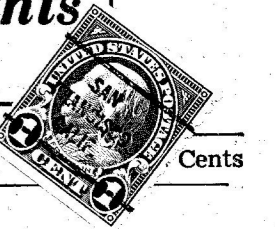


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TO OUR READERS

By Harrison George
Editor-in-chief

IT HAS been two weeks since we wrote our last message to you about your relations to the continued life and growth of this, your own paper.

In it, we declared that a People's Paper, which earns by its contents the affection of the common people, must stand or fall, must live or die, by the measure of material support given to back up that affection. And we called for a permanent organization of earnest, tireless and loyal supporters to furnish subscriptions, the lifeblood of a paper of the people.

That organization, the World Builders, is being formed. We have great hopes of its future work, its continuous enthusiasm for a paper that is free from the poison of reaction, of monopoly, a paper that alone on this Coast stands for Security, Democracy and Peace.

But time flies, and with only three weeks yet to go, only a half of the subscriptions set as our goal have been turned in. There was a lag during January while our best friends, apparently "dizzy with success" in getting the paper started, forgot that it required circulation to continue.

That lag, and the time taken up in purely organization work getting the World Builders Association formed, must be made up for in the next three weeks if we are to obtain the 7,500 subscriptions set as the goal by March 1.

Contra Costa County is leading in the spurt to overcome this lag, and promises to finish its quota this week, while Utah has shown exceptional energy in going to second place from seventh. San Mateo has held its own, though we think the more distant San Diego should get considerable praise for displacing Nevada as fourth place holder in the drive. Likewise Alameda jumped from tenth to sixth place.

And that's fine. But how does it happen, San Francisco, that you have retreated from sixth to seventh place? And why is Los Angeles lingering in the ninth place? The exclusive series by Vincent Sutherland should have shot you away up. But here you stick in ninth! Do we have to look to Washington State to find World Builders who are energetically pushing their quota out of the lot? They're doing it, anyhow, while some are not.

Frankly, friends, there must be a steep upswing in subscriptions, if the growth of your paper is to proceed as it should and the 4,000 more subscriptions won by March First. It can be done. But what's more, it must be done.

If every subscriber now taking the People's World would go to his friend or neighbor or fellow worker, and send in that one subscription, the quota would be more than filled. If every reader not yet a subscriber, would subscribe, the People's World would be guaranteed more than double the quota and would be free from worries for months to come.

That surely isn't much to ask of you: Get just one subscription! Let your admiration for this fighting progressive paper of the people be shown!

House Votes Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (TP)—The House adopted the conference report on the Farm Bill today by a vote of 263 to 135.

The question of relief meanwhile went to the floor. Rep. Cochran of Missouri introduced a bill repealing the section of the relief bill limiting expenditures for the current fiscal year to \$1,500,000,000. Cochran said his bill was in anticipation of a possible deficiency appropriation request in the special relief message President Roosevelt was to send to the House.

On Dotted Line



JOHN L. LEWIS

PERIL TO LABOR SEEN IN BILL OF TORY LOBBY

League Head Calls for Mass Protests Against Emergency Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The ghost of the now notorious "industrial mobilization" bill which would force both labor and industry under semi-military rule in case of "national emergency" will come to life either Thursday or Friday if a powerful American Legion Chamber of Commerce lobby in Congress is successful today.

Known as the Sheppard-Hill resolution, the bill is scheduled to be brought out of the House Rules Committee and thrown on the floor for vote this week.

Due to the consistent fight of progressives led by Representatives Jerry O'Connell and Maury Maverick, the bill has never come out of committee since its introduction almost a year ago.

With militant tension whipped up by discussions of Roosevelt's armament message, the bill has a good chance of passing if it comes up for vote. A powerful lobby of militarists and Tory employers are trying to jam the measure through.

"This bill would really give the administration dictatorial powers over labor while pretending to take the profits out of war," declared Norman McKibbin of the American League for Peace and Progress to the People's World.

"It is necessary that all labor and progressive organizations and individuals as well as anti-militarists wire at once to Congressman John O'Connor, chairman of the House Rules Committee, and demand that the bill measure (HR 6204) not be allowed out of committee," added McKibbin.

Already having sent such wires from San Francisco are the American League, Maritime District Council No. 2, Labor's Non-Partisan League, Interprofessional Association and E. F. Dillon, business agent of AFL Machinists Local 68.

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Eight Are Slain As French Plane Crashes in Harbor

MARSEILLES, France, Feb. 9 (TP)—Eight persons were killed today and six injured survivors were pulled from the harbor after a French flying boat hit a breakwater.

The seaplane was attempting to take off for a flight to Tunis, Africa when it rammed the breakwater in a fog. The wreckage sank quickly, but six of the 14 occupants of the plane escaped.

Court Hits Milk Monopolists In Ruling for Lower Prices

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Big monopolists in the milk trade attempting to push up prices to consumers here were set back sharply today when Superior Judge Emmet Wilson granted a restraining order restoring the old price level.

The restraining order, benefitting hundreds of thousands of mill users, went to an organization of small independents known as Galton Milk Producers who are fighting the monopolists.

In a meeting last night 200 members of the organization pledged a "fish fight" against the state price boost benefiting only the large monopolists.

The restraining order granted to Chairman G. S. Ray and 83 other members of the organization is aimed at State Agricultural Director A. A. Brock. It is the first step in a fight to put an end to the

U. S. STEEL RENEWS CONTRACT WITH CIO

L.A. Police Journal Publisher Is Jailed; 39 Counts Listed

All Costerisan's Prison Records Missing From Files—Clinton Blasts Jury as Neither Fearless Nor Independent

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—The powers of darkness and the forces of light shaped up today in this metropolis, as follows: 1. T. Ray Costerisan, publisher of the American Police Patrol Police Chief James Davis' house organ and private slander sheet was arrested today and charged with 39 counts by District Attorney Byron Fitts. Fitts said that there was nothing at all, as he had 100 additional counts to file against the versatile publisher who was mixed up in burglary and the Raymond bombing.

2. Although 14 of the 30 persons on the select Grand Jury list have been disqualified, Clifford Clinton, vice-crusader and political reform advocate, said today, "I doubt if the jury will be a fearless and independent body, but the worst eight I had in mind are of the list." Clinton had challenged eight of the prospective jurors yesterday.

Sixteen jurors have already been selected by Judge Clarence Kincaid, and three more are to be named within a week.

Dewey Invited

3. Dr. Leonard Oechsli, chairman of the newly-formed and powerful Federation for Civic Betterment, wired Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, inviting him to speak at a Federation-sponsored mass meeting later this month. In sending the wire, Dr. Oechsli announced that he considered Dewey a spearhead in the battle against corruption and vice and therefore deemed it proper that Dewey should show Los Angeles how to do what New York had done.

Costerisan's arrest shed further light on the inner workings of the police department. He is closely linked to Police Captain Earl Kynette, previously named as one of the Raymond bombers. In fact, he gave his address the same as that of the police captain, 301 Grosse street.

Another strange sidelight is that all of the prison records on Costerisan had disappeared.

His magazine was a notorious red-baiting sheet which slandered Mayor Shaw's opponent in the last municipal elections. It had carried on a consistent tirade against critics of the administration.

Just how welcome the Civic Betterment Federation is, was shown today by the continuing flood of letters of commendation to that body.

Fitts Squad

Fitts' blackmail squad was established ostensibly for the "protection" of rich men and women, movie stars, directors, etc. who might be made the victim of blackmailers. When the wave of bankruptcies passed and Fitts could take time off from his main job of protecting Spring street financiers the activities of the "blackmail squad" became the most important in his office.

It was inevitable that sooner or later these two organizations should clash. Both were set up for similar purposes; each developed along similar lines.

Quick Action

Knowledge, perhaps evidence, of this position would come to the attention of professional or amateur blackmailers—or perhaps a photograph would remain in the possession of some unscrupulous ex-boy friend and thus the life of a beautiful movie star would be made unhappy.

It was the duty of Fitts' "blackmail squad" to seize the would-be extortionists, seize the evidence chase the first out of town without publicity and turn the second over to the movie queen's studio—where it could often be used by studio officials in reducing her salary when it came up for renewal.

But sometime the movie star found it more profitable to make a

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JAPAN DEFIES POWERS ON NAVAL ISSUES

Expect Tokio to Attack U.S., Britain, France in Reply Today

TOKIO, Feb. 9 (TP)—Japanese Government sources disclosed tonight that a statement challenging the U. S., Britain and France to discuss naval disarmament will be issued in Tokio tomorrow simultaneously with the answer to the notes of the three powers on Japanese naval plans.

It was said that the statement will charge the U. S., Britain and France with using unsupported rumors and the Japanese refusal to divulge Tokio's naval plans as an excuse for an increase in naval armaments.

Criticism U. S.

Meanwhile, a foreign office statement criticized the U. S. naval building program as "unnecessary unless the U. S. is planning to police the world." It was explained that Japan has frequently stated that her naval building policy was determined by defense needs and that the Western powers must accept the statement at its face value.

The Japanese answer to the American, British and French ultimatums is believed to have been drafted and awaiting approval of the cabinet.

Japanese Prepare Mass Attack

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9 (TP)—The Japanese were reported today to be massing a large force in southern Honan province and northern Hunan province for their drive against the western sector of the Lunghai railroad.

The forces concentrating in the two provinces comprise two separate columns which the Japanese plan to throw against strategic points west of Suchow. The frontal attack on Suchow has been abandoned.

One of the first objectives of the Lunghai railroad in time to meet this new attack, his army of 400,000 men in the vicinity of Suchow may be surrounded.

Unless Gen. Chiang Kai-shek can shift his forces westward along the Lunghai railroad in time to meet this new attack, his army of 400,000 men in the vicinity of Suchow may be surrounded.

Hints Anglo-American Rapport

LONDON, Feb. 9 (TP)—The head of the League of Nations Union, Prof. Gilbert Murray, said today that the British Government had given Washington confidential assurances that Britain was ready to support the U. S. in any international action the American Government might take.

Said Prof. Murray: "I have reason to believe on good authority that we have given the American Government assurance that we are ready to support the U. S. in any action which it may take facing any risk."

Prof. Murray then added: "The trouble is that it was a confidential communication of the government, that most people here do not know of, and the great American public does not know it or believe it for a moment."

World Editor in L. A. for Broadcast Over Air

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Harrison George, editor-in-chief of the People's World, will arrive here Sunday to speak over radio station KFVD at 4:15 p. m. on "People's World, the West Coast's New Daily Paper."

Los Angeles County "World Builders" are sponsoring the radio address and a dinner Sunday night, 6 p. m., at Boos Bros. cafeteria, where Mr. George will appear. The public is invited to the dinner.

500,000 Workers Retain Wage Rates

Curran Aide Laughs At Ryan Red Charge

Just "Desperate," Says National Maritime Union Pacific Coast Representative of AFL Dock

Czar's Accusations at Senate Probe

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—"Joe Ryan is resorting to this latest and most fiery red-baiting of his career in sheer desperation," declared Ralph Rogers, National Maritime Union representative here, in commenting today on the AFL official's "charges" before the Senate Commerce Committee that Joseph Curran, NMU general organizer is on the payroll of the Communist Party.

"This desperate attitude on Ryan's part," continued Rogers, "is an effort to stem the tide of his own men in the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. on the Atlantic Coast. He has already lost the bargemen and tugboatmen to the CIO, and the membership of the stevedore locals is more and more lining up against Ryan's dictatorship."

Rogers laughed at Ryan's charge that Curran receives \$45 a week from the Communist Party.

"I'd like to get in touch with those people, if I could get \$45 a week," he said.

Ryan Testifies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Possibly inspired by the news of Al Capone's going insane in Alcatraz Island prison, Joseph P. Ryan, current czar of the AFL Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., today "blew his top" in the most masterly red-baiting of his long career.

Appearing before the Senate commerce committee, Ryan urged immediate approval of a resolution introduced by Chairman Royal S. Copeland, ex-columnist for Hearst, for a "broad investigation of marine personnel."

To fire up the committee to this task, Ryan declared that Joseph Curran, general organizer of the CIO National Maritime Union, is "a member of the Communist Party and on its payroll."

Harry Bridges is also a Communist, and "doesn't have any morals," declared Ryan with suddenly found moral zeal.

Ryan then declared he was "absolutely positive that Curran receives \$45 a week from the Communist Party."

"The Communists seek control of the shipping, steel, radio, agriculture and one other industry," said the ILA president, but to save his life, he couldn't recall the name of the fifth industry.

Accuses Perkins

He accused Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Miss Eleanor Herrick, National Labor Relations Board regional director in New York, of attempting to "build up" Bridges.

"The Intl. Longshoremen have no quarrel with the CIO affiliated National Maritime Union," said Ryan, stretching out his hand in a "friendship" gesture. "But we are against the Communists who have taken over that union."

Afraid of Bridges

Senator Copeland announced he would oppose bitterly the calling of Bridges to testify before the commerce committee.

"This is an American committee considering the American merchant marine," said Copeland. "We've no place for aliens. There is nothing Mr. Bridges can tell us that we don't already know."

Unions Seek Demands in Ferryboat Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The Inland Boatmen's Union, Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. and the National Order of Masters, Mates & Pilots will confer with the San Rafael-Richmond Ferry Co. again tomorrow seeking settlement of the strike on the company's ferryboats.

