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VIGILANTE MOB MAKES THREAT IN CROCKETT

Warning Cross and Note Issued as Warning to CIO Strikers

CROCKETT, Calif., March 18.—The California & Hawaiian Sugar Corp. today had introduced Eastern strikebreaking maneuvers...

Exposition Rumor Irks Lloyd Man

Flustered by Reports Firm Bets Against Fair Opening

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Charles Vornhold, a German with a Scotch accent, the local agent for the British insurance firm of Lloyd's of London is as mildly furious as his position as the wearer of an American white collar permits.

HITLER THREATENS WAR FOR COLONIES!

LOYALIST GUNS DOWN THREE ENEMY PLANES

British Ship Torpedoed Off Spanish Coast - Seen in Flames

BARCELONA, March 18 (TP)—Three Rebel bombing planes were shot down by Loyalist anti-aircraft batteries today during the first raid and one fell in the center of the city when anti-aircraft guns went into action during the second raid.

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BARCELONA, March 18 (TP)—Thousands of frightened civilians fled from Barcelona tonight as Spanish Rebel airplanes rained down bombs on the shattered city.

Very well, we'd say. In fact we'd tell you all about the swell entertainment but that would look like diverting a good start for the DOLLAR A DAY (don't use this or a sample) Prize.

Today Aid for China rings the bell. Perhaps tomorrow it will be YOU. And we've got the DOLLAR for you if your story, or gag, or otherwise will make strong men weep. Sent it to the People's World, YOU TELL ONE Editor, 583 Market Street.

Suspend Whitney Aide NEW YORK, March 18 (TP)—The Richard Whitney and Company member of the New York Curb Exchange, John J. McManus, was suspended for one year today in connection with the failure of the Whitney firm.

'Treasure Island' Work Goes On As Director Backs Down

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—At the eleventh hour, the bluff of Director W. P. Day of the Golden Gate Exposition construction collapsed and he agreed to confer today in his office with a committee from the Pile-drivers union, thus averting postponing a tie-up of all "Treasure Island" work.

Invasion Imminent As Poland Spurns Lithuanian Offer

Crowds Besiege Warsaw Banks In Alarm at War Threat—Powers Seek to Effect Truce

PARIS, March 18 (TP)—The Lithuanian minister to Paris announced that Poland had rejected Lithuania's proposals for settling the disputes between the two countries.

WARSAW, March 18 (TP)—The threat of war between Poland and Lithuania caused a run on Warsaw banks today as thousands rushed to withdraw their funds.

KAUNUS, Lithuania, March 18.—A hurried meeting of the Lithuanian parliament was called for tomorrow to face the imminent threat of invasion by Polish armies.

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French Foreign Minister Paul Boncour had a long conference with Ambassador Surtiz of Russia in Paris. Paul Boncour explained the steps which France has taken to prevent war between the two countries, and asked the Soviet government to undertake similar action at Warsaw and Kaunas.

France and Soviet Russia Seek Peace

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Anglo-French Aid Refused To Lithuania

LONDON, March 18 (TP)—The British and French governments notified the Lithuanian government today that it cannot expect to receive British and French military assistance in the event of war with Poland.

British and France are understood to have agreed to advise the Lithuanian government to begin immediate negotiations directly with Poland to settle the dispute amicably.

Just before the British and French governments acted, the Lithuanian government had rejected part of the Polish ultimatum. A determined effort by the French and British governments is now being made to persuade Lithuania to reconsider the matter before it is too late to avert war.

President Opposes Wage Reductions To Aid Railroads

WASHINGTON, March 18 (TP)—President Roosevelt declared his opposition today to the principle of wage reductions to help the railroads out of their financial jam.

The President said at his news conference that his objection was an off hand judgment, but that he did not believe slashing wages was the answer to the railroad problem.

DEMONSTRATE IN TWO CITIES FOR PEACE

San Francisco and Los Angeles Picket Nazi Consuls Today

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Trade unions and progressive organizations will join in a mass demonstration before the German consulate, 117 West 9th Street, at noon Saturday.

The demonstration is sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy, which is heading the fight against fascism. A delegation will present Consul George Gysling with a formal declaration of protest.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Calling the people of San Francisco to protest against Hitler's and Mussolini's aid to France, and their present offensive against the forces of the Spanish Loyalist Government, the Communist Party today announced arrangements for a complete for tomorrow's picket line at 11 a.m. in front of 220 Sansome St., where the German consulate is located.

All democratic people are duty bound, at this time in particular, to come to the immediate aid of the embattled forces of democracy in Spain," declared Frank Spector, C. P. county secretary.

"Every trade union and every civic organization, as well as individuals, should address at once to the Speakers of the House and the Senate and to President Roosevelt, requests that the embargo be lifted against Loyalist Spain and that the O'Connell Act, calling for an amendment of the Neutrality Act to prohibit shipment of war supplies in any form and credits to aggressor nations, be passed."

OAKLAND, March 18.—A mass picket line of East Bay residents to San Francisco is in prospect tomorrow to join the picketing of the Nazi German consulate against the offensive on Loyalist Spain and in support of President Roosevelt's stand against aggressor nations.

The appeal to join the picket line was issued by B. H. James, East Bay secretary of the American League for Peace and Democracy. He urged East Bay supporters of democracy to mobilize at 779 Valencia Street, San Francisco, at 10:30 a.m., and to go from there to the picket line at 220 Sansome St. from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

At the same time James urged all organizations and individuals to send telegrams, demanding the lifting of the embargo against Loyalist Spain, to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, President Roosevelt, and Congressmen John H. Tolan and Albert Carter of Alameda County.

In support of this program, the League today announced mass meetings to be held in the East Bay as follows: Oakland—Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., at Carpenters' Hall, 761 Twelfth Street.

Berkeley—Friday, March 25, 8 p.m., at 2640 Ashby Street.

Will Los Angeles Fill 'World' Quota?

MARCH the 20th, Sunday, will bring to Los Angeles the opportunity to carry their county into the "Over the Top" position!

Upon these World Builders lies the responsibility to answer the question—Will Los Angeles fill their quota?

The World Builders who will go out on the 20th have the future reputation of Los Angeles in their hands! They, if their turnout is anything like Erico's, should count within a couple of charter subscriptions of going over.

All World Builders, and also their friends not members of this association, can learn where to meet for the "PEOPLE'S WORLD SUNDAY," at the "PW" office, 124 West Sixth St., Room 301.

'Violence Might Be Necessary,' Fuehrer Shouts at Reichstag

Bares Civil War Plan Prior to Armed Seizure of Austria—Announces New Reichstag Elections

BERLIN, March 18.—Fresh from his armed seizure of Austria, Dictator Adolf Hitler today threatened to engulf the entire world in war to regain Germany's colonies.

Speaking before the Reichstag, the Fuehrer declared: "The removal of these injustices (colonial distribution) by violence may be necessary."

In a labored explanation of his seizure of Austria, Hitler revealed that had Schuschnigg's plebiscite gone through, the Austrian Nazis would have declared civil war.

Hitler said that the Schuschnigg plebiscite was unfair and was "framed" against Germany. However, with thousands of Austrian anti-Nazi either in concentration camps or dead through suicide and murder, the Chancellor announced that in conjunction with the Nazi Anschluss plebiscite, there would be new elections for the Reichstag.

Saying he had stretched out his hand to Schuschnigg and that his outstretched hand was repulsed, Hitler added: "I decided then that the plebiscite could not be permitted. It would have resulted in a second German state. I wanted to save Austria—and I did so."

"Schuschnigg probably did not think I would interfere," he continued, "but, now he can thank God that I did. My doing so saved his life and the lives of thousands of Austrians. The plebiscite could not have resulted in anything but a civil war."

Parallel With Spain With callous cynicism, Hitler told the Reichstag he had saved Austria from the fate of Spain. "Bloodshed was imminent," Hitler said. "I did not attempt to describe the actual conditions in Austria because I knew it would not move the hearts of democratic countries. I know those countries were not moved when 500,000 people were killed in Spain."

The Chancellor who had promised to solve German internal straits in four years when he seized power in 1933, today asked for another four-year period to solve the problems facing Germany.

Field Marshal Herman Goering followed Hitler to the rostrum and declared that the German army had not entered Austria as conquerors but as liberators.

Nazi Troops, Warships Await Attack Signal

BERLIN, March 18.—Despite denials of Nazi foreign office spokesmen that Hitler plans to occupy the City of Memel if Poland sends troops into Lithuania, dispatches continued to tell of Nazi preparations for another coup.

The Nazi fleet at Swinemunde, Baltic Sea base, is reported to have steam up, ready for the command to attack.

Von Ribbentrop's aides declared that Hitler was doing his best to bring about a peaceable settlement of the dispute, but a source close to the Chancellery said that the Fuehrer's troops will march into Memel as soon as Poland attacks Kaunas.

A Nazi party spokesman also reported that Col. Joseph Beck, the Polish foreign minister, had given Hitler assurances that Poland would not object to Nazi annexation of the free city of Danzig, which like Memel, was taken from Germany the treaty of Versailles.

CIO Attorney Held Guilty Of Contempt

Court Gags as Judge Schmidt Announces Biased Ruling

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Ignoring conclusive arguments with numerous citations, of Lawrence Bellenson and Judge Lester Roth, defense counsels, Schmidt, although admitting the integrity of and cordial relations with Katz in the past, made the decision finding Katz guilty.

An audible gasp from many lawyers sitting in the courtroom, followed the ruling.

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YOU TELL ONE

HURRAY, First Prizes Please 9 pt. This is no gag but very good thank you. So DOLLAR comes to your hospitable door.

"Please if you are liking Suti-Yaki dinner coming 2961 Clay Streetee Sunday Evening—March 20—6 o'clock Hon. James Wada Are Cooking Genuine PRO-CHINESE Suti Yaki Plenty Saki!"

