

BEHIND THE SCREEN

With Don Blackwell

THE other day a screen writer, whose picture was about to be previewed, was approached by an ad solicitor to buy space in Billy Wilkerson's blackmail sheet, The Hollywood Reporter.

Came the dawn, with the reviewers giving the writer's picture kudos, several of them commenting especially on the excellence of the writing job. But the Reporter, finding it impossible to pan the film, praised everything except the screen play!

However, in deference to the natty Wilkerson, it must be said that he has his own brand of honesty. People who know him well, claim that if maneuvered into a corner and in the right mood, William will admit that his various enterprises, (The Reporter, Trocadero, and Venice Cafe) are nothing but rackets.

Make Ours Chocolate!

WHILE on the subject of writers, it is interesting to note the stand of the Screen Playwrights on the avowed threat of the gangster controlled IATSE to take over the jurisdiction of all film workers.

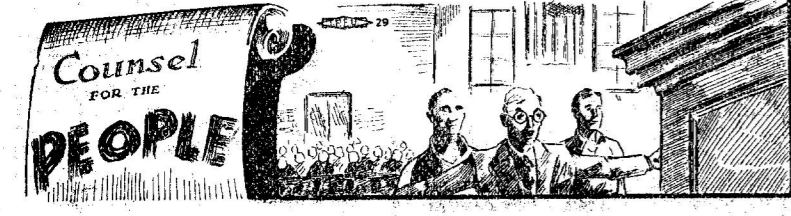
"The Screen Playwrights can not engage in controversy concerning affiliation with any other group. Their contract with the producers has four years to run and insures their members complete independence from any and all organizations."

Which should inspire someone to add the hind-wise simile: As completely independent as a company union—or make mine vanilla.

Non-Aryans Et Al

POT SHOTS: George Gerwing, manager of the Federal Theatre Project of Southern California appealed to the motion picture industry via a quarter page ad in the Reporter to support plays put on by the project.

CHATTER: The United States has 17,000 theatres wired for sound pictures, according to a government survey. . . . The Soviet Union coming next with 6377, although it leads the world in the number of theatres, the number totaling 26,000.



THE right of collective bargaining in California is guaranteed only by the Federal law. This law is known as the National Labor Relations Act or the Wagner Act.

There is no law in California to supplement the Wagner Act by protecting collective bargaining in industries not engaged in interstate commerce.

Reactionaries Get Busy

To fill in a similar gap, five other states have enacted state laws paralleling the Wagner Act. Thus all workers in such states, whether engaged in industries affecting interstate commerce or not, are protected in their collective bargaining rights.

All five of these State laws regulate the labor relations of employees engaged in work of a strictly intra-state nature. Each Act provides for a Board or Commission to administer the law, and to guarantee to workers the right of self-organization and collective bargaining.

No "Jim-Crow" Here

A SPECIALLY good provision is found in the Pennsylvania act, which grants extensive protection to labor organizations, but defines labor organizations in such a way that no union is entitled to the protection of the Act if it excludes from membership any person on account of race, creed, or color.

Most of the states had the wisdom not to provide in their acts for the machinery needed to settle strikes. The settlement of labor disputes is generally left to the employers and workers to iron out in their own fashion.

The State of California needs very badly a State Labor Relations Act, but it needs an act that will be beneficial to labor, not harmful to it. At the last session of the California Legislature, Assemblyman Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles introduced a progressive bill patterned closely after the Federal Wagner Law.

ENCOURAGED by their success, the reactionary interests took it upon themselves to introduce several bills of their own, each masquerading as a labor relations act. In spite of their high-sounding objects to promote peace on the labor front, these bills could be spotted at once as real blows against labor.

Every one of these five bills were passed by the Senate, which indicates rather strongly how loyal the members of our State Senate are to the corporations which elected them.

Our Legislature meets again in January of 1935. Without question, there will be introduced several labor relations bills, some good, others extremely bad. In the meantime, half of the Senators will come up for re-election in California.

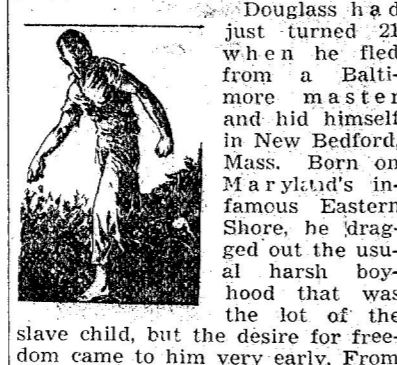
The voters of the State will have an opportunity by the use of their ballots, to elect to the Senate men who are committed to progressive labor principles that will insure the adoption of a law guaranteeing to all workers the right of collective bargaining.