The unions are solid in their demand for a five cents an hour increase in pay, dismissal pay and seniority recognition.

Dire Prophecies of Little Steel Are Blasted

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—U. S. Steel Corporation extended indefinitely its contract with the CIO's Steel Workers Organizing Committee today.

Announcement that the \$250,000,000 wage gains of the first contract last year would be continued, and that half a million steel workers were once more assured of union conditions came suddenly and unexpectedly today—although it was known that negotiations were proceeding favorably.

In the midst of a wage cutting drive by employers the CIO definitely declared several days ago that it would "fight wage cuts to the bitter end."

Tentative propositions for wage cuts, made by the steel companies before negotiations opened, were dropped in the face of this firm attitude.

The AFL Executive Council's talk of "invading" steel evidently did not succeed in disrupting negotiations.

The new contract contains an arrangement for reopening negotiations to change its details, on ten days notice given by either side.

The old contract was to expire at the end of February.

Where Are the Prophets?

Every open shop interest, particularly the so-called "little steel" companies (which are not little but include such giants as Republic Steel) had prophesied that U. S. Steel and the SWOC would come to blows. Such officials as President Tom Girdler of Republic Steel had expressed the hope that with the help of the U. S. Steel Corporation a fight would be made to turn the mills all non-union again, as they were before the founding of the CIO two years ago.

The settlement in steel is also expected to have a profound effect on the automobile and other CIO contracts now coming up for negotiation.

Entire Steel Trust Covered

The present sessions in New York were technically merely collective bargaining with the Carnegie-Illinois Co., U. S. Steel's largest affiliate, but it was part of the bargain that the same terms would apply to the whole enormous structure of the steel trust.

The contract does not specifically declare for closed shop, but with the overwhelming mass of workers in the union, the non-union element is powerless and rapidly dwindling.

The old contract, made March 2, 1937, the first general steel contract in 40 years and now renewed, was with the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers (the steel mill workers' union in the SWOC). It specifies that neither the union "nor its successor, the SWOC" shall be persecuted, discriminated against or interfered with in any way by the company. It established the right of the union, previously denied for 40 years, to organize openly.

Minimum wages of \$5 a day for mill workers were set up, and the day was established as eight hours (formerly the 12 hour day was not unknown).

Other labor, previously drawing less than \$4.20 a day, got a ten per cent increase. All classifications getting higher than \$5 a day received wage gains of ten per cent. All these wage increases are preserved in the new contract.

Time and a half overtime pay was established for all hours more than eight in one day, or for more than 40 in one week.

Building Contractors Plan War in Seattle To Kill Six-Hour Day

Chamber of Commerce Backs Drive—Prevailing Dollar-an-Hour Wage and Union Hiring Also Targets of Concerted Attack

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—To break the standard of wages and hours now prevailing in the building trades, the Association of General Contractors of America, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, is today waging war on the local Building Trades Council.

It is war that the Association will culminate in a victory for one gained in San Francisco in the early 1920's, when the Building Trades Council was smashed and union men once more began their battle upward to regain their former wages and hours.

The chief offensive is against the six-hour day which the Association hopes to raise to eight hours. The six-hour day prevails throughout the industry here although similar hours are not in force in other parts of the country. The move is in line with employer decrees throughout the United States to lengthen hours and reduce wages.

Seek Wage Cut
C. L. Goulter, member of the labor relations committee of the Mountain Pacific Chapter of the Association of General Contractors of America, openly stated at the recent Pacific Northwest Convention in Seattle that contractors are in negotiations with construction unions for the return of the eight-hour day and forty-four hour week in Western Washington.

"Contractors are proposing a 75 cents an hour lasic wage to replace the \$1 an hour rate now prevailing," he declared boldly.

Another point being discussed in negotiations, Goulter pointed out, is the right of the employer to exercise control over the selection of men for work. A return to the days when the hiring hall was merely a union man's dream, instead of a reality is the aim of the contractors, he asserted.

Appearing on the same platform with these union-busters was William Short, head of the Laundry and Dyeing Association here, now working under Dave Beck, Teamster head. Short was substituting for Beck who was too ill to appear.

Dire Prediction
Short, former president of the Washington State Federation of Labor, predicted that contractors and the building trades union would agree soon on working conditions, wages and hours of employment.

Union men trembled at the prediction for not more than a week ago, Beck boasted that his workers had taken pay-cuts amounting to more than 40 percent during the depression without a murmur. He said that incidentally business conditions had not warranted the return of the former wage scales but the men had not kicked.

"The time long ago has passed when competition was the life of trade," Short told the contractors. "Today it is cooperation is the life of trade and competition is its death."

Employers' United Front
David W. Bowen, Seattle sheet metal contractor, following Short on the platform, said:

"We are going to sign the agreement united or not at all. The unions won't be able to go out and pick off individual contractors."

Following the session, Nathan Eckstein, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce "labor committee" and Seattle's No. 1 capitalist, issued a formal statement showing Chamber of Commerce cooperation with the Association's plan.

Chamber of Commerce Approves
"The Associated General Contractors, representing the commercial builders of the city, have requested an eight-hour day with five days in the work week."

"If the men agree to this it will not mean any reductions in the hourly scale which still will be based on the 1937 agreements. Further the eight-hour day is sought only for a period of eight months beginning March 1 and ending October 31. During the other four months the present six-hour day would apply."

From March to October are the busiest months of construction. Hardly any building work takes place during the other four months.

At present, leaders of the Building Trades Council are sitting on the fence. They refuse to issue formal statements or to comment on whether they will take the cut laying down.

The Typographical Union is the only union so far which has raised its voice in protest. A resolution was passed at their last meeting favoring the six-hour day for Building Trades Council members and supporting their cause. Leaders of the Building Trades Council claim that another union, similar to company unions established to stymie strikes, is ready to step into the breach should the Building Trades Council members become militant.

Senate Group Favors Monetary Adjustment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (TP)—The Senate Agricultural Committee reported favorably today on the Thomas resolution calling for monetary adjustment to restore the 1926 price level of wholesale commodities.

The resolution would empower the Federal Reserve Board and government executive agencies to adjust the purchasing power of the dollar to the level necessary to restore the desired 1926 price scales.

124 Unions Join in Seattle To Beat Dore

City's Commonwealth Convention Endorses Smith, Sullivan

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—A joint front of labor, including 80 AFL unions and 44 CIO affiliates, was today pledged to defeat Mayor John Dore at the primaries in the spring.

Not only labor, but other groups which were represented among the 450 delegates to the Washington Commonwealth Federation city convention on Sunday, were dedicated to the defeat of the Mayor whose fomenting of labor strife and alliance with various shakedown racketeers have roused the city's population to action.

The convention endorsed no majority candidate, expressing "confidence in the judgment of the voters to make the best possible choice," but it did call upon all citizens to defeat Dore and eliminate him as a candidate.

The candidacies of Michael B. Smith and James T. Sullivan were endorsed for the city council; John C. Kennedy and Esther Norrie for the school board.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention:

- 1. Demanded enforcement of the Wagner Act and prompt compliance with NLRB decisions.
- 2. Protested evictions by Home Owners' Loan foreclosures and demanded that evicted families be allowed to repossess their homes.
- 3. Demanded that public streets and alleys be used as public streets and not be used as parking lots for vendors and taxicab companies from operating under a lease system that fosters monopolistic control.

Seattle Nominees Talk to Workers At Mill Gates

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—Going directly to the workers with their six-point progressive program, Michael B. Smith and James T. Sullivan, candidates for the City Council here, today spoke before the employees of the Stimson Lumber Mill at the mill gates.

Stressing "Work for Low Cost Housing," one of the main points on their political program, Smith said:

"A low-cost housing program for the City of Seattle would give employment to thousands of sawmill and timber workers and stimulate industry as a whole. Therefore, I am very much in favor of having a special session of the legislature so that Seattle can enjoy the benefits from the Federal Low Cost Housing Act."

"Because our foreign market is demoralized, due to the Sin-Japanese conflict, and the completion of the housing program in England, we must depend largely upon our home market for our timber products," he said.

"Our state being the leading lumber state of the nation, we should be an example in initiating a low-cost housing program."

Bull Pen Greets Farm Laborers In Yakima Valley

Wenatchee, Feb. 9.—Far-flung tentacles of Wall Street's monopolies have reached into the fruit growing area of Eastern Washington.

Since subsidiaries of eastern bankers have crowded out small farmers, vigilantism has sprung up. A bull pen stands in Yakima as a warning to workers who try to avail themselves of the rights guaranteed to them under the Wagner law.

The rise of the American Fruit Growers has been accompanied with bitter opposition to the attempts of farm laborers to organize. As small farmers paid 30 cents per hour the American Fruit Growers cut the wage to 25 cents and violently agitated for anti-labor legislation.

Yesterday The Associated Farmers began a state-wide move to fight organization. They called for labor-crippling legislation, asked restriction of picketing and moved to bar the NLRB from applying to agricultural labor.

Lumber Company Signs
ARCATA, Feb. 9.—Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union here has got the company signatures on a contract drawn up by a union committee, and accepted almost in full.

Sir Francis Willing to Sell Title for 'Two Bits' But He'll Defend His Home in Vallejo's Tidelands

British Noble and U. S. Cavalry Officer Are Among Arkers

By William Morgan

VALLEJO, Feb. 8.—"So you want my name? You shall have it, and I only ask you to listen until the end. Get your pencil ready. Be prepared to fire and fall back."

Short and solidly built, his head almost brushed the ceiling of his home, the historic Ark "Shooting Star," as he saluted stiffly to an imaginary company and said:

"My name, your excellency, is Sir John Francis Arkell Stuart Hodson. To you, my lad, it's Frank Hodson. I have recently inherited my father's title, 'Sir Francis Herbert.' And since he gave me little else, I'll sell it to you, or the next lucky man, for two bits."

Frank Hodson was a professional soldier in the American army and it was that background which spoke when he told me "to fire and fall back."

Once a Cavalry Officer
In the Philippines and China he was a cavalry officer in the "Fighting First" many years before 1927 when he acquired the gold rush sloop, "Shooting Star."

He jacked it up on stilts in a space between two other arks on the Vallejo tide-lands and declared his freedom from the tyranny of landlords. Sir Francis is an individualist, his ruggedness softened by his individualism, and his inheritance of a title without any money hasn't changed him for he renounced all that when he left his family of impoverished aristocrats.

He has a devil-may-care independence that is typical of the occupants of the 75 tideland dwellings. He lets you know immediately that despite his long name he is an American, that he does not believe in bothering other folks who may believe in paying high rents, and, he says, "I don't approve of other people bothering me."

Lives on Small Pension
Frank Hodson gets a small retirement pension that enables him to live in his own manner as long as he does not have to pay rent. Two well-kept shot guns occupy a snug nook over a cupboard full of thick crockery. A bucket of empty beer bottles that Frank planned to dispose of before the next pinocle game stood in the corner of the otherwise ship-shape cabin.

The reporter wanted to know what he planned to do about the City Council's order to give up his home. Sir Francis Herbert replied in a voice so low and heavy the thick cups in the cupboard vibrated in their thick saucers:

"The rest of the colony is sticking, and so am I."
"Do you see this?" He put both hands beneath his fattened belly. "This is my 'hump.' It has taken me a lifetime to build it up to its present splendor. And, believe me, I'm not going to start running it off now."

The Yacht Club Squatters
Sir Francis Herbert's picturesque but unconventional home is owned by the Vallejo Yacht Club. Wealthy men there are known to be back of the ouster move.

"They are 'squatters,' too," he says. "They did not pay a dime for the tideland they occupy. Maybe they will join our ranks when the shooting commences."
Legally it must be proved that the colony is a menace to health or navigation before it can be destroyed, according to another Ark dweller, Frank L. Andrews, who explains that the study of law is his "hobby."

Once Tried a Case
Andrews' amateur status as a lawyer is evidenced by a stack of well-worn law books that contest with two beds and three trunks the limited space in his bed room. He once tried a case. It was against his better judgment as he had passed the bar examination "purely out of intellectual curiosity."

"I should have known better," he said. "A friend asked me to do it. The other lawyer established false testimony, and the Judge believed him. My friend lost. I could never be a lawyer."

Though he was on the Vallejo fire department force for 12 years, Andrews is a pipe-fitter by trade. Old World War shrapnel wounds in his legs give him the "aches" which his present \$65 per month WPA job forces him to work in wet places. A charter member of Carl H. Krah Post No. 1123 Veterans of Foreign Wars in the town, Andrews is sure his old buddies will help him and his family in their fight for their home.

"We must stay here. We cannot afford to live anyplace else. The Post is made up of poor fellows with families like me. They will understand," he says confidently.

Two city sewer pipes empty on the water front section occupied by the ark dwellers.

Community Ready for Battle
"How can the city accuse us of being menaces to navigation or public health when they allow sewage to escape practically at the high water level?" he asks.

As a result of the master order by the three-man City Council the community has organized a formal body known as the Citizen's Home Protective Organization, and are preparing for battle. But working together for a common end is



AFL Calls for More Relief And Cut in Profits Tax

MIAMI, Feb. 9.—The AFL Executive Council as it disbanded today began publicizing its demand on the government for more relief to meet an ever more menacing unemployment situation.