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A CHILD'S Garden of Worse 9 pt. A is for ANSCHLUS. That seems to accord. The right of small nations To die by the sword.

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Business Agent J. T. Wagner, and members.

Communist Pickets Protest Against High Milk Prices

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—A picket line will be thrown around the Borden Dairy Company plant at 1325 Potrero, Monday morning, March 21, at 10:30, it was announced today by the Election Campaign Committee of the San Francisco County Communist Party.

The pickets will carry placards protesting against any rise in the price of milk. The picket line will be the beginning of a campaign to lower the price of milk to the consumer to 10 cents and raise the price paid to the farmers by the big milk companies, according to the Election Campaign Committee.

Waited 11 Weeks for Job Insurance Check And Not a Cent Yet

Long Lines Wait and Wait at Employment Service Office to No Avail - Impending State Layoffs to Aggravate Inefficiency

By Tom Patterson

OAKLAND, March 18.—"I've been coming here for workers' compensation for the past eleven weeks and haven't got a single check yet."

This oft-repeated story is due to be told even oftener in the long line outside the California State Employment Service after April 1 when approximately 50 per cent of its working force will be laid off.

Miss Lucille Martinez, 2251 Washington Ave., San Leandro, did not know of the impending layoff of employees when she made this remark to the People's World. She did not know that all "temporary" employees throughout the state will be ready to join the same waiting lines after April 1. But the employees have been told of it and the estimate is that it will mean a 50 per cent personnel reduction throughout the state as well as in Oakland.

It is estimated by well-informed people connected with the social services here that even on a state-wide scale, the coming layoff of "temporary" employees will cut the Employment Service personnel 50 per cent.

Waiting 4 Hours

Miss Martinez said she had been waiting from 8 a.m. it was noon then. This long a wait is not customary, according to information in the hands of the People's World. But delayed checks, discrimination and mistakes resulting in under-sized checks, are common and oft-repeated.

"I've been out of work only four weeks," said Paul Hubertz. He had been approached at random by the World as he waited in line.

"Some of these guys have been coming here three times as long as I. And you ought to hear them talk about how they haven't got a cent yet. I don't see how the poor devils get along. After four weeks it's more than I can manage."

Missed 12 Checks

Frank Cross Jr. told the World he had been waiting since Jan. 1 when he lost his work. "That makes some 12 checks I should have received. Not one of them has been delivered yet. I've been borrowing from friends. Most of them are railroaders like me and have been off also. And they aren't getting their checks either."

Cross over-estimated the number of checks he could have received under the law. But longer delays than his have been frequent. Mrs. Kathryn Bangs, head of the Oakland office, has been repeatedly out of reach to the People's World and the only official explanation of the mountain of complaints has been something like this: "There are bound to be delays with so many people to serve. I can't tell you anything about delays or hold-ups of checks. Mrs. Bangs might be able to tell you."

The Lowdown

Here is some definite information given to the People's World by informants who are in a position to know. Mrs. Bangs' comment will be welcomed.

1—After extended delay in previous paychecks, employees did not receive their checks on schedule March 15.

2—Many workers slated for layoff were told that they would be given permanent employment when they went to work. A number of them left permanent jobs to go to the employment service. Others, assuming their positions would be permanent as promised, failed to take civil service exams and the list from which they were hired is now expired. When the new list is prepared, they will not even be eligible for re-hiring.

3—It is a common occurrence for compensation checks to be delayed three weeks. Less common, but frequent, are delays of six weeks. The office routine does not provide a means of investigation on delayed checks, although it does provide for investigation in case the amount or the extent of the waiting period is in dispute.

Jimcrowism Practiced

4—Negro people are subject to deliberate Jimcrow discrimination as a matter of policy. Negro professionals and white collar workers are not allowed to register for their classification. Negro women are allowed to register only as domestics or for industrial employment, Negro men only for industrial employment.

At least 50 per cent of the compensation cases are not getting the full amount to which they are entitled, either because of failure of large-scale employers to turn in funds for compensation employment, or because of their misplacement in Sacramento. Automobile companies, including the Ford Plant, and department stores are the main offenders.

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Police said today that the anti-Vargas conspiracy was nationwide and that arrests were being made in all the large centers in the country.

'JOKER CLAUSE' WOULD AID S. P. IN BRIDGE DEAL

Attorney Says Clauses Drawn by McAuliffe, Not by RFC

By John Bromman

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—You've heard of "joker clauses." They're the old stand-by of shyster lawyers, including corporation lawyers.

And they're what Florence M. McAuliffe, attorney for the Toll Bridge Authority, has written into the proposed financing of the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge through the Reconstruction Finance Corp.—two clauses which can only benefit the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Referred to by McAuliffe as the "RFC Formula" on tolls for the bridge, these proposed restrictions on reducing tolls will not apply to the Southern Pacific ferry franchises are purchased by the TBA for \$3,750,000, under a third "joker" clause which is to be inserted in the refinancing agreement.

4 Millions Reserve

The two "joker clauses" provide that (1) a four million dollar reserve must be accumulated (by 1941), or (2) traffic for the preceding 12 months multiplied by the toll as reduced must equal the amount of the charge plus 20 per cent.

If East Bay civic and progressive leaders had not gotten busy and stirred up a storm of protest you would not be hearing about these "jokers" now—they would be history and the "Espee" would have its boodle.

"McAuliffe says tolls can't be reduced from 50 cents until 1942, unless the franchises are purchased," declared John C. Stirrat, attorney for the League to Fight the Ferry Franchises.

Ready to Fight

"I say, we'll pay 50 cents for tolls until hell freezes over before we allow the public to be cheated by the Southern Pacific. The \$3,750,000, if not spent for the franchise, could be used in redeeming bonds. The total cost to the public is not only \$3,750,000, but with 4 per cent interest rates, will amount to \$17,255,000 over 38 years."

"I am trying to exert pressure in Washington to the effect that the RFC strike these 'joker clauses' from the refinancing agreement," Stirrat said.

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Banker Will Profit

How Banker Herbert Fleishacker of San Francisco, ally of the gigantic Rockefeller Interests in the Pacific Golden Gate National Bank of New York, will profit through the Bay Bridge swindle, was also exposed by Stirrat.

The Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd., is the ferry operating company, explained Stirrat. All the Pacific Golden Gate Co. and the latter's stock is owned 50 per cent by the "public" (Herbert Fleishacker and about seven other wealthy individuals).

Again Fleishacker also has a "piece" of the Southern Pacific Railroad, it is reported.

Profit

Stirrat fired the claim of McAuliffe that the private brokers would not handle Bridge bonds, pointing to an Associated Press story under a February 21 date line, to the effect that Brown, Harriman & Co. and Dillon, Read & Co. were taking \$40,000,000 to \$45,000,000 worth of bonds at 4 1/2 per cent maturing in 1968, now held by the RFC. This story stated that the Bridge bonds would be used as collateral for a new series of bonds, maturing serially, at a lower rate of interest (possibly 3 per cent), which would give them a neat profit.

400 New Members Join L. A. League for Peace

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Over 400 Los Angeles citizens have joined the American League for Peace and Democracy within the last four months, Angellina De Florio, membership director announced today.

Prominent among those listed in this movement for the protection of American democracy are: Rabbi Jacob Cohen; Dr. Geyer, President of the Los Angeles local of the American Federation of Teachers; A. L. Wirin, labor lawyer; Leo Gallagher, noted attorney, and Assemblyman Ellis Patterson.

The local drive to expand the League is part of a national campaign to secure 50,000 new individual members," Miss De Florio said. "The results to date place the city of Los Angeles second only to New York," she added.

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She Called It Home for 15 Years

Now Poor Widow Has to Leave Because HOLC Foreclosed

SAN PEDRO, March 18.—Mrs. Louise Papes, 1140 22nd Street, today had to move from the little frame house she had bought in 1923 and lived in for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Papes is a widow whose sole income is an old age pension and she couldn't make ends meet and save her home at the same time. In August, 1936, she mortgaged the house to the Home Owners Loan Corporation and today the HOLC had foreclosed on her.

Had it not been for the valiant fight waged by the Workers Alliance, Mrs. Papes would have had to clear out last Tuesday when she hadn't found a place to go. An Alliance committee, headed by Helen Musso, blocked deputy marshals from evicting her then.

The house was placarded by the Alliance with signs announcing the eviction of the poor widow from her home.

Mrs. Papes is another example of the callous disregard of poor homeowners which made possible the George Farley tragedy, where a grief-crazed Negro shot two deputy marshals who came to evict him.

U. S. Awards Job for 80 Farm Homes

Plans Low Rent Houses in Riverside and Kern Counties

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—Federal construction of another low rental farm will soon be under way, according to H. P. Hallstein, sector engineer of construction, today.

The houses will be occupied by migrant families now in nearby tent shelters.

The contract was awarded last week to the Los Angeles construction firm of Eser Wilkholm, on a bid of \$140,000.

Homes Allocated

Forty similar homes will be built near Shafter, Kern county, and forty near Indio in Riverside county. The tracts adjoin migratory labor camps.

Twenty similar homes have been built near Arvin, Kern county, and are rented to farm families at \$9.20 per month. These are adobe but the new construction will be of wood.

Admittedly one of an "experiment" because of the small number of homes established in comparison to the many thousands of families needing such housing, the new settlements are located where there are crops to be harvested a considerable part of the year.

With each home will go approximately one acre of land where the family can grow part of their food supply.

Part of Camp Project

The farm labor homes form a part of the Farm Security Administration's California Migratory Camps Project.

The Administration is tackling the enormous problem of instability of rural life which is most serious in California and Arizona but is also marked in Oregon and Washington.

