt administration has already begun flagrantly to violate the people's mandate by throwing tens of thousands off WPA rolls.

Reactionary organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers are vigorously pressing their mandate on the administration. And they are getting results.

The question now is: whose mandate will Congress carry out? Which road will it take, the road of progress or of reaction?

We may as well face the fact that in the struggle that looms ahead only one camp is effectively organized, that of the reactionaries. Big Business is united on its program and is pushing it through a thousand channels.

The camp of progress, on the other hand, which defeated reaction on Nov. 3, has thus far failed to draw up a common legislative program that will enable it to reap the fruits of its victory.

If Congress and the Roosevelt administration are to carry out the people's mandate, the progressives both inside and outside of Congress must get together without delay and work together for common aims. The trade unions, which played such a leading role in defeating reaction on Nov. 3, should take the initiative in calling a conference of representatives of labor, farm, Negro and middle-class organizations, where a broad program of progressive legislation can be drawn up.

The general executive boards of the United Mine Workers, International Ladies

Garment Workers Union, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and United Textile Workers have met recently and formulated legislative programs.

Why, instead of each pulling separately, can't they pull together? Why not a single joint program, in the shaping of which other groups can be involved?

Let local unions impress THIS mandate on the leaders of organized labor by sending resolutions to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, the Committee for Industrial Organization, Labor's Non-Partisan League, officials of their international unions, central labor bodies and state federations.

Act to make the 75th Congress a Congress of progress, which will blaze a new and permanent advance for the great mass of the American people.

Lift the Suspensions To Aid Fight on G-M

Some 300 representatives of the United Automobile Workers, at a splendid conference at Flint Sunday, took steps to strengthen the present strikes at General Motors plants, with the possibility that a general strike against this giant corporation will be called.

The United Automobile Workers, backed by the Committee for Industrial Organization, thus challenges the right of the Morgan-duPont General Motors to operate its factories under a Hitler system of spy and stoolpigeon terror, company unionism and killing speedup. It declares its determination to organize thousands of unorganized workers in one of the strongholds of the Open Shop.

This is not a fight of the G.M. workers alone. This is a test battle which will deeply affect the future of the entire labor movement.

A victory for the General Motors workers will help plant the banner of unionism in every auto shop in the country. It will advance a hundredfold the drive to organize the unorganized millions in steel, rubber, textile and other mass production industries on an industrial union basis. It will enable the craft unions to move forward as never before. It will mean the dawn of a new day for the entire American working class.

Unity of the forces of labor is essential in this battle. The criminal splitting policies of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor are a blow at the struggle of the auto workers and help only the open shop auto barons.

Let local unions and central labor bodies act to weld the unity of labor behind the General Motors workers. This means not only good resolutions, but immediate financial aid.

And it means intensifying the demand that the Executive Council lift its illegal suspension of the C.I.O. unions and throw full support behind the drives in auto, steel and the other mass production industries.

Fascism's Accord: More Italian Troops in Spain

The seal, as it were, to the Anglo-Italian accord, was the shipment of 5,000 Italian fascist troops to Spain.

For despite all talk of the "integrity" of Spain that surrounded this agreement, the fact is that Mussolini did not agree to refrain from intervention on the side of General Franco.

There are, indeed, differences of the various interested powers in the question of intervention, how far it should go, and what it should achieve; and there are degrees of aims in the question of grabbing at Spanish territory.

Primarily, British imperialism and Italian fascism have reached an agreement in this treaty with regard to the British empire life-line in the Mediterranean.

In return for recognition of Ethiopia by Britain, Mussolini promises to respect Britain's link with her colonial empire through the Mediterranean. At the same time, London has informed Mussolini that Italy's interests in the Mediterranean will not be cramped.

So far as Spain is concerned, it must not be imagined that the London Tories are trying to hamper Mussolini's attempts to help Franco establish a fascist dictatorship on the Iberian peninsula.

The Baldwin Cabinet's initiation of the non-intervention farce, so quickly nibbled up by the Socialist Premier Blum, was conceived for the purpose of preventing arms going to the legitimate government of Spain while Franco's mercenaries get help from Hitler and Mussolini.

And this treaty, so far as Italy is concerned, does not negate intervention on the fascist side in Spain; it does not prevent Mussolini from continuing his intrigue for controlling the Balearic Islands and sending arms and men to Franco.

It is up to the British Labor Party and Trade Union Congress to lead the British people against the fascist-encouraging policy of the London Tories.

And it is up to the anti-fascist masses everywhere to force both Hitler and Mussolini to keep their hands off Spain!

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

In a treaty the secret annexes are the thing. Until these are known, the full significance of the Anglo-Italian treaty can only be surmised. That certain unpublished riders modify the printed text of the treaty is admitted by the British Foreign Office's unofficial publicist, Augur.

Ostensibly the Anglo-Italian agreement is intended to preserve the status quo in the Mediterranean. But that does not and cannot mean what it says. The status quo in that fateful sea is in the process of the most profound changes.