AFL arguments for relief followed closely the line of the previous declaration of the CIO, and like the CIO, the AFL chieftains protested vigorously against wage cuts. But, the AFL Council spokesmen coupled relief and wage rates with a demand for repeal of the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains tax.

This concession to the biggest finance-capital organizations and most powerful corporations indicates the fundamentally different approach of the AFL, Frey, Hutchinson, Wolf group from the CIO. It has been only several years since an AFL Vice President, Matthew Wolf of the AFL sat with the biggest open shoppers in the National Civic Federation, and cooperation still exists between the heads of the two organizations.

Warns of Unemployment
The Executive Council, warning of still greater unemployment to come, said:

"The demand for assistance comes from practically every city and community throughout the land. The Federal Government is obligated to increase relief expenditures rather than retrench and reduce at this time. The Executive Council calls upon the Federal Government in behalf of the army of unemployed to act promptly and decisively in supplying relief to those who are suffering from widespread unemployment and who are in need of assistance and help."

Protests Wage Cuts
Another resolution passed at the

not a new experience for these independent families. In the bad days of 1932, they shared each other's meagre fare of fish and potatoes. With the pick up in naval activities in nearby Mare Island, several of the men have gone back to jobs that pay well enough to afford occasional cases of beer. The neighbors drop around on these occasions—and if they don't it is assumed that they are sick and need help—and the tiny arks rock with song, laughter, and dancing.

Will this band of independent Americans defend their homes against the selfish depredations of a few rich men hiding behind their "three stooges"? Will they take good care of their "humps"? "Sure, what do you think?"

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The People's World photographer presents some representative members of Vallejo's tide-land colony who are threatened with eviction by the three-man City Council.

The young ladies on the left are (left to right) Eva May Bryant, 9, and Marian Irene Russell, 9. Below is Frank L. Andrews, amateur lawyer, wounded war veteran and former fire department member, with his son, Jerry, 4. Lower left is a general scene of the colony, showing where the sewage system empties.



County Echoes Labor Plea for Extra Session

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—County Commissioners are uniting with the Labor Union's Relief Councils to

President, Edwin Zerlang; vice president, Lester Cook; secretary, Albin Gruhn; treasurer, A. E. Graham; executive committee: Chas. Nichols, Al Stevens, Lester Cook, W. J. Walters, Edwin Zerlang.

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SPOONER SAYS HE DIDN'T AID OAKLAND PLAN

Only Reported It to Council, But Thinks It's Step Forward

OAKLAND, Feb. 9.—William A. Spooner, Secretary of the Central Labor Council, today denied to The People's World that he was "cooperating with the parties who were sponsoring Atty. St. Sure's Metropolitan Oakland Plan to prevent strikes." He said he only reported the plan to the Council.

Spooner said that while no further action was taken in Monday's meeting of the council, the committee to which the plan had been referred would meet with a similar committee from the building trades council to discuss a recommendation.

Writing to Toledo
To this end, he said, he was writing to labor officials throughout the United States to get a cross section of opinion.

Asked if he were writing also to Toledo, he said he was writing to an individual in Toledo, who would tell him all about the Toledo plan, to which the Oakland plan has been compared. (Labor universally condemned the Toledo plan.)

Regarding his own attitude to the plan, he referred The Peoples World to his original statement in The Oakland Tribune where he had said:

"It appears to be an important forward step."

Warehousemen Denounce
The plan was denounced last week by the Oakland section of Warehousemen's Union 1-6 which resolved:

"That Local 1-6, ILWU, condemn the St. Sure Plan and warn its fellow workers in Oakland against being led into accepting this anti-union plan, and

"Be it further resolved: That we protest against any attempt on the part of Attorney St. Sure or any corporation or official of a company trying to manage Labor's affairs for Labor."

The resolution charged that some of the top officials of the AFL are cooperating with the employers' group on the plan.

On the other hand, John Wolters, president of the Typographical Union and chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League for Alameda county, together with many other AFL officials who would not allow their names to be used, have condemned the Metropolitan Oakland Plan as a step toward compulsory arbitration.

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SAILORS SPURN PEACE PLEA FROM THE EAST

N. M. U. Will Retaliate Against Removal of Its Men From Ships

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The Sailors Union of the Pacific, headquarters branch, today had again turned its back on efforts to resolve jurisdictional questions with the National Maritime Union, this time in answer to a communication from the NMU asking a definite answer from the SUP on the question of pulling East Coast Sailors off West Coast ships.

As a result, the NMU Atlantic Gulf District Committee will be empowered this Saturday, to issue instructions to all branches and delegates that:

"1. All members of the SUP now sailing on East Coast ships be obliged to transfer into the NMU or to be removed from the ships."

Members of the SUP shall not be given shipping privileges accorded to the NMU members. The communication to the SUP, signed by General Organizer Joseph Curran was outlined by a joint membership meeting of the NMU at headquarters in New York, attended by 2000 seamen, and asked the Sailors Union to reply immediately if the SUP was taking "an official position, publicly, as to whether this policy of discrimination is to continue."

Will Policy Continue?
The communication further asked: "Is the SUP going to continue to pull all men who are not members of the SUP off West Coast ships?"

The stand of the Sailors Union voiced Monday night puts the NMU instructions into effect as of this Saturday. The NMU communication further declared: "The NMU recognizes the danger that lurks in the continued hostile attitude between various unions. We sincerely hope that something can be done to remedy this unnecessary for such practices to continue. The NMU wishes to assure the SUP that it stands ready and willing to work out harmonious and amicable relations at any time."

"It is our belief, further, that in view of the fact that we all have but one common enemy to fight, the interests of the membership of the various maritime unions should be the paramount consideration to all of us. These matters can and should be adjusted so that we might proceed united in our fight to achieve national unity, and present the strongest possible front to ship-owners and anti-labor public officials."

The NMU is now working out arrangements for transfer of members between the NMU and the Marine Firemen of the Pacific and the Marine Cooks & Stewards of the Pacific, and vice versa, with full voice and vote in meetings on either coast.

Hitler to Set Up Secret Nazi Body Swiss Press Says

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 9 (TP)—The newspaper "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" said today that Chancellor Hitler is considering the establishment of a secret council to shape Nazi policies on German domestic affairs.

The Swiss newspaper said that the plan calls for the resignation of the Minister of the Interior, Wilhelm Frick, who would become head of the new secret council. Chancellor Hitler would assume the interior portfolio in the cabinet himself. This setup would follow the arrangement under which former Foreign Minister Van Neuraath became head of the secret council on foreign policy.

Oakland to Hear of Mine Strike Terror

OAKLAND, Feb. 9.—Grant Speers, striking miner from Nevada, City, and probably one of his fellow strikers, will tell a mass meeting of East Bay residents of the terror they have undergone tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at Carpenters' Hall, 761 Twelfth Street.

The miners will share the platform with E. E. Ward, secretary of the Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council, Scott Irwin, emotional representative of the Mine Mill & Smeiter Union, and Elaine Black, West Coast vice-president of the International Labor Defense.

Sponsoring the meeting is the East Bay-Grass Valley-Nevada City Miners' Defense Committee, comprising 40 delegates of 15 union organizations of the East Bay. The speakers list was announced by Lucille Pyle, secretary of the committee.

Dixie Court Sentences Kidnapers of Negro

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9 (TP)—The State Supreme Court upheld today sentences of 15 years' imprisonment passed on four white men on conviction of kidnaping a Negro. They were: Walter Lee, Julius Foster and Dewey Wilson, who were convicted and sentenced on charges of beating James Davis. The defendants were accused of placing their victim in the path of a railroad train. Police said that the four men beat Davis because he allegedly owed Wall some money.

Sky-Death Threatens Spanish Civilians

Premier Negrin Warns People of Fascist Refusal to Agree on Proposal to Stop Air-Raids; Italo-Germans Raid Peaceful Towns

(Special to the People's World)
BARCELONA, Feb. 9.—After the rebel bombing of Tarragona and Badalona last Friday the Spanish Government has today lost all hope of reaching any agreement with the enemy on the question of air attacks on open towns.

"It is easy enough for Germans and Italians to bomb Spanish towns," declared Premier Juan Negrin to the press this weekend. "It is probably all one to them whether they bomb Barcelona or Seville."

"But for us Spaniards it is a deeply painful decision to make. The idea of bombing our own cities—our own people—is horrible but what can we do? The Rebels apparently will accept no other answer and we cannot permit these attacks to go on."

Cities Threatened
Franco's main offensive since the fall of Teruel has been directed against civilians in open towns far behind the Loyalist lines. With the fascist efforts to retake the city or even consolidate their position in the Teruel sector completely halted, fascist planes have hovered almost daily over the peaceful villages of Spain.

All along the Mediterranean coast of Spain are small towns and villages which for centuries have engaged peacefully in fishing and agriculture. These villages stretch-

Anglo-French Groups Form Youth Vie in Bay Branch of Aid for Spain

Bicycle Caravan and Soccer Match Are Part of Contest

(Special to the People's World)
PARIS, Feb. 9.—In hot competition to collect food, milk and medical supplies for the women and children of Spain, youth of twenty French and thirty British organizations got into action last Sunday. During the Anglo-French youth contest, which will end on May 6, there is to be a relay of cyclists from Glasgow to Barcelona, passing through all main cities of both countries with greetings to the Spanish youth.

A French youth orchestra will tour other European countries giving performances and collecting food and supplies for Spain. Teams of actors will go through many towns and villages of France.

"We urge the youth of all lands to join in sending help to their fellow suffering in Spain," reads the pact signed by the fifty youth groups of every creed, "being convinced that in this way the bonds of international brotherhood will be greatly strengthened."

"We pledge ourselves to do all in our power to strengthen the good feeling which exists between the youth of France and Britain. We will work unceasingly to ensure that our two countries will hold fast to those principles of international law, without which world peace and international justice are impossible."

Foes of Bridge 'Steal' Want Legislative Aid

East Bay Civic Groups to Ask for 4,000,000 Saving in Disposal of Bonds; Merriam Flouts Groups Before Toll Bridge Authority

OAKLAND, Feb. 9.—Prepared to submit a legislative bill for the complete refinancing of Bay Bridge Bonds at a three per cent rate, East Bay civic organizations will again make a pilgrimage to Sacramento for a meeting of the Toll Bridge Authority.

Fred E. Reed, president of the East Bay Regional Plan Association and leader of the delegation told "The People's World" this morning how the increased rate proposed in the agreement brought back from Washington by Mr. Florence M. McAuliffe and James J. Purcell were not even the original proposals of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation but, instead were proposed by McAuliffe himself.

The delegation of more than 40, representing a dozen civic and political groups of the East Bay were flouted in a high handed manner by Governor Frank Merriam, presiding over a meeting of the Toll Bridge Authority yesterday.

Delay on Delay
It succeeded, however, in getting a two days delay on the motion to adopt the McAuliffe plan, lock stock and barrel.

Pointing out that the success of the bridge makes these bonds highly desirable, Reed's plans propose not only the saving of \$830,000 in interest but in saving an additional \$3,550,000 by selling the bonds over the counter instead of paying five per cent premium to bond houses for distributing them wholesale.

Present with the delegation yesterday was a representative of the bond house who offered to take a substantial block of the bonds on such arrangement and was prepared to testify that the bond would be a good investment at these lower rates.

The bill which Reed is having prepared would further provide for pledging the Northern Califor-

2 WOMEN PAID MORE THAN 250 MINERS

Murchie Strikers Assert Mine Controlled by Morgan

(Special to the People's World)
NEVADA CITY, Cal., Feb. 9.—Mrs. W. B. Thompson and Gertrude Thompson, both of Yonkers, N. Y. receive as much in directors' dividends in a year as the entire striking 240 miners employed by the Murchie Mine would receive in seven months!

This was the charge hurled here today by the Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 285, along with facts that behind the mine operators who refuse to bargain collectively with their employees, is the entrenched wealth of the House of Morgan.

The Newmont Mining Corp., which controls the Empire Star Mines Co., which operates the struck Murchie Mine here, is a Morgan company that had \$3,536,028 cash on hand at the end of 1936 and total assets of \$78,135,351. It was charged by a union bulletin:

Three-fifths Payroll
The Newmont Corp. paid \$169,786 and \$149,205 to the two women directors during 1936, or three-fifths of the total annual payroll for the 240 Murchie Mine employees, very close to leading Wall Street interests, represented by J. P. Morgan & Co.

No Slump in Profits
The bulletin cited the Empire Star Mines Co. as having cash on hand as of December 31, 1936, of \$898,929, and total assets of \$3,907,306, and continued:

"The net profit figure for this company is for 1936, which shows net profit of \$1,137,544, or \$9.81 per share. The report for 1937 is not yet issued.

"Taxpayers of Nevada county: You are expected to carry the entire load for the expenses of the scab-herding deputies. Wouldn't you like a little financial assistance from the above-mentioned ladies of Yonkers?"

Judge Won't Reduce Bail
(Special to the People's World)
NEVADA CITY, Cal., Feb. 9.—Superior Judge Raglan Tuttle today pushed along the attempt to frame six striking miners on "riotous" charges, as a result of his refusal to release the men or to lower their bail from \$2000 each on habeas corpus proceedings brought in court yesterday by Attorney George Andersen.

The judge ruled that \$2000 bail on the charge, which is termed a "high misdemeanor," was not "orbitant" as charged by the miners' defense. Andersen, Intl. Labor Defense attorney, acting for the Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 283, which is on strike at the Murchie Mine here, filed a peremptory challenge to the right of Judge Tuttle to preside in the case, but the judge refused to accept the challenge.