In California at present a good part of the quarter million farm workers are forced to surge up and down across the state "following the crops." This chaotic migration weighs heavily not only on the farm workers but the small farm owners who are the mainstays of the rural communities. Low wages paid migrants by large growers, permit these growers to market produce at prices that are ruinous to the "family" farmer who must compete with his own labor.

Japan Aim at Hankow for Chiang Overthrow

TOKIO, March 18. (TP)—Major-General Yasunuke Satoh declared today that the Japanese armies in China must push on to Hankow to overthrow the government of General Chiang Kai-Shek.

Gen. Satoh said, in an article in the Nichi Nichi Shinbun, that the campaigns in North and Central China must be pressed with the utmost vigor to clear the way for an early drive on the temporary Chinese capital.

The Japanese officer said that Chiang's government must be destroyed before the Japanese controlled provisional governments in North and Central China can function to restore peace and order in China.

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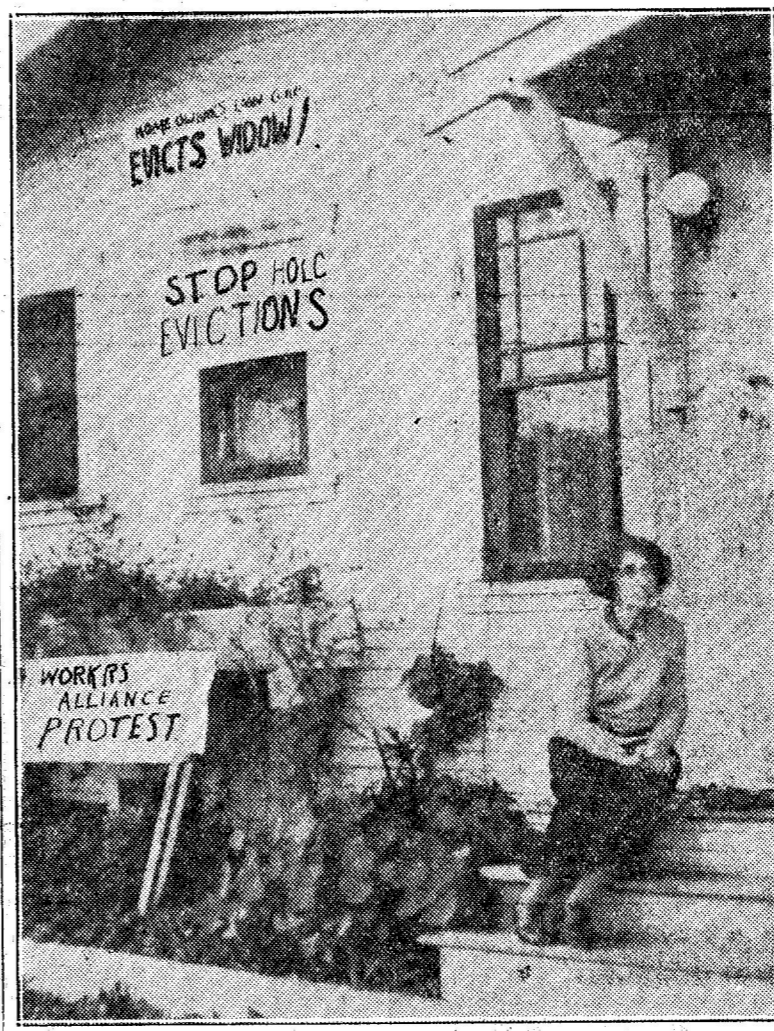
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Be It Ever So Humble



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Jobless Women Wait As Pomeroy Haggles

SRA 'Dictator' Delays Opening of Sewing Projects Though State Granted Huge Sum for Continuance

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Although the State Relief Administration has already been allotted \$400,000 by the legislature to take care of all the dismissed sewing project women, "Dictator" Harold Pomeroy, SRA director, is still hemming and hawing and the women are still out of jobs.

Authorities Hide Swindle By L. A. Broker

Launch Search for Man Indicted in \$200,000 Wheat Pool Steal

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—It was revealed today that publication of an indictment of Willard Brunson, former Los Angeles broker, on 20 counts of grand theft by the 1937 Grand Jury, had been suppressed for almost a year.

Brunson was indicted as a result of his swindling more than \$100,000 from Angelenos in a fake wheat pool concocted and run by him last year.

Authorities announced that a new search for the missing broker has been launched.

For the first time it came out that the 1937 jury had heard a number of Brunson's victims and had charged him with the 20 counts, but Brunson in the meantime left the city shortly before the indictment was announced and has been a fugitive ever since.

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Alliance to Fight

SRA and WPA heads held a conference yesterday and after it was all over they still had not made up their minds on how many of the thousands of women they laid off would be rehired.

There has not even been an assurance from them that all of the women will be rehired.

Workers Alliance leaders indicated that they will push the fight for immediate announcement of rehiring of all the workers dismissed by Pomeroy a month ago.

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SCAB HERDERS HAGGLE OVER \$900 MONEY

Fight Over Paying for Gassing and Clubbing Salinas Strikers

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Over a hundred people beaten and gassed in the Salinas strike, hundreds of workers forced back to work under the miserable peon conditions and wages paid by the Growers and Shippers, will be edified to know that two detective agencies are now haggling over the thousands of dollars paid them for fink guards to break the strike.

It was proven in court today that eye-witnesses draw fine distinctions in depravity. Even to the man who sells guards to break strikers heads and gas their wives and children, a scab is a lower form of animal. "I have never supplied finks (meaning scabs) and I never will," said Glen Bodell of the Bodell Detective Agency in Judge Lewis Howell's court today.

White haired, scabrous-faced Val O'Toole, plaintiff in the case seeking an accounting from Bodell for the three month period in which they were partners, leered at this reporter and pointed to a clipping from the New York Times in front of him.

A Man of Honor
The clipping was a quotation from the LaFollette Committee report defining the terms used by strikebreaking agencies.

It defined a guard which Bodell said he furnished, as "a man engaged to guard during a strike."
"He thinks he's not a strike-breaker because he don't supply scabs," whispered O'Toole. "At least I don't kid myself. I know what I am and what I do."

O'Toole and Bodell became partners August, 1930. Bodell said O'Toole had come to him claiming to have three other agencies.

Big Business!
Bodell reports their conversation at that time:

"Val said to me, 'I saw a lot of your friends, the captains back in San Francisco. They thought we might get together. I've arranged to handle the Shell Oil. I asked him if Shell was going to have a strike and he said yes.'"

"He talked to me about the kind of money I had never even dreamed of."

"So they signed a contract to cover their industrial business which has to do with handling labor matters in California."

"All net profits arising from the industrial business herein referred to either as a result of furnishing guards, watchmen, patrolmen, or help is necessary in labor difficulties or where labor disturbances may occur," were to be divided.

O'Toole was to get 50 per cent of Bodell's office. Bodell was to receive 15 per cent of O'Toole's ventures.

Couple's Swell Guys
But the partnership didn't go so well and in September Bodell dissolved O'Toole into the office and collected the agreement.

Bodell says he called it off because he learned through investigation that O'Toole had lied about his three offices and about the Shell agreement.

Also because as he says he told O'Toole:

"I don't care to be associated with you any longer because I don't want to go into the labor racket. I don't want to go into the business of supplying finks."

O'Toole, says Bodell replied, "Well that's where the money is."

O'Toole, however, has another version which was brought out through Attorney Adolph Alexander's questioning of Bodell.

Plot Thickens
O'Toole claims that Bodell said he didn't want to handle scabs because his wife's uncle is Senator Boynton of San Francisco and it would embarrass the Senator.

Bodell admitted he had been paid for the Salinas job both by the Growers and Shippers and the police department of Salinas.

O'Toole is principally interested in obtaining an accounting of how much he received during that strike and getting his share of the booty.

The Glen Bodell Agency handles most of the Merchant and Manufacturers' dirty work. It supplied strike-breakers in the Furniture strike, in the Pacific Freight Line strike, in the Manning strike and others.

"Every newspaper in town knew the strike was coming up, but not a single paper had a reporter in the courtroom except the People's World."

Reactionaries On UCLA Campus Ban Meeting for Peace

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—U.C.L.A. too is feeling Reaction's influence. A student council actor refused to sponsor an April 27 peace meeting and rejected "Bruin" editor, Norman Borisoff's proposal to set up a student body peace council.

Demanding a poll on student peace opinion and peace action, a petition, hit the campus this week sponsored by the United Student Peace Committee, bent on overthrowing a council decision.

Moscow's Millions Open Their Hearts To Returning Heroes of the Arctic

Soviet-U. S. Flyers Hail North Pole Expedition

By Sender Garlin (P. W. Moscow Correspondent)

MOSCOW, March 18 (By Cable)—Moscow's millions yesterday gave an affectionate welcome to the four brave and gifted men who risked their lives or the drifting ice of their North Pole Scientific Station where they lived for months to enrich the world's knowledge.

Though they arrived in this, the capital city of their country, on a cloudy day with a leaden sky overhead and a fine drizzle of rain falling, Ivan Papanin, Peter Shirshov, Ernst Krenkel and Eugene Fedorov came home today and found virtually the entire population out on the streets, waiting to greet them.

An hour before their special train from Leningrad rolled into the October station, at least half a million men, women and children filled every corner of the huge Komsomolskaya Square which faces the station.

2 Million Line Streets
At least 2,000,000 others lined the streets of the city.

Huge photographs of the returning heroes hung from the buildings of half a dozen railroad stations which converge on the famous square.

Pushing through the vast crowd, which filled the square, I managed to make my way to the platform of the station a short time before the arrival of the conquering heroes of science and exploration.