In fact, by making the treaty with Mussolini British imperialism recognizes not a status quo but a deep-going change: the seizure of Ethiopia, the growing strength of the Italian Fascist navy; the strategic position of Italy all the way from Gibraltar to Cap Gardafui, the Easternmost point in Africa in Italian Somaliland.

With regard to Spain, we have the word of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, that: "So far as Italy is concerned, the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified."

Perhaps it was only a mistake, or an oversight, then, that 6,000 Italian Fascist troops landed at Cadiz, Spain, the day after the Anglo-Italian treaty was signed?

Mussolini, we do not think, would give so many hostages to fate in Spain without thought of trying to save them by a detailed plan of covert intervention.

What then does this promise mean? Mussolini has not guaranteed that he will not go to the limit to help General Franco win a victory. The British Tories, who encourage Hitler, would not wish such a vow from Mussolini. The Rome Dictator merely says he will not slice up Spain for the time being.

We remember the Nine-Power pact, when Japan promised to respect the integrity of China. But that did not prevent the maneuver of an "independence movement" in Manchuria, led by Japanese troops without any Chinese support, and the establishment of the mythical Manchukuo, actually a Japanese colony.

Furthermore, Mussolini, when he proposed Ethiopia's entry into the League of Nations as a sovereign state whose territories were to be respected did not allow that to impede him in the slightest from butchering Ethiopians in order to make the last of free Africa Italian territory.

The Balearic Islands, already in Italy's grasp, will not be released under this treaty. Mussolini will have to be more subtle in his "independence" methods in these strategic islands.

What do the secret riders most likely effect? They do not, of course, spring out of the brows of Sir Anthony Eden or Mussolini, but are based on concrete, material needs of the two signatory powers. Most likely one of them has to do with British financing of Ethiopian exploitation, and participation in the colonization, particularly around Lake Tsana, the source of the Nile.

Others undoubtedly refer to Palestine, Egypt, and the British Empire route to India.

Still others most likely touch on relations to a future European Locarno, to German and possibly Soviet relations.

For, in drawing Mussolini away from Hitler, the British Tories were not acting against a fascist combination, but to discourage a concentration of power that would injure empire interests and that might become independent and uncontrollable.

By isolating Mussolini, the British feel they can encourage Hitler to proceed as they would like him to; and vice versa with Mussolini.

The fascists can write treaties only in swift waters. And there is not the slightest guarantee here that the Anglo-Italian contradictions may not break out sharper and more bitter than ever tomorrow.

Whatever concessions Britain makes to Mussolini are a sacrifice of the power of the imperial structure, to be voided at the earliest moment. And whatever collaboration Mussolini enters into with Britain, is only to bide his time when he thinks he can become complete master of the main highway of Britain's imperial life line.

In the Laval days, France would have entered the Anglo-Italian agreement. But this time the cables report that "Paris is skeptical," though the French fascist press berates Blum for not having participated in the negotiations.

Unless more positive steps are taken to stop the Nazi and Italian intervention in Spain, diplomatic phrases about Spain's integrity are not even worth the breath used to utter them.

Spanish territorial integrity lies in a People's Front victory, which can be assured only by the international support of all anti-fascists.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Question: What is the number of members in good standing in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union?—Some Sympathizers.

Answer: At the time when admission of new members was resumed after the periodical Party cleansing of two years ago, there were in round numbers Three Million members of the C. P. S. U. and Six Million of the "Komsomol" or Young Communist League of the Soviet Union. These are latest figures available here, but the present numbers are undoubtedly somewhat higher. Organized groups of sympathizers to the Party, made up of persons who wish to do Party work, or help Party members do it, but do not feel qualified for the high and rigid standards of the Party, amounted at last accounts to between Three and Four Million, with numbers rising.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is an organization of the vanguard, of the very best, of the population. Members have no advantage nor privilege except that of working harder and in a more organized way for the progress of socialism and the advent of Communism, than anybody else. Each Party member must be well educated politically, must have qualities of leadership, must be energetic, devoted and of spotless character. Personal habits against which there is no prohibition for non-Party members, for instance, hard drinking or gambling, absolutely disqualify a person for Party membership. Each Party member must do his work in factory or office better than non-Party members, and at the same time carry through his Party work, of inspecting and checking up to carry through production and to watch over the rights of Labor, of volunteer teaching, propagandizing the political program of the Party, and of generally participating in public life and the everyday life of the people as a force for progress. He must so conduct himself that the non-Party people around him respect him, and that he becomes their leader, without any form of compulsion but merely by his better work, clearer insight and greater ability.

THE FARMERS' ANSWER

by Ellis



Italian Ace Wounded in Madrid; Forced to Fly for Franco's Army

Mario Nicoletti, author of the following article, an Italian, is the Political Commissar of the International Legion fighting for the Spanish government. He was a member of the Italian Socialist Party when Mussolini was.

By MARIO NICOLETTI

MADRID, (By mail).—I witnessed an exciting air battle which took place under the bright and sunny sky of Madrid. Seven pursuing planes suddenly appeared over the Spanish capital. I learned later that they were seven Italian Fiat machines, all of them flown by Italian pilots.