"The right of peremptory challenge is now before the California Supreme Court," declared Andersen. "The date to plead has tentatively been set for February 25, and if the court has not yet ruled on this state law, we will ask for a continuance."

Andersen stated he was considering a change of venue to another county.

Labor to Set Up Jobless Council In Contra Costa

MARTINEZ, Feb. 9.—Meetings both here and in Pittsburgh Sunday will launch the Trade Union Unemployment Committee of Contra Costa County, initiated by the CIO Industrial Union Council and inviting the workers of AFL, Railroad and Workers' Alliance organizations as well.

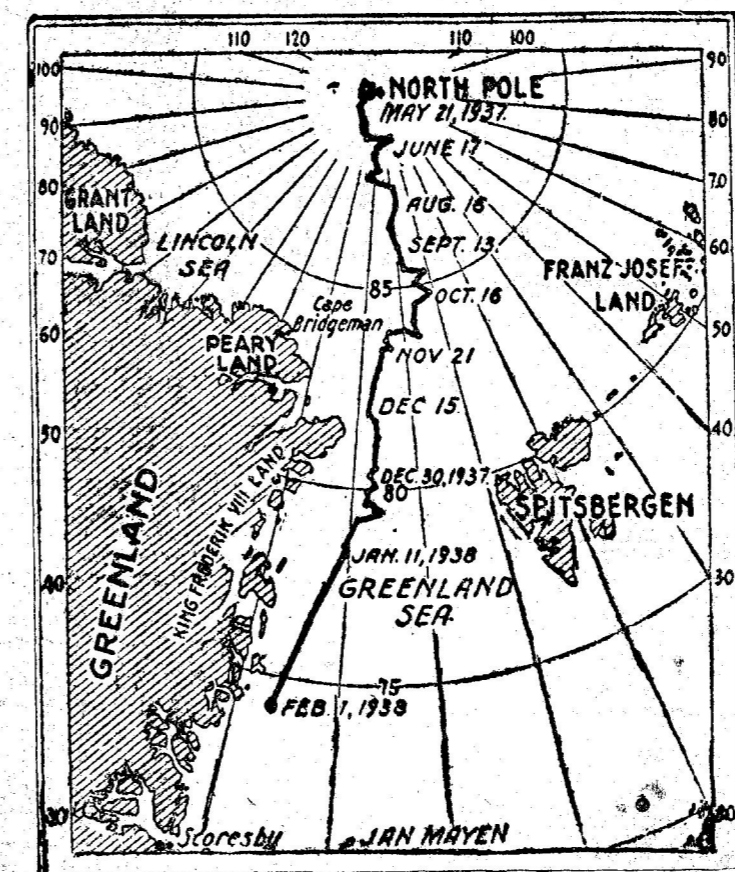
The two meetings were called in order to secure fuller participation. Delegations from the Alameda and San Francisco County Unemployment Committees will address both. Through the two meetings a single county apparatus will be set up, with responsible representation authorized in both ends of the county. At Martinez the meeting will be at 10 a. m. in the Labor Temple. At Pittsburg it will be at 2 p. m. in Spanish Hall.

Farm Workers Form Local in Kern County
(Special to the People's World)
BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 9.—Agricultural Workers of Kern County have added one more local to the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America. Over 50 joined at Shafter, near here, in asking the UCAFWA for initiation fee on the spot.

In this county both AFL and CIO support the new union. Both send delegates to Labor's Non-Partisan League of Kern County.



IVAN PAPANIN



THE SOVIET scientists on a polar ice floe report their position as of February 1 and indicate the path they had traveled since they set up their camp last June. Four Soviet ice-breakers are on the way to rescue the dauntless explorers.

Shaw Told to Probe Lincoln Heights Jail

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—A vigorous campaign to clean up the situation in the Lincoln Heights Jail, notorious for its abuses to prisoners, was initiated Tuesday as the International Labor Defense paid Mayor Shaw a visit requesting that something be done immediately.

Led by Larue McCormick, secretary of the I.L.D., a committee of 11 presented the Mayor with a resolution demanding immediate investigation into conditions in the jail.

After keeping the committee waiting an hour, Shaw announced that he had to hurry away as some women's club had requested that he appear before them.

Expresses Surprise
He expressed great surprise over conditions at the jail, feigning complete ignorance concerning charges of graft, inadequate food, poor sleeping quarters, poor visiting service, etc.

The I.L.D.'s resolution charged that food served in the jail was so bad that the prisoners were unable to eat it at times.

Shaw declared that it seemed incredible. "Why they are given \$75,000 a year for food alone, I should think that is enough to take care of the people there properly enough," he said.

Questioned On Graft
Miss McCormick questioned him about the graft carried on by the trustees at the jail who sell candies and food to the prisoners, but she stated again that he knew nothing about it.

Further declaration of the resolution asked that better sleeping quarters be established, that visiting hours be allowed during the week and not only on Sundays for a few hours as at the present time. Also that fruits and bags of food be allowed to enter the jail as gifts to prisoners. At the present time no articles of food are permitted there.

Recently 67 prisoners were stricken with poisoning after eating prison food and a chemical investigation showed that lye had been put in the food. Lye is one of the products used in the manufacture of the prison soap there.

Promises to Investigate
The Mayor promised an investigation into the conditions there but his voice carried little conviction and there is a possibility that little will be done, said Miss McCormick.

Files for the past four years show that Lincoln Heights Jail is one of the worst rat holes in the country. Abuses by the jailers is a daily

High Paris Officials Sought As Hooded Order Backers

Big Financiers and Army Officers Linked to Terrorist Movement Established Definitely as Fascist in Nature

(Special to the People's World)
PARIS, Feb. 9.—The secret plot of the cagoullards, or "hooded men," to overthrow the French government by means of terror, has now been definitely established as a Fascist movement, the exposure of which will reveal an unprecedented scandal when the last fact is known.

That the facts must be known in spite of the scandal is the constant demand of all those who are loyal to the Popular Front, and one of the first promises made by the new Chaumet cabinet was an immediate and complete exposure of the plot. All France is asking: who are the real political leaders behind this conspiracy?

It is certain that high government and military officials are involved, else the extensive organization of the terrorists would not have been possible. One of the latest police finds was a document issued to all group leaders of the cagoullards, dealing with the strategy of street fighting, written as only a strategist can write.

This document was entitled "SECRET REGULATION OF THE COMMUNISTS," a ruse by which the terrorists hoped to link their plans with the Communists in case of exposure. But stupidly enough, a paragraph in the same document states that "among the ranks of the enemy, the cagoullard would find Communists!"

Other evidence points to the fact that the cagoullards planned to use the same strategy employed by the Nazis in the Reichstag fire: to blame a series of their own terrible explosions on the Communists, to be followed by a "popular uprising" of their own creation. Many of the arms that were to have been used in this uprising came from Germany, and the high explosives from Italy, but a large remainder had been stolen from French army storehouses. This theft would have been impossible without the cooperation of a responsible army official. One French general is already in prison, and other officers are implicated.

SUPPORTED BY FINANCIERS
The financial support of the terrorists has apparently come from the great reactionary industrial trusts of France: the Comites des Forges (munitions); Michelin (king of the rubber industry); the Societe Pernod (makers of alcoholic beverages); M. Moreau de la Meuse, a prominent financier, has already been arrested and implicated beyond doubt; M. Gaudin, former chief of the employers' association in Paris, Deloncle, Percheron, and many other go-betweens have been arrested. But most of these men are small-fry; and the men of importance, such as the former Premiers Tardieu and Laval, are still free, although obviously implicated in some way.

As the evidence grows daily, however, it will probably be impossible for these culprits to remain in the protection of their political machine. The latest tragedy resulting from the plot—that of the death of fifteen men in the transportation of explosives seized from the cagoullards—has given momentum to the search for the leaders.

The entire exposure of the plot might have died had it not been for the insistence of the Communist Party and its organ, L'Humanite, that the first exposures were not the work of "Italian anarchists," but of a powerful, secret fascist organization. The bourgeois press, which at first scoffed at the solution, is now snifering a pained and embarrassed silence concerning the whole affair; and many incredulous and politically indifferent Frenchmen are at last beginning to see the true nature and content of Fascism.

Mongol Troops Desert Japan; Join Chinese

Chinese 8th Route Army Isolates and Destroys Japanese Divisions

(Special to the People's World)
LINCHIN, Shansi Province, Feb. 9.—Two regiments of Mongol troops which at the end of last month were fighting for the Japanese to the south of Taiyuan, Shansi capital, are today marching into action against their former masters.

The regiments mutinied, killed their hated Japanese officers and went over to detachments of the Chinese 8th Route Army. They were greeted in person by the famous General Chu Teh.

A new unit of the 8th Army was quickly organized to include the well-equipped Mongol infantrymen. This army is the main part of the Former Red Army and one of the three armies at present officered and trained by Communists.

Defeat Japanese
In addition to this latest victory, Eighth Army detachments have also inflicted a heavy defeat on the Japanese in the mountainous district along the Shansi-Hopei border.

Employing tactics so successfully used in the long struggle before Chinese unity was established, the Communist officered units lured the enemy along mountain trails, split them up into isolated groups and then swept down upon them.

The province of Shantung, too, has seen Chinese guerrilla detachments cooperating with regular army units in a surprise thrust from the Nanyang Lake. The distinction between guerrilla detachments and regular troops is now fast becoming difficult, to justify after the Communist-advocated change was made in Chinese military tactics.

G-Men Save Aimee From Extortion Plot

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (TP)—A plot to extort ten thousand dollars from Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson was revealed today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Agents said that a shabbily dressed crippled man admitted sending a special delivery letter to the woman church leader asking for the money. He denied that he intended to harm her.

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Hearst and Hitler: Allies

AMERICA trembled as President Roosevelt sent an ultimatum to Tokyo demanding definite information on Japan's naval building program. A shudder ran through the nation when Japanese officials declared they had received the note. Apprehension and anxiety now haunt the corridors of Congress as the date of Tokyo's answer to the note draws closer.

Such is the situation according to the Hearst press. With every new development at Washington, this whole chain of newspapers screams with the agony of fear—fear in particular of what "strong move" the president may take next.

There is only one remedy for this hysterical tense situation, according to these allies of Japanese fascism. And that is to tie President Roosevelt's hands behind his back, shove a cotton wad into his mouth and clap a big black sack over his head. Only then, says Hearst, can America be reasonably assured that the nation will not be "compromised" into another war.

The fact that the Constitution of the United States makes the president the leading spokesman of the nation and gives this elected representative of the people the foremost role in the conduct of foreign affairs means nothing to these "under cover men" of foreign dictators. Hearst, and the gang which he speaks for, would gladly not only hog-tie the president but also disintegrate Congress and tear up the constitution in their frantic effort to please the fascist aggressors.

Not at all fear-struck by the asserted might of the fascist regimes is the American nation. But traitors to the peace and prosperity of this country are shaking in their boots for fear that the president will begin to act as he declared in his now famous Chicago peace talk.

The Hearsts quake at the thought of a bold united stand of the democracies against their friends, the fascist aggressors.

The Townsend Verdict

EVERY member of the old-age pension movement, every believer in the principle of pensions for the aged, felt a quick resentment Monday at the upholding of the contempt sentence against Dr. Francis E. Townsend, by the U. S. court of appeals in Washington, D. C.

The upholding of the conviction of the pension movement founder, based on the time a year and a half ago when he walked out of hearings before a House of Representatives Committee, was a slap in the face to millions who are fighting to win adequate old-age pensions. And it was intended as such by the House committee members of whom Townsend was adjudged in contempt.

Dr. Townsend himself made a mistake when he walked out of the hearings; it would have been better had he stayed and put his inquisitors on the spot before the American people. He made a still worse mistake when, angrily ascribing it all to President Roosevelt, he allowed himself to be taken in by the worst enemies of not only the old people, but of all the people, the GOP Hearst, Landon and Hoover gang of reactionaries, with the fascist Gerald K. Smith in the lead.

As to the court of appeals verdict, it will not stay the flood of demands for genuine security for the aged people of America. The People's World firmly believes that men and women who have devoted the best years of their lives to the building of America, are entitled to live out their lives with as much comfort and security as can possibly be provided for them. And we believe this is a problem which must be solved immediately by the federal and state governments.

The Freight Rate Steal And Farmers

THE hypocrisy of such banker controlled "farmers" organizations as the Associated Farmers in inciting the working farmers, or "dirt" farmers, against union labor as the "cause" of their poverty, can be seen by the fact that the Associated "Farmers" has taken no action to block the railroad monopoly from increasing freight rates. (We have previously shown that the rate increase is not based upon any wage increase railroads have made, but solely upon a greed for more profits.)

Yet the 15 per cent raise of freight rates would send rates on farm products to the highest point in sixteen years. Rates on wheat and livestock, says Farm Research, would be 60 per cent higher than before the World War. Secretary Wallace also has spoken. Before the Interstate Commerce Commission, he testified that the 15 per cent freight raise would require 50 per cent more units of livestock and grains to be shipped to pay for a given freight haul than in 1929. And, he added, the effect would be to lower farm prices.

