

Behind Franco Lines
—Coming Soon

HITLER THREATENS BRITAIN; EDEN RESIGNS CABINET POST

DORÉ HOUNDS FOE'S MOTHER TO WIN VOTES

Attempts to Embarrass
Meyers on Eve Of
Seattle Poll

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—With the voters going to the primary polls tomorrow to culminate the bitterest semi-final mayoralty contest this city has ever seen, incumbent John F. Dore today stood exposed as having pulled the dirtiest political trick of a dirty campaign.

What Dore thought would be an expose of his most serious rival, progressive Victor A. Meyers, turned out to be a boomerang.

Dore has been ill and formally launched his campaign with a mass meeting on Thursday night. In preparation for that meeting, the mayor sent the following telegram:

"Meyers giving trouble in campaign. Mother on relief in Oregon. Secure photostatic copy of relief check. Information no good after Saturday."

The telegram was sent to John Case, lawyer in Portland, Oregon where Mrs. Meyers, mother of Victor Meyers, resides.

"Lowest Tricks Yet"—All the candidates have leveled their guns at Meyers since the beginning of the campaign in the hope of swinging enough votes away from his progressive following to see the incumbent mayor slip into the finals. Dore's trick is the lowest yet pulled by any of the political tools of Dave Beck, Seattle Teamster Czar whose stake is one of life or death in this political campaign.

The insinuation which Dore is trying to place on Meyers' mother being "or" relief is that Meyers will not support his family.

Here are the facts in the case. Meyers receives a salary of twenty-five dollars a week as Lieutenant-Governor of the state. The Lieutenant-Governor has always had expense appropriations for a secretary and traveling bills. However, because of the progressive stand taken by Meyers during his six years in the office, the Governor has vetoed all such appropriations. The result being that Meyers even has to pay a secretarial salary out of his \$25 a week stipend.

Mother Hounded

He has 15 brothers and sisters. His mother lives by the help of all these children plus a \$12 a month relief check from the state of Oregon. The 86-year-old mother, who now lives in her home in Portland, was pestered and subjected to all the humiliation Dore could command by this latest trick of the petty politician.

"It is my belief that any mother 86 years old who has raised 16 children is entitled to \$12 a month from the state—and a gold medal as well," Meyers said. "My mother is ill and I think this is one of the lowest tricks that any politician has ever stooped to. Had Dore come to me, he could have had a photostatic copy of the check if it would have done him any good in this campaign. But I'll never forgive this sneaky, underhanded, humiliating trick he has pulled."

Because Dore has no program for reelection, he has draped himself in the American flag and yelled "Communist" at Meyers.

Meyers' reply has been: "If believing that the law of the land, the Wagner law, should be upheld; if believing that a low-cost housing program should be put into effect here; if believing that everyone is entitled to a job; and if believing that the city government should be run efficiently and with as much economy as will give the citizens a maximum of service is being a Communist—then I'll let the people vote and decide whether they want this kind of Communism or Dore's law-breaking kind of 'Americanism'."

The primaries will nominate two out of the six mayoral candidates. Final elections are March 8.

Townsend in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (TP)—The old-age-pension planner, Dr. Francis Townsend, arrived in Chicago today en route to Washington to serve a 30-day jail sentence for contempt of the House of Representatives.

Lead Poison Victim Fights Ford Effort To Rob His Compensation

Ford Model—Not On Display



(People's World Staff Photo)
HAROLD MAUPIN, victim of lead poison in Ford's Richmond plant, is visited at his Franklin Hospital bedside by his wife. Having robbed him of his health, Ford is now trying to rob him of the compensation for the disability.

Non-Partisan League Proposes Labor Unity For State Elections

State AFL Federation Invited to Participate
In Convention With Full Rights—Boycott
Of Vandeleur Sessions is Voted

FRESNO, Feb. 20.—The State Executive Board of Labor's Non-Partisan League of California, meeting here today, unanimously voted to reaffirm its stand against a split in the rapid crystallization of all organized labor in one political group, and reiterated its offer of full cooperation to the California State Federation of Labor Political League, recently set up by Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

The executive board action, adopted in resolution form, follows:

"(1) That Labor's Non-Partisan League of California advise its affiliated local unions and central labor bodies to take no part in the Santa Barbara conference or subsequent activity of the so-called American Federation of Labor Political League of California called by Edward D. Vandeleur, for the reason that said conference and American Federation of Labor Political League is restricted to a particular portion of labor and is a further splitting into factions of the ranks of labor at a time when labor should be definitely of one mind and work as one unit on the all-important issue of electing public officials who are approved by, and achieving legislation which is desired by and of vital concern to all California labor. City by working as a unit will it be possible for labor in California to obtain these desired results in the forthcoming elections and subsequent legislative sessions;

"(2) That Labor's Non-Partisan League invite the entire executive board and officers of the California State Federation of Labor Political League to participate in the convention of the League of Laborers, to be held in San Francisco, California, on March 1, 1938, on the following terms:

Two Others Are Stricken In Richmond

Dread Disease Made
Trembling Invalid
Of Hale Youth

By William Morgan

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Henry Ford and his hired man, W. J. Cameron or his paid gangster, Harry Bennett will tell you, each in his own way, why unions controlled by the workers such as the CIO's United Automobile Workers of America are bad for workers.

But Harold Maupin who contracted lead poisoning 18 months ago in Ford's Richmond plant does not agree with Mr. Ford.

As Maupin speaks his cot in Franklin Hospital here shudders. A husky, ruddy-cheeked farm boy in Kansas until 1935 when the drought and winds blew his land away, Maupin grits his teeth trying to control spasmodic attacks of shakes.

"Lead poisoning," the Ford doctors called it when I collapsed on the job in July, back in 1936. Now they try to tell me I've got arthritis, poisoned by bad teeth and diseased tonsils," he said.

"Turning his feverishly bright eyes to his pretty wife, he said, 'You tell him, honey, you are the best talker in our family now'."

The union, according to Mrs. Maupin, is fighting to prevent Ford's Dr. J. M. Boomer and Dr. Ernest Falkner of Travelers Insurance company from transforming lead poisoning into arthritis, thus denying Maupin his disability compensation.

2 More Stricken

In addition to Maupin of 2546 Parker Street, Oakland, two other Ford workers, K. K. McLaughery, 150 1/2 6th St., and Bill Haney, 412 Bissell St., both in Richmond, are suffering from the dread disease of lead poisoning, contracted in the Richmond plant.

In the case of Maupin, whose job was removing surplus lead solder on weld jobs, he worked in, air saturated with flying lead dust. The masks all men wear on such work were either inadequate protection or the lead penetrated the pores of the skin, for Maupin contracted the dread disease.

Ford's recognition of the inadequate protection of masks was admitted at an accident commission hearing more than a week ago.

When questioned by the auto workers' attorney, Ford's hired doctor, J. M. Boomer, was forced to admit a rule provides that working in lead must operate on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule.

Safety Rule Ignored

Despite union protests, this rule was never enforced until recently. Maupin was required to work with a mask on Page 6, Column 1 (Continued on Page 6, Column 1)

Seeks U. S. Aid For Victims of Arkansas Flood

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 20 (TP)—Gov. Bailey asked U. S. Army authorities in Omaha today to rush 1,500 tents for families made homeless by flood waters in Arkansas. The Red Cross is now caring for the homeless.

Conditions improved as some major streams reached a crest below predicted levels. The peak for the turbulent river in Little Rock was said by the weather bureau to be passed. Highway and rail transportation were still badly hampered.

Hundreds of persons driven to high lands by rampaging streams in Oklahoma and Texas were waiting for the waters to reach their crest. At Oklahoma City 35 national guard airplanes were ready to aid in rescue work.

Scene of Battle Where Two Were Slain



TO DEFEND this slacker at 1741 E. 23rd Street, Los Angeles, George Farley, 54-year-old Negro, shot and killed two deputy city marshals who came to evict him last Friday. The home was all the aged Negro had and he was half-crazed at the thought of losing it.

Austria Tense Despite Nazi Reassurance

Soothing Words Seen
As Grandstand Play
For London's Ears

VIENNA, Feb. 20. (TP)—Diplomatic sources said tonight that Austria will close her consulates in the Spanish Loyalist cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia in the near future.