The task given to the seven machines was to clear the way for and to protect a squadron of bombing planes which was to follow them in order to repeat the usual massacre of women and children in Madrid. As the lawful government of Spain had up to then, possessed practically no pursuit planes, fascist pursuit planes flew calmly over the capital, whilst their crews amused themselves by dropping hand grenades on to the busiest squares and public gardens, which swarmed with children, laughing and playing unconscious of the danger threatening them. This was one of the methods by which fascist "civilization" is brought to little children.

But this time a little surprise was waiting for the winged bearers of fascist civilization. Five other pursuit planes immediately rose over Madrid and flung themselves with amazing rapidity on to the fascist planes. Soon the sound of machine gun fire drowned the dull roaring of the aeroplane engines. The fight developed according to the plan agreed upon by the government airmen: three planes had the task of cutting off the retreat of the fascist planes, while the others had the task of bringing them down one after the other.

FASCIST PILOT LANDS

The superiority of the government planes was immediately obvious. The fascists turned tail and endeavored to escape, but the government airmen had anticipated this and they did not all succeed.

In a short time three of the fascist planes were brought down. The others succeeded in getting away. The enthusiasm of the Madrid population was indescribable. The enemy is no longer master of the skies. The people of Madrid now breathe more easily.

One of the fascist airmen whose plane was brought down sought to escape by making a parachute jump. Chance so willed it that his parachute came down immediately in the neighborhood of the place where I happened to be with a number of Spanish comrades. When questioned

the airman, who had been seriously wounded in the fight, immediately declared that he was an Italian. One can imagine how eagerly I responded to the request that I put some questions to him.

The airman was carefully lifted and laid on a sofa in a barracks by the very people whom he had intended to kill. I must confess that when I saw him I became very excited. I immediately recognized that he actually was an Italian, a son of our people, who was somewhat frightened by the cries of the crowd of sightseers, which he interpreted as curses and threats of death. "They want to kill me, don't they?" he said pitifully. I tried to assure him that this was not the case, but did not succeed in allaying his fear.

FORCED TO ENLIST FOR FRANCO

"What is your name?" I asked. "Alfredo Piccoli, I come from Lugo. I am 24 years old."

"Are you a fascist?" "No, I do not belong to any party. I have nothing to do with politics."

"But why, then, have you come here to fight for the fascists and traitorous generals against our brother people of Spain?" "They told me that Franco represented Spain. On the other hand," he continued, "I am a civil aviator and the Fascio of Lugo gave me to understand that I would not be left in peace if I did not enlist to fight in Spain. They I fell out of work. I had to earn my living somehow, and Franco offered me 2,500 pesetas a month. But it is all over now."

The unfortunate Piccoli had in fact lost his right foot, which was torn clean off by a volley from the machine guns of the Republican airmen.

After his wounds had been dressed and he had received an injection and was given a small glass of cognac, which he drank at one gulp, I asked him if he wanted anything more to drink. He replied: "Why do they give me drink when I know they are going to kill me as soon as they finish questioning me?"

"Kill you?" I replied. "We are not fascists. None here would think of killing a wounded and defenseless enemy, or doing any harm to him. That would be a cowardly thing to do, and the cowards are not on our side. Your wounds will be cured and you will be sent home, free, as soon as you are able to travel."

The poor fellow thought he was dreaming. He could not believe his ears; he had been so used to hearing, and in fact believed, that the Bolsheviks are barbarians, murderers, bloodthirsty creatures.

GARIBALDI'S IDEAL

"Look here, fellow countryman," he said to me. "I would prefer that they would put me to death as soon

as possible and put me out of my pain."

"This incredulously annoyed me. 'Listen,' I replied, 'almost in a commanding tone, 'we shall not kill you. We represent a higher civilization: I am a Communist. Among my friends here are Socialists, Anarchists, Republicans and Democrats. And we all agree that to kill a vanquished enemy is a cowardly and barbarous act, worthy of Franco, of Hitler, of Mussolini, but not of fighters for the freedom of the people.'"

A hardly perceptible, bitter smile was his answer, accompanied by an outburst of despair and incredulity. "I know that I have not many minutes to live!"

"You do not know us," I replied, "or at least you only know us from the caricatures the fascists make of us and our ideas. But the facts will convince you of our sincerity. There are some hundred Italians here who are serving as volunteers in the fight for the Spanish people, and we are prepared to lay down our lives in defense of the Republic, liberty and peace, we are fighting for the same ideal for which the great Garibaldi added the finest pages to the history of our country. In fact our battalion of Italian volunteers is named after the famous Garibaldi. We are fighting in Spain for the freedom of the Italian people; for your freedom, dear fellow countryman. You are not free in Italy. The only freedom you have consists in applauding Mussolini. Should you venture to have views of your own you are put in prison even if you are a fascist. Is that not true?"

"It is true," Piccoli replied.