That ought to be perfectly obvious. And it ought to be clear to small growers of California and other parts of the west, that when the Associated "Farmers" remain silent and unprotesting toward the railroad monopoly—one of the farmer's worst enemies—and spend money and energy inciting violence against union labor, the Associated "Farmers" are lining up with farmers' enemies.

Big Business Among The Small Businessmen

IT IS pretty clear now that Big Business was doing some back seat driving in the small business men's conference.

First of all the Republican Party and the most reactionary press opposed, ridiculed and maligned the conference. It would be well to investigate and see just whose stooges were creating the disorder in its opening sessions.

Then, when, in spite of everything, the conference brought out a program—a child could see that the real small businessmen had written part of it and Big Business the other part. Of course, a lot of what has been called "small business" is like "Little Steel" which means the enormously powerful Republic Steel Co.—small only in comparison to the very biggest trusts. Also, some of the small businessmen were just loan slaves, taking orders from Big Business. And some are won over by glib talkers, speaking for Big Business.

So there were two flatly contradictory "lines" in the 23 recommendations to Roosevelt.

One "line" is that which is useful to small businessmen, and likewise to workers and farmers—and is hated by Big Business. This includes Point 1-B, government loans; Point 8, government cooperation; Point 12, against chain store unfair competition; and especially Point 13:

"We urge strengthening and enforcement of all laws seeking to curb monopolies."

Likewise, Point 17, government loans for house building, and Point 21-C, against holding companies.

But, along with this program of curbing monopolies goes another of directly encouraging them:

Point 1-D to "repeal the undivided profits tax." What really small business man ever had "undivided profits?" Big Business has them, and from them becomes monopoly to eat up the Little Businessmen.

Point 7 to "return relief administration to local communities," where the small businessman has to pay for it, if it is paid for at all. This was the Liberty League program in the last election.

Point 16 to cripple the NLRB by "recommending immediate investigation of the Wagner Labor Relations Board." Small business is generally organized. It is the big ruthless corporations that hire gunmen and subsidize company unions and smash strikes, violating the Wagner Act and creating cheap labor conditions for themselves, with which the small businessman has to compete.

Points 1-D, 7 and 16 are direct help to the monopolies, direct aid to their campaign to run little business out of business. Here is the hand of the enemy. And he is also the enemy of the rest of the community.

Copeland Calls Up the Harpies of the Sea

WASHINGTON (TP)—Sen. Copeland of New York admitted today that his charges that the Pacific Coast CIO leader, Harry Bridges, is a Communist were based partly on the evidence of a California burglar.

COPELAND'S burglar also included John Brophy and John Barrymore, the screen actor in his accusations. There doesn't seem to be any particular reason why he stopped there, but probably they were afraid it would be wandering from the subject if he included Cardinal Mundelein and President Roosevelt. Of course Copeland himself accused Mayor LaGuardia of Communism.

The obliging burglar follows the evanescent, invisible wraith, "Captain X" in his slanders against the CIO, against the Maritime Federation and against Harry Bridges.

Senator Copeland has raked the jails and the spirit world for his witnesses—now where will he go?

Perhaps he can subpoena a Ouija Board? But seriously, hasn't the nonsense gone far enough? Does Harry Bridges have to go on defending himself against such slush? He is here. He came legally—far more legally than hundreds of Russian aristocrats and Nazi spies and assorted agents of Franco who use America to plot war on friendly nations and to launch magnificent swindles on the credulous here.

Bridges is here with the affection and support of tens of thousands of maritime workers whose spokesman he was when they won higher wages, hiring halls, and such security as Copeland and the shipowners allow them.

Bridges committed no crime here, and there is no record of crime in his past. Why does Copeland raise a hue and cry against him instead of against the Nazi consul, Manfred von Killinger? The Nazi wrote a book telling how he murdered unarmed workers, and stripped women naked in order to flog them.

Von Killinger's sadism doesn't rouse Copeland's ire. He doesn't want to deport the Fascist—he just wants to deport Harry Bridges.

When you understand why that is, you also understand why some of Copeland's proposed no-strike laws for seamen and his laws regimenting seamen came about.

Pirates! Buccaneers!

A NEW YORK newspaper man, Ben Davis, took the trouble to look up the explanation of the word "filibuster" in the Eleventh Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. This is what he found:

"Filibuster, a name originally given to the buccaneers. Filibustier has passed into the French language, and filibustero into the Spanish language, as a general name for pirate. . . . From this has sprung the modern use of the word to imply one who engages in private, unauthorized and irregular warfare against any state. In the United States it is colloquially applied to legislators who practice obstruction."

Oddities

ON MONDAY, February 7, Charlie McCarthy was made mayor of San Francisco for a day. Did you notice any difference?

Fanning the Flames

By Dixon



Jesse James on the Bridge... The Very Latest in Banditry

By Tom Patterson

A double steal is being attempted on the pockets of the Bay Bridge users.

There was probably never a public utility which bond investing interests did not consider fair game, particularly if it proved to be a highly successful business and the bridge is eminently successful. Already citizens have created a storm of protest around the proposal to buy, not the auto ferries, but the agreement of the Southern Pacific to take them out of operation. The Ferryboatmen's Union, too, is correctly interested in defending its members against loss of jobs without other jobs or any compensation.

Since the Southern Pacific is operating them today only to retain their nuisance value, that company would be only too happy to accept \$3,750,000 and then sell the ferries for junk or for operation at Puget Sound or some other place!

Trickery Breus

But this proposed trucking to veritable blackmail is put in the shade by another and more subtle maneuver just completed in Washington and brought back in a package ready to sell to the people of California.

The agreement came out of a conference between Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the following representatives of the Toll Bridge Authority: James Purcell, bridge engineer; Earl Lee Kelley, state highway director and Florence M. McAuliffe, TBA attorney. The RFC expects to sell the bonds shortly to private investors, and these gentlemen want to see to it that private investors get a higher rate than the RFC has been drawing.

When a business is an outstanding success, it is a well established fact that its bonds can be floated at a lower rate.

Yet these gentlemen brought back from Washington an agreement to raise the average interest rate from 4 per cent to 4.13 per cent. More, and worse!

At present the bonds are callable on interest-paying dates. That is to say, whenever the money market and the stability of bridge finances are such that a lower interest rate may be obtained, the bonds can be called in and a new issue put out at a lower rate. This would be done any March or September when interest falls due. The new agreement would prevent the Authority from calling the bonds except after a five-year period, and then only by paying a five per cent premium to the bond holders.

Effect of Agreement

This means raising the average yearly cost of the bridge by \$38,000.

It means that the bridge cannot possibly take advantage of conditions that even now would make it perfectly possible to reduce, rather than raise, the interest costs.

It means that only after five years have elapsed, and at an additional cost of nearly the same \$3,750,000 figure the ferries want, could the bonds be refloated. It means continuance of high tolls, rather than the reduction which the success of the business could easily make possible. For the Bridge has paid its way and become a very good investment.

Even today, with the competition of the auto-ferries who operate at a lower rate in order to put lead in their stockholders' backjack, and Bridge is collecting a tremendous

sum above and beyond expenses. Since it is part of a state highway system which provides its maintenance, the only cost is interest payment and retirement of principle.

Hence a tremendous surplus is rolling up.

Its present volume is more than double that required to meet these semi-annual payments. If the toll were today reduced to exactly half, or 25 cents each way, and if not a single bit of new business accrued, the Bridge would still have revenue enough to meet these payments and more than \$500,000 per year to spare.

Hits East Bay

But every bit of available evidence indicates that a reduction of toll by 50 per cent would tremendously increase business. It would not only take the business from the ferries, but induce new business which would not have crossed the bay otherwise.

This was demonstrated most clearly on the Golden Gate Bridge where an 11-day test was made. The result was that the bridge obtained about 35 per cent of all traffic. And the total traffic was much heavier than it was when the Gate Bridge was charging 50 cents and the ferries to Sausalito 25 cents.

No wonder the people of the East Bay are up in arms. Naturally the center of the campaign against operating the bridge for the bond-owners and the Southern Pacific has its center in the East Bay. Low transportation cost is of tremendous every-day concern to thousands of daily commuters, and to East Bay business which wants to attract new residents.

Such people found that the Southern Pacific reduction of auto ferry rates worked to their immediate advantage. There was a howl from politicians in the Toll Bridge Authority that the Southern Pacific was "undermining" the bridge. This sounded tremendously anti-Southern Pacific, anti-octopus.

Reduced Fares Possible

But the truth is that their desire to get the S. P. out of competition was not in order to lower rates, but to insure their ability to raise interest. And the fact that they are willing to pay Southern Pacific \$3,750,000 shows how "anti-octopus" they really are in fact.

There are promises of these gentlemen of the Toll Bridge Authority, now, that a small reduction can be made in tolls if the Southern Pacific is paid its blood-money.

But a reduction to 25 cents would make this payment unnecessary altogether.

Even on present business it would meet expenses with a margin to spare.

But it would, beyond a shadow of doubt, increase business so that relatively little would be lost in total revenue. And the public would get the advantage of the lower rate. There is no reason why the interest rate, considering present rates on bonds on such a stable enterprise as the Bay Bridge, could not be reduced instead of raised.

In short, there is a little gangsterism in the offering. It so happens that not only the pure-and-simple consumer, i. e., the commuter and chance user is affected. It is no accident that Fred E. Reed, who is leading the fight in the East Bay against the double steal, is a prominent realtor. Not a few of the business enterprises of the East Bay would get a certain amount of sectional advantage with cheaper rates.

But the essential fact is that lower tolls can be assured, even if interest rates were not lowered. And interest rates could and should be lowered, even though it requires an act of the state legislature.

The truth is that the public has some opportunity in this fight to see that its own gigantic enterprise is conducted for its own use rather than as a source of excessive revenue for bond investors.

Letters From Our Readers

Letters to the Editor should be brief and accompanied by the writer's name and address. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names to signed letters will not be published without the writer's express permission.

Blumenberg, Ousted Official, Expects Decision

Editor, People's World:

The case of Sam Blumenberg, representing the rank and file of Local 5, against the Intl. Assn. of Cleaning & Dye House Workers (AFL), came to a close last Friday and a decision by Superior Judge Stephens of Los Angeles is expected next week.

We have reason to believe the decision will be in favor of the rank and file and the officers who were ousted on November 15 by President Porter with the aid of Teamster "goons."

Much correspondence as well as some union books were "missing" and in spite of that, the international heads who ousted the duly elected officers were forced to admit in open court that Sam Blumenberg and our ousted officers were financially honest but were ousted for the reason that the international did not like the political affiliation of the ousted officers.

The judge ruled out all testimony relating to political affiliation, and stated that political affiliation is no reason for expulsion or removal. Ninety-five per cent of the mem-

bership is behind Blumenberg, the ousted business agent, who carried on a strenuous fight against the international officers and their stooges, and it is our belief that Blumenberg in his fight for democracy in behalf of the rank and file, will come out stronger than ever and the international will never again attempt to pull off another job like it.

Fraternally yours,
— J. C. Los Angeles.

Chambermaids Get Blame and Hotels Get Profit

Editor, People's World:

Second-class hotels in San Francisco have jacked up their rates anywhere from \$2 to \$5 per month, pretty generally I understand, using as an excuse that they raised the pay rates of chambermaids.

But the chambermaids only get \$1.50 more per week, and in at least one case, the Ormond Hotel at 440 Eddy St., three chambermaids have to take care of 100 rooms. Simple arithmetic will show you the hotels are profiteering behind the propaganda of slight wage increases given. When rates are increased, if at all, at least the whole increase ought to go to raising the workers' wages. Fraternally yours, H. M., San Francisco.

COLUMN LEFT

by Harrison George

Happy Faces

Better Than

World of Words



(By William Z. Foster, Guest Columnist for Harrison George)
Moscow, Jan. 18.

ONE of the things that struck me very forcibly on my trip across Europe was the glumness of the people everywhere.

In Italy, Austria, Poland one could hardly see a smile anywhere, or any other signs of jollity and lightheartedness. The faces one met in many cities along the line all bore strained, depressed looks.

This was a natural reflection of the terrible economic and political conditions in which the European capitalist countries find themselves. It is also an indication, unless I am badly mistaken, of a smoldering mass discontent that will write finis to fascism not long after the fascist dictators launch the war they are so assiduously preparing.

It is only when one arrives in the Soviet Union that the faces of the people brighten up. This country is indeed the land of happiness and laughter—all the bourgeois correspondents, Trotskyites and similar enemies of Socialism to the contrary notwithstanding.

LAST night I saw a little scene which seemed to illustrate all this so graphically. Sander Garlin, People's World Moscow correspondent, and myself had just been to the Bolshoi Theatre to see the excellent new opera "Cruiser Potemkin."

Just ahead of us was Theatre Square. It was crowded with people and a carnival was in progress. Originally the carnival was a children's holiday affair.

In the center of the square stood a huge New Year's tree, lighted with electricity and loaded with characteristic tinsel ornaments.

The tree was in the midst of a great semi-circle of about 25 specially-constructed carnival automobiles, loaded with candies, cookies, fruits, toys and everything else that children enjoy. The whole square was hung with banners and other decorations to welcome the delegates to the Supreme Soviet, which opened next day.

BUT the hour was late and the children had long since deserted the carnival grounds. So the grown-ups, as grown-ups will, had taken over the children's game for their own amusement.