Among the excited people grouped on the platform I recognized the Peoples Commissar of Foreign Affairs Maxim Litvinov, State Prosecutor Andrei Vyshinsky and Marshal Budenny, the great cavalry general.

There were also the heroes of the Soviet Union: the pilots who rescued the crew of the steamer Cheluskhin when it was wrecked on a voyage through the Arctic in the interests of science. The title "Heroes of the Soviet Union" was awarded them for this feat. Among the "Heroes" present were V. Ghkharov and G. Baidukov, the first to fly over the North Pole from Moscow to the United States. There were also Mikhail Gromov and Sergei Danilov, part of the crew of the second plane to fly from Moscow over the North Pole, landing at San Jacinto, California, and establishing a non-stop distance flight record that still stands.

Heroes Greet Heroes
With them was the "Hero" M. V. Vodyanov, the pilot who landed the scientists on the North Pole ice floe from which they started their long drift last March.

Rousing cheers filled the station as the North Pole Heroes, radiating health, alighted from the train. They were all in spruce dark gray uniforms of the Northern Searoute Administration.

They walked under the red silk banner of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which but a few months ago fluttered over the grimy North Pole station.

For its grandeur and beauty, this sight was without parallel. This meeting of Papanin and his friends with their own people.

Applause Greets Appearance
After embracing their relatives and close friends among the Soviet flyers, the "Papanites" were escorted to an improvised platform on the square outside the station as they passed through the station's high, sustained "Oo-oo-oo-RAH!" of several hundred pecked troops of the Moscow Garrison filled the air.

A thunder of applause rose as the "Papanites" made their appearance on the street.

Brief speeches were made by Professor Otto Schmidt and by Papanin.

Schmidt Speaks
Schmidt, who resembles a prophet of Old, was dressed in a trim leather jacket and wore the hat of the map of the Northern Searoute Administration of which he is chief.

"The conquest of the North Pole was long an old dream of mankind," said Schmidt, "but only a land which has abolished exploitation of man by man has given the people an opportunity for the widest creative activity can accomplish what the 'Papanites' have done.

"The deeds of the 'Papanites' are a magnificent example of courage.

"Such types are possible only in the Socialist epoch."

Papanin, expressing his joy at being home, paid tribute to the Communist Party and the Soviet government for their solicitude towards him and his comrades throughout the whole expedition.

Refers to Trials
In a reference to the recent Moscow trial of the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites," Papanin declared:

"The Soviet people know how to deal with traitors and murderers."

Another burst of applause swept over the square when Papanin praised the work of the Peoples Commissariat of Internal Affairs, headed by Nikolai Yeshov, in uncovering the Soviet Union's "Fifth Column."

Received by Stalin
After the meeting in the square, the returning Heroes of the Arctic, wading through a torrent of flowers thrown at their feet, seated themselves in waiting automobiles and were driven to the Kremmlin to a reception with Stalin and other leaders of their Party and their government.

Heroes Welcome Heroes in Moscow



HERE are the four men whom Moscow welcomed yesterday. Photo shows them on the Arctic ice floe where they conducted their scientific research. (Left to right) E. T. Krinkel, Ivaa Papanin, leader of the party, E. K. Fedorov, and P. P. Shirshov.



AMONG the 2,500,000 persons who welcomed the four Soviet Arctic explorers to Moscow yesterday were the above flyers, heroes in their own right, who made the first Moscow-to-U. S. flight over the North Pole. The photo was taken when they landed on American soil. (Left to right) Alexander Bellakov, Valeria Chkalov and George Baidukov.

Black Legion Active in L.A.? Mob Beats Man in Sex Case

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Shades of the Black Legion! Vigilantes yesterday broke into the home of E. R. Warner, 65, of 1110 1/2 West Edgeware Road, and beat him up so ruthlessly that he is in the General Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, possible concussion, and lacerations of the face.

Warner allegedly has abused three little girls. Their mothers spread the story around the neighborhood and the assault was the result.

According to Capt. E. B. Mortenson, of the crime prevention bureau of the police department, three mothers came to him and told him sordid stories which their daughters had recounted.

He instructed the mothers to return so that he could assist them in their case, but in the meantime the assault by unknown men occurred.

Five counts of violations of sections 288 and 288-A of the penal codes were charged against the suspect.

There has been no attempt to investigate who the assailants were. It is doubtful if any attempt will be made.

It has been rumored that a similar organization to that of the Black Legion has been quietly organized here.

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SUPERVISORS USE FLOOD TO SABOTAGE WPA

Cripple Projects on the Protext of Meeting Emergency

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—With the cry of "helping the flood sufferers," the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors launched a vicious attack on local WPA projects yesterday.

Chief Engineer William J. Fox cancelled all authorizations for the start of new cooperative work relief projects of the county and the WPA.

He also ordered that no going projects be carried beyond the point absolutely necessary for their suspension with safety and without damage to the public interests.

This action released \$100,000 of the money that the supervisors had earmarked for matching with Federal aid funds on the WPA projects.

All this was done with the excuse that it was an emergency measure to release every possible dollar for immediate rehabilitation activity for the damage caused by the recent floods.

To lend credence to the "emergency," Los Angeles County and its municipalities sent in bids for "maximum" shares in the funds to be spent by the state for storm and flood rehabilitation.

The application, forwarded to Gov. Frank F. Merriam, placed the storm damage of the county at \$15,000,000. This figure did not include damage to private property or the state highway system.

Drops In Bucket
It is obvious that the funds taken from the WPA are or drops in the bucket, and can be of little help in repairing the flood damage. Yet, the supervisors are using this opportunity to divert funds away from the WPA, where they are absolutely needed today to support men and women over the present unemployment crisis, and using them where they will do little or no good.

There were several other developments in the flood relief problem.

A assistance to ex-service men whose homes were wrecked by the flood was begun by the California Veterans' Welfare Board.

Veterans whose homes were acquired by the state agency and were damaged by the flood were asked to report to the Veterans' Welfare Board, whose offices are in the State Building in Los Angeles, John R. Quinn, board chairman, announced.

Flood Victims Meet
A mass meeting of San Fernando Valley flood victims was called by Mrs. Paul Guerin, president of the North Hollywood Civic League, to meet tonight at the Lankershim School to discuss flood control and to form a citizens' committee.

At a county wide conference of officials yesterday in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Building, Mayor Theodore W. Ryan, United States Army district engineering director, urged early construction of the proposed Hansen, Van Nuys, Santa Fe, and Whittier retaining basins.

He said that much damage to San Fernando Valley would have been prevented had the Hansen and Van Nuys dams been erected before the flood.

The Red Cross pressed its \$300,000 fund campaign, pointing out that it is the only agency which can provide permanent rehabilitation aid to private people.

Aided Rescue



CAPT. V. VORONIN, COMMANDER of the Yermak, one of the two Soviet icebreakers which was sent to rescue the four members of the Soviet's North Pole party.

LEAGUE ASKS JOINT ACTION FOR SECURITY

Prominent Persons Give Approval to Program for Peace

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—A nation-wide campaign to crystallize a American opinion favoring cooperation with other nations desiring peace is starting, under the auspices of the American League for Peace and Democracy, according to word received today from New York headquarters by the local offices of the League.

The League's program is in line with the policy announced by President Roosevelt in his famous speech given in Chicago in October, in which he called for a world quarantine on aggressor nations as the only adequate means of preserving peace.

Opening gun in the campaign designed to expose the disaster to the world threatened by America's present isolationist policy, was a statement signed by prominent educators, editors, trade union leaders, legislators, churchmen, artists and actors.

Insufficient Pressure
According to the statement Germany, Italy and Japan are taking advantage of our isolationism "to go ahead with their plans of imperial conquest, unopposed by any strong moral opposition or real economic pressure."

The League for Peace and Democracy states its belief "that by moral pressure and by economic measures these fascist aggressors can be stopped and world peace maintained."

Some of the prominent west coast endorsers of the statement are Reid Robinson, President International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO; Frances Farmer, cinema actress; Upton Sinclair, Editor, Winter; Donald Ogden Stewart, Congressman Byron Scott and Harold J. Prichett, President of International Woodworkers of America, CIO.

Well-Known Names
Other leaders of American thought who signed are: William Carlos Williams, A. F. Whitney, President Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Joseph Obergefell, Secretary, Brewery Workers Intl. Union AFL; Morris Muster, President, United Furniture Workers of America, CIO; Muriel Draper; Rev. C. Everett Wagner, Union Methodist Episcopal Church; H. V. Kellenborn, Wanga Gag, Stuart Davis, Kyle Crichton, Lewis Mumford, Paul Strand, Clarence Hathaway, Yasue Kuryoshi, and Congressman John T. Bernard.

Representatives of 15 local anti-fascist organizations met hastily after the cable was received and drafted messages to Premier Negri, Rassemblement Populaire Francais, and to Clement Richard Attlee, British Labor Party.

A wire was also sent to President Roosevelt, requesting that he head the move to repeal the Neutrality Act and aid a friendly democratic government.

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POTATO-PANCAKE PARTY, 863 Waller St., apt. 4 Sun., March 20, 6 p.m. Good program arranged. Admission free. Proceeds Progressive Political Action.

GRAND OPENING San Francisco Forum, Sunday, March 20, 8 p.m. Guest speaker, Mily Benné. Questions, discussion, musical program. IWO Center, 135 Valencia St. Admission 25c. Public invited.

CAMPAIGN PROLOGUE, Keep March 20, 8 p.m., 21 Height St. Admission: 40c. With ad 30c.

Oakland
WOMEN'S DAY, March 20th, Jenny Lind Hall, 2225 Telegraph, 7 p.m. Speakers: Anita Whitney, Subject: "Women's Road to Peace and Security." Refreshments, entertainment.

Los Angeles
Progressive Forum—"Labor's United Front in Calif." Don Healy, March 20, 8 p.m. Room 209, 224 S. Spring St. Adm. 50c.