"ONE OF OUR TASKS"

"If you had been free, if the wealth of our country had not become the monopoly of a handful of capitalists who starve the people, you would not have been compelled by the Fascio of Lugo nor forced by poverty to come here, to risk your life in the service of foreign dictators, slaughterers of their own people whom they wish to enslave. You would have preferred to enjoy your youth in peace."

The fascist aviator listened to me with growing interest, with eyes wide open, as if spell bound. "Tears ran down his cheeks. Then he took both my hands in his and murmured, weeping: 'You are better than we. I did not believe there were such Italians as you.'"

The motor ambulance arrived. The enemy who an hour ago rained death on the people of Madrid, was now quite easy in mind and gave me a hearty farewell greeting.

How many young and old fascists would not become our friends if we succeeded in making them better acquainted with us. That is one of our tasks!

Letters from Our Readers

Meat Cutters Union Hold Their Own In 4-Month Strike

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The strike at the Consolidated Dress-beef Co., at 36th St. and Graysferry Ave., has now been going on for four months. On August 14, 107 workers, Negro and white, of the Consolidated Dress-beef Co. walked out on strike with a 100 per cent organized plant.

This included butchers, skinner, slitters, ice-box men, janitors, dog and cat food packers, hide department of workers, laborers and drivers. The majority of these workers came out with their minds fully made up to stick it out until their strike was won or the bosses driven out of business. The strike is still going

on with 17 workers still out carrying on picketing activities in front of the company gate.

Although the company with its strikebreakers and scabs has been very active, the spirit of the 71 strikers still out on strike is unbroken. They are the brave soldiers that have faced all the trouble and boycotts brought on by the company such as terror, frame-ups, arrests and finally an injunction.

The strikers demand a 20 to 40 per cent increase in wages, a five-day week, time and one-half for overtime, double time on Sundays and no discrimination against the workers, regardless of race, creed or color; also, closed shop and union recognition. It is being carried on under the banner of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, Local 195, who are affiliated with the A. F. of L. A. T.

The Poor Old Lady and Her Ten Million

Senator Couzens Didn't Leave So Much, Since He Was a Senator; the Bricklayers Put One Over On the Writers; Anna Louise Strong Speaks

By Beth McHenry

Mrs. Margaret A. Couzens' old man didn't leave a will behind him when he went from this world, so the courts had to take care of the 'lady's' pressing economic problem. They gave just 10 million dollars to her and, believe me, she needed it. She's got a slew of residences and a nineteen-year-old daughter to keep up and the court didn't question her right to a \$25,000-a-month allowance.

Old man Couzens was a senator and perhaps as senators go he did not leave so much. Only thirty million. But then what's money, as they say uptown over caviar. The really serious question is the burden that poor little Couzens woman has to carry, looking after all those great big residences and a daughter. The daughter eats like a horse, maybe, and how long do you think 10 million will last if they don't find a way to double their income. Or maybe the daughter is young enough to be taught to curb her appetite so they can skimp along on what they have.

Along comes a fellow who knows his relative values, really, J. Raymond Britton, agent of the Springfield, Mass., Bricklayer's Union is justly sore at the WPA officials for making a crack about an unemployed bricklayer trying to horn into WPA work as a writer.

Britton says any decent bricklayer'd have to be pretty hard up to peddle his time and energy as a writer. He says unless that was all there was handy, he is certain no bricklayer would want to be associated with much of the stuff that's written these days.

It isn't hard to agree with Britton when he says the writers ought to feel complimented any time a bricklayer consented to pal around with them. It's a cinch the healthiest run of writers would agree with him too. The men who work with their hands are the heroes of this age. And only insofar as writers can reflect the sense and meaning and importance of labor are they too important.

Someone writes in not to forget to mention the banquet for Anna Louise Strong on Wednesday, January 13 at the Manhattan Opera House, 31 West 34th St. It's at 7 P. M. and you won't be the only ones there because the speakers and guests of honor are a noteworthy list. There'll be Pearl S. Buck, Joseph Freeman, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Mary Van Kleeck, Carl Van Doren, General Victor A. Yakhontoff and a lot of others.

No one has to introduce Anna Louise Strong to anybody. As a writer and an international figure, working for closer understanding between the people of the Soviet Union and the people of the United States, she has put in 20 years of fruitful work. She is now returning from Spain, where she has been for the past month.

WPA Musicians Find a Theatre

"Theatre of Music" Opens As the First of Its Kind Jan. 24

With alterations and repairs of the WPA's "Theatre of Music" completed, Lee Pattison, New York director of the Federal Music Project, announced yesterday that the theatre, located at 254 W. 54th St., will be opened to the public the week of Jan. 24 with a series of presentations that will include symphonic and chamber music programs and an operatic premiere.

The auditorium will be in use seven evenings a week, offering symphony concerts, chamber opera, grand opera, chamber music, choral programs, Composers Forum meetings and other specialized activities. Admissions for all performances except the Composers Forum, which will be free to the public, will range from 25 to 55 cents.