They had spontaneously organized a big dance, to the tune of a radio which sent the strains of popular swing music throughout the square. Hundreds of couples were dancing to the music, all unmindful of the thick snow storm. The whole place rang with gaiety and laughter. A characteristic Soviet scene and a beautiful picture.

The crowd, mostly young people, looked splendid. Most of the dancers fairly radiated with good health and vigor. A contagious merriment prevailed among them all. Any American who had believed Hearst's fairy tales of destitution in the Soviet Union would have been amazed at how well they were dressed. Many wore furs that would attract favorable remark in the swankiest street in America.

Sometimes a single incident is just as expressive as a whole book of statistics to demonstrate the actual conditions in a country. Such was that great dance in the snow in the Moscow public square. The happy faces of the people, their well-fed and well-clothed appearance, their spontaneous gaiety, told better than a world of words the success of Socialism.

It was all a vivid practical demonstration of how, as the masses under capitalism throughout the world sink deeper into poverty and misery, the great Soviet people are marching on with giant strides to an ever-growing happiness and well-being.

WORLD FRONT

by Harry Gannes

FEB. 20, 1938, promises to be one of the decisive days of present world developments. On that day Hitler will appear before the Nazi Reichstag to "explain" the top reorganization of the army and to rant about the immediate program of the German fascists. On that day, too, the deadline ends for a Japanese reply to the identical notes of the U. S., Britain and France which insisted that Tokyo put its naval cards on the table.

The identity of the date may be purely accidental but the issues involved are inseparable.

Hitler's "victory" over the older army general staff was a victory, it is true, for the fascist triple alliance, in that it forecast increased support to Mussolini for intervention in Spain, greater assistance to Japanese aggression in the Far East, and the imminent possibility of Nazi diverse actions in Austria and Czechoslovakia to assist the general plans of the fascist war triangle.

ANY form of collective representations to Japan's threat of swelling its navy not only to conquer and hold all of China but to master the Pacific and extend its present war in a world war must have an impressive effect on der Fuehrer Hitler, Nippon's fascist ally. The moment chosen for the note was propitious to gain Berlin's as well as Tokyo's attention. Instead of "solving" the deep-going internal economic-political-military crisis of Germany, Hitler has only capped the volcano by a compromise that may soon result in a worse and more violent eruption.

The insistence that Japan let the world know just how far she expects to go in the construction of naval instruments of death comes at a critical time for the Tokyo aggressors. They are acutely concerned over the Berlin difficulties and over the reverses in Spain for their allies. But they are still more anxious about the unceasing resistance of the Chinese people, the failure of the pro-Japanese Canton coup, and the fact that the entire Japanese plan of invasion in China is about to reach that point when the Japanese army and navy command feel that to go any further into China might cancel or dangerously hamper the larger war plans of Japanese imperialism.

IN regard to the American note demanding information about Japan's naval construction program it is indeed strange that the American imperialist jingoists who in 1932 and up to 1936, that is, from the Harding to the Hoover administration, had no objection to "collaboration" with the Nine Powers for purely imperialist aims, are the ones today who raise the greatest objection to President Roosevelt's joint representations with Great Britain and France against Japan's secret world war-inciting naval race.

The difference in the world situation today as compared to 1922 is the significant thing. In 1922 there was no fascist triple alliance. The conflict was between Japan, Britain and the United States for post-war hegemony. The Soviet Union was in a state of exhaustion after the civil wars, and was the subject of the attacks of the then Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes who was cooperating closely with British Tories and the French 200 rich families against the U.S.S.R.

The situation today is decisively different. Nazi Germany, fascist Italy and fascist-militarist Japan are in the actual process of inciting a new world war by their present aggressions in Ethiopia, China and Spain. Admittedly their attacks are against the democratic capitalist countries and against the Soviet Union. The interests of those Tory class forces such as the Hardings, the Hoovers, the Chamberlains, and the Poincaires, who so ardently "collaborated" in 1922 are against cooperation for peace today because it would injure their main allies, the fascist triple alliance. Today the entire inner situation in the United States and France has changed compared to 1922. The New Deal has won a mandate from the people against the economic royalists, and that was also a thunderous mandate for peace, which President Roosevelt recognized could be achieved by collective security to attain world peace.

And that is why the Ham Fishes, the Hearsts, the Tinkhams, the Hoovers today shout against U. S., British and French identic action in putting to Japan just two main propositions: (1) Tell the world what your intentions are about naval arms, and (2) To avoid a naval construction race, enter into discussions for limitation of armaments or some form of disarmament.

SEEING RED

With Mike Quin

An anonymous friend sent me a letter signed "Sincerely, an Office Worker," and enclosed a clipping. "They not only have the whole town plastered up with billboards WHAT HELPS BUSINESS HELPS YOU, but today the newspapers are all plastered up too," says the letter. "Why don't you give us a good, clear column giving the lie to their tripe and state clearly at the same time WHAT REALLY HELPS US?"

The clipping is the half-page advertisement entitled "What Helps Business Helps You!" that ran in the newspapers a few days ago.

This is only one of a series of similar ads that have been running in the newspapers for the past month or so. Usually they are a full page with pictorial decorations. All of them are signed by THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION. Most of them appear exclusively in the Hearst papers, but occasional ones are run in other papers also.

Incidentally, there is no such body in existence as THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION. I checked up with the papers and they referred me to the SAN FRANCISCO INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, one of the most vigorously anti-labor organizations in the world.

These ads are not prepared locally. They are sent out from some national office (probably the National Association of Manufacturers) for use by groups like the Industrial Association.

Business Solution

THEY all offer the same argument, sometimes by implication, and sometimes with mild candor. Briefly, it is that we should abandon New Deal regulations of business, abandon unionism, and entrust the welfare of the nation and its peoples to the wisdom and benevolence of private profit makers. Higher profits, they reason, mean greater benefits to all.

This is almost too stupid to need answering. Higher profits have always meant that they stick them in their own pockets and tell us to go to hell.

These ads also propagandize the idea that capital and labor are engaged in a friendly partnership, and that every American worker of character and ability can become a millionaire, or at least a high executive with reasonable ease.

The answer to this is obvious. Labor is not in partnership with capital, else it would sit on the Board of Directors and have a vote. Capital can and does fire labor whenever it pleases. You cannot fire a partner.

As for every meritorious individual rising to glory, that is nonsense. Take in the American merchant marine, for every vessel there are at least a dozen men capable of being Captains. Will the shipping industry guarantee to build and sail a ship for every man who learns navigation?

These ads refer to the private ownership of industry and its operation for profits as "The American system." There is nothing "American" about it. It is identically the same system that is functioning so crazily and disastrously in Great Britain, France, Germany, China, Finland, Turkey, Zanzibar and every other country outside Russia. A man owns a factory and manufactures articles for a profit. A man owns a pile of money and invests it here and there for profit. There is nothing "American" about that.

How About Unemployed?

THESE ads point to a high standard of living in America. So what? No one is complaining about the high standard of living. But we are complaining about 16 million unemployed for whom there is no standard of living at all. We are complaining about thousands of children working in sweatshops.

Suppose you had a broken leg and the doctor insisted on pointing to your good leg and saying you ought to be thankful and not bother him about the broken one. You'd think he was crazy. And he would be. And so is the San Francisco Labor Relations Association which is really the Industrial Association.

WHAT REALLY HELPS US? Well, let's look at the longshoremen. During the so-called era of prosperity, their wages and conditions were insufferable. In 1934 they organized in a real union and struck. Today, even though we're in the midst of a second depression, their welfare is better and more secure than it was under the unregulated benevolence of the shipowners.

Just try running your own home without any regulation and see what a madhouse it turns into. Regulation is all the more important in a depression.

Employers right now are like a gang of drunken joy-riders howling for the removal of stop and go signals and traffic rules.

CHANGE THE WORLD

With Mike Gold

THE great debate goes on. All America today is arguing about war and peace. The smell of another world conflagration is in the air. Even in New York and San Francisco one can hear the dull, menacing boom of the fascist cannon in China and Spain.

We are isolated by two oceans from the battlefields. But I don't think Americans feel as secure as the professional isolationists would believe. Why, in every newsreel showing Hitler, Mussolini or the Japanese armies, is there either an outbreak of boos or a sinister, troubled hush in American movie houses?

The people know who the war-makers are, even if the New Republic doesn't. You can't talk to almost anyone of these days without hearing a hatred expressed of the fascist war-makers and a profound wish that America keep out of the onrushing war.

THE other night I talked to an irresponsible leftist. I got bored of arguing with another of these isolated intellectuals who feels a private ivory-tower. They don't live under fascism, so they feel very aloof and superior about the masses who do and hate it. It is all an abstract conflict that you read about in books and magazines. Many Spanish intellectuals felt this way about fascism until the bombs began to fall on their own quiet gardens.

They are so damned sure that America is immune. They are sure because they never see what is going on under their very noses. I don't feel so sure, nor do millions of other Americans in Jersey City, in the South, in the Imperial Valley, and such fascist areas of the United States. Mayor Hague gave us a recent object lesson, but the intellectuals refuse to learn from it. There are hundreds of Mayor Hagues in America, but people still thank God with Dos Passos that the Atlantic Ocean separates us from the "quarrels in Europe."

I was glad to read recently a strong editorial from the Russian paper, Izvestia. "The authority of the Soviet Union grows and will grow, independent of the fate of the League of Nations," it said. "It is necessary to remind the forgetful that the defuse of the Soviet Union does not depend on international combinations, that the Soviet Union does not in this regard need aid from any side whatsoever, that it is so powerful that it could be said it cannot be isolated."

"One can speak only of isolating other countries from the Soviet Union, and leaving them at the mercy of the aggressors. We support the League insofar as it may serve as an obstacle on the path of the aggressors."

The chief argument against collective action by the democracies against fascism has been that it is only a plot to "pull Moscow's chestnuts out of the fire." Blind, bitter, criminal fools, don't they think the democratic chestnuts are in danger? Where would an isolated France be? Where would England be after France had been conquered by Italy and Germany? Where would the United States be as the last country in the world possessing some shreds of democracy?

The masses know this instinctively, but are confused by the intellectuals and politicians who muddy the clear issue. But we must fight on for clarity. Russia will take care of itself; what we worry about is America, and for a first, want to die before I have to live in a fascist America or a fascist world.

Fascist Film to Play at Geary Theater

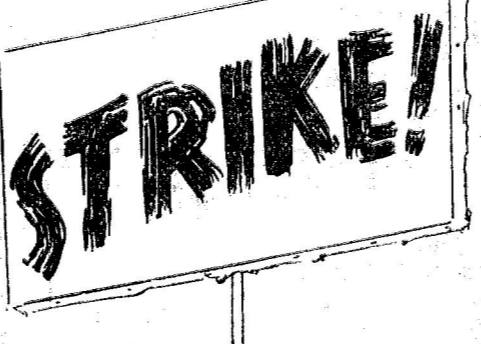
'They Fought the Good Fight'—and Won, Thanks to Unity and Progressives' Aid

By Hack Thomas

REMEMBER that meeting when Cliff Harrison got up with tears in his eyes and godblessed us every one, and next day started scabbing on us?"

"And we gave him a vote of confidence that meeting, and damned our organizers. They were right, but it took awhile for us to find it out..."

The circulation and editorial department were sitting in a corner of Seattle Guild strike headquarters, overhauling four months of strike. After weeks of silence, the Star's attorneys were wanting to get in touch with the strike strategy committee again. Rumors were flying.



Ted Yerkon

... you couldn't tell which was city editor or bookkeeper or circulation district manager... Maybe it would be settled tomorrow or next day. Anyway, it was time to sit down and toss the ox a little. Soon they might be grubbing for the boss again, hurrying past each other in the halls with only a nod or sock in the ribs to indicate the times they'd been through together. Old soldiers sharing feelings outside...

But the strike that started July 5, 1937, didn't end in October. Nor in November or December or January—not until February 5, 1938. The boys and girls who walked out of the Star building on July 5 grew into men and women in those seven months, discovering in themselves fires of devotion, sacrifice and solidarity that might only have smoldered through normal lifetimes; fires that were quenched forever in those who stayed behind to scab.

By now everyone knows, but they learned first from Seattle. Late last June Seattle chapter voted almost unanimously to widen its base. People from all newspaper office department came flocking into the Guild, then—bingo! They were on the street making the acid test of their faith in unionism and the simple motto of the maritime workers: "An injury to one is an injury to all." And they stayed out longer fighting under this banner than the maritime workers did in '34 or '35-'37.

THE Star is a morning newspaper. Picket lines had to be formed at five-thirty. Not so bad in summertime, but wearing on the nerves day after day, added to a full schedule of strike activity that wound up at ten o'clock each night...

Scottsboro Book Clarifies Facts on Notorious Frame-up

By Marion Brenda Reed

THIS week when Lincoln's ghost sighs loud is a particularly fitting time to discuss The Crime at Scottsboro, by Guy Endore.

With a series of well paralleled then and now newspaper excerpts and anecdotes, built upon a brief presentation of the background of Negro slave psychology, the author brings slavery in the South up to date just as surely as it was given modern expression by those who really committed the crime at Scottsboro. We do indeed "see the rusty chains, hear the crack of the overseer's whip, and smell the sweat of slave labor..."