Get-together meeting International Labor Defense, 121 1/2 So. Broadway, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m. Miller K. Hinds, Labor Attorney, "Organized Labor and its Benefits." John Gibbs, "My Observations While Touring the Soviet Union." Admission Free.

First of a Series of Film Showings: "Thunder Over Mexico," Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m., Industrial Section 546 1-2 S. Spring. Admission 25c. Dancing and Refreshments.

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Carry Out Hull's Words In Deeds!

THIS paper, and, we believe all those who—like Upton Sinclair—have thought through the problem of maintaining peace for America, will applaud and approve the major thesis of Secretary Hull's speech on our foreign policy. Succinctly, it is:

"Prudence and common sense dictate that, where this and other nations have common interests and common objectives, we should not hesitate to exchange information and to confer with the Governments of such other nations, and, in dealing with the problems confronting each alike, to proceed along parallel lines—this government retaining at all times its independence of judgment and freedom of action."

Any other viewpoint, the isolationist viewpoint, is a result of the prejudices growing out of the disillusionment of the past World War, and of failure to recognize that the world situation of today bears no relation to that of the World War. If following those prejudices would insure peace for America, there would be sense in isolation. But it does no such thing and, in fact, is impossible from every factual angle.

Hence, though we differ with some subordinate assertions of Secretary Hull's speech, on this main point we feel that it should receive endorsement of all who wish to avoid the horrors of war for our own and other peoples. It is a re-statement of President Roosevelt's Chicago speech, given more significance because, as Hull stated:

"The events of the past week offer a tragic demonstration of how quickly the contagious scourge of treaty-breaking and armed violence spreads from one region to another."

Hull's speech was doubly important, because—as it was given, the death-planes of Mussolini and Hitler were murdering 1,200 civilians with high explosives at Barcelona.

And it was triply important because, at that very moment, the pro-fascist policy of Premier Chamberlain was cracking in the face of rising anger of the British people—to whom Hull's words, though diplomatically phrased, should constitute a call to oust the fascist Tories and install a cabinet that would "proceed on parallel lines" with America, France, and the Soviet Union, to "quarantine" the aggressors, whose "strength" is strong only because nobody opposes it.

With full justification of correct analysis, Hull characterized the "triumph of the isolationist viewpoint as inescapably carrying the whole world back to the conditions of medieval chaos, conditions toward which some parts of both the eastern and western worlds are already moving."

But, we must emphasize that statement and re-statement of a good policy are not enough. There should be initiative to carry through the policy, a call to the peace-desiring nations and peoples to act in restraint of fascist aggression, passage of the O'Connell resolution on the Neutrality Law and the Scott resolution to embargo Japan and the fascist powers. We urge you to say that to all Congressmen.

Whose "Voice" Is This?

THERE was a man named Fred Beal. We say "was", because in the language of Labor he ceased to be a man and became a "rat"—in particular one of Hearst's "rats".

This Beal was made prominent by a charge of murder against him because while he was one of a strike committee in Gastonia, North Carolina, in 1929, he was accused of murder. The strikers repulsed a lynch gang with their shotguns and killed a sheriff going so.

Beal was certainly innocent; he was hiding under a bed while the Southern strikers defended their lives. But through their courage he became famous, and when after being sentenced, he escaped to Russia, they gave him refuge there. But they wanted him to work in a mill and earn his living, and Beal, full of egotism, refused.

So he sold himself to Hearst, as many another person has done, and began to sign his name to all sorts of most outrageous lies written for him by professional Hearst red-baiters and published first in Hearst newspapers and afterwards in a book. He slandered and defiled and stabbed in the back the Russian workers who had given him refuge when he was in danger, given him food when he was hungry, made him welcome as a brother and asked only that he work at his trade and not be a parasite.

Beal sold himself to Hearst and came back to America and lived on his dirty money. He lived quite freely and openly and nobody bothered him. Then, he and Hearst had a falling-out—they say that even thieves fall out—and he was promptly arrested and taken back to North Carolina to serve out his sentence.

We ask you, Brother Workers, does a man like that deserve to be defended? Does the labor movement have to save its rats when they catch themselves in their own traps?

The New York Post, a newspaper whose policies are largely dictated by a certain Mr. Trotsky who acquired some fame lately when his stoges confessed in Moscow, tried to turn

all this to account in its own way, and published an editorial lambasting the labor movement and especially the Communists for not rushing to save Beal!

Ridiculous as it may seem, the Post argued that "democracy" and "civil liberties" require people, and especially the Communists, to defend this man, their mortal enemy, a provocateur, hired by Hearst's money!

Ridiculous as that is, we can understand it. The Post is an enemy paper of all workers, and Red-baiting is one way of splitting the workers, and Fred Beal was a handy tool for Red-baiters.

But what we cannot understand is why does the Voice of the Federation, a paper we have learned to respect, and that has done good work for the Labor movement, suddenly publish this red-baiting Post editorial, suddenly come to the rescue of Mr. Hearst's rat? Is there nothing happening on the waterfrofts of the Pacific Coast, that this drivle over a rat should get the "Voice's" one and only editorial? What of San Pedro?

Can it be that the editor of the "Voice" doesn't see what is back of the Post campaign? Or what is back of Beal?

We do not want to believe that the "Voice" has joined the chorus of red-baiters, the chorus of those who want to deport Harry Bridges, the chorus of the Associated Farmers and the Waterfront Employers Association!

We don't believe it. But let the "Voice" speak again and tell us what happened.

The Independent Retail Grocer

REPRESENTING nearly 6000 useful members of California society (and we don't mean the so-called "blue-bloods"), the state board of the California Retail Grocers & Merchants Assn. recently concluded a three-day conference in San Francisco.

The state board spoke for the independent grocer in your neighborhood, the man you exchange friendly words with on politics and the weather, when you go to replenish the family larder. He is your friend and you recognize it the moment you walk in the door.

You can't get friendly with the vast aggregations of capital which operate in the chain-stores, sucking the profits from the people of California away back to Wall Street. You can't shake hands with a corporation.

But the independent grocer is different. You can tell that from one outstanding resolution adopted by his state board this week, condemning the Desmond Milk Control Act as a method of raising milk prices for the general public. Further, the board operating under this act took away a half-cent per quart from the small merchants in Alameda County.

This resolution showed that the independent grocers have the welfare of the common people at heart; that they have a common interest in opposing the monopoly milk interests who secured adoption of the Desmond Act at the last session of the legislature.

Unfortunately, the state board mistakenly adopted one position which works to the detriment of the independent grocers' friends, the workers, and also to themselves, by supporting the recent lockout of the Bay Area warehousemen by the chain stores operating the warehouses.

They injured the workers by withholding their support from the warehousemen's Union at a time when the wealthy employers were seeking to crush the union and had seized the Hagstrom Grocery Co. situation as "justification" for their plot.

And they injured themselves because the locked-out warehousemen, the workers generally, are their best customers. The independent merchant has a very direct interest in the preservation and strengthening of organized labor. Union wage scales mean that union members will have more money to spend on their families' food. Only the chain stores, the monopoly interests have an interest in smashing the unions.

The independent merchants are oppressed in countless ways, by the unfair tactics of monopoly chain stores, by the million and one license fees they must pay when the big corporations are dodging taxes in every possible way their high-priced lawyers can devise. Taxes on these corporations and a higher income tax rate on BIG incomes would relieve them from these multitude of taxes.

This is another point on which organized labor and the independent merchants can agree—a campaign to tax the wealthy corporations and all those who can afford to pay, and to repeal the license taxes on the small merchants and also the California sales tax, which is no friend of either the independent merchant or the worker.

In a few months the California Retail Grocers & Merchants Assn. will have a convention at Del Monte. It is more than probable that at this convention, the delegates will develop a sharper recognition of who their friends and who their enemies are, than at any previous convention of this organization. Speak to your grocer about this.

Deadly "Neutrality"

ON WEDNESDAY, March 9, twenty thousand American-made aerial bombs left the Atlantic Coast for Europe.

They were shipped on the Nazi freighter "Kettlerwald."

They were—supposedly—bound "for Bremen, Germany."

But who is so simple-minded as not to know that these 20,000 airplane bombs are going to fascist Spain! That these 20,000 deadly bombs will be used to blast the homes of the Spanish people, to tear their babies to bloody fragments of flesh, to mangle the mothers and massacre the aged!

And this, heaven help us, is "neutrality." Fascism prepares to attack our country. And each day shows anew that there is only one road to peace—collective security. Each day makes it more necessary that President Roosevelt really carry out his Chicago speech and really quarantine the fascist aggressors.

Anschluss

By Ellis



TREASON AT HOME

By Upton Sinclair

Some time ago I published a statement headed "Organize the World," in which I expressed the opinion that there can never be peace in modern society until the democratic and peace-minded nations get together and enforce law and order. They have not taken my advice, as you know; and today the world confronts the blackest outlook which I can recall.

Today Hitler and Mussolini have each won another tremendous triumph, adding to their prestige and their power to make trouble. Hitler is engaged in swallowing Austria, exactly after the fashion of an anaconda with its prey, and Mussolini has forced the proud old British lion to lie down on its belly and lick his boots. I recall the remark of a friend of mine who has lived in most of the countries of Europe and thought he knew the world situation intimately. The remark was made a year or so ago, when the British fleet sailed into the Mediterranean to awe Mussolini. "Britain never bluffs," said my friend. That is what the world believed only a year ago; but now Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese militarists are all firmly convinced that Britain does not dare to bluff.