Originally occupied by Fortune Gallo and his operatic company, the theatre was known for a time as the Gallo, then later as the New Yorker, where legitimate productions were presented, and more recently as the Casino de Paree.

The "Theatre of Music" will be opened on Sunday evening, Jan. 24, with a symphony concert. The first Composers Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27. On Friday evening, Jan. 29, a new series of concerts, devoted to the orchestral works of Mozart and Haydn, will be inaugurated.

During the week following the "Theatre of Music" will offer the premiere of "Romance of a Robot," a stylized chamber opera in English by Frederick Hart, Professor of Music at Sarah Lawrence College. The "Romance of a Robot" will be presented as a twin-bill performance with "La Serva Padrona," by Pergolesi, originally produced in Naples in 1731.

During its third week a modernized presentation in English of "Tales of Hoffman" will be offered.

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THE GALS OUGHT TO GET A BREAK

By Ted Benson

MANY a lance has this column broken in the fight against discrimination in athletics. Many a thousand words have been written against the practice of discriminating against Negroes and Jews and Catholics in the colleges and schools of this land of the free and home of the Ku Klux Klan.

But there is a form of discrimination which has never been brought up before in sports so far as I know.

This was called to the attention of your correspondent by a letter signed by M. G., which speaks for itself.

Perhaps it would save time if you read it:

"Dear Comrade Benson:

"I would like to bring an interesting fact to your attention.

"You have mentioned discrimination in sports against the Negro people but you have never said a word about discrimination as it is applied to the female sex.

Ex-Student Complains

"As an ex-student in the Walton High School, a girls school, I have felt this discrimination by the Public School Athletic League.

"The P.S.A.L. does not permit girls' high schools to have competing games with other schools, but you always hear about the boys of various schools having games among themselves.

"Girls' colleges compete athletically, but high school girls are barred from the fun of these contests. Many high school girls complain against this form of discrimination and we'd like you to call the attention of the P.S.A.L. to this situation."

A call to the office of the Public School Athletic League elicited the information that Board of Education rules prevent girls from competing with each other in interscholastic games.

No reason for the rules could be ascertained at the moment.

A very good reason may exist for such rules, but on the face of it, there seems to be no reason why girls who play games against each other within a school should not be permitted to play against each other while they represent their schools.

The Rich Like Tennis

Tennis, evidently, is not yet a game that the working class go for in a large way. By that I do not mean that plenty of workers don't play it—but workers and their friends aren't as likely to be interested in watching it as are what Redfield calls the ruling classes.

At Forest Hills, the atmosphere is so stuffy that only a dowager can have a good time, and it is not hard to understand why the proletariat keeps away from the stuffed-shirt attitude displayed on Long Island.

We thought that the situation would be a little different when tennis came to the proletarian precincts of Madison Square Garden, but we were fooled.

The seats selling for the huge sums of \$8.80 and \$9.90 were the first to be sold, the promoter was surprised to learn.

Brother, can you spare a dime?

Talk About Competition--- It's Gun-Play in Florida

By Henry McLemore

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 4 (UP).—Ty Cobb, spikes high, hitting it into third.

Jack Dempsey, the hammers clanging in his head, getting off the floor and going on to win.

Tilden, wishing it match point against him, pushing out his cannonball for an ace.

Sande, lengths behind at the top of the stretch, booting and beating another one in.

Those are very fine examples of the spirit that's known as competitive. Some of you may think they constitute the finest samples of the flame that won't be quenched. But I don't, and—event though it may constitute treason on the part of a sportswriter to say so—my vote for men who have the fiercest competitive spirits would not be cast for the athletes.

Two days ago it would have been, but not now. For I have been in Daytona Beach the past two days and have observed some gentlemen whose spirits could spot those of athletes a ten pound pull in the weights and romp home in a breeze. The gentlemen I refer to are politicians—the politicians who, even as I write this are engaged in a battle for the control of this city's town hall and government.

There are two groups and they really have been going at it. On Friday their zeal to win made them drag out roscoes, gats, tommy guns, typewriters and other forms of light artillery, and also four companies of rural militiamen whose tin hats didn't fit, but whose trigger fingers and eyes had been sharpened by years of knocking off quail on the fly. They even had the fire ladders out to wave their big canvas

water snakes in a most sinister manner. Before the battle ends no one would be surprised to see the rival gentlemen resort to depth bombs, boiling oil, well poisoning, and thumbstrews.

What makes this spirit—this will to win—so amazing is the meagerness of the reward to the winner. Ty Cobb slid for a banker's salary; Dempsey got off the floor to shoot for millions, and Sande rode for five figure purses.

But not these stout-hearted, unquenchable-spirited Daytona Beach politicians. Whichever mayor wins will get only \$150 a month pay, and the commissioners only a third that. While \$150 a month is not to be sneered at, it hardly constitutes the sort of money a man gets out his six-shooter to defend or win. If he got plugged it would take an entire year's pay to get vulcanized and out on the road again.