Soldier of Liberty

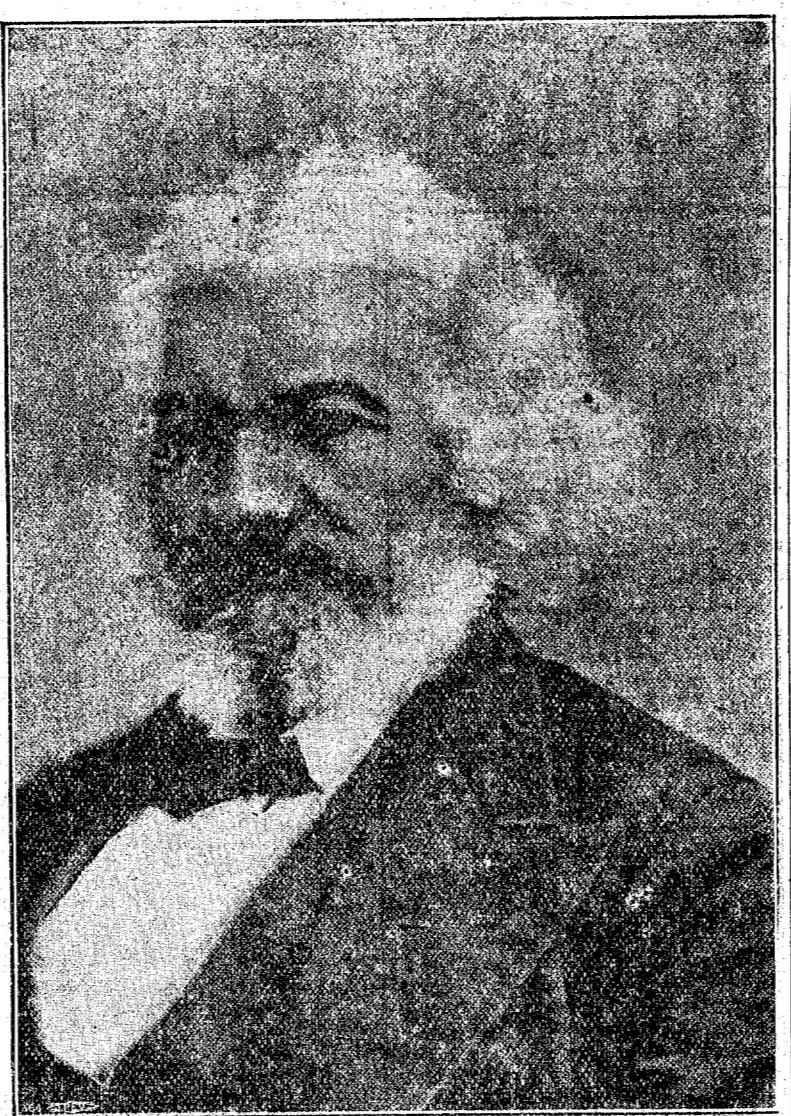
The Runaway Slave Who Became Leader of Abolitionists

By Loren Miller

FREDERICK DOUGLASS wasn't his name and February 14 may not have been his birth date. He adopted the name, out of admiration for a character in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, after his escape from slavery and he approximated the date from scraps of information he got from his mother from whom he was separated while a child.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS



IN the war. And if John Brown's soul marched with them, Frederick Douglass' spirit hovered over them—no man had done more than he to give them the chance to fight for their freedom and the freedom of all America from the blight of human slavery.

Douglass was one of those who believed that emancipation would solve the problem for Negroes; he had said so many times. But emancipation wasn't enough and he pitched into the fight for the thirteenth amendment which wrote slavery out of the constitution.

The WOMAN'S SLANT

By Sue Barry

A BOOKLET has just been brought to my attention which is put out by one of the leading milk companies in the west in which are given 374 ways to include cream in the daily diet.

San Carlo Opera To Play in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—San Carlo Peroni, one of the world's greatest operatic conductors, is again making the tour of the San Carlo Opera Company, which comes to the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco for eighteen performances, starting Sunday, Feb. 27.

Old Irish Tunes Motif of Concert

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The Irish Musical Society of San Francisco will give a concert on Saturday evening, Feb. 19th, at the Knights of the Red Branch Hall, 1133 Mission Street.

A Free Man

He began his break from the Garrison school when he went to England in 1847 and permitted admirers there to raise the sum of about \$750 to purchase his freedom.

Victory Defeated

WHEN these three amendments were passed, Douglass again hoped that his work was done. He soon learned that these hopes were hollow.

Frederick Douglass

In 1872 he was nominated for vice president of the United States on the platform of the Equal Rights party, a reminder that he had long been an advocate of Women's Suffrage.

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Best Seller Simplifies Arithmetic

Mathematics for the Million, by Lanelet Hogben. New York: W. W. Norton and Co., Inc. 647 pages. \$3.75.

HOGBEN has attempted to write an elementary textbook of mathematics in the way textbooks should be written.

Geometry, for example, is ordinarily treated as an intellectual exercise, or "discipline," a sort of game carried on with rules that might be entirely arbitrary.

The accepted academic philosophy, of course, prefers to ignore both the real world and the current needs of society.

Practice Application

THE method Hogben uses in teaching geometry is to show how the problems it considers arose as problems in timekeeping, navigation, architecture and surveying.

1. The Mirror of Civilization. 2. First Steps in Measurement or Mathematics in Prehistory. 3. The Geometry of Size, Order and Number or Translating Number Language.

WBA OF THIS PEOPLE'S WORLD

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

WITH Contra Costa going over the top to the tune of 102 per cent of their county quota fulfilled and boosting their quota to fifty more charter subs, things are looking rosier now.

Meat A Good Salesman DOWN in Los Angeles there is one butcher that can be sure of his customers coming back for more!

A Los Angeles "Robin" Sings Out EDDIE ROBBIN, the ace Los Angeles news hawk, has challenged EMIL FREED, also of L. A. to meet him on the field of socialist competition.

Action in San Francisco IT is the opinion of the Weather Man in Frisco that the storm—and all that has come with it, has come about due to live-wire action that has been evident in this town.

The Lady Gets It! The World Builders Association membership card bearing the number one mark goes to that veteran of past drive campaigns, ANITA WHITNEY.

Have You Qualified? YOU all would want to participate in the future activities of the WBA, wouldn't you? Want to take part in the Congress, picnics, etc? Well, get your dues paid up to this office, or you will be passed by when it comes Congress time.

TUNING IN with Mary Hurley

EQUIPPED with "information from the inside", Captain Charles Goff of the San Francisco police force will give his answer to the question that remains a question only to "gentlemen" like himself, "Is Money Guilty—Was He Framed?"

Table listing radio stations, their frequencies, and broadcast schedules for various networks like KGO, KPIX, KZZZ, KSL, etc.