Reason for Change

An amazing change in the color of world politics. If you want to understand it I suggest that you look up in your public library the February issue of the magazine "Current History" and read the article on the "Cliveden set." Cliveden is the home of Lord and Lady Astor. In case you are not up on the gossip of the British peerage, I mention that Lord Astor is the son of an American millionaire who thought this country was not good enough for him and went over to England and bought a title. He married a Virginia woman who got herself elected to parliament and has won much publicity by her sharp tongue. A year or so ago the British ruling classes sent her to New York to slander Ex-King Edward and his intended American wife.

One of the funniest things I ever heard over the radio was Nancy Astor, so shocked by the dreadful things that she had to impart to the American people that she lowered her voice to a whisper—over the radio! Wallis Warfield, who aspired to become Queen of England, was a divorced woman! To appreciate the full humor of it, you have to know that Nancy also was a divorced woman.

All that is just gossip of no great importance. But what Nancy and her lord are doing just now is of the most vital and desperate importance to the democracies of the whole world. They are devoting their prestige and enormous fortune to the task of winning the British government away from the alliance with France, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union, and persuading it to make a truce with Hitler, and permit Hitler to swallow first Austria and then Czechoslovakia, and then to seize the oil of Roumania, as preparation for an attack upon the Soviet Union and the seizing of the Ukraine.

Secret Japanese Deal

The Astors' country home, known as "Cliveden," has become the headquarters of this intrigue. Their ownership of the London "Times" with its great traditions enables them to dominate the thinking of the British ruling classes. Joined with them are press-lords who own most of the British newspapers; and the success of their intrigue explains the recent retirement of Eden as foreign minister, and the putting in of their man, Lord Hal-

fax, whom they sent to Germany to make the deal with Hitler.

In this morning's papers comes the report of a secret deal with Japan, whereby Britain recognizes Japan's conquest of North China in return for being left alone in Hongkong and Southern China. That will mean that the democratic government of the Chinese people will suddenly find itself unable to get any more credit or to buy any more arms. The government of China is now a "Red" government, and Hitler, Mussolini and Araki have formed an Anti-Communist International; meaning that when they have swallowed up China and a bit of Europe, they are going to gang-up on Russia.

A part of the new policy of the British deal with Fascism is a truce with Mussolini in the Mediterranean. His conquest of Abyssinia is to be recognized, and he is going to be allowed to send more troops and munitions to slaughter the democratic people of Spain. When he gets through with that, he will be ready to grab Egypt, and Palestine, and the Suez Canal, as he is plainly preparing to do. The traitors to England who now hold the reins of the British government are willing to take a chance on that, rather than to see the workers get power in Spain and in China, and rather than run any chance of finding themselves in a war on the same side with the Soviet Union!

Traitors in U. S.

In every capitalist nation of the world today these traitors to their own country hold power or are trying to gain it. The big financiers of France are eager to make a deal with Fascism just as the British Tories have done. In fact, the more aggressive of them have their own "Cliveden set", and are financing their own organizations with colored shirts and Fascist salutes, and machine guns and poison gas for the purpose of overthrowing the people's front in France, and bringing that country in line to save capitalism throughout the world.

You can see the same things right here in the United States. All you have to do is mark the persons who are raging at the "Reds"—and mean by "Reds" anybody who threatens the domination of big business in the United States. We too have our "Cliveden set", and they are all ready to follow the British empire into any sort of deal against the only kind of democracy which has any sort of meaning in the United States today; the democracy of labor organization, the people's front of workers and farmers against our system of wholesale greed and graft.

Anti-Red Pacifists

Just now a great number of these anti-Red people have turned "pacifists." They are against everything that President Roosevelt wants to do, and they suspect that he may put us on the side of labor and democracy in foreign affairs as he is trying to do at home. So we have the funny spectacle of my old debating antagonist, Congressman Hamilton Fish, coming before a congressional committee to oppose the naval expansion bill, and the Washington correspondent of the "New Republic" finding something to praise in Hamilton Fish, "Red"-baiter!

Of course a part of this is just the fact that Congressman Fish is now among the "outs" and thereby is compelled to oppose everything that the "ins" are doing. Imagine if you can, the pain it would cause that great patriot and aristocrat if the wheel of chance should bring it about that he had voted for bail-deships and airplanes which were being used in alliance with the

armies of the Soviet Union to defeat the big business gentlemen of Germany, Italy and Japan in their efforts to preserve the profit system in their own country and in others!

Progressives Must Face These Facts

Some of our liberal and progressive friends are going to have to revise their thinking on world affairs, it seems to me. We hate war and we want peace, and have been told that the way to have peace is to prepare for peace and not for war. That sounds plausible, and we take it to mean that we can shut ourselves off from the rest of the world and its troubles. But unless I am mistaken, we are going to be forced to face the facts about the present world situation which is loose in our world today; we are going to have to realize that we cannot live in the world with gangster governments such as those which have been set up in Italy, Germany and Japan.

It does not mean by this that it is our duty to rush into the next world war. We made a mess of the last one—and solely for the reason that our people were so ignorant about the realities of capitalism, both at home and abroad. Of course we do not want to bolster up the "Cliveden set" in England, nor the bankers and munitions magnates of France; we want more than we want to help the Girdlers and the Fords, the Hoovers and the Ham Fishes, to hold the power they have in our own country.

Labor and Farmers Must Unite

What we have to do is to study and think. We have to understand the profit system as it is, all over the world, and to build up the labor and farmers' movements at home, and place them in alliance with similar forces abroad, so that we may be prepared to aid the real people's front when it shows itself in opposition to Fascism. It is folly to think that we can stand alone in this modern world of bombing planes and poison gas.

If we permit Germany to grab Central Europe, and Italy the Mediterranean, and Japan to take over the coal and iron of China and raise a new generation of Chinese peasants as slaves and conscript soldiers, we shall some day find ourselves standing with our backs to the wall, exactly as the British empire and France are doing today. And at the same time we will find the control of our own affairs—not merely our jobs but all our sources of information—in the hands of our own "Cliveden set"; that is to say, money-masters who would rather see Fascism dominate our country than see us fight successfully on behalf of a people's front of organized workers and farmers.

Traitors to Democracy

If you want to begin educating yourselves, I suggest that you try to find out why it is that for nearly two years now those in control in Washington have denied to the democratically elected people's government of Spain the right to purchase arms to defend itself against aristocratic traitors at home and hired assassins abroad. I believe I am correct in saying that never before in modern history has this right to purchase arms been denied to a legitimate government having cash in its hands; and I think that the denial constitutes the blackest crime in American diplomatic history. Have we traitors to democracy in our state department and our senate? Or what is the answer?—From the Epic News.

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

"More Lunatics

Needed," Says

L. A. Editor



WHAT the world needs is more and loonier lunatics. Such is the general idea expressed by an editorial, signed by "B.C.," in the Los Angeles Evening News.

The exact heading was: "The World Needs More d'Annunzios." And the editorial itself is one long paean of praise to the criminally insane. Apparently, the numerous capitalist editors who, looking upon world events, ask: "Is the whole world going mad?"—are striving manfully to keep in step with the world.

Of all people to depict to the youth of Los Angeles as a model for them to emulate, d'Annunzio is the one picked out by Manchester Boddy's awful sheet. Mr. Boddy himself affects the recluse pose of the famed Nut of Italy, hiding off in the hills and running his paper by remote control, though at that, it is probably better that way.

But if the Los Angeles Evening News thirsts "more d'Annunzios," it can find plenty of them at the Na... Insane Asylum.

Fascism is the lodestar of lunatics, hence it is no wonder that d'Annunzio, a poetic exhalation of the pitiful feudal remnants within an Italian capitalism which itself is in a state of decay, could make another dangerous lunatic, Mussolini, his hero, invent for him the title "Il Duce" and madly applaud his crimes.

D'Annunzio's poetry, if it can be called that, is a bad and windy imitation of Baudelaire, whose "Flowers of Evil," decadent as they were, were at least flowers. While d'Annunzio's "poetry" is evil without flowers, with the repeated and repulsive theme of incestuous murder throughout, betraying psychopathology rather than poetry.

Shooting around in this venter of rottenness, the Los Angeles Evening News picks d'Annunzio as someone to emulate. "The world needs more d'Annunzios," it says. And adds the ultimate in silly comment by the line: "His love affairs, particularly his famous romance with Eleonora Duse, were the vicarious joy of every honest Italian." The dishonest Italians, of course, enjoy no vicarious adultery.

Any of the self-proclaimed "Napoleons" in the insane asylum might have done as well as d'Annunzio, had they gilded their mania in grand poses of a feudal lord, and bloodied their daggers in the name of imperial booty, as d'Annunzio did in seizing Fiume in a system where sanity and honesty is doomed to obscurity, hard labor and hunger, a premium is placed on lust, lunacy and loot.

Certainly, it is a sign of the decadence of American capitalism, when those who excel in these "virtues" are held up as models by American newspapers. If it affected only themselves, could shrug our shoulders. But this kind of lunacy is anti-social, fascist.

The obituary of d'Annunzio published by the N. Y. Times lends a comic light to the peculiar method by which d'Annunzio became an "ardent" fascist. "Almost on the eve of Mussolini's seizure of power in October, 1922," it says, "d'Annunzio was seriously injured by a fall from the window of his villa, and was unconscious for weeks. When he recovered, he was a strong supporter of fascism."

Unfortunately, fascism does not have to rely upon all its recruits falling out of windows. One of Mayor Hague's friends tried it recently in Washington, D. C., and came out a corpse. But it is recommended to the editorial writer on the Los Angeles Evening News, who thinks the world "needs more d'Annunzios."

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

THE ominous situation in Spain fully explains Mussolini's tacit acquiescence to Hitler's seizure of Austria, a payment to Rome for Italian Fascism's toleration of German troops at the Brenner Pass was not merely vague consideration of strengthening the Rome-Berlin axis. The grease for the faster turning of the axis as it grinds away at world peace was a German promise and fulfillment of wholesale Nazi intervention against democratic Spain.