Closing of the consulates in the Loyalist centers will be a step toward recognition of the regime headed by the rebel commander, General Francisco Franco.

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—Vague assurances today by Hitler that he was satisfied with the present amount of political control enjoyed by the Nazis in Austria did little here to calm the stirred population.

It appeared however, that the Austrian Nazis were marking time despite their loud demonstrations during the night both here and in Graz, the country's second largest city.

The growing popular opposition and Hitler's turning to new objectives were two reasons cited here for this slackening of the Nazification campaign.

Schuschnigg Warns
Over the signature of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg came a sharp warning statement last night:

"The government will take measures to prevent the National Socialist Party from interfering in the domestic affairs of Austria."

In another official communique by which individual Nazis were allowed to join the government party, the Fatherland Front, Schuschnigg stated:

"Austrian citizens (meaning Nazis) who are about to join the Fatherland Front, but who violate the constitution of Austria, will receive severe punishment, including exile from Austrian territory."

Seys-Inquart Says
Even the new Nazi Minister of Interior Arthur Seys-Inquart, after a long conference with Hitler in Berlin sped back to Vienna to declare:

"I represent only the Nationalist group in Austria. I do not want the Fatherland Front to become a Nazi party."

"I believe in the view Austria must be an independent Christian Austria—nothing else but that. Austria will continue on her destined course. No further changes are foreseen now in Austria."

Fails to Soothe
But this did not allay the vigilance of opposition forces here. Many believed that these statements were intended mainly for nervous ears in London where the British cabinet met in emergency session.

Prospects for an immediate customs union arrangement with Germany seemed farther off today due to the hostile reaction of Austrian industrialists.

Bridges Leaves For Washington Hearing

To Demand Right to State Longshore Union's
Position Before Copeland Committee—
Condemns Senator's 'Americanism'

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Intending to press his demands in person for an appearance before the Senate Commerce Committee to refute charges of Senator Royal S. Copeland, Harry Bridges, International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union president and Pacific Coast CIO director, left here by train for Washington, D. C., today.

Copeland has stated Bridges would not be allowed to appear before the committee, where he charged the CIO leader was a "deportable alien" and a member of the Communist Party.

"Legislation pending before the Senate commerce committee," declared Bridges, "if enacted would hamstring the I.L.W.U. and the other maritime unions. It is with a view to averting this, that I intend to press the claims of our union before the committee."

Discussing Senator Copeland, Bridges said:

"Copeland's idea of Americanism is the Americanism of George the Third. His ideas are exactly those of the Tories in 1776 when America broke away from the crown, and the colonies declared their independence."

It was with reluctance that Bridges discussed the pending deportation hearing against himself.

"Americanism," he declared, "means free speech, free press, free assembly, fair play and an even break, all of which are completely foreign to Senator Copeland."

Bridges finished testimony before the National Labor Relations Board hearing late Friday afternoon. The hearing was then recessed until Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

Japanese columns struck through Northern China but ran into stone-wall defenses of the Tientsin-Pukow railway. On other lines, advances were made in the face of an increasing menace from guerrilla warfare.

To prevent irregulars from harassing transport, the Japanese forbid natives to plant on either side of the trucks. Already planted crops in these strips were burned.

Physician Dead
SAN BRUNO, Calif., Feb. 20 (TP)—The prominent San Bruno physician, Dr. F. Holmes Smith, died today as the result of gunshot wounds suffered late last night.

Police Seek Italian Girl Spy,
Poisonous Borgia Progeny

LONDON, Feb. 20. (TP)—British and French police are hot on the trail today of an Italian mystery girl who is believed to be the brains of an arms smuggling ring.

The girl is said to be a descendant of the Borgias. She has been linked with gun-running activities in Palestine, Algeria, and Syria. It is said that she also has been influential in spreading anti-British and anti-French propaganda among the African natives. The mystery girl is known to the police only as "Maria La Bella." She is believed to be no more than 18 years old.

Maria La Bella first made her appearance in North Africa about two years ago with a party of tourists. Her charm attracted men of wealth and influence, but she spurned these suitors in favor of more lowly companions.

Later, police discovered that her companions actually were agents in an arms-smuggling ring. Now both British and secret agents are seeking Maria La Bella as head of a gang that has landed millions of dollars worth of arms in North Africa in the past three years.

NO COMPROMISE ON COLONIES, HE THUNDERS

London Cabinet Crisis
Over Foreign Policy
Breaks Into Open

The swiftly changing pattern of European politics yesterday took on the following designs:

1. Dictator Hitler reiterated his demand for colonies, and reinforced it with the threat of Germany's armed might. The Nazi chief definitely stated that Britain possessed the colonies he coveted, and threatened to make further inroads into Czechoslovakia.

2. In London, reliable sources reported that Anthony Eden had resigned as Foreign Secretary. Official statements said, "not YET." Break between Eden and Prime Minister Chamberlain came over Britain's attitude toward the fascist bloc.

3. A worried Austria refused to be soothed by reassuring statements from Nazi sources that the Nazi had for the moment gained their objectives and planned no further moves to tighten their grip on the country.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Standing against a huge swastika-embellished backdrop of red silk, Chancellor Adolph Hitler roared to the world a demand for a new place in the sun for Germany at the expense of Britain, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

Hitler made an outright demand that Britain return Germany's pre-war colonies. He scornfully rejected any compromise settlement of the colonial question.

With amazing tranquility, he warned the diplomats of Downing Street that if the anti-Nazi campaign in the British popular press were not curbed, his nation would reply with Nazi thoroughness.

Political observers said if Eden leaves the cabinet his chief supporters in the dispute with Chamberlain, the Secretary of Agriculture, William Morrison, and the Secretary for Scotland, Walter Elliot, would follow.

EDEN RESIGNS!

LONDON, Feb. 20. (TP)—The resignation of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was in the hands of Prime Minister Chamberlain tonight, but at 10 o'clock London time the British cabinet was still striving to persuade Eden to remain and help settle the cabinet strife.

Accuses Britain
The Nazi chief accused Britain of lending frequent support to the Communists in the same breath in which he spurned friendship with the Soviet Union.

Claiming a new unity of the nation as a result of the latest purge, Hitler declared:

"If ever again international provocation and malice should attempt to destroy the peace of the Reich, steel and iron will take the German people and German youth under their protection. The world will see with lightning speed that this Reich, this people, this party, this army are all animated by the same spirit and by the same will."

Threatens Czechs
Chancellor Hitler indicated today in his Reichstag speech that he has by no means completed his extension of power in Central Europe.

Hitler declared bluntly that there must be still further adjustments in the status of Germans living outside the Reich. He said that it is unethical that there should be large groups of Germans living under foreign authority.

The German dictator made the statement immediately after lauding Chancellor Schuschnigg of Austria, whose capitulation to Hitler last week brought about Nazification of Austria's cabinet.

This was taken as an ominous sign.

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Labor Progressives Are Free To Support Non-Partisan League

Delegates Spurn Vandeleur Invitation to AFL Political Parley; Bitter Fight Features Minority Attack on Shelley

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—President Jack Shelley of the Labor Council and numerous other delegates were free today to represent their unions in the important sessions of Labor's Non-Partisan League now taking place on state and county scales.

The Labor Council, in a stormy meeting Friday overwhelmingly defeated the proposal of a minority of the Executive Committee to ensure and deprive of office all officials who joined the Non-Partisan League.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—The Executive of the Labor Council is bound by a ruling, re-adopted at the meeting a week ago, for unit reports and no opposition by individual members of the Executive, to the decision of its majority.

Early in the debate, the Vandeleur crowd realized that Shelley and other officials were very popular, and that it was a mistake to combine the attack on them with the other matters.

When this was straightened out, a motion to table the minority report carried by 176 to 63 votes.

Ejection Case Against Cement Workers Friday

CONCORD, Cal., Feb. 20.—After several postponements, the ejection case of the Cowell Portland Cement Co. against six of its locked out employees...