Nearly twenty-four of its forty pages constitute the decision which court Judge Horton's complete ruling. Nevertheless, due to skillful editing of that ruling, it is here that the book packs its hardest punches. The splendid array of indisputable facts proves its own case to the reader, prepared as he is by the opening pages, with the personal histories of the nine boys, and an almost abstract discussion of the logical possibilities of all or any of them having committed the crime of rape under the admitted circumstances.

Drop a Tear For the Rich; They Need It

By Stephen Peacock

AT a time when our country is full of damn fools worrying about the poor, we're lucky to have a humanitarian like Westbrook Pegler, with a heart as big as his pay check, leaping to the defense of the exploited rich.

There he stands, his pants at half-mast, in mourning for the horny-handed, hard-working, two-fisted plutocrats, taxed into Potter's Field by a heartless government, just to support a lot of lazy loafers.

Something should be done about it. As a first step, we propose the dissolution of the dissolve labor unions, Workers' Alliances, Labor Defense Committees, and the immediate organization of an Association of Symps to Sympathize With the Rich.

From Rags to Riches

THROUGH Pegler's eyes, we can picture the cruel struggles of the rich to get to the top. The back-breaking toil, the calloused hands, the asbestos hearts. Our pity oozes out to those manufacturers of protoplasm, better known as self-made men.

There was the man who planted a shoestring and fertilized it into a shoe factory.

The bird who started on thin air and ended with an air line.

The genius who dived into a sewer and emerged with a perfume.

The hustler who started in a ditch in Terre Haute and dug right through to a diamond mine in Africa.

The party who nursed his camel into a soup factory.

And we almost forgot the Great Columbian who started out in life by licking the boss's stamps, so assiduously did he dedicate his life to licking, that he tongued his way up to fame and fortune.

Scripps Success Story

YOU don't have to leave Pegler's own paper to get an amazing success story.

Scripps-Howard started out with a liberal young sapling, warmed by the sunshine of big advertisers; drawing life-giving air from the trade-winds of banking; regularly irrigated with goldwasser; the liberal young sapling sprouted a marvelous crop of saps who Hell Hitler while singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Where Did They Get It?

INSPIRED by Pegler's funeral oration over the rich, and just loving to read about people who work hard, I started to get some dope on the sufferings endured by the upper crust while harvesting the spondulicks.

I began to read Gustavus Myers' "History of the Great American Fortunes" (Modern Library, Publishers) and before I finished seven of the 700 pages about Mr. Pegler's hard-working, self-sacrificing heroes and patriots, I wrote Mr. Myers suggesting that the title of the book be changed to the "Rogue's Gallery of the Rich."

Morgan the Magnificent

IF THERE is one name that always seemed to me the apex of the apothosis of the appendicitis of Americanism, it is the name of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Unfortunately, in reading about Mr. Morgan, we were disappointed to find that he didn't start on a shoestring, pick and shovel, or dive in the sewer. His father, Junius S. Morgan, was a millionaire.

But don't think that J. P. didn't have plenty of stuff on the ball, as an ex-spots-writer like Pegler would say. One of Morgan's biographers wrote: "He inherited from his parents their purity of character and exceptional abilities." And in 1861 our hero was a "robust young man, just turned 24."

I know, gentle readers, just what you would like to see him do at this point. Rush into the fray to save his country! Bare his hairy chest to the enemy's bullets, hurl a sword, carry a 50-foot flag, hurl the gates of battle into the teeth of the foe!

Here's what he did. He bought a lot of rifles (known as Hall's carbines) which had been condemned by the U. S. army inspecting officers in 1857 as "thoroughly unserviceable." He bought them from the U. S. government at \$3.50 apiece and sold them right back to the U. S. government for \$22 apiece! These guns shot off the thumbs (or worse) of the Federal troops trying to use them—and there were about 5,000 of them.

The government refused payment, Morgan, instead of rushing to the front, rushed into court and sued the government! A compromise verdict was reached to pay Morgan \$13.31 apiece for the guns. So the U. S. government paid him \$55,500 for guns he purchased from the same government for \$17,456.

But Morgan, the hero of the Westbrook Peglers, was not satisfied. Morgan the Magnificent took the \$55,000, girded up his loins, and advanced right back to court to fight for the rest. And he got it! He was paid the full price of \$109,912, a profit of nearly one hundred thousand, for helping to murder Lincoln's soldiers!

The WOMAN'S SLANT

By Sue Barry

HOW about some new recipes? I have some one-dish ideas that might be helpful when your ingenuity runs low and menu monotony sets in. Good old poultry beans are substantial and easy to combine in a number of ways in some one-dish recipes. But always be sure you manage to work in something fresh for the meal when you serve beans—a simple green salad or a dessert of whatever fresh fruit is in season.

Steak and Lima Chili

2 cups cooked dried lima beans 1 pound ground steak 1 tablespoon fat 1 onion, chopped 2 cups tomato sauce or strained tomato 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon chili powder Heat fat, add onion, cook five minutes, add meat, cook until brown, then add remaining ingredients. Simmer 20 minutes.

Limas Louisiana

2 cups cooked, dried lima beans 1/2 pound mild pork sausages 2 tablespoons shredded green pepper 1/2 teaspoon sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning 1/2 cup milk Parboil sausages 5 minutes. Combine limas, sausages and seasonings. Place in an oiled baking dish. Pour milk over the limas and scatter bits of butter and green pepper over the top. Bake in a moderate oven 25 minutes.

Tamale Pie

1 cup cooked dried lima beans 1 pound cooked ground beef 1/2 pound cooked ground pork 1/2 cup cornmeal 1/2 cup raisins 2 cups milk 1/2 cup corn meal 1/2 teaspoon salt Mix all ingredients in order given, turn into a buttered baking dish and bake about 1 hour in a moderate oven.

TUNING IN with Mary Hurley

FAMOUS Beethoven work is to be the Standard Symphony feature which is broadcast over KPO, KOMO, KFI, KGW, on Thursday, at 8:15 p.m. Otto Klemperer, world famous interpreter of Beethoven's works, will lead the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra in a complete reading of that great composer's Eighth Symphony.

Beethoven's Eighth was composed during that period between 1800 and 1815 in which his work was rewarded with brilliant success. Klemperer's interpretation of the great music master's genius has long had thrilled lovers of Beethoven's work.

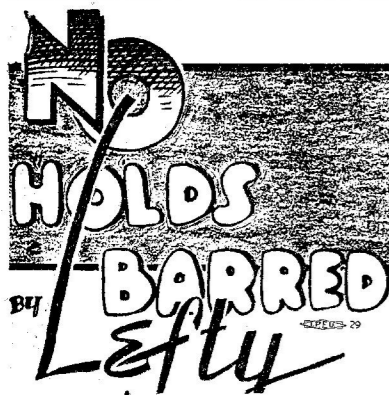
A comparatively new radio program is Good News of 1938. Good News brings to you Robert Taylor as master of ceremonies, Meredith Wilson providing the music, Fanny Brice as "Baby Snooks," to disturb the entire show, and Frank Morgan and his absent-minded comedy, and also a guest star or two of wide popularity.

Hear this broadcast on Thursdays at 6:00 over KPO, KOMO, KFI, KGW, KDYL, Meredith Wilson, pianist, a surprise feature. You don't have to hurry you, and don't forget—you heard it from us!

Thursday's Hits

- 12:00 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KNX, KSL, KTVB, Editor of the Air. 12:15 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 12:30 p.m. KFRC, KAFI, KOL, KHJ, KFSD, transcribed music. 1:00 p.m. KGO, KJR, KEX, KFCA, Club Matinee. 1:00 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, Hughees. 1:15 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KSL, KTVB, Tea Garden's Woman's Page of the Air. 1:30 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 1:45 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 2:00 p.m. KGO, Lady of Millions, May Robeson. 2:15 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, Harry Morgan and His Orchestra. 2:30 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KNX, KSL, American School of the Air. 2:45 p.m. KFRC, American Progressive Talks. 3:00 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, Woman's Magazine of the Air. 3:15 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 3:30 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 3:45 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Edna's School of Music Program. 4:00 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Maxwell House Presents Good Symphony Hour. 4:15 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KNX, KSL, W. The People. 4:30 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KNX, KSL, W. The People. 5:00 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KJR, KFCA, The Royal Gaiety Program. 5:15 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. 5:30 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Maxwell House Presents Good Symphony Hour. 5:45 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KNX, KSL, W. The People. 6:00 p.m. KFRC, KAFI, KOL, KHJ, KAY, News. 6:15 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, American School of the Air. 6:30 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, American School of the Air. 6:45 p.m. KFRC, KAFI, KOL, KHJ, News. 7:00 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Kraft Music Hall. 7:15 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KSL, KNX, Man to Man Sports. 7:30 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, NBC, Jamboree. 7:45 p.m. KPO, Melody Time. 8:15 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, Standard News Service. 8:30 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Eliza Schaller Reviews. 8:45 p.m. KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Kraft Music Hall. 9:00 p.m. KSFQ, KOIN, KIRO, KSL, KNX, Paul Whiteman; KGO, KJR, KFCA, Henry Busse's orchestra; KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra. 9:15 p.m. KFRC, KAFI, KOL, KHJ, Kay Kay's orchestra; KGO, KJR, KFCA, Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra. 9:30 p.m. KSFQ, Sports Page of the Air. 9:45 p.m. KGO, Music as You Desire It; KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, Richfield Reporter. 10:00 p.m. KFRC, Ozzie Nelson's orchestra. 10:15 p.m. KGO, KJR, KFCA, Jack Winstons' orchestra; CSFO, KFI, Jimmy Grier's Biltmore Hotel orchestra. 10:30 p.m. KSFQ, Joe Sanders' orchestra; KPO, KOMO, KGW, KFI, KDYL, Billy Mozart's orchestra.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1938



IT WOULDN'T TAKE an Ed-win Atherton snooping around the outer corridor of a newspaper office to discover that each department in that seat-it-and-tell game known as journalism has its own particular lingo which it guards with its life, honor and pass-list.

In fact, LEFTY surmises that the only reason the Esperanto, Basic English and Simplified Spelling advocates have never gotten anywhere with their schemes to make the English language just one big bowl of cherries has been the opposition put up by those know-it-alls in the music, art, radio (and sports) departments of our newspapers.

Just at random LEFTY humors on the cracker-box orators in the music department today.

What a Shock!

THESE birds, whose highest critical aspiration seems to be to make "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" or the Overture to Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" sound as complicated in print as an Old Gold contest, would wake up to an awful shock some morning if they found the editorial or Household Hints section had copied their specialized gab for a description of the best way to make Chicken Croquettes a la Louis Napoleon.

Anyway, it will be surprise enough to them when they see what LEFTY can do toward pepping up the most casual sports item with a well-placed musical term here and there.

A Fight Con Brio

ARONDO BY RONDO DESCRIBTION OF THE LEE-APOSTOLI FIGHT:

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Apostoli steps to the podium allegro con plenty of brio. He takes a pianissimo jolt from Lee's left and responds with a crescendo series of staccato polkas.

Lee goes into the first cantata andante sostenuto. He remains sostenuto throughout the overture, but in the second movement he waltzes around Apostoli's vivace and grazioso.

Apostoli responds with a sharp left to his oratorio, followed by an ingenious set of variations on the same theme.

Lee howls out an aria of pain, as Apostoli lands a B-Flat hook on his concerto. Lee is noticeably weak in the brass section, but he keeps drilling in at Apostoli with a series of C-Sharp arpeggios.

The bells end the first movement after a furious motion in the woodwind section (later discovered to be some reporters giving the fighter the Bronx cheer).

Lee comes out for the second movement fortissimo. He slams a C-Sharp major quartet into Fred's kisser and follows with a large movement which sets Apostoli back on his percussion section.

Fred is up off his podium before you could say Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and counters with five Grace notes and a dazzling mazurka with his left.

Lee is (Virginia) reeling! Lee's leaning on the string section! Come on out, and fight, you oboe!

FROM Seattle comes a few words in support of Middleweight Champion Fred Steele.

Defending Steele from what he considers the "home town attitude" favoring Fred Apostoli of San Francisco is J. C. Moore, managing editor of The Sunday News, that excellent New Deal paper published in Seattle in the interests of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Writes editor Cour: "Steele is a local home town 'pride', has been fighting in this region for ten years and, strange as it may seem, some of the most militant workers would resent derogatory remarks about him.

"As I recall he knocked out Apostoli in 10 rounds two years ago. I know him quite well and know that he has eased up considerably in his training since his manager died some time ago.

"In the best of conditions many of us here believe that he can beat Apostoli in a re-match, although we have not yet seen the latter fight. Whether this is true or not, does not affect the World's attitude.

"I believe it is correct to insist on a re-match title fight, but Steele should not be condemned too sharply for doing the same kind of dodge act every champion is allowed to get away with under the rules of the boxing game. And it should be remembered, too, that he has only lost two fights in 175 starts."

STAR FIELD TEES OFF IN SAN FRANCISCO TOURNEY

THOSE MISSIONS HAVE MOVED TO HOLLYWOOD

And Manager Red Killefer Lets Us In On His Plans for Pepping Up His Lads

By Greg MacFarland

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9.—The ubiquitous Hollywood baseball club is back at the old stand again this year but promises to put out a higher grade of merchandise in 1938.

"We're ready to go," declares new manager Wade (Red Dog) Killefer, who is bringing big time baseball back to Hollywood after a prolonged absence.