Of course, as some one has suggested, there is a bare possibility that there is more of a reward to mayoring and commissioning and city clerking and police chieftain than is visible to the naked eye of the uninitiated. For one, though, can't figure out what this could be. After all, the privilege of driving through red lights, parking by fire plugs, and making the main address on Arbor Day and the Fourth of July, aren't very substantial rewards. Neither is the right to go home to dinner behind a police escort which frightens the wits out of citizens on the highway.

Maybe I'd better stop this before some of you really believe I don't know why politicians politic with such great spirit. Because I do—they want the honor and the glory of naming the streets.

Standings in P. S. A. L.

Basketball		MANHATTAN	
Seward	4	0	1,000
Franklin	2	1	666
Stuyvesant	2	1	666
Washinton	1	2	333
Commerce	1	3	250
Haaren	0	3	000
BRONX			
Clinton	4	0	1,000
Evander Childs	2	1	666
Monroe	2	1	666
Washington	1	2	333
Morris	0	3	000
Roosevelt	0	3	000
BROOKLYN			
Division I			
Hamilton	4	1	666
Brooklyn Tech.	3	1	100
Eastern District	3	1	750
Jefferson	3	1	750
Boys	1	3	350
Lane	1	3	250
Bushwick	0	3	000
Division II			
Erasmus	3	1	750
Lincoln	3	1	750
Tilden	2	1	666
Madison	1	2	333
New Utrecht	1	2	333
Manual Training	0	3	000

LITTLE LEFTY



L.I.U. Starts Comeback at Hipp Tonight

Meets Davis-Elkins in Feature—Manhattan Plays Terriers

Two closely-contested court battles are expected to result tonight from the meeting of St. Francis and Manhattan and Long Island University and Davis and Elkins in the Hippodrome's fourth intercollegiate basketball double-header of the season.

St. Francis showed in its one-sided victory over Seton Hall at the Hipp on New Year's Eve that it was in good shape to extend, and perhaps even beat, the veteran Manhattan quintet. L.I.U. had a lot of trouble downing Marshall College, another West Virginia visitor, two weeks ago, and Davis and Elkins, which plays the same type of basketball shown by the Marshall cagemen, may succeed where their fellow-West Virginians failed.

Coached by Harry Shelton, Davis and Elkins employs the shifting zone defense which Stanford used in handing Long Island its first defeat in three seasons, and which Marshall employed with such good effect. Its attack, like that of all zone teams, is built on a fast break. Four of the players in the lineup of the Scarlet Hurricane are leftovers from the team which tied for the West Virginia Conference crown last winter, averaging 49 points a game in annexing the title.

Against this array Coach Clair Bee, who scouted the Hurricane last Saturday, will start the same combination which had its winning streak broken by Stanford, with the exception of the substitution of Ken Norton at forward for the sophomore Irving Torgoff.

St. Francis will be aiming for its first major victory of the season in the opener tonight against Manhattan. The Franciscans will be conceding the Jaspers a lot of height, but they are conceded a chance of coming through to victory on the strength of their experience and deft ball-handling.

The Line-Ups

ST. FRANCIS Position MANHATTAN
Daniel Lynch LF Gene Kenny
Pat Gleason RF John McGinnis
James Culligan C Tom Ryan
Al Lenowicz LG James McNally
Robert Carey RG Nat Volpe

L.I.U. DAVIS-ELKINS
Ben Kramer LF Gerald Gainer
Kenneth Norton RF Ed Cukowski
Arthur Hillhouse C John Shelton
Leo Merson LG Capt. W. Miers
Julius Bender RG Floyd Payne

Ring Notes

Fistic highlights take on new heights with a Louis-Lewis feud riding into the sport pages. . . . It hasn't really blossomed forth yet . . . but it would make a swell match. . . . Ambers and the much-heralded Venturi go at it in the main Garden card Friday night.

Venturi hasn't been licked yet in America. . . . Ambers will have to put a blotch on his opponent's escutcheon. . . . or else. . . . his own record will look too sour to give him many more headlines. . . . Lou Poster not Bob Pastor will meet Joe Louis. . . . But at Buffalo January 11. . . . Poster took some awful shellackings from the Negro as a sparring partner at Pompton Lakes. . . .

Paris Soir, French newspaper ran a heavyweight tourney. . . . winner to meet Jack Dempsey, pick. . . . Italian named Annibali copped the final. . . . Maxie Rosenbloom fights King Levinsky in Los Angeles tonight. . . . Cerfino Garcia may don gloves on the coast against Glen Lee.

The Garden may prevent Ross from heating Garcia in Miami. . . . Baer wants Louis. . . . some guys don't look it but they're really balmy. . . . really.