Map Plan To Deny Relief To 20,000 Canning Workers

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 20.—A scheme to cut 20,000 cannery workers in this county off the unemployed lists entirely was explained to the re-ally board here today by Samuel Leask, Jr., Santa Cruz County member of the Unemployment Reserves Commission.

"...Must Never Forget..."

"SAN FRANCISCO must never forget who is responsible for the death of our son and ten other workers," said Gustave Dammatz...



(People's World Staff Photo)

Bankers Wail Six-Hour Day Is 'Ruinous'

Want Building Trades Forced Back Into Eight-Hour Day

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—Honeyed words are mouthed today by the Mortgage Bankers Association in an effort to influence the members of the Building Trades Council...

The offensive among the building contractors against the six hour day began a few weeks ago and negotiations between the Building Trades Council and the contractors have been going on ever since.

The Banks today blamed "slackness" in the building industry onto the six-hour day. Financial page reports that the building industry is picking up but that is heartily ignored by the bankers in their statement.

Association Investigates Said the bankers: "The Mortgage Bankers' Association of Seattle represents the great majority of lending institutions in this territory."

"With the new housing program underway there should be a tremendous revival of building here, but the members of the association feel that certain conditions are corrected, this will not come to pass."

Here's where the rub comes in, according to the Association: "Seattle is the only large city we know of in the United States which has the six-hour day in residential construction."

"We are also of the opinion that building material prices have been too high and have been given an understanding that if the eight-hour day were in effect in the building material business, material prices could be substantially reduced."

Clothing Workers Hold Annual Ball Saturday

OAKLAND, Feb. 20.—Local 42 of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, will hold its first annual ball here next Saturday, February 26, at Odd Fellows Hall, 11th and Franklin streets, beginning at 8 p. m.

Kinney Deal May Tap Seattle CIO Wins Poll In Warehouses

Leland Ford Boosts Plan to Solve Amusement Pier Proprietors' Financial Problem at Expense of Los Angeles Taxpayers

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Supervisor Leland F. Ford, Merriam appointee, and corporation representative on the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, is determined to bail the Kinney interests out of insolvency.

San purchase of the Kinney property in Venice to build a "new highway" was first proposed by Leland Ford, he has acted in the role of cheer leader for the Kinney interests at board sessions.

John Ford Explains The whole thing can best be explained in the words of Supervisor John Anson Ford.

"I fear the county would be put in a rather ridiculous position of being proprietor of a somewhat dilapidated amusement enterprise. The Kinney lease expires in 1946. This pertains to all of the beach and ocean bed beneath the pier. Any comprehensive program will require several years to consummate. If a man-made highway northwest and southeast of the pier is feasible from an engineering standpoint, the work should start along these lines first."

"By the time this is finished, the lease would have a short period to go. The City could then acquire its right of way past Kinney fee property without expense. The pier itself being on publicly owned property doubtless could be acquired for a very nominal sum."

In addition to this Anson Ford makes this revelation: "The purchase of the Kinney fee property and taking over the eight-year lease is, after all, a minor phase of this big program. Rough estimates indicate that while the purchase of the pier property will total \$760,000, the whole project will cost \$3,000,000—perhaps, \$4,000,000."

You can't accuse Lee Ford openly of trying to effect a political payoff, even if the Kinney interests are located in his political district, but sometimes it is not hard to make a political heel fit a certain political shoe.

San Jose Youth To Hear Talks on Chinese War

SAN JOSE, Feb. 20.—Described "a very special event," the New Forty Niners, progressive youth club of this city, will sponsor a combined forum, dramatic "television" feature and dance tomorrow (Monday) evening at 39A South Tenth street.

Theme of the night's event will be aid to the Chinese people with Mr. Patrick Pichi Sun speaking for his people and Mr. Edward Shimano telling of the true sentiments of the Japanese people.

The City Council "saved" the taxpayers money when it bought the Times property for more than it was valued by the county appraiser, and the council "saved" more money for the people when it voted to pay \$3500 more for an acre

MINERS OBTAIN HEARING ON 3-YR. LOCKOUT

45 Men Testify to Firm's Open Shop Policies Before NLRB

(Special to the People's World) BISBEE, Ariz., Feb. 20. —Forty-five locked-out Phelps-Dodge miners were jubilant here today over the completion of the National Labor Relations Board hearing in which the case of the miners who had struck against the company in 1935, was placed before Thomas H. Kennedy, NLRB trial examiner.

In the hearing members of Bisbee Local 30, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, made clear that Phelps-Dodge Co. had discriminated against all the 1935 strikers since had been refused reinstatement by the company.

William Day, local president in 1935, testified that Murray Bateman, company employment agent, had informed him on August 21, 1935, that there would be no more work for "you fellows," further interpreted as "you strikers." There were numerous witnesses to this statement, considered as clear proof of discrimination.

Promised Work 300 Years Later All 45 men locked out testified on the discrimination that Bateman had variously told them that, "200 years after the next war, I'll put you to work, and that 'you'll have to get right with your church.'"

Sobpopneaed letters of Mine Superintendent C. H. Henrie to Phelps-Dodge President Louis S. Cates exposed the company's efforts to tamper with the work of the NLRB for the "influential" friends whom it would write to have the NLRB hearing squashed.

Unionists Segregated One letter showed Henrie informed his supervisors before the strike had even been contemplated, that he was transferring all leading union members to the Cole shaft in order to segregate them from the rest of the miners. Then Henrie wrote he was sending eight "dependable" non-union miners into the Cole shaft and that he anticipated this would cause "trouble," Henrie added he expected to fire union miners because of this "trouble" and that a strike would probably follow, as his plan for getting rid of union members.

Weakness of the company case was exposed when it placed Coby Kennetha, company union secretary, on the stand to state that Phelps-Dodge Employees Assn. members would not work with the union men. He claimed his 1048 members would strike against the union men if they were to go back on the job.

Company Union Exposed Trial Examiner Kennedy asked Kenraugh if the organization had a strike fund. Kennetha hurriedly replied there was none and that the organization would not strike against the company for any reason but would strike against the union men. Apparently irritated, Kennedy asked if Kennetha had ever gone to the trouble to find out if the "employees' association" was a legal one.

Others who would not work with the union men included G. G. (Nip) Alexander, Homer (Frog)

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You See It in The People's World

School Strike To Continue If Leaders Go

OAKLAND, Feb. 20.—Continuation of the strike of student leaders at McClymonds High School tomorrow morning was a strong prospect to follow a scheduled meeting of student strike leaders tonight in protest against the expulsion of Student Body President James Barnett and Edward Driskell.

The strike broke out Friday, precipitating an administration-called meeting which for three hours sought unsuccessfully to persuade the striking students to abandon their cause. When the persuasion failed, classes were dismissed at 2:15 p. m.

Principal James A. Hensley accused Barnett and Driskell with sole responsibility for Thursday afternoon's riot wherein Referee Sam Dougherty was given a black eye after McClymonds had lost a basketball game to University High School.

Striking students told the People's World that Dougherty struck Barnett while the latter was protesting one of numerous decisions which they regarded as unfair. James Hager, student yell leader, claimed that school authorities are trying "to make Jimmy the goat."

"We elected Jimmy our president and we're going to keep him," students declared as they held impromptu demonstrations in the courtyard, clamored through school halls and massed in the auditorium.

Brinkman and Heywood Cunningham. All scabbed in 1935 and Cunningham, a gunman, went whimpering to the police when three high school boys took his gun away from him, leaving him defenseless. They said they would not work with union men because on their way to work, union men had called them names like "scab."

A board decision is expected shortly. "Those whose case was heard were: Paul Amaro, Tom Abedine, John P. Foley, Henry Watkins, Wm. D. Graham, John Bowden, George Frazier, Anson Windsor, Wm. Wilderson, Grover Windsor, Monte Kee Pete Carotto, H. G. Montgomery, George Rohrer, Henry Bigelow Clyde Eigelof, Merrill Johnson Alec Kalastro, Richard Johnson Wm. Day, Vernon Curtis, E. A. Curran, Wilford D. Martenson, John Key, Levi Crandall, E. L. Hargus, Joe Durkerson, George Gerhardt, Joe M. Morris, Frank Peterson, Lester F. Bethel, Ben H. Stringer, Wm. Dougherty, P. C. Dave Lytle, Frank Erkila, Martin Vachol, Wm. Sharp, Jess Edge, H. D. Edge, Milton Wynn, Mike Melich, E. M. Scales, Luke Sartich, Leonard Guesz.