In short, with the consent of Chamberlain, two German armies marched, one en masse in full public view into Austria, the other, highly specialized with more machines, airplanes, tanks and artillery, than men, quietly sneaked into Spain shielded by the smoke-screen of Tory silence.

Since the purge of the German army, which took place primarily over the next war step of Hitler and the consequences of Spanish invasion, German planes have been flocking to Franco in the dead of night.

Mussolini, employing his "negotiations" with his diplomatic suiter, Chamberlain, as a convenient excuse and as valuable camouflage, rushed between 10,000 and 20,000 more regular Italian troops to assist Franco in his three-pronged drive into Aragon.

THE AMERICAN capitalist press correspondents relay the ghastly story. Entire sections of the German air force with a formidable armada of bombers and pursuit planes, plus a new invasion of the Italian fascist army, are conducting the offensive against Loyalist Spain.

Hitler has pledged nearly his entire air fleet to Mussolini, with Chamberlain doing the diplomatic dirty work—in an effort to conquer Spain as bait for Italian Fascism over the loss of its interests in Austria.

As Robert Minor in his cable dispatches to the Daily Worker from Barcelona declares, the Loyalist government regards the situation as grave but is neither panicky nor overwhelmed by the unprecedented offensive it is facing. The People's Army does not retreat before the attacks of the fascist infantry, which seems never to come face to face with the Loyalists, but it is a case of human flesh with insufficient arms giving way to the mightiest machines of death. However, as the new attempted salient by the fascists grows narrower, the going becomes harder for Franco and his powerful allies.

THE Loyalist lines, attacked by the combined air fleets of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, and the reinforced armies of the Rome-Berlin axis, as well as the hordes massed by Franco, hold with a heroism that is as inspiring as was the Loyalist offensive at Teruel. They gave way slowly only to the impact of tremendously superior steel, air bombs, artillery and explosives.

The very power and material expended in the new drive shows it must try to succeed soon or it cannot be long continued. To slow it up sufficiently is to halt it. This is no easy task, as a cursory reading even of the reports of what the Loyalist face proves.

The crimes of the democratic powers against Spain are now exhibiting themselves in their cumulative effect as Hitler by his seizure of Austria threatens the world in Central Europe, and together with Mussolini, attacks world peace in Spain and the Mediterranean.

Many of those bombs dropping from Italian and German planes on the intrepid defenders of Spanish democracy come from the United States through shipments to Germany and Italy.

But the Neutrality Act, which Norman Thomas and his ilk would have applied to China, too, still prevents the most elementary means of defense from going to democratic Spain.

The original advantage won for Franco, Mussolini and Hitler from the willing Tories through the scandalous non-intervention committee is now having its further fruition, along with Austrian events, in the most dastardly intervention against the Spanish people when they had proved they were forging an army which could handle the combined forces of Franco and his foreign fascist allies before the fascist alliance—an ink new and world-shaking drive against international peace.

The fascist dictators are taking full advantage of the armistice they have created over Austria, hoping to blind people to events in Spain.

Our answer must be in the campaign of protest against the rape of Austria to raise the alarm over Spain and answer, the murder of Austrian independence by the greatest drive ever seen for aid to Spain and to break down the fascist-aiding barriers to shipment of American means of defense to the Loyalists.

RUPPERT, DI MAGGIO STAR IN UP-TO-DATE BIBLICAL ROMANCE

By LEFTY

ONE WOULD HARDLY think that a citizen as busy as Colonel Jacob Ruppert, the benign suds-brewer and owner of the New York Yankees, would have a great deal of spare time in which to read the Bible, but recent events have led LEFTY to the suspicion that that's the case.

Surely Colonel Jacob's moral fervor over Joseph Di Maggio's waywardness in not signing his 1938 contract has a familiar ring.

But, if your memory isn't quite up to snuff during these dull days, LEFTY, that old spurce-up-of-memories will jog it and explain the Colonel's fatherly warnings to young Joseph.

"Now Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat of many colors."

THIS is a cinch—nobody denies that Col. Jake is getting a little old, and the "coat of many colors" is plainly Joe's Yankee uniform.

And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him."

Recall Col. Jake's words: "Joe is very unfair to his team-mates, to say the least."

"And Joseph said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?"

Di Maggio: "Gehrig got \$20,000 didn't he? I'm worth just as much or more than anybody on the team."

THEN the tale goes on to relate how Joseph wandered into a far country—Egypt, in the Bible's case, but undoubtedly California in the modern instance.

And when Jacob's sons returned to their father and slipped him the idea that Joseph was lost, "Joseph rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted."

And shortly after Joseph had departed the house of Colonel Jacob, seven lean years fell upon that worthy man; in which time the Yankees could neither hit, nor run, nor draw in the accustomed number of well-lined observers.

But finally when Joseph returned unto Jacob's house there was great rejoicing, and the observers flocked to Jacob's stadium and paid out many gold ducats and other valuables to see Joseph perform.

And as Jacob said: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall."

And all of Jacob's other progeny, even including Gehrig and Rolfe and Crossett and Gordon and Gomez and Ruffing and Selkirk and Dickey and others too numerous to name flocked about Joseph when he had returned from Egypt (read California) and wished him well.

And Jacob's house prospered and drew in great riches; and Joseph was contented and regularly slapped home runs into the left field bleachers.

A PAIR OF STURDY yeomen of the mat will meet next Tuesday night when Bronco Nagurski, grunts, groans, and tears the hair of Ivan (Gorilla Man) Rasputin for the theoretical world's heavyweight wrestling belt.

LEFTY says "theoretical" advisedly, for like the physicists' electronic particle, nobody has even been able to lay his eyes on the belt.

It hops around with a speed that would put Glenn Cunningham or a Mexican jumping bean to shame.

There was a day when it was rumored that Jimmy Londs held it. Before anyone could ask Monsieur Londs to confirm this rumor it was apparent that he no longer possessed it.

REPORTS filtering in from the East credited Franco

SOCCER NOTES

By ELGAR

LOS ANGELES, March 18.—Workers resume their struggle for League supremacy next Sunday at Griffith Park when they tangle with the Bari Club in the one o'clock game.

Workers lost out to Hollywood last Sunday in the California Cup ties by a score of 6 to 1, but the play throughout the whole ninety minutes was much closer than the score indicated.

The IWO team, depleted as it was of the regulars that had carried it to the top of the heap, nevertheless gave a fine account of themselves, the replacements putting up a spirited battle.

If Bari Club is under the impression that the Workers will be set-up in their forthcoming engagement then the young Italians are due for a rough awakening.

Horace Sims, Workers manager, has been putting in long hours in building the team back to its one-time strength and indications are that the men selected for the fracas are well able to uphold the high standard established in early season.

TRACK COACHES LASH HYPOCRISY IN GOOD WILL TOKIO OLYMPICS

Templeton, Hamilton Attack "Politics" in Cairo Confab Decision

"At best, the Olympics is one of the world's most hypocritical shows . . . a travesty on international good will," declared Dink Templeton, famed Stanford track coach yesterday.

"With most of the European and Far East countries already at war or preparing for war, the Olympics is a subject of great unimportance," he said in a scathing attack on the recent international Olympic Games Committee meeting.

"But why lose any sleep about it?" concluded the disgraced Mr. Templeton. "There will be NO Olympics."

"For months I have had a feeling that the 1940 Olympics would never materialize—and now I'm quite positive of it."

HAMILTON HIKED

Brutus Hamilton, track coach at the University of California was equally perturbed about the 1940 Tokyo Olympics when approached at the matter.

"I am deeply perturbed," he

TOKIO, March 18.—Japan's newspapers today declared editorially that the support of Avery Brundage and other members of the American delegation to the International Olympic Games Committee meeting in Cairo was the decisive factor in confirming Tokyo as the site of the 1940 Olympic Games.

Editorials declared Brundage's stand was "new evidence of American friendship."

declared, "by the fact that the Olympics are being used as a political football."

"The attitude of the Fascists in this case defeats the purpose of the Games. The Olympics should be above all political party . . . they Fascists, Nazis, Democrats or Republicans."

"The Olympics can be jeopardized only by two things, professionalism and politics . . . and it appears that politics governed the meeting in Cairo," Hamilton charged.

Hamilton likewise expressed strong displeasure at the shift of the Games date to October, pointing out that this would prohibit the entrance of most American collegiate athletes.

"The conflict in the dates of the Olympics and that of American college classes is not insurmountable," he admitted, "but the manner in which that change was steam-rolled through is reprehensible."

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CIO Bowlers At Petaluma Tomorrow

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The San Francisco warehousemen's bowling team will make its first trip of the season on Sunday when it travels up to Petaluma for a match with the CIO Petaluma warehousemen.

Manager Fred Flynn announced the team which would make the trip, as follows: Flynn, Haroz, Fenna, Tony Lopez, "Private" Pozzi, and Nogues.

This is the same team which won a close play-off contest against the Owl Drug Company last Tuesday night.

(Complete results of the match in Tuesday's People's World.)

Vitt Gets His 'Bad Boy' Back Again

NEW ORLEANS, March 18 (CP)—The "Pecks Bad Boy" of baseball, Catcher Rottie Hemley, returned to the training camp of the Cleveland Indians today and promised to behave.