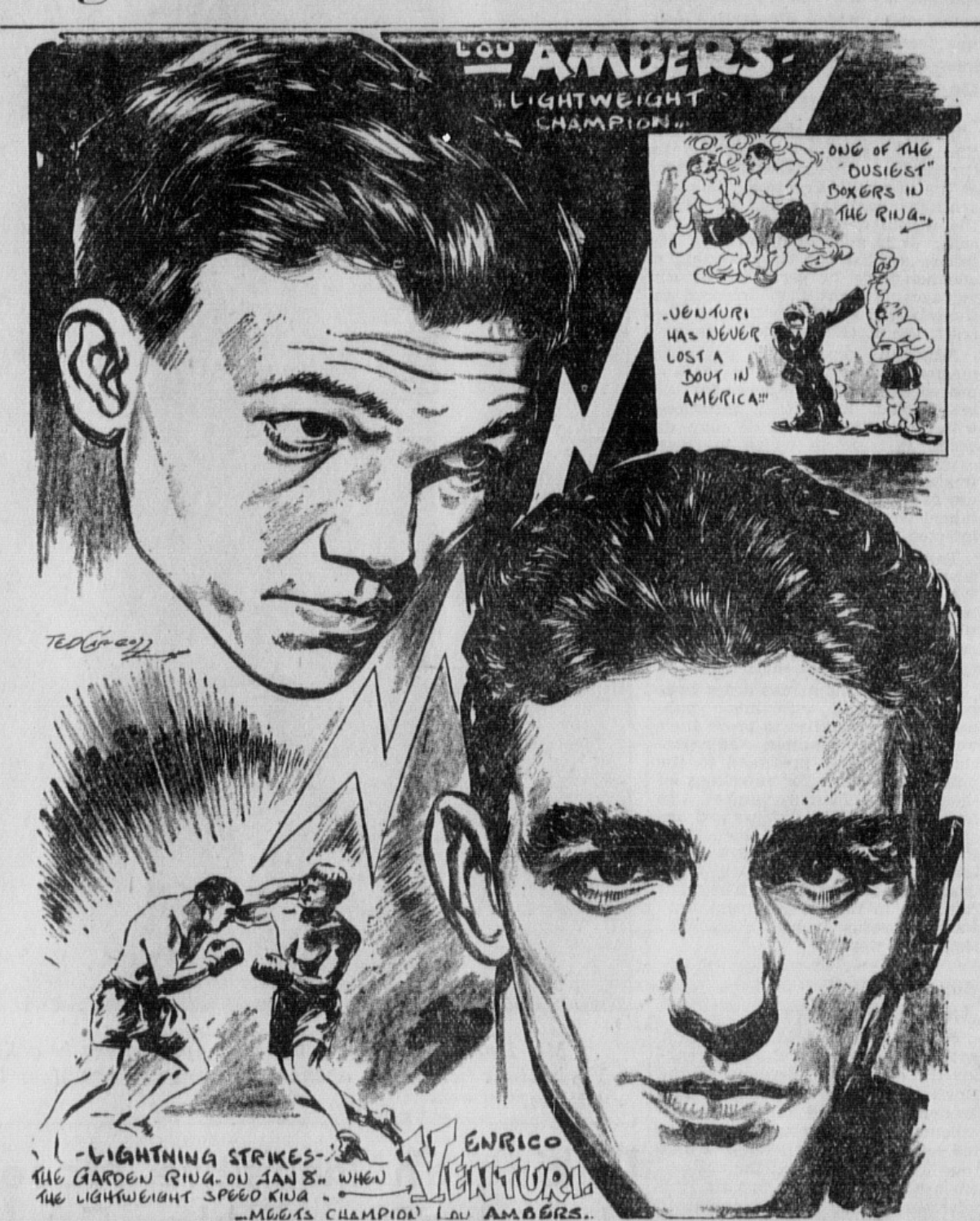
Mangrum Wins Playoff

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4 (UP).—Ray Mangrum of Dayton, Ohio, won the \$2,500 Miami open golf title today in an 18-hole playoff with Tony Manero.

Mangrum had a par 70 against a 73 scored by Manero, the National Open champion.

Unlike many other coaches, the ex-Celtic doesn't drill his boys in tactics to the complete exclusion of

Big Job for Herkimer Hurricane



Zone Defense Detracts From Game, Says Holman

C.C.N.Y. Mentor Prefers Man to Man Style Of Play

By Lester Rodney

Nat Holman thinks that the zone defence is taking some of the color out of basketball—yet he hopes it is used by the rest of the teams his C.C.N.Y. boys meet this season.

Paradoxical? Not when you remember how the City Slickers riddled the zone defenses of Marshall and Geneva with deft, intelligent ball handling and accurate pop shots from within the defensive alignments.

LIKES MAN-TO-MAN

In his talk to the meeting of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, held yesterday at the Hotel Lincoln, the affable and outspoken mentor expressed his opinion that the man to man defense which is in danger of being lost in the swing to the new fangled zones, is the ideal defense for both the players and the spectators.

But—and it's a big but—he doesn't let his convictions affect his coaching. As long as the zone defense has become a part of the game, his boys are well up on—and are adapting themselves to—scoring against it.

Maybe Nat feels that if his boys can show the way to make the zone look a little foolish, there will be a return to the man to man of old—when a star could flash away from his guard for a fast lay-up without running into three big bruisers stationed around the basket.