SHAW STALLS CONGRESSMEN ON BANNING

Mayor Defers Action in Six-Month-Old Tunnel Strike

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20. —In a vague undetermined reply to the resounding rebuke of 14 California Congressmen, Mayor Frank L. Shaw yesterday again deferred action on the Metropolitan Water District strike.

The congressman recently communicated with the Mayor the considered opinion that the strikers' demands were completely justified, that the Metropolitan Water District has consistently refused to bargain collectively with its employees in defiance of national policy that \$50,000 of public money was used for sheriff's deputies, guns and tear gas in an attempt to break the strike through terror.

Shaw said: "It is my wish to cooperate in any way that will promote the public welfare and obtain substantial justice for all concerned."

Then parroting the position taken by the board of directors of the District, he stated that the tunnel workers do not come within the scope of the National Labor Relations Board because they are "employees of a political subdivision."

With his customary acumen, Shaw "recognizes the desirability of the settlement of this dispute" but he does not commit himself on the request of the congressmen.

The congressman had asked that in view of the fact a large number of the board of directors were appointed by the mayor, he urge them to change their attitude and arbitrate with the men.

Six months ago the Banning desert was the scene of violence and terror when the officials of the District attempted to crush the strike with hired thugs.

The strikers, who have done a heroic job in boring the aqueduct under the toughest conditions any similar project has had to contend with, were forced out on the picket line when District officials refused to arbitrate or negotiate with the men.

People throughout the nation have been aroused by the injustice and violence against the strikers to write letters to Washington and to the Metropolitan Water District, demanding that the men be given their rights.

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TWO SHIPS DISTRESSED IN PACIFIC

Crew of Minesweeper Land Safely On Island

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20. (TP)—The Coast Guard dispatched word today that two ships had met distress in western waters.

Aground near Kanaga Island in the Aleutian group in the far north is the U. S. S. Swallow, a navy mine sweeper. Disabled near the Galapagos Islands is the motor ship Liberty. The Coast Guard said its Seattle office reported today that the Swallow is believed to be a total loss.

The Coast Guard said the Liberty flashed word shortly before 3 a. m. that she had broken down and that she carried a man who suffered a fractured jaw. The coast guard said none of its boats could go to the Liberty's aid but that it was believed the navy would send a plane from the Canal Zone.

Smithsonians Quit Egyptian Solar Station

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (TP)—The Smithsonian Institute has closed its solar observation station on the top of the Holy Mt. St. Katherine in Egypt.

The institution said that the observers had been sent home to the United States partly because the spot is unsuitable for human habitation and partly because enough data on variations in solar heat already had been obtained. The station was established on the Egyptian mountain five years ago. It was set up along with two others in the Western Hemisphere to check on the effect of the variations in heat from the sun on the earth's weather.

Mother-in-Law May Gain Custody of Paul Wright Child

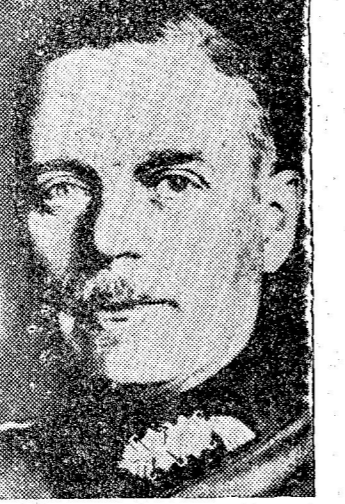
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20. (TP)—Convicted slayer Paul Wright, with only one legal step in the path of his freedom, may face another court session soon. Unofficial sources say Mrs. Edith McBride, mother of the wife Wright killed along with John Kimmel, is planning to institute proceedings to gain custody of the couple's child.

The three and a half year old girl is now living with Wright's brother in Cleveland, unaware of the tragedy in her family. Wright, who will learn Monday whether the lunacy commission finds him sane, said he intends going to the desert for a rest and then east to see little Helen. The former airport executive was convicted of manslaughter and then adjudged temporarily insane at the time of the double shooting. He will be released immediately if ruled sane at present.

Storms Isolate Towns On Japanese Island

TOKIO, Feb. 20. (TP)—Severe snow and rain storms isolated more than 100 towns today in the Northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Six rural mail carriers were buried alive by an avalanche near the town of Fukushima.

Two Cards In Nazi Shuffle



FOLLOWING the Nazi purge of army and party leaders, men closer to Hitler were appointed to key posts. Above are two samples. Dr. Walter Funk (left) was named economics minister and will direct the 4-year plan. Gen. Wilhelm Keitel is technical successor to the purged Marshall von Blomberg.

Catalonia Improves Food Distribution

Observer Describes Situation in Spanish Town as One of Shortage But Not of Famine; Imports Are Necessary

By William Rust
(Special to the People's World)

BARCELONA, Feb. 20.—Today the food situation in Catalonia is definitely improving as a result of energetic measures taken by the authorities, the co-operatives—which embrace 40 per cent of the consumers in this part of Spain—and the workers' organizations. Taking into account that there are over three million refugees in Catalonia, this is little short of marvellous.

Let us make no mistake, however—there is a food shortage in Spain, but not a famine. I emphasize this fact and the significant changes now taking place in the organization of supplies because they represent a success which is second only to the capture of Teruel itself.

Food Needed

Spain certainly needs more food than the outside world, and in the first place milk for the mothers and children. The Government is, of course, importing foodstuffs.

The energetic minister of economics in Catalonia, Juan Comnera, has issued a number of orders which considerably affect the economic life of the country. Most recent of these places all hotels, cafes, restaurants, etc., whether individually or collectively owned, under control of the government.

Tackle Transport Problem

Furthermore, the Government is now working on the biggest economic problem of all, namely, the improvement of transport, under the close direction of the State. The State control of industry—essential if the victory of the army at the front is to be ensured—may conflict with certain theories previously expressed by some workers employed in these industries. But practice has shown that no industry can stand alone, without single direction and co-ordination.

Electrical Union Hearing Assured On PG&E Vote

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—“There is no doubt but that there will be a hearing on our charges against the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,” declared Robert E. Shippey, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union leader, in commenting today on the recommendation for such a hearing by Mrs. Alice M. Rossiter, National Labor Relations Board regional director. “We have been in contact with our national union offices and with the national CIO in Washington which contacted the National Board and assured us that the hearing would be held,” continued Shippey.

Successor to MacDonald Is Voted for 'Commons'

EDINBURGH, Feb. 20. (TP)—Polling will get under way Monday to fill the Scottish Universities seat in the House of Commons, left vacant by the death of former Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald. Elections at the four Scottish universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews and Aberdeen, will be held between Feb. 21 and Feb. 25. The result will be announced on Feb. 23.

2 OFFICES IN ONE STROKE IS G. O. P. AIM

Squeeze Play Is Planned to Push Warren In as Attorney-General

OAKLAND, Feb. 20.—A double squeeze to achieve a grand slam may be attempted in a Republican effort to set up Earl Warren in the state attorney generalship of California, according to reports prevalent in Alameda county political circles.

The plan, which struck alarm in progressive circles and could not be definitely traced, would hinge on an all-round agreement among Republicans whereby incumbent Attorney-General U. S. Webb would find reason to resign his office before the primary election.

Next step would be for Governor Frank F. Merriam to appoint Warren, already an announced candidate, to the office and at the same time name his present chief assistant, Ralph Hoyt, to succeed him as Alameda county district attorney.

Hoyt to Run

In all events it is considered a foregone conclusion here that Hoyt will be a candidate to succeed Warren. Hoyt is well known as Warren's faithful henchman. Trade union publicans raised and got over these big guns of Alameda County labor movement during the notorious “murder trial” of Earl King, Frank Conner and Ernest Ramsay.

On the bench during the trial was a former Warren assistant, Judge Frank Ogden, who sustained every objection which his two former superiors raised and rejected counsel for defense and who concluded the trial by an open plea to the jury for conviction.