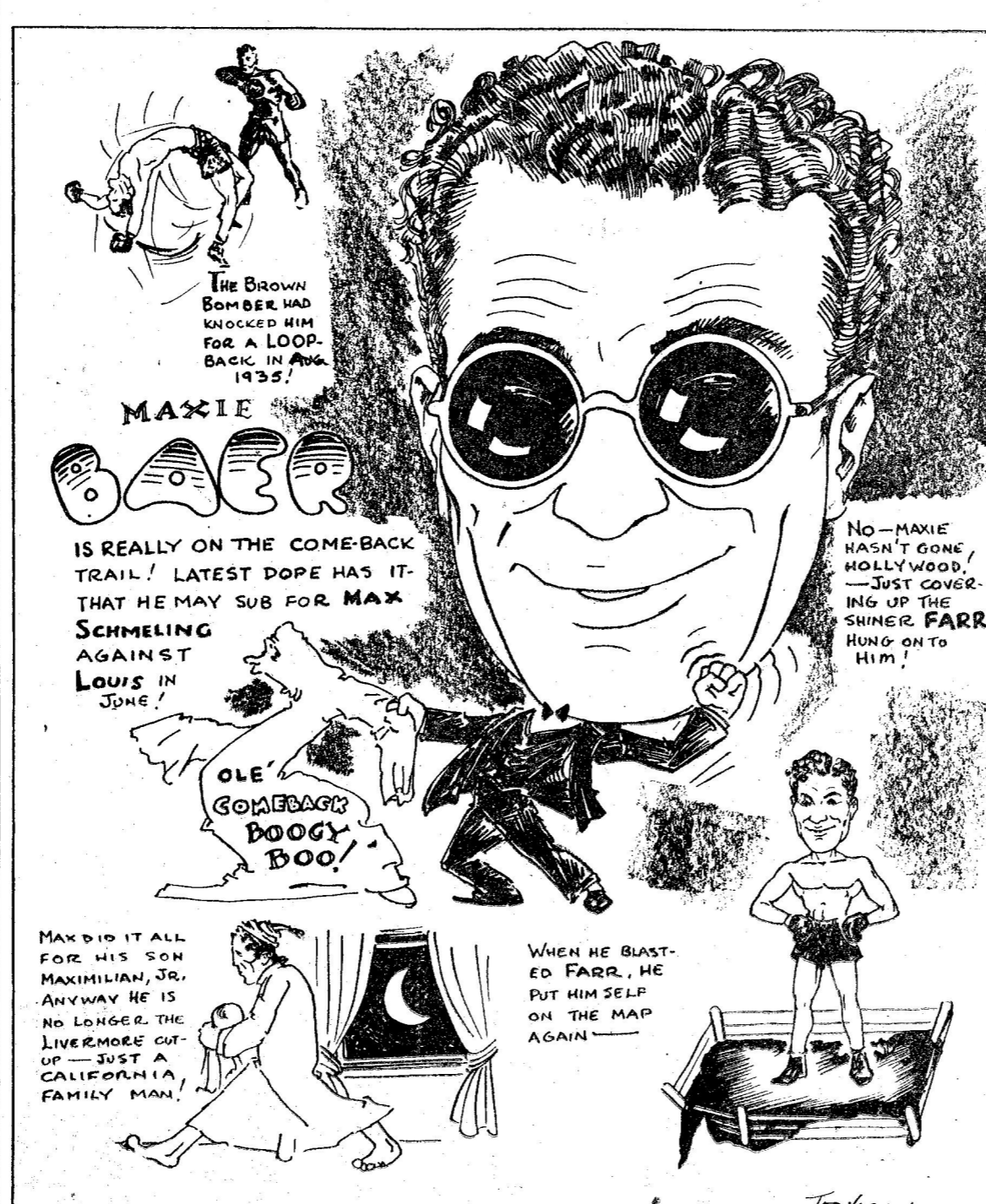
Hemley had been suspended by Manager Oscar Vitt for breaking training rules. The disciplinary action followed by one month Hemley's transfer from the St. Louis Browns to the Indians. Hemley had several squabbles with the St. Louis management because of similar infractions of the rules.

Hemley told Manager Vitt today that he was sorry he violated the club's training regulations. He promised the new Cleveland pilot that he would train earnestly and be in good condition for the start of the season next month.

ILWU Soft Ballers in Practice Game Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The San Francisco warehousemen's softball team will meet the Owl Drug Company sluggers in a practice game Monday night. Manager Dick Lynden announced today.

The game will be held at the Margaret S. Hayward playground in Jefferson Park, Golden Gate and Octavia.



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PROBE CHAIN-GANG!

BELLEAIR, Fla., March 18.—Mr. Branch Rickey's swat industry faces a probe by the Baseball Commissioner's office, it was revealed here today.

Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis has been conducting an investigation of the St. Louis Cardinal's chain-store enterprises during the past few days, Judge W. G. Bramham, minor league commissioner announced today.

Rickey, president of the Cardinals and head of their "chain gang" may be charged with operating a swat-shop under unfair labor conditions it was revealed.

The Commissioner's office may force the Cardinals to release as many as 100 class D players into free agency.

The Cardinals' practice of signing inexperienced rookies and "farming them out" to minor and bush league clubs under contract has been notorious in baseball circles.

The particular deal which has excited the Commissioner's office was reported to be an agreement with the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, club in the Three-Eye League.

Rickey is alleged to have sent nearly 100 players during the last three years to Cedar Rapids under contract. Cedar Rapids in turn farmed many of them out to clubs in Mitchell, S.D.; Crookston, Minn.; and Newport, Ark.

The deal was not reported to the Commissioner's office.

Landis' sole comment on the revelations was: "You know as much as I do."

Jewish Boy Takes St. Patrick's Day Swim

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Whazzat? A Jewish boy was the St. Patrick's day swim. Begorra, and what's it comin' to win the Irish can't win their own race?

Such were the sentiments of many sons of Erin when Bob Cohen won the annual affair over a 600-yard course Thursday afternoon from a field of Irishmen.

Cohen not only beat the trailing Irishmen but took out a little revenge on Horace Hosmer, who beat him last year in the Treasure Island swim. Jack Gear finished third.

Red Grange Recovering From Operation

CHICAGO, March 18 (TP)—Attendants at a Chicago-hospital said today that the one time Galloping Ghost of football, Red Grange, is recovering rapidly from a recent operation. Doctors expect to dismiss Grange within a week.

New Luise Rainer Film

Richard Thorpe, known as one of the best directors of feminine players on the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lot, and with an acknowledged preference for directing women stars, has been assigned to Luise Rainer's next starring vehicle, "Mlle. Froufrou."

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BONURA GOES TO SENATORS

CHICAGO, March 18. (TP)—Pres. Louis Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox announced today that first baseman Zeke Bonura had been traded to the Washington Senators for first baseman Joe Kuhl. No cash was involved.

Trojan Gridster Signs Pro Contract

GREEN BAY, Wis., March 18 (TP)—The former University of Southern California center, Gilbert Kuhn, was signed up today by the Green Bay Packers pro football team.

Professional Forum

OAKLAND, March 18.—Dr. E. C. Vanderlaan, San Francisco educator, will address the Professional People's Forum in West Hall of the Hotel Oakland Sunday at 8 p.m. He will report the series of articles in Harper's Magazine entitled "The American Way." Admission is free.

Athletics Take Beaumont, 10-8

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 18 (TP)—Two big innings gave the Philadelphia Athletics a 10 to 8 victory over Beaumont, Texas, today in an exhibition baseball game. The Athletics scored six runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth.

Seek French Aid

If you are interested in the world situation today, you shouldn't fail to see the Theatre Union's presentation of VALLEY FORGE at the Green Street Theatre.

It's not such a far cry as you'd imagine, even for the difference of a hundred and fifty years. A lone democracy standing against a tremendous power of wealth and military power—praying for aid from France. And that aid arrived, dramatically, when Washington and his Continental Army felt thoroughly discouraged.

You'd better hurry for reservations though. This Saturday's performance will probably be the last before the boards are cleared to make way for the next production.

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Ebright's Crew Races OSC Today

BERKELEY, March 18.—Coach Ky Ebright yesterday picked the California varsity oarsmen who will race the Oregon State Beavers in the feature of the regatta over the Treasure Island course tomorrow.

Oarsmen who will open the Golden Bear rowing season will be, stroke to bow: Bob Ball, John Cooper, Neil Estrada, Randy Parsons, John Mansess, Bert Burkford, Wilbur Rogers and Gaylord Forrest, with Gail Dougherty as coxswain.

LONG BEACH, March 18.—The UCLA varsity crew defeated the Oregon State shell here yesterday by a full six lengths. The Bruins were timed in 8:08 for the 2000 metre distance.

Cincy Trounces Cardinals

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18 (TP)—The Cincinnati Reds defeated the St. Louis Cardinals today in an exhibition baseball game at St. Petersburg. The Reds scored twice in the fifth inning and three times in the sixth to win by a five to two score. Eugene Schott was the winning pitcher. Roy Henshaw was charged with the defeat.

Picard Out Of Best Ball Tourney

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 18 (TP)—The defending champions, Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa., and Frank Ford of Charleston, S. C., were eliminated today in the second round of the national pro amateur golf tournament. Picard and Ford were beaten, 2 and 1, by Jack Toomer of Waynesville, and Oscar Evers of Jacksonville, Florida.

DAILY DOUBLE PAYS \$6,002 FOR TWO BUCKS

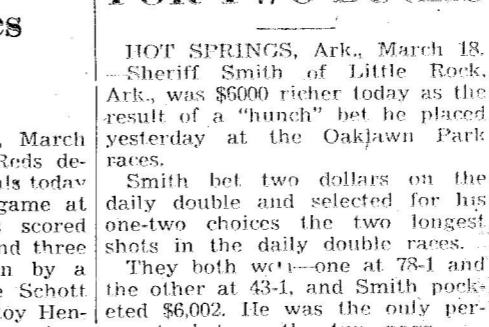
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 18.—Sheriff Smith of Little Rock, Ark., was \$6,000 richer today as the result of a "hunch" bet he placed yesterday at the Oaklawn Park races.

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