Last year the club, managed then by Willie Kamm, was known as the San Francisco Missions and had its headquarters some 520 miles up El Camino Real.

SOUTH AGAIN

San Francisco apparently had difficulty supporting two baseball clubs, so the Missions were sold back down south again and emerge this season as Hollywood.

Southern California is nothing new for the old-timers on the club. It used to be the Vernon team; then it became the Venice club, and finally it migrated north to San Francisco, where it became the perennial whipping boy for the Coast League leaders.

"But last year this club was second in batting," boasts Killefer. "Our swatting was two points better than that offered by San Diego, which won the pennant."

It doesn't take the mind of Professor Einstein to discover that what stood between the ex-Missions and a first division berth was the weakness in the pitching staff.

QUICK WATSON, THE NEEDLE!

This problem is still to be solved, Herr Killefer is forced to admit.

Hollywood has most of its last year's staff, such as it is, back this year. Here it is, with individual records:

Johnny Babich, who came back from a big-league junket at Boston last year to win 12 games with 8 losses. Babich is still one of the best hurling prospects in the circuit if he gets his arm into shape.

Otho Nitcholas, the old veteran from McKinney, Texas, who picked up 11 wins while dropping 17 last year with the Missions. Walter Beck, with 11 victories and 12 losses last year. Le Roy Hermann, with 11 wins and 18 losses.

ELEVEN A TOUGH NUMBER

Eleven wins seems to have been the jinx number with the Missions in 1937, for hefty Stew Bolen acquired the same number of victories, while dropping 13 last season.

Lewis Tost, with 9 victories and 8 defeats. Wayne Osborne, who had a bad year last season, with only 3 wins and 9 losses.

Rinaldo Ardizoa, who was acquired at the end of the 1937 season and remains something of a mystery—he hasn't pitched a complete game for the club so far.

"And here are our new acquisitions to date," the Red Dog declares, somewhat wistfully shoving a minute list under my nose.

The best bet among the rookie recruits is Leslie Fleming, 200-pound righthander acquired from Vancouver in the Western International League. He won 11 and dropped 6 with the Canadians in 1937.

The other two recruits both come from Tucson in the Texas-Arizona League.

They are Albert Raimondi, brother of Bill Raimondi of the Oaks and Ernie of the Seals, who clipped off a .500 average in Arizona last year, winning 13 and dropping the same number, and Edward Mathews, a stocky little fellow from Elk Grove, Wyoming, who picked up 7 and dropped 10.

(Tomorrow Greg MacFarland looks at the Hollywood prospects in the infield, outer precincts and behind the catchers mask.)

MORE ON RAYMOND

(Continued From Page One)

little present to the blackmail squad and keep the evidence for himself. So there sprang up a profitable custom of seeing the lady first and the blackmail squad became a more and more profitable adjunct of the district attorney's office.

Shaw's Squad

The activities of Shaw's "metropolitan squad" were, in their background, a little more sinister. Primarily, the squad organized as a sort of political blackmail set-up—not concerned so much with direct profits as with the business of keeping Shaw's enemies under control.

Whether the "metropolitan squad" indulged in private blackmail is not a matter which is as yet public property. The head of the squad was Capt. Earl Kynette, universally conceded to be one of the smartest men with a dictaphone or a telephone tap in the city. He was also politically wise—and he loved it—curious sort of entertainment.

Many lovers of music hold "record parties" of a different sort. It was his delight to invite a few intimate friends to his home and there play for them the records which he had made by placing a dictaphone in the bedroom, the bathroom or the office of the more wise and powerful of the city's business or financial magnates.

Such things were not new in Los Angeles' political history. They were first used here under the Kent Parrot regime and came to public attention when a certain councilman was expected to vote against a certain measure in which Parrot was interested. The councilman was under the influence of a red-haired lady who was much opposed to that particular measure. Grown old enough to

\$5000 Stakes Draw Some Weird Entries

JIMMY THOMSON IS ILL

Dick Arlen, Ty Cobb, Tony Lazzeri All Enter Scramble for Golf Prize Money

FLATBUSH CHIEF



LARRY McPHAIL, new manager for the perennial daffiness boys of the National League—the Brooklyn Dodgers. Mac says he's going to take the club places this year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—One hundred and seventy-five of the nation's leading golfers today teed off at the San Francisco Golf and Country Club to compete for the \$5000 San Francisco match play open tournament.

Jimmy Thomson, one of the pre-tourney favorites, was reported suffering a severe cold which caused him to cancel an exhibition match in San Jose yesterday, but he was expected to start the medal round of the tournament.

FAVORITES

Favorites to cop stakes: Light-horse Henry Cooper, Thomson, Victor Gehzzi, Sam Snead, Jimmy Hines, Johnny Bulla, Lawson Little, Johnny Revolta and Paul Ruyyan.

But the field will not be confined to professional golfers alone. Some of the hopeful pellet-smackers who will tee off this morning:

Tony Lazzeri, former second baseman with the New York Yankees, currently of Chicago.

Richard Arlen, motion picture actor and part owner of the San Francisco lightweight boxer, Al Citrino.

Ty Cobb, one of the most famous players in baseball's Hall of Fame.

Cy Williams, former Pacific Coast heavyweight wrestling champion who was dethroned here last week by Hungarian Sandor Szabo.

And, trailing this list of celebrities entered in the tourney is a man whose name might well be the John Doe of golfdom—Emil Mashie, who tees off at 12:10 p. m.

Laddie Gale Top Scorer In Northwest 138 POINTS

Oregon Cagers Lead the Northern Division

(Special to the People's World)

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—The Hank Luisetti of the northwest basketball conference, if there is any such creature in this part of the woods is Laddie Gale, skyscraper forward of the league-leading Oregon quintet.

In ten games played to date this season Gale has scored 138 points. He set a high conference mark for the year against Montana recently, ringing up 25 centers in one evening.

Trailing Gale in the scoring race are Bill Lazetich, Montana forward, and Captain Ross Werner and Bill Lockhart of the University of Washington team.

The northwest fives appear particularly strong this season. Washington, in second place, administered two straight beatings to the California, southern conference leaders, in pre-season games here.

Oregon will be hard to head off in the title chase. The Duck's high-powered offensive has been led by Gale, six feet, five inches; Ike Wintermute, center, six feet, eight inches; and Dave Silver, forward, six feet, four inches.

BOXING MOGULS TO PROBE STEELE'S WIN OVER TURNER

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Fred Steele's one-round knockout victory over Bob Turner of Newport News, Va., here last night, will be the subject of an investigation by the New York State Athletic Commission, Brigadier General John J. Phelan, chairman of the commission, announced here today.

The commission intimated that it suspected Turner of falling to put up a fight and ordered his purse held up pending investigation.

Steele, the middleweight champion of the world, knocked Turner down three times in the first round and ended the bout after 2 minutes and 17 seconds of "fighting" had elapsed.

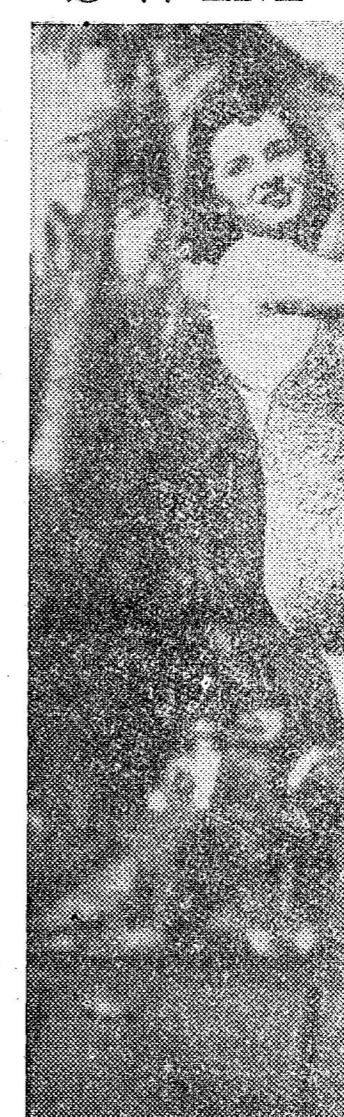
SAN FRANCISCO

VETCHERINKA Given by Russian Workers Musical Club Sat. Feb. 12th, 8 p.m. One Act Play, "PROPOSAL" Russian Singing and Dancing Union Music Polish Hall, 3040 22nd St. (Corner Shotwell) ADMISSION 49c

Alaska Union Naming Negotiations Group

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The CIO Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 5, will hold a special meeting tomorrow night to name a negotiating committee and to discuss proposals for an agreement to be submitted to the packing companies in a few weeks, it was announced today by George Wool, union president. The meeting will be at the ACWU Hall, 32 Clay St.

IN THE SWIM



THIS luscious damsel is (you guessed it) another Florida beauty contest winner. She's Miss Helen Carter of Gainesville, Georgia, chosen as queen of the annual notatorial festivities at the Surf Club in Miami. Maybe she can swim and maybe she can't, but she looks plenty neat in a bathing suit.

CAL VS. BRUINS Troy Meets Cards

UCLA Is on Way Up, Sez Ben Person

OH YEAH?

They Can't Go Anywhere But Up, Point Out the Cynical Fans

By Martin Taylor

"An improving team," says Publicity Man Ben Person of the U.C.L.A. Bruins. Then some smart guy in the fourth row pops up with a crack that the Bruins have to go one way and since they're at the bottom they can't very well go down.

Anyway, we'll see whether U. C. L. A. has "an improving team" or whether it's the same old publicity gag, when California plays host to their cousins from Westwood this weekend for a two game series.

AN URSINE ENCOUNTER

By some freak law of nature the Bruins always manage to make the Bears work hard for their victory—when they get 'em—and the Bears need one or two right now to hold on to their slim conference lead.

This year the Bruin's ball club is an inexperienced sophomore-junior affair, and if you want to take the experts' word for it, a club like that improves through the season and is likely to do a lot of snoring. Maybe there's some wisdom in Person's words, after all.

The Bruin sharpshooter California was told to keep its collective eyes peeled for its big Crossan Hays, 6 foot 4 junior forward, who is plenty good if he has some help.

REGULARS TO START

"Nibs" Price, looking over the scout report on the Bruins, has decided to take no chances and is starting his regular lineup with Dougery and Chalmers at forward, Chet Carlisle at center, and Goldenson and Garretson at the guard positions.

While the Bruins are trying to prove they are improving, Stanford is taking a trip down to Los Angeles to pay their respects to the Trojans in a two game series.

U.S.C., trailing Stanford by one game, will be trying to head the Indians off or at least come out with a tie in the flag race, while Stanford looks longingly at California and thinks of creeping up on the league leaders by taking both games from Troy.

With this thought in mind John Bunn will start Luisetti and Phil Zonne at forwards, Art Stoen at center and Calderwood and H. B. Lee at guards.

Gael Frosh Beat ILWU AT KEZAR

First Trade Union Game With College Five on the Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The St. Mary's frosh proved themselves to be just a little too classy basketball players for the Oakland Warehousemen last night at Kezar stadium.

The Gael frosh won, 41-32, in the preliminary game in the St. Mary's Loyola cage contest.

In the main event Harlan Dykes' Gaels tripped the Loyola quintet, 34-31, in a close, hard-fought game which saw St. Mary's trailing until they stepped into the final quarter.

A WORD FROM DYKES

After the Frosh-Warehousemen game Dykes stepped into the dressing room to compliment ILWU coach William Peterson on his team's showing and to invite them over to Moraga for a return contest.

"There are two principal reasons why trade union basketball hasn't gotten as far as it deserves to," Dykes commented. "First, it needs more support from its own unions and, secondly, the boys don't have sufficient time to practice."

"This frosh team of mine is one of the finest teams I've ever coached," he declared. "And it's certainly no disgrace to be beaten by them."

LABOR'S FIRST

Last night's game was the first recorded program on the Coast in which a trade union team played on a college schedule.

The warehousemen just couldn't seem to get the feel of the large floor out at Kezar. They got off to a bad start and trailed, 21-12, at half time.

In the second half Al Matulich and Tony Vukas cut lose and

CHINA DEMANDS TOKIO GAMES BOYCOTT

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9.—The Chinese National Athletic Federation today announced that it would demand an organized boycott of the 1940 Olympic Games, scheduled to be held in Tokio.

The Federation assailed Japan's aggressive war on the Chinese people and pointed out that the games were originally inaugurated with the intention of furthering world peace.

"Japan has declared that she intends to drive the white races from Asia—the very eye of the next world's Olympics," the statement declared.

made it more of a contest, but the brilliant play of Woods and Kaiser of the Gaels was too much for them. The two frosh forwards accounted for 23 points between them.

Orville Peterson, warehouse guard, is out of the game for the season, big brother Bill Peterson announced. Orville tore a shoulder ligament in a CIO game with Crockett last week.

He was examined last night by Dr. Leo Pedmont of the Gaels, who declared that he should stay on the bench for several months.

SAN FRANCISCO

The United Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods. Consisting of CIO, AFL and other organizations will meet Saturday, February 12th, 1:30 p. m. 149 Mason St., 2nd Floor. All organizations are urged to send delegates. Visitors welcome.

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MODERN MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES... Little Jack Horner sat in the corner Counting his subs for the day, I'm going to get ten and won't stop then Do I think I can do it... I'll say!

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