At all events, progressives are looking any day now for a series of raids to begin on the vice-dens of Emeryville, long regarded as Earl Warren's “private preserve.”

Designed for Publicity

It is recalled that in the past whenever Warren was in need of publicity he resorted to the use of it through a few raids on gambling and prostitution houses there, which shortly afterward would reopen. They are running full blast now, despite cleanups in other areas.

As Republican national committeeman for California, Warren headed the stooge ticket of Herbert Hoover in the 1936 primaries. He has continually played a leading role in Republican affairs of the state. Nevertheless, aware of the overwhelming preponderance of Democratic voters both in Alameda County and in the state, he made a “non-partisan” gesture on announcing his candidacy for attorney general. He resigned his position in the Republican Party and announced his candidacy in the Democratic, Republican and Progressive primaries.

Another wide-open race is that for the office of state senator from Alameda County following the announcement that incumbent Senator William F. Knowland of the Tribune would not run.

May Run for Congress

It is expected here that Knowland himself will seek bigger game in running for congress, possibly against Democrat John H. Tolan. It is recalled that, for the first time in years, the Knowland machine split with the Mike Kelly machine and opposed Tolan when the latter won the election in 1936. Democrats, however, are out to abolish the Knowland machine and turn the party back into the hands of Democrats into the election of a Democratic regime in the county. The situation is complicated, however, by a struggle between progressive and conservative forces within the Democratic Party itself.

The predominant conservative majority has already been represented by the campaign of W. W. McGonough. Another possibility is that Assemblyman George P. Miller of Alameda, definitely progressive, will make the race.

Mass Meeting Gets Hall on Condition Of "No Politics"

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—Politicians banned politics from entering the city's business today. While unemployment figures soared and thousands earnestly awaited the answer to what the next city administration will do about this burning question, the city council sat in its ivory tower and said “No politics.” The occasion was a request from the Labor Unions Unemployment Relief Committee that the civic auditorium be allowed them for a mass meeting February 24. A promise was exacted from C. W. Coriers, chairman of the Committee, that no candidates be allowed to speak nor that any representatives of candidates be allowed to speak at the mass meeting.

Alaska to Have Biggest Season Since Gold Rush

JUNEA, Alaska, Feb. 20. (TP)—Alaska geared itself today for what is expected to be the biggest mining season in the interior since the historic days of the gold rush. The season gets under way immediately. Mining engineer Irving McLeod added credence to the predictions when he said there were rumors of new developments on a grand scale on the famed Dundee property near Chulitna. In the Cripple Creek area the world's largest dragline excavator is being moved in, while other dredges are to be installed at Caribou Creek and the Circle mining area.

Rep. Scott Warns Congress of Nazi-Rome-Tokio War Alliance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Progressive circles of the capitol today considered with interest a statement made by Rep. Byron N. Scott of California that danger from the Berlin-Rome-Tokio alliance was a number one problem for the House Naval Affairs Committee.

His remarks came immediately after Rep. Hamilton Fish's warning that a bigger navy would be used to “police the world in parallel action” with Great Britain.

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LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Japanese freighter Haruna Maru today sailed the Mediterranean bound for Yokohama but minus the tons of iron and steel for which she had sailed to England. For both London and Middlesbrough dock workers refused to load her in the greatest peace victory won in this country since the munitions ship Jolly George was stopped in 1921 in defense of the young Soviet Union.

Ex Vice-Consul Of U.S. Speaks For Japanese

“Impossible to Identify Aggressor” is Excuse Of Isolationist

BERKELEY, Feb. 20.—The People's World learned today that a former member of the United States Consul Service is being sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco to give talks on “Isolation.” He is a Mr. “Townsend,” formerly vice-consul of Shanghai, and author of many books on the Orient.

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Air Mail Route Favored

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (TP)—Democratic Representative Warren Magnuson of Washington state said this morning that post office department officials had assured him that prospects are bright for securing appropriations for an air mail route between Seattle and Alaska.

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Current of Treachery From Thames to Danube

AUSTRIA is being slaughtered. Her thousand years of independence disappears when Hitler's cabinet takes power in Vienna, and triumphant Nazism proceeds to spread the gospel of the war god of pagan Germany. Concentration camps, jail, torture cell, and executioners' axes will get busy, unless they are stopped quickly.

Now, there is one power that could stop them. France, England and the Soviet Union together could do so easily, and without war. If France and the Soviet Union try it alone, the world war will be on us. That might be a lesser evil than perpetual Nazi conquests, but that is not the question now. The question now is, what will England do?

If it is up to the British Tory government, that government has shown what it will do. It has summoned Dino Grandi, lord, under Benito Mussolini, of Italy's foreign policy, and has demanded of him "Why did you let Hitler conquer Austria?" Fascism's left hand was supposed to hold back Fascism's right hand from the fatal blow!

British Toryism is going to palm this cynical gesture off on the world as its contribution to peace and democracy and the liberty of small nations!

But the thing comes closer to home. Have we no Tories here? Did not we Americans also once fight a war for, among other things, the liberty of small nations? And did we not say we fought "to make the world safe for Democracy?"

Can we now sit back and watch for more? We saw Japanese militarism seize Manchuria, and we protested, but did nothing.

We saw Italian Fascism deliberately and wantonly assault Ethiopia, invade and conquer her, and we did not even forbid Italy to buy scrap steel and oil for her munitions works.

We saw blackshirt Italy and brownshirt Germany combine to wage war on the Spanish republic, and this time we took action, oh, yes, indeed: we forbade the Spanish people to buy arms from us with which to defend themselves.

Now we scowl beautifully at Japan while she sends her armies deep into the heart of China, but we do little more than that.

Is it any wonder that the international gangsters in Rome and Berlin think they can get away with anything? And the British Tories can amuse themselves at our expense.

We ourselves, we Americans, are guilty of the destruction of Austria. And if we don't do something soon, we will pay the price of every short sighted coward, we will be among the next victims.

A heavy responsibility rests on the British people, if they do not want history to smear them with the crimes they let their masters commit. But on us, American people, there is also a responsibility. Let us demand concerted action against the war-mad Fascist powers. Let us really do what the President proposed, let us quarantine the aggressor.

What Price Cooperation?

THE Long Beach Labor News, official organ of the AFL Central Labor Council in Long Beach, has launched a campaign against the Japanese boycott movement by American labor in its issue of February 11.

Taking the silk stocking boycott as its starting point, an illustrated article on Page one quotes "three attractive Vassar College student leaders" as saying they intended to continue wearing silk and that the boycott of silk was foolish, likely to "do more harm than good." The reasons cited are that "it isn't a balanced plan and quite likely it will hurt China more than it will Japan," and that "this country can't isolate countries or products without causing war."

The Vassar students who are leading the boycott movement are not quoted.

But this isn't all. On page four, of the same issue, under a heading, "The Cherry Tree," another article slaps at the boycott by red-baiting and by seeking to imply that it is not so much a labor issue as one sponsored by "the well-to-do and wealthy ladies now getting publicity for their part in the boycott movement."

And what is the counter program? The article states: "The American Federation of Labor proposes to impress this concern upon all America by a great campaign for American union-made products." And therefore, according to the article's reasoning, don't do anything to stop the flood of Japanese products coming into this country, products which are certainly not union-made.

To the knowledge of the People's World, the Long Beach Labor News is the sole AFL paper on the Pacific Coast voicing this campaign, which would give noble service to Japan's militarists invading China and butchering the people of China by sabotaging the boycott.

It might be well to recall that this same paper, edited by one Carl Fletcher, was cited by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee as the recipient of \$250 from the Shell Oil Co. of California in 1934 for "editorial cooperation," along with \$22,000 donated by the same company to the Industrial Assn. of California.

And it might be well to ask: Is Japan paying for "editorial cooperation?"

Still Sabotaging The Labor Board

THE Wagner Act is never safe. The mere fact that it was a major issue in the last elections and was endorsed by the biggest majority any government policy ever got, merely irritates big business. From every side the organized employers are sniping and bushwhacking at the Act, and at its National Labor Relations Board. They are digging pitfalls and throwing stumbling blocks.

Take last week for an example. It began with a series of attacks by senators, state governors and foreign ambassadors on Secretary of Labor Perkins.