THE OLD PEP

Unlike many other coaches, the ex-Celtic doesn't drill his boys in tactics to the complete exclusion of

Local Sixes In Ice War

The fourth episode in that stirring metropolitan hockey serial, "The Riot Squads," featuring the Rangers and the Americans, will be presented within the spacious confines of Madison Square Garden this evening.

Last week's meeting of New York's rival sextets uncovered one of the wildest and wooliest free-for-all fist fights seen in the Garden in several seasons. When the dust of battle finally settled, a check-up on the casualties revealed Allan Shields barred for the remainder of the game; Hal Cotton and the usually mild Frank Boucher sentenced to the penalty box with five-minute majors, and Lynn Patrick, Babe Pratt, Teddy Graham and Happy Emms out of circulation for ten minutes each with misconduct penalties.

It was not the first time the Rangers and the Americans had been involved in a hectic Donnybrook. Back about nine years ago the entire squads of the two teams embroiled in what still is regarded as the most spectacular jamboree in recent major league hockey annals.

In their series to date, the Rangers boast two victories to the Americans' one, the Blue Shirts having taken 3 to 1 and 5 to 1 decisions in the second and third clashes after the Amerks had romped off with a 2 to 1 verdict in the first match.

Glenn Cunningham, Kansas' great middle distance runner, arrived yesterday to practice for his first indoor start of the season in the 800 meter event at the Knights of Columbus annual track and field games. Cunningham won the event in 1:55.2 last year.

Addition of Cunningham to the entry list brings the total to four Olympic team members who will compete. Don Lash of Indiana and Joe McCluskey of New York will race in the 3,000 meters and Marty Glickman of Syracuse will participate in the sprints.

Plenty of Sugar

The Sugar Bowl game has yielded plenty of sugar it was revealed yesterday. Receipts paid by 40,000 football fans amounted to \$121,000.

Says Doc:
Ted Is After Female
Fan Mail—
Note Today's Column
On Women and Sports

Ball Magnates Start Salary Chiselling On 1937 Contracts

Delay Mailing of Contracts to Players to Prevent United Yelp for More Money—Giants Book Record Spring Tour at No Salary Cost to Stoneham

By Doc Daugherty

Foreseeing a general attack upon baseball wage scales, big league magnates are changing their tactics this season. Contracts will be mailed out at the latest possible date, Feb. 15, instead of at odd moments during the winter season.

The reason for the postponement is to cut down the period during which a ball player may squawk about his salary and thus to prevent any general move toward player unity.

The leading stars of the land are said to be ready to hoist the flag of rebellion. Dizzy Dean has a new contract coming and may Maggior may not be satisfied with the modest increase he is said to be getting. Bob Feller, chiselled out of \$100,000 free agent money by a trick ruling of High Commissioner K. M. Landis, wants to get a piece of the lost loose change from the Indian management.

Red Ruffing, who won 20 games for the Yanks last season, worked for \$12,000. He is said to want an increase. If he gets it Lefty Gomez may be asked to take a huge cut. And there will be a howl from the Frisco Don.

Last season's holdouts were the largest number in history. If leading stars and money-getters all object at one and the same time, baseball magnates, never known to be too open-handed, may be faced with a new player in move to break the one-sided contract.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY
Meantime, magnates who want to pick up extra dough are scheduling heavy exhibition tours. During training season players work for "ham-and", a bunk and a bus seat. The N. Y. Giants just announced a tour that will take them from Havana back to the States and then up and down the Louisiana cane brake. And if the players break a leg sliding into a rock instead of second base in Howardsville, Ark., that's just their hard luck. They work from early February until mid-April with no pay.

It looks as if John L. Lewis ought to look the diamond situation over. One touch of unionism and the Brooklyn Dodgers will actually get carfare from the hotel to their games this season.

Trammel Gets Real Test
Jack Trammel, Negro heavy and current idol of Harlem, opposes hard punching Al Walker of New York in the main event of 10 rounds at Rockland Palace Saturday night. This marks Trammel's first New York start since his sensational one-round knockout in Madison Square Garden over Lorenzo Pack.

Today's Events
BASKETBALL
Doubleheader at the Hippodrome—L.I.U. vs. Davis-Elkins; Manhattan vs. St. Francis; Brooklyn at Brooklyn Pharmacy Union at Columbia.

BOXING
Broadway Arena—Irish Tommy Hand vs. Willie O'Connell; ten rounds; Lou Kirsch vs. Jack Stanley, eight rounds; Andy Miriello vs. Andy Blasco, six rounds; Mike Mariani vs. Al Florio, Willie Cappello vs. Johnny Hunter, Peter Della vs. Joey Kosky, Joey Stein vs. Jimmy Hassen, four rounds each.

WRESTLING
St. Nicholas Palace—Chiff Olsen vs. Ell Fischer, to a finish; Sandor Vary vs. Scotty McDougal, Frank Bronowicz vs. Jim Wallis, Tony Reese vs. Harry Kinkelstein, Sam Menacher vs. Lou Farino, Charley Webb vs. Ed Cook, time limit.

HOCKEY
Americans at Rangers.

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