It developed further through the meeting of 800 corporation executives in Detroit, where the Wagner Act was assailed as "an invasion of business, like the invasion of Japan into China." It seems corporation executives really resent any law that tells them they can't hire labor spies, form company unions, coerce their employes into yellow dog contracts, and carry on other simple pleasures to which they have become accustomed.

The Copeland Senate Commerce Committee declared it would propose measures for the seamen that would, certainly wreck the Wagner Act from tide water outwards.

And now, the enemy appears in the administration's very midst—Roosevelt's own advisors of his "business advisory council," which to be sure includes Charles R. Hook of the National Association of Manufacturers, propose to "improve" the Wagner Act.

Their suggestions are partly eye-wash, just propaganda. In this category go such propositions as that the act should be amended so as "not to favor either craft or industrial forms of unions." The act doesn't and never has drawn any such distinction.

But along with such propositions as that, go proposals to turn the act against Labor by making it guarantee scabs against any interference or annoyance from the unions. Once such a provision gets in, courts by the score will rule, as they have in the past in the case of city ordinances, that even speaking to a scab on his way to work, or any attempt to win over a non-union man to the union, is a violation of the law.

Likewise the further proposal of the President's very bad advisors to split the NLRB into a fact-finding and an enforcement agency, is a trick to slow it up and wind it round with red tape until it becomes useless to labor.

The press reaction to this guerrilla campaign by big business is interesting. The Hearst press, of course, comes right out against the Act—just as it howled at Secretary Perkins for defending it. The Scripps-Howard Press doesn't want to kill the act—oh, no! Its line, shown by an editorial in the San Francisco News is just to smash the National Labor Relations Board. Without the board, going around and "injuring" employers by certifying unions, etc., the Wagner Act wouldn't bother Scripps-Howard.

The News' attitude towards the Wagner Act is something like that of the "liberal" Czar, Alexander II of Russia. He used to write warrants like this:

"Glory to God, we have no death penalty in our enlightened country. So just give the man ten thousand strikes with the knout and bury him."

A Blind Goddess Or a Bribed One

WHILE rich influential Paul Wright, white flame killer of his wife and friend, went scott free on an insanity plea, an obscure Negro worker who killed two city officers when they were trying to serve him an eviction notice, will undoubtedly go to the lethal chamber.

We are not trying to defend the killing of two innocent men.

But if there ever was a striking illustration of class justice here will be one.

Farley, mad with rage because his home for which he has slaved for years is about to be taken away from him, kills two men.

There will be no Jerry Geisler to stage a sex orgy, no roster of psychiatrists to prove momentary insanity, no jury to find George Farley not guilty.

Justice in our courts is something which is bought and paid for, as any workingman who has appeared before a judge can testify.

Can't Kick Greyhound Boys Around

THE progressive group in the bus drivers' election on western Greyhound lines voted for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and have apparently lost by, some say one, some say seven, votes to those who voted for the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes.

Perhaps they really won, because an election as close as that is always in doubt.

But if the Brotherhood cannot be certified as the bargaining agency, the fact that this solid bloc of men have voted together means that they can stand together, even in the Amalgamated.

Let them not lose hope. They are still a progressive bloc that may at any time win over enough fellow workers to become a majority.

There are many things they can do. They can remind Buck Travis, the Greyhound big boss that he promised to institute a yearly bonus if the Amalgamated won the election. This action by Travis was probably unfair labor practice, but if it succeeded, and the Amalgamated takes over, at least Travis has to pay the price. The progressives can see that he does.

A progressive bloc that is approximately half the union can show by its energy, by its ability to meet each issue as it comes up, by its members' records as good union men—even in a union they didn't want—that they were right. They will be running their own union yet, one way or another.

Of Mice and Men



HISTORIC PARALLEL SEEN IN PEOPLE'S WORLD POLICY

By Harrison George

(Second part of a radio address delivered over KPVD in Los Angeles, Sunday, February 13.)

All of you know that there exists an historical crisis in economy, politics and culture throughout the world, that our own and other nations are in the throes of great social changes.

Menace of Monopolies

THE warning of Lincoln, that the growth of great corporations threatens destruction of our Republic, is seen as a present fact. Whether Ferdinand Lundberg is correct or not in saying that "sixty families" rule and exploit the rest of us Americans, it is beyond question that privately-owned monopoly constitutes, with all of its ramifications, the greatest threat to the democratic institutions of our country, to the economic security of the common people, and to their desire to avoid war.

Upon economic security, the lack of which haunts every toiler of factory or farm there are varying opinions. But one thing is certain, that insecurity which fills our people's faces with constant worry, and our jails and asylums with victims, is unnecessary. It is a complete anachronism, along with unemployment and starvation in this, the richest country on earth.

It is our opinion, and we think that experience has verified it, that the common people can be guaranteed complete and genuine economic security, only when that which is socially used in production, is also socially owned. But we grant that to many this does not appear as the immediate problem, and hence the People's World supports every progressive proposal which tends to improve the living conditions of the people.

For Workers' Security

Many such proposals originate in President Roosevelt's "New Deal," though where he falters or errs, the People's World will not hesitate to say so, likewise the economic security of the workers is bound up closely with the unity of the trade union movement, and those who prevent it will meet with our criticism. Security in old age, regardless of how many dollars per month it needs, is the aim of the Townsend movement; and the People's World will fight to realize that, though we cannot follow Dr. Townsend into the camp of a reaction so reactionary that it opposes any security for anyone, the camp of monopoly that is tinged deeply with fascism.

Lincoln was clearly right when he foretold that corporate wealth would threaten the democratic rights of our people. The LaFollette Committee has proven how deeply democracy is wounded. The same forces of reaction that keep Tom Mooney in prison, though innocent, would, if permitted by lack of unity of the progressive citizens, imprison us all in a fascist regime.

Progressive Unity Needed

THE People's World holds that the unity of the progressives in the coming elections is vitally necessary to unseat the rule of the reactionary Merriam machine that has held California in its grip for 42 years.

The People's World holds that the economic foundations of democracy, now nearly destroyed by monopoly, must be re-established; that the workers must not be enslaved to corporations, that the small farmer must not be crushed between monopoly prices on what he buys and the marketing and banking monopolies which control his product and his credit; that

the small business man be not squeezed into bankruptcy by monopolies on every hand. Democracy must be real and living, for through democracy we must discuss and determine the future.

Peace is a burning question because, like security, it exists only in a relative way. There are already two savage wars going on, hence the question of peace for America is bound up with the question of stopping those wars and preventing their spread to a world scale. As one who paid a rather high price for opposing the last war, I cannot see why, with 90 per cent of the world's people opposed to war, that they cannot get together to restrain the other 10 per cent.

Read and Judge

THE People's World, with millions of Americans, feels that measures of collective security against the fascist war makers are imperative, and need not, should not lead to war as honest isolationists imagine. One bold united front, for example, against war-mad Mussolini by the democratic powers, would bring an internal shake-up within the borders of Italy, that would re-establish de-

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.

We Built a Little Nest

Dear Editor:

As we bent over the cross-cut saw, pulling it back and forth through the green willow tree, the muddy Colorado reflected the blueness of the sky and the brightness of the sun in tiny bright blue patches through the ragged green foliage.

Although the coolness of the muddy river flowed only a few feet from where Dad, my brother and I worked, the heat of the Arizona August was so stifling that we worked only in the early mornings and late afternoons.

The poles which we were cutting were not ordinary poles to be cut up into wood for the kitchen stove. Anyone else would think there was nothing unusual about them but to us they were the building material of our home!

Dad had leased thirty acres of state land and borrowed money from Uncle Sam's Resettlement Administration to begin farming.

Had to Hurry

Since there was no house on the place we found it necessary to build some kind of shelter to live in. As Elson and I needed to begin picking cotton as soon as possible, it was necessary to finish the house as soon as possible; and because we had but little money, it was necessary to build as cheaply as possible and to depend on natural resources largely.

We hauled a load of poles from the low river "bottoms," bought some rusty pieces of tin from a junk yard, begged a stack of boxes from a neighborhood storekeeper and bought a roll of screen and a little canvas from Sears Roebuck & Co. and fifty cents worth of nails. With this assembled material we constructed our house, our little nest.

Dad and I saved the poles into the right lengths while Elson dug

NOT by Steinbeck



COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

An Editorial Of Hearst Under The Microscope



LIKE venereal diseases, William Randolph Hearst is a subject practically taboo in cultured circles. Yet the spirochete is an interesting varmint. Likewise, Hearst.

Suppose we put his canned editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner of February 16, under the microscope and see it wiggle. It calls on President Roosevelt to stop doing what he is doing. Because, says Hearst: "He knows nothing about either industry, labor or agriculture, either through education or experience."

Sadly enough, Hearst was expelled from the college Roosevelt graduated from. And history tells us that Andrew Jackson had "ignoramus" and "illiterate" hurled at him, too, but Old Andy was liked by the people.

That seems to be Hearst's grouch against Roosevelt. Anyhow, from the particular, Hearst's editorial goes to the general. Roosevelt, O, horrors! has been discovered—at this late date—to be "a politician!"

"Politicians do not know industry. Politicians do not know labor. Politicians do not know agriculture. Politicians do not know business. In fact (we are still quoting Hearst), politicians do not know their own business. They are unskilled fumbler—ignorant blunderers."

Most lamentable it is that our forefathers who wrote the Constitution never thought of that. They should have provided a government without any politicians. But they didn't. They provided a government that, with all its faults, called for elections by the people of candidates to office.

This is generally known as democracy. Hearst doesn't frankly say he's against democracy, but he makes a flank on it by attacking "politicians." Well, Hearst tried hard enough to be a politician himself, and did not fail because of lack of ignorance on his part, but from the wisdom of the people. They just wouldn't vote for him.

But he doesn't attack Roosevelt for being a politician. But because Roosevelt is a politician opposed to fascism. Isn't Senator Copeland (like Hearst, rejected by New York voters) also a politician? Hearst has a whole string of politicians whom he praises and pets. But they are reactionary politicians, fascists like himself.

But observe what would be the result of Hearst's ideas if heeded. The Constitution, about which he howls so frequently, would be nullified. Article II of that document outlines the authority and functions of the President. Section 2 of that Article says:

"The President shall be Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy . . . "Tut, tut," says Hearst, "forget the Constitution! Roosevelt is a politician. What does he know about the Army and Navy?"

"He shall have power by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to make treaties. . . ." says the Constitution. "Outrageous!" yells Hearst. "Didn't Washington enjoin against 'foreign entanglements'?" A secret alliance with England! An agreement with Red Russia! Horrible! One man is leading us to war! The Senate? But the senators are politicians, too!"

"He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient," says the Constitution. "He shall do no such thing," howls Hearst. "He's a politician. He knows nothing of industry, labor, agriculture, business, history, chemistry, therapeutics, astronomy, saigle tax, the manufacture of hot dogs or the way I have swindled the investors in Hearst Consolidated Publications."

"And even if he did, Congress has no business listening to him, for all Congressmen are likewise politicians. And politicians, remember, do not even know their own business. Abolish the Constitution! Abolish Congress!"

Come now, Dirty Willie, confess! You would destroy the American form of democratic government. But in its place you would have a fascist dictatorship! Of politicians, too; but fascist politicians.

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

TO ALLAY internal discontent and external suspense Hitler had to come before the Nazi Reichstag Sunday with a "victory" to boast about. The cheapest and easiest one he could obtain was at the expense of Austria. This "dry" anschluss (union of Austria and Germany) nonetheless has bloody portents for the rest of Europe and ultimately the world.

More important than the threat of armed action by German fascism against the tiny Central European state was the fact that Austria had been "sold down the river" by its "protector" Mussolini in connivance with the British Tories.

Mussolini's behind-the-scenes manipulations in the whole sensational business that is changing the map of Europe was so unusual and springs out of such deep motives connected with world events that even the Central European experts were surprised. Between Germany and Italy, fascism in Ethiopia and Spain as well as at home has, however, become so strained that for the sake of the world war prospects, Mussolini was glad to sacrifice his grip over Austria.

As late as Monday, Feb. 14, 1938, such a well-informed correspondent in Vienna as M. W. Podor, writer for the Chicago Daily News, believed that Mussolini would put some obstacles in Hitler's path. "Recently the Italians have given proof that they are seriously worried over Austrian independence," he wrote.

ACTUALLY, the preliminary conversations between Mussolini and the British Tories had provided as point No. 1, that Hitler should get substantial concessions in Austria, if Mussolini was to get any consideration from the British bankers and if the Tory schemes of a four-pack (Germany, Italy, Britain and France) was to have any hope of realization. The British Tories stepped in to help Hitler out of a tight hole.

Hitler's threats to Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria had no sting until it was countervailed by Dictator Mussolini and Premier Neville Chamberlain.

THE sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the Austrian people was expressed in a little-reported event that took place at the first break of the news that Dr. Schuschnigg had bent his knee to Hitler. Workers of the Astro-Flax automobile firm and of the engineering works of Claytong & Shuttleworth in the Viennese industrial district went out on a brief political strike Monday morning.

Shouting "Down with the Nazis," "Schuschnigg is selling Austria to the Nazis," the workers milled around the factory gates. The Schuschnigg police and government-dominated "union" immediately intervened and the strike was broken in a couple of hours, but not until its message had been passed from mouth to mouth to nearly the entire proletariat of Vienna.

JUST what has been done in Austria? Mussolini has paid the highest price for the strengthening of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis. Italian Fascism has agreed to play a lesser role in Europe and the Balkans especially in deference to the acute needs of the German Nazi Reich. Mussolini has definitely decided to face toward the Mediterranean, Africa, the Near East and Spain.

Hitler has not obtained the danger of clashes in Austria. In fact he has increased this possibility. But what he has done of far greater significance is that he has so arranged matters that it is beyond the preadventure of a doubt that the Nazis will conquer if any violent clashes should now take place over the question of anschluss.

Now Der Fuehrer who has received a political shot in the arm can come before the Reichstag jubilantly proclaiming new triumphs of German fascism. There can be no gaining of the concessions he has obtained from his Rome and London allies. But they are only of the most transitory value so far as the inner situation in Germany is concerned. Anschluss will create neither butter nor raw materials. The basic conditions over which Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, economic dictator, quit are stayed than ever. Rising mass discontent in Germany will not be stayed by Hitler's howling over his "glorious conquest" over hapless Austria.

PIONEER.

BEHIND THE SCREEN With Don Blackwell

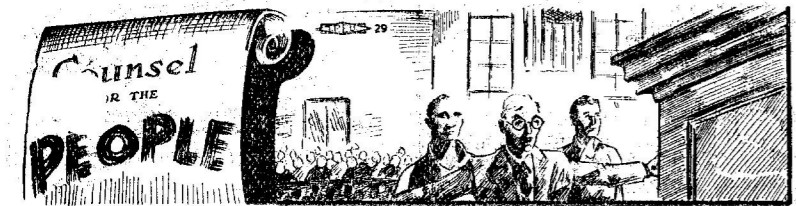
THE MONDAY: Things are so dead at the R-K-O studios that wags are calling the lot "Potter's Field"...

Eight major American film companies have capitulated to the demands of Mexican film workers and have upped wages 50 per cent...

THE STAGE play "The Women" not only has an all female cast, but also a female manager...

The American Gas Association plans to spend one million dollars to advertise its "Mercury No. 1" along with gas appliances...

A billion tickets are bought yearly by British fans... the average weekly attendance being 23,000,000...



"RENTS are going up!"

This is the cry that one hears from all sides. Despite the general business recession, despite the vigorous efforts of large corporations and other reactionary interests to batter wages down, many landlords are increasing the rents of apartments and dwelling houses.

Unfortunately there are few legal rights enjoyed by tenants. The laws governing the land-lord tenant relationship reflect strongly the primary motive of our society; namely, to give the maximum legal protection to private ownership of property.

The tenant whose landlord has raised his rent can obtain some legal assistance however, when the landlord has failed to follow the proper rules of procedure.

The primary rule by which the landlord is governed in raising rent is that he must give legal notice of the increase. This notice must be in writing, and must be served on the tenant who pays rent by the month at least 30 days before the expiration of any month.

Getting Around the Law

SOMETIMES the tenant loses the benefit of this requirement by signing an agreement at the time he first rents the property.

The matter of raising rent sometimes comes up in a different manner. The landlord tells the tenant that he is going to raise the rent, the tenant answers that he cannot possibly afford to pay any higher rent, and then the landlord simply serves a 30 day notice to move out.

Tenants should know that the mere receipt of a 30 day notice is not enough to require them to move out. After this 30 day notice has expired, the landlord is required by law to serve a second notice known as a 3 day notice to quit the premises.

Even when both notices are served by the landlord, this does not mean that the tenant must immediately move. The landlord has no legal right to walk into the rented premises and take over possession.

Court Action Necessary

IT IS important for tenants to remember that until they are actually served with a summons and complaint in a civil suit and a judgment of the court is handed down, they are under no legal compulsion to move out.

The usual civil suit used by the landlord to regain possession is known as an unlawful detainer proceeding. This proceeding is started by the filing of a complaint by the landlord, asking the court to order the tenant to give up possession of the rented premises.

When served with such a complaint, the tenant should immediately consult his union lawyer or some attorney who is a personal friend or acquaintance.

This means, in other words, that the tenant who is ordered to move out, or whose rent is raised by his landlord, can remain in legal possession of the premises for approximately two months after the notice is served on him.

A Letter From Japan

From a Farmer to His Brother in America

DEAR Brother:

It is a long time since I last wrote to you. How are you and your wife and children? I hope things are going well with you.

Times are hard for us here in the village. Almost half a year has passed since the start of the Chinese incident. During this time the farmers have accepted their lot without complaining but many of us are beginning to wonder where it will all end.

The spring cocoon crop was good but we suffered from a shortage of mulberry leaves. The mulberry leaf broker made a lot of money but the farmers who raise cocoons had to pay out all their profits to buy these leaves.

Times Are Bad

IN addition the price of silk has dropped from 2000 to 700 yen. Since the whole industry is controlled by the guild any drop in price affects the farmers as a decrease in the quota assigned to them to raise.

We thought that the rice crop would be good, since we had fine weather for it, but we suffered greatly from insects. During the harvest we had heavy rains which lowered the quality of the rice.

All this wouldn't be so bad if the prices of things we have to buy didn't go up. As you know we must have fertilizer because of our system of single-crop farming.

Rubber boots, buckets, cloth—soon all of these will be out of our reach. We can't even afford to eat sardines, even if they are the cheapest fish that only the very poorest families used to eat.

Even the Rabbits Fail

THE past few years the government has encouraged the farmers to raise rabbits and since the fertility of the incident, we had high hopes that prices would be good. Every household called on all its members, even the children, to gather grass for the rabbits. We all

Music News Published by Progressives

By Beverly Doone

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Some progressive, though anonymous members of the local Musicians Union are fighting reaction within their ranks with the publication of a monthly paper called The Score.

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expected to have some cash at the end of the year from this source. Now, due to the ban on export, and the price-fixing by the government, the price is 50 sen per rabbit less than a year ago.

Many more men have been mobilized from the countryside than from the cities. Morning and evening the village shrine is crowded with worshippers praying for the safety of their loved ones. In the case of the city workers, the officials and companies pay at least a part of the wages if the employee is called to the colors.

The so-called labor service has been held twice already. I too, went to help for half a day. All the soldiers' wife could talk about was the safety of her husband, who is fighting at the front. She kept asking why he should have to go to war. Many of the villagers are beginning to ask the same question.

Just before harvest time, the government commandeered many of our horses. Our villages cannot get along with out work animals since car farming is on rather a large scale. Through the effort of the prefectural agricultural association we bought more horses, but due to the shortage, the prices were 30 to 50 percent higher than in normal times.

I hope that things are better for you than they are for us. I hope to write to you very soon. Please let me know how you are getting on. Regards to Hana and Hayao. (Name not given to prevent it from being written to the author's persecution.—Editor.)

For the sake of the country. We can't do this forever, though.

The Rich Are Benefited

CERTAIN officials of the Patriotic Women's League, which is made up chiefly of women from well-to-do families, told a certain rich farmer that he need not lend out his spare land just because he is short of working hands.

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The WOMAN'S SLANT

By Sue Barry

I WONDER if the smart young man who writes this People's World will mind if I steal his stuff and talk a little about subscriptions to you? Well, here goes, I'm taking a chance on his good nature.

You know, it is the people who read a paper who make it—men, women and children. And you know also that the People's World is YOUR paper, there I go, copying his style!

Of course, you already know this, and that is why you are reading the People's World every day. But do your friends know it? Don't you think that if you are the interested, well-wishing friend you want to be that you should see that your neighbors and the women you come in contact with day after day should be convinced of the importance of reading a paper that is going to help them and their husbands have a clear understanding of what is actually going on in the world, without frills or fabrications?

How Are You Doing?

THERE'S a circulation drive in full swing now, you know. If the People's World is going to be a powerful paper it must have thousands and thousands more readers in the eight states in which it circulates, and it depends on its readers to bring in those subscriptions.

Socially-minded women have a terrific responsibility in improving the world's affairs, for they are closest of all to that most important unit in civilization—the family. There's not a mother breathing who doesn't want to see her children grow up in a better world than the one that now exploits and torments children as soon as they are old enough to grapple with it.

Now that you know about and enjoy reading this paper, won't you take every opportunity to see that your friends have this same advantage? You'll be helping to make a better world, if you convince your friends to read the People's World!

India's Poet Speaks For Japan Ban

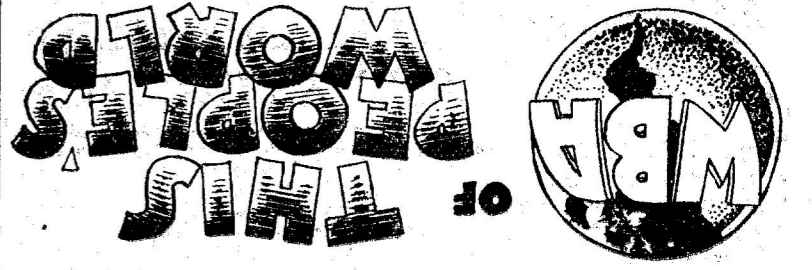
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He sent the following reply, which is quoted in part: "I must refuse to your request. I know that in appealing to me you have reckoned on my high opinion of the Japanese; for I, and all Asia with me, once admired Japan and cherished great hopes that Asia had at last found in Japan the answer to the West; that the new power of Japan would be devoted to safeguarding the civilization of the East against foreign intrusions."

Cruelty Condemned

JAPAN now itself represents an even worse menace to the defenseless peoples of the East... In the earlier days of history countries have been conquered and, viewed broadly, it was not so very inhuman or frightful for a nation full of vitality to step over the crumbling wall erected by the other nation in the days of its victories.

"All this is now changed, and when one nation invades the territory of another today, the wrong it commits does not entirely consist merely of its imperialist ambition, but in the slaughtering of human beings with less discrimination than a pestilence..."



Max Is in Town

MAX BEAGIRE that demon World Builder who has been working the Utah and Nevada districts, blew in to town last week. He is just looking the town over and then will return to his old bailiwick to burn the Drive.

Max looks forward to a bang-up smashing finish for the Utah World Builders in the present Circulation Drive. Good luck to you Max, though you don't need luck, just a good line like the Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD...

With a Hey Nony and a Hotcha Cha... PRISCO's pride and joy, JERRY FEINGOLD, is at it again! That Jerry put the old "Feingold" push into action and has now got one hundred charter subscriptions to his credit.

The Communist Party Rolls Into Action... THE San Francisco district of the Communist Party has officially designated the week of February 21 to Feb. 27 as the Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD week!

Speaking of Joining the WBA... DID YOU? Are you a member of that fast growing, new organization, the World Builders' Association? You all know the requirements... they are very simple.

A Very Very Sad Tale... IT WAS a cold and rainy night. The wind was howling and the raindrops were beating against the windows. Inside the house was warmth, father reading his Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD.

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